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Cockburn's junior sports stars awarded travel grants

More than 60 active kids from Cockburn received a share in more than \$25,000 from the City of Cockburn as part of its annual Junior Sports Travel Assistance Program (JSTA).

The 65 recipients of the June and September 2017 rounds have received their funding and many were present to accept certificates from West Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Pole Vaulter Liz Parnov at a ceremony on 29 November.

Ms Parnov is a former Lakeland Senior High School student. She is in training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics after breaking her leg in a freak training accident in April 2016, forcing her to miss out on the Rio Olympics.

The City began funding the travel program nine years ago, with this being the fourth annual JSTA awards night.

Grants of up to \$400 per child help local juniors who achieve representation at either a State or National Level in their chosen sport, to fulfil their sporting dreams.

Among the sports represented in the latest grants included Irish Dancing, Ice Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Athletics, Baseball, Table Tennis and Trampoline.

"The funding really helps us out, especially for my parents and it gives me a chance to travel for competitions", said promising junior athlete Amber Lawless.

Recipients who attended the awards ceremony had a chance to win door prizes donated by the WA Institute of Sport and Perth Heat.

"The City is proud of its continued support of local juniors in pursuing their sporting goals, and we allocate \$50,000 each year from our Budget towards the JSTA program," Mayor Logan Howlett said.



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