

WENDY MELONCELLI

SOMERSET (WA)

- 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)



Wendy Meloncelli was a groundbreaker for women's water polo in WA and for Australia along with her sisters Megan and Karen Meloncelli. She began her playing career with the YMCA club in Perth but soon after switched to Somerset and was a continuous representative in the WA State team from 1975 to 1990, a record span of 16 years (8 years as captain). She was first selected in the Australian women's team in 1979 and accrued 95 caps for Australia over the next 12 years. She participated in two World Championship campaigns at Guayaquil (1982) and at Madrid (1986). Wendy also competed in five FINA Women's World Cup tournaments at Merced (1979), Breda (1980), Brisbane (1981), Sainte Foy (1983) and Irvine (1984). Wendy was the recipient of no fewer than six FINA medals, and also won a national title with WA in the Australian championships in 1978. Photo - AAWPA Archives.