

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## COMMUNITY CELEBRATES SPORTS ACHIEVERS

Ruth Forrest MLC today congratulated Wynyard twins, Lisa and Krystal Blyth, on being selected to represent the state in basketball and athletics.

Lisa has been selected in the North West Basketball Union's Under 14 Girls team, which will participate at the Australian National Championships in Darwin in October.

Krystal has been selected as a member of the Tasmanian Team to travel to Adelaide for the 2005 School Sport Australia and Athletics Australia Telstra and IGA Cross Country Championships and Exchange in August, and recently returned from the Nunawading Basketball Tournament in Melbourne as a member of the North West Breakers Under 14 Girls Basketball Team.

"This is a great achievement for Lisa and Krystal who are obviously very talented and very dedicated to their sports. They should be very proud of their success", Ms Forrest said.

Ms Forrest presented Lisa and Krystal with a cheque to assist them with the significant costs associated with participation in their respective teams.

Ms Forrest said that, having had one of her own children selected to represent the state in sport, she appreciated the investment of time and money involved in having a child participate in state sport teams, not only with travel, accommodation and meals at the tournaments, but also costs associated with uniforms and training leading up to the event.

"The families of children such as Lisa and Krystal invest huge amounts of time, effort and money encouraging their children and it is important that this is not only acknowledged but supported", said Ms Forrest.

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