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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019 MASSEY UNIVERSITY HARBOUR SPORT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

World Champions and many other high achievers in the sporting world highlight the list of finalists for the 2019 Massey University Harbour Sport Excellence Awards.

Local legends include defending Supreme Award winner Lisa Carrington, who is once again a finalist following her double world championship wins. She faces strong competition from an array of talent including Tyla Nathan-Wong, whom has been shortlisted as a nominee in World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year 2019, Danielle McKenzie, 1st - Board Race in the Surf Lifesaving World Championships and 1st in the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Champs in France in September.

Yachting continues to enjoy outstanding success internationally and features finalists across many categories. Paul Snow-Hansen & Dan Wilcox and Logan Dunning Beck & Oscar Gunn are up for the Massey University International Team Performance of the Year and up and coming juniors Seb Menzies and Blake McGlashan are amongst many talented finalists for Junior Teams of the Year, and Junior Sportsman.

The Sportsman of the Year category features finalists in a variety of disciplines. Finalists Include OK Dinghy World Champion, and 12 M World Champion Dan Slater, Ashton Reiser in Canoe Sprint, Cameron McTaggart, Weightlifting bronze at the Commonwealth Championships, Michael Brake 2nd in the Men's Open Pair at the World Championships, Bradlee Ashbee, Swimming, and Isaac Fotu who starred for the Tall Blacks at the World Championships.

Coaching is a crucial component of high-performance sport and some of New Zealand's most successful coaches are in the running for Coach of the Year. Gordon Walker, renowned coach of Lisa Carrington, and David Kosoof and Sam Bartholomew who led their hockey teams to the national title, and well as legendary Yachting coaches Hamish Willcox and Mark Howard, and Weightlifter Coach Ritchie Patterson and Badminton Coach Fanny Megahwati complete the list.

"The Harbour Region has a pool of incredible international and national talent, born locally, but also attracted to the region through High Performance Sport New Zealand, and the opportunity to study locally while training full time" says Harbour Sport Chief Executive Mike Bishop. "We are again so fortunate to be able to celebrate the wonderful talent representing our region who are an inspiration for all of us."

All category winners and the Supreme Award winner will be announced at the Awards Dinner, held at The Spencer on Byron Hotel on November 15th. The dinner will also see two inductees into the Legends of Harbour Hall of Fame.

A full list of finalists for the 18 categories of the 2019 Massey University Harbour Sport Excellence Awards is provided below. For further information or to buy tickets to this year's event, which are also available to the general public, please visit www.harboursport.co.nz/sea

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2019 Massey University Harbour Sport Excellence Awards Finalists

Sportsman of the Year

- Ashton Reiser Canoe Sprint
- Cameron McTarggart Olympic Weightlifting
- Dan Slater Sailing
- Michael Brake Rowing
- Bradlee Ashby Swimming
- Isaac Fotu Basketball

Sportswoman of the Year

- Tyla Nathan-Wong Rugby Sevens
- Elise Beavis Yachting
- Danielle McKenzie Surf Lifesaving
- Portia Bing Athletics
- Lisa Carrington Canoe Racing
- Zoe Hobbs Athletics
- Pia Tapsell Rugby

Junior Sportsman of the Year

- Edward Lau Badminton
- Seb Menzies Yachting
- Blake McGlashan Yachting
- Zephyr Lovelock Snowboarding
- James Catlin Water Polo

Junior Sportswoman of the Year

- Shaunna Li Badminton
- Gina Galloway Swimming
- Aneka Mittendorff Football

- Anna Leat Football
- Emilia Shearer Basketball
- Jaimee Wyatt AFL
- Clodagh Weir Water Polo
- Lucia Doak Water Polo

International Team Performance of the Year

- Logan Dunning Beck & Oscar Gunn Sailing
- Paul Snow-Hansen & Dan Wilcox Sailing
- North Harbour U18 Hawaii Water Polo Team Waterpolo

Regional Sportswoman of the Year

- Christine Adamson Athletics
- Chelsea Herbert Motorsport

Regional Sportsman of the Year

Winner to be announced on the night

Regional Team of the Year

- Harcourts Cooper and Co North Harbour Badminton Team
- Tiger Turf North Harbour Men's Hockey Team
- Tiger Turf North Harbour Women's Hockey Team
- Harbour Raiders Men's Volleyball Team
- North Harbour Women's Water Polo

Junior Team of the Year

- 420 Yachting Team Seb Menzies & Blake McGlashan
- Harcourts Cooper & Co U19 North Harbour Badminton Team
- Westlake Boys High School Premier Badminton Team
- Westlake Girls High School Premier Volleyball Team

Referee/Umpire of the Year

- Heloise Welch Football
- Zak Middleton Netball
- Cory Nicholls Netball
- Simon Taylor Hockey
- Ryan Jones- Basketball
- Cameron Beeton Gymnastics
- Tim Stevens AFL

Coach of the Year

- Fanny Megahwati Badminton
- Gordon Walker Canoe Racing
- Hamish Wilcox Sailing
- Mark Howard Sailing
- Richie Patterson Olympic Weightlifting
- Sam Bartholomew Hockey

• Dave Kosoof - Hockey

Sporting Event of the Year

- Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament
- 2019 Golden Holmes Swimfest
- 2019 North Shore Open Table Tennis

Maori Sports Performer of the Year

- Bryn Hall Harbour Rugby
- Zoe Hobbs Athletics
- Tamara Otene Volleyball
- Tyla Nathan-Wong Rugby Sevens
- Pia Tapsell Rugby

Club of the Year

- North Harbour Gymnastics
- Mairangi Bay Surf Life Saving Club
- North Shore Amateur Swimming Club
- North Harbour Water Polo Club

Volunteer of the Year

- Garry Trewin Football
- Richard Wong Olympic Weightlifting
- Grace Campbell Surf Lifesaving
- Sharon Williamson Hockey
- Paul Conroy Athletics

Innovation in Sport

- Northern Football Federation
- Hungerball Ltd

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