

## Shirley Schneider (née Owen) (WA) National Open Women's Selector

Shirley Schneider acted as an Australian Open Women's Team Selector from 1978 until 2004. Her ability to recognise talent and potential Australian representatives was outstanding.

In 1981, Shirley obtained her Australian Coaching Council Level 2 Coaching Accreditation. This was the



start of a long a successful coaching career. Shirley was an Assistant Coach of the Western Australian Open Women's team from 1975 and Head Coach from 1976 until 1993. Shirley was also an Assistant Coach to Margaret Reynold, who coached the Australian Touring team at the Pan Am Series in New Zealand.

Shirley was appointed the Western Australian State Coaching Director in 1974, a position she held until May 2000. In 1976 she was a member of the first Australian Softball Federation Coaching Committee and the Program Design Committee. She also acted as a Coordinator of the ASF Academy.

Shirley regularly attended Softball Australia Annual General Meetings as the Softball Western Australia delegate, and was a Convenor of six national championships and two international tournaments.

Shirley's dedication over a period of 44 years was outstanding and one that has greatly benefited the sport.

## **AWARDS**

2000 Softball Australia Life Member