

AWGSA Event Report

<p>Event Title & Convenor Description</p>	<p>1-4pm National Workshop: <i>Feminist Interventions in Sport, Physical Activity and Movement Cultures.</i></p> <p>5pm Free Public Event: <i>A Second Wave of Sports Feminism? Progress and Possibilities for Women in Sport.</i></p>
<p>Event Dates</p>	<p>Friday 19 May 2017</p> <p>Deakin Downtown, Melbourne.</p>

The national workshop brought together scholars working the areas of sport, fitness, health and physical activity undertaking feminist, queer and gender studies research. A total of 30 participants attended, from Professorial to doctoral candidates, representing a variety of disciplines (Education, Health, Sociology, Sport Management, Gender Studies, Creative Writing, Cultural Studies) and universities (Monash, Deakin, Swinburne, Melbourne, Latrobe, VU, Adelaide, UQ, Griffith, USyd, Macquarie, UTas). The workshop focused on the challenges and opportunities of doing feminist research in sport contexts and on strategies to advance the agenda of feminist sport and physical activity research nationally. One of the outcomes of the workshop was the formation of The Australian Gender and Sport Collective. This Collective is a national network of scholars who come together to critically engage in issues relating to women's sports participation. Our brief is to share knowledge and resources, advance feminist thinking in the field, offer opportunities to engage with industry and government, and mentor emerging scholars in the field. As its founder, I drive the group's agenda and raise its public profile, which includes co-ordinating our social media presence in order to raise awareness of the Collective's research to the public (individuals, communities, organisations, policy makers, commissioners).

The evening panel was a highly successful, sell-out event, with over 70 attendees. Titled 'A Second-Wave of Sports Feminism: Progress and Possibilities for Women in Sport', it was co-hosted with Deakin Women's in Sport and Exercise hub (WISE) and co-sponsored by the Deakin Sport Network (DSN). It featured a panel of high-profile women in sport from the media, community and academic sectors. Bringing their expertise to a discussion of women in sport were Professor Karen Farquarson from Swinburne University, Marngook Footy Show hosts Leila Gurruwiwi and Shelly Ware, and Molina Asthana - founder of the Multicultural Women in Sport network. The audience included representatives from sport organisations such as Sport and Rec Vic, Vic Health, Victorian cycling, swimming, cricket, netball and roller derby associations. The event enhanced community engagement between feminist researchers and practitioners by engaging academic insights to address issues around women's sport participation.