WA Academy of Performing Arts...

The DFS Travelling Scholarship winners were Larisha-Jane Taylor who is currently completing her Batchelor of Performing Arts specialising as a costume technician. Larisha-Jane will be taking her secondment with the Zac Posen Atelier in New York who specialises in Couture and High End garments and would like to work as a costume designer in Feature Films.

Jacinta Way will take her secondment with the stage management dept of the Dragones' House Dancing Waters Show in Macau. **Jacinta** has been researching the Show for 2 years and has been inspired by the Technical and Onstage elements of Dancing Waters. Interestingly Oriana Pope, the 2016 DS Scholarship winner also took her secondment with Dancing Waters, was offered a contract and is still there.





D'Arcy Slater Guildford Grammar Scholarship

The D'Arcy Slater All Round Scholarship provides a full remission of academic fees and had 48 nominations which included both City and Country boys.

A quality field of Head Boys, School Councillors, Prefects and Sports Captains along with an Australian Champion Golfer and State Judo Champion in their age group applied. After an intensive assessment of their portfolios and the ACER exam results 5 boys were short listed to be interviewed. The amazing credentials of the boys, most 11 turning 12, as high school now starts in year 7 made selecting the DS Scholar very difficult.

Illawarra Primary School had 2 boys who were also close friends reach the final 5 and provided the winner Riley Heath. Riley was in the top 3 of the ACER exam and is passionate about his sport, Captain of Sport at his School as well as the Champion Boy Athlete at the Interschool Sports.

Riley plays the acoustic guitar for relaxation and was very interested in the Foundation. He had spent considerable time researching the Scholarship and Foundation's website.

Riley has very big shoes to fill with DS Scholarship winner **Cassius Hynam** the 2016 Captain of School.

Congratulations to **Jack Sutton** The 2014 DS Scholarship winner who attended the World Scholars Cup in Prague, Jack was in the winning GGS team in the debating section of the cup.







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The many events held by the Foundation and our Stakeholders in 2016 to recognise the 25th anniversary of our loss of D'Arcy resulted in our Board members meeting many of our scholarship holders and athletes which was very rewarding.

It was particularly pleasing to hear how our sponsorship had assisted these young people on the pathway to fulfil their dreams.

2017 has marked the stepping down of our founding chair of the Foundation, Frank Lazenby. Frank who will remain on the board, has supported the Foundation since its inception with Bob Woodgate our accountant & we owe them both a huge debt of appreciation.

With GGS becoming co-ed the Foundation was posed with the question of the D'Arcy Slater Scholarship becoming co-ed.

The Board came to the decision that although the preferred option was for a boys only Scholarship they were comfortable with the Scholarship becoming co-ed if necessary.

Low interest rates have had a debilitating effect on many charities and organisations including the DSF, however, Bob tells us that we can maintain our sponsorship into 2018 which is testament to his sound husbandry of our finances.

Bryn Harvey a great mate of D'Arcy's has picked up the Baton as Chairman of the Foundation and we have every confidence in the younger members of the Board, all friends of D'Arcy's, steering the Foundation into the future.

Tennis West

DSF Country Schools Classic

The 2017 Sunsmart DSF Country Schools Classic final was held in mid-March at the Mt Lawley Tennis Club.

The carpark was awash with school buses and cars with country number plates from Geraldton to Albany.

The winning teams from regional playoffs held earlier in the month were invited to compete in the finals. 80 students across 20 teams represented 11 different schools at the final tournament.

The Academy Plate was won by Dunsborough Primary School who were undefeated throughout the competition.

The Junior High School's competition was successfully won by Great Southern Grammar School in both the boys and girls competitions. Whilst in the Senior High School's competition Bunbury Catholic College was also successful in both the boys and girls divisions.



The D'Arcy Slater Cup

The D'Arcy Slater Cup and Women in Tennis Foundation Cup events were held together at the Bunbury Tennis Club's grass courts in early November providing a great team environment along with a fantastic atmosphere on and off the court.

The best 13 and under boys from regional Western Australia produced a high level of tennis in the DS Cup, which was an Australian rankings Singles Event and a Zone Teams Doubles Event.

The boys' singles final between Joshua Carter (Midwest) and Lachlan Lord (Southwest) ended with Joshua taking the title in a straight sets win. In the D'Arcy Slater Cup team event only one point separated first and second with the eventual winner Southwest (163) to Midwest (162).

The Foundation Cup Team

For boys was selected from the DSF Cup Tournament to travel East for the Foundation Cup interstate challenge for 2017. Joshua Carter (Midwest) Lachlan Lord (Southwest) Scott Tuia (Southwest) & Samuel Mclean (Central Districts) represented WA and although not among the winners, the trip provided invaluable experience for the team.

DSF Live In Camp

Tennis West aim to provide a holistic environment for the 2 DSF residential boys' camps in the North and South of the State in 2017.

Our regional athletes will experience junior development, on-court tennis sessions, match play and strategy, basic strength and conditioning training, teamwork and leadership opportunities and understanding the importance of body management (nutrition and recovery techniques) as well as the opportunity to make friends with like minded boys from a similar rural background.

WA Institute of Sport

The summer round of the DSF individual scholarships attracted 86 nominations.

Many thanks to the Selection Panel of the 3 WAIS Performance Directors who recommended the following 4 young athletes for a scholarship valued at \$5,000 each.

Tamara Irvine 17 yr. Diving

Tamara is a developing WAIS athlete who is eligible to compete in International Grand Prix and World Cup Events in 2017. She is currently studying 5 ATAR subjects with goals of attending university while continuing diving. Tamara comes from a single parent family, with her mother supporting her financially to fulfil her sporting dreams.

Jessie Evans 15 yr. Swimming and Triathlon

Jessie was the year 7 head boy at Roebuck Primary School Broome, was chosen to represent Broome Senior High School in Japan in 2017 and is Captain of the Lake Argyle Swim Team for 2017. Jessie was the inaugural Kimberley participant in the State Schools Triathlon Championships. He shows enormous self-discipline and determination to train and compete, whilst facing large financial and geographical barriers.





Alanah Maclaurin 19 yr. Fencing Alanah is currently the 2nd highest ranked Australian Junior Fencer. She combines her sport with volunteer work with the State and Club fencing bodies, studies at UWA and has a part-time job as there is very little financial support for fencers.

Abbey Grosse 19 yr. Water Polo

Abbey is a WAIS athlete currently training and playing in the USA whilst completing a part scholarship. This pathway is essential for Abbey's development.

Financial difficulties have meant that she may not be able to finish her scholarship year. We hope the DSF Scholarship will enable her to accomplish that.

Goomalling Tennis Club

A big contingent of players, parents and coaches descended on the Goomalling Tennis Club for the annual Sunsmart D'Arcy Slater Tournament. Competition was fierce with players coming from all over the Wheatbelt.

Great organisation from a very proactive committee led by Club President Michael McGill provided some excellent tennis and very close matches.

Ellie Lord from Goomalling was the girls' overall winner and Luke Fowler from Scarborough, staying with school friends, won the boys' award.

The Equestrian WA Services to Sport Award

The Equestrian WA Awards held at Mulberry Farm was a star studded evening.

A very strong field of Equestrian Luminaries were nominated for the DSF Sponsored services to Sport Awared which was won by Harry Boldt. Since moving to WA from Germany, Harry has coached many successful dressage riders and was the dressage coach to the Australian Eventing Team for the Athens and Beijing Olympics and the World Championships in Kentucky and Achen.

Harry is a twice individual dressage silver medallist and twice olympic team dressage gold medal winner representing Germany.

We were very honoured to have Harry Boldt win our award.

WA Academy of Performing Arts

Great to see James Thommason last year's first year acting scholarship winner take out the second year scholarship for 2017. The first year scholarship was won by Jessica Vietch with the third year winner Fraser Lee.

The **Visiting Artist** funds will be directed to a site specific show (The Secret Project) devised by the Performance Making Students in response to a given environment that will be both inspiring and challenging.

The students will be collaborating with Force Majeure's artistic director Danielle Micich with the secret location and performance dates being released in June.