



## SWIMMING LEGEND TO OFFICIATE AT 32<sup>ND</sup> SP SPORTS AWARDS

Port Moresby

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**Former Olympic gold medalist and swimming legend Liesel Jones will officiate as the SP Sports Awards guest speaker this year, on Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2024, at the Crown Hotel.**

“Liesel is an 8-time Olympic medalist and the first Australian swimmer to compete in four Olympic games and we are thrilled to have her over for the awards night on 01<sup>st</sup> June,” says SP Brewery Corporate Affairs Manager John Nilkare.

“During her visit, we have arranged a coaching clinic at the Taurama Aquatic Centre with the Boroko Swimming Club to inspire our young swimmers.

Liesel who started swimming at a young age and became one of Australia’s youngest Olympic medalists is excited to engage with our young swimmers,” Nilkare added.

- At just 15, Liesel became the youngest member of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Swimming Team.
- Liesel won two silver medals in the 100m breaststroke and 4x100m Medley Relay, making her one of the youngest Olympic medalists in Australia’s history.
- 1 gold medal (1x100m medley relay), 1 silver (200m breaststroke), 1 bronze (100m breaststroke) at Athens in 2004 Olympic games.
- 1 gold (100m breasts), 1 gold (4x100m medley relay), 1 silver (200m breaststroke) in Beijing 2008.
- 1 silver (4x100m medley relay) London Olympic Games 2012.

Since confirming her retirement in 2012, Jones continued to achieve greatness.

She released a memoir, hosted Network Ten’s coverage of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and served as a swimming expert commentator for the 7 Network’s Tokyo Olympic Games.

She’s currently a commentator on Triple M’s Rush Hour in Brisbane.

