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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2012

CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Rosa Flanagan received the **Deloitte** Scholarship. Rosa, a promising middle/long distance runner, has had an outstanding last 12 months. In June 2011 she won the NZ Secondary School Junior Girls Cross Country Championship and in July 2011 followed this up with second place in the Women 16 NZ Cross Country Championship. In December 2011 in Wellington, she achieved a remarkable double winning the NZ Secondary Schools Junior Girls 4km Road Race and Junior Girls 3000 metres on the track within the space of a few hours. Previously in November 2011, Rosa broke the Canterbury Women 15 3000 metres record – one that had stood since 1980 and in February 2012 bettered this record. In March 2012, Rosa represented NZ at the World Schools Cross Country Championships in Malta, finishing 5th in the “international selected” girls race and the first New Zealand to finish. Later in June 2012, she won the Secondary Schools Senior Girls Cross Country Championship by a convincing margin of 46 seconds. More recently, she has won Canterbury and NZ Championships in Cross Country and Road Racing in her age group (Women 16) events.

Rosa is considered to have great potential and is a member of the Rio 2016 Athletics N Z Performance Squad. Recently she was included in an initial squad for the World Cross Country Championships in Poland in March 2013. This squad also includes Nicki McFadzien, a previous Scholarship recipient. Rosa is aged 16 and a Year 12 pupil at Rangi Ruru where she is popular with staff and fellow students alike. Last year she received a curriculum award for general excellence. She also represents her school in other sports.

Rosa is a well rounded individual who shows great determination and application in everything she does. She has the ability to become a successful international distance runner and has set herself some high goals. This award will help her future progress and development. With her performances to date she is a worthy recipient and we wish her well for the future.

Unfortunately we don't have a photo of Rosa for this newsletter.

Like previous nominations, Rosa 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 participation this round. We appreciate the support given by our business partners. The award is a cash amount shared equally between the 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.

Another round closes on 31 December 2012. Nominations are open to all members. One has been received already. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above

BERNIE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for the 2013 award also close 31 December 2012 and are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above. Seven 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 achieve good results. Sophie Batchelor just missed out on Olympic selection but continues to perform well. Hopefully Rio. She received a top award at the recent 2012 Zonta Secondary School Sports Awards. Dylan Kennett of cycling is also making progress. He achieved some success at the Junior World Champs in Invercargill

earlier this year and recently won a senior event. He is also a prospect for Rio. Natasha Hansen, a Bernie Walker recipient some years ago, attended the London Olympics and performed with credit in the sprint events. She may go further. Another cyclist, Michael Vink has also made good progress winning some senior events this year. Charlotte Sullivan competed at the Gymsport NZ Nationals in Blenheim in October and did really well, winning 6 gold medals! She is now the NZ National Title holder for Junior International Level and came first on Beam, Bar, Floor and Vault. Her team were also first overall. She also qualified and has been selected to represent NZ at the Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney in January next year. She was scheduled to compete in Singapore during November. Results still to come.

Paul Coll continues to make progress with squash and several rowers have achieved good results. Sophie Shingleton was in the Junior Quad that came 3rd at the Junior Worlds in Bulgaria. In the U23 World Championships, Grace Prendergast was 4th in the women's four and Lucy Spoor 3rd in the quad. Nathan Flannery teamed with the younger brother of Nathan Cohen (the Olympic & World men's double champion) to win the World U23 double. In addition past recipients James O'Connor is now rowing at Harvard and his older brother Sam is rowing at Oxford.

GRANTS

Three grants totalling \$ 4528 have been allocated this year. The number of applications is down on previous years and this is a concern. The reasons for the decline are difficult to determine. Total grants allocated since commencing is now \$466,478. 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 2013. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2012

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

SPORTS MEDICINE EDUCATION FUNDING

Grants from the Dr Tom Anderson Memorial Trust for Canterbury projects related to sports medicine and, in particular, sports medicine education is now available through Sport Canterbury. Contact Julyan Falloon at Sport Canterbury for details of the specific criteria.

WEBSITE

Our website address is shown above. The site contains background information on the Foundation and various application forms.

GENERAL

2012 has been a relatively quiet year for the Foundation and as mentioned, the reasons are difficult to determine. Possibly members are still in recovery mode after the earthquakes and are fully occupied with their own activities. We hope things are slowly getting back to normal and the opportunities provided by the Foundation are considered. We continue to review our activities to ensure we are meeting our main objective of encouraging and developing junior sport in Canterbury.

Christmas is approaching again. Our award sub-committees will meet in the New Year to consider nominations. The first full committee meeting in 2013 is scheduled for 12 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 2013 AGM will be held in April.

In conclusion, we wish you all the best for the coming festive season. We hope your respective sports are making 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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