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## JO STANLEY, INAUGURAL WELLSPRINGS FOR WOMEN PATRON

Wellsprings for Women is proud to announce the appointment of Jo Stanley, as its inaugural Patron.

*"We are absolutely thrilled and excited to partner with Jo as our first Patron. Jo's background, experience, skills and connections would be extremely valuable to Wellsprings for Women "said Janet Cribbes, Wellsprings for Women's Chairperson*

Jo Stanley is well known within the media industry as a journalist, radio personality, comedian and TV Presenter. Jo was a host of Jo & Lehmo on Gold 104.3 from 2016 to 2017. She previously hosted Weekend Breakfast on the Hit Network and The Matt and Jo Show on Fox FM from 2003 until 2013. She is the creator of the *Play Like A Girl* kids book series, in which she writes about gender equality, resilience and girls in sport. Jo currently appears on The House of Wellness on Channel 7 and is a member of the Ministerial Council on Women's Equality.

*"in 2019 Wellsprings for Women will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and with Jo on our team, we have much to celebrate as we continue to expand our services to more women across the south east who are facing challenges of poverty, unemployment, dislocation, mental health and family violence"*

As Patron of Wellsprings for Women, Jo is hoping to open new avenues for Wellsprings to explore and new opportunities for building support and accessing networks.

*"I have been fortunate in my life to have always felt safe and supported. Because of this, I am passionate about doing whatever I can for women whose experiences have meant they have been isolated, disadvantaged and unsafe. This is why I am very pleased to be able to promote Wellsprings' work and its wonderful impact on the community. It is a grassroots organisation with limited resources but unlimited capacity for welcoming the most disadvantaged women in the South East of Melbourne. I'm thrilled to be a part of their important vision for 2019" Commented Jo Stanley*

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