

# SOFTBALL VICTORIA HALL OF FAME

## JENNY HOLLIDAY

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Jenny Holliday played within the Waverley Softball Association for the Glen Waverley Angels before coming to the attention of Victorian selectors in 1980. She was selected in the Under 16 Girls team who competed for the Esther Deason Shield in Adelaide. After playing two more years in junior Victorian representative teams, Jenny made her senior debut for the state in 1985 as part of the successful Victorian team who won the Gilley's Shield. In total, Jenny represented her home state of Victoria on 16 occasions at the Australian National Championships spending a great deal of time in the pitching circle. 1996 saw her dominant on the mound winning the Lorraine Woolley Medal in (Gilley's Shield Pitching Award).



Jenny represented Australia in an international career that spanned over 12 years between 1985 and 1997. She played 104 games for Australia which included three World Softball Championships (1986, 1990, and 1994) and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics where she and the team won a bronze medal.

Her skill as a high velocity pitcher saw her inclusion in three World All Star Teams and holds the world record for the fastest recorded pitch at an Olympic games (118kph) as well as five National Fastpitch Softball League Best Pitcher Awards.

For her contribution to the game as a player, Jenny was inducted in the International and Australian Softball Halls of Fame in 2001 and 2002 respectively. Many young pitchers benefited from Jenny's coaching as did the softballers at Caulfield Grammar School where she was the Head of Girls Sport and responsible for running the program for 23 Softball Teams. For her service to sport in the APS, Jenny was only the second female to be awarded the outstanding service to sport in the Association of Public Schools.

Post playing career Jenny has continued to support the Australian softball community by serving on the Softball Australia Board of Directors from 2005 through to 2010, and served as the Chair Person of this board from 2008 to 2010. After stepping down from the Softball Australia Board of Directors, Jenny was nominated as President of Softball Victoria in 2011 and served until 2017. Her role as President of Softball Victoria included active involvement with numerous committees covering all areas of the sport of softball from playing, umpiring, scoring, volunteering and organizing tournaments.

## **STATEMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS:**

### **Victorian Representation:**

#### **Player:**

- 1980 Victorian U16 Girls Esther Deason Shield
- 1982 Victorian U19 Women Elinor McKenzie Shield
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- 1985 Victorian Open Women Gilley's Shield
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- 1997 Victorian Open Men John Reid Shield

### Australian Representation:

- 1985 - South Pacific Classic – Melbourne
- 1986 - VI ISF Women’s World Championship
- 1988 – Bicentennial Challenge Tour
- 1989 – South Pacific Classic – New Zealand
- 1989 – Intercontinental Cup – Verona, Italy
- 1990 – New Zealand Tour
- 1990 – VII ISF Women’s World Championship
- 1992 – Challenge Cup – Beijing
- 1993 – Canada Cup
- 1994 – South Pacific Classic – Sydney
- 1994 – VIII ISF Women’s World Championship
- 1995 – USA Tour – Downey Park, QLD
- 1995 – North American Superball Tournament
- 1996 – International Women’s Tour – Melbourne
- 1996 – Four Nations Softball Challenge – Brisbane
- 1996 – XXVI Olympiad – Atlanta, Georgia, USA

### Other notable achievements:

- 1993 – Life Membership Glen Waverley Softball Club
- 1996 - Lorraine Woolley Medal , Best Pitcher (Gilley’s Shield)
- 1996 - Olympic Bronze Medallist
- 2002 - Inducted into the Australian Hall of Fame
- 2001 - Inducted into the ISF Hall of Fame
- 2005 to 2010 - Softball Australia Board
- 2011 to 2017 – Softball Victoria President

