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Young Athletes Receive Sporting Grants

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, today announced local sporting grants for young athletes in the electorate of Chisholm under the Local Sporting Champions program.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance to Australia's young sporting men and women, giving them the opportunity to compete in state and national championships.

Ms Burke commended the program for giving young people the financial assistance they need to continue to compete at a high level.

"The program provides valuable assistance to young athletes," Ms Burke said.

"It's vital that we give our young local athletes every chance to be their best".

Grants of \$500 for eligible individuals and \$3000 for eligible teams are available to successful applicants. The grants are open to young people participating in state and national sporting championships as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee.

A community panel including Ms Kendall Sinclair of the Arts and Recreation Development Department of the Whitehorse City Council and Dr Paul Turner, Senior Lecturer in Sport Management in the School of Management & Marketing at Deakin University considered the applications.

Those awarded grants in Chisholm for Round 1 of the Local Sporting Champions Program in 2011/2012 are:

- Mitchell Barry (Cycling)
- Hana Basic (Athletics)
- Rachael Boyd (Gymnastics)
- Eugene Ng (Table Tennis)
- Nana-Adoma Owusu-Afryie (Athletics)
- Samuel Poppenbeek (Hockey)
- Laura Powell (Athletics)
- Zoe Schwerkolt (Running)
- Brendan Tang (Badminton)
- Alexander Urban (Football)
- Cooper Wyett (Tennis) and

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- Eastern Gymnastics Club State Level 9 Squad (Gymnastics)

Ms Burke congratulated the grant recipients.

“The grants recognize the hard work these young athletes have put into their chosen sport. I congratulate each of them on their success, and wish them all the best as they compete in the future”, Ms Burke said.

More information on the Local Sporting Champions program can be found at http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions.

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