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Motorcycling NSW is excited to announce that Meghan Rutledge, a Picton NSW local, is one of five finalists for the Female Sportsman of the Year at the 2011 Deadly Awards!

Meghan will be going up against other female athletes from around the Nation from other sporting codes such as AFL, Football (soccer), Basketball and Tennis.

Now in its 17th year, The Deadly Awards celebrate Aboriginal achievements in entertainment, music, sport and the community.

Voting for this year's winners is now open to the public on www.vibe.com.au/deadlys and will close on Saturday 10th September.

The award ceremony will be held at the Sydney Opera House on September 27.

Motorcycling NSW wishes Meghan all the best in the awards and encourages the motorcycling community to vote for Meghan through the above website link.

Finalists for the Female Sportsman category include:

Meghan Rutledge – Motocross - NSW

Kirby Bently - AFL – WA

Kyah Simon – Football – NSW

Rohanee Cox – Basketball – WA

Ashleigh Barty – Tennis – QLD

This is a copy of Meghan's bio that appears on the Deadly Awards page.

Meghan Rutledge – Motocross

Over the past 12 months, Picton teenager Meghan Rutledge has taken on and beaten the best in Australian motocross racing. Meghan began racing at the age of seven, quickly winning several titles. In 2004, she became the first female to win a NSW State Title competing against boys. She is also the first female to win the Oakdale Motorcycle Club junior club championship – her home club where she got her start in racing. In the past year, Meghan has won Australasian, Australian and state titles. In August 2010, Meghan won the NSW 12 to Under-16 years 85cc all-female championship and 13 to Under-16 250cc all-female little class. She was also the runner-up in the boys 13 to Under-15 year's lites. At the Queensland titles in March 2011, Meghan won the junior lites four- and two-stroke classes, also finishing runner-up against the boys in support class. She is currently first in this year's NSW State Titles women's class with one round remaining. Meghan also spends many hours helping her coach to train younger children in the sport and

encouraging everybody to give it go. Meghan has a great attitude of “anything is possible if you put the effort in” – a moto that is clearly paying dividends in her own career

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