International Women’s Day

Speaker Bios

Panel

Maddy Proud | Masters Creative Writing, Macquarie University | Suncorp Super Netball Player

Maddy Proud is a Macquarie University Graduate, completing a master’s in creative writing in 2021.

Maddy is a professional Netballer with the NSW Swifts. As a co-captain Maddy was an integral part of the 2019 and 2021 Championship Winning Suncorp Super Netball campaigns.

Maddy is also a published author through her successful children’s book “Grace on the Court” which follows a young girl Grace Parker as she navigates primary school and Sport. Maddy is also a 2020 Full Blue Recipient for Netball.

Piper Duck – Bachelor Of Business Administration, Macquarie University | Women’s Rugby Union Player

Piper Duck is a current student at Macquarie University, studying a Bachelor of Business Administration. In 2023 was announced as the youngest captain ever appointed for the Wallaroos. Piper’s career in rugby excelled when she was selected for the Wallaroos A team and the Australian Youth Girls 7’s team in 2019.

From there she made her international debut for the Wallaroos against Fiji in 2022 and had the privilege of travelling to the USA with the Aussie 7’s, where they stayed at the Olympic Athlete’s Village in San Diego and played against the USA team. She then went on to gain 7 more caps for Australia before being selected in the team to play at the 2021 (played in 2022) Rugby World Cup, where she gained a further 3 caps for her country against Wales, Scotland, and England.
Julie Charlton - Bachelor Of Sports Coaching & Management, Sport & Fitness Administration/Management, Australian College Of Physical Education | Paralympian - Shotput

Founder, CEO and Head Coach JC2 Athletics, Youth advocate, disability advocate, 2022 NSW Young Woman of the Year Finalist.

After winning events at the 2016 International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports World Junior Athletics Championships and the 2019 Oceania Championships, she claimed NSW state titles in both 2020 and 2021 across track events, as well as shot put and discus. She also combines competing with coaching and was named the 2019 Sport NSW Young Coach of the Year. Julie competes for Cherrybrook Athletics Club in northwest Sydney and says her parents and coaches Matt Rawling and Matt Fowler have been the most influential people in her career.

Julie works as a human rights advocate with CYDA (Children and Young People with a Disability Australia) and is a member of the Disability Council of NSW under the NSW Government.

She is also giving back to the sport she represented internationally and assisting the next generation as a seated throwing coach with her own coaching business - JC2 Athletics.

Dominique Du Toit - Bachelor Of Media, Macquarie University | Women’s Au Rugby 7’s

Dominique studied Bachelor of Media at Macquarie University and was a Sport Scholar Ambassador for U@MQ events in 2018. She was the recipient of the Female Athlete of the Year award in 2017 and the Chancellors award in both 2017 and 2018 at the annual Blues Awards.

Dom joined the Australian Rugby Sevens program in 2015 after a series of great performances at the 2014 Youth Olympics in Nanjing. Dom scored 8 tries throughout the campaign, including a hattrick in the Cup Final to help Australia win the Gold Medal. The 2017/18 World Series saw her gain a cap in all five legs as well as notching up 75 points.

As a result of these strong performances, Dom was selected in the Commonwealth Games side that claimed a silver medal in the Gold Coast at the end of the 2018 World Series. Dom competed at her first Olympics in Tokyo 2020 (held in July 2021 due to covid) where the women’s team were knocked out in the quarter finals by Fiji.

Since 2022 Dom has been an integral part of Australia's amazing dominance in Women's 7s. Starting off with a Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham the team has gone from strength to strength with multiple world cup wins including back-to-back World Cups in Dubai and Cape town to round out 2023.
Charlotte Mclean is an exciting member of the Sydney FC Liberty A-League squad. Since signing for Sydney FC in the 2020-21 season, the defender has been a regular starter in the Sky Blues’ three consecutive Premiers Plate wins, as well as last season’s Championship glory and the two Grand Finals prior to that. She is a local Epping girl who has recently graduated with an Economics and Industrial relations degree at university. She is now one of the leaders amongst this season’s Sydney FC squad and the 24-year-old has been tipped by many for Matildas recognition in the near future.