

## BETTE ALLISON PROFILE

The name Bette Allison is synonymous with Netball in this State. Her lifelong passion made her life very rewarding and successful for herself, others and Netball.

She began playing at the age of fourteen and was a WA Open State player and whilst at University received a Half Blue for athletics and netball. She realised early however that her real love for the game was in coaching players and educating others to do the same and devoted her energies accordingly.

Bette coached at **all** levels from Kent Street High School Teams, her beloved Royals Netball Club for many decades, State Schoolgirls Teams, WA State Open Teams (5 of which were outright winners of the National Championships) and the All Australian Team for the Golden Jubilee Tests in 1978.

After graduating as a primary school teacher Bette transferred to high school teaching and later moved on to lecture at Graylands Teachers College and Edith Cowan College of Advanced Education. She also fostered the game of Netball whilst lecturing in Fiji, Tonga, West Samoa, Montreal and Vancouver. She continued her own development receiving a Master of Education in 1977.

In 1975, 1983 and 1991 Bette coached the Singapore National Netball Team and often spent her holidays there conducting clinics for teachers and students living her passion for the development of coaches at any level.

Bette was instrumental in establishing the WA Junior and Sub-Junior Netball Associations, as she believed involvement in such activity was essential for the development of young girls and for the game.

During her lifetime Bette was the recipient of many awards including:

- \*1955 Life Membership Netball WA
- \*1977 British Empire Medal
- \*1989 May Campbell Award (for outstanding services to female sport in WA)
- \*2000 Australian Sports Medal
- \*2002 Citizen of the Year (Sport Category)



**COACHING**



Bette was also a Life Member of Royals Netball Club, School Sport WA, Perth Netball Association and was number one ticket holder for Perth Orioles in 2005.

Bette's coaching style was analytical, meticulous, demanding and exact. She prepared thoroughly and expected players to show commitment. She was a passionate, forthright well-educated woman and role model to many.

Passing away in 2014 Bette ensured that her love for coaching would continue, bequeathing funds to Netball WA for Coach Education. The Bette Allison Coach Scholarships bear her name in recognition of her generosity and services to coaching in Western Australia.

### **BETTE ALLISON COACH SCHOLARSHIPS**

The aim of the Bette Allison Coach Scholarships is to provide opportunities for coaches across all levels to further their knowledge and practices through coach education, accreditation and personal development opportunities that will assist and enhance their coaching ability.

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