

SPORT SOUTHLAND FORGING AHEAD WITH NEW INITIATIVES

A cash injection from the ILT Foundation and Invercargill Licensing Trust will allow Sport Southland to develop its organisation further.

Sport Southland has historically been involved in the recreational and well-being aspects of the sporting spectrum but the organisation now also wants to develop sporting codes and elite sport through its sport development team.

The ILT Foundation recently granted the organisation \$80,000 with the ILT also contributing \$40,000 so the plans can go ahead.

Sport Southland chief executive Richard Hoskin said the position of sport development manager had been filled by former Badminton New Zealand chief executive Peter Dunne.

“His job will be to get alongside every sporting organisation in Southland...and work with organisations in a range of areas including governance, administration and on the field.”

The role of coaching director is a joint initiative with SPARC, Sport Southland and the ILT.

“The job will be to identify coaching challenges facing regional sporting organisations, both clubs and schools, from high performance level to getting started,” Hoskin said.

“The person in this role will assist with development and implementation of appropriate strategies to recognise the importance and value of coaches throughout Southland.”

The aim was to increase the quality and quantity of coaching, provide education for coaches with the long term effect of having better-skilled coaches and more successful sporting organisations and players.

“Not every sport will need assistance but we will aid those sports codes that invite us to help.”

ILT Foundation chairman Alan Dennis said he was encouraged by the foresight of Sport Southland in developing these roles.

“There are many people in this city involved in the administration, management and who volunteer their time as coaches.

“We see these positions as a great asset to the sporting fraternity of this city and acknowledge the role of Sport Southland in creating a terrific resource for sports clubs and organisations to allow them to develop and grow – resulting in better results both on and off the field.”

Part of the funding will also assist the organisation in its administration costs and ongoing delivery of programmes to the community.

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