

Round 58 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations are extended to thirteen local athletes presented with BSF scholarships at the 58th Round of Funding at Ballarat Special School. Details are as follows:-

Katelyn Bugden (21) Taekwondo: Katelyn is the national poomsae champion and continued her progress in the sport by competing in the Arnold Classic in Melbourne, which coincided with a visit by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Katelyn is a member of the Trainor Taekwondo Academy in Ballarat.

Kasey Burton (18) Basketball: Kasey launched a new year by being a member of the Victorian team to take out the Australian women's under-20 basketball championships in Dandenong. Kasey plays with Exies-Acmy in the Ballarat Basketball Association and with Ballarat Rush in the South East Australian Basketball League.

Nicholas Fidler (13) Athletics: Nicholas enjoyed a fine national junior athletics champion in Sydney this month. He finished second in the under-15 2000m steeplechase, an event in which he is state champion, and fourth in the 3000m. Nicholas runs for Wendouree Athletic Club.

Jayva Goriss-Dazeley (11) Futsal: Jayva is a goalkeeper and has progressed through the nationals as a state representative in his age group to being able to travel with an Australian 10/11 year boys' team to Hawaii later in the year. Jayva pursues his sport at the Ballarat Futsal Centre, which is affiliated with the Australian Futsal Association.

Kairangi Hunt (13) Basketball: Kairangi has been selected to represent Ballarat Basketball Association in the Victorian under-14 country championships in Shepparton in April. He has previously represented South Australia Country and has been invited to Victorian selection camps.

Dylan Mallia (16) Boxing: Dylan is quickly making a mark in the boxing world. He has been selected in the Victorian youth team for the national championships in Queensland in April. He trains with the Ballarat Boxing Academy.

Kolbe Poole (35) Eight-ball: Kolbe competed in the World Eight-Pool Championships in England last year, reaching the semi-finals. She is already preparing for this year's championships, where the Australian women's team is hoping to claim gold in June.

Liam Procaccio (17) Athletics: Liam specialises in the 400m on the track and has competed in various state and national championship meets, including the Australian All-Schools and All-School knockouts. He also run on the Victorian Athletic League circuit and earlier this month took out the prestigious Black Opal in Bendigo. runs with Ballarat Harriers.

Rachel Tallent (22) Athletics: Rachel is back living in Ballarat after time in Canberra. She competed in an IAAF Racewalking Challenge in Mexico early this month and will travel to China in May as she strives to secure a berth for the world championships in Beijing in August. Rachel is a member of the Ballarat Racewalking Club.

Hayley Tucker (18) Swimming: Hayley is an experience swimmer at state and national level, and will take on her next major competition in the Australian Open Swimming Championships in Sydney in April. She competes for Ballarat Gold in the Midlands District Amateur Swimming Association.

Tahlee Van Roosmalen (14) Athletics: Tahlee tested herself against the best of her age in Australian in the steeplechase in her age group in the national junior track and field championships in Sydney earlier this month and achieved a top 10 finish. She is a member of Ballarat YCW.

Sam Williams (14) Athletics: Sam claimed his first national title at the Australian Junior Athletic Championships in Sydney, where he took out the under-16 1500m title. He later added a bronze medal in the 800m at the same meet. Sam is a member of the Wendouree Athletic Club.

Duer Yoa (25) Athletics: Duer will next month travel to Japan to compete in his second marathon. He has travelled extensively in the build-up to this trip, contesting the Briggs Classic in Tasmania and world cross country trials in Canberra. Duer is a member of Eureka Athletic Club.

Statistics

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| Total allocated scholarships | 1130 |
| Total sports scholarships | 74 |
| Scholarships last 12 months | 61 |
| Sports last 12 months | 15 |



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Chairman's Message

Chairperson's message: April and May 2015

It is with a great deal of pleasure I write the chairperson's report for the Ballarat Sports Foundation. On Thursday March 26th the funding program number 58 Scholarship presentations were held at Ballarat North Sports Club. The presentations took place and this was followed by a light lunch. Funding program number 56 brought us to the amount of \$390,395.00 that has been allocated to 1130 scholarship recipients representing 74 different sports since the inception of the Ballarat Sports Foundation in 1995. Eleven of the scholarship recipients have represented Australia at various Olympic games. Two of these have received medals. Four times Olympian Steve Moneghetti has been patron of Ballarat Sports Foundation since its inception and still continues in this role.

Mr Rod Mathews gave an inspiring and interesting address to all those present. We were privileged to have Rod in attendance. Rod was born in Yaapeet in the Mallee and attended Rainbow High School. As a student growing up he played football in winter and tennis during summer. He became serious about her running while attending his tertiary studies at University of Ballarat/ Federation University Ian Anderson was his coach and in 1991 and 1992 he won his way to compete in the Stawell Gift finals. In 1996 he had knee reconstruction. In 1998 he won the 200m at Stawell. The big success came in 1999 when he won the Stawell Gift. In 2009 he won the Ballarat Gift. Rod had a very long, successful and rewarding professional running career. It was terrific to hear firsthand his experiences successes and frustrations. Rod provided a great model for our young athletes. Thank you Rod Matthews.

To all our sponsors we are indeed grateful and thankful for their continued support to Ballarat Sports Foundation. To all board members we thank them for their work and efforts. In particular I would like to thank Noel Pidgeon our hard working secretary.

Best wishes to you all



John C Burt OAM
Chairperson

BSF Philosophy

- A community based project aiming to encourage and support local sportspeople who have demonstrated potential to achieve and further develop in their chosen sport.
- Foster the spirit of community pride and success through encouragement of Ballarat sportspersons to pursue sporting excellence.
- Provide a focal point to co-ordinate community sponsorship and donors.

3BA FM/BSF Monthly Sports Achiever Award

Winners of the award Kate McMahon & Craig Boucher Golf, Rory Carroll Table Tennis, Liam Procaccino & Sam Williams Athletics, Grace O'Dwyer Athletics, Award Sponsors The Courier, Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, 61 Design, Crowe Horwath.

Did You Know?

- Ballarat has (15) multiple athletes who have represented Australia at various Olympic Games with
 - Shooter, Russell Mark heading the list with (6) appearances. BSF Patron,
 - Steve Moneghetti, still holds the lap of the lake record in a time 16.10 min.

Service to Sport Award

Don Ross Ballarat Football & Netball Club was our most recent winner recognizes for his outstanding contribution to the Club for many years. We strongly request the co-operation of sporting clubs/associations to nominate a deserved candidate for the above award. To date the response has been significantly below our expectations. Most clubs have unsung contributors who willingly devote hours of voluntary labour for the benefit of the organization in fundraising, umpiring, preparation and maintenance of facilities etc. In fact it is widely accepted that sports as we know it would not exist without volunteers. Please identify candidates and lodge an application, available on website &/or on request to Noel. Prior to closing dates 1st day of March, July & November. This acknowledgement to the many hundreds of deserved cases is another way to recognize the invaluable contribution made by so many.

Acknowledgements

The on-going support we receive from our sponsors, donors and members plays an important role in the funding of our scholarship program now entering the 20th year of financially assisting Ballarat sport.

Major sponsors include Rotary Club of Ballarat South, City of Ballarat, 3BA FM, The Courier, Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, Crowe Horwath. Valuable contributions from our Support sponsors greatly assist, Mars Chocolate Australia, North Ballarat Sports Club, Gold Bus, Ballarat Aquatic Centre, C.E. Bartlett Pty Ltd, 61 Design, McDonald's, Bendigo Bank, Peter Tobin Funerals. Many athletes would not have achieved their success without the funding provided by local funding from the generous contributions of the City of Ballarat, The Courier, 3BA FM 102.3, Ballarat Sportsmen's Club whilst our extensive number of "Support Sponsors" include Mars Snack food Australia, North Ballarat Sports Club, Ballarat Aquatic Centre, Central Highlands Water, Gold Bus, C.E. Bartlett Pty Ltd, McDonald's Ballarat, 61 Design, Crowe Horwath, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and Peter Tobin Funerals,...

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We particularly encourage those families of the (1000) plus scholarship recipients who have financially benefited directly through our program to support our very valued sponsors/donors at every opportunity. A dollar spent locally stays locally.

The Community of Ballarat needs to appreciate that the BSF is totally reliant on local dollars to continue the funding program to our athletes enabling them the opportunity to realize their full potential in a chosen sport. Very close to 80% of all funds raised is allocated to our athletes. The Board, whilst totally committed to continuing this important role does not own the Foundation fully accepting that it is the present custodian only elected by our financial members.

Ask not what the Foundation can do for me but what can I do for the BSF.