



Edna Ryan Awards

2023 GRAND STIRRER

Sam Mostyn

Sam Mostyn has been a trailblazer in advancing the status and opportunities for women in Australia.

As a prominent advocate for gender equality, Mostyn has made significant contributions across various sectors. Serving as the President of the Australian Council for International Development, Mostyn has championed women's rights on a global scale, emphasizing the importance of empowering women in developing countries.

In the corporate realm, Mostyn co-founded the Australian chapter of the 30% Club, a campaign advocating for greater representation of women on corporate boards. Her leadership in this initiative has been instrumental in driving tangible change, pushing for diversity and inclusivity in boardrooms across the country. Mostyn's efforts extend beyond rhetoric, as she has actively engaged with businesses to implement policies that foster gender diversity and equal opportunities for women in leadership roles.

Furthermore, Mostyn's influence in sports, as a former Director of the Sydney Swans, and the first woman AFL Commissioner, has helped break gender barriers in traditionally male-dominated fields. Her dedication to promoting women's participation and leadership in sports has been a catalyst for change, inspiring a new generation of female athletes and executives.

She has served as President of Chief Executive Women and chair of Women's Economic Opportunities Review. She serves on the board of Mirvac and is the Chair of Citi Australia's consumer bank. She also Chairs the boards of the Foundation for Young Australians, Australians Investing in Women, Ausfilm, ANROWS (the Australian National Research Organisation for Women's Safety) and Alberts. Most recently, she was appointed by the Federal government as Chair of the Women's Economic Equality Taskforce.

Sam Mostyn's tireless commitment to advancing the cause of women in Australia has left an enduring legacy, shaping policies and perceptions to create a more equitable and inclusive society.