

KVSSP MBMC Sponsorship Award

Kiewa Valley Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy and the Mount Beauty Medical Centre are pleased to announce the award of the fourth annual KVSSP/MBMC Young Athlete and Performer Sponsorships. The sponsorships intend to foster physical activity in youngsters by providing sponsorships of \$500 to go towards the costs of involvement in sport or the 'active' performing arts. Last year's winners were Ebony Tanzen and Rachel Abbott, and both girls had a great year. Ebony competed in the three mountain bike National Series rounds, winning one and placing 2nd in the other two, and becoming the overall U17 National Series winner. Rachel was a member of the women's State of Origin soccer team and also was a member of the U16 Representative team which won the Country Championships in Bendigo.

Normally, two sponsorships are awarded but for 2014-15, the two practices decided to award three sponsorships. This year's winners were Cooper Cappellari (motorsport), Tyra Hunt (dance) and Jarrah Forrer (mountain biking/XC skiing).

Cooper competes in speedway dirt racing and travels all over the state to compete in the LV CORE and SAW Junior Championship and hopes one day to work in the motorsport industry and ultimately to drive V8 supercars. Tyra's enthusiasm for dance is amazing. She performed in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and *The Little Mermaid* and travels to Myrtleford and Albury at least three times per week to dance. She would like to complete a musical theatre degree at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts. This year, the instantly recognisable Jarrah Forrer competed on his mountain bike in the National series, winning the U15 Eliminator category and in his winter pursuit, won the National U16 sprint at Perisher Valley. He would like to be able to emulate the performances of local champions Phil Bellingham and Paul Van der Ploeg.

Mount Beauty Medical Centre Director, Dr Mark Zagorski said "We normally award two sponsorships but while we had a large number of great applications, this year we had three standouts that we really couldn't split". Kiewa Valley Sports & Spinal Physiotherapy Practice Principal, Greg McLennan said "One of the other challenges we had was actually getting in contact with the winners. When I'd call I'd speak to a family member and they would say, 'Sorry, he's out riding his bike', or 'Sorry, she's out dancing. Won't be home for four hours'. It took three days to get hold of them all to let them know they had won".

The KVSSP/MBMC Young Athlete and Performer sponsorship for 2015-16 will be seeking applications in October 2015.