

## People



### Michelle Bridges inducted into fitness industry Roll of Honour

Fitness Australia has inducted **Michelle Bridges** into its Roll of Honour for her outstanding contribution to the fitness and health industry.

Bridges, widely acknowledged as Australia's most influential personal trainer, has been in the industry for over 20 years. Known for her 'tough love' messages and heart-warming compassion on *The Biggest Loser* television series, Bridges is the author of 11 bestselling books and the co-founder of her online 12 Week Body Transformation.

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### Belgravia Leisure makes key new appointment

Leading facility managers Belgravia Leisure has strengthened its management team, welcoming Professor **Jeff Walkley**, **Grant Seamer** and **Rohan Gunton** to the company.

Professor Walkley a renowned leader in the health sciences sector has been appointed to the position of National Manager - Disability and Diversity.

Adventure events specialist Grant Seamer joins the Belgravia Leisure team as National Events Manager.

Rohan Gunton joins the Belgravia team as the Regional Manager for Western Australia and will be responsible for overseeing the aquatic and recreation facilities that Belgravia Leisure currently manages and for business development throughout the state.

### Elena Gosse wins multiple Women in Business awards

**Elena Gosse**, Chief Executive of Australian Innovative Systems, has won four international Awards for Women in Business.

Gosse was presented with a Gold Stevie Award for Most Innovative Company of the Year (more than 10 employees) at an award ceremony in New York on 14th November, and followed this with three Silver Stevies for: Woman of the Year - Industry; Female Entrepreneur of the Year in Asia, Australia or New Zealand; and Lifetime Achievement - Business.

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business form one of the world's top honours for female entrepreneurs, executives, employees and the organisations they run.



### Wyndham's Western Leisure Services makes key appointments

The recently formed Western Leisure Services, the body that will manage three of Wyndham City Council's major facilities – the Wyndham Leisure and Events Centre, the Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre and Werribee Olympic Outdoor Pool - have made a series of staffing moves.

**Bruce Mackay** has taken up the role of Chief Executive, backed by a board consisting of **Eugene Arocca**, **Julie Busch**, **Philippa Taylor** and **Steven Lambert**.

Managing key facilities in the fastest growing local government area in Victoria, Western Leisure Services will be responsible for the soon-to-open Wyndham Leisure and Events Centre, which is undergoing a \$45.4 million redevelopment.

In addition, the Werribee Sports and Fitness Centre is undergoing a \$36 million redevelopment, transforming into the largest indoor court sporting facility in Melbourne's western suburbs.

Sportspeople has been appointed the exclusive recruitment partner to manage the next phase of positions in preparation for the opening of the centres in mid-2015.

### Craig and Paul Lovett receive global award

Incognitus Partners/Principals and brothers, **Craig and Paul Lovett** have been awarded the 2014 International Executive in Sport and Entertainment Industry Award at the Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow (SEVT) Conference the USA.



The International Executive in Sport and Entertainment Award recognises individuals who have greatly impacted the fields of sport, entertainment or venue management. This recipient's passion for the industry and business acumen has forged partnerships and transcended borders, contributing to advancements recognised both nationally and internationally.

### Brisbane Entertainment Centre General Manager wins global excellence award

Brisbane Entertainment Centre General Manager **Trish McNamara** has been named one of the 10 recipients of the inaugural AEG Chairman's Medallion for excellence in venue management.

McNamara received her award at the 2014 AEG Expo in Los Angeles and was the only Australian recipient among those chosen.

### Emma McKeon joins the Swim Australia team

Mixing a gruelling 24-hour, weekly regime of swimming and strength training, rising swimming star **Emma McKeon** has recently embarked on a part-time executive position with Swim Australia.

Welcoming her arrival, Swim Australia Chief Executive Ross Gage explains "we are so excited to have Emma join our team.

"Emma's experience in the pool, will be a wonderful asset to our already stellar staff (and she) will be helping us with our daily business dealings ... contributing to one of our special interest groups, SwimDISABILITY."

McKeon is the daughter of swimming legends, Ron McKeon and Susie (Woodhouse), owners of McKeon's Swim School, in Wollongong.

### New management structure to drive Radical Fitness' Australasian growth

Nathaniel and Gabriele Leivas, creators and owners of group fitness program Radical Fitness, have announced that New Zealand-based **Gavin** and **Melissa Marshall** have joined the business as co-owners and directors for Radical Fitness New Zealand and Australia.

The new co-ownership will see Gavin Marshall undertaking the role of Chief Executive for Radical Fitness Australasia.

**For more information contact Radical Fitness in Australia on 02 9713 6822 and in New Zealand on 021 474 587, www.radicalfitness.net**

### New Executive team announced to guide future of Sydney's best parks and gardens

The newly created Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands agency, which is guiding the future of NSW's most important botanic gardens and public parks, has made key appointments to its management team:

Deputy Executive Director, Science and Conservation, **Dr Brett Summerell**

Director of Horticulture, **Jimmy Turner**

Director Sport and Recreation, **Ed Sanderson**

Director of Visitor Experience, **Anthony Dunsford**

Director Strategy and Projects, **Raelene Lockhorst**

Director Corporate Services, **Margaret Jones**.