



Doug Parkinson, MLC
Member for Wellington
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Praise For Sponsors And Volunteers In Sport

Sponsors and volunteers have been congratulated by Upper House member for Wellington Doug Parkinson at the southern launch of Netball Tasmania's 2005 Aurora League.

Mr Parkinson said that Aurora Energy's support for the league is now entering its sixth year.

"As a major Tasmanian business, Aurora has recognised its responsibility to help the community prosper from its efforts.

"This is not just by delivering the energy that drives Tasmania's economic development but also by fostering talent and rewarding excellence in activities as diverse as sport, business, health, education and the arts.

"The Aurora (Netball) League is Aurora Energy's strongest commitment to women's sport with a competition that showcases some of Tasmania's best female sporting talent.

"It provides tough competition at both Open and Under 19 levels and represents a goal for all netballers who aspire to achieve the best in their chosen sport."

Mr Parkinson said the high calibre of Tasmanian players developed through the Aurora League over the years continues to impress.

"Rachael Knight is a fine example of a player who represented her district for a couple of years, gained an AIS scholarship and is now a member of the Australian under-21 team."

Mr Parkinson also praised the volunteers involved in netball coaching, refereeing, and team and match management.

"Netball is Australia's largest female participation sport with over 7000 players registered with Netball Tasmania and many others known to play the sport in unaffiliated competitions throughout the state.

"The State Government, through Sport and Recreation Tasmania, is a proud supporter of netball.

"The Tasmanian Government is committed to creating a culture that encourages people into sport and recreational activities and to developing an approach to a healthy lifestyle.

"We also aim to help organisations like the Netball Tasmanian that play a valuable

role in community life for Tasmania's young people."

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