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Fourteen new inductees for Cockburn's Sports Hall of Fame

Fremantle Dockers legends, Paralympic medalists and professional soccer champions are amongst the new inductees to the City of Cockburn's prestigious Sports Hall of Fame.

Fourteen champion athletes and administrators across six different sports were welcomed to the ranks of Cockburn's sporting elite at a ceremony on Friday 19 April, 2024 at the City's administration Centre.

Mayor Logan Howlett said this was the largest cohort admitted to the City's Hall of Fame since its inception.

"The breadth of talent on display just highlights the depth and diversity of elite sports people in the district.

"It is a credit to our many local junior clubs that they are able to produce and develop athletes who go on to achieve excellence at the national and international level.

"It was wonderful to meet this year's inductees and hear their inspirational stories – from the struggles to the successes," Mayor Howlett said.

The City's Hall of Fame celebrates Cockburn's storied local athletes, past and present, along with the junior clubs that helped to develop their talents.

The fourteen new inductees join 22 others – including AFL legends, Glen Jakovic and Peter Sumich, and champion lawn bowlers, Smiljana Jakovich and Steve Srhoy – bringing the Hall of Fame's total membership to 36.

The Inductees of 2024 include:

Colin Beard (1941–2019) – Australian Rules Football

- 167 Games for South Fremantle Football Club
- 1966 Fairest and Best Award

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- 1966-1971 Richmond Football Club
- 1969 Premiership Winner
- 2-time Member WA State Team

Roger Hayden – Australian Rules Football

- 59 Games South Fremantle Football Club
- 128 Games Fremantle Football Club
- 2007 All-Australian Squad
- 2019 Fremantle Football Club - Best 25 Since '95
- Fremantle Football Club Development Coach

Ashtyn Hiron – Lacrosse

- 2015 U19 World Lacrosse Championship Silver Medallist
- 2012-2016 USA NCAA Division 1 Lacrosse
- 2017, 2022 World Games Dual Bronze Medallist
- 2022 Australian Women's Lacrosse Co-captain

Jason Petkovic – Soccer

- 1994 National Soccer League Championship, Adelaide City Football Club
- 177 Games for Perth Glory Football Club
- 2 National Soccer League Championships, Perth Glory Football Club
- 1995-2002 Socceroos Goalkeeper (16 appearances)

Madison de Rozario OAM – Para-athletics

- 3 Paralympics with 2 Gold, 3 Silver, and 1 Bronze Medals
- 4 World Championships with 3 Gold, 3 Silver, and 4 Bronze Medals
- 2 Commonwealth Games with 4 Gold Medals
- London, Sydney, and New York Marathon Wins

Marianna Tabain – Soccer

- 2015 W-League Premiership
- 101 Women's League Games
- 20 Goals with Perth Glory
- Perth Glory Foundation Member
- Perth Glory Coaching Role

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Michael Petkovic – Soccer

- 161 Games South Melbourne Football Club
- 230 Turkish League Matches
- 7 Appearances Socceroos Goalkeeper
- 3-time National Soccer League Goalkeeper of the Year
- 33 Games Melbourne Victory Football Club

Nathan Jones – Softball

- 10 Years WA Senior Player
- 2010 Australia Championship
- 184 Games for Australia
- 3 World Championships with 1 Gold and 2 Bronze Medals
- WA and Australian Coach

Ritchie Smith – Golf

- 2-time PGA Australia Coach of the Year
- 8-time PGA WA Coach of the Year
- 2022 SportWest Coach of the Year
- WA State Women's Coach
- Australian National Coach

Robbie Gaspar – Soccer

- 2000 Sydney Olympic Football Club
- 2002 WA State Team
- 2 Years Football Association of Malaysia
- 7 Years Indonesian Premier League
- Active in Sports Diplomacy and Player Management

Robbie Zabica – Soccer

- 7 Seasons for Adelaide City Football Club
- 2 National Soccer League Championships
- 42 Appearances Socceroos Goalkeeper
- 202 Career Games
- Football Australia Hall of Fame



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Shane Hughes – Softball

- 800 Perth and State League Games
- 4 Years WA State Team
- Western Australia Head Women's Coach
- Coach Australia U19 World Championships
- Softball Western Australia - State Director of Coaching

Stephen Hill – Australian Rules Football

- 218 Games Fremantle Football Club
- 2009 AFL Rising Star Award
- 112 Career Goals
- 2019 Fremantle Football Club - Best 25 Since '95
- Fremantle Football Club Next Generation Coach

Tom Bottrell – Australian Rules Football

- 12 Seasons South Fremantle Football Club
- 57 Goals Across 200 Games
- 1997 WAFL Premiership Winner
- WAFL Leadership and Administrative Career

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