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Parkes, Rosalie

(1929 - 1994)

Born	19290724, Hobart Tasmania Australia
Died	19940611, West Hobart Tasmania Australia
Occupation	Netball Player, Sports administrator

Summary

Rosalie Parkes' was a pioneer of netball in Tasmania and, after a twenty-five year involvement in the sport became an institution. She first represented Tasmania in 1939 at a carnival in Adelaide and became the first Tasmanian to tour with an Australian representative team when she travelled to New Zealand in 1948.

Between 1948 and 1960 she coached the Tasmanian Open Team and was made a life member of the Southern Tasmanian Netball Association in 1955. During her twenty-five year involvement with the sport. She served as President of the Southern Tasmanian Netball Association and liaison officer for the Tasmanian Netball Association. In order to honour her achievements and services to the sport in the region, the Creek Road Netball Pavilion was named after her. (The Building is now demolished.)

Rosalie never married, but she did have a partner, Owen Clarke, who died prematurely. Rosalie also died prematurely – she and her brother Frank, died in a house fire in 1994.

Published resources

Site Exhibition
She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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