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WELCOME

vicsport is pleased to deliver the 2011 September/October Edition of WISe-news.

The last two months have been full of news about women's issues, sport & achievements and what you find here is just a small selection of what has been on offer.

We would also like to ensure that we include more information on our Victorian athletes, administrators and volunteers. If you have news and stories that you feel may be of interest to us, please send it through at least a week prior to publication.

In the mean time, you can keep up with all the latest from vicsport via our social media streams!



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Regards,

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

On The Field...

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6-Sep	Basketball	Gliders	Four Nations Tournament	2nd	Link
9-Sep	Athletics	Sally Pearson	Diamond League - Zurich	1st	Link
9-Sep	Shooting	Catherine Skinner	Trap - World Shotgun Championships	5th	Link
12-Sep	Canoeing	C1 Team (Jess Fox, Ros Lawrence, Leanne Guinea)	Canoe & Kayak Slalom World Camps	1st	Link
12-Sep	Triathlon	Emma Jackson	World Championship Series (Overall)	4th	Link
12-Sep	Football	Matildas	Olympic Qualification Tournament	3rd	Link
12-Sep	Cycling	Sue Powell	C4 Road Race - Para Cycling Road World Championships	1st	Link
12-Sep	Cycling	Sue Powell	C4 Individual Time Trial - Para Cycling Road World Championships	1st	Link
12-Sep	Basketball	Australia	3x3 World Youth Challenge	5th	Link
13-Sep	Tennis	Samantha Stosur	US Open	1st	Link
16-Sep	Table Tennis	Melissa Tapper	British Table Tennis Open	1st	Link
19-Sep	Sailing	Australian Match Racing Team	ISAF Nations Cup	3rd	Link
26-Sep	Basketball	Dandenong Rangers	WNWBL Grand Final	62-59 win	Link
26-Sep	Pistol Shooting	Lalita Yauhleuskaya	World Cup	3rd	Link
26-Sep	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Aust Women's Team	World Championships	23rd	Link
27-Sep	Road Cycling	Jessica Allen	Jnr Women's Time Trial	1st	Link
4-Oct	Basketball	Pearls	Global Games	1st	Link
6-Oct	Hockey	Hockeyroos	Oceania Cup - Game 1	2-1 win	Link
7-Oct	Hockey	Hockeyroos	Oceania Cup - Game 2	3-3 draw	Link
8-Oct	Gymnastics	Australian Women's Team	World Championships	5th	Link
9-Oct	Hockey	Hockeyroos	Oceania Cup - Game 3	2-4 loss	Link
9-Oct	Football	Young Matildas	AFC U19 Women's Championships v DPR Korea	1-0 loss	Link
9-Oct	Football	Young Matildas	AFC U19 Women's Championships v Korea Republic	4-2 loss	Link
10-Oct	Ironwoman	Miranda Carfrae	Hawaii Ironwoman	2nd	Link
10-Oct	Netball	Diamonds	England Test Series	62-47 win	Link
11-Oct	Football	Young Matildas	AFC U19 Women's Championships v Japan	1-0 loss	Link
14-Oct	Football	Young Matildas	AFC U19 Women's Championships v China	3-1 loss	Link
16-Oct	Cycling	Loren Rowney	Honda Hybrid Women's Tour	1st	Link
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16-Oct	Cycling	Loren Rowney	Sprint Champion	1st	Link
16-Oct	Cycling	Lisa Jacobs	Honda Hybrid Women's Tour	2nd	Link
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16-Oct	Cycling	Lisa Jacobs	Queen of the Mountain	1st	Link
17-Oct	Netball	Diamonds	England Test Series	45-41 win	Link
17-Oct	Tennis	Samantha Stosur	Japan Open	Runner Up	Link
21-Oct	Squash	Rachael Grinham	Qatar Classic	4th	Link
24-Oct	Swimming	Rachel Goh	FINA World Cup (Berlin) 50m Backstroke	1st	Link

24-Oct	Swimming	Rachel Goh	FINA World Cup (Berlin) 100m backstroke	2nd	Link
28-Oct	Cricket	VicSpirit	WT20 v Queensland Fire	8 wicket win	Link
20-Oct	Tennis	Zoe Hives	14/u Spring Nationals	1st	Link
21-Oct	Tennis	Janel Manns	Victorian Wheelchair Open	1st	Link
23-Oct	Hockey	Hockeyroos	Lanco International Super Series Final v India	1st	Link
24-Oct	Golf	Frances Bondad	Sanya Ladies Open	1 st	Link
24-Oct	Surfing	Layne Beachley	ISA World Masters	1 st	Link
30-Oct	Netball	Diamonds	Constellation Cup v New Zealand	3-2 series win	Link

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26-Oct	Elly Hatton breaks Australian Women's Barefoot Skiing Record	Link
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Have women in your sport achieved success at the elite level? Let us know! Email fionak@vicsport.asn.au

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CURRENT ISSUES

Battle For Fair Wages Begins With The Remote

18 October 2011 | Kathryn Wicks | Sydney Morning Herald

Basketball star Lauren Jackson's dazzling \$1 million three-year domestic basketball contract is the largest ever awarded to a woman in Australia. But it's not just her bank account that is set to receive a boost from the contract. It has opened the door for women's sport in Australia to bridge the gap that exists between its semi-professional status and genuine professionalism. If only more women would support them.

Many Australian sportswomen have made millions from sport - the tennis player Sam Stosur and the golfer Karrie Webb among them. But no one, before Jackson, has done it entirely inside Australian shores.

Others work just as hard as Jackson yet are lucky to reap even \$50,000 for their club efforts. Like Jackson, they are also among the world's best: the Australian netball captain, Catherine Cox, and her cricketing counterpart, Alex Blackwell, for example. Blackwell, Cox and their teammates live in a semi-professional world, at least in terms of their domestic playing contracts.



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Sport Can Be Brutal, Even For Captains

24 September 2011 | Ron Reed | Herald Sun



Bit by bit, the Australian Olympic team is taking shape. Both hockey teams had their spots handed to them this week when Fiji pulled out of the qualifying tournament because their Government couldn't afford to send them all the way to Hobart.

The islanders had no hope of making it past Australia or New Zealand anyway, but for the young athletes involved it would have been soul-destroying to have their dream killed off without even a chance to pursue it - or to develop their skills against a couple of the world's best.

For Australia so far, most of the news in the countdown to London has been positive, and in some cases - think swimmer James Magnussen, hurdler Sally Pearson, cyclist Cadel Evans and tennis player Sam Stosur - spectacularly so. The applause has been loud and long.

But when one of our more prominent teams came to grief unexpectedly the other day, the silence was deafening. There were few headlines when the women's soccer team, the Matildas, failed to make it through the Asian qualifying tournament in China, but the girls' pain was - and remains - very real. Nobody has been hurting more than the captain, Melissa Barbieri, who arrived home to be greeted by the double whammy that her club, Melbourne Victory, was delisting her.

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Women Are Football Too

19 September 2011 | Skye McTavish | The Diagonal Run

For some football fans, the arrival of Harry Kewell to the A-League has been tarnished by an offensive article from a thoughtless 'journalist'. In a piece from Alex White (published in both the Sunday Herald Sun and Fox Sports website) detailing the presentation of the #22 shirt to Kewell, female fans were portrayed as perving fangirls there only to catch a glimpse of a shirtless Harry Kewell and this has been met with anger by fans sick of being stereotyped.

The line, "... for the female fans the highlight was seeing Kewell semi-naked when he swapped his shirt on the field," does a disservice to dedicated football fans who were there to see the team they love. It is disrespectful to suggest

that the highlight was seeing him sans shirt, rather than seeing him proudly presented with his Victory jersey. Personally, my highlight was seeing Kewell link up superbly with Archie Thompson during the training game, and not seeing him take his clothes off.

This is also not the first time that female football fans have been written off as fangirls, and it won't be the last. This is unfortunate given that this only serves to alienate some of the most knowledgeable, dedicated and amazing fans.

For female sports fans, the important thing is that they don't let this constant misrepresentation and a patronising media stop them from passionately and wholeheartedly supporting their teams and the code. After all, WE are football too.

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Women In The Front Row At 2011 Rugby Union World Cup

21 September 2011 | Katia Moskvitch | BBC News

There are a lot more women now in traditionally male-dominated sports.

Think of rugby union - and a bunch of muscular men kicking and chasing an oval-shaped ball may well come to mind. And, with the 2011 Rugby World Cup under way in New Zealand, it is easy to forget that women have also been playing the game since the 19th century. Indeed, in recent years the fairer sex has been infiltrating this "masculine" game more and more - both on and off the field.

So much so that in March 2011, the International Rugby Board (IRB) announced its first-ever Women's Referee Panel, giving eight women an opportunity to regularly officiate international men's and women's matches.

With women in rugby jerseys rucking and mauling to get the female version of the sport widely accepted, women in business attire have also been working hard to become visible in the world of rugby off the field.

But, as in other sports traditionally perceived as male-dominated, there are still more men than women at the administrative helm of world rugby union - although this culture seems to be slowly changing.

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WOMEN IN SPORT ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS

Suzie Fraser Appointed To AWPI Board

12 October 2011 | Australian Water Polo Inc.

Beijing Olympic Games bronze medallist Suzie Fraser has been appointed to the board of Australian Water Polo Incorporated (AWPI). Fraser, a lawyer with Allens Arthur Robinson in Sydney, comes onto the board as a board appointed member. She has also been a Commissioner of the National Water Polo League since July 2010.



In her career in the pool Fraser won Olympic bronze, FINA World Championships silver (Melbourne 2007) and FINA World Cup gold (Tianjin 2006) as well as winning the 2006 Debbie Watson Prize for Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the National Water Polo League.

Professionally Fraser works in Commercial Litigation at Allens Arthur Robinson, following on from a role with the company's Mergers and Acquisitions group where she was involved in several high profile multi-billion dollar corporate transactions as well as working pro bono with the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy and Fit Space personal training (in its partnership with the Black Dog Institute).

AWPI President Peter Kerr said Fraser, who has first class honours degrees in science and law, brought a valuable mix of youth, water polo knowledge and legal skills to the board.

"Suzie has been around water polo all her life and achieved the pinnacle by winning an Olympic medal in 2008," Kerr said. "Professionally she has achieved further success in a short space of time and her forward thinking and positive attitude will benefit the AWPI board and the sport as a whole. We are delighted to have her involved."

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Champ Not Afraid To Confront Ruling Body

8 October 2011 | Rupert Guinness | Sydney Morning Herald



Anna Meares says the Union Cycliste Internationale respects women's track racing, but still hopes to push for more reform as a member of its new athlete's commission. Meares's road-racing peers may differ in their view of the UCI after the world body's president Pat McQuaid dismissed the idea that they deserve a minimum wage.

But Meares, who was voted onto the UCI athlete's commission with Tour de France champion Cadel Evans, says women's track racing has had some positive change. Meares, the commission's women's track representative, told the *Herald* she does not have the "experience" and "background knowledge" to comment about the minimum-wage issue.

But when asked if she felt the UCI respects women's track racing, she said: "For sure. Women's track - sprinting in particular - has only been around since 1998 in the Olympic Games, and not even much longer in world championships. But 2009 was the year on the track when women were awarded the same prizemoney as the men. In 2004, when I won my first world title, my prizemoney for my gold medal was worth less than the bronze Ryan Bayley won in the sprint. It was devastating. [But] to be able to be involved in a sport and see that change happen is really positive. That's why I am excited to be on the commission ... because I can have an impact not only for the riders who are [there at] present but for the younger generation coming through."

Issues she wants addressed are prizemoney allocation to help riders less supported by governments; the Olympics pathway for young riders limited by entry restrictions; and programming at the Olympics to allow greater opportunity for specialists.

Meares is willing to press the UCI. She was one of its biggest opponents when it cut the women's 500-metre time trial from the Olympics. "Now that there is a formal avenue to do that - even though it is seven years later - it is about time."

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Eugenie Buckley Steps Down As Brisbane Roar Chief

20 September 2011 | Australian Leisure Management

Football Federation Australia has confirmed that Brisbane Roar Chief Executive Eugenie Buckley is to step down from her position to take up other opportunities following the completion of her contract with the Hyundai A-League Club.

Originally brought in to restructure the Brisbane Roar Football Club, Buckley has worked tirelessly to bring some highly successful changes to the organisation and structure of the Club including doubling Brisbane Roar season memberships for the coming season to 3842 members, significantly increasing corporate hospitality and achieving a range of significant sponsorship targets.

Following the completion of this initial restructuring process Buckley will be moving on to other projects while leaving the club in a very strong position to now push forward and excel both on and off the pitch for the upcoming Hyundai A-League 2011/12 season.

Michael Bowers will take up the role of acting Chief Executive in the interim to continue the good work started by Buckley and her team.

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Stars' Diamond Edge

23 September 2011 | Cricket Victoria & Bendigo Advertiser

Australian Diamonds Captain Sharelle McMahon may well be the Melbourne Stars' secret weapon. An avid cricket follower, McMahon joins other sporting and business heavyweights, John Wylie, Damien Fleming, David Evans, Clint Cooper, Malcolm Smith and Eddie McGuire in the Stars' off-field line-up as a board member.

She recently spoke to the *Bendigo Advertiser* about her cricket background, "I've always had a level of involvement in cricket, right back to when I was at home in Bamawm," McMahon said. "I've grown



up watching it and spent a lot of time around cricket clubs. My dad was a bit of a local sporting legend and played a bit of footy, too, but cricket was his big passion. He is quite proud of his achievements and always lets me know about them."

Having been a part of the establishment of the Melbourne Vixens as a new franchise in the ANZ Championship in 2007, McMahon will be an asset to the Stars as they look to establish their brand and develop a fan base.

"Certainly Twenty20 cricket and this new competition will have a lot of similarities to what we had when we set up the Vixens," she said. "One of the things we put a lot of focus into at the Vixens was to create a strong brand, and that is something we're aiming to do with the Stars."

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WOMEN IN ELITE SPORT

Ellie Cole Voted IPC Athlete Of The Month

13 September 2011 | IPC Media | Australian Paralympic Committee



Australia's Ellie Cole has been voted the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC) Athlete of the Month for August after swimming to six gold medals at the Pan Pacific Para Swimming Championships in Edmonton, Canada.

Cole received 41 percent of the vote on the IPC's Facebook poll to beat Portugal's Boccia star, Abilito Valente, who claimed 36 percent of the vote. Canada's Christine Selinger (Para-Canoe), Korea's Jeon Ho Wan (Boccia) and Great Britain's Sonar Sailing Team were also up for the award.

The 20-year-old returned to Australia with victories in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 200m Medley (S9) races.

"I was actually surprised just to have won the first event, and then I won the second and then the third, and I was like, 'I wonder if I can keep this ball rolling?' And then I did," Cole told www.paralympic.org.

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Nfinity Sponsors Australian Women's Volleyball Team

1 October 2011 | Volleyball Magazine

Female footwear company Nfinity has announced that they are jumping into the Australian volleyball landscape by providing all members of the Australian Volleyball Federation's women's program with their signature BioniQ 2.0 women's volleyball shoe.

"Women's sports in Australia struggle to compete against the many men's sports for profile and therefore sponsorship is always a challenge," said Volleyball Australia CEO Joan Perry in a recent press release. "To have a partner in Nfinity is a boost for our Women's National Team. It is even more exciting that we are able to link our team to product like Nfinity which is designed specifically for women."



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Netball Secures Blanket TV Coverage

21 September 2011 | Warren Partland | The Advertiser



The ANZ Championship has secured with Network 10 the biggest TV deal in Australian women's team sport history. The Trans Tasman Netball League yesterday announced all 69 games will be shown on the network, allaying fears television coverage would be cut following Ten's decision to revamp its programming on ONE.

All matches played in Australia will be shown on Ten while the games in New Zealand will be telecast on ONE. The coverage will include four hours on Sundays

starting at noon.

The Adelaide Thunderbirds have been given the honour of hosting the opening game of the season when they clash with the NSW Swifts at ETSA Park on March 31. The contest will be shown live on Ten. The Thunderbirds have six home games at ETSA Park and will face three trips to New Zealand.

TTNL general manager Anthony Everard said this would be an opportunity for the ANZ Championship to take another significant step forward.

"This is a step in the right direction for the sport and we are confident it will mean more people watching the competition," he said. "We acknowledge the good work Ten has done and this is an extension of the foundations it has laid."

Next year's draw will revert to the 17-week format with 14 minor rounds and three weeks of finals. This season was compressed because of the world championships in Singapore in July. All matches will be played on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. The five Australian teams will play each other twice and their NZ rivals once.

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GETTING INVOLVED

Victorian Sport Awards

vicsport

vicsport is pleased to present the annual **Victorian Sport Awards**.

To be held **Monday, November 28** at the **Crown Entertainment Complex** the Gala 2011 Victorian Sport Awards function will bring together Victoria's best athletes, coaches, officials and administrators to celebrate the year's sporting achievements both on and off the field, recognising success within Australia and on the world stage.

For more information on the Victorian Sport Awards, visit the [vicsport website](#).

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Women Achieving and Flourishing

Our Community

This introductory Our Community workshop will allow you to:

- Share your experiences in leadership and talk about ways of leading;
- Learn how to implement change; and
- Find ways to achieve goals, develop resilience and flourish.

Date: Wednesday 16 November

Time: 9.30am - 1pm

Venue: Karstens, Level 12,
123 Queen Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$145

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Women Leaders – Taking The Next Steps

Our Community

This advanced course, run by Our Community, builds on the very successful introductory course (Women Achieving and Flourishing). It will allow you to discover and share skills on:

- Becoming the leader/manager you would want to work for;
- The secrets of good performance management;
- Ways to create sustainable organisational change;
- Planning your career;
- Overcoming barriers; and
- Hints on surviving and thriving.

Date: Thursday 17 November

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vicsport AGM and SportsTalk #4 vicsport

The 2011 **vicsport** AGM will take place at 12pm on Monday 21 November. It will be held in the Training Room – Level 1 Sports House preceding SportsTalk #4: Fair go, sport!

Fair go, sport!

Promoting Sexual and Gender Diversity in Sport - A Facilitated Discussion

Club and State representative Hockey player Gus Johnston will highlight his personal challenges and experiences in relation to his sexuality, and representatives from Hockey Victoria, other SSAs and Club level sport will discuss the process they followed to promote sexual and gender diversity, including the successes and challenges of the 'Fair go, sport!' project.

- Panel Members:** Peter Gourlay - Senior Education Consultant, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
Ben Hartung - Chief Executive Officer, Hockey Victoria
Gus Johnston - Former Victorian & State League Hockey Player
Representatives - Grassroots Hockey Clubs
- Date:** Monday, 21 November 2011
- Venue:** Training Room – Level 1 Sports House 375 Albert Rd South Melbourne
Parking is available in the multilevel carpark adjacent to Sports House for a small fee.
- Time:** 12pm-2pm light lunch provided (in conjunction with **vicsport's** AGM)
- RSVP:** RSVP to admin@vicsport.asn.au by Wednesday 16 November. Staff and/or board members from all vicsport members are welcome.

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Coaches Talking With Coaches

vicsport, Athletics Australia & Tennis Australia

vicsport, Athletics Australia and Tennis Australia have joined together to bring you the Coach Education experience of a lifetime.

This **FREE** forum will focus on the careers of two great Australian coaches and explore their journeys, challenges and learning's. Their stories will inspire and enlighten you, focusing on working with talented athletes, transition from junior to senior, dealing with expectations and balancing work and life. The Q&A will allow you to talk with these amazing coaches.

- Date:** Wednesday 23 November 2011
- Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm (Sandwiches & refreshments available from 6.30pm)
- Location:** Wesley College, Senior School Lecture Theatre
St Kilda Rd Campus – Melbourne (Entre from Punt Rd)
- Featuring:** Sharon Hannan (Coach of 2011 World Champion 100m Hurdles – Sally Pearson)
Scott Draper (Tennis Australia Manager – National Academy and former coach of Lleyton Hewitt).

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Building Your Club Online Workshops

GippSport

GippSport, vicsport & Regional Sports Network Victoria (RSNV) are proud to present two FREE 1 hour, online workshops to support your club!

INCLUSIVE COACHING

Monday 21 November @ 8:00 p.m.

(Presenter: The Big Issue's National Street Soccer Coach George Halkias)

More information: GippSport

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SMAANZ 17th Annual Conference and Sport Business Forum

The 17th annual conference of the Sport Management Association of Australia and New Zealand will be hosted by the La Trobe University Centre for Sport and Social Impact at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. On November 23 the conference will open with the Sport Business Forum, which features a range of high profile speakers from the sport industry.

On November 24 the two-day academic program will commence, with a range of Australian, New Zealand and international presenters. The theme for this year's academic program is 'research with relevance' and prospective presenters are encouraged to submit an abstract by July 1. This year's SMAANZ conference promises to be an exciting event - we look forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

When: 23 November – Sports Business Forum
24-25 November – 2011 Academic Conference

Contact: Emma Sherry (PhD), SMAANZ Secretary
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Email: info@smaanz.org

Where: Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

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Outstanding Women's Series

Australian Institute of Management (Vic)

In 2011, the Outstanding Women's Breakfast Series is full of diversity with five unique and highly successful business women sharing their career highlights, inspirations and challenges in both life and business.

From each of these women a fascinating account of achievement, ingenuity and sometimes adversity can be found. Join AIM for these breakfast events to be inspired by these captivating women who have reached the pinnacle of success in their fields. Don't miss your opportunity to be inspired.

Date: Friday 25th Nov – Bettina Arndt

Cost: Varies – check the website

Venue: Grand Hyatt, 123 Collins Street, Melbourne

To Book: [Visit the AIM website](#)

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The Future of Australian Sport

Australian Sports Commission & CSIRO

The [Australian Sports Commission](#) (ASC) has partnered with [CSIRO](#) to predict a range of trends that may impact the future of Australian sport. The study, a first of its kind within the field of Australian sport, will examine these trends to paint a vivid picture of what Australian sport may look like in 10, 20 or 30 years from now.

Identifying the emergence of new trends in lifestyles, social values, technology and competitive advantage and understanding their impact is vital if we wish to plan for and shape a sustainable future.

If you have not yet participated in this study, the ASC are keen to hear your views on future trends that could impact the future of Australian sport.

To share your insights, please visit the online forum below before **21 December 2011**: <http://teams-apps.csiro.au/sites/SportsFutures>

To request login details, please email FutureSports@csiro.au

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2011 Women in Basketball Luncheon

Basketball Victoria

Once again Basketball Victoria will be coming together with member organisations to recognise the contributions and achievements of women involved in our great game and to draw close on another very exciting and rewarding year in Basketball.



Date: Friday 2nd December

Time: 12noon - 2.30pm

Location: Malvern Valley Receptions

(Golfers Rd Malvern East, Melways Ref 69, C1)

Tickets: \$30 (inc. Canapés, champagne on arrival, 2 course meal, guest speaker and giveaways)

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Schirmer

For more information and to purchase tickets please contact Kimberly Campbell on 9927-6666 or email kimberly.campbell@basketballvictoria.com.au

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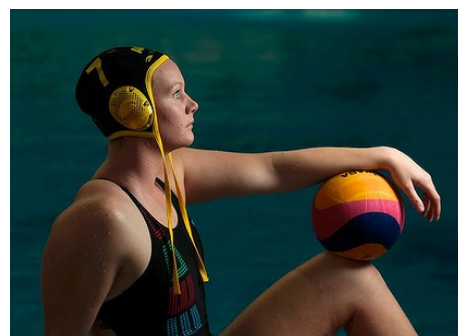
Feisty Young Gun Isn't One For Treading Water

17 September 2011 | Chris Johnston | The Age

Rowena Webster, a Balwyn North girl who went to Korowa Anglican Girls School, lists the hazards from her brutal sport of water polo. "Ripped bathers," she says, "and black eyes. Scratches. Concussion. Knees in the back, bites. I have a scar on my forearm from being bitten."

The game is played half underwater and the two referees are not in the pool so a lot goes unseen. At centre-back, Webster, 23, is the muscle of the Australian women's team. They are ranked third in the world behind Italy and the US. Her main job is to stop the opposition's biggest and strongest.

"What happens in the pool," she says, "stays in the pool."



Swimming costumes are often ripped apart. For women, it's worse because there's more to grab. Male coaches sometimes jump in the training pool wearing T-shirts for the team to practise something that is theoretically disallowed under the rules. Webster describes water polo as like Roman wrestling mixed with soccer goalkeeping, endurance swimming, a rugby scrum and a rugged game of netball.

One of her teammates is a policewoman in Queensland, which helps. Another, Mel Rippon, the captain when Webster joined in 2009, had heard about Webster before she met her, the strong kid with a reputation from the Victorian Institute of Sport.

"She throws the ball very, very hard," says Rippon. "She's not easily intimidated."

The Australian team has already qualified for next year's Olympics in London so it's almost certain Webster will go. The makeup of the team hasn't been finalised but at the recent world championships she was judged the best Australian player. In training, she bench presses her own weight of 82 kilograms.

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Yauhleuskaya Wins Bronze After Stunning Final

26 September 2011 | Australian Olympic Committee



Australian pistol shooter Lalita Yauhleuskaya (VIC) has produced a sensational final to win the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol at the World Cup Final in Poland.

Yauhleuskaya entered the ten-shot final in seventh place but scored an impressive 100.9, the highest score of all eight finalists, to claim the bronze medal.

The World Cup Final serves as the end of season event to which only the best performed athletes across the course of the year are invited to compete.

Yauhleuskaya was Australia's sole participant at the pistol and rifle World Cup Final, and the Victorian recorded a score of 383 from a possible 400 in her qualifying rounds, leaving her six points behind leader Olena Kostevych (UKR) and three behind the bronze medal position.

In the final, Yauhleuskaya had only two scores beneath 10, while a run of 10.3, 10.5 and 10.6 on her seventh, eighth and ninth pellets moved her into bronze.

Yauhleuskaya's overall score of 483.9 left her just under five points shy of Kostevych, while China's Qi Sun won the silver medal.

Yauhleuskaya said the result was a good way to end the season.

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Mum's Flying For Olympic Gold

19 September 2011 | Evonne Barry | The Advertiser

Just a week after giving birth on Mother's Day, Lydia Lassila had her eyes on back-to-back gold. The Winter Olympics champion is channelling the likes of tennis star Kim Clijsters and marathon runner Paula Radcliffe in her bid to become a world-beating mum.

Four months into her training regime, the aerial skier is already back in top shape. And Lassila hopes everyday mums will be motivated by her rapid return to form.

"If anything, hopefully they'll just be encouraged or inspired to get out there," Lassila, 29, said.



Lassila starting walking one week after son Kai was born, before lifting light weights and jogging after about six weeks. After 12 weeks, she was given the "all clear to really go for it and train like I normally would".

Now aiming for a second Winter Olympics gold medal in Sochi, Russia, in 2014, Lassila identifies with regular mums. Lassila, who won gold in Vancouver last year, says she also looks up to other mothers who returned to the peak of their sports.

Lassila, who is supporting women's mental health campaign Liptember, believes many mothers forget to look after themselves when their baby arrives.

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RESEARCH

The following links are to research articles that have appeared throughout the last 2 months which may be of interest to some readers:

[Exercise linked to higher test scores](#)

[Sports Fandom – What do Women Want? A multi-sport analysis of female fans](#)

[ASX500 boards with women directors have significantly higher return on equity than those with no women](#)

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