



# Media Release

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## **Sports Hall of Fame has shiny new plaques**

The City of Cockburn's original Sports Hall of Fame has been updated with 19 shiny new plaques.

It was first established in 2004 at the City's Spearwood administration building, and after the announcement of two new inductees in 2017 - Matt Battista (Motocross) and Gordon Lee (Table Tennis) - a new Hall of Fame was launched at Cockburn ARC last September.

This week, the update to the original Hall of Fame was completed with the seal of approval of one of the 11 inaugural inductees from 2004, local Wimbledon tennis legend Christine Dorey.

Christine played at Wimbledon five times and qualified three times. In 1977 she reached the Quarter finals in the French and US Open Ladies doubles. In 1978 she was a semi-finalist in the Australian Open (Ladies Singles), becoming the first Australian woman to qualify in a grand slam event and reach the semi-finals.

She was a WA junior representative from 1966 to 1969, and a senior representative between 1979 and 1982. She was ranked the number one ladies player in Western Australia in 1970 and 1972 and between 1979 and 1981.

The final phase of updating the City's Sports Hall of Fame will be the installation of an interactive display at Cockburn ARC.

This display will enable interested people to find out more about the City's elite athletes and their career achievements.

The next call for nominations will occur in 2020.



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## **2004 inductees:**

Steve Srhoy – Lawn Bowls

Kevin Allen – Sailing

Frances Maunton (nee Reid) – Lacrosse

Peter Sumich – Australian Rules Football

John Edward Denic – Lacrosse

Val Norris (nee Buffham) – Gymnastics

Glen Jakovich – Australian Rules Football

Christine Dorey - Tennis

Alan Beale – Soccer

Robert Golding – Hockey

Graeme Benthien – Cycling

## **2012 inductees:**

Lara Carroll – Swimming

Kimberly Lewis – Darts

Ken Norris OAM – Cycling

Tom Grljusich – Australian Rules Football

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Smiljana Jakovich – Lawn Bowls

George Grljusich – Sports Media

**2017 inductees:**

Matt Battista – Motocross

Gordon Lee – Table Tennis

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Caption: Inaugural 2004 Sports Hall of Fame inductee Christine Dorey (Tennis).

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