

MERLE SHORT SERVICE AWARD

NOMINEE: *SUE JAMES*
ASSOCIATION: *MELBOURNE*
YEAR AWARDED: 2008



STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1976 to 1979 – Played with Werribee Club at Geelong Softball Association
- 1979 to 1987 – President of Melton Softball Club
- 1985 to 1993 – Secretary Werribee Softball Association
- 1985 to 1993 – Coach, player and umpire for Melton Softball Club and Woodville Softball Club. Played on permit to Winger and Panthers Softball Clubs at Melbourne Softball Association
- Attained Level 3 Umpire Accreditation
- Attained Level 2 Coach Accreditation
- 1985 to 1993 – Represented Werribee Softball Association at numerous Victorian Championships (open and junior) as a player, coach, manager and umpire.
- 1992 – Awarded Life Membership of Werribee Softball Association
- 1995 to current – Member Panthers Softball Club at Melbourne
- 1999 to current – Coaching Coordinator – Melbourne Softball Association. Responsible for the development of coaches and players at Fawkner Park
- 1999 to current – Head Coach of Melbourne's MSquad – Junior Development Program
- 1996/97 – Represented Melbourne Softball Association at Victorian Open Championships as a player
- 1998 to current – Represented Melbourne Softball Association at Victorian Open Championships as a coach / player
- 2002 – Awarded Life Membership of Melbourne Softball Association
- 1989 – Founding member of the Oddballs Masters Softball Club to become Vicsens in 1993



- 2007 – Awarded Life Membership of Vicsens Softball Club
- 1989 to current – Coached and played in all biannual Australian Masters Games
- 1994, 2002, 2005 – Coached and played in World Masters Games, in Brisbane, Melbourne and Canada respectively
- 2004 – Coached and played in the Pan Pacific Masters Games
- 1997 to current – Coached and played in all Australian Softball Federation Masters Games
- 1996 to current – Coached and played in all annual June Victorian Masters Games

On behalf of Melbourne Softball Association we proudly nominate Sue James to be awarded The Merle Short Service Award for her contribution to softball at affiliated Association level in Victoria.

We believe Sue is a worthy recipient having been an active member of softball in Victoria from 1976 to current, a period of 33 years.

In recognising Sue achievements we believe they meet the criteria laid down and they warrant this award.

We believe that Sue has been a great ambassador for our sport. Sue has involved herself as a player, coach, umpire and administrator covering all age groups, open, junior and masters.

We are honoured to have Sue James as a member of our Association. We believe Melbourne Softball and our members have benefited greatly from Sue's commitment and contribution to softball at Fawkner Park.

