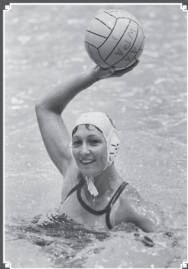


CATHY PARKES

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY (NSW)

- Gold Medalist - FINA Women's World Championship, Madrid (1986)
- Gold Medalist - FINA Women's World Cup, Irvine (1984)
- Silver Medalist - FINA Women's World Championship, Guayaquil (1982)
- Bronze Medalist - FINA Women's World Cup, Sainte Foy (1983)
- Bronze Medalist - FINA Women's World Cup, Brisbane (1981)
- Bronze Medalist - FINA Women's World Cup, Merced (1979)



Cathy Parkes originally played under maiden name of Turner and represented Sydney University on the NSW club scene, but was also an invaluable member of the NSW and Australian women's teams. Cathy helped win four titles for NSW across ten consecutive national championships from 1977 to 1986. Cathy's first selection in the Australian team also occurred in 1977 and she was the recipient of no fewer than six FINA medals, accruing 81 caps for Australia over the next ten years. She participated in two World Championship campaigns at Guayaquil (1982) and at Madrid (1986) as vice-captain. She also competed in an unprecedented five FINA Women's World Cup tournaments at Merced (1979), Breda (1980), Brisbane (1981), Sainte Foy (1983) and Irvine (1984) as vice-captain. As captain of the Sydney University club, Cathy led her side to an unequalled string of 14 straight premierships in the NSWAWPA women's 1st grade competition from 1976 to 1989, and a further three premierships before her retirement in 1994. Sadly, Cathy passed away prematurely in 2007, but left a significant page in the history of Australian water polo. Photo - AWPI Archives.