

BRISBANE WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
LIFE MEMBER

MRS LESLEY BENNETT

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I started playing hockey in my 2nd year of high school. I had attended a small two teacher primary school on the NW Coast of Tasmania, where the only winter sport offered was netball. I took up hockey when my younger sister went to high school, with the only position available being goalkeeper. As I moved around the state, I was fortunate enough to be able to play firstly on the West Coast and then in Hobart and being a goalkeeper was particularly useful. Hockey provided continuity and friendship as I moved between Adelaide and Darwin, finally arriving in Brisbane in 1994.

I began my involvement with BWHA in 2003 starting on the judiciary committee. My parents had always set an example by volunteering on various committees, so it was a natural step to become involved in the administration of my local club and then at association level.

My greatest memory in hockey was when my team won the local West Coast competition, after the game had gone to penalty strokes and being featured in the local paper, which still continues to feature hockey in the sports pages.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED:

2020

BWHA

- Judiciary Committee: 2003 – 2012
- Umpire – U13 State Championships: 2003
- Umpire – Veteran’s State Championships: 2004
- Grading Committee – Grass: 2004 – 2020 (Convenor for 6 years)
- Grading Committee – Masters: 2013 2014 2015 (C)
- Competitions Committee – Grass: 2005 – 2020 (Convenor 8 years)
- Umpires & Technical Committee: 2007 – 2018 (Convenor 9 years)
- Junior Umpires Panel: 2007
- Masters Fixtures & Grading Committee: 2008 – 2023 (Convenor 7 years)
- Senior Management: 2009 –2023
 - Competitions – Operations: 2009
 - Competitions, Umpires & Technical & Masters Portfolio: 2010 – 2018
- Masters Organising Committee: 2010 – 2011, 2023
- Masters Umpires Steward: 2013 – 2017, 2019–2023
- Masters Match Secretary: 2016 – 2017
- Senior Grass Match Secretary: 2019– 2023
- Senior & Junior Umpire Mentor: 2014 – 2023
- Manager – Masters State Championships: 2019 – 2023

Technical Appointments

- Hockey Queensland Technical Judge: 2005
- Hockey Queensland Tournament Director – U13 State Championships 2012 2022 (Men)
- Hockey Queensland Technical Manager – U15 State Championships 2012
- Hockey Queensland Tournament Director– Opens State Championships (W): 2012
- Hockey Queensland Tournament Director – U15 State Championships (W): 2018
- Hockey Queensland Tournament Director – U18s State Championships (M): 2021
- HA Master’s Championships: 2019 Technical Judge
- Hockey One Technical Judge: 2022

Awards

- Qld Junior Badge: 2003
- Qld Intermediate Badge: 2004
- BWHA Senior Badge: 2004