



Annual Report 2019



*Giving the Young and Disadvantaged
a Sporting Chance.*

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Secondary T20 Cricket Program

October 23rd is the day set down for the Three shields to be contested they being-

Gilchrist Shield – Boys Yrs. 9/10

Phelps Shield – Boys Yrs. 7/8

Larsen Shield ..Girls all ages

All schools in the Catholic, Private and Public Sectors between Maclean and the Queensland border have been sent invites to compete and at this point in time we have 18 teams nominatedhopefully more to come.

One particular initiative embarked upon has been to promote more schools entering teams in the Girls/Larsen Shield and I would like to thank Nadine Toniello for her efforts on this front

Another “reminder to nominate” will be (again) sent to all schools in the next week or two – umpires and ground managers to be allocated once final number are known.

John Bancroft- Chair ,
High Schools T20 sub committee

Our Corporate and Community Partners.

We have outstanding support from our Corporate and Community Partners, and they include:

Southern Cross University, Trinity Catholic College, Suncorp Bank, Lismore Workers Club, La Faro Accountants & Advisors, Mountain Blue Farms, Lismore City Printery, Lismore Timezone Watchmakers, Priceline Pharmacy Lismore, Civic Hotel, Parker and Kissane Solicitors, Lismore City Toyota, Kids on 4th, Laser Plumbing & Electrical, Simes Brothers Coaches, Rugendyke & Bashforth Contracting, Morgan's Financial Services, Goonellabah Medical Centre, NTech Media, Elston, NIAS (Northern Inland Academy of Sport), Lismore Swans Junior AFL Club, and the Seaton Foundation.

We are most appreciative of the help they afford us, especially since their support helps us award tertiary scholarships and grants to needy young people.

Cricket Placements Program

Our cricket placements committee has had a reasonably quiet year this last 12 months as we have had no players overseas since our last two Adam Gilchrist scholarship winners returned from Ireland in September 2018.

The two players who went over last year were Tilly Lugg and Alana Ryan and they had a 6 month stint playing for Merrion Cricket Club and The Hills Cricket Club respectively. They both thoroughly enjoyed their time in Ireland and were looked after wonderfully well by the club members. They both played a lot of cricket with a number of different teams within their clubs in both T20 and 50 over matches and Lani also played with the No2 men's team on a number of occasions.

On returning to Australia Tilly took up a contract with the ACT Meteors in Canberra and Lani has been coaching at a private school as well as coaching women's cricket in the southern area of NSW.



Our committee members spent a lot of time in late 2018 seeking both male and female cricketers who would be interested in applying for the Adam Gilchrist Cricket Scholarship to play in Ireland again in 2019. We had interest from the two clubs that we worked with last year as well another club, Clontarf Cricket Club, seeking players to go to Ireland.

While we did get a few applications for the scholarship, the cricket standard of the applicants was not overly high and we took the view that we would not send anybody this year rather than send players who would not fulfill both our and the prospective Irish clubs expectations.

We were most disappointed with this outcome, however, we will commence seeking scholarship applicants in October of this year with a view of having a good pool to select from for the 2020 cricket season in Ireland.

Graeme Hoskins,

Chairman, Cricket Placements Committee.



Photographs: (Top) Patron Adam Gilchrist; (Middle) President Bruce Ward; (Left) Chairman Joanne Cooper and (Right) Vice-President (Development) Ron Dowell

OUR EXECUTIVE.



Back Row: Jenny Cook, Ben Gwilliam, Suzette Pearce, Ralph Gregory, Warren Phelps,

John Buttrum, John McCaffery, Grahame Gooding

Front Row: Don Whitelaw, Ruth Tinker, Joanne Cooper, Bruce Ward, Ron Dowell,

Graeme Hoskins. Absent Neil Boyd

President's Report

Having just completed my first year as President, I'm delighted to report that we grow from strength to strength. Our activity level is high and our membership continues to grow with over 220 current members. There must be a critical mass soon whereby our actions and activities are widely known throughout our community and where our support is broad.

One highlight of the year was our inaugural TAFE Grants program, enabling deserving recipients to complete their courses and enter the workforce. We have expanded the University scholarships to include new scholarships at UNE and at SCU. We have broadened our contact with the regional high schools network.

The Females in Sport initiative was launched and is moving ahead with much energy from its committee.

We had a wonderful dinner at Ballina RSL with Layne Beachley, raising over \$6000 which will aid our involvement in adaptive surfing programs.

One of my most personally enjoyable and rewarding activities this year has been to help John McCaffrey with his disability sporting programs. John is a great example of Lord's Taverners at its best.

Lord's Taverners Australia has undergone a rebranding process, dropping "Lord's" from our new logo and changing the motto to "Give a sporting chance". We have resisted both these changes while incorporating the new logo. I think we have emerged with a modern new look while keeping true to our history.

Part way through the year, Stan resigned as Chairman while retaining his committee responsibilities. I think we all recognize the enormous debt owed to Stan by us and luckily we will still be able to draw on his vast historic and corporate knowledge in the future. Joanne has taken over with barely a ripple and continues to lead our Executive.

What a great bunch of people!

Bruce Ward, President.

Archaeology Scholarship

Through an outstanding sponsorship we have been able to award a new University Scholarship to a student who is an undergraduate majoring in Archaeology at the



University of New England. The awardee is **Lauren Hanson-Viney**, who lives in Glenorchy (northern Suburb of Hobart) and studies by distance education and online. Her major disadvantage is having to travel to Armidale to attend compulsory live-in sessions. She writes *"It is wonderful to know that someone with a similar passion is making this happen. Please pass my deepest thanks on to them—it would certainly be great to one day meet them and thank them myself."*

CHAIRS OF PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Steve Jobs wrote "It doesn't make sense to hire smart people then tell them what to do. We should hire smart people and let them tell us what to do."

Financial Management	Ralph Gregory
Financial Grants Committee	Grahame Gooding
Fundraising Committee	Joanne Cooper
Cricket Placements Committee	Graeme Hoskins
Cricket Clinics Committee	Neil Boyd
Disabilities Sports Committee	John McCaffery
Events & Partnerships Committee	Stan Gilchrist
Tertiary Studies Committee	Stan Gilchrist
Internships Committee	Jenny Cook
Our House Committee	Warren Noble
Regional Cells Committee	Stan Gilchrist
Sports Camps Committee	Don Whitelaw
T20 Cricket Committee	John Bancroft
National Raffle Committee	Brian Storey
Communications Committee	Suzette Pearce
Youth Ambassadors Committee	Ben Gwilliam
Females in Sport Committee (FinS.)	Donna Lloyd
Think Tank	Ron Dowell

EXECUTIVE

Chairman	Joanne Cooper	President	Bruce Ward
Secretary	Ruth Tinker	Treasurer	John Buttram
Vice President Development			Ron Dowell

OUR REGIONAL CAPTAINS

Bellingen	Bruce Mills	Narrabri	Kath Hamilton
Coffs Harbour	Paul Amos	Tamworth	Anthony Fitzgerald
Goondiwini	Phillip Gall	Taree	Les Eastaway
Inverell	Libby Steptoe	Tweed	David Alley
Wauchope	Merv Bourke		

Events and Partnerships Program

Major events for this year have been dinner with Pat Rafter and Kurt Fearnley, the special Baggy Blues Dinner at Oakes Oval and the Layne Beachley Dinner at the Ballina RSL Club. All provided special speakers with Kerry O'Brien interviewing Pat Rafter, Joanne Shoebridge interviewing Kurt Fearnley, Steve Rixon, Phil Emery and Len Pascoe all being interviewed by Gavin Robertson at the cricket function, while at Ballina, in the function promoted especially for the surfing community, Layne was interviewed by our own special ABC presenter, Joanne Shoebridge.



Coming up we have our Tenth Birthday Celebrations with a (Party) Dinner on Friday 4th October featuring Steven Bradbury, a social cricket match on Saturday 5th and a Golf Day on Sunday 6th at Byron Bay Golf Club. Then we have a luncheon at Armidale with our partners, NIAS, on Friday 18th October where Jodie Fields and Tim Costello will be our guests.

The visits to the Robotic Dairy have proven very popular and educational while our social dinners at the Wollongbar TAFE's Nightcap Restaurant have brought requests for repeats. These events have enabled significant new connections and friendships within our branch. Our inaugural Golf Day was a real hit! Our "roster" filled early and all players who participated had high praise for the event.

Graeme Hoskins did a really good job of finding and rostering volunteers to our several community events—the Darrel Chapman Fun Run, the Samson, the Lantern Parade, the African Carnival and lunch-preparation for the Lismore Swans AFLW Junior Coaching Clinic. Coming up we will continue to serve at these events each year, plus others as our reputation for willing work continues and expands.



New Corporate Partnerships are always being investigated and members are invited to nominate possible organisations to whom we can make an approach.

Coachcap Pty Ltd and R & B Earthmoving have recently become new Corporate Partners and we have others who hopefully may join soon.

Stan Gilchrist, Chairman.



Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report July to May:

Joanne Cooper has now replaced me but because I held the position for most of the year Joanne has asked me to write this report.

This has been another amazing year for our imaginative branch run by an extraordinary group of genuine leaders. So many programs help many, many young and disadvantaged people, and the whole of Northern NSW is benefiting from the energy and application of every member of every program team within the branch.

Again I congratulate the Chairs of all the Program Teams for the outstanding work that they do - which has taken our branch to becoming the acknowledged lighthouse branch of the thirteen which now exist in Australia.

This report gives you a great summary of the activities of our branch.

Enjoy the read.....

Stan Gilchrist, Foundation Chairman.

Chairman's Report May to July:

Over the last couple of months I have focused on the administration involved with being chairman of the branch. Communication with members, promoting activities and liaison with national branch are all part of the behind the scenes work involved. There were also a number of activities needed to meet the requirements of Public Officer. We also adopted a new logo - slightly different to the one issued by national branch.

I have really enjoyed getting to meet members at various activities as well as promoting LTNNWSW. This has mainly been with our new community partnership with the Lismore Swans Junior AFL Club. What was most special about this was meeting a couple of the individual grant recipients and their families. A great reminder about why we belong to this organisation! A great outcome of this relationship was an AFL clinic in the July school holidays for foster children.

I would like to thank Stan for his vision, commitment and dedication to our branch over the past ten years. He is a great source of wisdom and knowledge and it will be wonderful to have him around as a mentor into the future. In honour of this commitment the executive bestowed him the title Foundation Chairman when he retired from the executive in April. Thanks also to the executive and program chairs for their support

Joanne Cooper, Chairman

Sports Camp Program

Following yet another very successful overnight camp at Corndale Public School our Sports Camp Committee is planning another similar camp this year. This year 25 disadvantaged students from small country schools were coached in cricket, tennis, golf and softball in the two-day, sleepover camp. These 11/12 year olds were from eight schools, six which have not been represented at any of our camps before, so breaking new ground again! To be eligible, students must have been disadvantaged by isolation, lack of opportunity or financially.

Corndale School Principal, Deanna Spackman, reports that many positive comments have been received.

The school P & C members were very efficient in feeding students and having grounds in tip-top shape for the activities.

Parents picked up some very tired, but happy kids. There were plenty of smiles and expressions of "thanks. Thank you too, to the members who attended in support and also provided some of the instruction.

Instruction will once more be provided by well-qualified coaches over the two days in Cricket, Golf, Tennis and Softball.

Corndale school's P&C will again cater as another step in our partnership with the school and its community.

Confirmed dates are Friday 1 and Saturday 2 of November, 2019.

Don Whitelaw, Camp Committee Chair.



Financial Management Program

Lord's Taverners Northern NSW Incorporated

Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2019

Bank Account Balances Suncorp

Adam Gilchrist Scholarship Account	\$8,198.75
General Account	\$1,752.28
General Account Saver	\$47,198.65
Scholarship Account Saver	<u>\$14,620.50</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$71,770.18</u>

Net Loss for year **\$63.82**

Once again we had another busy and successful year finishing with a small loss which was less than our budgeted loss of approximately \$20000.

A special thank you to our Corporate Partners for their generosity which allows us to continue our University Scholarship Program.

Another special thanks to John Buttrum our Honorary Treasurer who carries out his important work with his usual competency and no fuss attitude. His knowledge and experience is also great assistance to me as a member of our Finance Committee.

I also thank the Executive and Committee Chairs and Members for their hard work which contributes greatly to the success of our branch.

We had a number of successful functions this year as well which assists us greatly in our work.

A special mention must be made of our Chairman and branch founder Stan Gilchrist who has decided to call it a day after a very passionate and energetic 10 years at the helm. His knowledge and commitment will be missed but I know he will still be around for guidance when required.

I welcome Joanne Cooper as Chairperson and wish her well in this challenging role.

A warm welcome also to Bruce Ward who became President at start of year.

A big thank you as well to our Honorary Auditor Chris Shevellar for his invaluable assistance in auditing our financial records.

Ralph Gregory, Chairman Finance Committee

Females in Sport (FinS) Program

With the guidance of several very passionate female members and a couple of enthusiastic male members we have now embarked on a new chapter for our branch. The FinS Committee has formulated an excellent Terms of Reference document which will govern the next steps.

The stated PURPOSE of the group is to support girls and women across Northern New South Wales to have a sporting chance by providing opportunities to discover, participate or pursue their goals in sports/activities that they enjoy.

Our next events are as follows:

1. Multisport Day for school aged girls (aged 7-12) rescheduled to 6th August at the Hepburn Park facilities. All feeder schools to the Northern Rivers College are invited to participate. A variety of sports will be on offer. Groups will be of mixed age and a round robin format will be implemented. Communication on the day has been sent to all feeder schools, sporting bodies and School Development Officers. We will have a marquee on the day and all sporting bodies will be encouraged to have a stall and provide information on their sport.

2. Multisport Day for adolescents and women (13+). A Committee Representative met with Greg Smith, Executive Director of The Rivers College, who is supportive of working in partnership with our FinS group to develop a Females in Sport initiative for students and to investigate staff development opportunities. Our next meeting will include student reps and executive teachers.

Donna Lloyd, Chairman

Regional Cells Program

The purpose of this committee is to initiate and nurture the Lord's Taverners' "Cells" in our outlying centres.

Narrabri Cell continues to develop and has strong affiliation with Inner Wheel, Santos and other community groups. Their partnership with the Department of Education succeeded in organising a netball development day and other plans are afoot for the future. Several other activities have been conducted and several grants made to athletes.

Inverell Cell has done some sterling work, especially with regard to raffle. **Taree Cell** now emerges as the next region to move with renewed enthusiasm being shown there while we have now Captains in **Tamworth** and **Guyra** ready to progress. Membership is also becoming less Lismore-centric.

We will be moving into our outlying centres with more vigour over the next year so as to further promote our footprint throughout all of northern NSW.

Stan Gilchrist, Chairman.

Communications Program

Earlier this year the Communications Committee was set up to enhance the way that LTNNNSW interact with our Corporate & Community Partners, our Members, other Community Organizations and of course the beneficiaries of our programs.

We continue to update our website which provides you with core information on Who We are/What We Do, as well as the impact of our programs. In addition, we also use Social Media and Media Releases to promote our events and let you know what we are currently working on.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for our latest news. We are also planning to set up a quarterly Newsletter for our Members in the near future.

We would love to get feedback on how we can improve on our communications. Feel free to reach out via the "Contact Us" page on the website or via our Social Media portals:

Website: www.lordstaverners-northernnsw.com.au

Facebook: Lord's Taverners Northern NSW

Instagram: lords_taverners_nsw

Suzette Pearce
Chair, Comms Committee

"Our House" Program

The Our House Dinners have been carrying on successfully every Tuesday and Thursday nights providing the Residents of the Our House with lots of food and friendship each night .

Our Committee has recently considered expanding the nights to include Wednesday night's as well. After considerable consultation and discussion with many of the Team Leaders we have decided to shelve the Proposal at this time .

Otherwise our Committee have had a quiet time and our Dinners continue as usual .

Warren Noble, Our House Committee Chairman .

Disabilities Sports Program

It has been a busy year for the Disabilities Sports Committee with next year already looking to get even busier.

We continued to provide sports activities for Wilson Park School, Biala special school Ballina and Cerebral Palsy Alliance Alstonville.

We worked with Wilson Park primary students on site where we set up cricket and other ball skills games. This was done over a six week period and it was terrific to see skills improve over this time span! The school has asked if we can do this again and we are looking forward to catching up again.

The school asked if we could work with seniors at golf this year. We had the group attend the Lismore golf driving range for four weeks in term 2 this year followed by 2 weeks at Lismore golf club working on putting and chipping. Feedback from the school and students was very positive and we hope to get a small number of kids out onto the golf course to play a few holes when we can organise a suitable time.

We also continued our support of students from Biala School in Ballina with several sessions at Goonellabah sports and Aquatic Centre. This included a couple of pool sessions in the hot February period and several sessions of mixed ball sports in the stadium as well as some hit outs at Ballina driving range and lawn bowls in Ballina. We will be continuing with similar support into the next year trying to give the students the opportunity to sample as many different activities as possible.

Our work with Cerebral Palsy Alliance included helping to get two Paralympic qualified coaches to visit the area to run a Boccia event at the new Coast High school in Ballina and a mixed sports day for young people with disabilities and their families at GSAC. It is hoped to do this at least once a year. Following on from this the Boccia team from the Coast high school support unit will travel to Sydney later in the year to compete against other schools from around the state and we will offer support with their training before they go. We are going to help with a small number of Cerebral Palsy clients one afternoon a week at the CPA offices in Alstonville where we will sample different indoor sports.

One of the good things to come out of this event was our new connection with the schools support unit which has 56 students on their books. The school has asked if we might be able look at some sports activities such as cricket and ball skills with some of the group on Fridays and we will start this in term 3.

It has been a very good year and my sincere thanks go out to Denis Byrne, Bruce Ward, Josh and Zac Boyd, John Buttrum, Warren Phelps and Bill Tyrell who have helped support the students during the year.

Many thanks. John McCaffery



Grants (Financial Assistance) Program

2018 - 19 was a busy year for the Grants Committee. The number of Grant Applications rose from 11 in the previous year to 28 this year. Grants approved during the year totalled \$17,419 at an average of \$622.

The Applications received were from a wide range of Sports including Soccer, Cricket, Surfing, Netball, Kayaking, Basketball, Swimming, Rugby, Karate, Baseball, and AFL.

The results of many of the people we were able to assist were impressive. Kalani Ives achieved great results in her sport of surfing during the last surfing season competing at the Australian Nationals. Matilda Elliott was selected in the NSW All Schools Netball team which came home with the Silver Medal from the National Championship.

Fifteen year old Joshua Lee competed in Kayak in the World International Canoe Federation Championships in Bosnia in July. Although only fifteen, Faith Pittman had many great results in Athletics during the year including the Queensland Under 18 State Championship in Long Jump, and competing at the Nationals.

However the most gratifying result from our Grants was to see the Press and TV coverage of the achievements of 12 year old Sean Howard McCann. Sean was born with Clubfoot and was unable to play his favourite sport of Soccer. Our grant allowed him to have special boots made, at a cost of \$2750, to now allow him to play competitively with his mates.

I would thank the members of the Grants Committee for their dedication and support during the year.

Grahame Gooding,

Chairman.



High Jumper Bella Stewart with Coach Phill Newton and Patron Adam Gilchrist...

Tertiary Studies Program

Lachie has completed his professional year at SCU, and now works as an Exercise Physiologist in Sale (Victoria). Lachie has written to us as follows: *“Just thought I'd give an update of how the job's going so far. A challenge moving, staying at an Air BnB for a week and then moving to a unit but I feel better for it and more experienced (if that makes sense) Work's been going great, all of the clients are friendly and keen to give it a go but you don't realise how much you don't know when you finish Uni until you start working, all part of the fun.. Talking from the point of view of the business side of things: booking clients, admin and so on, I'm pretty much my own secretary haha. Really enjoying it so far, and hope all is well back in Liz.*
Cheers, Lachie”

Tineka and Shana have completed their courses and will graduate shortly. Shana writes *“The Lords Taverners have not only given me a scholarship, but have also become wonderful friends and mentors. I am extremely grateful for this scholarship, which this year has helped ensure that my two daughters and I were able to have a house to live in. I have a rare genetic condition called Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, and this scholarship has assisted in covering the cost of living so I have been able to continue studying and finish off two bachelors degrees. It has also helped cover medical expenses (medical devices and treatment) which have allowed me to retain part time employment and continue studying. This has meant more to me than I can express. I plan to continue with my studies with an honours year in psychology, and then post-graduate studies where I will specialise in neuropsychology, with hope that I can give back to my community with the skills that I am acquiring through my studies. I would like to express my great appreciation and thanks to The Lords Taverners for their ongoing support”.*

Michelle is working toward the end of her third year at SCU. **Naomi** who is studying at Southern Cross, and **Madison**, who is studying at University of New England are both progressing through their second years.

Our 2019 scholar is - **Keryn Laing** (pictured right) who is studying in Education at SCU. In her application form Keryn wrote: *“My aspiration is to complete my undergraduate studies and enter the education field as a primary school teacher working with disadvantaged and specific needs students”* - exactly our Lord's Taverners mission!



Our newest program is a **Grants Program for TAFE and related Trades** students who are disadvantaged. We have now awarded three Grants to students who needed the financial assistance, and reports are that two of these have now managed to complete their courses and the third is well on the way. The Grant Program with its special criteria and controlled application process has been devised in consultation with **Suzie George**, **Graham Armstrong** and **Mark Apps**, all senior personnel in the NSW North Coast TAFE system.
Stan Gilchrist, Chairman.

Internships Program

Internship:

Unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in securing the assistance of an Intern from Southern Cross University for 2019. We continue to advertise and “put ourselves out there” to accept an Intern which would provide mutual benefit to the successful applicant, however competition is strong. We will continue to engage with the University in the hope of again having an Intern work with us.

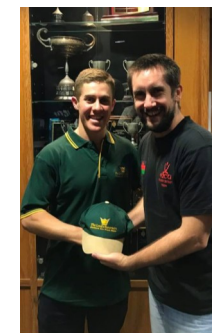
Malawi Cricket Internship Program:

We are excited that we have been able to continue the Malawi Cricket Internship Program, started in 2018. We have also been able to secure sponsorship for the Program.

Our Applicants do not expect to financially benefit from the position. They do not receive a salary from either Lord's Taverners NSW nor the Malawi Cricket Union, however we provide financial support by way of return flights, travel insurance, and medical expenses to cover such matters as vaccinations and so on. The Malawi Cricket Union provide transport for all cricket related activities as well as a contribution to accommodation.

We have been able to secure an experienced and skilled person to travel to Malawi in late July 2019 and work with Malawi Cricket Union under the leadership of Mr Vivek Ganesan, President of the Cricket Union. It is expected that our Intern will remain in Malawi until early October 2019.

Our Intern this year is Mr Philip Lovell. Philip has been actively involved in cricket for over 20 years. He has displayed a good knowledge of the goals of Lord's Taverners and has expressed much enthusiasm in working with us on this endeavour in Malawi, and generally.



This Program provides an opportunity for us to work with the Malawi Cricket Union for the development of Cricket in that nation and with the view that the Intern will, upon his return to Australia, involve himself on a continuing basis with Lord's Taverners Northern New South Wales with the nurturing of the young and disadvantaged in our Region.



Jenny Cook,

Chair of the Internships Committee.

Fund-raising Program

We have been looking at ways to attract new members and advertise Lord's Taverners as a donation option with various community partnerships. A Facebook post was lodged for End of Financial year donations and a strategy to advertise membership as a gift is planned for the coming year. Potential sources of grants have also been identified.

This year we applied for two grants, A Future2 grant and an ETC Community Support Fund grant for our TAFE scholarships. Both were unsuccessful.

We have also arranged for social media posting encouraging people to purchase membership of Lord's Taverners Northern NSW as presents for Mothers and Fathers Day and Christmas.

Joanne Cooper, Fundraising Committee Chairman

National Raffle Program

In early September, only 8 groups or organisations had requested tickets with a total of 225 books (2250 tickets) going out. A second email was sent out to the 63 possible participants on our data base thanking those would have come on board and reminding others of the raffle and participation details. A second follow up email was sent to those who have not taken up the offer and who were not all Lord's Taverners members. (This email was more about what the Lord's Taverners is about with following details about the raffle.)

In late September Narrabri took 100 books. I organised the sale of tickets from three business outlets in Kyogle to sell on behalf of the Kyogle Rugby Union Club (17 books). I was also given the green light at the Farmers Market in Kyogle to set up a stall on selected Saturday mornings to sell tickets for the Rugby Union Club. I also worked with the Royal Hotel Cricket Club in Casino for ticket sales at a Greyhound Race day in Casino as a fund raiser for the club. I set up a stall at the Kyogle Post Office and sold \$160 of tickets . Tickets out to Clubs at this point were 342 books (3420 tickets).

By mid-October ticket take up increased to 459 books with Diggers CC (20 books), Woodenbong Central School (20 books), a private seller (4 books), Marist Bros CC (additional 15 books) and Kellie Coates (Trinity 40 books) all involved. I have forwarded information via one of our members to inform the Country Education Foundation to see if our raffle is a fit for them. I approached Kyogle High to see if they want to come on board but that may be for next year?

Our results were very encouraging and I am proud of what we achieved. We will be better next year!

Youth Ambassadors Program

The Youth Ambassadors program has had another successful year engaging the young people that we support in the work that we are doing in our local community. We engaged our young people in assisting at both our fundraising events this year with Kurt Fearnley and Layne Beachley. Our Youth Ambassadors group also hosted an "Our House" dinner.

In the year to come we hope to continue providing these opportunities and more for our young people to connect and participate in the work we are doing.

Ben Gwilliam, Youth Ambassador Chairman



The Youth Ambassadors at the Kurt Fearnley Dinner.

And with Kurt.

