



# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

## Back on track!

It's been a difficult 2 years, living through lockdowns and a pandemic which impacted all of us, but particularly our youth. The usual weekly calendar of training and rehearsals and weekends filled with our favourite sports and pastimes were put on hold, for what seemed like forever.



But thankfully that's all behind us as we're seeing an increase in community and sporting activities, with our youth being able to return to what they love to do best.

We're delighted to see requests for Fund grants and support getting back to their pre covid levels with a strong increase in applications over the past 6 months in particular. This includes grants across a breadth of disciplines - from rugby league, swimming and orchestra, to singing, gymnastics, cricket and youth Parliament.

It's really great to see our talented youth continue to proudly represent our region and actively pursue opportunities which are provided to them through the assistance of our Fund.

**Ron Finneran, Chairman**

## Our Committee



• Bec

The SCYDF Committee continued to meet regularly throughout the pandemic restrictions, often resorting to zoom meetings like so many other organisations.

Graham Brown, Wayne Tuckfield and Greg Wollaston continue as long serving members, and we were delighted to have Jill Goodchild recently join the committee. This is particularly fitting, as Jill's late husband, Steve, was a founding member and driving force behind the Youth Fund.

We also welcome Bec Jones to our Committee as incoming Treasurer and Secretary. With a family of 3 young boys, living in South Pambula, she brings with her many years of experience in executive administration, as well as her passion and desire to ensure all youth in our local area have equal opportunity to succeed.

• Graham

• Jill

• Wayne

• Greg



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## Swimming success

### Nate Gowing

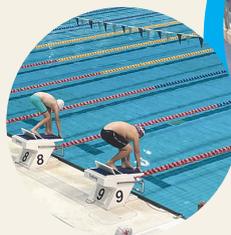
"I was very grateful for being awarded the \$500 grant to go towards the cost of competing at State Swimming this year"

"I received a PB in my freestyle race and had fun in my butterfly race trying my hardest."

"I train 3 days a week at our local pool in Bega and also do Swimming Club on a Monday night and compete at different carnivals."

"This is my third time attending state. I always enjoy going and hope that I can make it again in the future."

Nate Gowing



### Henry Philipzen

"Henry loves swimming and all he wants to do is swim, he trains 2 days a week at the Bega Pool and would swim every other day if we let him."

"He won the junior boys at his school swimming carnival, being the first 7yr old boy to achieve this. He then came first in Queanbeyan to qualify for Sydney, where he placed 13th in the State."

"We would like to thank the fund so much for the sponsorship and help getting Henry to Sydney to compete. All parents want the best for their children and to give them the best opportunity in life."

Zoe, Henry and Mark Philipzen



## NRL Rising Stars

### Hayden Whitton

"Hayden participated in Round 1 of the NSWCCC Southern Country Rugby League Trials in Forbes earlier this year."

"He was one of 18 players, from a group of 60 who was selected to progress through to Round 2 in Wagga

in May, where NRL Club Development selectors were present."

"Hayden played well on the day, but unfortunately he didn't make the Country side, but had a great experience."

"Thank you all so much for the assistance for my son Hayden and I to travel to Wagga."

Kate Whitton



### Alanna Dummett

"I have now made the final squad for the Under 19s girls Tarsha Gale Cup side. It has been a lot of effort physically and mentally driving to Canberra 3 times a week and fitting in work in between."

"I'm now in the final squad and have also been named co-captain of the side which is very exciting. Here is a photograph of me in our trial match against the Tigers side, playing fullback position."

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# RECENT RECIPIENTS 2022



## NSW Youth Parliament Program

### Euan Osten

Euan took part in Youth Parliament, an empowerment and advocacy program that provides a platform for young people to have their voices heard through legislative debate and decision making.

“Participants from schools around the state were allocated to committees to develop a bill that would directly or indirectly benefit young people and would be debated when the Youth Parliament sat,” said Euan.

“I was a member of the Rural and Regional committee. We developed our bill focusing on 3 areas: crisis housing, affordable housing and rental subsidies, and repealing stamp duty tax and moving towards land value tax.”

“I took a role in sponsoring our bill and had to develop speeches about the crisis housing components of our bill.”

My group managed to pass our bill without amendment. I learned so much. I built my confidence and became a person that could take on many tasks efficiently with a newly formed group. “

Euan Osten



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## Gymnastics

### Chloe Bretherton

“Thank you so much for supporting my participation in the NSW State Championship gymnastics competition. It really improved the whole experience for me and my family, travelling to Sydney three times to take part in the two State Trial competitions and the Finals.”

“Gymnastics has been a huge part of my life for over 15 years. I trained at Eden Area Gymnastics Centre in Pambula about 9-12 hours every week and even more in the lead up to competitions”

“I was really excited to qualify for State and represent my gym and our area with my team mate Madi Lightly and compete against other girls from all over the state. I did really well. I came 9th on beam, 11th on vault and 15th overall, achieving my personal highest overall score of 42.75 and my personal highest apparatus score on vault (12.3).”

“Thanks again to the Sapphire Coast Youth Development Fund!”

Chloe Bretherton



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