



# 2019 *Australia Day*

## *- Sportsperson of the Year -*

We continue with our celebration of youth, as our 2019 Sportsperson of the Year is our youngest ever winner. And what this young lady has packed into a few years is nothing short of incredible. 2018 has been a huge year for her (and no doubt for her parents!).

She has represented in many sports during 2018, at regional, state, national and international levels.

Sporting organisations she is involved in include:

- Finley Little Athletics
- Cobram Junior Tennis Club
- Finley Squash Club; and
- Finley Netball Club

Our young sportsperson attended Finley Public School in 2018, and represented Riverina four times for athletics, soccer, tennis and cross country; She broke, by 19cm, the School's 12 years girls' high jump record, a record which stood for 40 years.

She holds the Zone record for high jump, and came third in high jump at the State NSW PSSA Championships. She was fourth in Australia for 12 years girls' high jump at School Sport Australia Championships (Nationals).

She is also an accomplished distance runner, and came first in the 12 years girls cross country at regional PSSA level.

Additionally, she was awarded the Finley Zone PSSA Sportsperson of the Year Award, and was also presented with a Riverina Blues award. This prestigious award is presented to those select representatives who meet strict criteria, including:

- Representing Riverina in the nominated sport;
- Gaining selection in a state or national schools team; and

- Winning an individual event at the NSW PSSA Championship or gaining a first, second or third place in an individual event at a National Schools Event.

She competed in Trans Tasman for Little Athletics, a competition for NSW and Auckland athletes in the U11 and U12 age groups, and received the Frank Lubrano trophy, awarded for the best team person.

Additional achievements for 2018 were runner up best and fairest in Finley Netball Club Under 13's team, and eighth in the Murray League Netball Under 13's best and fairest vote count.

Our 2019 Sportsperson of the Year is a sporting all-rounder, who is both a dedicated individual athlete and a committed team player.

The future is bright for this extraordinary young athlete, who has been recognised in testimonials as a fair and respectful player, and a courteous, thoughtful and willing sporting participant.

I am certain she will continue to represent herself, her family and Murrumbidgee Council with pride.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in presenting to you the **2019 Sportsperson of the Year ...**

*- Sienna Burke -*