

Yvonne 'Toot' Keegan

Toot started playing netball at Orange High School at the age of thirteen, playing a major role in Astley Cup for a number of years.

At the age of sixteen Toot represent Orange in the A grade competition at Country Week when Orange won the Country Championships in 1960. Toot was in the winning team again in 1971.

Toot gained selection in the NSW Open side in 1961 and played in Melbourne, her selection was repeated in 1962 when she played in Perth.

Toot has been a committee Member of the Orange Netball Association in a number of capacities.

President – 1963, 1964, 1969

Secretary – 1965, 1966, 1968, 1970

Publicity Officer – 1992

Toot has coached teams every year since 1968, being involved with Orange Public, Calare Public, Santa Maria and Orange High Schools.

Also several State Age teams have benefited from her expertise.

Toot organised a Midweek Ladies Competition which played every Monday morning from 1978 to 1987.

In 1968 Toot received an A Grade Umpires' Badge.

She has been honoured twice in Australia Day Awards;

- 1987 Achievement in Sport
- 1991 Sports Personality Award

There would be no other person who has done as much for the Association as 'Toot'. Her boundless energy, her enthusiasm and her knowledge of the game have been an inspiration to us all. Toot is a 'sport' in every sense of the word.