

Carmel McMullen

Carmel started playing netball in 1942 at infants' school and subsequently played at Coraki, Lismore and Grafton Boarding Schools. During this time, she played for North Coast Representative sides, after this she moved to Cronulla and played in High School with Our Lady of Mercy College Team.

While at College in the 50's Carmel played with ST George. At the same time, she coached St Pats Primary as Sutherland (two teams).

Married in 1955, at this time she coached St Pats Senior Club at Sutherland and it grew substantially.

In 1984 Carmel moved to Orange and played mid-week netball

She was elected on Committee in 1976 and held a position each year since. Her positions have included: President, Secretary, Umpires Convenor, Coaching Co-Ordinator, State Age Coach for several years, State League & U19's coach.

Carmel started coaching school teams as soon as she arrived in Orange. This included ST Josephs, Sheahan Kinross & Canobolas. The latter were 'A' Grade Premiers in 1984.

Each Saturday morning, she voluntarily coached U11's for two years – 1988-89 in preparation for selection the following year.

She has run coaching clinics for coaches; has run umpire lectures; umpires on a regular basis Saturday afternoon and has attended Burrendong Coaching Clinics and Umpire Clinics.

Her qualification include:

- Level 1 Coaching Certificate
- B Grade Umpire Badge
- Always gains 100% in umpires' theory exam yearly.

Few can match the hours the Carmel McMullen has put into netball. Many of our young netballers in particular owe their skills to Carmel's outstanding contribution.