

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR 1993 PRIME MINISTERIAL WOMEN AND SPORTS AWARDS

Nominations for the 1993 Prime Ministerial Women and Sport Awards are currently being invited from schools, universities, community groups, sporting organisations, the corporate sector and media networks.

The Awards were established as an International Women's Day initiative in 1991 to further demonstrate the Federal Government's commitment to lifting the participation levels and status of women and girls in sport. The Awards are administered by the Australian Sports Commission's Women and Sport Unit, in conjunction with Mobil Oil Australia, with promotional support being provided by New Idea.

The Award Scheme aims to attract nominations from groups and organisations who have taken special measures to lift the participation and status of women in Australian sport in one of the following categories.

- * School and University Initiatives that support and encourage the involvement of girls and women in sport;
- * Community Group Initiatives that increase the involvement of women on community based sporting activities;
- * Sporting Organisations Initiatives that support and encourage greater involvement of women in organised sport;
- * Outstanding Media Coverage which raised the public profile of women's sporting achievements;
- * Corporate Sector Contributions such as sponsorship of women's sport or the initiation of programs to support female employees' involvement in sport; and
- * Programs for Women with Special Needs open to groups and organisations that have taken particular steps to encourage the participation of women with special needs in sporting activities.

Prizes include a National Gold Award together with a \$5000 cash prize, six silver Awards with a \$2000 cash prize and merit certificate awards.

The Award scheme also incorporates two Minister for Sport Scholarships valued at \$5000. These scholarships will be awarded to selected female undergraduates to support their studies in an accredited tertiary degree course in sports administration, sports coaching, sports journalism, sports science and sports medicine.

Over 140 nominations were received for the 1992 Awards. The 1992 Awards were presented last March at the Regent Hotel in Melbourne. The Presentation Function was attended by some 300 dignitaries from sport, business and the media.

The Prime Minister, Paul Keating, applauded the initiatives featured, saying that those nominated for, and successful in, the unaugural Awards had demonstrated foresight active commitment to advancing the future of sport for women and girls in Australia.

The presentation of the 1993 Prime Ministerial Women and Sport Awards will be made in Sydney in February 1993.

Award nominations and scholarship applications for the 1993 Prime Ministerial Women and Sport Awards close on 6 November 1992.

For further information, nomination and application forms please contact the:

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