

# CLUBS & COMMUNITY AWARDS

## Clubs & Community Awards (C&C 2019)

Support of Amateur Sport



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# Northern Inland Academy of Sport- Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club Lone Star program

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## Entrant details

Position Name | Marketing and Communications Manager

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## Entry details

Club Name | Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club

### 1. Provide an outline of your program/project that addresses each of the aspects noted to the right:

The Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club Lone Star program assists athletes from niche sports. These athletes will often need to travel vast distances to find competition, training facilities and coaches as their sport is not main stream yet.

The idea of this program is to assist athletes cover the costs of competing and developing their abilities. The Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club have been partnered with this program from over 12-years.

Not only is it the athletes and their families that benefit from this program, it is the entire region. The ability to make travel and competition in niche sports more accessible opens up the doors for the region and the eyes of the youth as to what is possible. Through the NIAS sporting programs we're committed to developing not just better athletes, but better people. This idea correlates directly with the belief of the Gunnedah Services and Bowling club and this is why they've been such great supporters of the program for such a long time. They realise that through these programs, we're not just developing better athletes but better people who give back to their communities.

This program is an annual, ongoing commitment between the two organisations that helps 10-14 athletes directly each year.

Since the early days this program has expanded to accept more and more athletes, they reach and the commitment to each athlete has intensified and the benefits that the athletes receive out of this program are endlessly growing.

The Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club will this year also host the "Life Skills Education "session delivered by NIAS and sponsored by Clubs NSW for the Lone Star, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Basketball and Tennis athletes. This session educates athletes on nutrition, sports psychology, physiotherapy and health and wellbeing. The athletes are presented to by professionals in each category.

## **2. Provide an insight into why this program/project was supported by the club/individual.**

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The Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club are committed to helping the town grow and develop, their focus on benefiting the youth will have a huge impact on the town for years to come. They see the benefits that come from supporting this program and that is why the partnership between NIAS, and the Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club has been running continuedly for so many years and will continue to operate well into the future.

## **3. Provide a brief summary of the support that your club/individual provided to this program/project.**

The Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club provides \$8,500 dollars a year to support the NIAS lone star athletes. This money goes direct to the athletes in the program to assist them with coaching, travel costs and other costs associated with their sport directly.

The Club also offers up their facilities, NIAS will be running their Life Skills Education Session at the club this year as well as a coaching clinic which is open to the wider public. A coach of stature presents to the local coaches from across the Northern Inland of NSW and helps them improve and develop their styles to better help the coaches and the athletes around the region.

## **4. Provide a summary of the outcomes this program/project achieved and how the club's/individual's contribution helped in this success. Where possible, please quantify your response.**

This program has had ongoing success and will continue to do so well into the future. It has developed athletes that compete on the international stage, developing them and their abilities and offering them the ability to chase their dreams. Some of these athletes go onto bigger and better things. A lot of them return to their home town and help benefit the town in their own ways, through helping other athletes develop their abilities through sport, volunteering at local community events and just helping out wherever they can.

The outpouring of support from the athletes and their readiness to recognise and thank the Gunnedah services and Bowling Club for their support is true testament to the impact the Club has on the athletes.

## **5. Provide a summary of how the community responded to the project. Please provide examples to support your answer.**

The Club demands that they get monthly updates on what the athletes are up to, this is part of the program for the athletes but it is a way for the Clubs to keep engaged in what the athletes are doing. The club promotes the athletes through their own social media platforms and helps them gain traction in the local community and boosts their support.

## **6. Add your credits here:**

A huge thank you to Doug Meagher and his staff from the Gunnedah Services and Bowling Club for their ongoing support of the NIAS Lone Star program. Without their commitment a lot of extremely talented athletes in our region would go without.

A big thank you also goes to the athletes that participate in our program, they're all well rounded, dedicated and hardworking athletes that are fantastic leaders for our organisation and constantly make us proud.

2019 NIAS Lone Star athletes-  
Harriet King (Equestrian)- Gunnedah

Mark Stones (BMX)- Tamworth

Jack Davis (BMX)- Tamworth

Ashey Teakle (BMX)- Werris Creek  
Alice Clifton (Rowing)- Tamworth  
Josie Douglas (Gymnastics)- Tamworth  
Paige Seaton (Gymnastics)- Tamworth  
Miah O'Sullivan (Rugby)- Tamworth  
Amber Downes (Gymnastics)- Tamworth  
Emma McInnes (Triathlon)- Inverell  
Chris Wilson (Bull Rider)- Scone  
Maisie Wilde (Gymnastics)- Tamworth

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We declare that the information presented in this entry, is to the best of our knowledge, accurate and true in every respect



We confirm that the nomination/submission has been approved by the Club President or Secretary Manager



Name of President/Secretary Manager

| James Cooper

Title

| NIAS CEO

Date

| 2019-05-10

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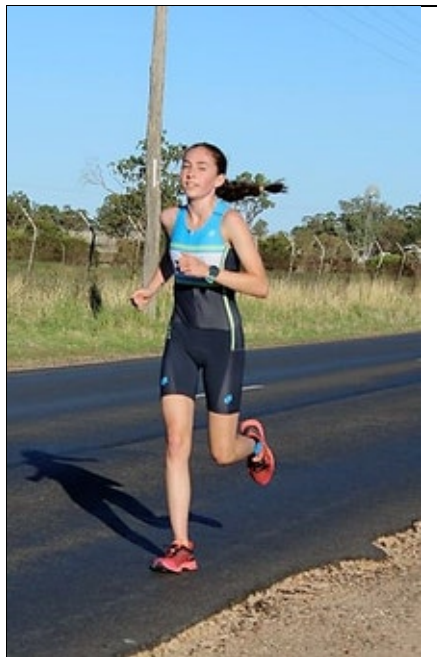
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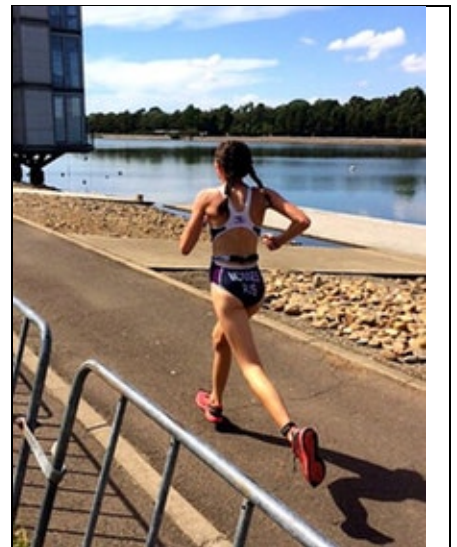
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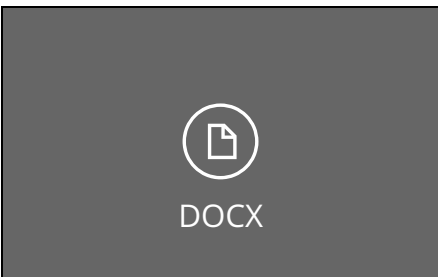
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