

## WA Academy of Performing Arts

Under the guidance of Executive Director Professor David Shirley, WAAPA welcomed DSF Visiting Artist Priscilla Jackman who directed the 3rd year acting students in the production of Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband'.

Wilde questions power, politics and love in a way that skewers the very notion of an ideal husband.

Ms Jackman was a recipient of the Berlin New Music Opera Award & worked at the Komische Opera in Berlin. Her credits include writing and directing at the Sydney Theatre Company.

The 2019 DSF Travelling Secondment was awarded to production and design student Genevieve Scott who secured a placement with the New York City Ballet where she will be shadowing their resident Stage Manager; and will also observe technical sessions, technical rehearsals and dress rehearsals as they prepare to open their shows.

Additionally, Genevieve is hoping to view their wardrobe, set and props departments.



## DS GGS All Round Scholarship

With applications closing in March 2020 the 59 Scholarship applications landed right in the middle of Covid-19.

Selecting the finalists was very challenging for Principal Anne Dunstan and Christina Slater, with a strong field of head boys and girls, school councillors, academics and sport champions with a variety of interests. With modern technology 4 girls and 5 boys moved forward to the final interview which was held in person at Guildford Grammar School.

Jennifer Crawford was awarded the DS Girls Scholarship from a very strong field. Head Girl of Guilford PS, Vice Faction Captain of Sport in yr 5, Jennifer top scored the Acer entrance exam with another DS Girl Finalist and has played the violin for 4 yrs. Jennifer is bi-lingual speaking Japanese and spent 2 weeks at School on a visit to Japan.

The DS boys Scholarship winner Woodbridge Primary Schools Mitch Kensett-Smith is a School leader (councillor) and a member of the steering committee of the Unicef Childs voice for Children. Attending a conference at UWA Mitch was chosen to promote the event on Radio. Playing hockey and soccer, training weekly with the Koya Basketball Ass Mitch is Captain of the Kalamunda Suns playing at the WABL State Championships and would like to learn more about his Wiradjuri Heritage.



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

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The advent of Covid-19 resulting in the complete lockdown of most country's including Australia had a deleterious effect on the Foundation's sponsorship programs with the D'Arcy Slater SunSmart Country High Schools Tennis Classic and the DS Primary School Academy Plate both cancelled the day before their finals.

The Global lockdown severely impacted the WAIS Athletes in the run into the now cancelled 2020 Tokyo Olympics with all national and most major overseas competitions cancelled.

On a brighter note we welcomed new principal Anne Dunstan from South Australia to Guilford Grammar School. Ms Dunstan was the Principal of Pulteney Grammar in Adelaide from 2014 – 19.

D'Arcy Slater Guildford Grammar School Scholarship winners continue to be elected to positions of prominence with 2019 School leaver Jack Sutton Captain of Bennett House and a School Prefect winning a Scholarship to UWA with an ATAR of 97.5.

McKenzie Hall now in year 12 is the Captain of Boarding and prior to the pandemic was Captain of the AFL and Cricket Firsts' teams.

Claire Bradley from Tammin in her first year at Guilford Grammar School is in the first group of girls to Board. Claire is a member of the prestigious Australian Ballet School.

We wish all our DS Scholars every success for their future at Guilford Grammar School.

### Tennis West

The D'Arcy Slater Cup held at the Geraldton Tennis Club over 4 days is now in its 15th year. The tournament provides young country players with the opportunity to gain Australian Ranking Points and play in their Zone Doubles event. Played in conjunction with the Woman in Tennis's Girls Tournament families came from Esperance to Geraldton and a great atmosphere was engendered.

The very strong Southwest A team last year's runners up went on to win the D'Arcy Slater Cup from the Midwest team.

The D'Arcy Slater Cup singles saw a draw including 11 boys with Australian Ranking points. Korbin Priestly from the South West A team took out the match from Caleb Sewell from Mid West with both the boys earning the right to travel to Melbourne in the State team to play in the Judy Dalton Cup at the prestigious Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club during the Australian Open in February 2020. Although not in the winners' circle it was a great experience for the two boys and Woman in Tennis's winners led by Stella Wildberger who made up the team.



### D'Arcy Slater SunSmart Country Schools Classics

Covid-19 claimed 2 more scalps with the cancellation of the State Finals of the SunSmart DS Country Primary Schools Academy Plate and the DS Country High Schools Classic. It is hoped the tournaments can be held at the end of 2020 depending on the state of the Pandemic. It was extremely disappointing for the players who had successfully qualified their schools in the Regional Playoffs.

### D'Arcy Slater Tennis Scholarships

The new D'Arcy Slater Scholarships provide funding to assist talented players who live in regional WA and the costs associated with their individual development within the sport. The D'Arcy Slater Cup winner and runner-up will be awarded a Scholarship of up to \$2,000.00. Players will be invited to a State Academy

Player information evening and a formal DS Scholarship presentation. The tennis scholarship could include such costs as; Coaching fees, Club membership, Costs associated with travel, Tournament entry fees and strength and conditioning programs. Players must continue to remain in good standing with Tennis West values and Code of Behaviours.

### WA Institute of Sport

As the Covid-19 restrictions lessened the 3 WAIS Performance Directors selected the following 4 Athletes for a \$5,000.00 Summer Round DSF Scholarship with the proviso that if their applications are not feasible at the time an appropriate alternative plan will be discussed. We are very appreciative of the expertise and course of action proposed by the selectors for the Athletes in these difficult times.

**Kirra Ruston 21yrs Boxing.** Kirra is a National, State and Golden Gloves Champion and is targeting Olympic qualification. The Scholarship will enable Kirra to support travel to training camps and international competition in pursuit of Olympic representation.

**Sophie Ross 18yrs Diving.** Sophie has relocated from Albany to Perth. In December 2019 she was accepted to the Dream 2024-28 Team-Diving Australia's National underpinning squad. Sophie is a WAIS scholar and needs to travel to gain the required experience to prepare for National Team Selection.

**Timothy Putt 21yrs Water Polo.** Tim captained 2 Junior World Championship Teams. A WAIS scholar Tim moved to Sydney for 6 months in preparation for Tokyo 2020 with the national squad. The additional support will allow Tim to focus on training and recovery in the build up to Tokyo 2021.

**Nina Kennedy 22yrs Pole Vault.** Nina is a WAIS scholar and targeted Olympian who was the World Junior Pole Vaulting champion and held the World Junior Pole Vaulting record. Injured during the 2019 season, Nina was making a strong return in the 2020 season prior to Covid-19 and intends to use the Scholarship for travel to International pre-Olympic competitions in Europe.

### Goomalling Tennis Club

The SunSmart D'Arcy Slater Tennis Tournament held in late December so that players away at Boarding School were able to attend provided some very competitive singles and doubles matches.



With Goomalling his home town Bill Slater who had flown in from Sydney found himself presenting trophy's to the grandchildren of old friends !!

Shenae Haywood from Goomalling playing in her last Year 12 DS Tournament took out the girls' Trophy for the 3rd year in succession and we thank her parents Jason and Delina who have always been very active in the organisation and running of the Tournament.

The boys Trophy was won by a very young and excited Max Quartermaine from Dowerin. The obligatory afternoon tea looked forward to by all present was quickly demolished with family's on the road after another successful Tournament.

### The Equestrian WA DSF Services to Sport Award

Four Equestrian Luminaries were nominated for the EWA DS Services to Sport Award.

Zoe Harrison dressage/ Eileen Morris Show Horse & Allen Campbell Eventing with the winner from this very strong field, Rosemary Inglis from Show Jumping.

Since arriving in WA from England in 1969 Rosemary has been involved and ridden in many equestrian sports and was the Chief instructor at the Mayanup PC from 1977 – 97 and Kalgoorlie H&PC from 1998 – 2002.

Rosemary is an A level SJ Judge & EA Level 1 general coach and currently a member of the Royal Agricultural Soc working party. Treasurer of the WA Show Jumping Club having been President for the last 3 years Rosemary is a sought after show jumping coach and judge.

### Para Equestrian

Congratulations to Fleur Litster, former D'Arcy Slater Scholarship holder, twice National Champion in her grade now selected for the 2020 State Para Equestrian Squad riding Penroban Augustus whose purchase was supported by the Foundation.

