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Amanda Rishworth MP
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Women in the South encouraged to apply for sport leadership grants

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP is calling on local women who are involved in sport and want to take their careers to higher levels to apply for the recently launched Sport Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women.

Ms Rishworth said “This is a great opportunity for women in our region who are sporting coaches, officials, administrators, managers or marketers to further develop their skills and receive expert leadership training.

“Grants of up to \$5000 for individuals and up to \$10,000 for organisations are available, providing access to support and training and development opportunities.”

Ms Rishworth explained that the grants and scholarships provided a tangible way for women to obtain the skills and attributes required to succeed in sport leadership roles.

Ms Rishworth said “The Sport Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women program has supported more than 16,000 women since its inception in 2002 with a total funding allocation of \$3.3 million.

“The initiative is aimed at tackling the gender divide in sport and bolstering the involvement of women in sport at all levels.”

The Sport Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women were launched recently by the Minister for Sport Mark Arbib and the Minister for the Status of Women Kate Ellis and are managed by the Australian Sports Commission in partnership with the Australian Government’s Office for Women.

Applications for the 2011/12 Sport Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women close 29 April 2011.

For more information visit www.ausport.gov.au/women.