

The North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust is pleased to announce finalists for the 2017 MainPower North Canterbury Sports Awards. These finalists were selected from 56 high calibre nominations covering 25 different sporting codes, from grass-roots to international representatives. **CATEGORY** and **SUPREME AWARD** winners will be announced at the awards dinner on Friday 27th October at the Ohoka Sport & Events Centre. Tickets are available now from the North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust. Ph: 03 975 5562. Email: roliver@sportstrust.org.nz

The 2017 finalists are...

Pictured clockwise from top left: Macey Fraser, Kaiapoi High Senior Netball, Claire Ingram, Ben Oliver. Photo credits: Fairfax NZ, Geoff Soper, Gameface



Sportsman (sponsored by N F Preen Fencing)

Curtis Smith - Wheelchair Basketball. A key member of the Canterbury team competing in the national competition and in Australia, Curtis has been selected for the NZ team for the Asia Oceania 2018 World Championship qualification tournament.

Anton Cooper - Mountain Biking. Won his first UCI MTB race in Switzerland this year along with a string of top 20 finishes on the UCI circuit. Currently ranked 6th in the world and the youngest rider in the world's top 20.

Wyatt Crockett - Rugby. A member of Woodend Rugby Club and Super Rugby champion Crusaders, Wyatt recently became the most capped Super Rugby player of all time. Also holds the record for most consecutive test wins (45) with the All Blacks.

Sportswoman (sponsored by R. Grant Electrical)

Bronwyn Dibb - Trampoline. Finished 4th at the World Games against the world's top 10 Double Mini Trampoline athletes - a feat GymSports NZ named as the trampoline "International Performance of the Year".

Ella Greenslade - Rowing. Reserve Single Skull for the NZ Elite Rowing Team and a member of the NZ team competing at the U23 World Champs. 1st in U22 Pair and 2nd in Women's 8 at NZ National Championships.

Momoka Kabori - Golf. Competing in North America Momoka has achieved top 10 finishes including Canadian Jnr Girls (7th), West Coast Conference Champs (9th) and Bruin Wave Invitational (7th). World Amateur Ranking #231.



Tegan Bishop

Junior Sportsman (sponsored by Rangiora New World)

Fraser Sheat - Cricket. Named NZ Young Cricketer of the Year following the National Secondary Schools finals in December 2016. Played for Canterbury Country Cricket Snr team and was selected for Canterbury A matches and Sydney Tour.

Kazuma Kobori - Golf. Canterbury's top-ranked U16 golfer, Kazuma has found form at a number of age-group championships including the NSW Boys Amateur (6th), South Island U17 (2nd) and NZ Age Group Champs (2nd in U15).

Ben Oliver - Mountain Biking. Great results in 2017 have put Ben on the shortlist for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. With several top finishes at U23 level at races in Europe as well victory at NZ Nationals and Oceania Champs, Ben's U23 ranking is #1 in NZ and his world ranking has climbed to 10th.

Junior Sportswoman (sponsored by Rural Livestock)

Jorja Jarrett - Karate. Jorja's results in 2017 include Gold, Silver & Bronze medals in the 14-17 year age group at the NZ National Karate Champs, NZ Open, National Secondary Schools Champs and Canterbury Champs.

Tegan Bishop - Surfing. Canterbury and South Island women's champion in Open, U20 and U17 grades, Tegan was selected for the Canterbury Scholastic Surf team and the NZ team to compete at the World Junior Surf Champs in Sept 2017.

Macey Fraser - Football. A key member of NZ Football's U17 team which qualified for the 2018 World Cup, Macey is also one of the youngest members of the Mainland Pride Football team which took out the National Women's League in 2016.

Ella Hansen - BMX. Ella achieved first place finishes in her age group at the Oceania BMX Champs, NZ Nationals, South Island Champs and the Wellington Champs. She is a member of the NZ Senior Development Squad and was the North Canterbury BMX Club's "Most Outstanding Senior Rider."

Sports Team (sponsored by The Sports Shop)

Sefton Cricket Premier Team. Achieved the triple crown this past summer by winning all three of the Canterbury Country Combined Premier competitions - 1 day, 2 day and 20/20.

Hinemoa-Kaiapoi Hockey Club Grass Women's Team. This season the team broke Hornby's nine-year stranglehold on the Canterbury Hockey Association's Grass Competition with a hard-fought 2-1 win in the winter competition final.

Kaiapoi High School Senior A Netball Team. Winners of the North Canterbury Netball Premier 2 competition and promoted to CHCH Supernet B competition for the first time.

Sports Coach (sponsored by Pegasus Golf & Sports Club)

Nigel Humphreys - Trampoline. NZ team coach to the Indo Pacific Champs, the Australian National Champs and World Games, Nigel continues to raise his athletes to higher honours at all events, including some of the best ever results for NZ athletes at international competitions.

Brigitte Mahan - Swimming. One of NZ's best club swimming coaches, Brigitte helped over 80 swimmers improve across the board this year. Nine of her swimmers broke club records, three broke Canterbury records and with her guidance NC swimmers brought home 14 medals from National Swim meetings.

Sam Watkins & Liam Connelly - Basketball. In charge of NC age-group teams for several years Sam & Liam have built a strong base of players footing it with Canterbury's and South Island's best. Their U17 boys club team finished 2nd in the CBA competition for the last two years while their High School team won the SI secondary school junior tournament.

Sports Administrator (sponsored by Active Health)

Matt Richardson - Rugby. With more than 20 years of rugby experience Matt is a valued member of the Rangiora High School Rugby Committee and the NCRSU JAB Delegates group, as well as the CRFU Junior & Teenage Committee.

Catherine Hannah - Hockey. Taking on the roles of both secretary & treasurer of the Rangiora Hockey Club, Cat continues to coordinate the success of this fast-growing club across all aspects of registrations, accounts, communications, team selections, trainings, skills sessions, social events and more.

Sue McFarlane - Golf. As Rangiora Golf Club Administrator and Secretary Sue is responsible for a wide range of tasks including coordinator of the Pro-Am Tournament. Sue also received a Life Membership to Canterbury Golf this year in recognition of her dedication to women's golf.

Masters Sportsperson (sponsored by Rangiora Vet Centre)

Pat Bodger - Orienteering. At 66 yrs old Pat is excelling at all the Orienteering disciplines and distances. With podium finishes at Oceania & Australian Champs he was also first Kiwi home in the M60 age group at the NZ Mountain Bike Orienteering Champs, and was first Veteran Man at the NZ Ski Orienteering Champs.

Maggie Chorley - Athletics. With age-group titles at the SI Cross Country and the Canterbury Road & Cross Country Championships, Maggie has had an exceptional year. She's also excelling on the track with victories at the Masters Athletic Championships for 800m and 1500m.

Seonaigh Conchie - Multi-Sport. From Rangiora to Hawaii Seonaigh is footing it against the very best in a variety of events. The pinnacle was finishing 2nd in the 45-49 category of the Xterra World Championships in Maui - 38th woman home in a field that included many fully professional athletes.

Sports Official (sponsored by IC Frith)

Karl Hancox - Rugby. North Canterbury's No.1 Rugby referee was appointed to the 2017 Southbridge Shield match, the Luisetti Seeds Ltd Combined competition final and the grand final of the NC Div 1 competition. Karl is again in the Canterbury Referees Rep squad and was nominated for the NZ Wider Referees Training squad.

Harry Skirrow - Basketball. Selected for the final of the South Island Secondary Schools Basketball Zone 4 Senior Tournament and a regular referee in the Christchurch Basketball Club competition as well as the elite schools competition.

Max Chick - Basketball. One of North Canterbury's top basketball referees appointed to officiate games in the Whelan Trophy and Thompson Trophy competitions involving the best school teams in Canterbury.

Sports Personality (sponsored by McAlpines Mitre10 Mega)

Jayne Dewe - Netball. Going beyond the call of duty for Kaiapoi High School netball and showing total dedication to her players has made Jayne a central figure in the recent success of the KHS Senior A team. As well as coaching school and U17 rep teams Jayne also umpires several times a week.

Claire Ingram - Hockey. One of Hinemoa-Kaiapoi Hockey Club's key members, Claire is a player, mentor, fundraiser, coach, manager, administrator and social media coordinator, renowned for nurturing and growing junior hockey within the club.

Caroline Whittaker - Basketball. A major factor in the growth of North Canterbury Basketball, Caroline's passion for the game has made her a constant presence on the sideline at all events, where she provides unwavering support for all players, coaches, referees and officials.

Sports Event (sponsored by Waimakariri District Council)

International Women's Hockey Tests. In March the newly built Waimakariri Hockey Turf hosted two test matches between the Black Sticks women and USA. This brought together a wide cross-section of the community and was one of the highest calibre sporting events to ever take place in North Canterbury.

Greta Valley Marathon Relay. 19 teams and approximately 114 runners took part in this road relay, which is a major fundraiser for the North Canterbury Athletic Club. The fun and scenic event attracted runners from across Canterbury as well as Nelson and was a great promotion for recreational and competitive running.

Amberley Boxing Fight Night. Showcasing amateur boxing, this event was a collaboration between Leithfield Amateur Boxing Club and Amberley Lions. It included 19 bouts between boxers as young as 10 year old, attracting over 500 supporters.

Club of the Year (Peter Allen Safe Sport Award)

ICE Trampoline & Tumbling Sports. This club continues to soar, now with almost 200 members and further success at local, national and international competitions. The club plays an important role in helping local youth keep active and social.

Saracens Rugby Football Club. North Canterbury's largest football club is catering for all ages with the inclusion of a Golden Oldies team for the first time this year and plans to field women's teams in the 2018 season.

Woodend Bowling Club. This 80 year old club has grown strongly in recent years and is attracting many new and younger members, introducing new tournaments and providing opportunities for members and the local school.

Service to Sport (sponsored by The Northern Outlook, Harcourts Twiss-Keir Realty & Hurunui District Council)

Gary Terrell - Rugby. 42 years service to Southbrook Rugby has included two stints as President and now Patron, as well as terms on the NCRSU board. Gary has also given 20 years service to the Southbrook Community Sports Club until his recent retirement.

Wayne St Johnston - Squash. A key administrator with the Rangiora Squash Club for over 30 years, Wayne is current Club Captain, organising the teams for interclub competition as well as maintaining the club's facilities and any other roles that are required. At 71 years old Wayne is one of Canterbury's oldest squash players and is a well known personality of the sport.

Christine Bufton - Netball. Long-serving North Canterbury Netball draw convenor and umpire coordinator, among many other roles. In recent years Christine has taken on the task of overhauling North Canterbury Netball's constitution to match new requirements from Netball New Zealand.



International Hockey