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Aussie Spirit Softball

(1965 -)

Born	19650101
Occupation	Olympic sports team, Sports Team

Summary

Aussie Spirit Softball, the nickname for The Australian Open Women's softball team, is one of Australia's most successful sporting teams. Since softbal1996, Australia has medalled at all four events with Bronze in Atlanta (1996) Sydney (2000) and Beijing (2008) and Silver in Athens (2004).

Australia won the first ever International Softball Federation's Women's World Championship in 1965.

Details

Four Australian players have been inducted to the International Softball Federation Hall of Fame. Members of the Australian bronze medal-winning team from Atlanta, Jenny Holliday and Joyce Lester, were inducted in 2001. Joanne Brown and Kerry Dienelt who both won bronze medals at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics were inducted in 2005.

Events

2000 - 2000
Softball – Women's: Team included – Joanne Brown, Fiona Crawford, Kerry Dienelt, Peta Edebone, Sue Fairhurst, Selina Follas, Kelly Hardie, Tanya Harding, Sandra Lewis, Sally McCreedy, Simmone Morrow, Melanie Roche, Natalie Titcume, Natalie Ward, Brooke Wilkins

1996 - 1996
Softball – Women's: Team included – Joanne Brown, Kim Cooper, Carolyn Crudgington, Kerry Dienelt, Peta Edebone, Tanya Harding, Jennifer Holliday, Jocelyn Lester, Sally McCreedy, Francine McRae, Haylea Petrie, Nicole Richardson, Melanie Roche, Natalie Ward, Brooke Wilkins

2008 - 2008
Softball – Women's: Team included – Jodie Bowering, Kylie Cronk, Kelly Hardie, Tanya Harding, Sandra Lewis, Simmone Morrow, Tracey Mosley, Tracey Mosley, Melanie Roche, Justine Smethurst, Danielle Stewart, Natalie Titcume, Natalie Ward (c) , Belinda Wright, Kerry Wyborn,

2004 - 2004
Softball – Women's: Team included – Marissa Carpadios, Fiona Crawford, Amanda Doman, Peta Edebone, Tanya Harding, Natalie Hodgskin, Sandra Lewis, Simmone Morrow, Tracey Mosley, Stacey Porter, Melanie Roche, Natalie Titcume, Natalie Ward, Brooke Wilkins, Kerry Wyborn

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