



*Giving the young  
and disadvantaged  
a sporting chance*

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# **BOOST FOR LOCAL YOUNG ATHLETES**

Another group of talented local young athletes has received a boost to their sporting careers as recipients of Lord's Taverners ACT Scholarships for 2020.

It's the 13<sup>th</sup> time that these annual scholarships, which are for local young athletes with a disability, have been awarded and recipients received between \$300 and \$1000 each to help them lift their already-impressive performances in their chosen sports.

“It's very pleasing to be able to recognise and support the ‘class of 2020’ recipients of Lord's Taverners ACT Scholarships,” said Lord's Taverners ACT President, Ric Smith.

“The funds received will help these local rising stars to purchase new equipment and travel to elite competitions, among other things, which will, hopefully, help them to reach even greater heights.

“The Lord's Taverners ACT congratulates all of the young athletes who are recipients and we look forward to following their progress.”

The recipients of Lord's Taverners ACT Scholarships in 2020 are:

- Louwanna Sheridan (14, basketball);
- Aeysha Williams (14, basketball);
- Monica De Salazar-Ballivian (12, basketball);
- Ari Gesini (17, athletics);
- Darcy Wilson (19, swimming);
- Gabrielle Waller (19, swimming);

- Amalie Leslie (14, athletics/snow-skiing/gymnastics);
- Arlindo Rodrigues (17, soccer);
- Christian Valeri (18, futsal);
- Madilyn Janssen (11, basketball);
- Hamish Sanz-Pellatt (16, softball/rugby league); and
- Paige Edwards (17, touch football/futsal).

(ages shown above were at the time applications were received)

In addition, an Award was given to Brandon Stroud to help with his efforts establishing powerchair soccer in the ACT.

In total, the Lord's Taverners ACT donated more than \$7000 for this year's scholarships program, which was raised through membership subscriptions and regular sporting-themed dinners, breakfasts and other events convened by the Lord's Taverners ACT.

“If you are interested in supporting the work of the Lord's Taverners – which includes the scholarships program – by becoming a member, please visit our website where you can join online,” Mr Smith said.

“As we are the middle of a global pandemic, fundraising is extremely challenging, so we would welcome any additional support.”

The Lord's Taverners ACT again thanks Mrs Gail Farr for assisting with this year's program, as she has done for many years.

**Further information:**

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*The Lord's Taverners ACT is a charity which is dedicated to helping young people play cricket and other sports when they might otherwise not have the opportunity to do so.*