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Ipswich Women Rock (Climb)

Mt Everest conqueror Shannon Turley is the latest – and probably greatest – example of Ipswich women’s strength, confidence and ability to meet any challenge, the Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said today.

Ms Turley, who climbed Mt Everest in 2004, is also an Australian kayaking representative and is currently planning a cycling trip across Canada.

She is an Ipswich woman, in her own words, “born and bred.” She went to school at Ipswich Girls’ Grammar School and worked as a nurse at Ipswich hospital.

“Shannon Turley’s achievement blows my mind,” Ms Nolan said.

“As a recreational bushwalker, I find the strength of body and will it would take to climb Mt Everest amazing.”

Ms Nolan said that at the Centenary of Women’s Suffrage, 2005 was the unofficial year of Ipswich women.

“In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, Quota, Zonta and the Australian Institute of Office Professionals, I am currently organising the first ever Ipswich Women’s Dinner to celebrate our achievements.

“We Ipswich women are driving the economy – with the two most recent business people of the year being women.

“We are running or staffing most of the community organisations that give Ipswich its warm spirit, we are representing the city in State Parliament and now we are climbing the world’s highest mountains as well.

“Ipswich women have something to shout about and in 2005 that’s exactly what we’re doing.”