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Berry dares to dream of glory

DESPITE being diagnosed with cancer, local Glenhaven resident Daniel Berry, a rising star in Australian sport, has represented Australia nationally in disabled soccer with his goal to compete in the Paralympics in 2012.

To help him achieve his dreams, Daniel was awarded a Redkite Scholarship last year.

The applications for Redkites Dare to Dream 2010 Scholarship Program are now open for young people aged 16-24 who have cancer at some point in their life.

Daniel was diagnosed with a brain tumour two years ago, causing weakness down his left side and balance and co-ordination problems. He began swimming to aid his recovery and quickly discovered a passion for sport.

Daniel's Redkite Dare to Dream Scholarship Award has helped him pay for the expensive travel costs and sports uniforms.

Daniel recently competed in the Netherlands – the team came in the top eight teams, being the first time for Australia to rank so high with such a young team and Daniel scored his first international goal.

“I was stoked when I won the scholarship because I knew it would help me

financially with the costs associated with football, swimming and athletics,” Daniel said

He is focusing on athletics with the hope of getting to the Paralympics.

He recently competed in the Australian Open National Athletics against professional Paralympians where he scored gold in the long jump.

Earlier this year he broke various Australian under-20 records at the underage nationals where he won four gold medals, two silver, and one bronze Redkite supports children and young people with cancer and their families.

The scholarships allow young people to reach their full potential in areas such as academic study, dance, drama, design, music or sport. There are 31 scholarships to be won, with the national winner receiving \$5000.

Now open to people aged up to 24 years and in addition to the national scholarship prize of \$5000, there are six \$2000 state and regional scholarships, 12 x \$1000 high commendation awards, and 12 x \$500 encouragement awards available.

Applications are open until July 5.

To apply or for more information on the Redkite Scholarship Program, please visit

www.redkite.org.au/scholarships. Or join the Facebook fan page at www.facebook.com/redkitescholarship.



Daniel Berry aims for the Paralympics.