Entry type: Person
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Wilson, Vicki

(1965 -)

Born	19650211, Brisbane Queensland Australia
Occupation	Netball Player, Sports administrator, Sports commentator

Summary

Vicki Wilson started playing netball in 1972 at the age of seven. By the time she had hung up her skirt in 1999, she was one of Australia's most decorated and successful players, having earned 104 test caps over the journey, more than any other Australian player. She represented Australia for fifteen years with the last four as captain. She played in four World Championship tournaments (the most of any Australian player), was a member of a victorious team three times (1991, 1995, 1999), and captained the world champion team in her last game in 1999. She was captain of the team that won the first ever gold medal for netball in the Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur in 1998, although she says the most memorable moment of her career was winning the 1991 World Championship in Sydney. Arguably the best goal shooter in the world in the 1990s, when asked by a junior netballer in 1999 why she had such great shooting accuracy, her response was, '200 shots a day x 6 days a week, and that's 200 shots that go in. I have been doing that since I was 20 years old'.

A trained physical education teacher, Wilson continued to teach while playing netball, moving to the position of Schools Sports Promotions Officer with the Department of Education in Queensland in 1992. Since then she has held a number of board member ships and government advisory positions, including membership of the Board of the Queensland Academy of Sport. She continues to coach and mentor talented players and works as a senior project manager with Sport and Recreation Queensland in the Queensland Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Events

1999 - 1999
aptain of the World Championship Winning Team

1996 - 1999
Captain of the Australian Netball Team

1997 - 1999
Captain of the Queensland Firebirds

1998 - 1998
Captain of the Team that won the first ever Gold Medal for netball at the Commonwealth Games

1992 - 1992
For services to netball

1985 - 1999
Member of the Australian Netball Team

1983 - 1996
Member of the Queensland Open Team (Captain 1989-1996)

1982 - 1983
Member of the Queensland Under 19 Team

1987 - 1987
Member of the team that competed at the World Championships in Glasgow (Runners Up, jointly, with Trinidad and Tobago)

1991 - 1991
Member of the World Championship Winning Team

1995 - 1995
Member of the World Championship Winning Team

2006 - 2006
Selected as one of the Australian Institute of Sport' s 25 'Best of the Best'

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