WA Academy of Performing Arts

Following his success as the winner of the first and second year DSF Acting Scholarship James Thomasson has taken out the triple-crown winning the third year DSF Acting Scholarship for 2018. James is starring in *"The Importance of Being Ernest"* at WAAPA. Jessica Vietch has won the 2nd year DSF Acting Scholarship following on from her 1st year win in 2017 with Allegra Monk the 2018 1st year winner.

The Visiting Artist WAAPA is very pleased to have quest director Shona Shepphard from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art guiding the students in the production of *"The House on the Hill"* at the Fremantle Arts Centre. Ms Shepphard is an Internationally acclaimed Director and Playwright and is the Artistic Director at RADA.



DSF GGS All Round Scholarship

A record number of 83 students which included girls for the first time nominated for the DS GGS all round Scholarship. After an intensive selection process by the Headmaster Stephen Webber, Bill Slater who flew in from Sydney to assist and Christina Slater, 7 Students were selected to go forward to an interview.

Maylands Peninsula PS provided the winner of the boys Scholarship Duke Secco. Duke is a School Councillor, plays the piano & tennis, is a very keen Sailor and the youngest skipper of the Bronze Open Fleet at the Maylands Yacht Club. Duke and other members of his Yacht Club are looking forward to towing their yachts across the Nullarbor for a large regatta in the Eastern States. Duke would like to be a forensic scientist and gave a most impressive and insightful interview.

The Girls Scholarship Winner Charlotte Slater-Gauci (no relation) headed up a very impressive list of girls. Charlotte who is a House Captain at Banksia Park PS and plays cricket, soccer and Rugby, listed Drumming and Astronomy at ECU among her interests. Charlotte is in the School Band and Choir has a set of drums at home, is a very accomplished Drummer who has the support of her neighbours for her practice sessions. Both Duke and Charlotte did very well in the Acer Academic Exam.

Cassius Hynam the 2011 DS Scholarship winner who was Captain of School in 2016 has won a scholarship to Melbourne University and is thoroughly enjoying his time there.



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Despite the low interest rates and uncertainty of the Stock Market the Foundation is managing to hold its own and we recognise and thank our accountant Bob Woodgate and the Foundation's Board.

The constant updating of our Sponsorship programs with our Stakeholders has kept us very relevant and we appreciate their time and effort. Thank you to our Past President Frank Lazenby for his unwavering support and Jamie Brockman who has given the website a very overdue face lift and continues to keep it updated.

The change of format for our sponsorship at Tennis West, Guildford Grammar School becoming co-ed which led to a D'Arcy Slater Foundation Girls Scholarship running side by side with the DSF Boys Scholarship has been very successful.

The very real support our Scholarships have brought to the many athletes and young people with a passion in life such as Education, Music and Theatre Arts is very rewarding and gives us confidence going forward.

Tennis West

The D'Arcy Slater Cup

The DS cup for boys at the Bunbury Tennis Clubs great grass courts saw a unique combination of an Australian rankings singles event and a zone teams Doubles Event.

25 Regional towns were represented by 30 teams with an extra ½ day added to the DS Cup Teams Event to accommodate the large no of players. The Mid West's Joshua Carter successfully defended his DS Cup title against Brock Dawson from Lower Great Southern.

The DS Teams event resulted in a win for Lower Great Southern A Team from the Midwest A Team. Additional events and consolation draws were created to ensure all traveling players from Geraldton to Esperance would play a minimum of 4 singles matches each as well as doubles matches. With the Woman in Tennis Tournament for girl's held at the same time many families had players in both Tournaments and along with the hotly contested competitions a great atmosphere was generated.



D'Arcy Slater SunSmart Country Schools Classics

The Academy Plate saw 24 Country PS enter 30 teams in their regional playoffs culminating in 12 schools reaching the State Final. A day of fierce competition was held at the Alexander Park Tennis Club and saw South Bunbury PS competing for the first time defeat Georgiana Molloy Anglican School from Busselton.

The Secondary Schools Junior and Senior Schools Regional Playoff winners were invited to compete in the Metro Schools finals at Robinson Park with a Country Schools play off award implemented in the Tournament.

The Country Boys Junior High School competition was won by Busselton's Georgiana Molloy's Anglican College with Bunbury Catholic College Runner's Up.

The Girls event was won by St Mary MacKillop College from runner up Merredin College.

The very strong Bunbury Catholic College took out both the Senior Girls and Boys events with the Runner's up Esperance Anglican School and the Cunderdin Agricultural College. The opportunity and experience gained playing against the Metro Schools in their finals some of whom have very strong Tennis Programs and State Players was appreciated by the Country Schools in spite of the long distances traveled. **The Foundation Cup Interstate Challenge Team** was selected from the DS Cup. Whilst not among the winners, this was a great playing experience for the boys who were also able to take in some of the Australian Open matches as well.

DSF Live in Camps

Two DS live in tennis camps were held in 2017 at York and Esperance with a maximum number of 20 boys aged 12-15 years at each camp. The change of format due to limited development opportunities for Juniors in country areas has proved to be very successful. The boys were fortunate to have coaching from a Tennis West coach and Esperance Tennis Club coach who had both played on the professional tour. The highlight of the camps was a fitness training session in teams at West Beach in Esperance and climbing Mt Brown at York with each team carrying a 5 kilo load.

WA Institute of Sport

The summer round of the D'Arcy Slater Sports Scholarships at WAIS attracted 57 nominations for the \$5000.00 scholarships. The selection panel recommended the following 4 athletes receive a scholarship with a shared scholarship for sisters Kayla and Keara Nel.

Zoe Jones 20 yrs Equestrian. Zoe has deferred her veterinary degree to focus on her sporting goals. She would like to relocate to NSW to pursue eventing opportunities not available in WA to advance her level of performance and compete in the Australian International 3 day event.



Mark Daniels 24 yrs Para Triathlon. Mark has overcome the adversity of a lower leg amputation and has a short term goal of competing at the ITU World Championships in February 2019. Mark is aiming to qualify for the 2020 Para Olympics and will use the Scholarship Funds to assist with the purchase of a new prosthetic as well as travel expenses to compete at the World Championships.

Kayla and Keara Nel 18 yrs Trampoline. Kayla and Keara are twins who specialise in double trampoline. Keara was 1st in the Junior International DMT Nationals with Kayla taking 4th place. The girls are supported by a single parent and will use the Scholarship Funds to assist with costs for domestic travel to National competitions. Lisa Web-McDougal 18 yrs Figure Skater. Lisa was 1st in the Netherlands Challenge Cup and has deferred her University studies to achieve her short term goal to be ranked in the top 5 Juniors in Australia and ultimately to compete in the Olympics.

Since we commenced our sponsorship at WAIS the Foundation has assisted 70 individual Athletes and 10 Sporting Teams.

We thank CEO Steve Laurence and his Selection Panel for their generous time and expertise.



Goomalling Tennis Club

Cool weather was the highlight of the annual Goomalling Tennis Clubs Sunsmart D'Arcy Slater Junior Tennis Tournament held in late December. The country circuit of Junior Tennis Tournaments with everyone home from Boarding School, saw car loads of players from Country Clubs descend on Goomalling.

Luke Fowler from Scarborough Tennis Club took out the boys award for the second year. Luke stays with school friends and enjoy's combining the school holidays with the tournament. Zoe Shaw from Beverly was the overall girls winner and played in some very competitive singles & doubles matches.

The Equestrian WA Services to Sport Award

The sold out EWA Awards evening held at the stunning Aloft venue was a very successful affair. The D'Arcy Slater Services to Sport Award fielded an equally impressive line-up with Karen Wood taking out the award.

Ms Wood the mother of 4 star event rider Makayla Wood is the President of the WA Young Event Riders.

In 2017 the Cross Country Course at the State Equestrian Centre and much of the Swan Valley was hit by a major flood and the cross country course was wiped out.

Ms Wood liaised between the 2 eventing clubs and the SEC during the rebuilding of the course which was improved to FEI standard.

Ms Wood is currently up for nomination for the Equestrian Australia Life Time Achievement Award as a result of winning the D'Arcy Slater EWA award.