

Lotto New Zealand Buller Sport Maker Awards 2015

- ✚ The Sport Tasman Lotto NZ Buller Sport Maker Awards we held at the Denniston dog on Thursday 26th December. This year the Buller region had 28 nominees from all different sport clubs around Buller. Congratulations to all the nominees, you are all truly deserving of these awards, and you are an inspiration to others. Thank you for all your hard work you have put in to our community over the many year, your work doesn't go unnoticed, and this was our time to give appreciation to you all and say "Thank you".
- ✚ The Sport Maker Awards is a nationwide campaign with the aim of giving recognition to those in our community who give their time freely for the benefit of others in sport. It started with a partnership between Lotto New Zealand and Sport New Zealand in 2013.
- ✚ Sport New Zealand estimate that over 1 million Sport Makers give approximately 50 million hours so that others can take part in sport.
- ✚ So these awards are about recognising outstanding local Sport Makers, like these nominees, who make things happen in our sporting community. Whether you are a coach, manager, referee, official, committee member, or somebody who balances that books or helps to cook the sausages for the fundraiser BBQ, you are all important in helping making things happen. You guys are truly the lifeblood of New Zealand Sport and this was our way of saying thank you!
- ✚ Anyone can nominate a Sport Maker at lottovolunteers.co.nz. So if you know someone in your community who needs a bit of recognition or you would just like to say thank you for all they work they put in, head along to the website and nominate them now. All nominees go in the draw to win \$2000 worth of sports gear for themselves and their team every quarter as well as being in the draw to win an ultimate team experience
- ✚ At last night's awards ceremony, each nominee was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and went in the draw to win one of the Sport Maker spot prizes sponsored by Lotto NZ. In addition to this, the Sport Tasman committee selected 3 outstanding Sport Makers from the Buller regions; 1 winner and 2 runners. The

runners up both received a \$200 voucher for sporting gear from Lotto NZ and the winner received a \$500 voucher.

Buller Nominees:

- Amy McLaughlin Buller Hockey
- Barb Stuart Buller Basketball
- Carmel Skinner Buller Netball
- Chris McSherry Speedway
- Craig Sutherland Sport Tasman Trolley Derby
- Donna Hillier Caltex Westport Netball Club
- Jake Neaves Junior Football
- Jenny Reynolds Kawatiri group Riding for the Disabled
- Kelly Dwyer Buller Hockey
- Kerrie Burrow Buller Cycle Club
- Laurie Ward Junior Football
- Mark Durkin Junior Football
- Nikki Roche Waimangaroa Netball Club
- Rebecca Kerr Reefton Netball Club
- Sarah McDonald Buller Volleyball
- Sheree Cargill Buller Basketball

Those who couldn't be there to receive their award:

- Carol Ferrier Buller Cycle Club
- Grant Fussell Old Boys Rugby Club
- Jodie Bainbridge Sport Tasman events
- Joshua Van Der Weyden Futsal and indoor netball
- Katelyn Elley Sport Tasman events – Coast kids tri and Muddy Buddy
- Lauren Saunders All Sport tasman events
- Leeland Roche Buller Volleyball
- Melanie Elley Sport Tasman Coast kids tri
- Richard Knudsen Buller Hockey
- Sharon Renwick PACT and Cycle Club
- Timmy Coleman Buller Volleyball
- Warrick Ferrier Buller Cycle Club

Second Runner Up – Timmy Coleman, Buller Volleyball

Timmy has been involved with Buller Volleyball for many years now. During volleyball season he will spend every Monday night down at the Solid Energy Centre umpiring back to back games right through till the last game.

As well as his involvement with Buller Volleyball, Timmy is always keen to lend a hand with heaps of different things around the community. Just to name a few of the things Timmy helps out with:

- *Always keen to be a marshal at any event he is free for*
 - *Trolley Derby*
 - *Coast Kids Triathlon*
 - *Buller Women's Tri and many more*
- *Touch Rugby*
- *Speedway*
- *Primary school sports.*

We really appreciated the hours Timmy puts in to helping out his community.

First Runner Up – Richard Knudsen, Buller Hockey

Richard Knudsen is the current president of the Buller Hockey Association and has been for the past 10 years, having 1 year off in-between.

He has coached all age group, both club and representative players since 2004 and is currently coaching the A representative side.

Richard and his wife Taryn ran indoor hockey for 11 years at the old community hall.

He was one of the main instigators to have the turf put in Westport which has proven to be a massive asset to the community. He even took off a week of work to help relay the second turf.

He is now working hard towards getting a working irrigation system installed at the turf.

He is first to help with all working bees and is still enjoying playing club hockey which he has been playing for the past 18 years. Last weekend down in Greymouth he was very proud to be in the winning Buller Masters team taking out the South Island Masters tournament.

He is a real legend in hockey and the community definitely appreciates all your hours you have put in over the years!

Winner of the Buller Sport Maker Volunteer Award 2015 – Kerrie Burrow, Buller Cycle Club

Kerrie has been heavily involved with the cycle club for the past 5 years with her main role being in charge of the traffic management.

Kerrie writes and submits all the traffic management plans with OPUS and the council each year to ensure the cycle club can run their weekly races.

During the season, she is the first one out on the course setting up all the road signs and the last one out after packing them all up again. She does this for 22 races each year.

This role is super important and the Cycle Club literally couldn't run without Kerrie. She has to renew her certification every two years with a 2 day training course she gives up her time to go to.

She also uses these skills to help out with many different local events including the Buller Women's Triathlon, Coast Kids Triathlon and the Trolley Derby.

Kerrie is always out and about in the community volunteering for things. She has been a big part in the new tracks down North Beach and is always willing to give a hand whenever you need her.