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NTech Media	Southern Cross University
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We greatly appreciate their support which allows us to provide the young and disadvantaged with a sporting chance.

Annual Report 2020



Giving the Young and Disadvantaged a Sporting Chance.

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I congratulate our committee (Greg and Lyn Woods, Richard Doggett, Gary Ablett, June Gilchrist, Karey Patterson and Lenny Stewart) on the outstanding work they do, their openness to new ideas, and their quest to fully fund our Tertiary Studies program well into the future. I also thank Suzette Pearce and Naomi White for their recent advice as we pursue our mission.

Stan Gilchrist

Regional Cells Program

While our Regional Cells committee has not had many opportunities to convene since the Covid-19 restrictions were imposed we had been progressing possible new Cells. Narrabri group continues to be our "lighthouse" group, and will be the first official Cell within our branch. Such loyal and active members as Kath Hamilton, Bill Wood, Annie Moody and the Longworths keep the motor running and are continually searching for new ways to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance! The netball camps, athletics coaching clinics, clinics for coaches and Narrabri Sports Awards are exemplary programs and we congratulate the Cell for these.

Our actual committee consists of a group of five Northern Rivers based members who together make up a sensitive and committed group. The approaches to seeking new Cells is sensitive and considered, with occasional disagreements about the wisdom of certain aspects of the program. This is both healthy and important as we do not wish to waste the time and energy of members remote from Lismore if they do not wish to be classified into "Cells". While we would like these remote members to have opportunities to be connected and involved in the activities of the branch.

I would like to congratulate our committee (Bev and Warren Phelps, Peter Saunders and June Gilchrist) on the outstanding work they do, their openness to discuss sensitive issues, and their quest to offer structured opportunities to members from "out of town". We have willing Captains in Dave Alley, Kath Hamilton, Tony Fitzgerald, Les Eastaway and Bruce Mills all willing to establish locally based action in their regional centres.

Stan Gilchrist

Corporate & Community Partnerships

Our committee has not had many opportunities to convene since the Covid-19 restrictions were imposed. Prior to that our Committee had been progressing possible new Corporate Partners, as well as looking at ways to return some appreciation to all of our current ones.

Our committee consists of a wide range of experienced and committed members who together make up a sensitive and connected group. The approaches to seeking new Corporate Partners will be well planned and empathetic, and delivered in such a way that these new organisations are connected and involved in the activities of the branch. The details of the Tertiary Studies program, for which they provide funding, will be clearly presented to all new (and current) partners, as will testimonials of and connections with some of the beneficiaries of the University scholarships.

Although we have redefined the benefits of being a Corporate Partner, we are now into a new project by which we hope to consolidate funding for the next five years. This is a philanthropic project and much more information will be available soon.

We now have a significant number of Community Partners and we will soon be launching a support and acknowledgement program for them. Some are outside of our normal circles, such as Farming for Kids at Quirindi and NIAS (Northern Inland Academy of Sport) based at Tamworth. Locally we are supported by quite a number of organisations including La Baracca, Book Warehouse, Trinity Catholic College, Lismore Swans Junior AFL Club and NTech Media.

Our TAFE Grants program continues, although Government funding reductions are creating some tensions in that sector. We continue to invite applications and the staff at Wollongbar TAFE continue to identify worthy applicants. This program, aimed at adding qualified tradesmen, nurses and office staff to the workforce, offers grants for such things as tools, child-minding, travel and other issues which would otherwise create difficulties for these students. Our work with the Wollongbar staff is well-structured and enjoyable, and we believe we have helped a number of students.



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.

President's Report

The year started marvellously with our 10-year anniversary dinner which was a great success. Steven Bradbury was very entertaining and taught us an entirely new way of running an auction for memorabilia. Stan and June Gilchrist were awarded Life Memberships and we went to the Christmas holidays feeling confident of a good year ahead. Just weeks after a successful National Conference in Melbourne, it all came tumbling down as we all know. Luckily, the Tertiary Education Scholarships were able to be awarded with generous support from our Corporate Sponsors and the Seaton Foundation and this funding is relatively secure for a few years, at least. Planned social events, including a much anticipated dinner with Sir Peter Cosgrove, have had to be postponed to an unknown date in the future.

As all sporting events were cancelled, there was little activity in awarding grants and our all abilities program has had to be deferred.

Despite the current easing of restrictions, we are not in a position of knowing where the future lies.

Our Executive has continued to meet, either virtually or face to face, to prepare for when we come out of hibernation.

It is important that our members support those who support us. Think where you spend your money and try to favour those who are our sponsors and partners.

We live in interesting times and I have never been happier to be President of an organisation that boasts so many wonderful people.

Bruce Ward

CHAIRS OF PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Financial Management	Ralph Gregory
Financial Grants Committee	Grahame Gooding
Fundraising Committee	Joanne Cooper
Cricket Placements Committee	Graeme Hoskins
All Abilities Sport	John McCaffery
Events Committee	Bruce Ward
Corporate & Community Partners	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/Steve Clough
T20 Cricket Committee	John Bancroft
National Raffle Committee	Brian Storey
Communications Committee	Suzette Pearce
Youth Ambassadors Committee	Ben Gwilliam
Females in Sport Committee (FinS.)	Cath Bresson
Think Tank	Ron Dowell

Executive

Chairman	Joanne Cooper	President	Bruce Ward
Secretary	Ruth Tinker	Treasurer	John Buttrum
VP Development	Ron Dowell		

Our Regional Captains

Bellingen	Bruce Mills	Narrabri	Kath Hamilton
Tamworth	Anthony Fitzgerald	Taree	Les Eastaway
Tweed	David Alley		

Internships Program

We continue our engagement with Southern Cross University in seeking another Intern however had not been successful in the last twelve months.

Malawi Cricketing Internship Program

We continued our support of Malawi Cricket by having another Intern work under the leadership of Mr Vivek Ganesan, President of the Cricket Union. Mr Phillip Lovell was our Intern last year following on from Reegan Brown in 2018. Phillip worked with the Malawi Cricket Union from August until October. Phillip spoke to us in November and including at our Information Night in Ballina.

This year we were delighted to be able to choose a local person (from Coorabell) Vincent ("Vinny") Quigley, a talented sportsman and a member of the Far North Coast Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association and NSW Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association. Vinny attended our Information Night in Ballina.

Vinny had accepted the position and initial arrangements were underway regarding dates for his time in Malawi and including working in relation to the Malawi World Cup efforts, however unfortunately COVID-19 impacted upon us and we have been unable to carry through with the Program. We are confident that once restrictions are lifted, we will be in a position to continue our partnership with Malawi Cricket Union.

We hope to enhance the development of cricket in Malawi which has only recently gained ICC status to provide team and individual coaching to young male and female Malawian cricketers and on their return to our Region for the Intern to report, advise and help facilitate the next steps in the exchange. The Internship Program provides an opportunity for our nominee to develop as a coach and expand his or her life experiences generally.

Jenny Cook

Chairman's Report

The year started with our 10th anniversary dinner. My thanks to Foundation Chairman Stan and all who have been a part of this organisation over the last 10 years. Whether as a member, committee member, volunteer, community or corporate partner your support has been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year I have concentrated on reviewing processes to assist with the large administrative aspect to this role. This has included a monthly update detailing branch activities for members as well as corporate and community partners; a member survey which gained the views of members on a number of issues and providing guidance to the committee on current and future activities; developing a Power Point presentation about our branch which was used when I was guest speaker at Lismore U3A and Lismore Heights Probus and creating a LinkedIn site for the branch. I have also established mechanisms for collecting data on grant and program recipients to assist with grant applications and other marketing collateral as well as social media analytics. I have also added to the designated email addresses for committees members and reviewed the Constitution and these changes will be presented for voting on at the AGM.

Under the leadership of VP Ron we have also developed a Schools Committee for direct liaison with schools in our area about our various programs. Details of the activities of this committee will be included in next years report.

I attended the National Conference in Melbourne. This is a great way to interact with the other branches and assist the national executive with setting the direction of the organisation. I have also represented the branch at events with the Lismore Swan Junior AFL events and at other community and Lord's Taverners vents.

I would especially like to thank the members of the executive committee for their support, friendship and commitment. They truly are a wonderful group of people and together we are moving the branch forward.

Joanne Cooper

Communications Program

The Communications Committee continues to work to provide updates to our members and the community more broadly, of the activities and programmes carried out by LTNNSW.

Since our last report Naomi White, one of our SCU University Scholars and a member of this Committee has set up our Instagram page which has grown to 135 followers. Our Facebook reach has grown from 763 to 903 followers. Joanne Cooper has set up a LinkedIn page for LTNNSW so if you are a member of that platform please follow us there too.

We hope that you are enjoying the monthly newsletter sent out by our Chairman. Please let us know if you have any information or stories related to Lord's Taverners so that we can share them.

Our website (www.lordstaverners-northernnsw.com.au) gives you a good overview of our mission, our current initiatives and some insight into the recipients of LTNNSW funding. Find out our latest news via our Social Media channels - there is a link on our website.

Suzette Pearce, Chair.

Secondary T20 Cricket Program

The T20 tournament was held in Lismore on 22nd October. This includes the:

- Gilchrist Shield for boys in Years 9 and 10;
- Phelps Shield for boys in Years 7 and 8,
- Lyn Larsen Shield for girls in Years 7 to 12.

This year 28 teams competed which is over 320 students. We also welcomed 2 new schools. Trinity Catholic College, St Johns Woodlawn and Xavier Catholic College were also presented with Certificates acknowledging their 10 year commitment to this program.

John Bancroft

Financial Management Program

Lord's Taverners Northern NSW Incorporated Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2020

Bank Account Balances Suncorp

Adam Gilchrist Scholarship Account	\$6 038.52
General Account	\$ 483.49
General Account Saver	\$24 314.60
Scholarship Account Saver	<u>\$28 416.58</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$59 253.19</u>
Net Loss for year	\$12 093.99

This year was on track to be another successful one until the Covid 19 virus struck in March. This meant we had to cancel or postpone at least one fundraising function which impacted our financial results significantly and basically put on hold all our plans for the rest of the year.

We had already budgeted for a \$6550 loss due mainly to our ongoing commitment of grants to disadvantaged youth and those in drought affected areas.

I must firstly thank John Buttrum our Honorary Treasurer who carries out our important work with his competent 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, particularly our Secretary Dr Ruth Tinker and particular Members whose hard work contributes greatly to the success of our branch.

A special thanks to our Chairperson Joanne Cooper whose expertise and commitment to our organisation is an inspiration. Also a special mention to our President Bruce Ward who also has great commitment and expertise and adds a professional touch to the organisation.

Our Corporate Partners deserve a special thanks as their generosity and commitment allow us to continue our vital University Scholarship program.

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

Ralph Gregory

Females in Sport Committee

In August last year we held a successful Multisport Day. This was attended by 135 primary school aged girls from 4 local schools. They each participated in 5 sports. One teacher commented "Thank you firstly for your efforts in the Lord Taverners Day. I cannot fault the day at all! The atmosphere was welcoming, the management of time, and the skill breakdown, demonstration with the creativity and friendliness of the specialist coaches was outstanding. The certificates were a great item to handout and I utilized them as leverage for exposure. It was lovely meeting you all... See you next time".

Earlier this year we organised a BodSquad for Year 9 girls at Byron Bay High School. This involved organising a facilitator to conduct a program to establish and support healthy and active lifestyles. The teacher commented "The response from the girls was fantastic. Our girls who typically do not engage in activity got involved in all lessons far greater than their normal levels of participation. The girls who love sport were equally as involved and love the challenge of something new from another instructor." Unfortunately the program was cut short due to Covid-19.

We are currently advertising for applicants looking to gain coaching, refereeing or other administrative qualifications around sport.

I would like to thank Donna Lloyd for her work in getting this committee off the ground. This also included arranging our wonderful FinS logo. We appreciated her time and commitment. I would also like to thank Nadine, Stan, Jenny C, Jenny W, Bruce and Joanne for their input as committee members.

Cath Bresson

Lord's Taverners Events

Throughout the year members volunteers at the Darrel Chapman Fun Run and the Sampson Challenge. We also held a barefoot Bowls night to raise money for our Relay for Life team.

"Our House" Program

The Our House Dinners were going along really well with Dinners being provided every Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Our House Common Room for the residents.

Most Dinners had large numbers of Residents attending usually in the 20s each night. Our number of Teams continued to enthusiastically provide Food and Friendship to all the Residents each night.

Sadly when Covid 19 arrived all the Dinners had to be cancelled because of the health, distancing and lockdown requirements needed. We are all eagerly awaiting the time when we can commence again.

In the meantime the Our House Board of Directors approached us to see if our Teams were prepared to donate enough money to be able to provide a Takeaway Dinner supplied from a Lismore Restaurant each Wednesday night as a replacement to our Dinners. A large number of our Teams have taken up this option and I understand at least enough money has been donated to cover about 14 weeks of Takeaway Dinners which is a great response.

I would again like to thank 2 of our Committee who do all the contact and administration of these issues - June Gilchrist (the Tuesday Teams) and Margaret Byrne (the Thursday Teams). Without their work and Ruth Harrison and her Team at the Our House working with them things would not flow as well as they do. Many thanks.

As I said earlier we are all hoping the Covid 19 issue will soon go away and we can quickly return to where we can all get back to enjoying our Dinners together again.

Warren Noble

All Abilities Sport

The past year has certainly been a strange one to say the least! During the last six months of 2019 we conducted regular activities with Cerebral Palsy Alliance at Alstonville. This was a regular Friday afternoon sports activity programme for some of their school age clients and was done in conjunction with their Physiotherapist and myself. Taverners supplied and helped with setting up of equipment and running the selected activities which were designed by the Physio Alex to improve balance and physical control for the participants with a different focus each session on different motor skills. Coming to 2020 we were just starting back with the group when Corona virus hit us in March but we have maintained contact and will be starting again when group sessions and contact is allowed.

During the year we once again conducted sports activities with Wilson Park school and during term three of 2019 we ran a sports afternoon for the primary school students on the oval at the rear of the school. These activities included Tabletop games, football skills kicking and catching as well as volleyball, tennis type activities. These were the types of sport which were chosen by the school this ran for six weeks. In term Four we also arranged a sports morning at Goonellabah sports centre for the primary students and secondary students on different days which involved different games like basketball and soccer. This was followed by a BBQ lunch provided by Taverners. Coming to 2020 we were just about to recommence our programme when the restrictions hit and all was cancelled. We have been in touch with the school recently and will meet to talk about where we can help out when they get the all clear.

In September of 2019 we started a new Basketball sports group on Monday afternoons for young men with Autism and special needs after being approached by a mother looking for social basketball for her son. We have been running this activity at Alstonville indoor basketball court at the community centre. The group was slowly building up to the end of the year with 4 to 6 participants plus carers we worked on some basic skills and had a very social game to end each session. Come 2020 and we had only just started back when Covid struck.

Individual Sporting Grant summary for 2019 calendar year

In 2019 we received 56 applications. A summary of these are as follows:

- 32 were male and 24 female
- 6 had a physical or intellectual disability
- 13 identified as indigenous
- 31 were under 18
- 29 were from financially disadvantaged families. Three of these indicated financial disadvantaged due to the drought
- 19 were geographically disadvantaged.
- 2 attended regionals, 12 state, 7 national and 15 international events

These grants totalled \$31 609. Assistance is given based on a points formula depending on the circumstances of the applicant.

A summary of the 2020 grants is:

- 7 males and 6 females
- 9 indigenous
- 10 under 18
- 3 with a physical or intellectual disability
- 8 where parents are unemployed or sole parents
- 4 regional, 9 state, 3 national and 1 international representation

Fundraising Committee

This year we applied for but were unsuccessful with a Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Grant for our TAFE grants.

As many grant applications require facts and figures to support the application I have started to gather statistics on our individual grant recipients and other programs to develop data for inclusion in future applications.

Thanks to Denis and David for their support.

Joanne Cooper

Grants (Financial Assistance) Program

On behalf of the members of the Grants Committee, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 2019/20.

It has been a busy year for the Grants Committee. We received a total of 35 Applications from Athletes across a wide cross section of sports. This compares with 28 Applications in 2018/19 and only 11 in 2017/18.

The total amount of Grants to the Applicants for the year was \$21,565, ranging in value from \$250 to \$1000, and averaging \$616. In 2018/19 the total was \$17,419, and in 2017/18 only \$6720.

There was a wide range of sports covered by the Applications. These included AFL, Obstacle Racing, Rugby Union, Hockey, Skate Boarding, Athletics, Futsal, Netball, Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Polo Cross, Swimming, Touch Football, Tennis and Baseball.

One grant assisted a girl attend the International Karate Championships in Europe. She is now ranked 16th in the world and her mother sent an email “I cannot express enough our gratitude for your support! Helping young athletes to achieve their goals and follow their dreams when showing strong potential in their chosen sport is a great thing to do for our young Australians.”

We also were able to assist some members of a relay team compete at State. Their school principal said “I am extremely grateful to Lords Taverners Northern NSW for being so supportive of our athletes. The parents are absolutely thrilled and relieved to know that each of the girls will get to experience such a wonderful opportunity.”

Grahame Gooding

After a break for a few months we were able to start up again in June on outside courts only for groups of up to ten. We started up working to strict protocols obtained from Basket ball NSW. These included distancing , hand and ball washing and no contact. We also keep a log of names and contact details of everyone who attends and this looks like being the norm for some time to come. From July the first we have started up at the indoor stadium in Alstonville again from 3.30 to 5.00 on Monday afternoons and have already been approached by some new players.

During 2019 we also assisted Biala special school again and we were able to access and use the new Ballina indoor sports centre for the first time. This is a fantastic facility with world class standard basketball courts and indoor soccer areas. We look forward to getting back there in the near future as we got the all clear for indoor stadium activities as of July the first .

So after a very strange year we are looking forward to getting back to business again and my thanks go out to Taverners members who helped through the especially Zach Boyd who helps at nearly all of our sessions.

John McCaffery

Sports Camp Program

In late October 20 students from local schools attended our School Camp at Corndale School. The children played softball, tennis, golf and cricket. The guest speaker was Richmond Police District Superintendent Toby Lindsay who spoke to the children about being a good citizen and doing what is right. From all reports this was again a very successful weekend.

Thanks to the Corndale School community for their support of this program. We also have a dedicated committee who put this important camp together.

Steve Clough and Don Whitelaw

Tertiary Studies Program

University Scholarships Program:

We now boast four graduates from our University Scholarships program, one from University of New England and three from Southern Cross. Alanna is working in Early Childhood Education, Jess is taking some time out, Lachie is working as an Exercise Physiologist and Shana has returned to university to pursue additional qualifications. Tineka has just one unit to complete and she will also graduate.

We still have Madison and Lauren continuing at New England, while at Southern Cross we still have Michelle, Naomi, Keryn studying to become teachers while they have now been joined by Kobe (studying to eventually become a Psychiatrist) and Sheldon (doing Honours in Indigenous Studies).

As you can see, we have students pursuing a variety of directions but all are, or have been, helped greatly by the scholarships that we award.

We are incredibly lucky to be able to help disadvantaged people to gain a tertiary qualification, and this would not be possible without the donations from our Corporate Partners. These community-minded businesses provide the funds, and we are in the process of coupling our students with these generous partners as we progress the depth of the relationships even further.

We are indeed indebted to the members of our committee, Ron, Don John and June. They give many hours of service selecting then evaluating the progress of our students. We all believe that this program provides strong support to people who would otherwise struggle to complete their chosen degree courses. We look forward to many more years of providing these opportunities.

TAFE/Apprenticeships Grants Program:

Through our special TAFE/Apprenticeship Grants Program we have been able to provide financial assistance to three students, including a future nurse, a future veterinary nurse and a future receptionist – at the Wollongbar TAFE and at the Tamworth TAFE. This program involves an analysis of applications generated by staff at the colleges, which ensures that appropriate needy students are the only ones to apply.

Stan Gilchrist

We have also been extremely fortunate in that we now have a sole corporate partner for the Adam Gilchrist Cricket Scholarship and this may enable us to send a 3rd player next year as we have a very talented local girl from the northern rivers who we hope to get a placement for in Ireland next year. This cricketer would follow both Georgia Redmayne and Sammy Jo Johnson as past scholarship winners of the Adam Gilchrist Cricket Scholarship.

Many thanks for the wonderful help and assistance provided through the year by our committee: Ruth Tinker, Ben Gwilliam, Dr John Brenton and Neil Boyd.

Graeme Hoskins

National Raffle

The Clubs component of the LTNNSW raffle 2019/20 was very successful with total ticket sales of \$12,330. The return to our club was \$6165. A total of 16 clubs and organisations participated and our thanks goes out to all groups for their efforts in supporting us and their clubs. A special thank you to those organisations that participate year in and year out. The 2019 first prize winner came from ticket sales from our LTNNSW branch.

The 2020/21 raffle will commence this year on 1st October and run till 21 January 2021. The draw date will be mid February 2021. The ticket cost will again be \$5. The process of applying for the raffle permit is now underway. The main prize for this year's raffle is a \$10,000 Harvey Norman Gift Voucher. Tickets this year will be available in paper ticket form as well as for the first time in electronic format. Some social media advertising for the raffle will take place and this will help the "sell" for club raffle tickets. Some targeting of the raffle campaign this year will coincide with National Disability Day and National Human Rights Day between 3 to 10 December.

Brian Storey

Cricket Placement Program

Prior to Covid-19 we had called for applications for the Adam Gilchrist Cricket Scholarship which entails a trip to either England or Ireland to play cricket for the entire northern summer. Lord's Taverners Northern NSW has been providing this scholarship for some 10 years now off the back of Adam Gilchrist spending a season at Richmond Cricket Club in England at the start of his illustrious career. Since then we have sent players over every year, originally it was manly male cricketers, however, with the incredible growth in womens cricket in recent times, it has been female cricketers that have been applying in greater numbers and we have been fortunate to have sent some wonderfully talented players.

This year was no different. We had applications by half a dozen female players from all around Australia and it was a very difficult job for our committee to make a selection of just 2 players who were lucky enough to go. We finally selected Piepa Cleary form Perth and Zoe Britcliffe also from Perth to get the scholarships. Piepa was to travel to England and there she would be playing in Lancashire in the T20 championships and in Loughborough for the 50 over competition. Piepa would be well known to most followers of womens cricket having played WBBL for the Scorchers in Perth as well as WNCL for West Australia and, in fact, the West Australian side (with Piepa playing) won the WNCL competition in 2019 defeating NSW.

Our 2nd scholarship winner was Zoe Britcliffe and our committee spoke to a number of cricket contacts in Ireland chasing up a club for Zoe to play at, finally getting a position for her at Leinster Cricket Club. I have to say that the Irish clubs are a delight to deal with and they can never do enough for us in relation to getting spots for our Australian players to play at their clubs.

Of course, due to Covid-19, neither of these girls were able to go and play this year, as there was no cricket in the UK or Ireland until just this last week. We have agreed to hold their scholarships over until the 2021 season and if their clubs are still in a position to take them we will get them there for next year.

Events Committee

Stan Gilchrist's last event as Chairman of this committee was a beauty! Our 10 year anniversary dinner was the last event we were able to hold before being shut down and it was very successful with Steven Bradbury a great choice as guest speaker.

Planned events for the New Year were a dinner with Sir Peter Cosgrove, a lunch at the Eltham Pub and an event for all local Year 12 students with 3 or 4 Paralympians. These have been indefinitely postponed.

We have instituted a series of "Support our Supporters" events with lunches at La Baracca and the Ballina RSL and dinner at the Lismore Workers Club. These have not been fundraisers but more for fellowship. The Eltham Pub lunch will be the next event, restrictions allowing.

It will be some time before our large fundraising events will be possible, but our reserves are such that we are in a position to be able to fund our activities while waiting.

Bruce Ward

Narrabri Cell

Our cell activities have been impacted by both the Covid-19 and the drought. The change in time and format for the Taverner's Narrabri Shire Sports awards was a major success and will be continued in future. Being held in conjunction with the Shire Australia Day Awards brought cohesiveness to the event.

With our focus now on bringing sporting facilitators to our area we have been able to work closely with the DET and organise two Netball clinics at Wee Waa Sporting Complex. This has ensured that the district has a good supply of both community members and teachers to coach and umpire games to a high level. Our thanks must go to Chris Kelleway and Jenny Ekanayake at DET Sports Unit for making this possible.

It was disappointing that we were unable to go ahead with the workshop on Moving Mathematically to be held in Moree as this would have further extended the scope of Taverners.

Whilst our numbers are small, we are always looking for new members and hope to increase this over the next twelve months. We appreciate the continued support from Lismore and look forward to this continuing.

Kathryn Hamilton
Cell Captain

Lord's Taverners Northern NSW Tenth Anniversary Dinner.

On Friday 4th October 2019 we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our branch with a dinner at Trinity College in Lismore. It was ten years since the branch was established and so many young and disadvantaged sporting stars and associated groups had been helped with financial aid, special coaching and competitions, camps and scholarships. Our membership had already grown to above 220, the network of these members being spread over a large footprint from Taree in the south, to Tweed in the north and west to Wee Waa.

Our major sources of income remained as members' fees, corporate partnership donations and our regular dinner functions featuring well-known speakers.

For our Tenth Birthday Celebration the special speaker was Steven Bradbury, renowned for his winning the Speed Skating Gold Medal in the 2002 Winter Olympics. Often referred to as the "last man standing", all other finalists having fallen before reaching the Finish line, Steven had a story to tell that showed that it wasn't just a stroke of luck – two World Championships and 20 years of training for just that event! One organiser of speakers for national and international conferences of medical professionals had described Steven as the best speaker he had ever heard, and he wasn't wrong.

It was a very special night with some innovative activities to boost a two-part (before and after dinner!!) address, all conducted at floor level (to get closer to the audience) and getting a number of patrons involved in his training regime. Who will forget our young member Jared having to quit before the end?

Over 250 people were treated to an excellent meal presented by our Community Partners, UniCatering, and the wonderful birthday cake donated by another Community Partner, La Baracca. Who will forget that we enjoyed the company of officers from Cricket Australia (thank you Aaron), our National branch (thank you JJ) and the man who was responsible for encouraging me to even start the branch (thank you Mike)? And who will forget the stunning job that our fluoro-jacketed Youth Ambassadors did in welcoming guests, guiding them to their places within the many tables, helping to serve the meal and selling raffle tickets.

Members out and about

Volunteering at Darrel Chapman Fun Run and Sampson Challenge. Representing the branch at the Lismore Swans AFL Junior Multicultural Round. And enjoying fellowship at our Golf Day at Byron Bay and Barefoot Bowls.





Our Tertiary Scholars

Lauren, Sheldon, Kobe,
Michelle, Naomi, Keryn,
Madison, Tineka and
Shana.

The event was a wonderful tribute to all of our volunteer members who have joined into the origins, development and administration of so many programs reaching out to the young and disadvantaged in northern NSW. Many of us turned up for a golf day at Byron Bay two days later to raise more funds and especially to enjoy the camaraderie that is so special within our branch.

Due to the Covid-19 lockdowns we have been unable to hold any functions since that event, but I am sure that our new leadership will arrange more functions like this one to raise funds so our branch can continue to give the young and disadvantaged a sporting chance.

Stan Gilchrist
Foundation Chairman

Taverners Australia

The Taverners NNSW branch has just completed a wonderful 10 years since its formation.

The brainchild of Greg Brown and Stan Gilchrist the branch has become a beacon for other branches to follow. Starting as a branch in the traditional way, it began to grow using new and innovative ways to attract members, provide support to the community and become a secure and important part of the Taverner network.

With Chairman, Stan Gilchrist, Graeme Hoskins, Stan again and now Joanne Cooper the leadership has been the key to its success. They have led the various sub committees and volunteers very capably and as with all other branches without remuneration.

I congratulate the branch on what it has done and the many hundreds of recipients of its generosity and goodwill. The NNSW community would be significantly lost without this support

May the next 10 ten years be even more successful

Congratulations

John Jeffreys
National Chairman
Taverners Australia



Life membership badge and certificate presentation to Stan and June Gilchrist



Cake cutting by foundation members at our 10th anniversary dinner

And

Steven B and Stan raising money



Our Malawi Cricket Intern Phil with Ben and Jenny. Above is Phil with some of the team at Malawi Cricket.



Our Cricket Placement girls showing their skills.