



SA PGA Championships events coordinator Bill Burley was excited to help young athlete Amechai Bawden pick out some new soccer boots at Arena Sports. Picture: MICHELLE TREWARTHA.

Liberal party branch elects office bearers

LIBERAL Party Mount Gambier branch members have re-elected Tony Pasin as president.

Mr Pasin - who enters his second term - was voted in at the branch's annual general meeting last week.

He said he was looking forward to the challenge.

"I regard it as a privilege to serve the local branch and I look forward to doing it over the next 12 months," Mr Pasin said.

Other elected office bearers are Roger Saunders, vice president; Margaret Considine, junior vice president; John Kirby, membership officer; and Nevin Lamont, treasurer.

Student chases special olympics goal

A TALENTED youngster headed to the Special Olympics Junior National Games next week has received a generous donation.

SA PGA Championships events coordinator Bill Burley said the organising committee was excited to help eight year old Gordon Education Centre student Amechai Bawden.

"Anyone involved in sport knows the dedication and the financial support required by a family to help their children participate at a national level," Mr Burley said.

"We were only too pleased to be able to help when the request came from Anglican Community Care to support Amechai."

Amechai is the only representative at the event from Mount Gambier and will compete in the long jump, shotput, sprints and walking events, as well as the soccer tournament.

Arena Sports supplied his soccer boots, gloves, socks, mouth and shin guards and running shoes, with the SA PGA Championships organising committee's donation.

Amechai's mother Anne said she was

grateful for the support.

"He has been working very hard and we just would not have been able to supply him with all these goods without some help, so it has been an absolute God-send," she said.

Special Olympics Australia is hosting the multi-sport event in Canberra with more than 400 participants aged from eight to 15 taking part.

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