

Charles Richard Xuereb Oration 2022

Monday 10 October 2022 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm



Annabelle Williams OAM **International Motivational Speaker, Paralympic Gold Medallist, Lawyer, Board Director**

A Paralympic Gold Medallist, international motivational speaker, attorney, brand ambassador, board director, TV reporter, and sports commentator, Annabelle Williams is a leading voice on diversity and inclusion and is creating a movement to change people's perceptions about their own limitations.

Annabelle captained the Australian Paralympic Swim Team and managed to balance her sporting career with a highly successful and demanding corporate career as an attorney. Annabelle competed in two Paralympic Games, broke five world records, and won numerous medals for Australia, including gold at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Annabelle was an M&A attorney at a top-tier law firm, Allens Linklaters, and in-house counsel for the Australian Olympic Committee. She is a strong advocate for the rights of athletes and, at the age of 24, was awarded the prestigious Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the sport.

Annabelle is Vice President of the Board of Paralympics Australia, Chair of the Paralympics Australia Athletes' Commission, and a Member of the Australian National Sports Tribunal. Annabelle is also a Member of the IAAF Disciplinary Tribunal and recently graduated from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, where she delivered the Valedictory Address.

She is also a TV Sports Broadcaster and reported for Network Seven during the Tokyo Games in 2021.