



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

4 September 2013

Media Diary Note

Media and photographers are invited to attend

Canapés and refreshment provided

Date: Friday 6 September 2013

Time: 5.00pm – 8.30pm

Location: Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Road

Lady Joyce Fisher Sports Centre Naming Announcement

Epsom Girls Grammar School is excited to be hosting the first ever reunion of past Head Girls and Games Captains on Friday 6 September. This special event is being held to officially announce the naming of the Lady Joyce Fisher Sports Centre which will recognise the continuing generosity of the School's greatest benefactor. She will now be recognised publicly and in perpetuity at the School.

Former Governor-General, Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand and Lady Susan Satyanand as well as former New Zealand High Court Judge, Dame Judith Potter will attend the event. Along with past and present Head Girls and Sports/Games Captains the other honoured guests will include former Olympians.

Lady Fisher nee Paykel grew up in Epsom, Auckland and attended Epsom Girls Grammar School from 1927 - 1929. During her life she maintained a close connection with the School. The family owned the iconic New Zealand manufacturing company Fisher and Paykel and in 1935 Joyce Paykel married Woolf Fisher.

Lady Fisher and Woolf Fisher were heavily involved in a variety of charities. Her generosity is now continued through the Joyce Fisher Charitable Trust. Two of the Trustees of her Charitable Trust are her nephew Robert Lerner and great-nephew Chris Paykel and they along with Guardian Trust are pleased to be continuing her good work and have no doubt that Lady Fisher would enthusiastically support the Sports Centre project. Lady Fisher was passionate about charities that benefit youth and education in New Zealand. The Lady Joyce Fisher Sports Centre fits strongly with the Trust's support of youth through education and leadership development.

During her lifetime Lady Fisher was also a significant benefactor to EGGs in many ways including contributing to the Old Girls Archive and funding the Lady Fisher Auditorium in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre.

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