

# Academy Action

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## GRADUATION NIGHT

August saw over 400 athletes, coaches, parents and sponsors, plus local, state and federal representatives attend the annual South West Sydney Academy of Sport, Graduation Dinner.

The night recognised all associated with the Academy for their contribution to what has been an exceptional year of achievement. The success of high performing individual athletes was also recognised.

Several awards were presented during the evening including coaches' awards for each squad, 'SKINS Dedication to Task' awards, the perpetual Jim Medway trophies, Coaches Service Awards, the Macarthur Credit Union "Community Spirit" Award, and Clive Graham Memorial Trophy. The night culminated with the announcement of Greater West Sports Foundation Chairpersons Award nominees and the Chairpersons winner.

Coaches' awards were presented to the following athletes from each squad. Golf: Ben Clapham, Rugby League: Max Saolotgo, Tennis: Isaac McCarthy, Softball: Jesse Dunn and Nicole Smith, Athletes 'With a Disability': Natasha Morrison, Netball: Holly Gleeson, Hockey: Jake Rose and Renee Donaldson, Harold Matthews Rugby League: Ricky Garard and Ten Pin Bowling athlete Daniel Webb



Ten Pin Bowling athlete Daniel Webb

Coaches Service Awards are presented to volunteer coaching and support staff members recognising their long term years of service.

Three year bronze service awards were presented to Karen Southwell: Hockey, Sue Woolner: Hockey, Peter Doherty: Softball, Fiona Ioannou: Softball, Chris Brooks: Rugby League, Vicki White: Harold Matthews Rugby League, Duncan Lang: Netball, and Sue New: Golf.

Five year silver awards were presented to Wayne Southwell: Hockey and Ian Brabazon: Tennis, with seven year gold awards being presented to Laurie Farrugia: Rugby League, Joanne Morgan: Netball and Denise Quinn: Netball. Plus a special 8 year award to retiring Heather Skuse.



Retiring Trainer Laurie Farrugia

Two new awards were presented on the night. The Clive Graham Memorial Trophy and Macarthur Credit Union "Community Spirit" Award



Race Car athlete Max Johnson with Mrs Pam Graham

The Clive Graham Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding athlete/s in the "Lone Star" program for Car Racing: Max Johnson, Judo: Padriac Kearney

The Macarthur Credit Union “Community Spirit” Award is an award for athletes who not only achieve on the sporting field but put back into the community. This year three athletes took out the award Belinda New: Golf, Matthew Langfield: Harold Matthews Rugby League and Tim Roberts: Hockey.



*Macarthur Credit Union “Community Spirit” Award winners Matthew Langfield: Rugby League, Belinda New: Golf and Tim Roberts: Hockey*

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the 2010 Greater West Sports Foundation Chairperson Award winner.

Nominees included Jacob McKinnon: Rugby League, Bridget Mason: Netball, Matthew Langfield: Harold Matthews Rugby League, Tim Roberts: Hockey, Rhiannon Marlin: Tennis, Julia McCann: Softball and Belinda New: Golf.

With such an outstanding group of nominees, selecting a winner was a difficult task. The recipient has to show an attitude that embraces the Academy and its required high level of social skills, communication skills, leadership, athlete respect philosophies, and responsibility.



The 2010 winner Julia McCann loved softball since she started playing and has moved through her associations Under 12's, 14's, 16's and now 19's representative age groups, often being one of the younger players.

In 2009, Julia was selected in the NSW U16's team and competed at the National Championships; from here she was then selected in the Australian U19's squad.

In 2010, Julia was again selected in the NSW U16's team and was rewarded for her performance by being named pitcher of the Australian series and selected in the Australian Under 19's squad, for the second time.

Julia's main aim is to be selected in the NSW U17's and to be a part of the U19 World Series Australian team for 2011 in South Africa. In the future Julia would like to go on and play Softball for Australia.

Julia is a well mannered, extremely driven sports person who puts back into the sport, by coaching, officiating and assisting in the operation of the sport.

When asked, Julia's head coach Heather Skuse said “Julia was the perfect nominee for Academy Chairpersons award. Her commitment to the sport both as a player and volunteer is readily evident through her total dedication.”

Julia's leadership skills, commitment to the Academy program, communication skills, respect for others and excellent sporting achievements make her a worthy recipient of this year's Greater West Foundation Chairpersons award.



*2010 Chairperson Award winner Julia McCann with Academy Chairman Mr Peter Campbell*

## SKINS™ Dedication to Task Award

Skins™ Compression Garments have been a proud supporter of the Academy since 2006, providing the Academy's State and National representatives with a quality package of Skins™ Compression wear.

The South West Sydney Academy of Sport has implemented a monthly award to a member of the Academy Community who shows dedication, contribution and commitment to task in their Academy training, support and community promotion of the organisation.

Academy Members are encouraged to nominate a person they see fit of receiving this high profile award via the nomination forms available on the SWSAS Academy website: [www.swsas.org.au/swsas/skinsaward.htm](http://www.swsas.org.au/swsas/skinsaward.htm)

This months winner received a plaque of recognition presented at the 2010 Graduation and Sports Awards Dinner and will be featured in the monthly Corporate Update.

### The Skins™ Dedication to Task Award

#### Winner for August – Pat McGoewn



Captain Pat is the creative director for C91.3FM. But Pat is much more than that; he is an inspiration for the community

of Macarthur.

Pat wears many hats but looks very comfortable in his SWSAS red-white and blue". Pat has been our graduation dinner master of ceremonies for the past three years and is also our education lecturer in media skills presentation.

Pat was also the inspiration and driving force behind the development of our on-air advertisements featuring Academy athletes. Pat is all of this, and much more in his support of the development of the Academy and its scholarship holders.

Congratulations Pat, you are a true Captain of "can do", in our eyes.

## 2010 Calendar

Subject to change.

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Softball Trials**

**10<sup>th</sup> – Under 15's Netball Training**

\* For more information go to [www.swsas.org.au](http://www.swsas.org.au)



*Netball athlete Emma Gauci presenting her speech on behalf of the 2010 Netball squad*



*Guest speaker Mr Lorin Nicholson captivating the audience with his musical talents*



*Chairpersons Award Winner Julia McCann makes her thank you speech*

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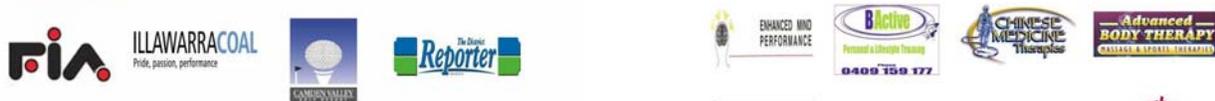
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