



From left, back: Nikki Roche, Mark Durkin, Craig Sutherland, Laurie Ward, Jake Neaves, Amy McLaughlan, Chris McSherry; middle: Donna Hillier, Taryn Knudsen, Kerrie Burrow, Barb Stuart, Kelly Dwyer, Tamika Green (Sport Tasman); front: Sarah McDonald, Carmel Skinner, Rebecca Kerr, Jenny Reynolds. (Photo – Sheree Carrill)

Local sport makers honoured

A woman who has helped the Buller Cycle Club stay on the road for the past five years was awarded Buller Sport Maker of the Year last night.

Kerrie Burrow won from 28 local nominees for the Sport Tasman Lotto NZ Buller Sport Maker awards.

Ms Burrow is in charge of the cycle club's traffic management. She writes and submits traffic management plans to ensure the club can run its weekly races.

She also sets up and removes road signs for 22 races each year.

She has to renew her certification every two years with a two-day training course. She also uses her traffic management skills to help many local events including the Buller Women's Triathlon, Coast Kids' Triathlon and the trolley derby and has helped with work on the Kawatiri Beach Reserve.

Her award included a \$500 voucher for sports gear.

Second place went to Richard Knudsen who has been Buller Hockey president for a decade.

Mr Knudsen has coached all age groups - both club and representative players - since 2004. He is currently coaching the A

representative side.

He and his wife Taryn ran indoor hockey for 11 years. He was one of the main instigators of Westport's artificial turf and took a week off work to help relay the second turf.

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

He helps with working bees, has played club hockey for 18 years and last weekend competed in the Buller masters team that won the South Island Masters tournament. He received a \$200 sports gear voucher.

Third place went to Timmy Coleman who has spent many years involved with Buller Volleyball.

During the season he spends every Monday night at the Solid Energy Centre, umpiring consecutive games.

Mr Coleman also helps out at the trolley derby, the Coast Kids' Triathlon, the Buller Women's Triathlon, touch rugby, speedway and primary school sports.

He received a \$200 sports gear voucher.

Other nominees, all of whom received certificates of appreciation last night, were: Amy McLaughlan 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; Laurie Ward Junior football; Mark Durkin junior football; Nikki Roche Waimangaroa Netball Club; Rebecca Kerr Reefton Netball Club; Sarah McDonald Buller Volleyball; Sheree Carrill Buller Basketball.

Absent: 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 Sport Tasman events; Leeland Roche Buller Volleyball; Melanie Elley Sport Tasman Coast Kids' Tri; Sharon Renwick PACT and cycle club; Warrick Ferrier Buller Cycle Club.

The Sport Maker Awards is a nationwide campaign aimed at recognising community volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of others in sport. Sport New Zealand estimates that over 1 million Sport Makers give about 50 million hours a year.