



Dear Carbine Club Members,

Hope you are well and looking forward to catching up with you all for our members' Christmas lunch which we are in the process of planning, at this stage just waiting for final confirmation of potentially Friday December 10 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Kurt Fearnley Scholarship and we are currently only \$3,000.00 from our overall target of \$11,250 for the 2020/2021 commitment so if you haven't had a chance to donate, we have attached the payment slip again for you to do so if you can.

Recently the Carbine Club of NSW, Commonwealth Games Australia and NSW Institute of Sport conducted the induction for the 2022 Kurt Fearnley Scholarship recipients.

It was a fantastic Teams' meeting and the four athletes were over the moon to be chatting on the same screen with their idol Kurt! It really is a great video if you have time to click on the link below and learn more about the quartet who will benefit from our sponsorship next year.



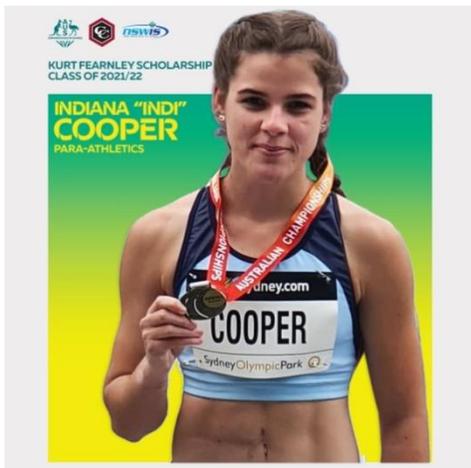
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All four athletes are potential Australian team-members for the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games and further on to the Paris Paralympics and they will benefit hugely from the assistance of some great coaches at NSWIS and through the Commonwealth Games team.

Sarah Clifton-Bligh (Athletics)

Sarah Clifton-Bligh is a bright prospect as a T33/F32 athlete. Athletics Australia believes she is highly likely to represent Australia at B2022 in the T33/34 100m event. She is currently not nationally categorised within the high-performance system (Olympic 2024 prognostic) therefore access to a KFS will assist in service support. Interestingly, if the Women's T33/34 100 metres is included on the 2024 Paralympic Program, it is expected Sarah will represent Australia at the 2024 Paralympic Games and achieve National categorisation within the next 12-18 months.





Indiana Cooper (Athletics)

Indiana Cooper competes in the T38 100m event and continues to improve. Based on the World Paralympic Association rankings as of 29th June 2021, Indiana would have met the B2022 qualification criteria. She is currently not nationally categorised within the high-performance system so the additional support received through a KFS will assist her progression and maximise her chances to qualify for B2022.

Jessy Chen (Table Tennis)

Jessy Chen is an athlete who competes in the Wheelchair (Class 3-5) event. He narrowly missed out on qualifying for Tokyo 2020 (no international ranking) although expected to qualify for B2022. He won the Oceania Regional Class 3-5 Men's singles in 2019. Jessy is categorised within the National Table Tennis Para Squad as a Developing athlete. While the Table Tennis Para Program financially supports Jessy to attend National camps and provides subsidies towards any International Competitions he competes in, he must pay for private coaching sessions, sport science and sport medicine needs. A KFS would provide significant support (financial and otherwise) towards his preparation for B2022.



Alex Tuckfield (Swimming)

Alex Tuckfield competes in the 100BK/S S9 event. He placed 4th in this event at the 2021 Australian Swimming Trials. He is currently not nationally categorised within the high-performance system so the additional support received through a KFS will assist in his progress and maximise his chances to qualify for B2022.

A big thank you to Carbine Club Committee member and CGA CEO Craig Phillips AM for his great assistance to the Carbine Club in understanding our fund-raising has been much reduced through the COVID lockdowns.

However we aren't far from fulfilling our commitment to funding the initial scholarship intakes and then we can support Sarah, Indiana, Jessy and Alex next year.

Many thanks and I'll be in touch hopefully in the next few days once Cricket NSW is more certain of its schedule and we can lock in a very much anticipated members' Christmas function, potentially on Friday December 10.

Stay well and enjoy the upcoming freedoms coming our way from next week!

Best wishes,
Caroline Searcy Chair, Carbine Club of NSW

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