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Dear Somerville Laundry Lomax,

I am writing to express my gratitude and thanks for your generous sponsorship. It is amazing how every little bit counts and my family and I truly appreciate your contribution. On the 17th of April the NSW teams travelled to Hobart, Tasmania to compete in the Under 18's Australian Championship. As one of the youngest competitors from NSW, I found this tournament to be very valuable and of a high standard of talent. I came away both inspired and determined to continue working hard to achieve my goal of making the Under 18's squad again for the years to come. My team and I had a rather successful tournament, playing strong competitive hockey against some tough opposition, resulting in only 2 losses, 4 draws and 1 win, finishing in 6th place overall. The tournament also presented to be a very enjoyable 10 days full of learning experiences, making new friends and good quality hockey.

After the tournament I travelled to Narrellan, Sydney to play for Far North Coast in the State Championships. At this tournament my team played very well. We won all of our games and this resulted in us winning our division. From this tournament I was fortunately selected in the NSW 2018 Under 18's AAP (Accelerated Athletes Program) squad. Being a part of this squad involves weekly training locally, several training/selection camps in Sydney, where skills and fitness levels are put to the test. The final announcement of the 2018 Under 18's teams will be later this year.

I was also recently selected in the NSW CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges) team. I travelled to Sydney to compete in the Tri Series tournament against public and independent schools. At this tournament I was selected in NSW Under 16's All Schools team. This team will travel to Adelaide in December to participate in the Pacific School Games. This is a great opportunity for me to represent my school and the Lismore community, I am very excited. The NSW All schools organisation has provided each player with raffle tickets to aid the fundraising. The funds from the raffle tickets directly assist my financial cost associated with this tournament. If you can offer any assistance with selling or purchasing raffle tickets at your organisation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on ph: 0403731323. However, I do understand that due to the devastation the flood caused to the Lismore community, that fundraising at this time can be difficult.

Thank you again for your ongoing support in assisting me to reach my goals

Kind regards

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