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NCRC Youth Sponsorship Contributes to a Bright Future for Northcliffe Kids

In 2015 we are supporting two out of the three applications for youth sponsorship we received from Northcliffe kids...

Michael Keller is Flying High

Michael Keller is receiving our Youth Sponsorship for a second time. We encouraged Michael, as we do all previous sponsorship recipients, to apply again. Our advice is that the best funding programs provide ongoing support for their recipients where possible, rather than just once-off funding.

Michael is up-sizing from model planes to full sized gliders. His sponsorship application requested assistance to attend the September *Wave Camp* gathering in the Stirling Ranges with the Narrogin gliding club. At *Wave Camp* he plans 15 flights in the Puchacz training aircraft. The NCRC has provided \$750 toward the expenses of these flights, tow aircraft, travel, accommodation and food. Other funds will come from Michael's own allowance and generous family support.

The game plan for Michael is to take his first solo flight shortly after *Wave Camp*, once he turns fifteen. This will make him WA's (and possibly Australia's) youngest solo glider pilot. This would be the second record breaking result by a Northcliffe kid with an NCRC sponsorship. The first was Waylon Batt who took out a number of unicycling records and awards in 2012. Good luck Michael—Northcliffe is proud of you!

Hopefully, when Michael returns, we will all be able to enjoy the experience vicariously through articles, photos and video.

Michael is offering to help out anyone from Northcliffe who might like to attend a *Wave Camp* gathering or take a training flight at 'friend of member' rates which are half price. Email: michaelsoar.3000@gmail.com if interested.



Michael with a DG505 two seater glider.

Amara Sinclair-Hill Plans 'Le Grande Tour'

Our second Youth Sponsorship for 2015 was Amara Sinclair-Hill. Amara, who is a student of the French language, will be travelling to Paris and Italy with her Mum (and grandma) later this year. Amara's sponsorship application included an impressively detailed and busy itinerary and budget. This will be a chance for Amara to practice her French and to experience the culture from which the language emerged.

As you can imagine the costs of such a trip are a bit 'off the scale'. The Sinclair-Hill family spend a huge part of their lives in unpaid volunteer roles for the benefit of Northcliffe and thus lose a lot of time they may have otherwise dedicated to paid work. They needed to save about \$10,000 for the whole trip. NCRC has contributed \$825 toward this.

It's a tradition amongst many wealthy families for children to take a 'Grand Tour' of Europe as part of their education. The NCRC are extremely proud to be helping a deserving and less wealthy family in this way. Amara is planning to provide a presentation of her trip to the school and one for the entire community at the CRC. Bon voyage Amara!

The Future for Northcliffe CRC's Youth Sponsorship

NCRC's Annual Youth Sponsorship is supported by Royalties for Regions, the Department of Regional Development and by the customers, members and the volunteers who contribute to the revenue and the running of the NCRC. The Northcliffe District High School have been our invaluable partner in this great scheme. Our thanks to everyone.

Committee members and others have contributed to past sponsorship pools. We invite potential benefactors wishing to become involved with our sponsorship scheme to make contact. Don't be surprised if we get proactive and contact you.

Recipients of the sponsorship sign a marketing agreement with the NCRC and have to propose ways they will reward the community in some way for the support they receive.

Next year we are planning something a little different. With Kath Grainger's help we have hatched a plan for writing a youth sponsorship application to be part of the English curriculum activities for Northcliffe District High School students. This means we can expect quite a few applications and the students will be able to try their hand at a really practical piece of writing, at budgeting and at 'thinking big' and visualising their own future. We will do our best to support all quality applications.

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