

Sport Makers Recognised with Awards

Sport Tasman is at the heart of a three year nationwide campaign involving Sport New Zealand, Lotto New Zealand and the 17 sports trusts to *'Thank a Sport Maker'* which recognises the thousands of sport volunteers who make sport happen in communities across New Zealand.

All volunteers, regardless of their roles or the sport they are involved in, are eligible to be nominated for recognition as a volunteer. Since the launch of the *'Thank a Sport Maker'* campaign in July this year, the sporting community has nominated over 300 sport makers across the top of the South Island.

Steve Mitchell, Senior Advisor Community Sport, said there have been nominations for people who had given many hours of their time each week to help out at the sport they were passionate about.

"Our sport makers are inspiring individuals who all have gone that extra mile by putting their hand up to help. It makes me very proud knowing there are people in our region putting so much of their own time and effort into sport, into clubs and into their communities. The new partnership between Lotto NZ, Sport New Zealand and the regional sports trusts is a positive step towards recognizing the contributions of our hard working volunteers. We look forward to receiving more nominations over the next three years."

In recognition of the work done by sport volunteers in our region, Sport Tasman has handed out \$7000 worth of sports apparel and gear, courtesy of the Lotto Volunteer Foundation, and hosted four recognition events in Blenheim, Kaikoura, Nelson and Westport. Each attendee was awarded a certificate of appreciation and Lotto Volunteer Foundation apparel. Sport Tasman, courtesy of the Lotto Volunteer Foundation, also handed out sports gear to a number of outstanding volunteers at each of the four events. In addition three volunteers from each region were singled out for the special contribution they had made to sport in their region and each received vouchers to be exchanged for apparel and sports gear, courtesy of the Lotto Volunteer Foundation.



Sport Maker Recognition Event-Westport 2013 Regional Winners

Left to right: Jenny Keenan, Pete Henderson, Garry Howard (Mayor), and Anna Dooley

Recognition Events Regional Prize Winners

Region	Runners Up Prizes \$200 Voucher	Winners \$400 Voucher
Kaikoura	Emma Fissenden & Judith Ford Running Club & Duathlon	Tony Anker Cactus & Rugby
	Marlene Ingram Swimming	
Marlborough	Bernadette Gilmore Awatere Rugby Club	Mel Morris Moutere Rugby Club
	Joyce Patterson Wairau Taekwondo	
Nelson / Tasman	Glenn Grant Rangers Rugby Club	Lawrence Marwick Nelson Badminton Association
	Marilyn Milne Nelson Netball Centre	
Westport	Jenny Keenan Buller Netball Club	Pete Henderson Buller Hockey Association
	Anna Dooley Buller Hockey Association	



Sport Maker Recognition Breakfast –Some of the nominees at the Nelson 2013 event

Left to right- Ian Radcliffe, Martin Lubransky, Karen Bruce, Anne Grange, Glenn Grant, Shanine Hermsen (on behalf of Maureen Clinton Baker), Grant Kerr, Monica Hailes Paku, Ed Book, Nicola Waters, Marilyn Milne, Hamish McKenzie, Marilyn McMillan.



Sport Maker Recognition Breakfast –Marlborough 2013

Nominees listen to Guest Speaker Atu Moli, Head Boy and Captain of Marlborough Boys College 1st XV and NZ Secondary Schools



Sport Maker Recognition Event –Kaikoura 2013 Regional Winners

Left to right- Marlene Ingram, Judith Ford, Tony Anker, Emma Fissenden, Laura Stokes (Sport Tasman-Kaikoura)

\$500 Monthly Draw Winners, courtesy of the NZ Lotto Volunteer Foundation

Month	Nominee	Organisation	Role(s)
August	Luken Chamberlain	Golden Bay High School	Coach
August	Hayden Shadbolt	Harlequins Rugby Club, Blenheim	Coach
September	Natasha Coull	Marlborough Netball Centre	Umpire
September	Brenda Chilvers	Marlborough Netball Centre	Coach, Umpire, Board Member
October	Gary Harwood	Takaka Rugby Club	Coach
October	Helen Houghton	Nelson Gymnastics	Administrator
November	Biddy Getz	Kaikoura High School Rugby	Team Manager
November	Andrew Holdaway	Marlborough Cricket Umpires Association	Association Member