



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A new era was ushered in March 2017 with the awarding of 4 Business Partner Scholarships at the Sport Canterbury Awards. 35 (totalling \$70,000) have now been awarded since commencement of this program in 2008. This is the largest group of scholarships awarded at any one time.

Heralding what is hoped will be a long standing arrangement, these 4 scholarships were awarded in conjunction with the New Zealand Racing Board/TAB. Awards were made to:

Caitlin Bonne – Athletics

Caitlin is a field event athlete specialising in Javelin and discus, currently the Canterbury under 16 and under 17 Javelin titleholder.

In 2016 she finished 2nd in the Women's Under 18 & Under 20 discus, was Under 20 Javelin champion and 2nd in Under 18 Javelin at the NZ Athletics Championships.

She is competing at the Athletics Australia Championships in Sydney in 2017 and the Commonwealth Youth Games in St Lucia, Barbados, where her goal is to medal in both events for Javelin and for a top 8 placing in discus. Her long term aim is to attend the 2020 Olympics in Japan.

Kate Smith - Cycling

Kate is 18 years old and is both a promising road and track cyclist.

On the road, she won Le Race in 2015 and 2016 for the 15 -17 age group. In 2016 she won gold in the Canterbury Road Race Championships and silver in the Canterbury Time Trial Championships.

In her first year of competition at Cycling New Zealand Under 19 and Elite Championship in 2016, she finished 4th in U19 500m teams sprint, 5th in U19 points race, 6th in U19 Individual Pursuit and 9th in the U19 time trial.

Selected for World Junior Championships in Switzerland in 2016 she won a silver medal in the team pursuit behind World Record-holders, Italy.

After achieving a 3rd placing in the National Elite Road series under 19 and 2nd in the Elite Women's Team Championships and top 8 placings in Cycling NZ Road Championships in under 19 Individual Time Trial and Under 19 Road race, she was selected in the NZ Junior track team in December 2016 and is aiming for inclusion in the NZ Junior Track team for the Junior World Championships in 2017.

Veronica Wall – Rowing

Veronica is 17 years old and from Ashburton. In 2016 she won the NZ Club Nationals she won the Womens' Club single sculls against a mature and experienced field. At the Maadi Cup, the National Schools Championships, she won all grades of single sculls, U16, U17 and U18 and was a part of the winning under 18 quadruple sculls with other scullers from Ashburton College.

She was selected in the NZ Junior Quadruple Sculls team which finished 4th at the World Championships in Rotterdam

Jack Lopas – Rowing

Jack is 18 years old and in 2016 won the single sculls and double sculls at the Maadi Cup.

He was selected for the NZ Junior Double sculls for the World Junior Championships and partnered by Lenny Jenkins, won the world title.

He has been selected for the Southern Rowing Performance Centre, Rowing NZ's development squad for 2017.

We wish all of these awardees the very best for their future in the chosen sports.

Our thanks to The New Zealand Racing Board/TAB for their excellent support for these awards.

The nominees and their parents

were in attendance at the Sport Canterbury Awards at the invitation of the New Zealand Racing Board.

The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating sponsors and the Foundation.

We also thank **Heller Meats, Deloitte, Rainbow Print Group, Vero Insurance, Smiths City and Couplands Bakeries and the Commerce Club** for their previous support of this programme.

Next closing date.

The awards are made six-monthly and another round closes on **30 June 2017**. Guidelines and an application form are available on our website, as above, or can be obtained from the secretary at the above address.

BERNIE WALKER AWARD

The Grant for this year was awarded to Star Davidson (rowing). This was presented at the Annual General on 26 April 2017.

Star is 18 years old and was a high achiever at the Maadi Cup in 2016, stroking the Under 18 Oar Pair to 2nd place, the Under 18 Coxed Four to 3rd place and Under 18 Eight to 2nd place. She trialled for the NZ Junior squad in 2016 and narrowly missed selection. She is eligible for this squad in 2017 and that is her immediate target.

She has gained selection to the Southern Regional Performance Centre for 2017.

We wish her every success for the future.

OBITUARIES

With great sadness record the death in 2016 of Sir Ronald Scott, the first President of the Foundation. Sir Ronald was the Chief Executive of the 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch. A surplus of some \$40,000 recorded by those Games was endowed as a starting fund upon the Foundation at its formation. ..

Sir Ronald continued to be a supporter of the Foundation up until

his death

We also sadly record the recent death in a motorcycling accident of Ruraidh (Rory) McLeod.

He was a Scholarship winner in 2009 in cycling.

RIO OLYMPICS

Six of our previous scholarship or Bernie Walker Award winners featured in the New Zealand team for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro:

Courtney McGregor – Gymnastics, placed 41st

Grace Prendergast – Rowing placed 4th in the Women's Eight.

Emma Dyke – Rowing – placed 4th in the Women's Eight.

Nathan Flannery – Rowing – placed 10th in Men's Quadruple Sculls.

Natasha Hansen – Cycling – placed 9th in Individual Sprint, 9th in Team Sprint and 17th in Keiren.

Dylan Kennett – Cycling – placed 8th in Men's Omnium.

These were all great result at the highest level of competition and the Foundation is proud to have contributed to their careers in some way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. **A notice is enclosed.** These were increased at the Annual General Meeting as follows: Individuals \$30, Clubs and Schools \$50, Associations \$75. These represent the first increases in many years.

Corporations/Local Bodies were unchanged at \$230 as they had been increased in the last 3 years, Please note these are all GST inclusive. The subscription notice is identified as a tax invoice and should be retained in your records for GST purposes where applicable.

Payment can be made by direct credit. Our bank details are shown in the notice. Please identify your payment if using this payment option.

Your prompt attention would be appreciated. Your support for our activities is greatly appreciated.

GRANTS

Our usual grants are available for coaching and junior development

programmes. Costs associated with training and developing coaches and officials and providing coaching programmes and clinics for juniors may qualify for assistance. Application forms and criteria available from Secretary or on website.

Applications should be made in advance of the proposed activity. Applications for the next round of grants close on **31 May 2017**

Future rounds close on 31 August 2017, 31 October 2017 and 28 February 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. Individual and company members provide valuable support for our programmes. Clubs, Schools and Associations can apply for grants. All members are entitled to nominate candidates for the Scholarship and Bernie Walker awards. Application forms are available from the Secretary or our website.

Donations are also welcome as are sponsorship opportunities for our Business Partner Scholarship programme. Your support assists us to help junior coaching and development programmes and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level.

2017 AGM

Our 39th AGM was held on 26 April 2017. It was unfortunately not well attended, with a quorum only achieved through proxies. The meeting was addressed by Star Davidson, the recipient of the Bernie Walker Award

She covered her sporting career to date and her ambitions for the future, which in the near term include inclusion in the New Zealand Junior Rowing Squad.

We record our thanks to the East Christchurch Cricket Club for the use of their rooms for the AGM, and O'Sheas Public House for their assistance with the social function that followed.

OFFICERS FOR 2017/18

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Patron – J W Grocott
President – G P Dwyer

Vice President – M Wall
Management Committee-
Cr David East, Bill Grogan, Megan McLay, Lyn Miles, Martin Perry, John Wylie, Cr Mike Davidson, and Julian Bowden.

Accounts Reviewer – Garth Dale
Secretary / Treasurer - Peter Crowhen .

There are still 3 available vacancies to be filled – 1 representing individual members and 2 to represent provincial associations. If you are interested in joining the Management Committee or nominating someone for a position, please contact the Secretary.

GENERAL

The Foundation remains in a sound financial position after 39 years of activity and our main objective - to develop junior sport in Canterbury - is unchanged. We are proud of what we have achieved so far. There are a lot of young people with outstanding talent who given the opportunity will develop further. Contact us if we can assist with a junior coaching and development project

We also wish you every success and enjoyment in your sporting activities in the current year.

G P Dwyer
President

Peter Crowhen
Secretary