



WATER POLO VICTORIA – LIFE MEMBER PROFILE AILEEN VANDERFEEN



DOB: 18/12/1951

Playing Nickname: none

Cap number: 1 or 13

What years were you involved with WPV:

I have been involved in the Victorian Country Association as a foundation committee member (1982) and am still on the committee.

What roles did you perform?

I have been secretary on numerous occasions and have been Treasurer since 1992.

How did you start being involved in water polo?

I moved to Bendigo in 1976 and water polo was just beginning after a twenty-year break. People I worked with were involved and invited me along to have a try.

Who was your first mentor / coach? Peter Boyle

Tell us something about your mentor / coach?

Peter was a foundation member of the Bendigo Water Association (Central Districts). He played in the Bendigo men's team until he was in his late fifties and remained involved in the club until his death 3 years ago. Peter coached the women's team for several years and always provided a trophy for the Country Championships

Which club did you play with?

Bendigo

At what age did you represent your club / state / AUS?

From 26 – 42 yo.

What position did you play?

Centre back and Goalie when needed.

What are some of your best memories from water polo?

Managing the Victorian country teams for Nationals especially when we caught a bus that picked up players from Gippsland through to Albury and then drove through to Tamworth. It



was a great bonding exercise. Also playing at the Australian Masters games and getting a bronze medal.

What career have you been involved in?

Scientist in Veterinary Laboratories.

Currently owner manager of a large Veterinary testing facility which is about to become multinational.

Are you still involved as a player, coach, manager or referee?

I am still involved on the committee of the Bendigo Water Polo Association.

Do you still have friends from your Water Polo days?

Yes, travelling to the State Country Championships every year is like a reunion.

Any other comments?

Water Polo is the best team sport that I have ever played or been involved with.

