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WAITING FOR THE DAY “WOMEN’S SPORT” BECOMES AN OBSOLETE TERM



During the week of writing this article the Herald Sun featured two articles which demonstrate the extremes of attitudes and support regarding women’s sport and women in sport.

Firstly, Peta Searle was appointed as an Assistant Coach with the Port Melbourne Football Club. This appointment by last year’s VFL Premiers is seen as groundbreaking as Peta is the first female Aussie Rules Football coach to be appointed to such a high position in the VFL/AFL. Peta has the experience and the qualifications for the role and was seen as the best applicant for the job. Port Melbourne are to be congratulated for being the first club at this level to appoint a female coach however I look forward to the day when appointing the best person for a job is not considered ground breaking due to the gender of the applicant!

The second article this week which caught my attention featured Lauryn Eagle, an Aussie water skier, boxer and swimsuit model who is considering an offer to play in the American based Lingerie Football League (LFL). Basically the LFL is Gridiron played by females wearing Gridiron helmets and padding and not much else. I have nothing against females choosing to play in such a competition and good luck to them if they can make a few dollars and have some fun. However, I do find it very sad that such an activity will get TV and media coverage when so many wonderful female athletes and female sporting teams still struggle to get recognition (including Lauryn for her Water Skiing and Boxing talent).

At the 2011 Victorian Sport Awards two amazing athletes were crowned as Male and Female Athletes of the Year. Cadel Evans won the Male Athlete of the Year and quite rightly has an enormous profile in Australia and has received an extraordinary amount of media coverage since his incredible Tour de France victory.

The Female Athlete of the Year was Ashleigh Brennan. Ashleigh is a 20 year old gymnast who won a team gold medal and an individual silver medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and has competed for Australia at the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008 and in World Championships. Ashleigh is a fantastic athlete whose skill and ability should be showcased to entertain the Australian public. Ashleigh, the sport of gymnastics and the public, would certainly benefit from a higher profile that regular TV coverage could provide.

Unfortunately it would seem that the current climate sees the LFL as a more popular option for media executives and viewers. Things are changing though and female sports such as netball, cricket, soccer and basketball are gaining more TV coverage, media exposure and public

support (some government supported). It is sincerely hoped that initiatives such as LFL don’t stop this positive progression.

In addition to the on field activity, many sports are reviewing their governance structures including the make-up of their boards. Currently 29% of all Victorian State Sporting Association (SSA) board members are female. This looks somewhat healthy compared to the top 200 Australian Stock Exchange companies who only have 13% female board members. Interestingly though it is reported that the companies with both genders represented on their boards are more profitable than those without!

Sporting organisations are strongly encouraged to consider the gender balance of their boards – not because it is politically correct but because better decision making will occur.

It will be a significant day when the terms ‘women’s sport’ and ‘women in sport’ are no longer relevant and the word ‘sport’ covers us all!

Mark McAllion
Chief Executive Officer

CADEL EVANS BEATS STAR STUDED FIELD TO BE NAMED 2011 VICTORIAN SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR



The 2011 Victorian Sport Awards saw Tour de France champion Cadel Evans awarded the prestigious Governor's award for 2011 Victorian Sportsperson of the Year held at the Crown Entertainment Complex on Monday 28th November.

The 34 year-old was also named Victorian Male Athlete of the Year for the fifth time together with 2010 Commonwealth Games gymnastics gold medalist Ashleigh Brennan who took out Victorian Female Athlete of the Year - the pair stamping their name on the honour role alongside some of the nation's most renowned sportsmen and women including Cathy Freeman, Ron Barassi, Sharelle McMahon, Andrew Gaze, Steve Moneghetti and Shane Warne.

Victorian Female Athlete of the Year Ashleigh Brennan.

Some of Victoria's best athletes, coaches, officials and administrators came together to celebrate the year's sporting achievements both on and off the field, recognising success within Australia and on the world stage.

In recognition of his historic achievement as the first Australian to win the Tour de France, Evans rose above an impressive list of athletes including Australia's first ever snowboard World Champion Alex Pullin, Australian basketball star Liz Cambage, 2010 Life Saving World Championships



gold medallist Christina Ruiz and British Amateur Golf Championship winner Bryden Macpherson.

vicsport Chief Executive Officer Mark McAllion said "Evans is the most deserving recipient of the Governor's Award for the Victorian Sportsperson of the Year."

"Cadel not only performed extremely well to become the first ever Australian to win the Tour de France but the way he has conducted himself since has had a positive impact in the promotion of Victorian sport and cycling."

Australian sailing legend John Bertrand was recognised with the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award and VIS Head Cycling Coach Dave Sanders was awarded 2011 Victorian Coach of the Year. In other awards the 2011 VicHealth Gaze Sporting Conduct Award was presented to Ray Carroll whilst the Men's Senior Lacrosse Team and the Gymnastics Senior International Women's Team took out the Victorian Men's and Women's Team of the Year titles respectively.

The Under 18 Women's Victorian Hockey Team was named 2011 Victorian Junior Team of the Year.

Rising swimming star Nicholas Groenewald was named Victorian Junior Athlete of the Year and National Basketball League referee Bill Mildenhall took out Victorian Official of the Year.

The 2011 Victorian Sport Awards recognises the achievements for the period of August 2010 through to August 2011.

Matthew Heinrich

"EVANS IS THE MOST DESERVING RECIPIENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR THE VICTORIAN SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR."

VICSPORT CEO MARK MCALLION

2011 VICTORIAN SPORT AWARD WINNERS



VICTORIAN JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Nicholas Groenewald
Swimming

Nicholas Groenewald with presenters Ryan Carters and Susanne Williams (The Reach Foundation)



VICTORIAN JUNIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR



Under 18 Victorian Women's Hockey Team

Nicola Hogan and Meg Pearce with presenter, vicsport CEO Mark McAllion



VICTORIAN MASTERS SPORT AWARD



Janette Jeffrey
Swimming

Janette Jeffrey with presenter, Prof. David Shilbury (Deakin University)



BEST SPORTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE BY AN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATE/ CORPORATE SUPPORTER VICSport MEMBER



City of Casey

Melanie Pratt and Richard Amon with presenter Rob Richard (OAMPS Insurance Brokers)



BEST SPORTS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE BY AN AFFILIATED VICSport MEMBER



Cycling Victoria

Alan Mok, Mark Drehlich and Tom Dixon with presenter, Prof. Russell Hoye (LaTrobe University)



VICTORIAN OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



Bill Mildenhall
Basketball

Bill Mildenhall with presenter Phillip Verheijen (Canterbury International)



VICTORIAN COACH OF THE YEAR



Dave Sanders
Cycling

Michael Roberts accepting on behalf of Dave Sanders with presenter, vicsport Chairman Ian Buckingham



VICSport MEDIA AWARD



Samantha Lane
The Age

MC Angela Piposs accepting on behalf of Samantha Lane with presenter Ann Peacock (Crown)



VICTORIAN MEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR



Men's Senior Lacrosse Team

Graham Rodrigues, Murray Keen, Glenn Merideth, Chris Baker and Chris Hunt with presenter Alistair Ewart (Winning Edge)



VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

Three's a crowd.

Victorian Senior Gymnastics International Team

Ashleigh Brennan and Tracey Penaluna with presenter Darren Scheggia (Three's a Crowd)



VICHEALTH GAZE SPORTING CONDUCT AWARD



Ray Carroll AFL

Ray Carroll with presenter, Lindsay Gaze



VICTORIAN MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – FRANK WILKES AWARD



Cadel Evans Cycling

Michael Roberts accepting on behalf of Cadel Evans with presenter, Minister Hugh Delahunty and MC Angela Piposs



VICTORIAN FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – KITTY McEWAN AWARD



Ashleigh Brennan Gymnastics

Ashleigh Brennan with presenter, Minister Hugh Delahunty



VICTORIAN SPORTS LEADERSHIP AWARD – EUNICE GILL AWARD



Max Wells Surfing

Max Wells with presenter, Minister Hugh Delahunty



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD

John Bertrand Sailing

John Bertrand with presenter, The Honourable Alex Chernov, AO, QC, Governor of Victoria



VICTORIAN SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR – GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Cadel Evans Cycling

Kipp Kaufmann accepting on behalf of Cadel Evans with presenter, The Honourable Alex Chernov, AO, QC, Governor of Victoria

FAIR GAME RESPECT MATTERS: AN AFL VICTORIA PROGRAM CREATING FAMILY FRIENDLY, INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL CLUBS



The Fair Game Respect Matters program is run by AFL Victoria and funded by VicHealth. It was introduced as a pilot program in the Northern Football League (NFL) in 2008 and has since rolled out in the Essendon & District Football League (EDFL) and more recently into the Ballarat Football and Netball League until 2013. The program is about changing the culture in community football clubs to make them more inclusive and friendly towards women and girls. The men and women involved in the program work towards creating more vibrant, family friendly and most importantly, inclusive clubs that value and demonstrate respect for all members.

Before the program was introduced to clubs, the AFL worked with AFL Victoria to consult with women in community clubs to understand what needed to change to make the clubs safer and more inclusive. Based on the findings of the research a toolkit was developed to guide clubs through a change process.

In most cases a man and a woman nominated by their clubs, were introduced to the program through attending a small number of seminars. They were provided with information about the scope and impact of violence

against women in Australia, introduced to the Fair Game Respect Matters toolkit and discussed the link between the two. Drivers then returned to their clubs to introduce the program to their committee of management and take them through a review of club operations.

Clubs which nominated Drivers in positions of influence within their clubs enjoyed greater success than those in which Drivers had little influence. Those that made Fair Game Respect Matters a regular item on the management committee's agenda showed greater capacity to introduce and sustain changes. Clubs also benefited from sharing information, ideas and support together. The opportunity to meet members from other clubs in a setting where they were able to learn from each other was reported to be highly valued by those in attendance. As a result, many of the innovations in clubs grew out of discussions between Drivers.

Katrina Leason, Fair Game Respect Matters Manager (AFL Victoria) stated that "the leadership role taken by football clubs in improving their environments has been inspiring. Clubs are encouraging and mentoring



Club drivers share opinions and ideas at a Fair Game Respect Matters seminar. Image supplied by AFL Victoria.

women to participate equally both on and off the field. Women and girls are not only playing and umpiring but taking senior coaching roles".

The evaluation, conducted by La Trobe University found that more work is needed, and VicHealth has supported this by funding the program until December 2013.

AFL Victoria General Manager, Grant Williams said "AFL Victoria is committed to the ongoing support of the Fair Game Respect Matters Program within the three community football leagues that have committed to the pilot. We need to constantly strive to improve the match day and club environments to ensure

we can nurture participation growth and, more particularly, include women and girls in all aspects of community football, because Respect Matters."

For information and resources on the Fair Game Respect Matters program visit: www.aflvic.com.au (Getting Involved)

Fiona Kuilboer

DOES YOUR SPORT NEED TRAINING IN HANDLING CONFLICT?

So Johnny didn't like the way the coach spoke to him because "she was in my face Mum". But what do the family do to raise the matter and how do the club address the concern?

If your sport is being funded by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) it almost certainly has a member protection policy at the national level. Probably that policy applies also to the state associations and there will most likely be at least one Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) amongst the staff of your National Sporting Organisation (NSO) and State Sporting Association (SSA). These people are trained to assist members to deal with the broad range of issues that are covered by member protection including harassment, racial discrimination, sexist and ageist issues and similar things that make your members feel threatened or discriminated against. The MPIO will help your members understand the process, they are not mediators or arbitrators, and they should be trained in this role.

Recently Paul Horvath (from the ASC) outlined to Victorian based NSOs the refinements that have been made to the Member Protection Policy template to make it easier to follow and hopefully easier to implement. He stated that the policy application includes club templates so that members at all levels feel they are included under the policy.

In this age of social media and instant responses to all sorts of actions and comments do you feel your sport will cope, right down to the Club level? Does our mother with the son who feels bullied know how to tackle the problem above and does the Club have a policy and procedure to deal with the matter? NSOs should have developed a Member Protection Policy which has been endorsed and accepted by the SSA and such a policy should cover all the members. But our aggrieved mother and her son are most likely unaware of the policy, they want to know what can be done to make sure it doesn't happen again, especially to them.

The new Commission Templates will be out early next year but SSAs who are unsure about their responsibilities, who don't currently have trained staff or who are unsure about how to ensure their Clubs have the capacity to deal with Member Protection issues should talk to your NSO and then look for MPIO training opportunities next year. If your sport or clubs would like to undertake MPIO training please contact admin@vicsport.asn.au

Play by the Rules is a national program supported by all governments which provides a wide range of information and resources which can assist Associations and Clubs to deal with specific issues in sports administrators, coaches, officials, players and parents. Visit their site and help yourself to their support. Go to www.playbytherules.net.au

Max Binnington

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2011 **vicsport** AGM was held in conjunction with a member forum on homophobia in sport on 21 November 2011. The AGM was extremely well attended with over 60 people representing numerous **vicsport** members.

Changes to the **vicsport** Board have now occurred. The significant contribution of outgoing **vicsport** Director Leeanne Allen is acknowledged. Leeanne was first elected to the **vicsport** Board in 2005 and her efforts are sincerely appreciated. In addition, Joshua Puls recently stepped down from his position as an appointed Director. Josh has moved to London on a secondment working with the Prince of Wales. Josh is also thanked for his considerable efforts as a **vicsport** Director over the past two years.

A warm welcome is extended to current Table Tennis Victoria CEO Anne King who was elected as **vicsport's** newest Director. Directors Ron Bongetti, Nick Mooney and Stuart Craig whose terms had expired were also re-elected to the Board. The **vicsport** Board also consists of Ian Buckingham, Cheryl McKinna, Naomi Paton, Martin Doulton and Margot Foster.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL VICSPORT MEMBERS!

Affiliate Members

AFL Victoria	8341 6000
Athletics Victoria	9428 8195
Badminton Victoria	9686 4777
Baseball Victoria	9645 8000
Basketball Victoria	9927 6666
BMX Victoria	0448 400 423
Bowls Victoria	9819 6177
Bushwalking Victoria	8846 4131
Calisthenics Victoria	9562 6011
Canoeing Victoria	8846 4120
Confederation of Australian Motor Sport	1300 883 959
Cricknet Victoria	9653 1100
Croquet Victoria	8361 8887
Cycling Victoria	8480 3000
Disability Sports Victoria – VDSAC	9894 1884
Diving Victoria	9686 7534
Equestrian Federation of Australia (VIC)	9013 0707
Fencing Victoria	9521 4430
Football Federation Victoria	9474 1800
GippSport	5135 8335
Golf Victoria	8545 6200
Gymnastics Victoria	9214 6020
Hockey Victoria	8379 4288
Ice Skating Victoria Inc	9570 1169
Lacrosse Victoria	9926 1390
Leisure Networks	5224 9926
Life Saving Victoria	9676 6900
Mallee Sports Assembly Inc	5021 3464
Masters Swimming Victoria	9682 5666
Modern Pentathlon (Victoria) Inc	9857 0110
Motorcycling Victoria	9673 0600
Netball Victoria	9321 2222
Orienteering Victoria	8846 4140
Pony Club Association of Victoria Inc	8685 8925
Pool Victoria	9758 2566
Rowing Victoria	9820 8888
Skate Victoria	5182 6816
South West Sport	5561 1689
Special Olympics Victoria	9877 2769
Sports Central	5331 6966
Sports Focus Inc	5442 3101
Squash Vic	9682 2199
Surfing Victoria	5261 2907
Swimming Victoria	9686 5222
Table Tennis Vic	9682 2011
Target Rifle Victoria	0425 754 236
Tennis Victoria	8420 8420
The Centre (CARN)	5762 4311
Touch Victoria	9206 6755
Triathlon Victoria Inc	9904 4877
ValleySport	5831 8456
VICSRAPID	9926 1382
Victorian Amateur Judo Union	9383 2244
Victorian Amateur Pistol Association	9398 5351
Victorian Baton Twirling Association Inc	9776 8884
Victorian Billiards and Snooker Inc	9360 4144
Victorian Parachute Council	0417 376 792
Victorian Rifle Association	5449 3153
Victorian Rugby League	8412 4942
Victorian Rugby Union	9221 0780

Victorian Snowsports Association (VSA)	0448 766 977
Victorian Softball Association	9360 0817
Victorian Speedway Council Inc	5250 4600
Victorian Synchronised Swimming	9894 2864
Victorian Ten Pin Bowling Association	5823 1841
Victorian Water Polo	9926 1552
Victorian Water Ski Association	9531 1388
Victorian Weightlifting Association Inc	9819 5999
Volleyball Victoria	9794 0009
Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly	5382 4599
Yachting Victoria	9597 0066

Associate Members

ACHPER Victorian Branch	9274 8900
AFL SportsReady	8413 3501
Aquatics and Recreation Victoria	9271 3800
Ararat Rural City Council	5355 0200
Australian Drug Foundation Inc	9278 8100
Australian Paralympic Committee	9614 6800
Ballarat City Council	5320 5641
Banyule City Council	9490 4222
Bass Coast Shire Council	1300 226 278
Baw Baw Shire Council	5624 2468
Bayside City Council	9599 4699
Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport	5444 7700
Boroondara City Council	9278 4792
Buloke Shire Council	5493 7400
Campaspe Shire Council	5481 2200
Cardinia Shire Council	1300 787 624
Central Goldfields Shire Council	5461 0610
City of Casey	9705 5447
City of Greater Bendigo	5434 6000
City of Kingston	9581 4258
City of Melbourne	9658 9865
City of Port Phillip	9209 6514
City of Stonnington	8290 1333
City of Whitehorse	9262 6333
City of Whittlesea	9457 3944
City of Wodonga	02 6022 9300
Corangamite Shire Council	5593 7100
Deakin University	9251 7407
Disability Sport and Recreation	9473 0133
East Gippsland Shire Council	5153 9500
Eastern Football League	9762 5766
Eastern Recreation Leisure Services	9855 9977
Frankston City Council	9784 1888
Gannawarra Shire Council	5450 9333
Glen Eira City Council	9524 3333
Glenelg Shire Council	5522 2200
Golden Plains Shire Council	5220 7111
Gordon Institute of TAFE	5225 0500
Greater Geelong City Council	5227 0270
Greater Shepparton City Council	5832 9536
Hepburn Shire Council	5321 6113
Hindmarsh Shire Council	5391 1811
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE – Fitness	9564 6234
Horsham Rural City Council	5382 9777
Hume City Council	9205 2200
Knox City Council	9298 8236
La Trobe City Council	5128 5660
La Trobe University	9479 5674

La Trobe University Sports Leadership Plus	9479 2973 9489 2999
Loddon Shire Council	5494 1200
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	1300 656 577
Maribyrnong City Council	9688 0211
Maroondah City Council	1300 882 233
Melbourne University Sport	8344 5401
Melton Shire Council	9747 7200
Mildura Rural City Council	5018 8316
Monash City Council	9518 3583
Monash University	9905 8801
Moorabool Shire Council	5366 7100
Moreland City Council	9420 2301
Mornington Peninsula Shire	5950 1740
Mount Alexander Shire Council	5471 1700
Moyne Shire Council	5568 0579
Murrindindi Shire Council	5772 0333
Nillumbik Shire Council	9433 3130
Northern Grampians Shire Council	5358 8700
OAMPS Insurance Brokers	9412 1555
Pyrenees Shire Council	5349 1100
School Sport Victoria	9488 9466
Shire of Yarra Ranges	9294 6736
Short Statured People of Australia (VIC Branch)	9370 6983
Simply Skateboarding	0423 085 956
Sports Medicine Australia Vic	9674 8777
Sports Without Borders	9349 2729
Swan Hill Rural city Council	5036 2333
Towong Shire Council	02 6071 5100
Turf Grass Association Australia	9791 6900
Victoria University Sport and Fitness	9688 4000
Victorian Amateur Football Association	9537 6777
Victorian Country Football League	8341 6060
Victorian Police Amateur Sport and Welfare Society	9566 9470
Warrnambool City Council	5559 4869
West Wimmera Shire Council	5392 7700
Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club	5427 2477
Wyndham City Council	9742 0777
Yarra City Council	9205 5736
Yarriambiack Shire Council	5398 0100
YMCA	9403 5000

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HR Advice Online	1300 720 004
JLT Sport	9613 1458
SportsPeople	1800 634 388
Winning Edge	1300 654 491
Victoria University	9362 0832
Smart Connection Company	8696 7500
Deakin University	9251 7407
OAMPS Insurance Brokers	9412 1555
Three's a Crowd	9326 9133
La Trobe University	9479 5674