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STORY HEADLINE: Australia’s former Olympic Chef de Mission Kitty Chiller wins 2020 IOC Women and Sport Award for Oceania.

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STORY SCRIPT:
As an athlete Kitty Chiller was one of the first women to compete in the Olympic Games modern pentathlon, at Sydney 2000. Since then she’s continued to trailblaze for women in sport, and became in 2016 the first-ever female Chef de Mission of the Australian Olympic team.

“Barriers are barriers if you let them be barriers to yourself” says Kitty. “I believe that all of us, no matter our gender, no matter where we are, should just try to be the best person that you can be, and achieve and maximise whatever opportunities you’ve been given.”

Kitty’s commitment to advancing the cause of women in sport began in her 20s when she joined the Victorian Women’s Council - an Australian regional body committed to promoting women’s rights.

She’s since become a highly regarded international sports administrator, sitting on the IOC Athletes’ Entourage Commission, and the executive boards of the Australian Olympic Committee, the International Modern Pentathlon Union and the International Gymnastics Federation.

As CEO of Gymnastics Australia, Ms Chiller has fought to ensure that all young female gymnasts can participate in a safe, inclusive and positive environment:

“I have shown a lot of other young upcoming aspiring female sports administrators that you can have a dream, you can try and achieve something, you can pursue that dream and you can make a difference in an area that you really love.”

Kitty was recently appointed Member of the Order of Australia, whilst being named one of the 50 most influential women in Australian sport:

“This trophy, it really is an incredible honour, I do everything that I do in sport because I love it and because I want to try and make a difference and to be awarded such a prestigious award as this, is unexpected and it's very humbling also.”

Women and Sport Background
Women first competed at the Olympic Games Paris 1900, before they had even been granted the right to vote in most countries around the world. While only 22 women competed at the 1900 Games, female participation has increased steadily since then and the event programme for Tokyo 2020 will see female participation rise to a projected 48.8 per cent, with double the number of mixed events compared to Rio 2016.

The IOC Women and Sport Awards were introduced in the year 2000 to recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of those who promote gender equality in sport.

Every year, the IOC invites each National Olympic Committee, International Federation and Continental Association to nominate a person or association active in promoting gender equality and the presence of women in their sport or country.

An IOC jury composed of members of the IOC Women in Sport Commission reviews the nominations and chooses six winners per year including the World Trophy Winner and FIVE Continental Trophy winners. This year’s winners were selected from amongst 50 strong candidates.

Sport provides a fantastic opportunity for girls and women to break free of barriers and negative stereotypes, giving them the chance to demonstrate what they are truly capable of.

SHOTLIST:

00:02 Shot of 2020 IOC Women in Sport Award.
00:06 Archive action of Kitty Chiller competing in the equestrian event of the modern pentathlon for Australia at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000.
00:31 Archive action of Kitty Chiller competing in the swimming event of the modern pentathlon for Australia at the Sydney Olympic Games 2000.
00:56 Shots of Kitty Chiller chatting with the Australian Gymnastics Team.
01:05 Various close up shots of Kitty Chiller.

01:12 SOUNDBITE: Kitty Chiller, 2020 IOC Women and Sport Awards Oceania Trophy (English Language).
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01:28 Shot of Kitty Chiller observing the Australian Gymnastics team.
01:34 Shots of Kitty Chiller chatting to an Australian Gymnastics coach.

01:44 SOUNDBITE: Kitty Chiller, 2020 IOC Women and Sport Awards Oceania Trophy (English Language).
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01:58 Various shots of Kitty Chiller with school children at Gymnastics practise.

02:20 SOUNDBITE: Kitty Chiller, 2020 IOC Women and Sport Awards Oceania Trophy (English Language).
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in an area that you really love and if that’s a legacy that I’ve been able to leave then I’ll be very happy with that.”

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