

# 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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# VALUED SPONSORS OF THE GSA

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## PROGRAM PARTNERS



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## SWIMMING PROGRAM



## NETBALL PROGRAM



## TENNIS PROGRAM



## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING PROGRAM



## ANNUAL AWARD NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER SPONSORED BY



# ACADEMY BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2020-2021

## BOARD MEMBER

## PROFILE

### Jim Vivian

Chair  
Finance Sub Committee

### Amelia Evison

Deputy Chair  
Resigned Mar 2021  
GippSport representative

### Sandra Timmer—Arends

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Head of Sport, St Pauls Grammar School, Traralgon  
Netball Advisory Panel Representative  
Programs Subcommittee

### Shane Paynter

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Programs Subcommittee

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Latrobe City Council Representative

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## ASSOCIATION

## CONSULTANT

## ORGANISATION

### Physiotherapy

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Latrobe Valley Physiotherapy

### Nutrition

Lauren Nicholls  
Emily Orchard  
Hex Health  
Hex Health

### Psychology

Christopher Shen

### Strength and Conditioning

Sam Fenton  
Trent Morrow  
Control High Performance  
Control High Performance

### Finance

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## VISION

### AN INVESTMENT IN EXCELLENCE

Our vision for the Gippsland Sports Academy is that of excellence:

- *Aspiring Gippsland athletes will be exposed to expert technical coaching and personal development sessions allowing them to be their best in their chosen sport and life.*

## MISSION

The Gippsland Sports Academy (GSA) will provide the opportunity for talented Gippsland athletes based in Gippsland to reach their potential in their chosen sport and personal life.

## ABOUT US

The Gippsland Sports Academy was established in 1997 and is a community-based organisation providing developmental opportunities for talented Gippsland athletes within their own region. The Gippsland Sports Academy covers the full extent of Gippsland, from the south-eastern fringe of Melbourne through to the New South Wales border, including the mountain communities of the Great Dividing Range, and the diverse areas of South Gippsland.

The Gippsland Sports Academy provided services to over 200 athletes in 2019/20. The athletes assisted included many now on the fringe of international recognition and numerous athletes who represented Victoria and Australia.

The Gippsland sporting community relies heavily on the Gippsland Sports Academy to help break down the obstacles and disadvantages for local athletes such as travel, lack of expert coaching and development programs. The Gippsland community is extremely passionate about sport and the region has an immense nursery of natural talent.

### WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- *A pathway for Gippsland athletes in a local environment, to State & National level in consultation with the State Sporting Associations, Sport & Recreation Victoria and the Victorian Institute of Sport*
- *Exposure to expert coaches*
- *Fitness and skill development*
- *Sport science programs covering, strength & conditioning, psychology, nutrition & hydration, goal setting, time management and injury management.*
- *Work with other Victorian Regional Academies, State and Local Government, State and National Sporting Associations and organisations regarded as leaders in the sports industry.*
- *Integration of people with disabilities or disadvantages.*
- *Evaluate programs on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to Academy aims and objectives are not only maintained but improved.*
- *Provide resources through sponsorship, grant and donations to promote excellence among talented sports people at an affordable price.*

# CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

On behalf of the Board, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2020/21 Annual Report. This past year has again presented significant challenges with various stages of lock downs and other COVID related restrictions. I complement the GSA staff, coaches and support staff for the commitment they have shown in delivering quality programs across all of the sports.

Although we continue to experience on-going interruptions to programs, sponsors have remained supportive and loyal to their commitments and to that end a huge thankyou to the Morwell Bowling Club (swimming) and The DocShop (netball) for their on-going support. I would also like to acknowledge the generous support from the state sporting associations in the swimming, netball, tennis and clay target shooting programs.

Not with standing all of the challenges confronting all sporting organizations the GSA was able to have four of the sports program's athletes fully complete all components of the program and graduate in May 2021. Those sports were Tennis, Clay Target Shooting, Swimming and Volleyball, congratulations to all those athletes.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of both the GSA staff and members of the Board. To the staff, Executive Officer Anita Pistrin and Finance Administrator Carly Marsland thank you for your outstanding efforts in making the past year as good an experience as possible for all our athletes in what continues to be challenging times. To our volunteer Board Directors (Darrell White, Shay Ferguson, Jenni Lewis, Howard Williams, Shane Paynter, Amelia Evison and Sandra Timmer-Arends) who give of their time freely and have all contributed to the success of the GSA over a number of years thankyou to you all.

As mentioned earlier the annual Awards evening was held in May and I wish to congratulate all graduating athletes and acknowledge the main award winners. Those are:

Tim Forsyth: Jordyn Cargill (swimming)

David Drane: Olivia Baillie (swimming)

Phil Shelley: Keith Ferguson (clay target shooting)

Darrell White: Chris Axford (volleyball)

Well done to you all.

At the time of writing this report the annual Gippstar Awards had been postponed, however the voting panel and staff of the GSA will make every attempt to recognize the efforts of all the nominees over the past twelve months with an appropriate function when restrictions allow.

The Board also acknowledges and appreciates the support of the six Gippsland Councils, Bass Coast, South Gippsland, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Wellington and Latrobe City whose continued involvement maintains a whole of Gippsland approach which is very important. We would also like to thank the State Government for its commitment to Regional Sports Academies through Sport and Rec Victoria. We work closely with the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) and the other five Victorian Academy's (VRAS) to deliver consistent, high quality programs across the State.

Finally, thank you to all GSA program coaches, sports science consultants, parents, volunteers and all others connected in some way to the success of each and every program and the on-going success of the Gippsland Sports Academy.

Jim Vivian

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

In a year of challenges, I am excited to present this year's Annual report and focus on the positives that we have achieved.

This year we were able to host our Annual Awards evening in May at the Morwell Bowling Club where we graduated athletes from four sports, Clay Target Shooting, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. La Trobe financial once again supported us with a fantastic guest speaker, Jacqui Cooper, who held the audience captive with her life story and inspiring achievements.

We have had to juggle many lockdowns and restrictions however we have been able to still present our athletes with strong coaching programs and all their sports science components. I thank Lauren Nicholls & Emily Orchard from Hex Health for their ongoing support of monthly information and videos to our athletes. We thank Christopher Shen for his Zoom Sport Psychology presentation and Trent Morrow and Sam Fenton of Control High Performance who have managed a combination of Face to Face and Zoom Strength & Conditioning sessions. These sessions have ensured our athletes have been able to continue their training and have kept fit both in mind and body. We also held our Athlete Career Education Day with a combination of live and Zoom presentation. We thank Eric Bailey who motivated our athletes via Zoom, Brittany Andreola (Victorian Institute of Sport) who presented the athletes with great nutritional information, Claire Issell (Latrobe Valley Physio) who led the athletes in a Pilates session and Trent Morrow (Control High Performance) who spoke about Injury management

We have continued this year with our programs in Clay Target Shooting, Netball, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball with approximately 120 athletes joining a GSA program. Although we have had to reschedule some sessions, and change venues to comply with restrictions, our athletes have been able to continue with all their sessions. We also conducted our Together More Active (Diversity Pathway Project) where we held Netball clinics in each of the Local Government areas. This program, although low in numbers, saw good results when five of the athletes were invited into our Netball Development program. Highlight's of the year included the acceptance of Renae Jones (Clay Target Shooting) into the VIS Future Talent Squad, two swimmers who qualified for Olympic Trials (who unfortunately were unable to attend due to lockdown) and two past swimmers (Emily Beecroft & Ruby Storm) who were selected on the Paralympic team for Tokyo Olympics

The results in our programs are a testament of the dedication from our Coaches. I would like to thank our coaches across all our programs, many of whom have been with us for several years, for their innovative delivery over these times, as well as their commitment to our athletes. You are a valued part of the GSA team and I am grateful for the hard work you put in to ensure the programs continue. I also thank our athletes and their parents for continuing to accept the changes the GSA has had to make. Our athletes continue to show their commitment to their programs and their commitment can be seen in the results.

I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing support of the work that we do and the continued work they do to ensure the GSA maintains its high values. I thank our two outgoing Board members, Di Blackwood who served on the Board for 20 years, and Amelia Evison, we wish you well for the future. In the office we farewelled Carly Marsland (Finance/Admin Officer) in May and I thank Carly for her hard work during a difficult time, she is missed and I wish her all the best for the future.

I thank our long-standing sponsors Victorian State Government, VIS, TAFE Gippsland, Bass Coast, East Gippsland, Baw Baw, Wellington & South Gippsland Shire Councils along with Latrobe City Council. Also, we are grateful for the continued support of Monash Views, Morwell Bowling Club (Swimming), Gippsland Swimming, Swimming Victoria, Tennis Victoria, Victorian Clay Target Association (Clay Target Shooting), Netball Victoria, The DocShop (Netball) and Energy Australia. I would also like to acknowledge our supporters and partners, Warragul Linen Service, The Foot and Ankle Clinic and La Trobe Financial. Without the contributions of our sponsors, supporters and partners we would not be able to provide the services that we do.

We are looking forward to commencing all our programs again in 2022 and successfully developing young athletes to assist them on their high achieving pathways.

Anita Pistrin



## THE ACADEMY HONOURS ITS OLYMPIC, PARALYMPIC AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETES:

Emily Beecroft

Ruby Storm

Ashley Delaney

Amanda Drennan

Lichelle Clarke

### PATRON OF THE ACADEMY



#### **Tim Forsyth**

Official Patron of the Gippsland Sports Academy. Born in Mirboo North, Gippsland, Victoria. Elite High Jump Achievements.

### AMBASSADORS OF THE ACADEMY

The Academy established an Ambassadors program in 2006. It aims to use the support of prominent sports people to promote the Academy as well as foster and encourage the development of Academy athletes.



**Tim Matthews**  
In Sydney 2000



**Don Elgin**



# TIM FORSYTH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2020	Jordyn Cargill	Swimming
2019	Elayna Pistrin	Swimming
2018	Jack Stockdale	Clay Target Shooting
2017	Josh Charlton	Tennis
2016	Emily Beecroft	Swimming
2015	Emily Beecroft	Swimming

## DARRELL WHITE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2020	Chris Axford	Volleyball
2019	Lachlan Chester	Volleyball
2018	Lily Kerrison Male	Netball
2017	Madelaine Galea	Netball
2013	Rachel Antoniadou	Basketball

## DAVID DRANE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2020	Olivia Baillie	Swimming
2019	Jordan Johnston	Tennis
2018	Molly Cargill	Swimming
2017	Ben Grumley	Tennis
2016	Tatum Cotterell	Gymnastics
2015	Ksenija Varesanovic	Tennis

## PHIL SHELLEY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AWARD

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2020	Keith Ferguson	Clay Target Shooting
2019	Brian Ford	Swimming
2018	Dave Jones	Clay Target Shooting
2017	Jackie Madden	Swimming
2016	Donna Rowand	Swimming
2015	Dean Gooch	Swimming

## RISING STAR AWARD

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2017	Ruby Storm	Swimming
2016	Emily Beecroft	Swimming
2015	Mikaela Cornelissen	Swimming



## **TIM FORSYTH AWARD:**

Jordyn Cargill

**Swimming**



## **DARRELL WHITE AWARD:**

Chris Axford

**Volleyball**



## **DAVID DRANE AWARD:**

Olivia Baillie

**Swimming**



## **PHIL SHELLEY AWARD:**

Keith Ferguson

**Clay Target Shooting**

# MORWELL BOWLING CLUB SWIMMING PROGRAM 2020/2021



**Program Patron: Ashley Delaney**

## Coaching & Support Staff

Brian Ford	Coach Co-Ordinator
Leigh Nugent	Specialist Coach
Dean Gooch	Head Coach
Rachel Goh	Psychologist



## Advisory Panel

Jenni Lewis	GSA Board
Anita Pistrin	GSA EO
Brian Ford	Program Coordinator
Dean Gooch	Head Coach
Dylan Muir	
Paul Myers	

## 2020/2021 Morwell Bowling Club Swim Program Graduates

Emily Auteri	Josh Dwyer	Elayna Pistrin
Joel Baillie	Katie Kerby	Kayla Pratt
Olivia Baillie	Ashleigh Mihaly	Samatha Sbaglia
Jordyn Cargill	Ash Nicholes	Eliza Watts
Molly Cargill	Will Pendergast	Jess Whiting
Brody Cargill		

## **Annual Award Nominees for Swimming**

Tim Forsyth: Jordyn Cargill

David Drane: Olivia Baillie



# Morwell Bowling Club Swimming

## Program Report 2020/2021

The Swimming program for 2020/21 like all sporting programs around the world, encountered its toughest season to date with the challenges of Covid 19. This season athletes again worked closely with myself and the Australian Open National Olympic Head Coach, Leigh Nugent.

Incredibly after 7 months of dryland and Zoom training sessions, we were able to run 2 sessions of pool training for the National Performance and National Development athletes.

2020/21's Swimming Program inducted 16 athletes into the Gippsland Sports Academy, and of the eligible 14 athletes who were old enough to achieve National Qualifying Times, 10 were successful.

Of those 10, 8 swam personal best times in Queensland at the National Championships in April 2021.

Our first session of the season was in the new Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, and with Leigh's expertise and guidance, the athletes were focused on preparation and education towards the upcoming National Championships in April.

At the completion of the second training session in Warragul the athletes raced time trials, where they had opportunities to achieve National Qualifying Times. This included individual race analysis from Leigh himself, after the completion of the training session. Congratulations to Emily Auteri and Kayla Pratt who achieved their first National Qualifying times during these time trials.

Throughout the start of the 2021 year, we successfully completed our Country Championships in January with an impressive 15 out of 16 athletes winning medals and making finals. This was followed up in March with the State Championships where 12 athletes made finals, 8 of which went on to win Medals. At the Gippsland Championships in March and April all 16 athletes finished with top 10 placings and 12 went on to win medals in multiple events.

At the National Championships in April Jordyn Cargil went on to make 2 finals at in the 200 and 400IM, where he finished 4th swimming a personal best time by 6 seconds, breaking his own Gippsland and Country record.

13 out of the 14 athletes who completed at the National championships achieved personal best times, which considering athletes only qualified one month prior, was an amazing achievement.

Congratulations to all the inductees of the Academy this season. We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic group of young aspiring National Performance athletes and returning National Performance athletes. Thank you to all the athletes for your hard work and patience, and congratulations to you all for persevering throughout such a tough year. You should all be so proud of yourselves.

Special mention to Sam Fenton - for his continued support in the strength and conditioning helping our athletes build their bodies towards there National goals, and challenging the swimmers every season to improve and develop their strength and conditions skills.

Thank you Anita Pistrin - for all your support and hard work getting the academy up and going for the short season, I know that all the athletes involved really took a lot from the sessions and gained valuable experience form specialised coaching and racing simulated time trials, in preparation for Nationals.

Big thank you Brian Ford - for again some unbelievable support and mentoring over the journey, I'm proud to continue your legacy of success through the GSA and we value your energy and leadership moving forward..

Finally thank you to the Morwell Bowling Club. Due to your continued generosity and support, we have again been successful at all levels of performance throughout the swimming season.

We cherish and appreciate your support and couldn't offer such a comprehensive and elite program without you.

We look forward to season 21/22, where we hopefully don't encounter another season like the last, and can continue to grow the number of National qualified swimmers moving into our new Aquatic Centre and growing the program year on year.

Dean Gooch  
Head Coach

# TENNIS VICTORIA TENNIS PROGRAM 2020-2021



## Coaching & Support Staff

Aidan Fitzgerald	Head Coach
Trent Morrow	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Emily Orchard	Nutritionist (Hex Health)
Melissa Weinberg	Psychology

## Advisory Panel

Darrell White	GSA Board
Anita Pistrin	GSA EO
Andrew Reynolds	Tennis Victoria
Aidan Fitzgerald	Head Coach

## 2020/21 Tennis Victoria Tennis Program Graduates

Jessica Board	Hunter Eenjes	Samuel McGregor
Lochlan Borisenko	Chelsea Elliott	Matthew Nicholson
Darcy Britt	Sen Goold	Madeleine Palmer
Jacob Collison	Jordan Johnston	Alan Valenzuela
Elayna Collison	Zara Littlejohn	
Darcy Cumming	Alexandra Luders	

## **Annual Award Nominees for Tennis**

Tim Forsyth: Samuel McGregor

David Drane: Alexandra Luders

# Tennis Victoria Tennis

## Program Report 2020/2021

The 2020 Tennis Academy Program was catered for 16 athletes between the ages of 13-18 and the on-court sessions planned to run six times at Traralgon (twice), Leongatha, Bairnsdale, Wonthaggi and Sale.

In the sessions we covered a variety of different themes from playing styles, Mental reactions to different situations and working as a team and having effective communication.

Unfortunately, all this coincided with a worldwide pandemic which was really annoying but we were lucky enough to only miss out on one session for the year and our planned tournament support. To make sure the athletes didn't get stagnant during the 6 weeks of lockdown we ran challenges that involved creativity, strength and fitness, memory recall and luck.

The highlight of the year was the Victorian Inter-Academy Challenge held in Bendigo, where we played the other four academies through 2 big days of competition and socialising and took home the trophy. Also, we had numerous amounts of players represent their region in team-based competitions throughout the year and all over Victoria.

I would like to thank Control High Performance Fitness for their work throughout the year providing the tennis players with training schedules, conducting the fitness testing (which the kids loved) and running regular Zoom fitness sessions. It's great having them on board. To our nutritionist's thanks for their guidance. To the Tennis Clubs allowing is the use of their facilities. Thanks to all the parents for their support of the program throughout the year and their willingness to spend hours in the car.

Lastly thankyou to the athletes. With hard work, passion and desire to take that next step, these players have a very bright future ahead of them. From a coach's perspective, I couldn't be prouder of all the athletes on what they have achieved this past year, It wasn't the year we planned, but it was the year we got and the way our athletes handled it and took it in stride was exceptional is nothing less than outstanding.

Aidan Fitzgerald  
Head Coach

# VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

## 2020/2021

### Coaching & Support Staff

Luke Campbell	Head Coach
Nic Ryan	Assistant Coach
Phil DeSalvo	Assistant Coach
Andrea Axford	Assistant Coach
Lauren Nicholls	Nutritionist (Hex Health)
Sam Fenton	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Trent Morrow	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)

### Advisory Panel

Howard Williams	GSA Board Member
Anita Pistrin	GSA EO
Luke Campbell	Head Coach
Nic Ryan	
Ian Burgess	

### 2020/21 Volleyball Program Graduates

Sophie Allen	Scarlett Gerreyn	Callum Olden
Chris Axford	Ayla Grbic	Will Roberts
Sienna Carruthers	Joshua Gubaton	Layla Smart
Anton Combo	Paige Hill	
Roly M. Durano	Jack Johnson	

## Annual Award Nominees for Volleyball

Darrell White: Chris Axford

David Drane: Scarlett Gerreyn



# Volleyball

## Program Report 2020/2021

The 2021 GSA Volleyball program was a welcome return to normality after the seriously Covid hit 2020 cycle. As usual, the program was front loaded, with all our training completed before State Team trials in May.

We had a welcome influx of talented and diverse new athletes with an addition of some exciting and experienced assistant coaches.

Long time GSA athlete Andrea Axford returned to the program as an assistant coach and former National Team libero, Phil DeSalvo also joined GSA in 2021. Those additions along with the return of long time assistant Nic Ryan meant the kids has a nice squad of coaches around them.

Something GSA volleyball has always done well is attendance, and this was evident again with well of 90% attendance across the board which says a lot about how seriously the kids took the program. One of the program highlights was the outstanding nutrition presentation by Hex Health, helping us all understand more about how we can better fuel our bodies.

State Team selection is something we strive for at GSA and while we are a small program, we do have consistent results. In 2021 we had 3 of our 4 trialists make squads and then 2 make final teams for National Championships planned to be in September.

A big thanks to the parents for bringing the kids each session, the kids for committing to the program and the support from Anita and Carly at the GSA office.

Luke Campbell (Olympian)  
Head Coach

# THE DOC SHOP 'DARE TO DEVELOP A DIAMOND' NETBALL 2020/2021 PROGRAM



## Coaching & Support Staff

Judi Buhagiar	Head Coach
Jo Ballinger	Assistant Coach
Jae Schuback	Assistant Coach
Carol Gregoravich	Assistant Coach
Angela Chittem	Assistant Coach
Sam Fenton	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Trent Morrow	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Lauren Nicholls	Nutritionist
Christopher Shen	Psychologist

## Advisory Panel

Sandra Timmer-Arends	GSA Board
Anita Pistrin	GSA EO
Judi Buhagiar	Head Coach
Jo Ballinger	
Jae Schuback	

## 2020/2021 Netball Program Graduates

Due to a change in program delivery There were no Netball Graduates this year

# The Doc Shop 'Dare to Develop a Diamond' Netball

## Program Report 2020/2021

At the 2020 online Athlete Awards Evening my opening line in my speech was "Bring on 2021", little did we know the challenges this year would also bring with it.

Regardless of the challenges we continue to face our netball athletes and program support staff continue to do us proud with their strength of character and ability to focus on the positive.

This year our Jo Ballinger, Jae Evans and Carol Gregorovich continued with the program and we were thrilled to welcome Angela Chittem all of whom have offered nothing less than the highest level of professionalism in their delivery of sessions as well as their advocacy of the program when out in our community. With Angela's Indigenous heritage she has been an integral part to ensuring our Indigenous athletes are well supported within the program. This is critical to providing a welcoming environment for these young athletes as well as being a strong link to Netball Victoria's Indigenous Pathway Program that has begun to take some important steps forward.

This year we are trialling a new format whereby sessions will be delivered across the year rather than in previous years where we have completed the program once the talent identification tournament has been held which is usually May or June. We have also entered tournaments this year something we would like to continue doing in future programs as matchplay is the best possible way to enhance on court skills and further understand the flow of the game.

To date we have had only two disruptions to our schedule with one session not rescheduled for the Diamond program, but that will happen later in the year. At the time of writing this report we had delivered 5 sessions to the Diamond squad and 4 to the Development squad and two zoom sessions to our sole metro based athlete. Our structure for trials was very different this year as we were unable to host our annual talent identification tournament in 2020. Open trials were held with 100 players participating, from that pool we selected a total of 58 athletes across both squads. The two squads are made up of 27 athletes in the Diamond program and 31 athletes in the Development program.

Our session on August 15 was delivered by guest coach Sue Hawkins who was a former Australian Diamond player and a member of the World Cup winning team, represented Victoria coach of the Australian Institute of Sport program, National Coach of the England Roses as well as many other outstanding achievements. All going to plan we will also bring in coaches to work with our athletes in their court specific areas at one of our remaining sessions.

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Doc Shop once again for continuing to provide the generous support to this successful program, allowing young girls the opportunity to achieve pursue their dreams as well as provide coaches with an experience of coaching young athletes with so much potential. Thank you also the Gippsland Sports Academy for the continued work and support provided to talented athletes across the region.

This year we will farewell our athletes born in 2006 and wish them all the best as they continue on their netball journey.

It's an exciting time for netball as the opportunity presents itself for our great sport to be considered for the Olympics, specifically Brisbane in 2032, that would be the icing on the cake for what is a global sport played across 80 countries by girls, women, boys and men.

Finally, once again things were tough this year and will continue to be different to what we were used to but sport teaches us much more than the skills to play our game and teamwork is nothing new to us in netball, the more we work as a team the better the result, we have proved that time and time again. "NEVER GIVE UP" Renald Buhagiar, Mr Australia 1999

Judy Buhagiar  
Head Coach

# CLAY TARGET SHOOTING PROGRAM

## 2020/2021



### Coaching & Support Staff

Andrew Brady	Head Coach - DTL
Keith Ferguson	Head Coach - Skeet/sporting
Trent Morrow	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Sam Fentron	Strength & Conditioning (Control High Performance)
Christopher Shen	Psychologist
Emily Orchard	Nutritionist

### Advisory Panel

Anita Pistrin	GSA EO
Jim Vivian	Board Member
Andrew Brady	Head Coach - DTL
Keith Ferguson	Head Coach - Skeet/sporting

### 2020/2021 Clay Target Shooting Program Graduates

Matthew Abernethy	Liam Egan
Charlie Abernethy	Liam Farley
Riley Barlow	Lucas Furlan
Chelsea Beechey	Thomas Radon
Andy Daly	Matt Woerz

### **Annual Award Nominees for Clay Target Shooting**

Tim Forsyth: Lucas Furlan

David Drane: Chelsea Beechey



# Clay Target Shooting

## Program Report 2020/2021

This year we have a squad of 10 consisting of 7 boys & 3 girls, shooting trap, skeet & sporting.

Some outstanding results from our athletes recently.

Chelsea Beechey

Australian Open Women's Skeet Team 2021

Gold - 2 person Women's team at the 2021 National skeet championships.

Gold - Victorian Junior team member 2021 National skeet championships.

Open Gipstar award winner - June 2021

Lucas Furlan

Gold - Victorian Junior Boys School Championships.

5 x State Junior Championships in 2021. (High Gun, Champion of Champions, Double Barrel, Single Barrel, Points Score)

Bronze - State Open Championship 2021.

All our athletes are progressing well, we have a bigger mixture than ever before this year, some 1st, some 2nd & some 3rd year athletes which is great to see and the versatility of our coaches has been outstanding.

A huge thank you goes out to all our guest coaches including Adrian Cousens, Keith Ferguson, Frank Bagnato, Robert Passarin & Aislyn Jones who have assisted in running our training sessions.

We have run sessions at several clubs throughout Gippsland including Traralgon Field & Game/ACTA, Korumburra ACTA, Bairnsdale Field & Game, Bairnsdale ACTA & Morwell Field & Game and we thank them all for their hospitality as without their support completing our training sessions would not be possible.

The last couple of years have been challenging with constantly changing covid restrictions, it has been very pleasing how well our group has adapted to all the challenges we have faced and the resilience our athletes have gained from this will be beneficial to them in the future.

Thank you to everyone involved at the Gippsland Sports Academy for your continued support.

Andrew Brady

Head Coach

# THE GIPPSLAND SPORTS ACADEMY PROUDLY ADMINISTERS THE GIPPSTAR AWARDS



## Gippstar 2020/2021 Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Gippstar Annual Report for the year ended June 2021.

Due to the prevalence of the COVID-19 coronavirus, the past twelve months has meant that for a period from July to October 2020, there were no monthly Award winners. From November onwards, monthly winners were announced for the remainder of the year.

These Gippstar Awards have historically, provided an important opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the tremendous efforts and results achieved by so many talented Gippsland sportspeople. This opportunity is taken to extend appreciation to all those of our community who provided nominations throughout the year for consideration. Congratulations are extended to the tremendous array of Gippsland athletes who were identified as this year's monthly Open and Junior Gippstar Award category winners.

Once again, the support through financial contributions of our Gippsland Councils, namely, Latrobe City Council, Wellington Shire Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, East Gippsland Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council and South Gippsland Shire Council has been critical to the on-going monthly administration of the Gippstar Awards. This support has been essential for the on-going "journey" of these Awards.

These long-standing (since 1962) and highly regarded Gippstar Awards continue to fulfil their role in recognising Gippsland's highly talented sporting community, and they provide, not only recognition of outstanding achievements, but also the inspirational examples for other Gippslanders to emulate into the future.

This year has again been unusual, as at this time, our annual prestigious Gippstar Awards evening has not been held, due to the on-going Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions. Announcement of our Open and Junior Champions for 2020/21, along with other category winners, are yet to be announced, and it is hoped to have an Awards event in the not too distant future.

The on-line nominations feature on the GSA website continues to be a convenient way, not only for monthly Gippstar Awards nominations to be received, but it also provides the chance to submit Gippstar nominations at any time over the year for the following categories:

- Gippsland Sporting Champion Award
- Special Achievers Award
- Team of the Year Award
- Club of the Year Award

Finally, sincere gratitude and appreciation is extended to all Gippstar Panel members who have "given time" and participated throughout the past year assessing the many nominations received. The important support and cooperation provided by the Gippsland Sports Academy Board, headed by Chairman Jim Vivian, together with CEO, Anita Pistrin and former staff member, Carly Marsland, has been pivotal to another successful year for these prestigious Gippstar Awards.

Darrell White  
**Chairman, Gippstar Panel**

Panel Members:

Shayne Paynter, Luke Robinson, Davyd Reid, Judi Buhagiar, Rob Goldie, Brett Tessari, Rod Twinning, Kate Withers, Kelly Smart, Ryan Evans, Brenton Dinsdale, Darrell White.



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF GIPPSLAND'S MEDIA FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE GIPPSTAR AWARDS

# OPEN ANNUAL GIPPSTAR WINNERS

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2021	Alex Vuillermin	Rowing
2020	Alex Vuillermin	Rowing
2019	Aislin Jones	ISSF Skeet & American Skeet
2018	Aislin Jones	ISSF Skeet & American Skeet
2017	Aislin Jones	ISSF Skeet & American Skeet
2016	Emily Beecroft	Swimming

# JUNIOR ANNUAL GIPPSTAR WINNERS

YEAR	AWARD WINNER	SPORT PROGRAM
2021	Jordyn Cargill	Swimming
2020	Cohen Wade	Modern Pentathlon
2019	Sage Goldsbury	Surfing
2018	Ruby Storm	Swimming
2017	Ben Burchell	ISSF Skeet
2016	Darcie Morton	Biathlon

# GIPPSTAR TEAMS AWARDS

YEAR	AWARD WINNING TEAM
2021	No Nominations due to Covid
2020	Lindenow South A Grade Netball Team
2019	Gippsland U21 Male Cricket Team
2018	Moe Football Netball Club Under 16s Football Team
2017	Traralgon Swimming Club 12 and under State team
2016	Lowanna College U15 Boys Basketball Team

# GIPPSTAR CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS

YEAR	AWARD WINNING TEAM
2021	Stratford Football Netball Club
2020	Lindenow South FNC
2019	Gippsland Ranges Roller Derby
2018	Bairnsdale Golf Club
2017	Traralgon City Soccer Club
2016	Bairnsdale Field and Game Inc Latrobe Valley Volleyball Inc

# GIPPSTAR GIPPSLAND CHAMPIONS AWARDS

YEAR	AWARD WINNER
2020/21	Sophie Molineux
2019/20	Peter Siddle, Cricket
2018/19	Cameron White, Cricket
2017/18	Jarryd Roughead, AFL
2016/17	Belinda Snell, Basketball



## JUNIOR AWARD WINNER:

Jordyn Cargill



## OPEN AWARD WINNER:

Alex Vuillermin



## SPECIAL ACHIEVER AWARD:

Brian Ford, Jack Hutable & Jenny Mills (Not pictured)



## CLUB OF THE YEAR:

Stratford F.N.C



## GIPPSLAND CHAMPION AWARD:

Sophie Molineux



30 September 2021

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF GIPPSLAND REGIONAL SPORTS ACADEMY INCORPORATED**

SCOPE

I have reviewed the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 being the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss and Cash Flow Statement presented by the Academy.

No opinion is expressed as to whether the Academy's accounting policies are appropriate to the needs of the Academy.

The review has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosure in the Financial Statements, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the Financial Statements are presented fairly so as to present a view which is consistent with the understanding of the Academy's financial position and performance represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. The review opinion is expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

REVIEW OPINION

The Financial Statements of the Gippsland Regional Sports Academy present a true and fair view in accordance with the Academy's accounting policies. The Financial Position of the Gippsland Regional Sports Academy as at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations and cash flow for the financial year ended.



**JOHN BARCLAY**  
Principal

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Full Financial Statements can be provided upon request



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