

# Junior players sport their just rewards

Carina Leagues Club awarded six grants to outstanding junior sports players from the Camp Hill Carina Welfare Association complex at a presentation dinner held at the Club last month.

The grants, ranging from \$500 to \$1000, are awarded on an annual basis as an initiative of Carina Leagues Club to assist the young members with their training and competition needs.

Carina Leagues Triathlon Club member Ellie Salthouse, 18-years-old, received a \$1000 grant, which meant she will realise her dream of competing overseas in 2012.

"I am so excited to be going to Europe, as it will help get my world rankings up," Ellie said.

"I am so grateful to Carina Leagues for believing in me.

"My next goal is to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

"It will take a lot of determination and commitment to get there, but I just love what I do," she said.

Ellie is currently the Junior Oceania champion for her age, and the Australian under 20 school-age champion.

Charismatic Eric "the eel" Blair has played for Carina Junior Rugby League Football Club for seven years. This year his team won the under 16 Cyril Connell Cup grand final, and Eric was awarded "best back" for the match.

Eric has represented the state as a member of the under 16 Queensland Indigenous team, and last year, Eric was a member of the Brisbane Broncos Junior elite player development squad.

Eric, now aged 16, received a \$500 grant to further him in his dreams of a professional football career.

## CARINA LEAGUES CLUB WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE DESERVING RECIPIENTS:

- Eric Blair, 16-years-old, Carina Junior Rugby League Football Club, \$500
- Melanie Gock, 13-years-old, Carina Leagues CJ's Swim Club, \$500
- Christopher Kacin, 16-years-old, Carina Leagues Redsox Baseball Club, \$500
- Tiana Mangakahia, 16-years-old, Southern Districts Basketball Association, \$1000
- Ellie Salthouse, 18-years-old, Carina Leagues Triathlon Club, \$1000
- Cade Towers, 16-years-old, Southern Districts Basketball Association, \$500

*Ellie Salthouse completing a triathlon cycling leg*

