

Para Equestrian

We are very excited to have the opportunity to be one of the sponsors of the Australian Para Equestrian Team who have been selected to represent Australia in the 2014 **World Equestrian Games** in Normandy, France.

Unfortunately the WA riders vying for selection including our old friend Fleur Litzer missed out on selection.

The team which includes London Para Equestrian Olympic gold medallist Joanne Formosa will be taking their own horses to Normandy.

Diane Bennit who was instrumental in organising our sponsorship will be at the Games along with Christina Slater and we look forward to supporting the team.



WA Academy of Performing Arts

Exciting news for WAAPA that former alumni Hugh Jackman and his wife Deborah-Lee Furness will be supporting the Academy through their foundation.

The 2013 DSF Acting Scholarship Holder Grace Smibert was invited to London to join the cast of "The Love Girl and the Innocent" at the South Wark Playhouse.

The DSF Production and Design Travelling Scholarships were awarded to:

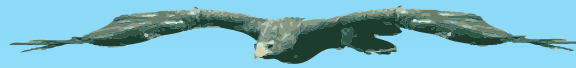
Troy Lenards who's completed his secondment at the "Link Dance Company" working as the production stage manager on their tour of France and the Netherlands; and

Melanie Nichols who travelled to the USA to work with the famed Eric Wintering Inc Costume Shop in New York.

The visiting artist Jason Langley directed the 3rd year students in their production of Noel Coward's "Easy Virtue" which was performed in the Geoff Gibb Theatre.

We have had the opportunity to attend productions and performances by WAAPA students with Bryn and Vicky Harvey representing the Foundation at the WAAPA City of Perth Jazz Evening whilst Anthony Lazemby & his partner Amanda attended WAAPA's midyear musical at the Regal Theatre.

Our thanks to Professor Julie Warn AM, Director of WAAPA for the way in which our sponsorship is managed.



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- Tennis West
- WA Institute of Sport
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- Para Equestrian
- Guildford Grammar School

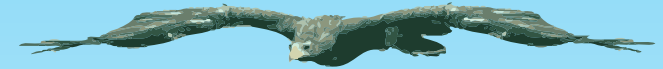
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in Young People

Welcome to the 2014 D'Arcy Slater Foundation Newsletter.

Our new sponsorship of the Australian Para Equestrian team to the World Equestrian Games in France is very exciting and we thank Diane Bennit for instigating this.

The ongoing work and updating of the website www.darcyslaterfund.com by Jamie Brockman and Bill Slater is really appreciated.

It is with some relief due to the financial climate that we have been able to maintain our sponsorship programme for 2013/2014 and thank our Chair Frank Lazenby and Accountant Bob Woodgate for their sound husbandry of our finances.

Delighted for our Board member Anthony Lazenby and his partner Amanda on the arrival of their daughter and first child Kyah along with Frank's other new grandson Beau Frank born to his daughter Kate and partner Jason.

The feedback from our sponsors and the DSF events that they organise is quite amazing. We appreciate the support we receive from them which gives us confidence in the continued success of the Foundation into 2015.

Tennis West

2013/2014 has been another successful year for the DSF in association with Tennis West promoting Tennis for country kids. The young team led by Brooke Koenig organised some great tournaments and roadshows holding clinics in rural areas.

The playoffs of the DSF Country Schools Classic were held at Geraldton, Narrogin, Albany, Katanning and Narembeen. They consisted of 103 teams representing 36 schools. The finals were held at the Nollamara Tennis Club's great grass courts and facilities. Students made the trip to Perth with funding from the DSF.

The Primary School winners were Kulin District High with Tambellup Primary School as runners up.

The 3 boys' competitions were won by Geraldton Grammar School, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar and Bunbury Catholic College.

The girls' events were won by Bunbury Cathedral Grammar and Nagle Catholic College.

The D'Arcy Slater Boys Cup final was held in November 2013 at the Bunbury Tennis Club. Winning zone teams competed at the finals for teams and individual awards. A state team was then chosen to play in the national finals in the Eastern states. In 2013 clay courts were used at the finals and provided some interesting results. The WA boys acquitted themselves well finishing 5th and were able to meet and watch players practicing for the Australian Open. The whole trip was a wonderful experience.

We look forward to the DS Cup and DS Residential Boys' Camp still to come in 2014.



Goomalling Tennis Club

The Sun Smart DSF Junior Tennis Tournament held at the Goomalling Tennis Club in late December 2013 was very successful. A cool day greeted the players and parents who came from all over the Wheatbelt.

Andrea Chitty from Toodyay was the winner of the girls' trophy with Matt Taylor from Wannamal taking home the boy's trophy.

Thank you to the committee led by Vanessa Leeson and all those involved for contributing to such a great day.

Individual Scholarships

12 year old **Aiden Brown** who featured in the West Australian recently playing soccer with his school mates embraces life with great gusto. Aiden has spent many hours with his father learning how to kick a soccer ball with his prosthetic legs.

We have sponsored Aiden since he lost both his lower legs and some fingers to viral pneumonia in 2009 and wish him and his family well for his future endeavours.



Guildford Grammar D'Arcy Slater Scholarship

39 boys applied for the DS all round scholarship at GGS which provides a full remission of academic fees from year 7 to 12. A large number of country boys applied, with 3 reaching the final interview stage of 5 boys. Two Head Boys, a Student Councillor, House Captain of sport and a year 6 Prefect were among those interviewed by the headmaster, Steven Weber and Christina Slater.

All the boys were very strong academically and in sport with some having music and choir in their repertoire.

The scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Hall who likes to be known as Mac and will be a boarder. Mac is the head boy of the Northam Primary School, was in the top 5 of the Acer academic entrance exam and has represented his school in AFL, Basketball and Country Week Cricket. Mackenzie has his own horse and competes in camp drafting where he has been the State Champion twice in his age group and is now ranked 12th in Australia.

Great news of other DSS holders.

Cassius Hynam was Dux of year 9 in 2013 and is involved in all school activities.

Simon McDowell was in the school choir which sang in the week long celebrations of the 100 Year Centenary of the Chapel. Simon was very strong in music when he won the scholarship and had played the classical piano for 5 years.

Peter Edwards had a very good TEE which has enabled him to go onto future studies in his chosen career.

Great to receive an update from **Steve Bacich** who was the DS scholar in 1999. Steve is now a mining engineer and made some very gratifying comments on the effect the DSS has had on his life.

WA Institute of Sport

There were 65 applications for the D'Arcy Slater Scholarships at WAIS.

The selection panel consisting of WAIS Performance Enhancement Team Managers unanimously recommended the following athletes receive a \$5,000 individual scholarship.

Cycling – 14 yr old Kyle Bonser will attend the Sydney Junior Track Championships and the National Junior Track Championships.

Gymnastics – Gabriel O'Sullivan was the under 16 National Champion in 2013. The scholarship will help Gabriel attend the Pacific Rim Nationals in Canberra, the Youth Olympics and the Future Stars International in Austria.

Gymnastics – Olivia Vivien (pictured below left) has been selected in the Australian Team for the Commonwealth Games.



Canoe Slalom – 15 yr old Isabelle Choate is a member of the Australian Canoe National Talent Squad and was the Australian Junior Champion Girl in 2013.

The team sponsorship valued at \$10,000 and won by the WA Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team in 2013 opens for applications in June along with the winter round of individual scholarships.

The Equestrian WA Services to Sport Award sponsored by DSF was won by Fred Freeman. Fred a former show jumping competitor and now one of Australia's leading course designers has built show jumping courses all over Australia and New Zealand. Fred is an accredited FEI course designer and his expertise is appreciated by the show jumping fraternity.