

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## YOUNG POLTALLOCH ROWER SCOOPS SILVER AT NATIONALS



A young Poltalloch rower has collected a silver medal from the *Sydney International Rowing Regatta*, showing once again the strong pool of sporting talent coming out of the Coorong.

Celia Cowan, 16, was sponsored by Coorong District Council's [Individual Sports and Cultural Grants](#) scheme to attend the national championship event during March. A former member of the Murray Bridge Rowing Club, Celia now represents Adelaide University.

Celia made the final of each of her events – Under 21 Lightweight Single, U21 Double, and U21 Quad, with the highlight taking out a silver medal in the *U21 Women's Quad*.

Celia also represented South Australia in the senior state women's team at the Victoria Cup event this month, and took out fourth place.

It's another achievement in a successful career for Celia, who became the Schoolgirl Head Race Champion of Australia last November when she competed in her single scull in the Melbourne Head Regatta on the Yarra River.

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Coorong District Council Mayor Neville Jaensch said the Council was proud to support the region's developing sports people, recognising the important role sports and recreation plays in the physical and mental wellbeing of rural communities.



"It's important to foster and support our young athletes to ensure they have the resources to participate in events at a national level," Mayor Jaensch says.

"We know the costs add up when children begin to attend major sporting and cultural events, and this is a small way Council can alleviate some of that pressure on local families.

"It's also vitally important to recognise the personal achievements of young individuals from the Coorong District Council. This helps show other younger aspiring sports people that rural isolation should not restrict them from being able to pursue their talents and passions."

The [Individual Sports and Cultural Grants](#) scheme is open to people under 18 years of age, still attending high school, who are residents of the Coorong District Council.

Participants are eligible for between \$100 - \$400 grants per representation at State, national and international level; and it's not just sport, grants also cover music and cultural activities.

For more information on the Coorong District Council grants, visit [www.coorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au).

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