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AUSTRALIAN DIAMONDS CAPTAIN LIZ WATSON THE NEWEST SESF AMBASSADOR

It is with great pleasure the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund announce Liz Watson as an ambassador for 2023 and beyond.

Throughout her professional career, Liz has cemented herself as one of the world's best netballers. Her leadership off court also led to her appointment as co-captain of the Melbourne Vixens in 2020 and captain of the Australian Diamonds in 2021, leading the team to Commonwealth gold in 2022.

Since joining the Melbourne Vixens in 2014, Liz has won two premierships with the team and is a three time recipient of the Sharelle McMahon Medal, the club's highest individual award.

Her international career is no less successful with Commonwealth gold and silver medals to her name, four Constellation Cup wins, and a dual recipient of the Liz Ellis Diamond award, marking her significant performances in both national and international competition.

With this announcement, Liz joins the SESF ambassador line up including Olympians Mack Horton and Brooke Stratton as well as AFLW star Monique Conti. Together, the ambassadors will continue to share the message of the foundation and offer mentoring to scholarship recipients.

As the SESF continues to expand in 2023, the demand for scholarships is expected to increase. In 2022, applications for scholarships greatly outweighed the number available by over 370 per cent.

Partnerships are key to ensuring the SESF can reach more deserving athletes in 2023. Therefore, the foundation is actively searching for future partners to support its work.

Liz Watson, SESF Ambassador and Diamonds captain says:

"I'm thrilled to be working with the SESF as an ambassador for 2023 and beyond to spread awareness for their mission, and help the next generation of athletes," Watson says.

"The work the foundation does is incredibly important, I'm excited to share their message and to give back to the community by mentoring the rising stars of tomorrow."

Nick Mooney, SESF Executive Director says:

"Liz is an exceptional netballer and advocate, and we are delighted to announce that she is our newest ambassador. Her professional career is nothing short of impressive and her conduct off the court is second to none," Mooney says.

"She will be an exceptional ambassador for the SESF, and we look forward to working together to support deserving athletes across Australia."