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Olympian Kitty Chiller headlines VTA Annual Women's Lunch

The Victorian Transport Association has secured Sydney 2000 Olympian and Rio 2016 Chef de Mission for the Australian Olympic team, Kitty Chiller AM, as its featured speaker at the VTA's Annual Women's Lunch, being held Friday 14 April.

Kitty Chiller represented Australia in the modern pentathlon at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and was national champion in the sport on 12 occasions and winner of seven World Cup medals. She made the successful transition from sport to business, going on to advance the Australian Olympic movement as a media officer, coach, and manager, and ultimately being appointed as the first female Chef de Mission for the Australian Olympic Team at the 2016 Rio Games.

Chiller was highly regarded for introducing a 'one team' culture within the Australian Rio delegation, successfully binding the 410-strong team together despite enormous security and logistical challenges at the Games. She is now Deputy CEO of the National Sports Tribunal, an organisation that plays an integral and essential role in sport integrity in Australia.

"We are thrilled to have someone as qualified and capable as Kitty Chiller to address our Annual Women's Lunch, which is held to advance the important conversations about how we can better support women in transport, and in so doing attract and retain women to our industry," said VTA CEO Peter Anderson.

"The Lunch is always one of the VTA's most popular events and is a key part of our objective of attracting more women to the transport industry by advancing conversations and action to support women that are interested in careers in freight and logistics."

The issue was prominent at the recent VTA State Conference in the context of labour shortages, where several speakers outlined VTA and Victorian Government initiatives to attract and support women to the transport industry.

"The results from our Women in Transport Program being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning have been tremendous, with more than half of participants to date women and women over 45," Anderson said.

"Over 60 women have been trained and placed with transport companies and now have the capabilities and confidence to start their long-term careers in our industry."

The Annual Women's Lunch is being held from 12.30-3.30pm on Friday 14 April at Showtime Events at South Wharf. Registration includes a sumptuous two-course meal and beverages, along with other entertainment. For further event and pricing information please visit www.vta.com.au

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