

MERLE SHORT SERVICE AWARD

NOMINEE: ***ANGELA BROADBENT***

ASSOCIATION: ***WERRIBEE***

YEAR AWARDED: 2016



STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1983 to 2013 – Played Softball, predominantly for City Raiders Softball Club
- 1989 to 1995 – Coach City Raiders Softball Club teams
- 1995 – 2002 – Secretary City Raiders Softball Club
- 1998 – Awarded Life Membership of City Raiders Softball Club
- 2002 to 2004 – Coach Victorian Development Squads
- 2000 to 2008 – State Championships Representative player Werribee Softball Association
- 2003 to 2006 – State Championships Representative Coach Werribee Softball Association
- 2010 to 2015 – State Championships Statistician Werribee Softball Association
- 2003/04 & 2014/15 – Vice President Werribee Softball Association
- 2004/05 & 2009 to 2016 – Registrar – Werribee Softball Association
- 2003 – Level 3 Coaching Accreditation
- 2003 – Level 3 Scoring Accreditation
- 2009 to current - Tournament Coordinator of Werribee's Memorial Shield Tournament
- 2014 – Level 1 Umpire Accreditation
- 2014 – 2016 – State Championship Umpire for Werribee Softball Association
- 2014 to 2017 – President City Raiders Softball Club
- 2014 – Awarded Life Membership Werribee Softball Association
- 2015 – Level 2 Umpire Accreditation
- 2015 – Began work on the Softball Victoria History Project
- 2015 – Victorian Umpire Committee Member
- 2015 – Lalor Heroes Volunteers Award recipient
- 2016 – Level 3 Umpire Accreditation



SUPPORTING STATEMENT:

Angela first became involved with the City Raiders Softball Club at the Werribee Association at the age of 10. Angela has contributed to the Association and her club through coaching, umpiring, scoring, playing and also on various committees.

Her wealth of knowledge and support at club level has been of major value, including as president of the City Raiders Softball Club for the past three years. She has ensured the club adheres to good governance, is a welcoming and inclusive club and has continued to grow in a declining membership sport.

Her contributions at Association level have included being Vice President for 2 seasons and Registrar for 7 seasons. She has also contributed as a State Championship Coach for Werribee rep teams and is a big contributor to the running of Memorial Shield each year. In 2014 she received her Life Membership with the Werribee Softball Association.

Angela loves everything about the game. On game day at Werribee she can be seen in her Club kit coaching young people, sometimes playing or scoring for the team but the majority of the time she ends her day kitted out in blues gear. She then relaxes by hearing 'advice' from members on how to make life at Werribee better and is often the last person to leave.

As Association registrar and in charge of the fixtures Ange spends her weeks checking scorecards and registrations and ensuring that we have enough umpires for the upcoming week. She also answers many questions and provides advice on how to use the registration database. Ange also assists other Associations with umpiring during the week for school teams or regular mid-week season games.

She has also assisted Softball Victoria as a development coach, umpires at State Championships and Masters and also assists with the administration of these Softball Victoria events. More recently she took the initiative and started the History of Softball in Victoria Facebook page and has spent countless hours searching, researching, scanning and documenting the history she has uncovered. This activity has included the documentation of Victorian State Teams since the inception of softball including a photographic timeline of those teams. This sense of community has regrown our interest in our sport's past and reengaged some softballers with the sport.

Angela has recently received her Level 3 Umpire Accreditation which is her current focus and also holds her Level 3 in both Scoring and Coaching.

Although Angela is stepping down for a well-deserved break from the Werribee Executive she is still involved in Memorial Shield and other sub committees and activities that come up from SV, other Associations and Werribee. Angela likes to ensure those who contribute are recognised and goes out of her way to thank people for their contribution to the daily running of the sport no matter what their contribution. Angela's tireless dedication to the sport and its growth is recognised and respected by many of the sports members and we would like to formally acknowledge it by Softball Victoria's acceptance of this nomination.

