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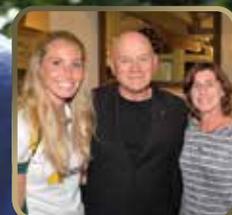
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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to open my Chairman's message having just returned from Western Australia and our highly successful "Inspire The Nation" event, hosted in partnership with our Major Sponsor, Etihad Airways. The event featured a panel of Members; Dawn Fraser AO MBE, Layne Beachley AO and Adam Gilchrist AM.

Attended by an exclusive group of corporate, travel and sporting leaders, along with 10 Hall of Fame Members, guests heard the 'inside story' from Dawn, Layne and Adam. For most, stories and experiences they had never heard before! You could hear a pin drop. Michael Johnson, Senior Manager Sponsorship, Etihad Airways flew in especially from Abu Dhabi for the event. He loved what he saw.

For me, one of the highlights was hearing from our young boxing Scholarship holder Caitlin Parker - on stage with her Mentor, cricketing great Adam Gilchrist AM. The Scholarship and Mentoring Program, now its 10th year, continues to grow, having awarded 61 Scholarships since its inception in 2006. One of the unique qualities of the program is the matching of a Member to each Scholarship holder as a personal Mentor. We aim to match from differing sports so as to provide an alternative view point in the athletes support network. The relationships built this year between our Scholarship holders and their Mentors are incredibly strong, and I am grateful to our 2015 Mentors in Catherine Freeman OAM, David Bell OAM, Debbie Watson OAM, Stan Longinidis and Adam Gilchrist AM for their commitment to these outstanding young Australian athletes, these dream builders of the future.

Application for the 2016 Scholarship are now open (close July 20th). A great program for talented young Australian athletes 21 and under with a \$5,000 grant, and of course, the unparalleled mentoring with one of our Members on offer.

Whilst we were in Perth for the "Inspire The Nation" event, Dawn went off on a secret mission to surprise her old friend Betty Cuthbert AM MBE, and the magnificent cover picture of these two living Legends both in their 78th year, captures the priceless moment when "Our Dawn" reunited with "Golden Girl Betty". Friendships made through sport are no doubt enduring, but none more so than the friendship between two of the world's greatest athletes which spans nearly 60 years. I'm told that as Betty's eyes fixed on the surprise visit from Dawn, they welled with tears of joy before the pair held each other in a lingering embrace. Truly memorable.

Our 31st Induction & Awards Gala Dinner is set for Wednesday 21st October, once again hosted at the Palladium at Crown in Melbourne. Online bookings are now open via www.sahof.org.au and I encourage you to book early as this most prestigious evening on the Australian sporting calendar will again be a sell-out. NB: Invites to Members and previous attendees will be mailed in July.

Our Selection Committee Chairman Rob de Castella AO MBE and his Committee have commenced a review of the Member nomination process and selection criteria to ensure that the awarding of this great sporting honour is held exclusively for the 'best of the best' athletes and 'game changer' officials, sports scientists and media.

We welcome two new Board appointments in Member Zali Steggall OAM (Alpine Skiing) who replaces Vicki Wilson OAM (Netball) and new CAS representative, Rob Bradley who replaced Graham Fredericks. My thanks to the both Vicki and Graham for their contribution over many years and a warm welcome to Zali and Rob.

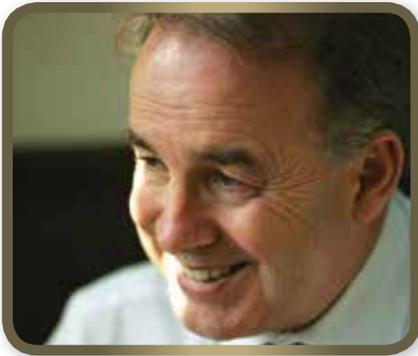
Since our last "Spirit of Sport" publication, we have sadly lost three of our very valued Members in Harry Gordon CMG AM, Kel Nagle AM and Richie Benaud OBE and our long term Dinner MC and video producer - Stephen Phillips. Our condolences to their families. They were magnificent people.

In closing I extend my sincere appreciation to our sponsorship partners for their continued support. Strong partnerships underpin great success and we are fortunate to share many.

I hope to see you all at this year's Induction and Awards Dinner. Enjoy the read.

John Bertrand AM
Chairman
Sport Australia Hall of Fame

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Betty Cuthbert AM MBE and Dawn Fraser AO MBE
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SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

Etihad Airways is pleased to have enjoyed a strong start to 2015 and to have kicked off another year as the Major Sponsor of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame. Our partnership is nearing its sixth anniversary and continues to go from strength to strength.

At the end of 2014, Etihad Airways and The Sport Australia Hall of Fame announced that we would extend our sponsorship for another four years until July 2019, bringing to 10 years Etihad Airways' commitment to The Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

Our close ongoing relationship with The Sport Australia Hall of Fame is a reflection of the high value both organisations place on elite performance and our shared passion for excellence.

At Etihad Airways we are driven to perform at our best. Our ambition is to be the best airline in the world and to consistently deliver a hospitality experience which exceeds our guests' expectations. In our quest to achieve this goal, we are constantly inspired by professional athletes - from ambitious young

people who are beginning their careers through The Sport Australia Hall of Fame's Mentoring and Scholarship Program to Legends who have broken world records and reached world class performance levels. We applaud their dedication, commitment and singular focus on being the best in their chosen field.

Etihad Airways' respect and admiration for professional athletes is evidenced by our investment in sporting partnerships across the world. The airline's sponsorship portfolio includes Etihad Stadium in Manchester, Manchester City Football Club, New York City Football Club, the England Cricket Team, the Mumbai Indians, Major League Soccer, the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship and the Middle East's biggest international sporting event – the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Etihad Airways recently became one of the longest title sponsors in F1 history by extending its sponsorship of the event until 2021, and signed a legacy partnership agreement with Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE) to become the exclusive airline partner of the Washington Capitals (NHL), Washington Wizards (NBA), Washington Mystics (WNBA) and Verizon Centre.

In Australia, Etihad Airways counts its partnership with SAHOF alongside a naming rights sponsorship of Melbourne's Etihad Stadium and a principal partnership with Melbourne City Football Club. Our sporting partnerships are a source of immense pride and we are pleased they have enabled Etihad Airways to strengthen its brand in Australia. The airline is also delighted to support The Shane Warne Foundation and it's amazing work on behalf of underprivileged and sick children.

Australia is an important market for Etihad Airways and the airline continues to invest significant resources here. In June, we will begin flying our flagship Airbus A380 to Sydney and our Boeing 787 Dreamliner to

Brisbane. The aircraft will feature Etihad Airways' groundbreaking next generation cabins – the Economy Smart Seat, Business Studio, First Suite, First Apartment and exclusively on the A380, The Residence – the world's only three room cabin onboard a commercial aircraft. Australian travellers will be among the first in the world to experience this new product and I am confident it will be a game changer.

Etihad Airways is also preparing to strengthen its position in the Victorian market by adding a second daily flight between Melbourne and Abu Dhabi from August 1. The additional flight will enable Etihad Airways to offer travellers the choice of two convenient departure times and seamless connectivity to more than 50 destinations over Abu Dhabi.

We look forward to bringing these and many more exciting initiatives to fruition throughout the rest of 2015. These are exciting times for Etihad Airways in Australia and we are pleased to count our ongoing relationship with The Sport Australia Hall of Fame as a highlight. I look forward to the 2015 Sport Australia Hall of Fame Annual Induction and Awards Gala Dinner in October and to continuing another winning year with The Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

James Hogan
President and Chief Executive Officer
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SAHOF VALE

The Board, Members and Staff of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of our esteemed Members and friends of the Hall of Fame who have passed away recently.



RICHIE BENAUD OBE

Cricket

06.10.1930 - 10.04.2015

Richie Benaud OBE was inducted into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame as part of the inaugural group in 1985, for his contribution to the sport of cricket.

Benaud passed away in Sydney, aged 84. Chairman, John Bertrand AM said Benaud was an iconic figure on and off the field. *"Richie was a great cricket player, captain and personality of this country. He left his indelible signature on the history of the game."* Bertrand said.

Considered as one of Australia's greatest cricket captains and finest all-rounders, as well as one of its most recognisable personalities, Benaud captained Australia in 28 Tests and never lost a series.

Benaud's records in the game of cricket speak for themselves. He is one of a rare group of Australian cricketers to have both scored 10,000 runs and taken 500 wickets in first-class cricket. In 1963, he became the first player in the history of the game to achieve the Test match 'double' of 2000 runs and 200 wickets.

The finest leg-spin bowler of his era, Benaud proved himself a match winner on numerous occasions.

Upon being newly appointed captain, Benaud led Australia to regain the Ashes in 1958/59 after they had been lost to England in the preceding three series and then successfully defended them twice.

His greatest bowling performance came when he took 6/70, giving Australia victory against England and retention of the Ashes at Old Trafford in 1961.

After retiring as a player in 1964, Benaud went on to become a leading cricket broadcaster and writer, as well as part of the fabric of the game and its changes; from Tests to the turbulent World Series era and beyond.



HENRY 'HARRY' GORDON CMG AM

Sports Media / History

09.11.1925 - 21.01.2015

Harry Gordon CMG AM was inducted into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1990 as a General Member for his contribution to sport history and media, Harry also served as a long term Member of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame's Selection Committee.

A beautifully unique person Harry was a true gentleman first with a very distinguished

career spanning 70 years as a journalist, foreign correspondent, editor, author and Olympic historian. When it came to the Olympics, he was without peer.

As a young war correspondent he served with Australian troops in the Korean War, and later became a regular contributor to the New York Times Magazine. During his 20 years as an editor he held such senior posts as Editor of the Melbourne Sun, Editor-In-Chief of the Herald and Weekly Times, Editor-In-Chief of Queensland Newspapers, and Chairman of Australian Associated Press.

He has written 15 books – one of which, *An Eyewitness History of Australia*, won the National Book Council's First Prize for Australian Literature.

As a columnist and featured sportswriter in newspapers and magazines, Gordon wrote mostly about swimming, track and field, tennis, boxing, Australian football and the Olympics. His long association with the Olympic movement began when he covered his first Games, in Helsinki in 1952. Eight of his books have been about sport, including the acclaimed histories: *Australia and the Olympic Games* and *The Time of our Lives* (both about the Olympics),

and *The Hard Way*, the history of the Hawthorn Football Club. He is also Dawn Fraser's biographer.

In 1999 the AOC conferred on him its highest award, the Order of Merit. In 2001 the International Olympic Committee awarded him its highest honour, the Olympic Order, for outstanding service to the Olympic cause. In 2002 he received Australia's inaugural award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports Journalism (conferred by the Australian Sports Commission and the National Press Club). In 2003 the Melbourne Press Club presented him with its Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award, and he was inducted as a Member of the MCG Media Hall of Fame. In 2006 the International Society of Olympic Historians honoured him with its ISOH Award - the supreme award in its field, and the second ever made.

Gordon was a Member of the Selection Committees of both The Sport Australia Hall of Fame and the Australian Football Hall of Fame.

In 1980, Gordon was made a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) for his service to Journalism in Queensland and in 1993, was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the community and to the promotion of Australian sport.



KELVIN 'KEL' NAGLE AM

Golf

21.12.1920 - 29.01.2015

Kelvin 'Kel' Nagle AM was Inducted into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1986 as an Athlete Member for his contribution to the sport of Golf.

Known as Mr. Modesty, Nagle won a tournament every year for 26 years and was a true gentleman of the game.

Nagle, who turned Professional in 1946, was a consistent victor around the globe from 1949 to 1975; securing 61 wins on the PGA Tour of Australasia and two on the PGA TOUR.

Nagle's first big victory came in 1949 at the Australian PGA Championship - an event he went on to win a further five times between 1950 and 1968 and still holds an unbroken record of six wins.

The Aussie favourite also experienced significant success in New Zealand, where he won the New Zealand PGA Championship and the New Zealand Open, seven times respectively.

In Britain and America, Nagle won the 1960 Open Championship (in its centenary year) at St Andrews and finished second in a playoff with Gary Player in the 1965 US Open.

At the time, Player was quoted as saying that Nagle was *"one of the best short game players he had ever seen."*

Nagle's other achievements have included wins at the 1954 World Cup (Montreal), and 1959 World Cup (Melbourne), both in partnership with five-time Open Champion, Peter Thomson, and the 1964 Canada Open.

Nagle teed off in 145 events on the PGA Tour throughout his career.

He continued to play in Australia before joining the PGA Senior Tour (now Champions Tour) in America in the 1970s where he played 102 events from 1981-1989.

In 1980, Nagle was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the sport of golf.

Nagle's outstanding performances in Australia and around the globe were formally recognised in 2007 when he received golf's highest honour - induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Nagle first joined the PGA in 1939 and holds Life Member status.

Nagle's legacy will continue to live on through the Australian PGA Championship, with the Kel Nagle Plate awarded annually to the best performing rookie.

Nagle had a distinguish career admired by many and will be forever remembered as a champion of Australian golf.



STEPHEN PHILLIPS

04.01.1952 - 25.03.2015

Stephen Phillips passed away with wife Jill and children Grace and Tom by his side, after being diagnosed with a brain tumour last year. He was 62.

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame chairman John Bertrand said Stephen was a dedicated and passionate supporter of The Sport

Australia Hall of Fame who made an immense contribution to Australian sport.

"Stephen provided the heartbeat of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame," Bertrand said.

"He first began in the late 1990's, producing videos and writing scripts for the annual awards and induction dinners. His vast knowledge of the history of Australian sport and his capacity to capture an athlete's career in words and pictures made an enormous contribution to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame," Bertrand said.

"From 2007 to 2013 Stephen also acted as MC of the annual awards and induction dinner. His love of Australian sport and the Hall of Fame shone through each and every year. His dedication in gathering the vision of the inductees and the production of the packages that celebrated their career were legendary and this will remain one of his lasting legacies."

"Stephen was an enthusiastic contributor at the committee table where his journalist nous,

knowledge and passion always delivered the best acknowledgement of our Hall of Fame inductees and award winners."

"After his diagnosis and despite his treatment he remained heavily involved in our dinner last year and even weeks before was desperate to remain as host."

"Stephen was able to join the Sport Australia Hall of Fame staff at Christmas lunch and his capacity to hold court, tell a story and entertain continued to shine despite his obvious battle. We are fortunate that this will be our lasting memory of such a dear friend of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame family and the wider Australian sporting community. He will be sadly missed," Bertrand said.

The Board and Members of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to Jill, Grace and Tom.

Farewell our friend.

SAHOF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

We wish to welcome the following two additions to The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Board; Member Zali Steggall OAM and representative for the Confederation of Australian Sport, Rob Bradley. Zali steps in for long serving Board Member Vicki Wilson OAM and Rob replaces former CAS representative Graham Fredericks. We thank both Vicki and Graham for their years of support.



ZALI STEGGALL OAM
Member Alpine Skiing

Zali is a former world champion and Olympic bronze medallist alpine skier. She represented Australia at four Olympic Games (1992, 1994, 1998 and 2002), winning the bronze in the woman's alpine slalom in Nagano, Japan in 1998 making Australian sporting history as the first ever individual medal for Australia at the Winter Olympic Games. She is also the only ever World Alpine Skiing Champion from the Southern hemisphere, winning the gold medal in the women's slalom in Vail, USA, in 1999.

Zali was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her contributions to sport and charities in 2007. Admitted to practice as a barrister since 2008, Zali has enjoyed converting her competitive experience to litigation, practicing in commercial, sports and family law. Zali has been appointed to the Australian Olympic Committee Olympic selection appeal's tribunal, the Football NSW Appeals Tribunals and is a director of the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and member of the Anti Doping Rule Violation Panel for ASADA.

Married with 5 children, Zali is bilingual in French and continues enjoying participating in many sports.

She was inducted into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 2004 and was appointed to the Board in 2015.



ROB BRADLEY
Representative for the Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS)

Rob Bradley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS) an organisation dedicated to promoting the importance of community sport and advocating the contribution that it makes to Australia from health, social and economic perspectives.

From 1996-2013 Rob was CEO of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia leading drowning prevention advocacy, water safety public education and aquatic risk management.

He was chair of the Australian Water Safety Council from its inception in 1998 through until 2013 working to achieve a cooperative and coordinated approach to water safety involving government and water safety agencies.

In 2012 the International Lifesaving Federation made Rob a Grand Knight in the Order of Lifesaving having held numerous senior roles including as President of the ILS Asia Pacific Region.

In addition to serving on the Board of the Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS) from 2009 he also served as a Director of the Australian Amusement Leisure and Recreation Association (AALARA) for ten years from 2003.

CAS has recently released three research reports 'Maximising the Potential of Australian Sport', 'Assessing the benefits of reducing physical inactivity by 15% by 2018' and 'Maintaining the membership of women in sport' in order to gain greater understanding and support for using sport as an effective weapon for preventative health.

GOLDEN GIRL'S REUNITE

Story by Steve Butler,
courtesy of The West Australian.

Unlike so many of their precious moments shared with an adoring worldwide public, perhaps Dawn Fraser and Betty Cuthbert's most touching memory came tucked away in a humble dining room in an aged-care home in Mandurah this week.

Cuthbert, wheelchair-bound and now almost deaf because of her 46-year battle with multiple sclerosis, sat under a knitted rug, locked deep in her own thoughts, when suddenly her face jolted with an expression even more profound than the wide-mouthed look that became her sprinting trademark.

As her eyes fixed on a surprise visit from an approaching Fraser, they welled with tears of joy before the pair held each other in a lingering embrace. As the hug broke, Cuthbert excitedly crooned: "You came to see me."

A handful of facility staff and residents stood gobsmacked.

It was a priceless liaison between two iconic Australian champions - both in their 78th year - more than half a century after they each won Commonwealth Games gold medals in Perth in 1962.

Cuthbert has defied doctor predictions that she would be severely disabled if she ever left hospital after a brain haemorrhage in 2002.

Although the four-times Olympic gold medallist has lost much in her brutal battle with MS, Cuthbert's proud and happy demeanour remains intact and that has been a constant inspiration to one of her oldest friends.

"You talk about strength in people . . . she's got to be the strongest person I've ever known in my life," Fraser said.

"Here she is, suffering MS for 50 years, nearly, and she's still alive today.



"I get things out of Betty when I go and see her that I don't think you'd get out of anyone else because she shows strength.

"She's as deaf as a doornail but she's still got the beautiful smile and beautiful laugh and I think that says everything for a person.

"And the friendships you make in your sport are there for ever."

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2016 SCHOLARSHIP & MENTORING PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame's Vision is to preserve and celebrate the history of Australian Sport and to excite the next generation of Australians to achieve their potential both in sport and life. The Scholarship & Mentoring Program is one opportunity to continue achieving our Vision.

Supported by major sponsor Etihad Airways along with Victoria University, five Scholarships will be awarded for the 2016 year to young Australian athletes (*under 21 as at December 31, 2015).

To help these young Australians achieve at the highest level of their sport, the Scholarship will provide encouragement and funding for 12 months.

More importantly, Scholarship holders will enjoy unrivalled access to and personal one-on-one mentoring from an Inducted Member; surely no greater way to inspire young sports people to fulfil their potential.

Each 12 month Scholarship, valued at over \$10,000, will apply from January 1 to December 31, 2016 and consists of:

- One-on-one personal mentoring by an Inducted Member of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame
- A \$5,000 sporting expenses grant
- On stage presentation of the Scholarship and Certificate at The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Induction & Awards Gala Dinner at the Palladium at Crown Melbourne on Wednesday 21st October, 2015. (Travel cost for recipient covered).
- One international return economy flight within the Etihad Airways network. (For sporting use only).
- The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship Holder' logo for agreed use.

CLOSING DATE – 5PM JULY 20TH, 2015

Nomination forms and full application eligibility criteria are available from www.sahof.org.au/scholarship. Typed applications are preferred.



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2015 SCHOLARSHIP & MENTORING PROGRAM -

Since being formally presented with their Scholarships at the 2014 Gala Dinner, a magnitude of opportunities have opened up for our 2015 recipients.

Six months into the Program and they have all had a number of opportunities to meet with their Mentors and maintain regular communication, which is the beginning of a unique and hopefully enduring relationship throughout their sporting careers.

The recipients have all had a big start to the year with some great results and are looking forward to the months ahead. We took this opportunity to ask our current group how the SAHOF Program has helped them so far and what their plans for the remainder of the year are.



JAKE BENSTED
Judo - VIC

Mentor: Stan Longinidis - Kick Boxing

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame Scholarship and Mentoring Program has been a huge help for me on my journey towards Rio 2016.

Having **Stan "The Man" Longinidis** as my Mentor has been great.

While Judo and Kick Boxing are almost two completely different sports, all combat sports do share a lot in common. Preparing to fight involves being not only physically but also mentally ready, dealing with winning and losing and all the good and bad that comes with that. Combat sports can be very difficult because one mistake and it's all over. Stan's experience and insights into these aspects of sport and life has been invaluable.

Judo is a very small sport in Australia and the Oceania region. This means I must travel and spend long blocks of time in Europe and across Asia in order to have access to world class training partners and competitions. The return international flight with Etihad Airways and the Scholarship grant helps to ease some of the financial burden of doing all this travelling and overseas events. Not having to worry so much about how I'm going to pay for everything will allow me to concentrate more on improving my Judo.

In the next 12 months I will continue competing in important Olympic qualifying competitions around the world. With lots of hard work and a bit of luck, I hope to be able to get myself to a level where I'll be in with a chance to win a medal at 2016 Olympic Games.



PAIGE JAMES
Women's Artistic Gymnastics - WA

Mentor: Catherine Freeman OAM - Athletics

I am very honoured to be a SAHOF Scholarship holder and appreciative of the opportunity it has provided me to be mentored by one of the greats of Australian Sport.

Even though I live in Perth and **Cathy Freeman OAM** resides in Melbourne, we are able to interact via email or mobile. I have found Cathy's advice and insights invaluable. Our interactions haven't just been sport focussed either, Cathy is also a great role model for Indigenous people in general.

My gymnastics schedule is a fairly heavy workload, so our discussions have focussed on discovering ways to ensure I maintain a positive life balance and the need for me to be able to enjoy what down time I have. Cathy has offered me insight into how she would prepare for competitions, finding my own "happy space".

The last few months have been interesting. I started out feeling really strong and fit and that I was hitting my personal goals. There were several Interstate domestic competitions I was looking forward to and I was also selected to represent the Australian Junior team to compete in Italy. Unfortunately, I sustained an injury a week out from competition. Since then it's been all about rest, rehabilitation and strength and conditioning. Once again, I drew upon Cathy's experiences during this phase, gaining insight into how she managed injuries and how to stay focussed and motivated during the rehabilitation period.

I'm almost back into full training and then it's all about re-building my routines to competition standard to ensure that I'm in the best possible shape and ready take advantage of any international assignments scheduled for the last six months of the year. If I'm fortunate enough to be selected, I'm certain my Etihad flight will come in handy.

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TOM O'NEILL-THORNE
Wheelchair Basketball - NT

Mentor: David Bell OAM - Hockey

This Program has been invaluable for me, particularly because I live in Darwin and am quite removed from my team mates, coaches and support staff who live down south. I have been able to build a strong relationship with my Mentor **David Bell OAM**, who coming from a team sport, has had similar experiences to me and can help me in these areas as an elite athlete.

We have great phone conversations and I am so happy to see David in Perth this year when I was there for a camp with the Australian Men's team. He has given me advice and asks me how I am travelling with my schooling, training and gym work. It's good to have another person who is interested in me personally as well as my sporting pathway.

This year I have reduced my playing schedule in the National League so that I can focus on Year 12. It was a hard decision because I love playing basketball, but David has provided advice and support with this.

I will soon be measured up for a new basketball wheelchair. The funds from the Scholarship will allow me to customise my chair so I can improve my skills, speed and endurance on the court.

In November, just before my Year 12 exams, I am hoping to be part of the Australian Men's team to compete at the Olympic qualifiers in Japan. I will be training hard and keeping up my fitness levels and mental strength until then. With the support of David and my coaches I know I have the capacity to get there. My dream is to be selected for Rio in 2016.



CAITLIN PARKER
Boxing - WA

Mentor: Adam Gilchrist AM - Cricket

Being a recipient of the SAHOF Scholarship and Mentoring Program for 2015 has been a great advantage to me. I have been able to put the money that was awarded to me to use for ongoing Physiotherapy and recovery sessions. The grant has also allowed me to get in extra personalised training to help me be focused and improve my skill set.

Another great advantage of the program is having **Adam Gilchrist AM** as my Mentor. I was able to talk to him recently about an issue I had to deal with, prior to my National title competition. He gave me some invaluable advice which helped me remain focused on my goals. He is a great help to me as someone who has reached the pinnacle of his sport and is able to give me advice or even just have a chat about pretty much anything. He also offers me ongoing support.

So far this year I have been selected for shadow squad for the 2016 Olympic Games, as well as the NASP (National Athlete Support Program) for boxing. I won silver at Nationals in a controversial split decision in my first year in the Elite division. I was selected for a 3-week training camp with Great Britain in February, followed by a 2-week multi-nation training camp in China.

There are other international competitions and training camps with Boxing Australia, which I am aiming to be selected; once these are confirmed I will be able to figure out where to use my very handy Etihad Airways flight. My major goal this year is to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Games; I am hoping to get as many competitions in this year as I possibly can to help me achieve my goal, the SAHOF Program has already been a great help with this.



LIZ WATSON
Netball - VIC

Mentor: Debbie Watson OAM - Water Polo

I am so lucky and grateful to be part of the SAHOF Scholarship and Mentoring Program. This program is a great support network for athletes in that it not only provides valuable funding but also the unique access to one of Australia's sporting greats and international travel opportunities to help them achieve their goals.

I have been lucky enough to be Mentored by water polo champion **Debbie Watson OAM**. Debbie is a wonderful role model for me and someone whom I already feel comfortable to chat to about things that are happening in my life. It is great to have someone like Debbie who is there for support and who may not have had the experiences in netball that I have, but is able to relate in experiences in being an elite athlete in a team sport and the demands and pressures that come with that.

Currently I am playing netball with the Melbourne Vixens and I was fortunate enough to be invited into the Australian Netball Diamonds camp this year in preparation for the World Cup to come later this year in Sydney.

For the rest of the year, I am focusing on playing good netball with the Vixens and being prepared to do the hard work to develop my game. Hopefully I can push for Australian selection in the squad/team or Australian under 21 selections, which will compete prior to World Cup in Sydney.

Hopefully I will be able to attend an additional training camp at the back end of the year. The Etihad airfare will assist greatly with this as I would not normally be able to get such an opportunity to train overseas.

YOU WON'T MISS A MOMENT IF YOU DRINKWISE



*A moderation
message connecting
with the public*

While the majority of those who drink alcohol do so responsibly, many can point to times when they have overdone it, or have had their experience of an event lessened because of excessive consumption.

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DrinkWise Australia's initiative, You won't miss a moment if you DrinkWise, has leveraged an alliance of sports sponsors, media and sporting codes to promote drinking in moderation – particularly when enjoying sports, music and other cultural events.

The creative was first broadcast on television and radio and displayed via in-stadium and scoreboard signage during the AFL and NRL Finals in September 2014, and has since been shown during the Spring Racing Carnival, ICC Cricket World Cup and the Australian Open.

DrinkWise chief executive John Scott noted recent market research tracking has shown a terrific response to the initiative.

"The majority of the audience we recently polled are supporters of this initiative, with many indicating that it's making them think and reflect upon how they drink when attending events or watching events at home," Mr Scott said.



You won't miss a moment if you DrinkWise.org.au



Havana Club

"You won't miss a moment if you DrinkWise" invites any organisation or entity with a stake in changing poor drinking cultures to engage in this shared vision: a clear message of moderation.

"This reinforces our philosophy of working towards a safer and healthier drinking culture."

John Scott
DrinkWise, CEO

Gold Partner

For more information, visit
www.drinkwise.org.au.

NEWS FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



VU students helping to shape organisations' futures by delving into the past

VU students, Christopher Little and Jake Kearsley, have been recognised by SAHOF Chairman, **John Bertrand AM**, for their exceptional performance as part of the Sport and Culture summer school placements at The Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

The pair successfully re-scoped elements of the SAHOF Selection Committee documentation and process, leading to an invitation to a two-day meeting of the committee and staff – comprised of **Robert de Castella AO MBE, Bruce McAvaney OAM, Raelene Boyle AM MBE, Alan Davidson AM MBE, Roy Masters AM, Alan Whelpton AO, Mike McKay OAM, Louise Savage OAM, Robert Lay AM, Tania Sullivan and Lauren Hill** – where they proved a valuable resource, according to Bertrand.

Participants in the College of Sport and Exercise Science summer school explore various aspects of sport history with special access to rare objects and archives, and research support from VU staff.

VU also partners with the Western Bulldogs AFL club for the program, with a select group of students given exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the club's treasure trove of objects and artefacts in order to conduct detailed investigations.

Victoria University teams up with Real Madrid

Victoria University's new partnership with Real Madrid Graduate School Universidad Europea (a joint venture between Real Madrid FC and the European University of Madrid) offers sports students behind-the-scenes access to one of the world's most successful sporting clubs.

Signed in February, the five-year deal provides Master of Sports Science (Football Performance) and Master of Sport Business and Integrity students the opportunity to complete a two-week exchange in Spain, where they will be embedded at the school, with direct access to the club.

College of Sport and Exercise Science Dean, Professor Hans Westerbeek, said the partnership will also directly benefit students back home.

"Real Madrid Graduate School Universidad Europea has some of the world's most highly-regarded sports educators, in football especially, and this partnership will see these very people deliver lectures at VU campuses in Australia," Professor Westerbeek said.

Cricket Without Borders Director Ken Jacobs, who is currently enrolled in the Master of Sport Business and Integrity program, expressed his excitement, called it, *"a wonderful opportunity to experience the current sports management and integrity trends in a global sport from a very successful organisation at the very top of that sport."*

Pursuing passion with VU's Master of Sport Business and Integrity

A cricketer who found his calling through VU 10 years ago has returned to undertake the new Master of Sport Business and Integrity course.

"VU is the regarded by many industry professionals as the best sports university in Australia," says Phil Lovell, who studied nursing and worked in civil construction before realising he could turn his passion for sport into a successful career. In 2005 he enrolled in a Bachelor of Sport Science/Sport Administration and, like a fast bowler steaming in to wicket, has never looked back.

Phil now works for NT Cricket as Club and Cricket Operations Officer, managing the development and operations of Club Cricket, Coach Education and High Performance cricket programs across the Northern Territory.

After VU launched the Master of Sport Business and Integrity course 12 months ago at the University's 'Sport in Victoria: Who's really winning?' conference, Phil returned to study.

"I chose the Master of Sport Business and Integrity because it has more relevance to the sports industry in a practical sense than any other course I have undertaken," he said.

"Undertaking the course has refocused my career aspirations and made me work harder in my current role at NT Cricket."

Now firmly settled in the industry, Phil has clear plans for the future.

"Long-term, my goal is to run my own sports consultancy business that provides sports management and athlete development solutions for administrators and coaches across multiple codes, around Australia and internationally."

For more information about the Master of Sport Business and Integrity, **visit vu.edu.au/courses/smsi**

VU will also run a two-day Applied Sport Integrity Leadership workshop in September 2015. Professionals and individuals seeking specialist knowledge in sport integrity can find out more and register at **vu.edu.au/courses/JVAA**, or email **clare.hanlon@vu.edu.au** for details.

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PERTH ETIHAD AIRWAYS “INSPIRE THE NATION” FUNCTION



Out and about with SAHOF Legends, Members and guests.

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame (SAHOF) together with our Major Sponsor Etihad Airways hosted the fourth “Inspire The Nation” event in Perth in May.

The “Inspire The Nation” series is an exclusive cocktail event which provides the opportunity for Etihad Airways clients and guests to hear first hand stories from our Members about their sporting journey.

The Perth event which was attended by leaders from Perth’s corporate, travel and sporting industries featured a special guest panel of **Dawn Fraser, Layne Beachley and Adam Gilchrist**. They were joined at the function by Members **John Bertrand AM, Ric Charlesworth, Margaret Court, Dr Ken Fitch, Brian Griffin, Rechelle Hawkes, Jacqueline Pereira and Liane Tooth**.

Master of Ceremonies, Basil Zempilas from Channel Seven led our panel on a captivating journey treating guests to often ‘off the record’ stories shared by our sporting icons.

The event provided an opportunity for Etihad’s newly appointed West Australian Manager Rohan Farrance to be introduced to the Perth market.

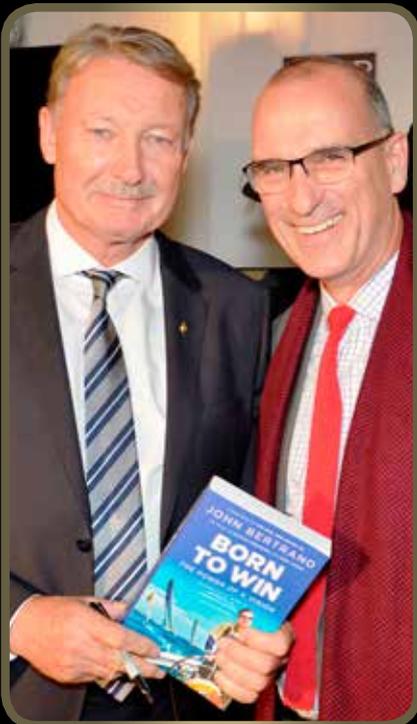
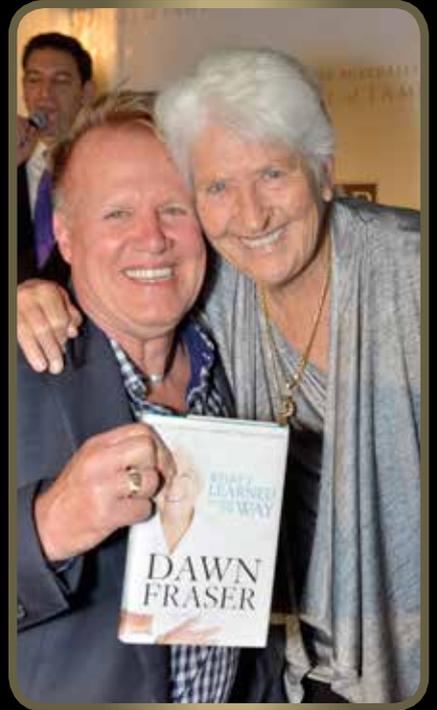
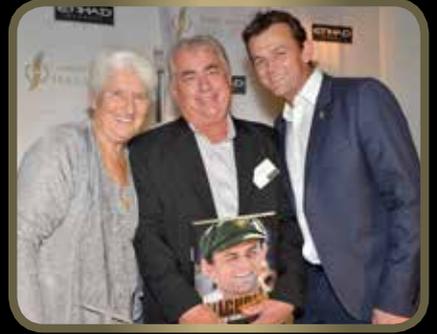
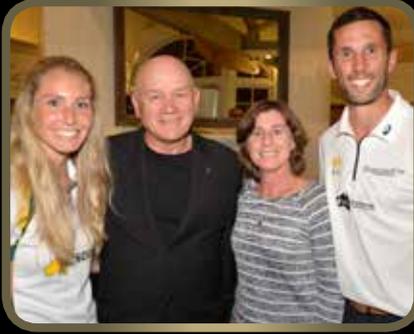
Michael Johnson, Etihad’s Senior Manager of Sponsorship who travelled from Abu Dhabi for the occasion said the event was truly outstanding and provided an excellent opportunity to promote the Etihad | SAHOF partnership and to showcase Etihad to the business leaders of WA.

Guests were also privileged to share an insight to the unique relationship between our 2015 Scholarship holder boxer Caitlin Parker and her Mentor Adam Gilchrist AM.



A hugely successful night, which will be talked about for a long time to come.

We wish to thank all guests who attended and extend our appreciation to our venue hosts Indiana Cottesloe and the Fraser’s Group, our AV partners, Perth Audio Visual and to Seven West Media, Basil Zempilas and Steve Butler for their support of this event.



To see all social photos from the "Inspire the Nation" event, please visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/THESAHO/

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM



As the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) takes on another bumper year of sporting events, the National Sports Museum offers visitors plenty of new things to see and do in 2015.

To celebrate the Cricket World Cup coming to the MCG, the museum, in partnership with **Shane Warne**, launched a new interactive program called Shane Warne's King of Spin Oculus Rift experience. Those who dared to challenge the cricket legend were transported to the MCG pitch via a virtual reality headset where their batting skills were put to the test against a 3D Shane Warne. The experience was available to visitors as a one-off from February 11 to April 18, with the Spin of King himself making a special "in person" visit to the museum during the Cricket World Cup Quarter Final.

The National Sports Museum was also graced by the presence of Prime Minister Tony Abbott during the Cricket World Cup period. The Prime Minister made a special visit to present the trophy he was given by the Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, to commemorate his visit to the MCG. Former MCC President Paul Sheahan and MCC CEO Stephen Gough accepted the trophy on behalf of the museum.

With the State of Origin taking place at the MCG on June 17, the National Sports Museum has installed a new focus case exhibition called 35 years of State of Origin: Rugby League's greatest rivalry. The display, which features a selection of jerseys worn by League greats, celebrates the success of the State of Origin format and looks at the history of interstate Rugby League since the code's arrival in Australia in 1907. Laurie Daley's jersey, Alfie Langer's Wally Lewis Medal and the State of Origin shield (replica) are just some of the items that will be on display as part of this showcase until the end of the year.

Perhaps the most significant exhibition to feature in the museum this year is Rallying the Spirits: Sport on the home front in WWI. As Australians mark the centenary of Anzac Day, this exhibition focuses on the impact World War I had on sport on the home front.



Among the fascinating stories told in the exhibition is that of the lucky horseshoe, which Collingwood Football Club President, Eddie McGuire famously brings along to the Anzac Day clash each year. The historic shoe was sent to the football club to wish them luck in their 1917 finals campaign from the battlefields of France by former star player, Malcolm "Doc" Seddon. And it worked – the Magpies won the premiership that year.

The exhibition also explores the issue of moral pressure. Australian boxer and Sport Australia Hall of Fame member, **Les Darcy**, faced great criticism from the public and the press for not joining the military, despite becoming the middle weight champion.

The exhibition's curator, Helen Walpole, says Rallying the Spirits captures how the war changed Australia's attitude to sport.

"This was a time when Australia was divided," said Walpole. "Some believed that sport was a distraction and that the nation should be

focusing all of its attention on the international crisis. Others felt that sport was essential to rally the spirits in the community.

"This exhibition explores how Australians handled these new moral questions and how their decisions shaped the future of Australian sport."

Rallying the Spirits: Sports on the home front in WWI will run until February 28, 2016 and is included in standard museum entry.

The National Sports Museum is located at Gate 3, at the MCG and is open daily from 10am (check www.nsm.org.au for details).

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Photo 1: Former MCC President Paul Sheahan, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and MCC CEO Stephen Gough.

Photo 2: SAHOF Member **Shane Warne**.

Photo 3: SAHOF Member **Les Darcy**.

Photo 4: Lucky horseshoe.

SAHOF SNIPPETS

Layne's Enchanting evening

7 times Surfing World Champion **Layne Beachley AO** will host a Black Tie Gala Event at the Four Seasons, Sydney in August, for the Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation. The night supports the Foundation's goal to empower young women to invest in their future and fulfil their potential. Details at www.aimforthestars.com.au

Robert de Castella's trip to the north

Selection Committee Chairman **Robert de Castella AO MBE** was on top of the world when one of his Indigenous Marathon Project athletes competed in the gruelling North Pole Marathon. Robert was up there as the coach of Adrian Dodson-Shaw who was the first Indigenous Australian to complete the event.

Michellie answers the call

Michellie Jones will race again for Australia only this time it will be in the form of a guide for vision impaired athlete Katie Kelly. If successful the pair will aim to compete in the sport of Paratriathlon in its debut at the Rio Olympic Games.

Hockey coach goes out on top

Congratulations to retired Kookaburras coach **Ric Charlesworth AM** who took out the International Hockey Federation Men's Coach of the Year. Charlesworth's achievements followed on from bowing out of coaching with a successful World Cup campaign at The Hague.



Trevor Hendy unexpected win

Trevor Hendy AM, a legend of Ironman, took out an unexpected Gold medal at the recent National Surf Life Saving titles. The win was made all the better as it was a come from behind win made with his son TJ.



Michael Milton's guest role

Member **Michael Milton OAM** is no stranger to challenges in life having competed in multiple sports since losing a leg to bone cancer. He was able to inspire Moruya Surf Life Saving clubs Special Nippers, a program for kids with disabilities, when he attended the clubs opening after extensions.



Catherine's missing suit found

We are pleased to hear **Catherine Freeman OAM** has had her missing bodysuit from the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games found after being missing for 14 years. This suit was the one she wore when she lit the cauldron before inspiring a nation.

McGrath expecting third child

Congratulations to Member **Glenn McGrath AM** who is expecting his third child and first child with his wife, Sara Leonardi, the family is expecting the arrival later this year.

Member Inductions and Recognition

Jockey Member, the late **George Moore OBE** has been elevated to Legend within the Australian Racing Hall of Fame. Moore was an inaugural Inductee of The Sport Australia Hall of Fame and now joins fellow SAHOF Members **Bart Cummings AM** and **Arthur "Scobie" Breasley AM** as Legends of their sport.

Member **David Hall OAM** has been recognised as one of the best wheelchair tennis players when he was inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame at the Australian Open. His standing was further confirmed when he was also inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame confirming his standing.

Equestrian Australia has inducted **Neale Lavis OAM** into the Equestrian Australian Hall of Fame for his individual achievement. At the same time, Members who were in the 1992 Eventing Team, **Matthew Ryan OAM**, **Andrew Hoy OAM** and **Gillian Rolton OAM**, have been recognised in the team category. Congratulations to all.

Member **Adam Gilchrist AM** was honoured by being inducted into the Cricket Australia Hall of Fame at the last Allan Border medal ceremony.

The late **Betty Wilson** has been posthumously Inducted as the fifth woman into the International Cricket Hall of Fame. She joins **Belinda Clarke AM** as the two Australian women inducted.

Anthony "David" Graham AM joins illustrious company as he becomes Australia's sixth member to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place in July this year.

Civic Honours

Layne Beachley AO received an Australia Day honour for her charitable work and contribution to the sport of Surfing. Layne was awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).

Also awarded in the Australia Day honours was **David Forbes OAM** who received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to Yachting.

We also congratulate General Manager **Bob Lay AM** who was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to sports administration and athletics in Victoria through a range of executive positions, and to the community.

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THE SPORT AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME AGM

Wednesday 21 October, 2015
Crown Melbourne

THE "31ST INDUCTION & AWARDS DINNER"

Wednesday 21 October, 2015
Palladium at Crown Melbourne

MEMBER MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame wants wish a big Happy Birthday to the following Members who are celebrating a Milestone birthday this year!

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Max Kirwan OAM

Meg Wilson AM

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Ralph Doubell AM

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Alex Jesaulenko

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David Bell OAM

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Noel Donaldson

Adair Ferguson

Gail Neall

Greg Norman AC

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Pam Burrige

Pat Cash

Darren Clark

Michael Doohan AM

Andrew Gaze AM

Stan Longinidis

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