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CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

Our latest Business Partner Scholarship Award was presented in September. Only one awarded this round. Twenty-seven have now been awarded since commencing the programme in 2008.

Millie Williamson is the recipient of the **Deloitte** Scholarship. Millie is a very promising and dedicated Artistic Gymnast. In 2011 she performed well at a number of sub-junior events and showed considerable promise. In 2012 she moved up a level and was chosen as a junior international for the NZ team to compete at the prestigious Pacific Rim Competition in Everett, USA. She was the youngest of 6 at this event and was placed 13th overall. At the 2012 National Championships she placed 3rd overall in the Junior International grade and was selected to compete at the January 2013 Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney where she did well making it to the All Round (AA) finals and achieving a personal best. In Perth a week later at the Perth International Tri Nations Junior Invitational she was 1st overall competing against strong teams from Australia and South Africa.

Millie has set herself high goals of representing NZ at the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics. There are good indications she has the potential to do this. She trains approximately 32 hours per week under the guidance of her top high performance coaches, Jozef Ferencz and Svetlana Sazonova, and this year has again been selected to represent NZ at the Australian Nationals. She is also scheduled to travel to Hungary during November for two international events. We haven't heard the outcome of these events but wish her well.

Like previous nominations, Millie has shown outstanding ability. The high quality and standards achieved by all the applicants so far is exciting and encouraging. We watch their progress with interest

Our thanks to **Deloitte** for their continued participation and support. We appreciate the support given by all our business partners. The award is a cash amount shared equally between the partner/sponsors and the Foundation. We continue to be impressed with the talent that has emerged since commencing this programme and although we do not have unlimited funds for this purpose, are keen to see the programme continue.



Millie in action

Another round closes on 31 December 2013. Nominations are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above

BERNIE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for the 2014 award also close 31 December 2013 and are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above. Eight awards have been made since commencing in 2006 and many of them have achieved further success.

The late Bernie Walker was a life member, President and long-standing committee member of the Foundation. He was an inaugural member of the Foundation when it commenced in 1978 following the 1974 Commonwealth Games and was member of the organising committee of those games. He was also

a well respected identity in Canterbury sport, particularly rowing, and it is a privilege to offer this award in his name.

NEWS ITEMS

Previous Scholarship and Bernie Walker Award recipients continue to perform well and achieve good results. We like to hear what they are doing. Sophie Batchelor and Matthew Hutchins have recently taken up swimming scholarships at American Universities to further their potential. Dylan Kennett of cycling is also making progress. He recently performed well at the Oceania Track Championships in Invercargill. He could be a prospect for Rio. Natasha Hansen is still competing well in sprint events and may also be a Rio prospect. This week she was involved with the Christchurch Fight for Life event. Michael Vink has been prominent in road events and looks to be making good progress. Another earlier recipient, Thomas Hubbarb, is still competing and won some road events last season.

Charlotte Sullivan continues to make progress in gymnastics. Earlier this year she represented NZ at the Australian National Gymnastic Champs and came home with two bronze medals. Later, at the CSG Classic in Christchurch, she was 1st overall with a score that would be enough to qualify her for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. The qualifying event was in October but we haven't heard the outcome. At last report, she was training hard for a trip to Hungary in November and aiming to compete at the Pacific Rim event in Canada next March.

Paul Coll has been making progress in squash and several rowers continue to perform well. Rosa Flanagan has also been performing well in track and cross country and has won several events with record times. Nicki McFadzien is another who is still performing well in these events.

GRANTS

Seven grants totalling \$ 7000 have been allocated this year. The number of applications is up on 2012 and this is pleasing. Total grants allocated since commencing is now \$473,478. In addition, we have awarded three scholarships totalling \$6,000 and a Bernie Walker award of \$1,300 this year.

The next round of grants closes **28 February 2014**. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2013

There are still some to come. Where applicable a reminder will be sent. Your support is appreciated. Our financial year ends on 31 December.

WEBSITE

Our website address is shown above. The site contains background information on the Foundation

and various application forms.

GENERAL

2013 has been a steady year for the Foundation with four management committee meetings and an AGM. The constitution was changed at the AGM to enable the Foundation to register as a charity and the application is in process. This should enhance the opportunities provided by the Foundation and we are considering the appointment of a part-time marketing/development officer to develop our activities. This is subject to obtaining funding assistance. We continue to review our activities to ensure we are meeting our main objective of encouraging and developing junior sport in Canterbury.

The end of the year is approaching again. Our award sub-committees will meet in the New Year to consider nominations. The first full committee meeting in 2014 is scheduled for 11 March and will be held as usual in the Christchurch Netball Centre. Our thanks to Netball for their continued support. February grant applications will be considered. The 2014 AGM will be held in April.

2014 is the 40th anniversary of the 1974 Commonwealth Games. Sport Canterbury will be recognising this at the 2014 Canterbury Sports Awards function on 14 February next year. This will be held at the Air Force Museum. We are making enquiries to see if we can participate in some way

In conclusion, we wish you all the best for the coming festive season. We hope your respective sports are making good progress and you have good support from volunteers. They are an important and necessary part of the sporting community, particularly at "grass - roots" level.

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