

Media Release

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Member for Mallee

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LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPS AWARDED \$500 GRANTS TO PURSUE SPORTS DREAMS

25 young athletes living in the Wimmera, Mallee, and Mildura regions have been recognised by the Australian Governments Local Sporting Champions program and will each receive a \$500 grant to continue their sporting journey.

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad said the program is essential for junior sportsmen and women who can often find it difficult to meet the ongoing costs associated with participating in state, national or international sporting championships.

“I think particularly for our country athletes and their families it’s harder, sometimes the cost of travel alone can get really expensive, let alone accommodation and food,” Mr Broad said.

“We are a nation full of sporting champions and to be able to foster our young, up and coming champs from the Wimmera Mallee and Mildura regions, and give them and their families helping hand is really important.”

“The Mallee is an electorate that is always represented well at National sporting championships, we have some very high achievers in our patch and because of that we’ve had a huge 25 successful applicants this round.”

The 25 successful applicants were notified of their success by mail sent on the 31st July 2017.

Background on the Local Sporting Champions Program

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching, umpiring or refereeing in an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO) state or national sporting championships, or national or state school sport championships and as a member of an official Australian team endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.

In order to be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions Program grant those successful had to meet strict criteria including: be turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championship, be an Australian citizen or

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granted permanent residing status, and be living more than 125km from the championship venue among other things.

See below for a list of the successful applicants.

NAME	RESIDENTIAL AREA	SPORT
Montana Beruldsen	Mildura	Athletics
Lachlan Robertson	Mildura	Athletics
Steffi McDonald	Lower Norton	Tennis
Alec Carrigan	Cabarita	Hockey
Brodie Carrigan	Cabarita	Hockey
Jasper Lord	Mildura	Volleyball
Leah Graham	Mildura	Touch
Isha Beasy	Mildura	Touch
Georgie Topp	Mildura	Touch
Maya Harper	Mildura	Touch
Will Brennan	Horsham	Volleyball
Noah Brennan	Horsham	Volleyball
Laelah Robertson	Murtoa	Volleyball
Georgie Martin-Abbot	Mildura	Touch
Mele Fonua	Mildura	Touch
Montanna Humphrey	Mildura	Touch
Mulan Sefo	Mildura	Touch
Claire Barr	Beverford	Swimming
Tino Bepete	Mildura	Rugby Union
Sebastian Dagleish	Horsham	Australian Football
John Kearns	Quantong	Volleyball
Victoria Malaeulu	Mildura	Touch
Gabriella Alessi	Mildura	Touch
Jackson Walsgott	Horsham	Australian Football
Ella Walsgott	Horsham	Australian Football

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