

Women in Sport

An un-equal playing field



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**Women's AFL team in
Western Australia in 1915**

**Tuesday
19th September 2017
6pm for 6:30pm start
\$40 Members & \$45 Guests**

Currambine Bar & Bistro – Function Room,
14 Hobson's Gate, Currambine

Includes Main Meal, Drink on arrival
(cash bar after that), Tea & Coffee

**Dress: Wear something to promote
your favourite sport or team**

Join us this Equal Pay Day as we celebrate women in sport – athletes who break both physical and social barriers. Be inspired by their achievements knowing that you too can become the change that you want to see.

Women and AFL have a long history in WA – it was in 1915 that 36 pioneering young women in modest and cumbersome outfits took to the field and showed that women belonged there too.

A century later we finally see the AFLW kick off its eight teams in a condensed season – with record attendance and coverage.

Dubbed a “revolution” it is in fact the result of concerted effort by dedicated women over many decades. Other codes including athletics, cricket and netball have joined ranks, and we have seen many individual sporting firsts in formerly male dominated sports (consider Michelle Payne's Melbourne Cup victory).

Embrace & Empower with the three 'P's Keynote Speaker: Melissa Marsh

Retired WNBL player, mother, wife, sister and daughter with a passion for life – join us as we listen to Melissa Marsh share her journey as a former female athlete, member of a well known WA sporting family and owner of Mel Marsh Sports Promotions. Marsh played in the Women's National Basketball League for 14 years, primarily at the West Coast Waves, playing over 260 games for the team. On her retirement from basketball she was described by her coach as an example of “what can be achieved through hard work, commitment and determination.” She is the daughter of retired Test cricketer Geoff Marsh and sister of Test cricketers Shaun & Mitch Marsh.



Panel of Women in Sport



Perth Scorchers' fast bowler **Nicky Shaw** played cricket for the England women's team for more than 10 years and was one of the first women to be awarded a contract from the England and Wales cricket board. She retired from international cricket in 2010, and currently plays in the Australian National Cricket League for the Western Fury.



Nicola Hames has been playing softball for four years, at almost every level, from under-13 Little League to Open Womens Premier league. She started playing softball because she was bullied a lot when younger but never had an outlet. The skill level required for softball (not just physically but also mentally) is extremely hard to attain.



Pia Faletti is an avid sportswoman currently in her ninth year playing for the Coastal Titans in the Western Australian Women's Football League. Most recently Pia has become the Female Football Advisor for the Subiaco District, to ensure females from Auskick through to Senior level have the opportunities to play and enjoy the sport they love.



Mikella Johnson was the first female to be accepted into the Warwick Senior High School Specialist Football Program. She likes AFL as it is challenging and pushes her to do more, keeps her fit and allows her to be part of a team with a common goal. Being picked for the WSHS Football Program was great as now girls can see it is not just a program for the boys.



Makur Chuot, often called by her Christian name Susan, was the first African woman to play for WA's State AFL team. Having been seduced by Australian football after an earlier love for soccer, she combines playing her adopted nation's game with her role as a community engagement coordinator with the WA Football Commission.

Equal Pay Day is just one day in the year where we focus on the causes of the gender pay gap and what we can do to change this.

This year we are focusing on women in sport, where the struggle continues – equal pay for equal value now at its heart. Tentative progress has been made, but women in sport can no longer remain underpaid second class citizens.

No matter what your cause, persistence is the key. Telling your story, building your support base, amplify your voice until you succeed.

What is Equal Pay Day?

Equal Pay Day marks the period of extra days in the current year which women need to work to achieve the same wages that men earned during the previous financial year. So for every 12 months that men work, for example, women may have to work approximately 60 days extra – and that is Equal Pay Day.

Source: equalpayday.com.au



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Registration closes Thursday 14th September

*Charges apply



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BPW holds Special Category Status at the United Nations and represents the voice of women in more than 100 countries. Established in Australia in 1925, BPW Australia has been influencing and driving legislative changes such as Paid Parental Leave, Equal Pay and divorce law to help shape the way Australian women live their lives today.

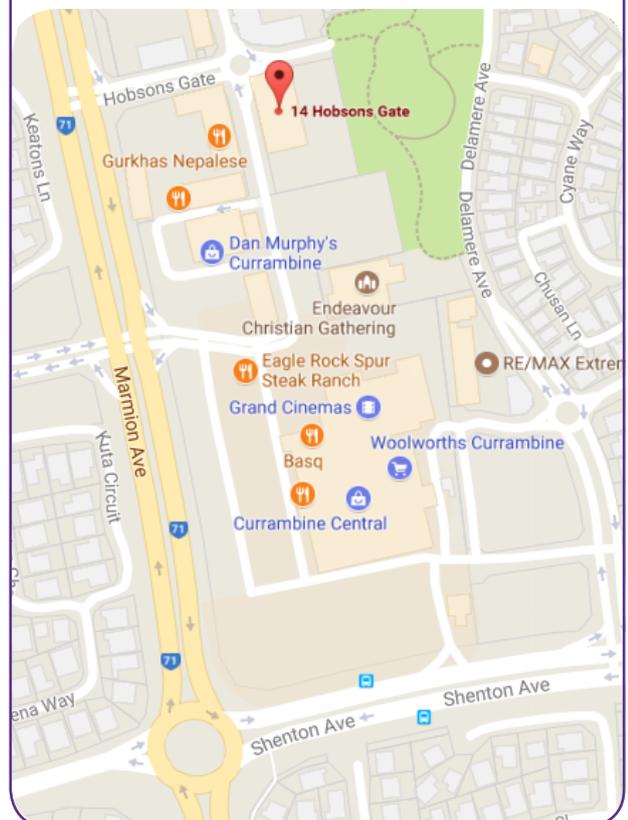
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