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THE WA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME 'CALL FOR NOMINATIONS' 2024 IS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!

The WA Women's Hall of Fame 'Call for Nominations' 2024, was officially launched in Parliament House yesterday by the **Honourable Sue Ellery MLC**, Minister for Finance; Commerce, Women's Interests, and Leader of the Government Legislative Council.

Following a **Welcome to Country** by proud Whadjuk Noongar Elder and 2016 Inductee **Glenda Kickett**, Fiona Reid, Chairperson WA Women's Hall of Fame, announced an exciting addition to the nomination categories, and the 2024 'Call for Nomination Champions'.

Fiona Reid said "Whilst we have long recognised the inspiring achievements of women in STEM, it is hoped that by expanding the category to incorporate 'Technical Trades', it will inspire more nominations of women working in traditionally male dominated industries. By acknowledging women in this expanded field, it offers an opportunity to present role models, and thus support, for younger women considering these areas of endeavour."

Ms Reid went on to announce the '**Champions**' as: **Mr John Gelavis**, a 35+ year veteran of the WA building and construction industry who is known for his advocacy for gender equity, and **Cr. Karen Wheatland**, who has 25+ years working in the maritime industry and was the first woman employed as a crew member on the Fremantle Harbour tugboats.

Officially launching the 2024 'Call for Nominations' **Minister Ellery** said, "As the Minister for Women's Interests, I'm proud to support the WA Women's Hall of Fame and its work to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of local women.

"This year, the STEM nomination category has been expanded to include technical trades. This is a positive step forward as we recognise and profile women who are breaking down barriers in traditionally male dominated occupations.

"I know there is no shortage of incredible WA women to be recognised, so I encourage you to nominate the amazing women you know – who continue to inspire the next generation."

Nominations open online, 1 September 2023, and close 3 December 2023.

Nominations will be accepted in the categories of: **Health, Community, STEM & Technical Trades, Culture, Education, Arts, Sport, and Business**. Nominations are also welcome for the '**Roll of Honour**', to be inducted posthumously.

The Hall of Fame is an incredible record of the diversity in life for women around our State. It celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women, reflecting on how far we have come, and how far we still must go to realise gender equality.

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