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SUPPORTING BUDDING CRICKET STARS

A budding batting all-rounder and a wicket-keeper batsman are the latest emerging stars to receive support from the Lord's Taverners to help their progress in the form of Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Awards.

Campbelltown right-hand bat/medium-pace bowler, Kelly Rowlings and North Canberra-Gungahlin wicket-keeper batsman, Josh Low-McMahon are this year's winners, with each receiving \$1500 from the Lord's Taverners and a Kookaburra cricket kit.

"Our Junior Taverners Awards have a long and proud history, dating back to the first award announcement in 1987, just a year after the formation of the ACT branch of the Lord's Taverners," said President, Ric Smith.

"We are pleased to make what will hopefully turn out to be a significant contribution in the junior cricket careers of Kelly and Josh."

Kelly, 18, said: "I really enjoy cricket and I'd like to improve my game to go as far as I can, so the support from the Lord's Taverners will assist me with this."

Josh, 16, said: "I am delighted to accept the award and grateful for this support of my development. It will be very useful in providing tools and opportunities for my career."

The awards, which carry the name of the late foundation President of the Lord's Taverners ACT, were announced at the 2017 Lord's Taverners ACT Annual Dinner.

Past recipients of the awards include Michael Bevan (1989), Jason Behrendorff (2007) and Jason Floros (2008). More detailed information about Kelly and Josh 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 – 2017 Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Award Winners

Kelly Rowlings

Kelly is a right-hand top order bat and medium-pace bowler, with batting being her dominant skill. She's been playing for six years competitively and is currently part of the Campbelltown first-grade side. She has been a member of the ACT/NSW country squad for the last four years of her junior cricket. Kelly's best batting in school cricket was 127 not out, while her bowling figures include an amazing 5/1 off four overs and 4/30. She is aiming to play for the ACT Meteors and the Sydney Thunder.

Josh Low-McMahon

Josh, who has played cricket since the age of four, is a top-order right-hand bat/wicket-keeper and is currently in North Canberra-Gungahlin's first-grade side. During the 2014/15 season, he returned his best batting and wicket-keeping figures (combined) in a match – 156 and six dismissals (however, he recently bettered his best innings, scoring 195). Josh, who is a product of Daramalan College, was selected in the under 17 ACT/NSW country state representative team for the national championships. His ultimate goal is to secure a professional contract and play cricket for Australia.