

2015 SolarisCare Red Sky Ride Ambassador: Fiona Boyce

Former Olympian and professional hockey player, Fiona Boyce, has been announced as the Ambassador for the 2015 SolarisCare Red Sky Ride.

Born in Perth, 27 year old Fiona realised her love for the sport when she began joining in with her older brother's hockey sessions at about 4 years of age.

Her choice to become an Ambassador for SolarisCare is closely linked with her recent battle with stage 2B Hodgkins Lymphoma. The athlete said that being a Red Sky Ride Ambassador provides her with the opportunity to give back after receiving so much care and support from the Foundation.



Diagnosed only four months after retiring from the Hockeyroos to start her law career, Fiona completed chemotherapy in January 2014 and is now in remission.

We recently spoke to Fiona about her inspiration, the sport that she loves and her cancer experience. "I chose to play for Australia because I loved the travel, mateship, challenge and satisfaction from constantly finding new ways to improve. It was such a privilege to represent Australia in a sport that I love," she said.



Her first game for the Hockeyroos was in July, 2009, at only 22 years old. During this time frame, Fiona attended the University of Notre Dame where she studied Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Commerce. The gruelling training and match schedule for hockey had to be juggled with her studies, a feat she managed with success.

Fiona said that looking back on her treatment and the 6 month period afterwards, her regular visits to the SolarisCare Centre at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital provided a great source of support and made a significant difference to her well-being.

The diagnosis stopped her from being such a perfectionist and this change in mindset allowed her to appreciate that her best is more than good enough, Fiona said.

SolarisCare would like to thank Fiona for her support and efforts in bringing attention to the services and support that the Foundation provides to the cancer community of WA.



