

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund

2022 Impact Report



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund invests in the future of Australian sport through supporting talented young athletes in the pursuit of their sporting dream.

Ten years ago, a simple idea was put forward to help support young Victorian athletes who were 'passing up' the opportunity to represent their State or Nation due to financial hardship. With initial support from School Sport Victoria the SESF was formed.

Uncomplicated in construct - the SESF provides young athletes with \$1,000 scholarships to assist meeting travel, accommodation, and uniform costs of a State or National Team selection.

Elegantly simple, powerfully effective and for many athletes across the past 10 years – life changing.

The stark reality is that financial hardship impacts around one in ten athletes selected on a State or National Team.

This year has been a milestone year for the SESF. Recognizing that the need for athlete support stretches well beyond Victoria, the Fund has taken the bold step to transition to a national footprint awarding 145 Scholarships across 6 States and 31 Sports.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing and generous support of our 30 plus partners and in particular I would like to acknowledge the Phillips Foundation, ASCA, Optus and the MCC foundation.

We are very grateful for our remarkable group of professional athletes who generously give of their time to mentor and support our scholarship holders. This year we were pleased to award Life Membership to Steve Moneghetti in acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution and service to the SESF.

Congratulations to our incredible Board and staff who have so carefully guided the SESF through a pandemic and a national expansion. Special thanks to our Executive Director, Nick Mooney and our immediate past chair and inaugural life member Peter Wright for their passion and stewardship across the past 10 years.

While we have plenty of reason to celebrate this year, our work remains far from done. Throughout this year we received 541 applications for support – all worthy of support.

At the SESF we are committed to ensuring young Australian athletes have the opportunity to follow their sporting dreams – if you feel you can assist, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for believing in the positive impact of sport.



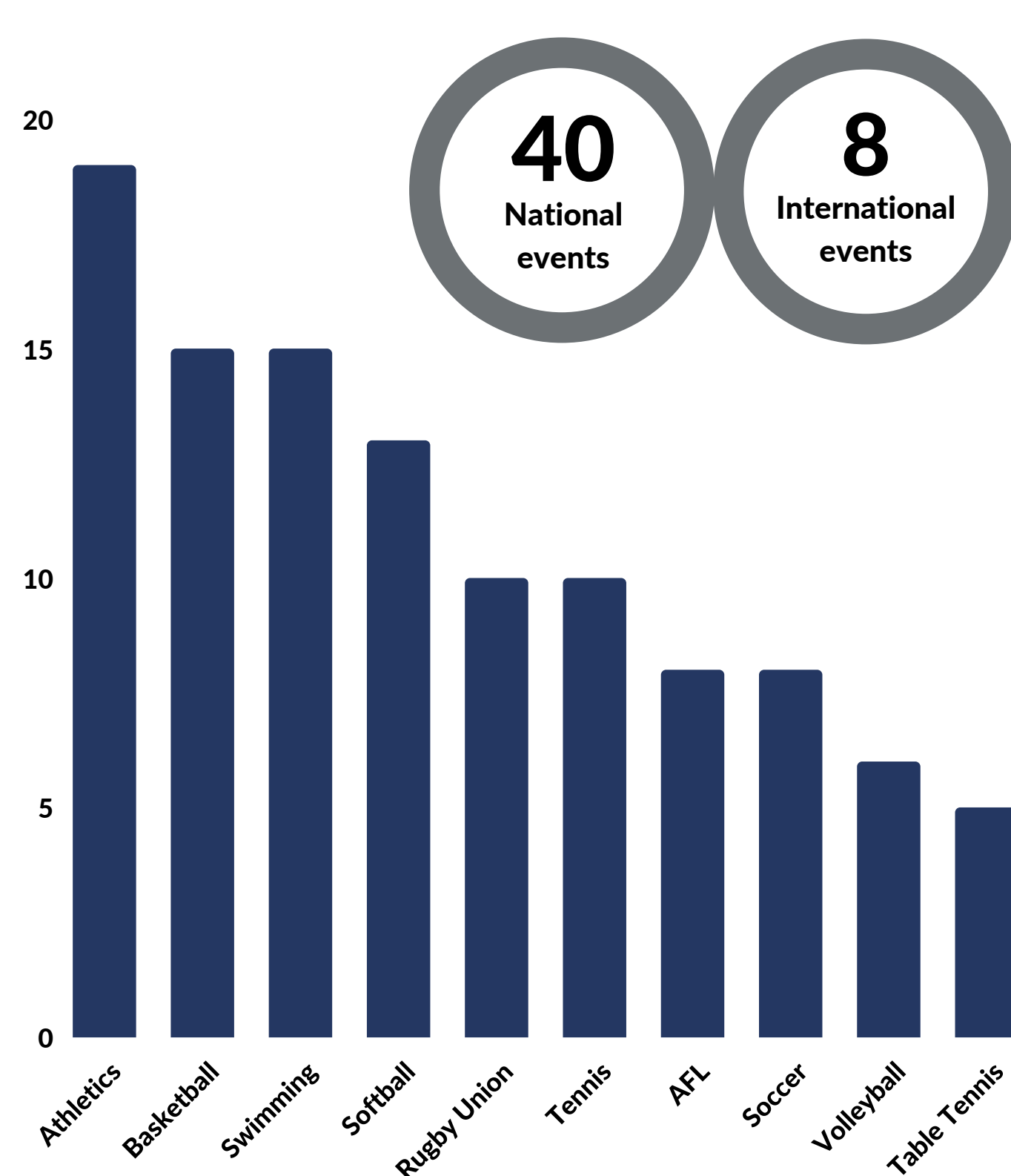
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Andrew Horton
SESF Chairperson

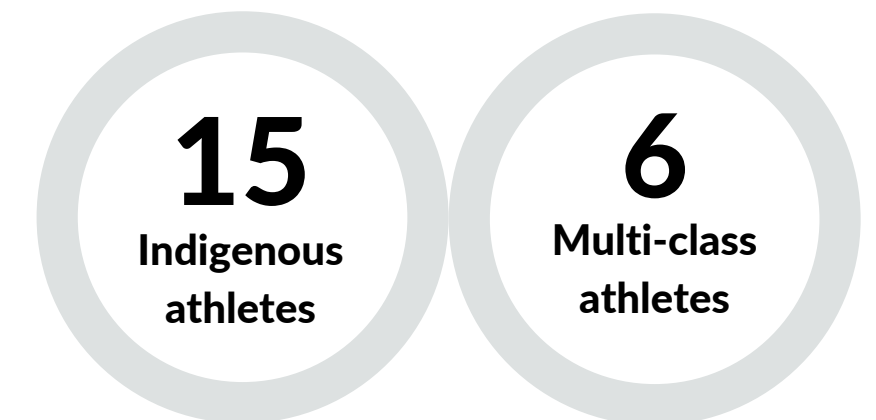
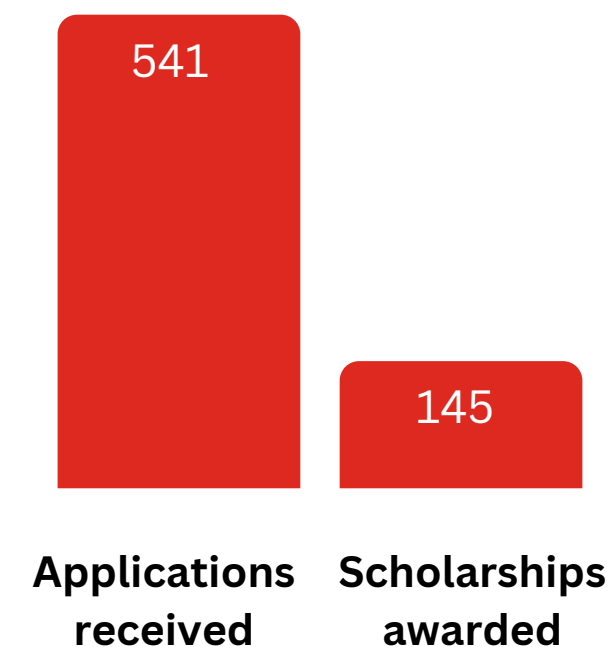
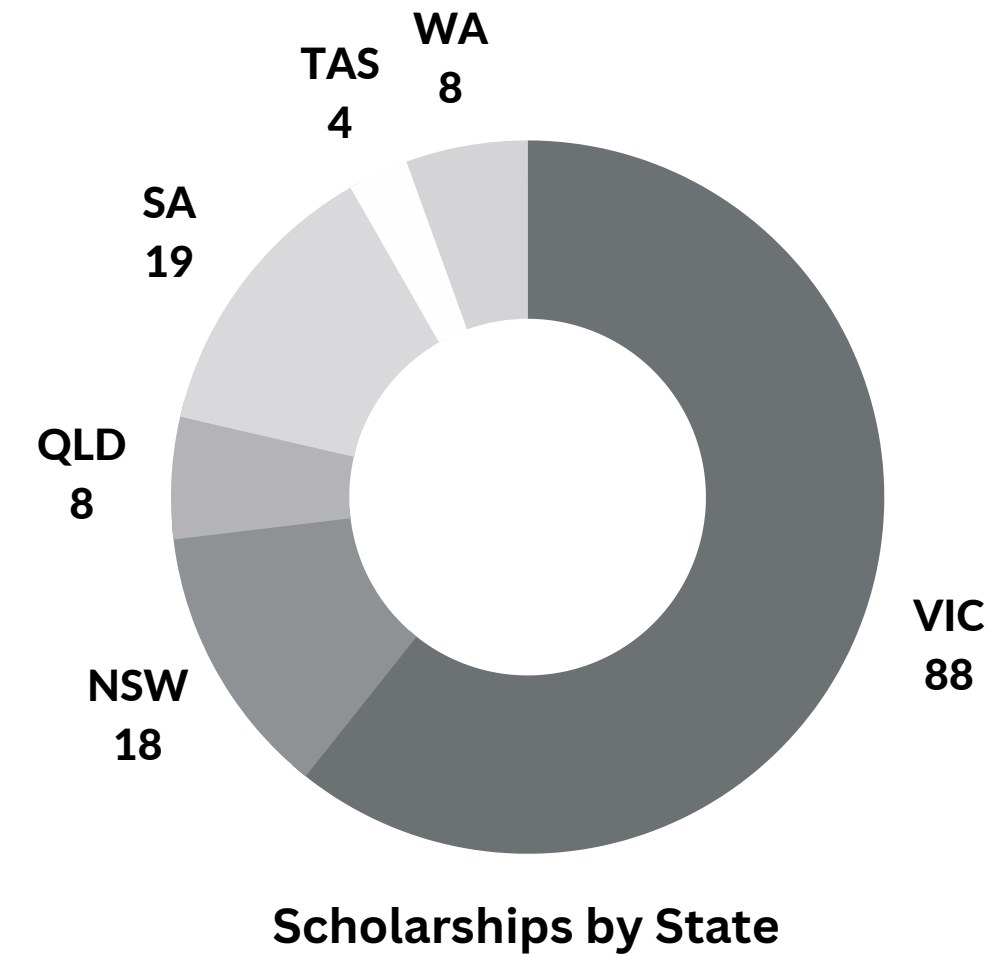
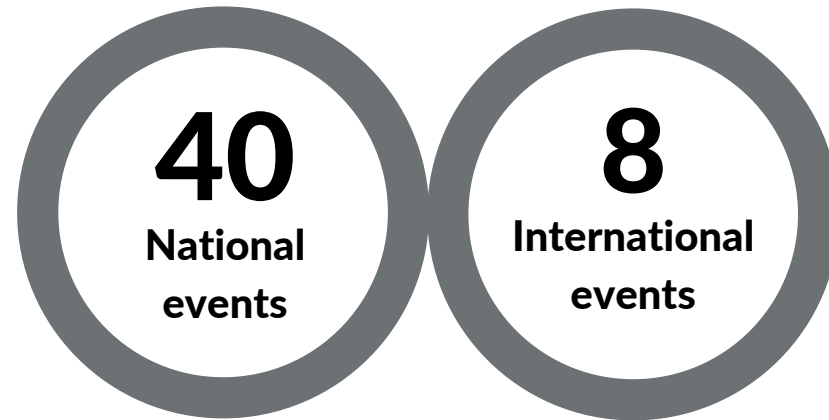
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2022 NATIONAL EXPANSION

BY THE NUMBERS



Scholarships by Sport (Top 10)



2022 HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to all SESF scholarship recipients

Recipient	School	State	Sport
Brook Bilszta	Maribyrnong Sports Academy	VIC	Artistic Swimming
Aria Violini	Pleasant Street Primary School	VIC	Athletics
Bailey Van Den Broek	Mount Carmel	TAS	Athletics
Brodie Atcheson	St Francis Xavier College Berwick	VIC	Athletics
Cassie Farley	Gippsland Grammar	VIC	Athletics
Cedric Ngotho	Rosney College	TAS	Athletics
Cooper Smythe	Glenora	TAS	Athletics
Dakira Cooper	Tallangatta Secondary College	VIC	Athletics
Declan Maling	St Francis Xavier College	VIC	Athletics
Dylan Marron	Kangaroo Flat Primary School	VIC	Athletics
Hayley Whitsed	Corryong College	VIC	Athletics
Jack Berry	Oberon High School	VIC	Athletics
Jensen Wheeler	Altona Green Primary School	VIC	Athletics
Kalen Sapolu	Serpell Primary School	VIC	Athletics
Natalia Leszczynski	Elizabeth College	TAS	Athletics
Teikiai Soeun	Marnebek School	VIC	Athletics
Tiana Boras	Sacred Heart College Geelong	VIC	Athletics
Willow Borthwick	Highbury Primary School	SA	Athletics
Zavier Price	Eaglehawk North Primary School	VIC	Athletics
Thomas McGough	Red Hill Consolidated School	VIC	Athletics
Adam Bates	Camden High School	NSW	Baseball
Ariik Pech	St Aloysius College	NSW	Basketball
Benjamin Accoom	Cairns State High School	QLD	Basketball
Elijah Kamu	Brisbane State High School	QLD	Basketball
Hayley Letts	Rowville Secondary College	VIC	Basketball
Jaylen Pitman	The Southport School	QLD	Basketball
Katie Duncan	Willetton Senior High School	WA	Basketball
Kira Juffermans	St John Paul College Coffs Harbour	NSW	Basketball
Noah Kirk	Cairns State High School	QLD	Basketball
Roman Siulepa	Brisbane State High School	QLD	Basketball
Tayli Dimarco	Sale Catholic College	VIC	Basketball
Travis Drinnan	Trinity Anglican School	QLD	Basketball
Zen Blythe	Kunyang Primary School	VIC	Basketball
Marianela Fakalata	Home School	VIC	Basketball
Taia McMechan	Rowville Secondary College	VIC	Basketball
Zoe Shaw	Kew High School	VIC	Basketball



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Recipient	School	State	Sport
Christi Bestry	Geraldton Grammar School	WA	Cross Country
Kayos Bronish-Rice	Loxton High School	SA	Cross Country
Dakota Ludeman	Kennington Primary	VIC	Cycling- BMX
Isabell May	SEDA College	VIC	Cycling- BMX
Makaylah Larkin- Boys	Churchlands Senior High School	WA	Diving
Gemma Van De Rydt	Mirboo North Secondary	VIC	Equestrian
Jack Bissicks	Hazelglen Secondary College	VIC	Equestrian
Jack Eastley	Nagle College Bairnsdale	VIC	Equestrian
Ava Harrington	Nambrok-Denison Primary	VIC	Equestrian
Archie Brown	Byron Bay Public	NSW	Football
Diesel Arnold	Caritas College	SA	Football
Ella Stoddart	Lavalla Catholic College	VIC	Football
Lily Boyd	Sacred Heart Middle School	SA	Football
Lucas Cossettini	Lambton High School	NSW	Football
Rohan McMaster	Ballarat High School	VIC	Football
Shaun Watson	St Joseph's College Mildura	VIC	Football
Tia Crossland	Bimbadeen Heights Primary School	VIC	Football
Michael Song	Rowville Secondary College	VIC	Golf
Chloe Horgan	Hughesdale Primary School	VIC	Gymnastics
Benjamin Bouwer	Mount Eliza Secondary School	VIC	Hockey
Bree Ellis	Naracoorte South Primary School	SA	Hockey
Jovie Ginn	Chevalier College Bowral	NSW	Hockey
Tucker Kooloos	Saint Ignatius College Geelong	VIC	Hockey
Gemma Reid	Staughton College	VIC	Karate
Leonardo Rizkallah	St Francis Xavier College	VIC	Karate
Jacob Brighton	Echuca College	VIC	Lawn Bowls
Dakota Dimer	Great Southern Grammar	WA	Netball
Moriah Agalla	St Mary's College	SA	Netball
Clara Smith	Woodlands Primary School Langwarrin	VIC	Netball
Makayla Fleiner	Koo Wee Rup Secondary College	VIC	Netball
Matilda Mason	Monivae	VIC	Pentathlon
Abraham Masinaamua	Melton Primary School	VIC	Rugby League
Ja-Cann Taipari	The Grange	VIC	Rugby League
Latrelle Cordtz	Fountain Gate Secondary College	VIC	Rugby League
Wiki Iese	Melton Primary School	VIC	Rugby League



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Recipient	School	State	Sport
Amelia Tuionetoa	Melton Secondary College	VIC	Rugby Union
Angelina Tokanovic	Melton Secondary College	VIC	Rugby Union
Inez Tyrell	Staughton College	VIC	Rugby Union
Jayden Matatumua	Fountain Gate Secondary College	VIC	Rugby Union
LeBron Tusitala	Fountain Gate Secondary College	VIC	Rugby Union
Mealii Milinah Mataupu	Fountain Gate Secondary College	VIC	Rugby Union
Samui Tyrell	Staughton College	VIC	Rugby Union
Suipule Matatumua	Berwick Chase Primary School	VIC	Rugby Union
Tataa Maiava	Staughton College	VIC	Rugby Union
Zion Forbes	Hunter Sports High School	NSW	Rugby Union
Edon Ajrovski	Gleneagles Secondary College	VIC	Soccer
Eisay Adhanom	Melton Secondary College	VIC	Soccer
Hayley Needs	SEDA College	SA	Soccer
KerjiokJock	Torrens Valley Christian School	SA	Soccer
Kody Sapolu	Serpell Primary School	VIC	Soccer
Pacific Hunter	Nuriootpa High School	SA	Soccer
Rhiannon Kelleher	Padua College Mornington	VIC	Soccer
Yaser Payendeh	Narre Warren South P-12 College	VIC	Soccer
Cameron Hodsdon	Ambarvale High School	NSW	Softball
Chelsea Pinnington	Para Hills High	SA	Softball
Chelsea Te Whata	Aranmore Catholic College	WA	Softball
Georgia Burr	Glenunga International High School	SA	Softball
Jy Thurstun	Geraldton Senior High School	WA	Softball
Kasey Touchell	La Salle College	WA	Softball
Lachlan Coe	Trinity Catholic College	NSW	Softball
Lekyhia Jackson	Rosedale State High School	QLD	Softball
Sayah Parley	Xavier High School Albury	NSW	Softball
Taliah Kelly	Sunbury Secondary College	VIC	Softball
Zoe Thomson	Seaton High School	SA	Softball
Antigone Thornton	Melbourne Girls College	VIC	Softball
Mikayla Jonker	Grace Christian College	VIC	Softball
Penny Driscoll	Princess Hill Secondary College	VIC	Sport Climbing
Amelia Downie	Henley High School	SA	Swimming
Andrew Dinh	Nazareth College	VIC	Swimming
Charlee Lang	Patterson River High School	VIC	Swimming
Claire Lewis	Preston High School	VIC	Swimming
Dion Gordon	Cornish College	VIC	Swimming



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Faith Delaney	Catholic College Wodonga	VIC	Swimming
James Logan	Grovedale Secondary College	VIC	Swimming
Mattias McCarthy	Westminster	SA	Swimming
Maximilian Vaughan	McAuley Community School	SA	Swimming
Michael Smith	Mark Oliphant College	SA	Swimming
Nicholas Evans	Catholic College Wodonga	VIC	Swimming
Nicolette Wight	Leongatha Secondary School	VIC	Swimming
Sophie McKenzie	Korumburra Secondary College	VIC	Swimming
Victor Pidriz	Clifton Hill Primary School	VIC	Swimming
Victoria Robinson	Belmont Christian College	NSW	Swimming
Ally Zhang	Tara Anglican School	NSW	Table Tennis
Lily Zhang	Mount St Benedict College	NSW	Table Tennis
Nathan Guan Zhong Fong	Port Lincoln High School	SA	Table Tennis
Yunzhao Cai	Denistone East Public School	NSW	Table Tennis
Zongyi Xi	Sydney Technical High School	NSW	Table Tennis
Mackenzie Macdonald	Colmont School	VIC	Taekwondo
Benjamin Seidel	Encounter Lutheran College	SA	Tennis
Charlie Brady	Forest Hill College	VIC	Tennis
Hassan Hamdan	International Academy Strathfield	NSW	Tennis
Haydon Fa	Auburn High School	VIC	Tennis
Isabella Kamran	Lyndhurst Primary School	VIC	Tennis
Leana Nannapaneni	St Mark's College	SA	Tennis
Leanne Abouhamed	Australian Christian College	QLD	Tennis
Pauline Ma	Glen Waverley South Primary School	VIC	Tennis
Phoebe Goward-Smith	St Patricks Parish School	NSW	Tennis
Seif Saleh	Minaret College	VIC	Tennis
Rain Dodd	Wodonga Senior Secondary College	VIC	Touch Football
Shanika Rowe	Byford Secondary College	WA	Touch Football
Taimana Elers	Hunter Sports High School	NSW	Touch Football
Constance Dodd	Wodonga Middle Years	VIC	Touch Football
Maze Tearoa/Wharerau	The Grange College P-12	VIC	Touch Rugby
Abraham Cinzah	The Grange P-12 College	VIC	Volleyball
Anita-Sofia P Krapivsky	McKinnon	VIC	Volleyball
Braden Fischer	McKinnon Secondary College	VIC	Volleyball
Jessamine Turner	Mordialloc College	VIC	Volleyball
Lucy Mullan	Upwey High School	VIC	Volleyball
Quinn Brown	Billanook College	VIC	Volleyball



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MEET OUR 2022 NATIONAL SESF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ROMAN BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL QLD BASKETBALL

"Roman's family suffered during the flooding in February 2022 - Carpets in their unit were damaged, required repair and cleaning.

Roman's grandmother has needed increased care at home due to dementia and so Roman's mother has had to decrease her work hours, in order to care for her".





HAYLEY CORYONG COLLEGE VIC ATHLETICS

"Due to where I live 6 hours drive from Melbourne. I don't get the chance to race every weekend like most of the girls my age. Even my local track Albury is a 2-hour drive. So the opportunity to go to Australian champs is huge for me. The experience will help shape where I am at and what else I need to do to get better".



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VICTOR CLIFTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL VIC SWIMMING

"Thank you for supporting me to be able to represent my state at the SSA Swimming Championships 2022. I loved making new friends and competing at the highest level for my age group. I'm very proud that I did my best and got many PBs and won 10 medals."

I won gold medals for my multiclass events - 50 fly, 100 back, 50 back and 100 free. I won silver for multiclass events 50 free, 200 free, 200 individual medley, multiclass freestyle relay, and multiclass medley relay. I won bronze in the handicap relay. It was a great experience."

YUNZHAO
DENISTONE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
NSW
TABLE TENNIS

"We have the new born baby and I am still in the parental leave. Her father losts his job and still trying to find the job. we just move from China to Australia in 2020. and we are still struggling to settle here."

"Thank you, this scholarship is very well received. Having moved to Australia in 2020, this helped us to settle in with sport".





CAMERON AMBARVALE HIGH SCHOOL NSW SOFTBALL

"Thank you to the SESF sponsors and committee for the financial support you have given us to help get my son Cameron to Nationals."

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund scholarship has taken much of the financial pressure off me and my family and for that I am very grateful."



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THE SESF MASTERCLASS SERIES

proudly presented by the MCC

In partnership with the MCC, the SESF ran 3 virtual masterclass events throughout the year.

The sessions were open to alumni and school students across the country and designed to tackle the challenges that students are currently facing. Students had the ability to submit questions to the athletes prior to the session.

The 2022 line- up included some of Australia's most awarded athletes:

- Online Swimming Masterclass with Mack Horton and Koti Ngawati
- Online Cross- Country Masterclass with Steve Moneghetti and Bec Henderson.
- Online Commonwealth Games Review with seven-star athletes Ellie Cole, Lauren Scherf, Mack Horton, Bec Henderson, Matt Haanappel and Ashleigh Brennan.



— JOIN US FOR THIS EXCLUSIVE EVENT —

Online Cross-Country MASTERCLASS

An open and interactive forum on the best long-distance running training methods for your next competition or fun run.

Joined by our Australian Olympic panel:



Steve Moneghetti
Four-time Olympian
and Commonwealth
Games Gold medalist




Bec Henderson
Tokyo 2020
Olympian

Hosted by:



Nick Mooney
SESF Executive Director

Presented by:



Commonwealth Games Masterclass
17 AUGUST, 2022
5PM- 6PM (AEST)
ONLINE

2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES MASTERCLASS

BEHIND- THE- SCENES INSIGHTS AND PREPARATION TIPS FOR YOUR NEXT BIG EVENT



LAUREN SCHERF
3X3 BASKETBALL




MACK HORTON
SWIMMING



BEC HENDERSON
RACEWALKING



ELLIE COLE
SWIMMING



ASHLEIGH BRENNAN
GYMNASTICS



MATT HAANAPPEL
SWIMMING



ANNE-MARIE
HARRISON

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PETER WRIGHT HONoured AS THE INAUGURAL LIFE MEMBER OF THE SESF

Peter Wright is a founding member of the SESF and has contributed an enormous amount over the past 10 years, having served as Chairperson of the SESF from 2012 to 2022.

This year the SESF board was thrilled to honour Peter as the inaugural life member of the SESF.

As a former Physical Education teacher, Peter is passionate about children having the opportunity to reach their sporting potential as well as just participating for fun, recreation and fitness.

He was very active in school sport during his tenure as a physical education teacher and this continued as a Principal of a secondary school to promote opportunities for students to participate in sport. He became a Board member of School Sport Victoria which led to the creation of The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund.

It is thanks to his tireless efforts that the SESF has been able to award scholarships to hundreds of school students across the country, enabling them to continue to participate in their sporting endeavours.

Thank you for your dedication and service Peter!





STEVE MONEGHETTI INDUCTED AS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE SESF

This year the SESF celebrated 10 years of supporting young Australian sports people and the SESF board were delighted to award life membership to Steve Moneghetti for his services to the fund at the 10- year celebration.

The 1994 Commonwealth champion and 4-time Olympian joined the SESF during 2014. During his eight-year tenure in the role, he has mentored multiple athletes within the discipline of athletics and across other sports, providing outstanding advice and guidance to young athletes in the early years of their sporting journeys.

Of his life membership Steve commented,

“To receive life membership is incredibly humbling, I’ve loved every minute of my involvement with the foundation, and I have received back far more from this experience than I have been able to give.”

Steve's life membership announcement comes amidst his decision to step down from the foundation at the end of this year.

Thank you, Steve, for your wisdom and time helping young athletes to achieve their best.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SUPPORTING YOUNG AUSTRALIAN SPORTS PEOPLE



A most sincere thank you.

**Your support is most gratefully appreciated,
by the scholarship recipients, their families and their chosen sport.**

Thank you guys so much this will really help take the pressure off financially for the trip!

Brad

I just wanted to say thank you so much for the financial assistance you guys are amazing. Without your help it would of made it so hard so we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Kym

It is of such great benefit to Maxi and we are both so very grateful.

Fiona

It truly takes a village to raise a child, thank you.

Todd

This fantastic opportunity could never have happened without the scholarship he received from SESF.

We are so grateful. Thank you so much for supporting kids in sport.

Yvonne



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Thank you to all the SESF contributors. These include commercial, sporting organisations, collaborative and private partners.

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Thanks for your support of the next generation of future sporting stars.

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