



*Giving the young  
and disadvantaged  
a sporting chance*

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL RISING STARS**

Another eight local rising stars have been awarded Lord's Taverners ACT scholarships for young athletes with disabilities on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the program.

The aim of the program is to provide funding to encourage and enable athletes aged 12-20 with disabilities to participate in their chosen activity, pursue their long-term sporting goals and realise their ambitions.

“The Lord's Taverners ACT takes great pride in providing financial support to emerging local heroes through our scholarships for young athletes with disabilities,” said Lord's Taverners ACT President, Ric Smith.

“In the decade since this scholarship program began, more than 60 young athletes from the ACT and local region have received honours, with \$62,500 distributed among the recipients.

“We look forward to the athletes who have received scholarships this year enjoying further success on the local, national and international sporting stage.”

Recipients of the 2017 Lord's Taverners ACT scholarships for young athletes with disabilities are: Brittany Anderson (18, basketball, intellectual disability), Taylor Anderson (18, basketball, intellectual disability), Lachlan Foote (19, athletics, arthrogryposis), Ari Gesini (13, athletics, cerebral palsy), Jeremy Tsuei (18, athletics, cerebral palsy), Hamish Sanz-Pellatt (13, softball/rugby league, physical disability), Benjamin Stokes (16, swimming, intellectual disability) and Gabrielle Waller (16, swimming, intellectual disability).

The Lord's Taverners ACT wishes to thank Ms Gail Farr for providing outstanding assistance with the program, including again this year.

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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.*