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HONOURS FOR LOCAL RISING STARS

Two emerging talented young local cricketers have each received a prestigious honour from the Lord's Taverners.

Ginninderra Cricket Club fast bowler, Jessica Howard and Australian National University Cricket Club batsman, Daniel Leerdam have received Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Awards.

“On behalf of the Lord's Taverners, I would like to congratulate Jessica and Daniel for being recognised with junior Taverners awards,” said the President of the Lord's Taverners ACT, Ric Smith. “The awards are for up-and-coming local stars and are designed to encourage them to go on to achieve even more in their cricket careers. Awards like these are an integral part of the support the Lord's Taverners provides to local young cricketers and other athletes.”

Jessica and Daniel have each received \$1500 and a Kookaburra cricket kit. The awards, which carry the name of the foundation President of the Lord's Taverners ACT, are for cricketers aged between 14 and 18 who show outstanding qualities of ability, sportsmanship and general attitude to the game – both on and off the field.

The awards were announced at the 2016 Lord's Taverners ACT Annual Dinner.

Jessica said: “It's a small boost in the right direction.”

Daniel said: “It's great to be recognised in this way and it will support my cricket career.”

Past recipients of these awards include Michael Bevan (1989), Jason Behrendorff (2007) and Jason Floros (2008). More detailed information about Jessica and Daniel follows.

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The Lord's Taverners ACT is a charity which is dedicated to helping young people play cricket and other sports when they might otherwise not have the opportunity to do so.

Profiles – 2016 Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Award Winners

Jessica Howard

Jessica is a specialist fast bowler who plays for the Ginninderra Cricket Club. She is also a member of the ACT/NSW under 18 team. Her best bowling was 7/8 against St Edmund's in the boys under 18 division 1 colts competition. She usually bats at number 11 where her best innings is 15.

Daniel Leerdam

Daniel is a top or middle-order batsman who is also a leg-spinner. He plays for the Australian National University Cricket Club. He is captain of the ACT/NSW under 17 side and captained the winning ACT/Southern side in the Bradman Cup. His best batting performance was 109 against Whangarei Cricket Club. His best bowling was 6/8 playing for Radford College against Canberra Grammar School.