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AUSTRALIAN SPORT AWARDS

What a great night! The 24th Australian Sport Awards were held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 11 March and were a huge success. Congratulations to all our finalists and winners.

The calibre of the finalists in all categories was again outstanding, and made the job of the voting academy very difficult. Our thanks go to those who donated their time to be part of the Voting Academy this year. For a full list of finalists and winners please see our website www.sportforall.com.au

The evening was enjoyed by around 540 people from all areas of the sport industry, as well as a national television audience, and I would like to again thank our generous sponsors for making the evening possible.

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Thanks also to our corporate supporters,

Melbourne 2005 Deaflympic Games, Berri, Capitol Chilled Foods, Bega, AusIndustry, 10th Australian Masters Games, Opie and Gough, Intercontinental Hotels Group, the Dan Barnett Big Band, Paper Monkey Graphic Design and Paramount Studios.

Photographs from the evening are available for purchase, please contact the SIA Office.

Special thanks to **Stacey Green** and **Kristina Katsanevas** of SIA for their tremendous efforts in organising the evening!

ELECTION POLICY CONSULTATIONS

With an election tipped for October this year, SIA has commenced preparation of an election policy for sport which will be presented to all major political parties for their response.

Meetings will be organised around the States in April and May to give SIA members the opportunity to provide input on the policy, and I urge you all to attend and help ensure this document represents your views and those of the sports industry.

Preliminary comments on issues you would like to see covered in the policy are welcome, please email me at sarah.lucas@sportforall.com.au or call to discuss.

I urge you all to be involved in the development of our election policy, it is an opportunity which should not be missed.

AUSTRALIAN WOMENSPORT AND RECREATION ALLIANCE

SIA is pleased to announce the formation of the Australian Womensport and Recreation Alliance as a sub-committee of SIA.

The key objective of the AWRA is to advance the participation of Australian women in all aspects of sport and physical activity.

Chaired by SIA, the members represent womensport in Victoria, Queensland, ACT, NSW, Tasmania and WA. Appropriate representatives from both SA and NT will be invited to participate.

More details on AWRA's objectives and activities will be provided in future editions of SportSpeak.

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