



# D'ARCY SLATER FOUNDATION



GUILFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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FOR D'ARCY  
1991 - 2016



It's hard to imagine that 25 years have passed since our loss of D'Arcy.

Since the Foundation started in 2009 it has allocated \$626,800 to scholarship winners and sporting teams including a London Olympian, Commonwealth Games athletes, Australian and State representatives along with young athletes and students who are striving to reach the top of their chosen field. Our part Sponsorship of the Australian 2014 Para Equestrian Team to the world championships was very rewarding.

A memorial service to mark the occasion was held at the GGS chapel with high tea following. It was great to catch up with D'Arcy's Schoolmates, friends & family as well as many of our Stakeholders. Thank you to WAAPA for marking D'Arcy's Anniversary at their donors evening & a reception prior to one of our sponsored students plays.

Bill Slater had the original idea of starting the Foundation to remember D'Arcy and we owe a huge debt of appreciation to Frank Lazenby our Chair, who with Christina Slater negotiated the foundation sponsorship with all our stakeholders and Bob Woodgate our accountant whose sound husbandry of our finances has allowed us to maintain our sponsorship program. Frank is passing the banner to Bryn Harvey at the end of 2016. Bryn was a great mate of D'Arcy's and has supported the Foundation since its inception.

Many thanks to all our board members who attend DSF events on behalf of the Foundation and board member Jamie Brockman who designed our website and keeps it up to date.

It's encouraging to see those who have benefited from our sponsorship now taking on academic, administrative and coaching roles and we look forward to the future with great confidence.

## Tennis West

### DSF Country School Classic

April Fool's Day saw the finals of the 2016 Country Schools Tennis Classic hosted by Tennis West and played at the Alexander Park Tennis Club.

In the regional playoff rounds, 16 talented teams defeated 100 teams to earn the opportunity to compete for a State title.

Funding provided by the D'Arcy Slater Foundation allowed schools from all over WA, the opportunity to travel to Perth to compete in the finals.

The 2016 winning schools were Academy Plate, Williams Primary defeated Bunbury Cathedral Grammar, the girls' competition resulted in Great Southern Grammar defeating Georgianna Molloy School whilst the boys' competition resulted in Great Southern Grammar defeating Bunbury Catholic College. The boys Murcell shield then went to Bunbury Catholic College who defeated Great Southern Grammar.

The schools' performance level was sky high, in particular Great Southern Grammar who attempted to take the title in all of their events. This streak was ended in an eventful matching on the Sunsmart Show Court, which saw Bunbury Catholic College's outstanding boy's high school team running away to win.

Congratulations to all the students who took part and thank you to everyone who travelled from long distances to make the day so special.

### The D'Arcy Slater Cup

The D'Arcy Slater Cup started on Sunday 1st November. The best 13 and under boys from regional Western Australia produced a high level of tennis across the event, competing in an Australian ranking singles event and a Zone Team Doubles event. The D'Arcy Slater Cup Boys Singles Final was an all southwest affair, with Josh Tait and Connor Lord both from the southwest playing a hard fought final with Josh winning 6-7, 6-4, 14-12. The WA boys team who travelled to Melbourne for the interstate challenge held at South Yarra tennis club included Connor Lord Southwest, Scott Tuia southwest, Nelson Stanborough Lower great southern and Joshua O'Brien upper great southern.

A huge thank you to the Women in Tennis Committee and the D'Arcy Slater Foundation for their ongoing support of these events.

## WAIS

It's very rewarding to see the large number of applicants for the summer and winter rounds of the DSF scholarships.

The 2015 winter round had 133 applicants, with the summer round for 2016 receiving 73 applicants.

The team scholarship valued at \$10,000 was won by

the RDA State Dressage Team heading east for the national titles.

The selection panel consisting of the Performance enhancement team managers unanimously selected the following athletes for an individual scholarship for the summer round valued at \$5,000 from the 73 applicants.

**Marshall Puzey** – Hockey at the recent under 16 national hockey championships Marshall was elected Captain of the WA team and the MVP. Marshal was then selected in the under 16 All Australian Hockey Team. Marshall has been elected as head boy of the Mandurah Catholic College and shows significant community and leadership personal qualities.

**Waverly Burling** – Volleyball Waverley is highly skilled in both indoor and beach volleyball. The scholarship will assist with her travel costs with the Junior Australian Indoor Team travelling to Thailand & America. Waverly was identified as an All Star talent at the Australian Junior Championships in Canberra.



**Zackary Littlewood** – Yachting Zackary shows great technical skills and ability as a WAIS Training Agreement Athlete. The scholarship funds will contribute towards Zackary's short term goal of the ISAF Youth Worlds in Israel.

**Jade Haines** – Cycling A targeted Tokyo athlete, Jade has made the Junior Worlds Team this year and the funds will assist in the expense of her trip to Canada.



## Goomalling Tennis Club

The numbers were up for the DSF Junior tennis tournament held at the Goomalling Tennis Club in late December,

The very hot day didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the players who came from all over the wheatbelt with Erin Hourigan from Wyalkatchem taking out the girls' award and Charlie Stevenson from Cunderdin who was the winning boy.



## The Equestrian WA Services to Sport Awards

Sponsored by the DSF was won Penny Lee who wrote, "Based in Margaret River I have spent the last 15 years promoting dressage in regional areas by organising dressage events and raising regional competitions to a new level of professionalism. In particular the Margaret River Wine Regional Dressage Spectacular has been my "baby". In 2008 I qualified as an NOAS accredited dressage judge so I can also serve the sport I love in an official capacity as well as a volunteer and rider."

## WA Academy of Performing Arts

Our sponsorship at WAAPA includes the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year drama students/the visiting artists' program and the production and design travelling scholarships. The 2016 acting scholarships were awarded to James Thomasson, Alan Little & Alexandra Daly.

The Production and Design Travelling scholarship winners were **Rhiannon Irving** (costume) who took out the award for the second time and undertook her secondment to Madrid with the Sastreaia Cornejo Costume Studio where the preproduction process for Cinderella, Game of Thrones, Thor, Elizabeth the Golden Age amongst many others took place.

**Oriana Pope** undertook a 6 week secondment with the Dragone Entertainment Group in Macau China and was the only person to be accepted for an internship where she worked as assistant stage manager for the show "The House of Dancing Waters". Oriana obviously impressed as she was offered a contract on completion of her secondment.

**Megan Van der Weide** worked on the Broadway production of the musical Wicked and the Sound of Music in London with the famous London Musical Theatre Company "Bill Kenwright".

This year our sponsorship for the visiting artist will assist Glen Hayden who will direct the second year students in a production of Howard Burke's play Victory.

## D'Arcy Slater GGS All Round Scholarship

The always well subscribed D'Arcy Slater all round scholarship attracted 46 applicants with a number of boys coming from the country. 4 boys reached the interview stage after a comprehensive assessment process by the Headmaster Stephen Webber and Christina Slater.

The criteria for the scholarship included Academic Prowess, a passion for life such as music/sport as well as leadership skills. The boys were a very diverse group and selecting the winner Hamish Blair from Kalamunda Christian School was extremely difficult.

Hamish scored very highly in the Acer Academic Entrance Exam, and also reached the State Final of the tournament of minds. Many of the boys as well as Hamish chose soccer as their main sport. Hamish was a unanimous choice and we wish him well for his time at GGS.

**News of other D'Arcy Slater Scholarship Winners.** After a successful TEE Lee O'Halloran the 2010 scholarship winner will attend University in Canberra. Lee was the vice-captain of Freeth House, a school prefect and read at the Service for D'Arcy.

We are delighted to have a D'Arcy Slater scholarship winner as Captain of School for 2016 and congratulate Cassius Hynam on achieving that honour. Cassius spoke at the Chapel Service for D'Arcy.

Simon McDowell the 2013 D'Arcy Slater scholar is a member of the WA Young Organists Society and was invited to attend the Sydney Conservatorium of Music Organ Academy and the Sydney Organ Competition. Simon played the organ during the service for D'Arcy.

## Riding for the Disabled

Congratulations to our sponsored Rider Naomi Parker who gained selection to the RDA State Dressage team for the national titles where she did very well to finish 3rd in both her events.

At the titles held at Werribee the WA Team rode horses provided by the Victorian RDA which is always a disadvantage when riding an unfamiliar horse.

The team who won the \$10,000 D'arcy Slater Foundation Team Sponsorship adjudicated by WAIS were 3rd in the team event with team member Mercedes Pintaro awarded champion in her walk led class.



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## SUPPORTING:

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

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