

## SESF PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY BANK - KEILOR EAST FOR 3 YEARS

**March, 2023:** The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund has today announced a partnership with the Community Bank - Keilor East branch of the Bendigo Bank for 3 years. The Community Bank which is an independent branch with its own shareholders, will provide \$10,000 each year for the duration of the agreement, with the SESF moving their banking to the branch as a result.

This financial support will help aid in the costs associated with participating in sport at a national or international level to ensure finances are no barrier in young athletes reaching their potential. Through scholarships, the SESF supports athletes from disadvantaged or low socioeconomic backgrounds to continue their respective pathways.

Community Bank - Keilor East will support the SESF and increase their capacity to deliver scholarships over the next three years. 2022 marked the inaugural year of the SESF as a national charity, with 145 scholarships distributed to 6 states across the country.

As the foundation continues to expand in 2023, the demand for scholarships is expected to drastically increase. In 2022, applications for scholarships greatly outweighed the number available by over 370 per cent.

Partnerships are key to ensuring the SESF can reach more deserving athletes in 2023 through providing scholarships to meet an expected increase in demand. Therefore, the foundation is actively searching for future partners to support its work.

### **Gerard Mahoney, Chair, Community Bank - Keilor East said:**

“Our branch is proud to be working in partnership with the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund to support disadvantaged students in their sporting endeavours for the next three years.

“These scholarships will enable young athletes from all over the country to continue to excel at their sport and provide opportunities to advance their sporting pathway.”

### **Nick Mooney, Executive Director, SESF said:**

“The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund is proud to be partnering with the team from Community Bank - Keilor East to supply multiple scholarships over the course of the next few years.

This significant partnership will further our reach into all corners of the country and enable the foundation to support more athletes and their families in the years to come.”

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