

SOFTBALL VICTORIA LIFE MEMBER

NOMINEE: *DEBBIE KEOGH*
ASSOCIATION: *CASEY*
YEAR AWARDED: *2018*



STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS :

KNOX & DISTRICT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 1984 - 1987

- Player with Yarra Valley Softball Club
- Player with Demons Softball Club
- Committee Vice President with Demons Softball Club

CASEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION 1987 - PRESENT

- 1988 to 1994 - Hampton Park Softball Club Vice President
- Hampton Park Softball Club A & B Grade Coach
- 1990 - Young Guns A Grade Men's Coach
- 1994 to 1997 - Berwick Braves Softball Club Committee Member
- 1998/99 – Berwick Braves Softball Club U13 Boys Coach
- 1989 to 1992 – Association Hampton Park Club Delegate
- 1992 to 1997 – Berwick Association Treasurer
- 1995 to 1999 – Sweeney Reserve Committee of Management
- 1994 to 1998 – Berwick Association State Assembly Delegate
- 1997 to 2000 – Berwick Association President
- 2002 – Berwick Association Steering Committee
- 2002 to 2003 – Berwick Association Secretary
- 1997 – Received Berwick Life Membership
- 1994 – Coach of Primary Boys representative team at Werribee
- 1996 – Coach of Premiership Under 13 Boys Representative team 'B' Grade at Dandenong
- 1997 – Coach of Premiership Under 13 Boys 'A' Grade team at Horsham
- 1989 to 2002 – Berwick Association Representative Player



- 1993 to 1999 – Berwick Association Umpires Allocation and Coordinator
- Assisted with relocation from Betula Reserve to Sweeney Reserve
- 1993 to present - Assisted with organising State Championships conducted at Berwick
- 2002 – Casey Masters Softball Club – Player for World Masters Games

VICTORIA

- 1994 to 2003 – Umpire at State Championships
- 1994 – Intermediate Umpires Training Squad
- 1996/97 – West Gippsland Umpire Training clinics
- 1997/98 – State Championships Sub Committee
- 1998/99 – Victorian Umpires Committee - Training Committee
- 1999 to 2003 – Victorian Umpires Committee - Examiner
- 2001 – Victorian Umpires Committee – Assistant Rules Interpreter
- 2002/03 – Victorian Umpires Committee – Examinations Committee
- 2000 – Umpire in Chief – U16 State Championships, Geelong
- 2001 - Deputy Umpire in Chief – U13 State Championships, Dandenong
- 1995 to 2003 – Umpire at Victorian State League
- 1995 – Umpire Blue Diamond Competition
- 1996 – Umpire at Foxtel Classic
- 1997 to 2014 – Victorian Masters Tournament Chief Umpire
- 1998 – Advanced Umpires Training Squad
- 2003 – Rules Clinics for Under 23 Victorian Women's Softball Team

NATIONAL

- 1996 – Umpire Liaison Officer Under 16 Boys National Championships, Altona
- 1996 – Umpire at 5th Australian Masters Melbourne
- 1997 – Umpire, successful candidate for Level 5 at Under 16 Boys & Under 19 Men National Championship, Homebush Sydney
- 1998 – Umpire Under 16 Girls National Championships, Hobart
- 1998 – National Fastpitch – Australia Cup, Sydney
- 1998 – National Fastpitch League, Knox
- 1999 - Umpire, successful candidate for Level 6 at Open Women Nationals, Adelaide
- 1999 – Umpire Under 19 Women National Championships, Melbourne
- 1999 – Umpire Women's National Fastpitch, Sydney
- 2000 – Umpire National League, Australia Cup, Sydney
- 2000 – Umpire Under 16 Boys & Under 19 Men National Championships, Canberra
- 2000 – Volunteer at Aquilina Reserve for Women's Olympic Test Event Softball
- 2000 – Olympic Volunteer in charge of Field of Play Security at Softball Event at Sydney Olympics.
- 2001 to 2003 – Umpire at Australian Softball Federation Challenge

- 2001 – Umpire Open Women’s National Championships, Perth
- 2001 – Umpire Under 16 Girls National Championships, Geelong
- 2002 – Blacktown NSWIS Cup
- 2002 – International Umpires Development Squad
- 2002 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Canberra
- 2002 – Umpire Under 19 Girls National Championships, Adelaide
- 2003 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Hobart
- 2003 – Umpire Under 16 Girls National Championships, Adelaide
- 2003 – Umpire Australia Cup Challenge, Waverley
- 2003 – AIS Open Women’s Challenge, Geelong
- 2004 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Brisbane
- 2004 – Umpire/Examiner Under 23 Women National Championships, Ipswich
- 2005 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Adelaide
- 2005 – Umpire Under 23 Women National Championships, Melbourne
- 2006 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Melbourne
- 2006 – Women’s Grand Prix Series, Melbourne
- 2006 – Umpire Under 23 Women National Championships, Canberra
- 2007 – Umpire Under 23 Women National Championships, Darwin
- 2008 – Umpire Open Women National Championships, Sydney

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

- 1995 – Player/Captain of Victoria First Team for the World Police & Fire Games, Gold Medallist
- 1995 – Scorer for World Police & Fire Games Slowpitch, Waverley
- 2000 – Umpire Tri Nation Series International Challenge Series, Brisbane
- 2001 – Women’s International Test Series AUS v NZ, Waverley
- 2001 – Trans Tasman Exchange – New Zealand National Provincial Championships
- 2002 – International Umpires Development Squad
- 2002 – Women’s International Challenge, JAP v AUS, Waverley
- 2002 – International Test Series, AUS v JAP, Albury
- 2004 – Sydney International Challenge
- 2005 – U19 Japan Tour
- 2006 – International Friendly Series
- 2007 – Universiade Bangkok

ACCREDITATIONS

- 1990 – Level 1 Scorer
- 1993 – Level 1 Coach
- 1993 – Level 2 Scorer
- 1993 – Level 1 Umpire

- 1994 – Level 2 Umpire, Under 16 State Championships, Frankston
- 1995 – Level 3 Umpire, Under 19 State Championships, Ballarat
- 1996 – Level 4 Umpire, Open State Championships, Sunshine
- 1997 – Level 5 Umpire, Under 16 National Championships, Homebush Sydney
- 1997 – Level 1 Umpire Examiner
- 1999 – Level 6 Umpire, Open Women National Championships, West Beach Adelaide

AWARDS

- 1996 - Marj Dwyer Memorial Umpiring Scholarship
- 1997 – Life Membership Berwick Casey Softball Association
- 2001 – Volunteer Award during ‘International Year of Volunteer’
- 2003 – Berwick Braves Softball Club Service Award

SUPPORTING STATEMENT:

Deb Keogh's softball career has spanned more than 35 years and began in the 80's with the Yarra Valley Softball Club at the Knox Softball Association. 1991 saw a move to the Hampton Park Softball Club at the Berwick City Softball Association before moving to the Berwick Braves Softball Club.

A long serving volunteer, her contribution has had a significant impact at the grass roots level of our sport. From running the canteen to serving as Association President, Deb Keogh has developed a valuable skillset that extends into all areas of the sport. In addition to her personal contribution, Deb Keogh's leadership has given guidance to club and association members alike.

Whilst her volunteer contribution has been significant, Deb's personal pursuit has been in the field of umpiring. She began her umpiring career in 1992 at the Casey Softball Association due to a shortage of willing people officiating club games and she quickly excelled winning the Marj Dwyer Umpire Scholarship in 1996.

Umpiring at Victorian State Championships from 1994 to 2018 she achieved her level 4 in 1996 before graduating to the National stage in 1996. With a National Umpiring career spanning a decade attending 20 National Tournaments, Deb achieved her level 6 accreditation in 1999 at the Open Women Nationals in Adelaide. The International stage beckoned in 2000 when she officiated in the Tri-nations series in Brisbane, followed by the Trans Tasman exchange in 2001 and then was selected in the International Development Squad in 2002. Deb toured Japan with the Australian U19 team in 2005 and in 2007 she officiated in the 24th Universiade Tournament in Bangkok being awarded the plate duties in the final.

Whilst achieving success on the diamond, Debbie continued to support the Victorian Umpire's program in multiple capacities giving back to the programme that supported her career. Serving on the Victorian Umpires Committee in various roles, Deb has been a skilled trainer, mentor, examiner and administrator.

Whilst umpiring has been a focus, her service to the Championship Committee and Tournament Management Committees provided a strong skillset in running and overseeing the State Championships and Masters tournaments. Masters became a passion as Deb held the role of TCU at the Victorian Event for over a decade, coordinating and training umpires of all ages. Her ability to encourage and support novice umpires has made her a well-respected and highly regarded senior umpire and a popular member of the Victorian Umpiring community. Deb was recognised by Softball Victoria in 2003 being awarded the Merle Short Service Award

Deb Keogh's contribution to softball within the state of Victoria has been ongoing since she first began her association with the sport. Her dedication to all areas of the sport makes her an outstanding role model who's rendered exceptional service to Softball Victoria.

