VENUE: Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, North Building 180 London Circuit, CANBERRA CITY

TIME: 12.30pm-1.30pm

DATE: Wednesday 26 August

WOMEN IN SPORT: BLOWING THE WHISTLE ON GENDER EQUITY

Ellen Grady

SPEAKERS

KATY GALLAGHER is currently a Senator for the Australian Capital Territory. Katy’s career began in the community sector working for People First ACT, an organisation providing advocacy and support to individuals with an intellectual disability. Katy has also been a project worker for Holborn Community Service working with children with disabilities and worked as an Industrial Organiser for Commonwealth public servants at the CFUW.

Katy Gallagher began her political career when she was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 2001. She was appointed a minister in 2002 serving in the ACT cabinet for the next 12 years across various portfolios including as Deputy Chief Minister. Treasurer, Minister for Health, Minister for Education, Community Services and Women. In May 2011, Katy was elected as Chief Minister of the ACT.

In December 2014 Katy Gallagher resigned as Chief Minister to take up a casual vacancy in the Australian Senate to replace long serving Senator Nicols to cap off her time in the Senate. The time of her resignation she was Australia’s longest serving health minister after spending more than eight years in the post.

Katy has been appointed to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration while also sitting on the Joint Standing Committee for the National Capital and External Territories, the Senate of Bills Committee, the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit and the Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

REBECCA WIASAK is an Australian track and field medalist and former individual Pursuer. She was also a team member in the Australian record holder in the 4000m Team Pursuit at the 2015 Olympic Games. Rebecca moved to Canberra in 2001 to study Journalism at the University of Canberra, and trained under Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) middle distance coach Dick Talbot for three years before entering the full-time workforce as a sports journalist at The Canberra Times in 2005. Rebecca is currently training to race in the Team Pursuit in the 2015 Olympic Games.

CATHERINE ORDWAY has a long-standing interest in promoting women’s sport. She co-founded Women on Boards (WoB) to respond to suggestions that there were no suitable women of merit to fill sport board positions. The WoB register currently includes more than 15,000 board appointees.

She has recently been appointed a Professor of Practice (Sports Management) at La Trobe University, and is completing her PhD in governance, leadership and sports integrity. The Australian Sports Commission has mandated a 40% gender inclusion policy and intends that this should lead to better integrity outcomes. Catherine’s research involves gathering data and consulting stakeholders to determine whether the new regulatory initiatives is likely to have the desired effect.

Catherine has a Bachelor of Arts (Jurisprudence) and Law from the University of Adelaide; a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice from the University of South Australia, and a Graduate Diploma in Investment Management from Charles Sturt University. Catherine lectures at the Masters level in sports and sport management subjects at La Trobe University (full-time), the University of New South Wales (part-time), the University of Melbourne (sports integrity and governance) and the University of Canberra (performance integrity).

Catherine has also taught undergraduate sports management units at her former Lecturer and Senior Lecturer at the University of Canberra.

HEATHER REID AM has been involved in many different areas of football (soccer) as a volunteer and professional administrator since 1978. She has worked in several senior management and consultancy positions as well as been a lecturer in sports administration at the University of Canberra.

Since 2004, Heather has been the CEO of the ACT Football Federation (known as Capital Football) where she also has responsibility for the leadership team, Canberra United FC, and is President of the State Federation under Football Federation Australia. As CEO, she has forged the integration of all aspects of football in Canberra with more than 30,000 male and female players across 45 clubs in indoor and outdoor competitions.

Heather has a Graduate Diploma in Sports Management and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors course. In 2012, she was appointed by Frank Lowy to the board of the 2015 Asian Cup Local Organising Committee which earlier this year celebrated great success including seven games at Canberra Stadium. Heather is also an Executive Member of the ACT Olympic Council and an Ambassador for Womansport Australia.

Heather’s contributions to football have been acknowledged through inductions into the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame and her influence as a leader and mentor in Canberra has been recognised by the ACT Chief Minister with a plaque on the Walk of Honour in the city. To cap off her lifetime achievements, Heather was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in January this year for her significant service to sport administration and as an advocate for gender equity in sport.

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REBECCA WIASAK

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