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While I may have overlooked some important events and people, I hope I have not missed the ideological, financial and logistical challenges and opportunities that have faced all those who have taken up the challenge of women's soccer in the past twenty years.

In particular, I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to those who held the torch for women's soccer and assisted in carrying this torch.

Although somewhat tempered by the years, I hope to be remembered in the future as a participant in the well-known adage to "pass on the torch" and to be remembered as a torchbearer for his country's soccer.

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These two decades of progress began with a few people who knew that the game had much to offer women and girls and that they in turn had much to offer soccer. The efforts of those years have been crowned with the establishment of a World Cup for women conducted by the Federation Internationale de Football Association, football's international governing body, and the inclusion of a women's competition in the Olympic Games, a truly remarkable accomplishment in such a brief period.

While I may have overlooked some important events and people, I hope I have not missed the friendships, tensions and highlights of this exciting journey. Naturally, I wish all those who now take up the challenge, similar precious memories in another twenty years time.

In particular, I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to Heather Reid for her contributions and assistance in preparing this record.

Although somewhat tempered by the stress induced in reconciling my inbuilt punctuality with his well-known addiction to "manana" thanks are also extended to Dennis O'Brien for his constructive comments and technical expertise in the presentation of this journal.

I hope reader will feel that the finished product is worthy of our efforts.

Elaine Watson
20 May 1994

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Informal Beginnings

The earliest publicity on record concerning women in football in Australia relates to a game between the "Reds" and the "Blues" held in Brisbane in 1925 before a crowd of some "10,000 enthusiastic spectators". While the players' apparel is very different in the present era, most administrators today would be more than pleased with such a match attendance.



The "Blues"

Further mention of women involved in soccer came in an article on the great depression of 1929/30 published in the Sunday Mail (Brisbane) on 26 May 1974. It made the following mention of matches held in Lithgow (New South Wales):

At that time, three women's Soccer teams - Arnotts, Zig-Zags and State Mine - played fiery matches before large crowds every Sunday afternoon during the winter months. They played with all the vim and vigour of men, and on frequent occasions fought like them!

The intervening years must have softened competitors in this regard as on-field fighting is very rarely a feature of the thousands of matches now played each year.

By 1974 regular women's soccer competitions had been established in most States. However players were becoming increasingly disillusioned with the attitudes of the established Associations. In some cases there was open antagonism towards the aims and requirements of a senior female competition and in other cases the prevailing attitude was mere indifference.

For those playing women's soccer it was becoming increasingly important that they be recognised as serious sportswomen and that their sport was afforded credibility.

These feelings inspired the members and supporters of women's soccer to seek to put the game on a more professional footing. The time was ripe for the formal development of state, national and international competitions and organisations to represent women's football at these levels. The formation of the Australian Women's Soccer Association and the establishment of State Associations to promote and develop the game for women and girls was the inevitable consequence.

Throughout that year a campaign had been conducted by Dr Oscar Mate of Perth and Mrs Pat O'Connor of Sydney to establish contact with Associations known to conduct women's competitions. Their aim was to obtain a commitment to a national championship for women and to raise, at that time, the concept of a national women's association.

After persistent canvassing, five organisations indicated they would enter teams in a national competition. These teams were not the fully representative State teams now competing. The St George Club with one or two additions formed the New South Wales team, the Western Australian team was drawn mainly from Morley Windmills and a Greensborough/Melton combination played for Victoria. Each of these teams played under their respective State names while Macquarie and Districts, for Northern New South Wales and the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association, for Queensland, played and later affiliated under their district names.

1974

The AWSA

In August of 1974, teams assembled in Sydney for the first National Women's Soccer Championship.

Matches were played at Bankstown, Granville and Centennial Park and apart from the 6-1 defeat suffered by Victoria in their first match the winning margins were only 1 or 2 goals. The Championship resulted in victory for the home team with Macquarie and Districts (Northern New South Wales) being runners-up.

Towards the end of the week a meeting of all team officials was held to discuss the establishment of an organisation to promote, foster and manage women's soccer in Australia. This was to become the Australian Women's Soccer Association (AWSA). This event could not be compared to the matches for excitement but it was equally important for the future development of the sport.

As it was a formation meeting all decisions were reached by consensus on the understanding that a more formal structure would be in place for the next year. Very few of the participants appeared conscious of any sense of history. Most feelings centred on the cold inside the tin shed where the meeting was held and the wet night outside. There was, however, a sense of relief that at last something positive was being achieved.

The State representatives were unanimous in appointing Dr Oscar Mate (Western Australia) as President and Mrs Pat O'Connor (New South Wales) as Secretary because these two had been instrumental in organising the Championship. The Vice-Presidency was allocated to Mr Frank Clarke (the Secretary of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association) on the grounds that the Brisbane competition had been in existence the longest (at least 10 and possibly 15 years). Mrs Jacqui Ager (Victoria) was appointed Treasurer.



Dr Oscar Mate

Mr Rale Rasic, then the National Men's Coach, was asked to be National Adviser and Mr Nick Bray (New South Wales) was appointed Publicity Officer. Other matters discussed were the possibility of a high ranking woman becoming Patron, and the need to create a national magazine, badge and letterhead designs.

The question of whether a National Team or a tournament "Allstars" team should be named at the next Championship was decided in favour of the latter as there was no expectation of Australia being involved in international competition by that time.

Permission was given for a New South Wales team to accept an invitation to the Asian Cup which was to be held in Hong Kong in August 1975 and it was resolved that Australia should affiliate to the Asian Ladies Football Confederation (ALFC).

Frank Clarke later declined the Vice-Presidency as he was fully committed with his work in the Brisbane Association. After consultation, he nominated Mrs Elaine Watson in his stead and this appointment was confirmed by the newly formed Executive of the young Association.

The 2nd Annual General Meeting of the ALFC was held in Taiwan late in 1974. The Minutes of that meeting note that Mr William Bray and Mrs Katherine Kress represented Australia and were apparently unhappy about a proposed amendment to the Rules but were defeated on the vote. Unfortunately there is nothing more specific recorded so we are left to wonder about the nature of the contentious item. Mrs Pat O'Connor was appointed "2nd Vice-President" of the ALFC.

None of the inaugural national administrators realised the tremendous workload which would be generated by the rapid expansion of the sport both domestically and internationally. However, achievements to date have demonstrated that the new organisation must clearly have possessed much more than mere enthusiasm. In 20 years the AWSA has moved to a position where it administers an internationally recognised sport; effectively and efficiently manages women's football in Australia with a strategic development plan; has a large playing base; and has a strongly established national and international competition.

The AWSA structural arrangements developed in those early days, consisted of a Management Committee representing the affiliated States with a small Executive to conduct the day-to-day business of the Association. It would not be until 1985 that any full time administrative assistance would be available within the Association.

1975

The Asian Cup

When New South Wales arrived in Hong Kong for the Asian Cup they found that the organisers had publicised the team as the "Australian" Team. Without any background knowledge to place this designation in its proper perspective, the media in Australia adopted the terminology.

As a result players also came to claim Australian honours well before a national team was formally chosen. It was quite a few years before the confusion caused amongst the press and the players by this misrepresentation was finally cleared up. The AWSA later issued authorised lists of players who had competed from 1978 onwards and brought player profiles into line with this record.

With the absence of the first string New South Wales team which had been expected to dominate, the National Championship in Brisbane in 1975 became a closely fought contest. A welcome late entry from Northern Territory (NT) increased participation to six and caused re-scheduling of each day's program to include an extra game.

The match between top contenders Queensland and Western Australia was abandoned some ten minutes before time with Western Australia leading 1-0. This action was taken because a severe storm reduced visibility to zero and the floodlights could not be used because of restrictions imposed due to a strike by electricity workers. Even at this early stage of the Championship it appeared that the result of this game would be vital and as there was no time available for a replay the decision of the Disputes Committee was awaited with much interest.

After lengthy deliberations the findings of the Committee were based on the fact that the host State (Queensland) was to blame for not scheduling the match for a time which would have seen it completed before the storm struck. The points which ultimately would have given the Championship to either team were therefore awarded to Western Australia. Given the circumstances of Western Australia leading, the game within 10 minutes of full time and no time to stage a replay, the actual decision had been expected but the rationale by which it was achieved caused much controversy.

The Queensland team was distressed at being penalised for a technicality which they considered outside their control and queried a reasoning which could not be applied equally to all teams. The question they asked, and to which no answer was forthcoming, was "what if the abandoned match had been between New South Wales and Victoria"?

As the competition progressed, Northern Territory despite giving their best, were losing their games by large margins. The other teams began hoping that Northern Territory would put away at least one goal.

On the final day Western Australia were clear leaders but New South Wales needed to defeat the Territory at least 14-0 to become runners-up. All spectators, including every competitor, went wild when Territory scored from a penalty. This goal earned the scorer \$50 from her coach and another \$80 from on-the-spot donations from spectators. The game finished 9-1 to New South Wales which allowed Queensland to take second place in the Championship.

To support the decision taken at the 1974 meeting to name an "AllStars" team, the Executive determined that each Coach would be required to award points to opposing players on a 3-2-1 basis throughout the Championship.

As a result of this process the top eleven players were named in the following order:

Maria Radenovic	QLD
Teresa Kozak	WA
Robin Leary	NNSW
Andrea Martin	VIC
Sharon Loveless (Mateljan)	WA
Lyn Smith	QLD
Janette Melvin	VIC
Robin Rothwell	NSW
Linda Mateljan	WA
Maureen Taylor	NSW
Karen Talbot	NNSW

Executive Members from the inaugural meeting were confirmed by election at the Annual General Meeting held at this time. The only change was that the duties of the Publicity Officer were allocated to the Treasurer, Mrs Jacqui Ager. The convention of linking the Annual General Meeting of the AWSA to the Senior National Championship remains in place today.

At this time, Australia was not active on the international scene where the ALFC and European countries were pushing for a World Cup. It was quite exciting to receive notification that it was proposed to hold a World Cup for women in Hong Kong in July 1976. As this would clash with the National Championship, provisional plans were made in anticipation of Australia being invited to compete.

It was decided that the National Championship would be scheduled to finish 10 days prior to departure for Hong Kong. States determined that the selection panel comprise Eric Worthington (Rothman's National Director of Coaching) together with all State Women's Coaches and that the team would be made up of 18 players and the following officials:

Coach	Mr Jim Selby
Manager	Mrs Elaine Watson
Physiotherapist	Mr P Van Reen
Referee	Mr Tony Boscovic
AWSA Representative	Dr Oscar Mate

As things turned out, the World Cup announcement proved unfounded and became the first of many false alarms until the eventual staging in 1991.

Responding to information sought by the AWSA, the Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) advised that provisional affiliation for the AWSA would be ratified at their next Annual General Meeting. The fact that AWSA affiliation to the ASF has never been formally ratified says much about the interactions between the two organisations over the next twenty years. At the time of writing, however, relationships and co-operative arrangements have become very positive.

Queensland delegates notified the AWSA that a separate association to conduct women's soccer in southern Queensland would be formed in November 1975. This meant that affiliation to the AWSA changed from the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association to the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association.

1976 Continuing the Momentum

The pre-championship meeting of the Team Managers, which is now a regular event at each National Championship, came into being for the first time in 1976. It brought a greater professionalism through the provision of a forum for useful discussion and clarification of important issues relating to the Championships.

Some of these issues, such as whether referees would penalise for "hand ball" if a player was struck while crossing her arms for protection, became perennial offerings. Two items at this particular meeting arose as a result of the 1975 championship.

One concerned guidelines for the awarding of points in games abandoned due to the elements (not surprisingly this was sponsored by Queensland) where the decision was to accept the score as it stood at the time of abandonment. The other issue queried points to be awarded for games abandoned by a referee for the safety of players. No decision in this matter has been recorded so perhaps it is as well that it has never had to be invoked. Finally, the discussion on whether to use goal average or goal difference when deciding the order of merit was resolved by discarding goal average in favour of goal difference.

Having their top players available again, New South Wales regained the Championship. The top players for the tournament were:

NSW:	Pat O'Connnor, Julie Dolan, Trixie Barry (Tagg), Cindy Heydon, Connie Byrnes (Selby)
QLD:	Lyn Smith
VIC:	Janette Melvin, Andrea Martin, Jan Indian, Monica Werner
WA:	Sharon Loveless (Mateljan), Jacinta Rosebury

The previous Office Bearers of the Association were returned in the annual elections with the addition of Mrs Anne Steele (NNSW) as Registrar. The appointments of Jim Selby as National Coach and Elaine Watson as National Manager (annual appointments at this time) were confirmed.

A roster for the next three years was set with the championship moving to Perth in 1977, Newcastle in 1978 and to the far north at Darwin in 1979. By now, the estimated player strength was 252 senior teams Australia-wide (4500 players) and 14500 juniors, 9000 of whom were from NSW. The Association also became affiliated to the Confederation of Australian Sport (CAS), making the AWSA one of the earliest members of the Confederation.

AWSA Constitution

1977

The National Championship in Western Australia saw New South Wales pressed to the limit to hold their title from an unlucky Queensland who were on the wrong side of one or two controversial decisions.

Several "derbies" such as NSW v QLD, QLD v WA and WA v VIC were becoming features of the tournament. Such keen rivalries ensured these matches were played at a much harder pace and guaranteed excellent soccer.

National Coach, Jim Selby, selected a squad of twenty four, comprised of four from Queensland, six from Western Australia, five from Victoria and nine from New South Wales. It was intended that the Australian Team to compete in the Euro-Asian Cup proposed for Hong Kong in August 1978 was to be chosen from this squad. Unfortunately, this competition did not eventuate.

The South Queensland Women's Soccer Association presented a draft for an AWSA Constitution as the national body had been operating without one for the past three years. Delegates were instructed to present this draft to their own administrations who were given six weeks to lodge written objections. It was resolved that should no amendments be received the Constitution would be deemed to be accepted.

At the expiry of the stipulated time, there being no objections, the Constitution was adopted. It provided a sound base for the functioning of the Association and remained largely unchanged until restructured in 1985.

Designs from Queensland and New South Wales for an AWSA badge were circulated. The matter of incorporation was raised with general agreement that this was a desirable course of action. A proposal for a capitation levy to provide a suitable fund for administrative purposes was also submitted and agreement was reached that it be a "one-off" fee of \$1 per head.

New South Wales suggested that there be an equalisation of costs between all States competing in Championships because of the high cost of travel to Perth. This idea failed to gain acceptance when examined in the light of the ongoing expense to support the reciprocal costs of Western Australia and Northern Territory travelling to Eastern States each year. This idea was again raised in 1994 but this time by Western Australia and with the same result. This suggests that some problems are long term ones.

The "honeymoon" was now over for the initial Executive. States were becoming increasingly confident of their own abilities and were looking for positive leadership and policies on the national scene. The incoming Executive was:

President	Elaine Watson (QLD)
Vice-President	Oscar Mate (WA)
Secretary	Pat O'Connor (NSW)
Treasurer	Barbara Buswell (NNSW)
Registrar	Trixie Barry (NSW)
Publicity Officer	Alister Rust (VIC)

The incumbent National team officials were re-elected and the National Coach became the sole selector.



First Australian Team 1978

In 1978 Northern New South Wales hosted the National Championship in Newcastle. Western Australia again came to the fore and ended up Champions over New South Wales. Standards were improving and to demonstrate that no team could count on a sure win Western Australia only defeated previous "easy-beats" Northern Territory 5-2 and were held to a 2-2 score by Northern New South Wales.

At the Annual General Meeting members were pleased with the information that South Australia (SA) wished to affiliate and had reached a level which would see them compete the following year. National incorporation was well in hand and quite a few State Associations were being vocal on the subject of the burden imposed by the Capitation Levy! The badge design submitted by New South Wales was adopted. It was agreed to stage the 1980 championship in South Australia to encourage membership in that State.



Original



Official



Current

The incoming Executive for 1979 was:

President	Elaine Watson (QLD)
Vice-President	Oscar Mate (WA)
Secretary	Pat O'Connor (NSW)
Treasurer	Barbara Buswell (NNSW)
Registrar	Trixie Barry (NSW)
Publicity Officer	Noelene Stanley (NSW)

After many false hopes and postponements, the Australian team entered their first international event, the first World Women's Invitational Tournament to be held in Taipei, Taiwan. It seemed however, that once again Australia would have to withdraw when the Federal Government stated they would not provide finance to any sport for competition in either Taiwan or South Africa because of the political situation in these countries.

Thankfully, the Republic of China Football Association (ROCFA) agreed to meet the cost of international airfares as well as all internal costs for competing nations to get the tournament established. This meant that the only expenses for Australian players were the domestic airfares and uniforms which were covered by a levy of \$100 per head, officials and players alike.

There were several surprises in the final team chosen by coach Jim Selby. Long time stars such as Pat O'Connor and Trixie Barry missed out with the final balance being seven each from New South Wales and Western Australia and one each from Victoria and Queensland.

The Australian team for the 1978 Taiwan Tour was:

Players

NSW	Julie Dolan, Connie Byrnes (Selby) (c), Leigh Wardell, Toni McMahon, Kim Coates, Cindy Heydon, Sharon Pearson
QLD	Sue Monteath
VIC	Monika Werner
WA	Sharon Loveless, Judy Pettitt, Sandra Brentnall, Teresa Varadi and Barbara Kozak (sisters), Julie Clayton, Anna Senjuschenko

Officials

Manager	Elaine Watson
Coach	Jim Selby
Administrator	Pat O'Connor
Referee	Tony Boscovic



1978 Team Photo

This first overseas trip was an experience never to be forgotten. The ceremonies were magnificent, and the extent of the hospitality and the standard of play were almost too much to absorb.

The lack of cohesion amongst the official party caused by the absence of clear duty statements created some friction. So did the fact that players who had been dedicated rivals for the past four years now had to try to form a united team.

On arrival the team was provided with a bus, driver and liaison person and a limousine and driver were placed at the disposal of the officials. Double Tenth Celebrations (Chinese National Day) were in full swing with flags and servicemen lining the streets. All this display culminated in a magnificent parade where all teams had grandstand seats. There was a banquet almost every night, visits to Chiang Kai Shek's tomb, the museum and the night markets. There was even a special performance of an opera when the start of the tournament was delayed by a typhoon.

Australia was the only national team in the tournament as the other twelve countries were represented by club or district teams. In the first round of matches Australia was beaten out of 6th place on goal difference.

At the conclusion of these preliminary rounds, teams from 7th to 13th placing were transferred to Taichung in individual tour coaches equipped with hostesses and refreshments. The cavalcade was greeted by exploding fireworks along the route through town and given a police escort to a mayoral reception. More banquets and a trip to Sun Moon Lake made the teams wonder what marvels were being performed back in Taipei for the top six. In the second round Australia was relegated to 8th overall, again by goal difference.

The final in Taipei was played in front of 35,000 cheering fans while the services of the army had to be employed to prevent a further 10,000 from crashing the gates. France (Stade de Reims) and Finland (HJK) finished equal winners from Taiwan (I-Neng) and USA (Sting).

This first international tournament gave players and officials a taste of "what could be" in women's football and made them all the more determined to promote this marvellous game.

Anna Senjuschenko was voted a "Star Player" by the media while Connie Byrnes was awarded "Miss Football" for Australia. The Australian President arranged for a special gold medal to be struck and these were presented to team members at the next Australian Championship in Darwin.



1979 Trans Tasman Trophy Series

For the first time the National Championship moved to the tropics. There was much concern in the southern States regarding the scheduling of games during the heat of the day. It was pointed out that in previous tournaments Northern Territory had been scheduled to play at night in what they considered bitter cold and that Darwin was always hot no matter what the time of day.

As usual the Territorians "turned it on" for their visitors, right down to a corroboree. Home ground advantage provided Northern Territory with some very good results but not enough to win.

The last game of the series was between New South Wales and Western Australia and it had a vital bearing on the final result. Tension built when it was realised that there could be two teams finishing equal on all the listed criteria with no provision in the rules for dealing with this eventuality. Fortunately for officials, New South Wales scored the vital goal with three minutes remaining. This gave New South Wales their 4th championship on a 16-15 goal difference over Victoria.

The heat was also considerable at the Annual General Meeting where the debates were lengthy and spirited. One item was whether the President of the State hosting the next Titles should automatically become President of AWSA. This motion was defeated. Another was whether the composition of the Management Committee should be enlarged by the addition of extra members from the larger States. This was also defeated. Then there was a proposal that supporters should be included in all Tour activities (defeated). Finally, there was a motion that President Elaine Watson should not be considered an eligible applicant for National Team Manager (defeated). Feelings ran so high that, following these results, the delegates from the State sponsoring these motions left the meeting.

As Pat O'Connor and Oscar Mate had signified they would not be standing for office due to heavy personal commitments, several new faces appeared on the Executive:

President	Elaine Watson
Vice-President	Don Balmain (NSW)
Secretary	Betty Hoar (VIC)
Treasurer	Irene Sneyd (NNSW)
Registrar	Trixie Barry
Publicity Officer	Noelene Stanley

An amendment to the Championship Rules meant that the composition of the Judiciary was reduced to three independent members. The Constitution was amended with quorums adjusted to take into account the increased membership, and the inclusion of guidelines for absentee voting.

A proposal to appoint the national coach for a three year term was adopted although other team appointments remained on a yearly basis.

A matter which was assuming notable importance was the difficulty experienced by females wishing to undertake coaching courses. It was usual for applications to be refused on the grounds that FIFA had ruled that women could not compete against men in match situations. This meant there had to be sufficient females to form a separate course before nominations would be accepted. The AWSA stance that courses were educational and not match situations was largely disregarded.

Progress was being made in other areas though. Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and Tasmania (TAS) affiliated to complete the membership envisaged in 1974 and New Zealand (NZ) agreed to compete in a 3-Test series in Sydney and Brisbane later in the year with a reciprocal visit to take place in 1980.

The long debates caused the Annual General Meeting to continue until 1.57am and resulted in provision being made for future meetings to be held over two days should the need arise.

Players and officials were shocked and saddened to hear that national and Western Australian team member Anna Senjuschenko had been killed in a road accident just two weeks prior to the championship. A tall girl who demonstrated considerable skill at centre-half, Anna was just 17 years of age and had a promising career ahead of her.

Following a tied vote, Elaine Watson and Noelene Stanley were appointed joint Managers of the Australian team for the NZ series to be played in September. For reasons of economy, Noelene supervised in Sydney and Elaine in Brisbane. Membership of the national team was now spreading over more States. The Australian Team for the New Zealand Visit was:

NSW	Toni McMahon, Julie Dolan(c), Cindy Heydon, Leigh Wardell, Rose Van Bruinessen, Jamie Rosman
QLD	Sue Monteath
SA	Diana Hall, Carla Grims (Groeschel), Fiona McKenzie
VIC	Kim Coates, Shona Bass
WA	Sharon Mateljan, Judy Pettitt, Sandra Brentnall, Julie Clayton

The first Test for this inaugural Trans Tasman Trophy was drawn 2-2 and the second went to New Zealand 1-0, which meant the Brisbane Test result would be the decider. A 1-0 win to Australia saw the series drawn. At least one New Zealand official was not greatly impressed and when offered congratulations on a good series responded with a sharp "You won't get the cup you know"!!! Australia and New Zealand still retain that same level of "friendly" rivalry.

1980 The Rose Bowl Trophy

The Australian team toured to New Zealand in May to take advantage of Federal Government grants for international competition. The team was only marginally changed from 1979 by the addition of Theresa Jones (VIC) and Jill Latimer (SA) at the expense of Carla Grims, Fiona McKenzie and Julie Clayton. The first two matches were played in atrocious conditions with Australia fighting back from 0-3 to draw the game in Auckland and equalising in Wellington for a 1-1 scoreline.

It amused the Australians to see the Trans Tasman Cup decked only in New Zealand colours when it was displayed before the final game. It took only a few minutes "inspection" by the Australian Managers, the discreet use of a pair of nail scissors, and the "green and gold" enjoyed equal billing on the cup throughout the game. The weather in Christchurch was ideal and the game proved a real thriller ending in a 3-2 victory to Australia.



From left - F. McKenzie (SA), J. Rosman (NSW), T. McMahon (NSW), L. Wardell (NSW), R. Van Bruinessen (NSW), D. Hall (SA), K. Coates (VIC), J. Dolan (NSW), S. Monteath (QLD), C. Heydon (NSW), S. (Loveless) Mateljan (WA), S. Bass (VIC), C. Grims (SA); Obscured - J. Clayton (WA), S. Brentnall (WA), J. Pettit (WA).

The National Championship was held in Adelaide with New South Wales victorious. The contest for runners-up had become just as fierce as for the Championship itself and this year Northern New South Wales took the honours. Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania competed for the first time and although they finished down the order they were not disgraced.

Through the good offices of the South Australian Association, Medibank donated the rose-bowl trophy which is still awarded to the champions of the tournament.

Federal Government support provided the opportunity for the Executive to meet twice during the year. These meetings established a rapport between officials which saw as much achieved in this year as in the previous five years combined.

However, relations with the Asian Ladies Football Confederation had deteriorated. The AWSA view was that the amended ALFC Constitution would have restricted Australia's input while imposing severe financial disadvantages. Regretfully, (as this was the AWSA's only formal international link) it was decided not to re-affiliate under the conditions offered.

The incumbent Executive Members were returned after spirited contests for positions other than President, Secretary and Treasurer. For the first time the Annual Report was presented in journal form with an appropriately designed cover. Noelene Stanley distributed a magazine-style brochure promoting the 1981 Championship and including information on the accommodation, transport and medical services available. This proved invaluable and established a procedure which is now usual for all tournaments.

Following the earlier "one off" capitation levy to establish a financial base for the Association, the Annual General Meeting resolved to institute an annual levy to cover representative and administrative programs.

The updating of the Constitution was continued with rules added to cover overseas participation by State or Club teams. The National Selection Rules were amended to allow for direct contact between the AWSA and individual players whilst ensuring that States were kept informed of player activities and commitments.

1981 Life Membership

Despite the high regard in which Australia was held, the Republic of China Football Association invited New Zealand to the 2nd Women's World Invitational Tournament as the Oceania representative. Consequently, Australia embarked on a 3-match provincial tour of New Zealand which concluded with a Test Match to prepare the New Zealand team for Taiwan.

This team included some of the more promising younger players, one of whom was Sharon Wass (15), who still holds the record of being the youngest player to represent Australia in senior competition. Results of this tour were very good with Australia winning all games. This was the first, and only tour to date, that had an all-female contingent of officials.



Sharon Wass

The 1981 Australian Team for the New Zealand Provincial Tour was:

Players

NSW	Kim Lembryk, Toni McMahon, Cindy Heydon, Julie Porter, Julie Dolan(c), Rose Van Bruinessen, Marie Russell
NNSW	Lyn Egan, Leah Wright
QLD	Sue Monteath, Sue Clayton, Sharon Wass, Kerry Millman, Leanne Priestley
VIC	Tracey Singleton
WA	Sandra Brentnall

Officials

Tour Leader	Irene Sneyd
Manager	Betty Hoar
Coach	Trixie Tagg
Physiotherapist	Annet McKenzie (SA)

New Zealand initiated moves to form a Women's Oceania Confederation. Meetings were held in New Zealand with representatives from Australia, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. After wide-ranging discussions, it was agreed that delegates would need to consult with their respective National Associations before proceeding further.

The National Championship was held at Chatswood Oval, Sydney. New South Wales won with 14 points from Queensland on 12, Western Australia and South Australia tied for third on 10. One memorable result occurred when wooden-spooners, Tasmania, defeated New South Wales 1-0.

A key event for the year occurred when Don Balmain initiated a regular column on women's soccer in the Australian Soccer Weekly.

Another saw the Australian Soccer Federation produce an upmarket brochure on sponsorship and licensing opportunities for both the ASF and the AWSA.

Discussions aimed at ensuring female participation in mixed coaching courses continued with some success in several States. Integration continued at a much faster pace when FIFA made it clear there was no objection to co-educational coaching courses on the grounds previously advanced.

Registrations for the year totalled 6182 and the AWSA Executive comprised:

President	Elaine Watson
Vice-President	Don Balmain
Secretary	Betty Hoar
Treasurer	Irene Sneyd
Registrar	Allan Hampton
Publicity	Trixie Tagg

By a unanimous vote Elaine Watson was awarded the first Life Membership of the AWSA. The citation read in part:

"Under her Presidency the AWSA has grown in both numbers and stature and gained nationwide recognition and international acceptance through her knowledge, foresight and her own particular ability and drive. Every girl playing soccer in Australia today is able to enjoy her sport and look forward to one day representing their country due to the personal sacrifice and dedication of Elaine Watson".



Betty Hoar, Elaine Watson, Irene Sneyd

An East Coast Tournament for players aged under 15 was held in Brisbane in October following two years of challenges between Brisbane and Sydney Teams which had been organised by Lyn Ketter (QLD) and Trixie Tagg (NSW).

1982 Oceania Women's Confederation

Efforts to have the National team compete in Indonesia did not succeed due to difficulties in obtaining guarantees regarding accommodation and travel. Instead a tour to Hawaii which proposed two games against Club sides and three Tests against an Hawaiian side was planned for 1983.

Progress towards the establishment of the Oceania Women's Football Confederation (OWFC) continued. Elaine Watson was elected President of the Steering Committee formed to recommend a format in line with the group discussions. The inaugural meeting of the OWFC took place in October, 1982 with Karen Donaldson (NZ) elected President, Elaine Watson Vice-President and Bill Wiggle (PNG) Secretary/Treasurer.

The National Championship was held at Atlanta Field in Brisbane, then the only State Headquarters for women's soccer in Australia. On this occasion a representative team from North Queensland competed for the first and only time in a national championship. The South Queensland team which had previously been Queensland's sole representative rose to the occasion to win the Championship for the first time.

The East Coast Tournament was now designated the Under 15 Tournament. The 1982 event was held in Melbourne and resulted in a win for Northern New South Wales. As there were now four participants it was decided to upgrade the competition to a full National Championship from 1983.

Registrations had increased to 7253. The Executive was re-shuffled with Allan Hampton elected as Vice President, Don Balmain as Publicity/Promotions Officer and Noelene Stanley as Registrar. All other office bearers remained unchanged.



Irene Sneyd, Betty Hoar, Elaine Watson, Allan Hampton, Don Balmain (Absent - Noelene Stanley)

The AWSA became an incorporated body under the ACT Incorporations Act, under the personal direction of Stephanie Quinn (ACT), with Stephanie appointed as the Public Officer. A proposal was submitted to the Federal Government for the establishment of an International Standard Sporting Facility at Geebung (in conjunction with SQWSA) which would include office space for the AWSA secretariat when appropriate.

Unfortunately, although the submission was widely praised, no concrete result was forthcoming. This was because funding had been fully allocated for the initial triennium and at the end of that time the program was temporarily suspended.



Sue Monteath receiving Medibank Trophy

1983 The Oceania Cup



The Wahine Tournament in Hawaii consisted of three club games which were then followed by three Tests against a full Hawaiian team for the Aloha Cup. The organisers flew the President to Hawaii two weeks prior to commencement to familiarise her with venues and accommodation.

Kapiolani Park was within walking distance and locals and tourists alike were entertained by the sight of female soccer players loaded with medical kit and training balls parading past Waikiki Beach every day.

Visits to the American Memorial at Pearl Harbour and a bus trip to the "pipeline" beaches on the far side of the island were interspersed with matches making this a very low pressure tour, but one which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Australia won the Aloha Cup with a clean sweep of all Tests.

The Australian team for the Hawaiian Tour was:

Players:

- NSW: Julie Porter
- NNSW: Renaye Iserief
- QLD: Michelle Sawyers, Joanne Millman, Sue Monteath, Kerry Millman, Leanne Priestley, Connie Byrnes
- SA: Carla Grims
- VIC: Theresa Jones, Andrea Martin, Kim Coates
- WA: Sharon Mateljan (c), Judy Pettitt, Janice Stott

Officials:

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| Tour Leader | Elaine Watson |
| Manager | Betty Hoar |
| Coach | Jim Selby |
| Physiotherapist | Jan Monteath |

The 1st Oceania Cup organised by the OWFC was played in Noumea, New Caledonia in November/December with Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Fiji competing.



The Australian team for the New Caledonia Tour was:

Players:

NSW:	Rose van Bruinessen (c), Julie Porter, Vicki Salmons, Kristen Theile, Cindy Heydon, Kim Lembryk, Leigh Wardell
NNSW:	Karen Menzies, Julie Dolan, Renaye Iserief
QLD:	Joanne Millman, Kerry Millman, Sue Monteath
VIC:	Theresa Jones
WA:	Sandra Brentall

Officials:

Tour Leader	Elaine Watson
Manager	Betty Hoar
Coach	Jim Selby
Physiotherapist	Jan Monteath

Flights in and out of Noumea were only scheduled on certain days of the week which meant the team arrived a couple of days early and in two divisions (from Sydney and Brisbane).

In another "first" a female referee, Christine Turpin, accompanied the team and made an outstanding contribution to the standard of officiating. The eventual winner of the Cup was New Zealand from Australia through an own goal in extra time.

As the earliest departure after the tournament was four days away the team made its own entertainment to fill in the time. The Manager's bathtub was converted to an aquarium for Rose Van Bruinessen's catch of the day. A "fashion" parade from the House of Elizabeth Hoar was also a big hit, particularly Karen Menzies' daring ensemble (or lack thereof)! Sue Monteath organised a 6km pedallo rally with both Australian and New Zealand players taking part. Because teams were armed with a variety of ammunition such as flour bombs and soft tomatoes, Jim Selby found it necessary to take a couple of impromptu swims along the way.

As the OWFC Secretary/Treasurer had not been active in his position, it was decided that Karen Donaldson and Elaine Watson would continue as the Executive until the next election in 1984. Elaine therefore became Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

To differentiate between the two events now conducted by the AWSA the open age division was now termed the Senior Championship.

In Perth only eight States competed as South Australia and North Queensland

withdrew at the last minute. The resulting hurried re-organisation of the Championship program reinforced moves to standardise championship formats. New South Wales regained the Championship by 1 point from Queensland.

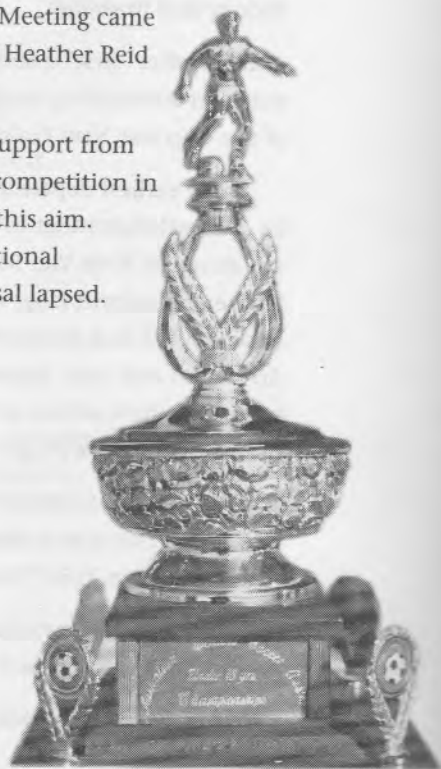
The inaugural Under 15 Championship was held in Canberra with six States competing. New South Wales turned the tables on their neighbours Northern New South Wales to take the title.

Following a suggestion by the ACT Association, a cost analysis was carried out on the feasibility of initiating a Management Meeting in January. The AWSA decided to carry most of the financial burden to ensure full and willing participation by all affiliates in this venture.

The exercise proved most beneficial, not only in the practical sense of developing additional State participation but also in such intangible but equally valuable areas as understanding, co-operation and goodwill. It was a meeting of the decision makers (Presidents and/or Secretaries) who were fully aware of the administrative directions expected by their State organisations. The practice of employing delegates co-opted from representative teams to save expenses had proved to be less than satisfactory in discussions which required a degree of knowledge outside team matters.

The only changes to the Executive at the Annual General Meeting came with the election of Barry Powell (TAS) as Vice-President and Heather Reid (ACT) as Registrar. Registrations now totalled 7498.

The United States Soccer Federation was actively seeking support from countries involved in women's soccer to include a women's competition in the Los Angeles Olympics and the AWSA willingly endorsed this aim. However there was insufficient time for the required International Olympic Committee process to be carried out and the proposal lapsed.



1984

To Mainland China

The 1984 Senior Championship was held in Canberra and saw Queensland regain the honours by the narrowest of margins from South Australia. The Under 15 Championship staged at Adamstown under the banner of Northern New South Wales was won by New South Wales. An Under 17 Tournament was staged in Darwin as a forerunner to a formal National Championship.

Australia had been invited to compete in a tournament conducted by the Football Association of the People's Republic of China to be held in Xian City in July. A second invitation came from the Chinese Taipei Football Association to compete in the 3rd World Women's Invitational Tournament in October. Under the selection rules, teams for both would have to be chosen from the 1983 squad.

As a means of increasing the pool of international experience among both players and officials and minimising the cost to the individuals concerned, the President advocated the selection of two separate teams. The suggestion was that these could be two senior teams from pre- and post-championship squads with players from the first ineligible for the second. Another option considered was a senior and an under 21 team.

After the China dates were changed to 13-28th October, Taiwan postponed the Invitational Tournament to 8-16th December which meant that players chosen at the 1984 championship would be eligible for the latter. An extensive debate on this matter took place at the Annual General Meeting in September. It was eventually decided that players who went to China from the 1983 squad would also be eligible to go to Taiwan if chosen in the 1984 squad at the 1983 Championships.

Leading up to the Annual General Meeting there had been much contention (fuelled by personality conflicts) over the President's proposal which would have restricted players and officials to one tour only. A well-organised coup at the AGM saw a majority of States voting for a change in administration with only Barry Powell and Irene Sneyd holding their positions. The new Executive comprised:

President	Allan Hampton (NNSW)
Senior Vice President	Barry Powell (NNSW)
Junior Vice President	Sonja Martens (SA)
Secretary	Barbara Gibson (WA)
Treasurer	Irene Sneyd (VIC)
Registrar	Graham Rees (NT)
Publicity	Terese Dillon (NSW)

Notwithstanding this changeover, Elaine Watson was proposed and accepted as the AWSA nominee for OWFC President at the Congress scheduled for November.

Irene Sneyd was awarded her Life Membership for outstanding service to women's soccer in Northern New South Wales and as AWSA Treasurer for six years.

In view of the increased workload now carried by volunteers it had become obvious to the previous Executive that a move would have to be made towards full time administrative support. Accordingly, a submission for Federal Government assistance to fund a National Executive Director's position had been prepared. This concept was approved even though some States expressed reservations about the need to pay someone when the volunteers had done so well to date.

Stephanie Quinn was asked to re-draft and re-organise the Constitution in line with incorporation requirements. The Championship Rule Book and Manager's Handbook compiled by the Past President met with universal acceptance.

The meeting also decided to stage the inaugural Under 17 Championship in Hobart the following year in conjunction with the Under 15 Championship.

The Australian team for Xian Tour was:

Players:

NSW: Vicki Salmons, Rose Van Bruinessen, Kristen Theile, Cindy Heydon, Leigh Wardell, Kim Lembryk,
NNSW: Renaye Iserief, Julie Porter, Helen Watts
QLD: Kerry Millman, Joanne Millman, Sue Monteath (c), Julie Dolan
VIC: Theresa Jones
WA: Sharon Mateljan, Judy Pettit

Officials:

Tour Leader	Stephanie Quinn
Coach	Jim Selby
Assistant Coach	Steve Darby
Physiotherapist	Jan Monteath
Doctor	David Monteath

The tour began with an alteration to the travel arrangements into China while the team was en route to Hong Kong. Stephanie Quinn had a hectic time obtaining refunds for air tickets so that train fares could be paid for the trip to Guangzhou. From there to Xian City travel was by air and as the aircraft was a vintage model seemingly kept together with bits of wire, the team held on very tightly!

The accommodation also provided considerable excitement with Joanne Millman spending a night on watch sitting on her bed with the light on - she didn't know whether the rat was inside or outside when the hole was temporarily blocked with hand luggage.

Players experienced some chest problems from the charcoal smoke and dust which hung over the city, but on the whole, it was a very interesting trip. The Australians were beaten by USA in the final with Italy, Japan and the four Chinese teams filling the minor placings.

The OWFC Congress proved to be an anti-climax after the upheaval at the AWSA Annual General Meeting with Papua New Guinea (PNG) supporting Elaine Watson for President through a late nomination. New Zealand withdrew an opposing nomination to make the support unanimous. This was a very heart-warming finale to a strenuous year for the new President of the OWFC.

The Australian team for Taiwan tour was:

Players:

- NSW: Amanda Langlar, Margaret Petrov, Vicki Salmons, Kristen Thiele, Rose Van Bruinessen, Leigh Wardell
- NNSW: Debra Bonshore, Lisa Dunne, Renaye Iserief
- QLD: Julie Dolan, Kim Dunlop, Kerry Millman, Joanne Millman, Sue Monteath (c)
- VIC: Jane Oakley, Tracey Singleton

Officials:

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| Tour Leader/Manager | Heather Reid |
| Coach | Jim Selby |
| Assistant Coach | Fred Robins |
| Physiotherapist | Bill Fenney |

Losing the last game of the Tournament relegated Australia to 5th position instead of a possible 3rd. Once again hopes were raised with the announcement that FIFA would stage a World Cup for Women in Japan in 1987.

1985 A National Executive Director

The grant application to the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) seeking support for the appointment of a National Executive Director (NED) was successful in obtaining \$25000 to cover establishment costs and operating expenses for the first year. The Executive determined that the new national office would be located in Sydney and after extensive interviews appointed Keith Gilmour as National Executive Director. The Australian Soccer Federation offered rent-free space for 1-2 years with the only charge being for phone calls. Keith took up his duties on 1st April and proceeded to establish the Secretariat at the ASF Head Office in Clarence Street.

The combined Underage Championships were held in Hobart with New South Wales winning both the Under 15 and the inaugural Under 17 trophies. The Intercity Cup was replaced by the Cadbury Cup. This trophy was obtained through the efforts of the Tasmanian Association to mark the change to a national Under 17 competition.

The Senior Championship was played in Melbourne and this year New South Wales gained the top honours from Queensland.

The Management Committee and Annual General Meetings again discussed the championship format. Areas of contention were the benefits of a round-robin as opposed to the pools system and the desirability of a feature match on the final day.

Registration statistics submitted by New South Wales had sunk to an all-time low due to several districts opting to affiliate to the New South Wales Amateur Federation (Men's). The consequent effect on the overall national figure caused much concern.

The National Executive Director reported funding approval for a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for the national team prior to the Oceania Cup in New Zealand. This was a "first" for the AWSA which developed into standard practice for representative teams whenever possible.

Jim Selby did not re-nominate for the position of National Coach, which he had held for nearly 10 years, and the National Team appointments were:

Manager	Stephanie Quinn
Coach	Fred Robins
Assistant Coach	Alan Lyttón (NSW)
Physiotherapist	Bill Fenney

At the Annual General Meeting, the Constitution, as re-drafted by Stephanie Quinn with assistance from Heather Reid and Elaine Watson, was accepted with only minor amendments.

The Executive now became a Board consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Directors of Finance, Promotions and Marketing, Registrations and Junior Development, Public Relations and Media, National Teams and Tournaments. Alternate members (1-3-5-7) were elected for a two year term with the remainder for an initial one year term so that in each subsequent year only half the Board positions became open for election.

Once more there was a major turnover which resulted in the new Board being comprised of:

President	Elaine Watson
Vice President	Barbara Gibson

Directors:

Finance	Ron Coughy (NSW)
Promotions & Marketing	Heather Reid
Registrations & Jnr.Development	Graham Rees
Public Relations & Media	Diane Murphy (SA)
National Teams & Tournaments	Betty Hoar

In November, Keith Gilmour tendered his resignation as NED due to on-going health problems. In accepting this course of action, the Board congratulated Keith on his contribution in establishing the basis for full time administration of the Association.

On the international scene, FIFA advised that the first Women's World Cup would be played in Hong Kong in 1988.



1986 A Move to Canberra

Following extensive interviews, Heather Reid was appointed as National Executive Director on 6 February. The national headquarters were moved to Canberra chiefly to facilitate interaction with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The opening of the new secretariat for both the AWSA and the ACTWSA in ACT Sports House at Hackett was celebrated on 27 February.



Elaine Watson
(AWSA)

Peta Winzar
(ACTWSA)



Elaine Watson
President

Heather Reid
NED

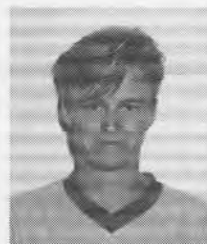
Heather Reid resigned her position on the Board to take up the NED responsibilities and Stephanie Quinn was appointed Director of Promotions and Marketing in her stead.

The 2nd Oceania Cup was staged in Christchurch in March after several postponements and changes in venue. Just two weeks prior to the departure of the Australian Team, officials and players were shattered when the New South Wales Women's Soccer Federation withdrew all five New South Wales members. This was followed shortly after by the Assistant Coach's withdrawal.

The claims and counter-claims about these actions and the reasons behind them would fill a book and certainly dominated Board discussions for lengthy periods before a decision was made that the players concerned would be ineligible for selection in the 1987 national squad.

From this seeming disaster came a very harmonious tour which achieved results beyond everyone's expectations. Five new players rallied to the team by foregoing holidays, overseas trips and jobs. Even a flight re-fueller's strike could not hinder their determination to play for their country. For example Sharon Mateljan took 24 hours to fly by various routes from Perth to Canberra while Moya Dodd and Mariana Milanovic hired a car to get from Adelaide to the AIS Camp.

The National team defeated both New Zealand A and B teams. An incident where Julie Murray, the youngest Australian player, received a gorgeous black eye led to the "in" joke of the tour. The Kiwi player responsible was immediately christened "Dingo". Queried on the reasons behind this nick-name, players stated "she tried to kill our baby" - a reference to a notorious trial then taking place in the Northern Territory.



Julie Murray

Dallas Cup Youth International

One night a group of local hooligans threw a large rock through one of the windows of the motel and then took off pursued by most of the players. The motel owner (Hugh McMillan) went scouting in his car while the team manager, conscious of the dangers of pursuit in darkness, restrained the rest of the team from joining the "fun".

The police had just been called when in marched a very subdued "villain" in the custody of Andrea Martin. He apparently had second thoughts about tackling an angry centre-back! Just as the constabulary arrived Andrea escorted in another pair having recognised them as they sauntered past the gate trying to find out where their mate was.



Andrea Martin - Foreground

Australia eventually lost to a very professional Chinese-Taipei in the final. Joanne Millman was named Player of the Tournament for Australia.

The Australian team for the 2nd Oceania Cup was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray
NNSW	Karen Menzies, Renaye Iserief, Sue Buswell
NT	Sabine Buschmann
QLD	Sue Monteath (c), Leanne Priestley, Joanne Millman, Terri McQueen
SA	Moya Dodd, Mariana Milanovic
TAS	Lisa Rader
VIC	Shona Bass, Theresa Jones, Andrea Martin
WA	Sharon Mateljan

Officials:

Manager	Stephanie Quinn
Coach	Fred Robins
Physiotherapist	Bill Fenney
OWFC Delegate	Heather Reid
OWFC President	Elaine Watson

The Under 15 and Under 17 Championships were again combined and held in Sydney with New South Wales taking both titles.

The Senior Championship in Adelaide was also not without drama as North Queensland once again was unable to compete and Western Australia withdrew at short notice.



Northern Territory versus Tasmania

The familiar winner/runner-up combination of New South Wales and Queensland headed the order of merit while Victoria took out the inaugural Australian Airlines Challenge Cup against Queensland. New South Wales refused to compete in this event as they did not approve of the concept. At this stage much publicity was being generated by a

threatened New South Wales disaffiliation because of the Board's decision to make the five players who withdrew from the 1986 tour ineligible for selection in the 1987 national squad.

Changes were made to Board positions in line with revised responsibilities aimed at achieving a more efficient operation. The rather cumbersome titles of portfolios other than Finance were changed to "Policy Co-ordination", "Junior Development", "Marketing" and "Coaches and Referees".

Under the new Constitution elections were only required for three positions. The members elected were:

Vice-President	Stephanie Quinn
Director, Policy Co-ordination	Barbara Gibson
Director, Marketing	Diane Murphy

Life Memberships were conferred on Jim Selby for his 10 years as National Coach and on Betty Hoar for her seven year's service as the AWSA Secretary and her services to women's soccer in Victoria.

Following Graham Rees' resignation as Director of Junior Development after one year in office, Shona Bass (VIC) was appointed to fill this position for the remainder of the term.

The impact of Heather Reid's appointment as National Executive Director was felt throughout the year: an Administration Manual was developed; a National Development Plan formulated; agreement was reached with Australian Airlines for concessions on all travel for the AWSA and its affiliates; approaches were made to establish a FIFA Women's Committee; and Federal Government grants for the year reached a record \$68,000.



Jim Selby

Dallas Cup Youth International

1987

Australia embarked on an ambitious international plan for the Youth team by entering the Dallas Cup in the USA. This was the first National Youth team to travel overseas.

The Youth team for USA tour was:

Players:

ACT	Bronwyn Calver, Laura Fisher, Katrina Alexander
NSW	Deanie Pentecost, Leanne Edmundson
NNSW	Lisa Van Dorp, Karin Wilkinson, Katrina Barsby
NT	Sarah Cooper
QLD	Samantha O'Brien (c), Kerrie Rowe
SA	Gail Pace
TAS	Yolanda McCarthy, Yvonne Mitchell
VIC	Denise Wright, Leanne Hamilton

Officials:

Tour Leader	Heather Reid
Manager	Betty Hoar
Coach	Clive MacKillop
Assistant Coach	Shona Bass



Costs for team members were greatly reduced through the introduction of special Gold and Silver Sponsorship proposals developed by the NED. Australia reached the semi-finals in what was a very strong competition dominated by USA clubs.

The Australian National Team travelled to Taiwan to compete in the 4th Women's World Invitational Tournament.

The Australian team for 1987 Taiwan tour was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray
NNSW	Renaye Iserief, Sue Buswell, Sharon Dewar, Janelle Renshaw
NT	Amanda George
QLD	Sue Monteath (c), Kerry Millman, Joanne Millman, Leanne Priestley, Michelle Sawyers, Lyn Spencer
SA	Jill Latimer, Moya Dodd, Mariana Milanovic
VIC	Theresa Jones, Jane Oakley, Janine McPhee

Officials:

Tour Leader	Heather Reid
Manager	Stephanie Quinn
Coach	Fred Robins
Physiotherapist	Bill Fenney



Sharon Dewar, Theresa Jones (head down), Sue Buswell, Jill Latimer, Sue Monteath - Taipei Stadium - 1987

Preliminary rounds for this competition were split between two cities. Australia were drawn to play in Kaio-Shung, a city in the far south of Taiwan.

This was quite a disappointment for Elaine Watson who had been invited to the tournament as President of the OWFC but was based in Taipei. The day after the opening game, the host officials provided a small coach, a driver and two liaison officers to accompany Elaine and Josephine King (Secretary of the OFC) on a tour of southern Taiwan - so much for the steady diet of top soccer which she had been

expecting. The tour was an experience not to be missed though and the entourage made sure that results of all games were obtained as soon as possible.

Fortunately, the travellers arrived back in Kaio-Shung to witness the Aussies' final game. The team only became aware of this presence when the huge electronic scoreboard flashed a quite impressive message -

WELCOME TO MRS. ELAINE WATSON PRESIDENT OCEANIA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ASSN

Winning the group meant Australia returned to Taipei for the final rounds which saw Australia finish in 6th place with Michelle Sawyers being named Player of the Tour.



Renaye Iserief

With a total of fourteen goals in her thirty appearances for Australia from 1983 to 1987, Renaye Iserief established herself as the leading goalscorer to date.

From 1987 age eligibility requirements for the underage championships were varied to Under 15 and Under 18. Queensland hosted a combined tournament in Brisbane with New South Wales successful in the Under 15 and Northern New South Wales victors in the Under 18.

The Senior Championship was staged in Alice Springs which proved to be a very enjoyable venue. Memories of Darwin in 1979 were brought back via a photo of the women officials from all participating States with their Territory souvenirs.



New South Wales did not compete because the animosity generated by events surrounding the 1986 New Zealand Tour was still simmering. Another contributing factor was the emergence of a new organisation (Central New South Wales) which had commenced negotiations for a possible affiliation with the AWSA should New South Wales fulfill their threat to dis-affiliate.

Victoria, with a superior goal difference, won the Championship from Northern New South Wales but the tables were turned in the Challenge Cup match. Marianna Hardstaff (TAS) demonstrated her speed by defeating Amanda George (NT) and Gail Pace (SA) in the sprint race which was featured at half time of the final match.

Barbara Gibson resigned from the Board, citing disquiet over the requirements of the sponsorship agreement with Australian Airlines and Diane Murphy resigned for personal reasons. These Directors were replaced through the appointments of Noelene Stanley and Jim Selby respectively.

The New South Wales Soccer Federation (responsible for men's and junior soccer) stepped into the dispute between the AWSA and the New South Wales Women's Federation. As the women's association had declined to renew their affiliation, Central New South Wales had been accepted in their stead. The New South Wales (Men's) Federation formed an interim Women's Committee under the chairmanship of Noelene Stanley. Both Central NSW and NSWWSF were represented on this committee in an effort to resolve the situation in New South Wales.

The incumbents were returned for the positions of President, Director, Finance, Director, Junior Development and Director, Coaches & Referees. FIFA had again postponed the Women's World Cup to late 1988 or early 1989 and changed the venue to Southern China.

The workload handled by the National Executive Director (which included the publishing of the Aussie Sports Level O Coaching Manual in a joint venture with the ASF and ACHPER) necessitated the purchase of a computer which greatly enhanced office efficiency.

After many years of discussion, dissent and dissatisfaction it was finally decided to adopt what became popularly known as "the Watson Option 2" which standardised the length of national championships. This proposal covered all possible variations in entries within the one time frame and provided a feature game (the Challenge Cup) between the two leading teams on the final day.

Rehearsal for a Women's World Cup

1988

As all New South Wales players were once again eligible for national selection, National Coach John Doyle (NSW) chose a re-vamped combination for the Pilot World Cup in China.

The Australian team for 1988 China Tour was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray
NSW	Carol Vinson (c), Toni McMahon, Leigh Wardell, Kim Lembryk, Janine Riddington, Anissa Tann, Julie Dolan, Amanda Langlar
NNSW	Sharon Dewar
QLD	Joanne Millman, Kerry Millman, Leanne Priestley
SA	Moya Dodd
VIC	Debbie Nichols, Jane Oakley, Janine McPhee, Theresa Jones

Officials:

Tour Leader	Elaine Watson
Manager	Stephanie Quinn
Coach	John Doyle
Assistant Coach	Jim Selby
Doctor	Keiran Fallon
Executive Director	Heather Reid
Referee	Richard Lorenc

A training camp (partly funded by the ASC) was held at the NSWFSF Headquarters at Parklea prior to the tour.

Some difficulties arose with the tour in that the preliminary rounds were played at Shiang-Min (which had about four different spellings so that relatives in Australia were unable to locate the team). The menu was entirely oriental until Keiran Fallon was able to convince the Chinese officials that players needed carbohydrates and an unheard of concoction called "bread".

The accommodation in Shiang-Min could best be described as faded grandeur. The rambling hotel overlooked parklands where a large part of the population exercised. It was usual to see groups practising tai-chi or walking the circuit. Straw hats were purchased for the whole party and the humidity made the cool hotel corridors most welcome.

Players marvelled at the number of bicycles on the roads and the wide brimmed white sun hats worn by men and women alike. The most unusual feature of the countryside was a vehicle called an iron buffalo. It looked like a small rotary hoe with a shaded seat and trailer attached at the rear. This contrivance moved at about walking pace and was the preferred transportation for road building, cartage etc.

The highlight of the preliminary rounds was the Australian defeat of Brazil in the opening game through a brilliant chip over the goalkeeper by Janine Riddington. This event was recognised by a telegram from Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

Australia returned to Guangzhou for the quarter finals. The team was housed in the White Swan Hotel which had provided overnight accommodation on the way to Shiang-Min. It was a magnificent building with the centre atrium containing many works of art in jade. Two of these were a full rigged sailing ship and a large fruit tree. When the 50ft waterfall was also taken into account it was a very impressive building.

A few players indulged in pranks such as clandestine trips up fourteen flights of the fire escape and the "souveniring" of AWSA equipment. These were guaranteed to give any official an ulcer. To this day, the specially designed AWSA flag is still missing. The final disappointment was to be comprehensively defeated by China in the quarter final.

The Senior Championship in Newcastle was the first conducted under the new formula. New South Wales took out their 10th Championship in a hard fought final against Queensland. Northern Territory were absent for the first time since 1975 but their withdrawal caused no problems under the new match program. As a curtain raiser to the final, two teams of Over-30's gave a very entertaining display with the Australian Invitation XV (players from five States) defeating Northern New South Wales 4-0.

Another change to age eligibility saw the Under 18 become the Under 19 Championship in Perth where New South Wales defeated Queensland and the same two states met with the same result in the Under 16 Championship in Melbourne.

At the end of the Under 19 Championship, sixteen members of the 1989 Youth Squad met a touring Massachusetts USA team and defeated them 2-1 before an enthusiastic crowd of 500. Captain for the day was Lisa Van Dorp and both Australian goals were scored by Katrina Barsby.

Everyone connected with women's soccer was saddened to hear of the passing of Life Member Irene Sneyd on 14 August, 1988. One of the "characters" of the Championships with her flaming hair and ardent support for her beloved Northern, "Aunty I" was a devoted worker for both the AWSA and Northern New South Wales.

On the administrative front, Noelene Stanley had been appointed to fill the casual vacancy of Director of Policy Coordination and as Stephanie Quinn had accepted employment in Newcastle, Peta Winzar was appointed Public Officer.

Fred Parker became Chairman of the New South Wales Women's Branch and accordingly Central New South Wales relinquished its affiliation in favour of the New South Wales Soccer Federation (the only men's association affiliated to date). Official senior registrations had fallen dramatically since 1983 due to internal New South Wales arrangements. Only those players competing in the Women's Soccer League plus any outside this competition chosen in New South Wales State teams were specifically registered with the NSWSE. The majority of players were under the jurisdiction of the NSW Amateur Federation which, although affiliated to the NSWSE, was an autonomous association.

The Annual Report now included a Roll of Honour and awards were instituted for those players who had competed in seven or more Championships.

The Management Committee Meeting in February had resolved that the National Senior Coach would be appointed for a two year term with an option to extend for a further two years. This was to accommodate the four year cycle between World Cup competitions.

Team Officials were to be appointed (not elected) for specific tours or tournaments. This procedure provided the flexibility to adapt to the particular circumstances of any event and to ensure the best blend of officials. Guidelines for various combinations of Team Officials were formulated at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposals for a National Club Championship and a National Bulletin were aired. In a significant change, the method of funding the Association was changed from the capitation levy coupled with a multitude of charges for various events, to a single percentage based affiliate levy designed to cover an agreed budget deficit.

1989 The Far Post

Australia hosted its first international event since 1979 when the 3rd Oceania Cup was staged in Brisbane. Initially, entries were received from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Chinese-Taipei, Hong Kong, Polynesia and India, so Australia entered two teams to eliminate a bye.

Unfortunately for these good intentions, Hong Kong, Polynesia and India were late withdrawals (India just a week prior). The organising committee, which comprised Heather Reid and Elaine Watson with support from Ron Coughy and the SQWSA officials, staged a highly successful event which demonstrated the "coming of age" of the administrators and enhanced Australia's international reputation.

The Australian teams drew their match against each other, both lost to New Zealand and Chinese Taipei, and defeated Papua New Guinea. The final was played between New Zealand and Chinese Taipei in atrocious conditions - pouring rain and the field awash. Chinese Taipei coped with these handicaps better than New Zealand and won the Cup 1-0. Carol Vinson (Green) and Michelle Sawyers (Gold) were named Players of the Tournament for the respective Australian teams.

The Australia GREEN team for 3rd Oceania Cup was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray
NSW	Carol Vinson (c), Anissa Tann, Janine Riddington, Kristine James, Dalys Carmody, Tracey Wheeler
NNSW	Karen Menzies, Debra Bonshore, Linda Hughes
NT	Tanya Dyer
QLD	Kerry Millman, Joanne Millman, Leanne Priestley
SA	Karen Harris
VIC	Debbie Nichols

Officials:

Manager	Betty Hoar
Coach	John Doyle
Assistant Coach	Mick Hoar
Doctor	Keiran Fallon

The Australia GOLD team for 3rd Oceania Cup was:

Players:

ACT	Angela Ianotta, Sara King
NSW	Leanne O'Brien, Nicole Komoroski, Kim Schaefer
NNSW	Lisa Van Dorp, Toni Bashford
NT	Nicole Green
QLD	Michelle Sawyers (c), Kerrie Rowe, Raeanne Dower, Jodi Jarman, Nella Bertoncini, Sue Clayton
SA	Moya Dodd, Gail Pace, Maria Doyle
VIC	Jane Oakley

Officials:

Manager	Doris Haddock
Coach	Steve Darby
Assistant Coach	Mick Hoar
Physiotherapist	Keith Ashford

There was considerable turmoil as a consequence of Australia's performance and results. John Doyle resigned as Senior National Coach and was replaced by Steve Darby. Strong recommendations to ensure adequate preparation for future pre-season internationals were adopted.

At the OWFC Congress held in conjunction with the Cup tournament, Elaine Watson was returned as President with Lesley Boomer (NZ) Vice-President, Jenny Bray (NZ) Secretary and Stephanie Quinn Treasurer.

The Senior Championship was scheduled for Tasmania, but when it became obvious that a nationwide pilot's dispute would make this impossible, the ACTWSA accepted responsibility for staging the event in Canberra. Hurried though the arrangements were, everything proceeded smoothly with teams travelling by road, rail and sea. Queensland led Victoria on goal difference at the end of the preliminary rounds but Victoria won the final 5-3 on penalties after some fine "keeping" by Theresa Jones held the fulltime score to 1-1.

The Youth Championship (previously termed the Under 19) was held in Darwin with five States competing (NSW, NNSW, QLD, NT and TAS). Queensland broke through to record its first victory in this event.

The pilot's strike also took its toll on the Youth tour to New Zealand in September. The Northern Territory players travelled by bus to Brisbane and then relied on an airforce plane to get them home. Australia lost both Tests but broke even on the remaining provincial games with a win, draw and loss.

It was felt these results were due largely to an itinerary which allowed little time for recovery between lengthy periods of travel.

Australian Youth team for the New Zealand Tour:

Players:

NSW	Jane Hornsby, Kaye Yardin, Justine Fisher, Traci Bartlett
NNSW	Toni Bashford, Kelly Job, Lisa Van Dorp (c), AnneMarie Csuka
QLD	Claire Nichols, Tammy Sprott, Cathy O'Neal, Tanya Corbett
NT	Vangi Boubaris, Janice Brett, Sandra Hartley
TAS	Yvonne Mitchell

Officials:

Manager	Doris Haddock
Coach	Clive Mackillop
Assistant Coach & Physiotherapist	Andrew Young

The Junior Championship (previously termed the Under 16) was held in Adelaide with New South Wales winning its 7th consecutive title. The only blemish in the performance was a last match loss to Australian Capital Territory which marked the first defeat for New South Wales juniors since 1985. A squad was chosen to participate in the first Junior Development camp at the AIS.

After fourteen years in national office (eleven as President) Elaine Watson did not stand for the Presidency which saw Dennis O'Brien take office. Ron Coughy also stood down with Elaine becoming Director of Finance. Together with Stephanie Quinn (Vice President), Noelene Stanley (Policy Co-ordination) Jason Hoar (Junior Development) Shirley Brown (Marketing) and Betty Hoar (Coaches and Referees) they formed the new Board.



Dennis O'Brien

The Far Post made its debut as the National Newsletter amid wide-spread approval. Contracts for Players were formulated to introduce greater professionalism in this area.

Australia was fortunate to be invited by the Japan Football Association (largely at JFA expense) to compete in a combined Test and Provincial Tour of Japan.

The Australian team for Japan Tour was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray, Angela Ianotta
NSW	Carol Vinson (c), Anissa Tann, Moya Dodd, Tracey Wheeler
NNSW	Linda Hughes, Alison Forman
QLD	Michelle Sawyers, Sharon Wass, Claire Nichols
SA	Sonia Gegenhuber
VIC	Jane Oakley, Debbie Nichols, Janine McPhee, Carolyn Monk

Officials:

Tour Leader	Dennis O'Brien
Manager	Elaine Watson
Coach	Steve Darby
Doctor	Kieran Fallon

Being December, the weather was cold and bleak most of the time. At the Tokyo hotel, every player had a single room which was long and narrow with enough room for a TV, single bed, desk, hanging space and a bathroom/toilet annex which was a complete unit attached to the outside wall of the hotel.

The bath was about a metre long and a metre deep - lovely for a hot soak with water up to one's chin, but a bit of a worry when one thought what would happen if the whole unit broke away from the wall! Team meetings were conducted in the very wide hallway with other guests politely excusing themselves as they walked back and forth.

Australia finished this highly successful tour undefeated, drawing both the Tests and winning the two provincial games. Michelle Sawyers completed a hat-trick of awards by being named the Player of the Tour and startled herself by almost scoring through an overlapping run from fullback in the final game.



Michelle Sawyers



Heather Reid

In 1989, National Executive Director Heather Reid, was honoured by an award from the Confederation of Australian Sport for her organisation of the 3rd Oceania Cup.

1990

Reorganising the AWSA Board

Brisbane was the venue for the Junior Championship which resulted in a New South Wales victory over a determined Queensland side, with National Junior Coach Mick Hoar choosing a development squad for the AIS camp later in the year.

The Youth Championship was staged in Melbourne with New South Wales and Queensland again fighting out the final for the same result and National Youth Coach Jim Selby selecting a squad for a training camp at the AIS.

The Senior Championship returned to Sydney where the absence of Northern Territory and Tasmania allowed a full round-robin to be completed in the six days. The competition proved to be exciting and unpredictable with the final result ending in a drawn contest with New South Wales and Northern New South Wales locked together in first position. Consequently, both States were declared champions. The Challenge game also ended in a draw with the result going to New South Wales on a penalty shoot-out.

National Coach Steve Darby submitted the first draft of a National Coaching Plan which, after two full sessions of discussion, consensus and amendment by successive Management Committee Meetings, was adopted as AWSA policy. Steve also conducted a Level 2 Coaching course for national players which resulted in nineteen qualifying for Level 2 and two for Level 1.

The workload in the National Office had grown to the extent that it became necessary to employ part-time clerical assistance and this position was filled by Kim Dickson.

With Government assistance, marketing consultants (Ejays Marketing) were contracted to prepare a marketing strategy which, it was hoped, would provide a blueprint for future development and sponsorship.

This was the first year to see three issues of the Far Post which had grown in content and presentation and provided a valuable tool for promotion of the code as well as a show-case in sponsorship submissions.

Criteria were developed for the staging of National Championships and a draft format for a National Club Championship was circulated for discussion.

Guidelines setting out basic financial support for AWSA officials during their attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Senior Championship and for Association representatives at the Junior and Youth Championships were produced and approved. For the first time officials did not have to meet all expenses in carrying out AWSA duties from personal funds.

Under the direction of Heather Reid and Cass Hampton (President of ACTWSA) a

coaching video featuring female players demonstrating basic soccer skills was

produced. This video still enjoys wide demand, particularly among schools and clubs.

The National Executive Director was invited to attend the 9th Dana Cup in

Denmark as an observer. This proved most valuable in obtaining first hand

experience of the management of a major international tournament. Another

outcome of the NED's visit was that two Australians (Carol Vinson and Julie Murray)

were offered contracts with leading Danish Club, Fortuna, and a base was laid for

other Australian players to follow. The willingness of Swedish team (Malmo) to tour

Australia in 1991 can also be traced to the contacts made in Denmark.

The Bradley Report commissioned by the Australian Soccer Federation was finalised

and adopted. Under the ASF re-organisation, an AWSA delegate would be involved

through the proposed Development Committee. This was seen by the AWSA as a

small step towards reconciling the diverse philosophies of the ASF and the AWSA.

The President, Dennis O'Brien, was appointed as the first delegate.

FIFA confirmed at long last that the 1st World Cup for women would be staged in

China in 1991 with twelve countries participating. As Oceania had been allocated

one position it was obvious that Australia would have to defeat perennial opponent

New Zealand to take part in this historic event.

The Board had proposed a reduction in its membership to further streamline

operations. This meant that the Board would now consist of a President and four

Directors, one of whom would be appointed as Vice-President in addition to the

responsibilities of a specific portfolio.

The incoming Board elected at the AGM (with Peta Winzar appointed Vice-

President) was:

President

Dennis O'Brien (QLD)

Director, Policy and Co-ordination

Peta Winzar (ACT)

Director, Finance

Elaine Watson (QLD)

Director, Marketing & National Teams

Peter Wingrove (NSW)

Director, Development

Jason Hoar (VIC)

1991 A Women's World Cup

As a lead up to the World Cup Qualifying Tournament, Australia played a three match series against the Swedish Champions Malmo, with two games in Sydney and one in Canberra. Malmo was a very professional outfit consisting of Swedish and Danish international players. When Australia defeated them in the opening match, they applied themselves to the two remaining matches and won both.

The Australian Team for the Malmo series was:

Players:

ACT	Julie Murray, Angela Iannotta
NSW	Anissa Tann(c), Moya Dodd, Carol Vinson, Janine Riddington, Janine McPhee, Sharon Young, Traci Bartlett, Katrina Boyd, Kim Schaefer
NNSW	Alison Foreman, Linda Hughes
QLD	Michelle Sawyers, Sharon Wass, Kaylene Janssen
SA	Sonia Gegenhuber
WA	Tracey Wheeler

Officials

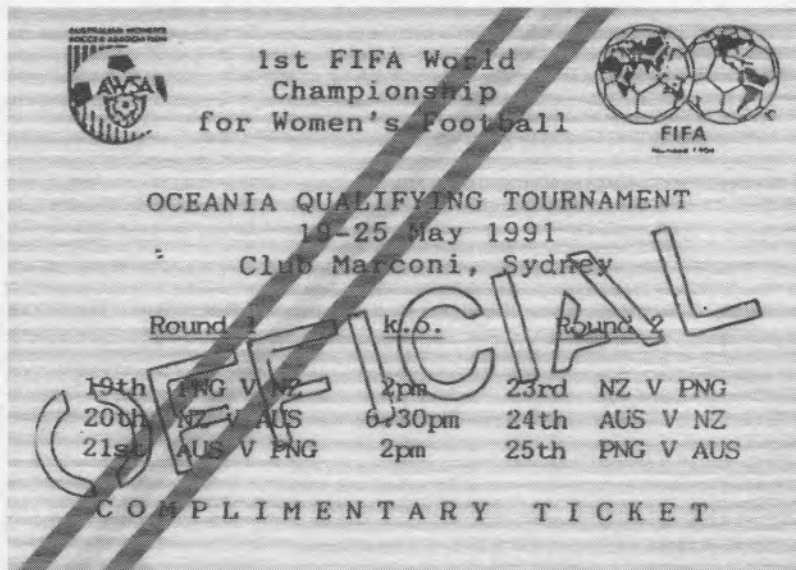
Administrator	Mari-Luise Agius
Coach	Steve Darby
Assistant Coach & Physiotherapist	Andrew Young
Doctor	Kieran Fallon



This series was followed by the Oceania Qualifying Tournament for the 1st FIFA World Cup for Women. The event was held in Sydney and the competing teams were Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Australia. The only change to the Australian team from the Malmo series was that Debbie Nichols (VIC) replaced Katrina Boyd (NSW).

As could be expected, the weakest team (Papua New Guinea) improved with every game. After a fired up New Zealand combination administered a 16-0 hiding in the first match it was always going to be difficult for Australia to redress that margin should the ultimate outcome between Australia and New Zealand rest on goal difference.

By the final game this was the scenario that had to be dealt with. New Zealand defeated Australia 1-0 and in the return game Australia defeated New Zealand 1-0. Australia then had to defeat Papua New Guinea in the last game by 20-0. As the final scoreline was 12-0 it was New Zealand who went forward to the World Cup. Unfortunately they did not perform well, failing to make the quarter-finals after losing preliminary matches against China, Norway and Denmark.



The Australian Youth team for NZ Diabetes Australia Tour was:

Players:

ACT	Angie Bean (c)
NSW	Kaye Yardin, Jackie Hadden, Jane Hornsby, Lisa Turnbull, Tracy Weston, Amanda Paterson, Ourania Amvrazis
NNSW	Samantha Dillon
QLD	Claire Nichols, Tammy Sprott, Mia Thompson, Zoe Smith, Kim Revell
SA	Mara Kreismanis, Sara Griffiths
TAS	Sarah Fitzgerald
VIC	Cathy Minniti

Officials:

Administrator	Cass Hampton
Coach	Peter Kelly
Assistant Coach	Shirley Brown
Physiotherapist	Kelly Woosnam
AWSA Executive Members	Heather Reid and Peter Wingrove

The New Zealand Youth Team visited in September for a three test series in Melbourne sponsored by the Victorian Health Foundation. With a win in the first game and drawn games in the second and third matches, the series went to New Zealand. Unfortunately several Kiwi players resorted to unsporting behaviour which marred an otherwise impressive performance.

The Senior Championship went back to the scheduled order and was played in Canberra. Queensland started the competition with a win against New South Wales in the opening game and then managed to lock out all opposition. They scored at least one goal per game to stay on top of the competition table before staging a grand finale in defeating New South Wales a second time to take the Championship. Former Scottish international Marie Grant and one of Queensland's youngest players, Tracy Little, both scored in the final.

The controversial March Past component of the opening ceremonies of the Championships was replaced by a CAPS award which was based on Conduct, Attitude, Presentation and Spirit throughout the tournament. Opinions remain divided on this award, as on its predecessor, but it remains a feature of the tournament to this time.

Following the World Cup Qualifying Tournament there had been a turn-over of Coaches with Steve Darby resigning and John Reid (QLD) replacing him.

The first task confronting the new coach was to select a national squad which would guide Australia into a four year program leading to the 1995 World Cup. A number of under 23 players were chosen with the aim of competing in the 4th Oceania Shield scheduled to be held in Papua New Guinea in 1992.

After a training camp in Sydney in October, the team undertook a three match series to provide New Zealand with international competition prior to their participation in the 1991 World Cup.

After a 0-0 draw in Christchurch, a loss in Wellington and a loss in Hamilton followed. However the matches provided good experience for both players and coach. Unfortunately the Oceania Shield was postponed when New Zealand failed to enter the competition for financial reasons. This left a vacuum in the anticipated program for the national team in 1992.

The Australian team for New Zealand Tour was:

Players:

ACT	Angela Iannotta
NSW	Moya Dodd, Janine McPhee, Anissa Tann (c),
NNSW	Debra Bonshore, Lisa Dunne, Alison Forman
QLD	Michelle Sawyers, Kaylene Janssen, Donna Fredrickson
SA	Sonia Gegenhuber, Sharon Black, Tracey Jenkins
VIC	Jane Oakley, Sarah Cooper
WA	Tracey Wheeler

Officials:

Manager	Shirley Brown
Coach	John Reid
Assistant Coach	Peter Kelly
Physiotherapist	Kelly Woosnam

The 1991 Junior and Youth Championships were combined at Woy Woy under the banner of Northern New South Wales. Seven States competing in each division provided the largest combined figure to date. The wet weather forced the use of alternate fields with the resultant separation of games placing great strain on the resources of the host Federation. Queensland took the Junior Title from New South Wales with the places reversed in the Challenge Cup.

New South Wales scored the double in the Youth Division by winning the Championship and the Challenge Cup (both from Queensland). Respective National Coaches, Andrew De Ambrosis and Peter Kelly provided a mutually supportive effort to select the Junior and Youth squads for the AIS training camps.

Stephanie Quinn was awarded Life Membership for her outstanding efforts as Vice President from 86-90, as Manager of four International Tours, as Public Officer from 82-88, and particularly for her expert assistance on legal matters.



Stephanie Quinn

Sadly, 1991 saw the passing of Don Balmain, who for many years had been the mainstay of the now defunct NSWWSF and a Vice-President of the AWSA.

Canberra's Weston Creek Club established a record which will stand for a long time when they notched up ten consecutive 1st Division Premierships (wins in '92 and '93 have now extended this record).

Administratively there were many varied accomplishments. Randal Upton was commissioned to conduct a feasibility study for a National League, administration seminars were conducted in Newcastle and Adelaide, a coaching workshop was held in Gosford, the Edmunds Jones (EJAYS) Marketing Strategy was presented but did little to provide workable solutions, and the ASF Development Committee commenced operations.

Happenings in Western Australia where a break-away group caused major disruption to orderly development, caused some concern as did the ambiguity associated with the application of the Australian Soccer Federation player levy on a nationwide basis.

FIFA Women's Symposium

1992

In 1992 the Senior Championship was held in Brisbane and after quite a few upset results in the early rounds, Victoria showed the greatest consistency to emerge as Association Trophy winners (highest points after the preliminary rounds) and became Champions by defeating Queensland in the final. The closeness of the competition and the evenness of the teams were highlighted by the fact that Queensland (+6) clinched second place on goal difference over Northern New South Wales (+5) and Australian Capital Territory (+3).

This was one of the most exciting championships ever contested. After the first three rounds Australian Capital Territory was leading the competition but team morale suffered a tremendous blow when Manager Cathy (Tex) McCallum, was struck by a car as the team returned to their motel. Although in a critical condition for some time, Cathy eventually was transferred home to Bathurst to begin the long haul back to active life.

The timing of the Youth Championship was changed to September to allow for participation in overseas competitions which usually occur in July. As South Australia and Victoria experienced difficulty in fielding teams, it was decided to allow the entry of a combined team so that the available players in both states would be eligible for selection in the National teams.

New South Wales took out the Association Trophy despite an earlier defeat by Northern New South Wales while Queensland qualified in second place on goal difference from Australian Capital Territory. Unfortunately the Championship Final had to be abandoned because the pitch was covered with water. As there was no provision in the rules to cover an unplayed final, both New South Wales and Queensland were declared Joint Champions.

In a move aimed at developing soccer in regional areas, South Australia allocated the Junior Championship to Renmark where strong support was received from the Riverland community and the media. With this "home-town" inspiration South Australia qualified for the final only to be narrowly beaten by New South Wales.

Alison Forman (NNSW) joined Julie Murray with Fortuna Club in Denmark and Sara King (ACT) took up a soccer scholarship with Mt Ida College, Massachusetts, USA.

Thanks to support from the Australian Sports Commission, Trish Rankin was given a 12-month contract as Development Co-ordinator and during her term produced manuals for "The Volunteer" and "Girls in Soccer Week". She also prepared the support paperwork for the Kickstart Corporate Sponsors program, collaborated on promotional materials for the "Get Your Kicks from Soccer" program and assisted with arrangements for the National Kickstart Forum aimed at getting more women and girls to play soccer.

The Confederation of Australian Sport presented an Award of Merit to Elaine Watson for outstanding service to Australian Sport, the first soccer administrator (male or female) so honoured. The AWSA soccer video received a Merit Certificate in the Prime Ministerial Women in Sport Awards.

More than ever before, "gender equity" was being promoted by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). One initiative was to provide a grant specifically to help finance meetings of a working party aimed at improving the relationship between the AWSA and the ASF. An ASC representative was included in the group to ensure that equity principles were observed.

Whilst the simplistic view was that if the AWSA was absorbed by the ASF any problems could be solved later, the AWSA President expressed members' feelings by saying "a clearly identifiable focus for women in soccer is necessary during the next few crucial years. On the other hand, the strongest possible cooperation with, and assistance by, the ASF is also vital to development". Dialogue to achieve these ends is still in progress.

On the international level the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) abolished the category of affiliate under which the OWFC had participated in OFC councils. A vigorous paper campaign by the OWFC amongst the Oceania countries succeeded in ensuring that a Committee for Women would be established within OFC. However, in the absence of any guarantees that members of this committee will be drawn from those directly involved with women's soccer and that appropriate funds will be provided for promotion and development, worthwhile progress in this area cannot be expected in the immediate future.

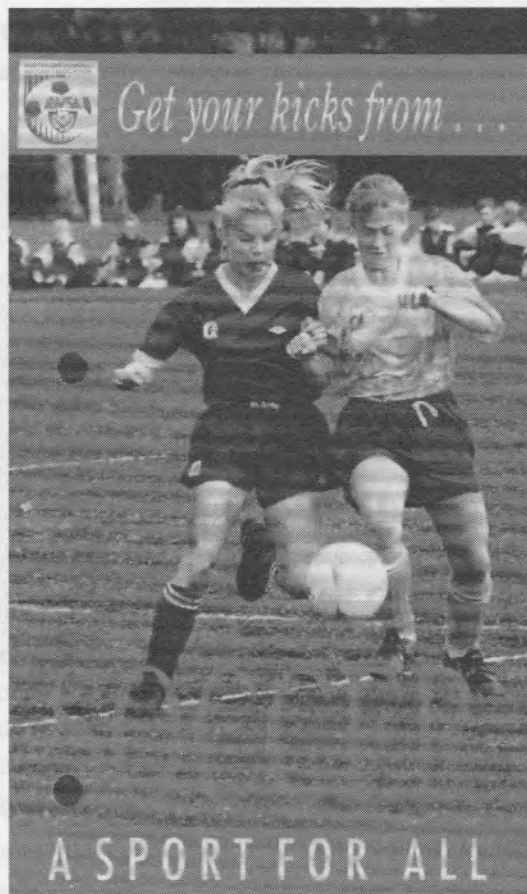
A Treasurer's Manual was produced by the Finance Director to assist State and District Associations to present uniform and adequate financial reports. The purchase of a second computer saw an immediate upgrade in the quality and presentation of Association documentation, particularly The Far Post.

Efforts to include a women's scholarship program at the AIS were boosted when some State Academies for Sport introduced programs for girls. Negotiations to incorporate more programs in other States and at the AIS will continue.

The NED, Heather Reid, attended the 1st World Cup for Women and participated in discussions with other national representatives. It was agreed that continued pressure should be exerted on FIFA to obtain Olympic status for a women's competition and to introduce a World Youth Championship for women in the near future.

Later in the year, FIFA staged a major international symposium in Switzerland on the development of women's soccer which should result in many positive advances being made. At the symposium, FIFA pledged its support for the fullest participation by women and girls in soccer, guaranteed the continuation of the Women's World Cup and foreshadowed other under-age international tournaments. In Australia, the implications of these discussions re-inforced a need to further develop arrangements with the Australian Soccer Federation while ensuring that women's soccer maintained its existing identity focus and efficient management practices.

The Annual General Meeting saw the retirement of Peter Wingrove and the election of Lisa Davis (VIC) to his portfolio while the National Coaches in all three divisions remained the same.



1993 Elaine Watson OAM

In the Australian New Year's Honours List, Elaine Watson was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her services to women's soccer. The investiture took place at Government House, Brisbane on 22nd April, 1993 where Governor Leneen Forde's comment was a less than formal "Good for you"!

Long-time National Executive Director, Heather Reid, resigned the position she had filled with such distinction for seven years to launch her own business. Heather had overcome many difficulties in "professionalising" the administration and then proceeded to demonstrate a control of her chosen career which provided many immediate and long-term benefits for the AWSA. Paul Turner, former AIS soccer scholarship holder, administrator and high-school teacher was appointed to replace Heather.



Elaine Watson with OAM



*National Executive Director's
Heather Reid and Paul Turner*

The Australian Youth team's international status improved when it participated in the Dana Cup and won its Division. The trip was quite an experience for all concerned, particularly the fairly primitive conditions in the billeting arrangements. Thanks to very positive leadership from the Manager, Theresa Jones, excellent morale was maintained. The high level of skill exhibited by the team in the four preliminary games, the quarter and semi-finals, was rewarded in the final.

The Australian Youth team for Denmark Tour was:

Players:

ACT	Angie Bean (c), Karly Pampa
NSW	Amanda Paterson, Tracey Weston, Jackie Hadden, Michelle Watson
NNSW	Megan Clayton, Cheryl Salisbury, Bridgette Starr
QLD	Kim Revell, Mia Thompson, Corinne Currey, Louise McMurtrie, Claire Nichols, Katie Smith, Trena Youngblutt
SA	Sarah Griffiths, Kristen Spinner
TAS	Sarah Fitzgerald

Officials:

Manager	Theresa Jones
Coach	Peter Kelly
Physiotherapist	Cathryn Bishop



1993 Dana Cup Squad

Angie Bean (c) with trophy

Alison Forman added to her playing responsibilities by acting as liaison between the Danish officials and the Youth Team. Linda Hughes also took up a Fortuna contract in Denmark.

The World University Games were held in Buffalo, USA and an Australian Team under the guidance of Tour Leader Heather Reid and Coach Andrew De Ambrosis gained a great deal of experience even if they did not succeed in the competition.

Andrew had resigned his National Junior Coach's position due to the dates of the Junior Championship clashing with the USA tour and his position was filled by Clive MacKillop.

The inaugural National Club Championship was staged over the Easter Weekend and resulted in a win to Berwick City (VIC). Although only six teams participated it seems likely that the numbers will continue to grow.

Victoria also opted for decentralisation and staged the Junior Championship at Bendigo under the banner of the Victorian Health Foundation. New South Wales won a hard-fought competition from Queensland.

The Youth Championship was staged at NSWFS Headquarters Parklea, Sydney with Queensland emerged victorious over New South Wales.

The Senior Championship was held in Perth at Maylands, the new headquarters for Western Australian (the second women's association to have its own headquarters). Western Australia had to beat South Australia in the last game of the preliminary rounds to win a place in the final against New South Wales, so it was not surprising that a crowd of more than 700 turned out to cheer for the home side. South Australia however, were smarting from what they felt were undeserved poor results in the early games and eventually ran out winners. This result allowed Queensland into the final where they were defeated by New South Wales.

This championship clearly demonstrated the emerging importance of elite junior development programs with many outstanding players coming from these areas.

After input from both Associations the Australian Soccer Federation established a Committee for Women's Football. The terms of reference for this Committee conformed to the requirements established by the working party. AWSA membership consisted of President Dennis O'Brien, Vice-President Peta Winzar and West Australian President Jeanette Spencer with the NED, Paul Turner, nominated as the ASF CEO's representative.

The AWSA organised a National Technical Forum which led to the updating and broadening of the National Coaching Plan. This now covers Athlete Development, Officiating and Sports Science and has been renamed the AWSA National Technical Plan. Championship Rules and Regulations were produced in booklet form and a draft of the National Development Plan, covering 1993-96 was presented to the Annual General Meeting.

In a final flurry of activity prior to relinquishing her position, the Finance Director produced a Representative Team Manual (also in booklet form) which detailed roles and responsibilities for officials and players and circularised an outline of a computer program aimed at providing a uniform data base for State Associations. A proposal to rationalise Board titles was also accepted.

Affiliates had been made aware some time before the Annual General Meeting that Elaine Watson would not be standing for a position on the Board. In her farewell speech on Presentation Night Elaine listed those players from the past 20 years who would comprise an "Ideal Team":

Elaine Watson's Team

Forwards:	Pat O'Connor (NSW) Sandra Brentnall (WA) Jane Oakley (VIC) Linda Hughes (NNSW)
Midfield:	Sue Monteath (QLD) Trixie Tagg (NSW) Sharon Mateljan (WA)
Defenders:	Michelle Sawyers (QLD) Joanne Millman (QLD) Andrea Martin (VIC)
Goalkeeper:	Theresa Jones (VIC)

From amongst this group, Theresa Jones was given the highest accolade with her ability, temperament and dedication providing an ideal role model. Elaine's bouquet for the most satisfying tour was awarded to the 1986 New Zealand Tour while the loss of the Presidency in 1984 was counted as a career disappointment. The award of the Order of Australia Medal closely followed by the first overseas trip to Taiwan provided the highlights of a long involvement.

Kerry Harris (WA) was elected to the finance portfolio for the next two years. In a close-fought election, Andrew De Ambrosis became Director/Development. The Board that will take the AWSA into the next vicentennial is:

President	Dennis O'Brien
Director, Administration	Peta Winzar (Vice-President)
Director, Finance	Kerry Harris
Director, Marketing	Lisa Davis
Director, Development	Andrew De Ambrosis



Dr. Oscar Mate and Dennis O'Brien



1993 Board - (From left to right) Lisa Davis, Andrew de Ambrosis, Dennis O'Brien, Peta Winzar, Paul Turner, Kerry Harris

Every best wish must accompany their efforts. It will be interesting to read about the achievements by the year 2014!

Summary

Soccer as a sport for women has developed rapidly in Australia over the past twenty years. Although women played the game in the 1920's it was another fifty years before the sport was ready for a structured organisation to regulate and control its future development.

The AWSA and State counterparts have progressed from one national championship with five teams competing (1974) to three championships (1993) with as many as nine State Associations competing in each division. The introduction of junior (1983) and youth (1985) divisions reflected the growth of the game throughout Australia.

The administration of women's soccer in Australia also underwent significant changes. While some of the early pioneers are still working for the sport there are many new faces providing both voluntary and professional expertise. It's worth noting that the first Executive Committee to manage the AWSA comprised five members. Over the years this number increased to seven with portfolio responsibilities in line with the demands of the day.

More recently the Executive has operated under five specific directorships with the support of a National Executive Director and two other staff members. Questions remain about the future role of the AWSA in relation to the Australian Soccer Federation but cooperation and time will resolve these uncertainties.

In addition, improvements in the delivery and service of the sport at other levels has been notable. The employment of part-time or full-time Executive Officers or Development Officers in States such as New South Wales, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Victoria have added to the professional development of soccer for women.

From 1978 to 1993 the national senior team competed in seventeen international events - an average of more than one event each year. Since 1987 the national youth team has experienced international competition every two years. The Youth program culminated in a highly successful tour to Denmark in 1993 where Australia won the Under 19 division of the Dana Cup - one of the world's largest youth tournaments.

Speculation about the introduction of a FIFA sponsored women's world championship commenced in the late 1970's. The Chinese Taipei Football Association began hosting invitational world tournaments in 1978 and many other countries initiated smaller tournaments over the years.

Four years after a "pilot" world championship, FIFA staged the 1st World Championship for Women's Football in China in 1991. While Australia's failure to qualify for this event is now history, the importance of the inaugural tournament cannot be underestimated.

International sports dignitaries, soccer officials, hundreds of thousands of Chinese spectators and an international audience of millions witnessed the best soccer that female players had to offer. The status of this sector of the game was immediately elevated and declared worthy of continued FIFA support and development.

Worldwide lobbying by thousands of supporters for the inclusion of women's soccer as a full medal event at the Olympic Games was endorsed by a motion carried by the Congress of the United States. These pressures, together with FIFA's recognition that the women's game was ready for wider international attention, led to an announcement on 19th September, 1993 by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that the 1996 Olympic soccer program in Atlanta, USA would include a women's competition. Four days later the IOC announced that Sydney, Australia would host the 2000 Olympic Games.

Qualification for the 1996 Olympics will be based on the top teams at the 1995 World Championship. As host nation, the USA will be an automatic inclusion with the remaining seven teams qualifying in order of merit. In the first place much depends on Australia becoming the Oceania representative and then every effort must be made to reach the final eight.

Female soccer players can now aspire to represent their country in international tournaments, world championships and the Olympic Games. Hopes and expectations, particularly those of our younger players, must be very high as they aim towards inclusion in the Australian team to play in front of a home crowd in 2000.

In addition to the FIFA World Championship and the Olympics there are other opportunities for women to represent their country and excel in soccer. The Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) added a women's competition to the XVII World Universities Games program in 1993. An Australian squad under the management of Heather Reid and coach Andrew De Ambrosis participated. It is expected this event will remain on the Universities' calendar but will not be included in Japan 1995 due to the proximity of dates for the 2nd FIFA Women's World Championship in Sweden.

Older players also have increasing opportunities to continue in the sport. The World Masters Games in Brisbane, Australia in 1994 aims to have at least ten Australian and overseas teams comprising players over 30 years of age. Former Australian international players will be reunited to form the Aussie Pioneers team with inaugural national officials Elaine Watson and Jim Selby (Manager and Coach respectively) taking responsibility for their participation.

On the domestic scene, the national team has had few opportunities to play in front of home crowds. For reasons of economy, most competition has come from New Zealand, Pacific nations and Asia. With increased financial support from the Australian Olympic Committee and the Australian Sports Commission (due to the elevation of women's soccer to Olympic status) it is hoped that the AWSA will be able to attract a wider variety of opponents for the national team.

Malmö from Sweden was the first European team to tour Australia. In 1994 Russia will be competing in a three-way tournament against Australia Gold and Australia Green which will be held on the Gold Coast in Queensland. Regular exposure to world-class competition will be important for Australia's success in any international arena.

For many people who have been involved in the game over the past twenty years this international recognition is well deserved and reflects the achievements of the AWSA, satellite organisations and individuals over a relatively short period of time.

The solid foundations laid down since that historic occasion in 1974 provide the basis for the future growth and expansion of the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

RESULTS

National Senior Championships

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Other Competing States</u>
1974	Sydney	NSW	NNSW	WA SQ VIC
1975	Brisbane	WA	SQ	NSW VIC NNSW NT
1976	Melbourne	NSW	VIC	WA SQ NNSW NT
1977	Perth	NSW	SQ	WA VIC NNSW NT
1978	Newcastle	WA	NSW	SQ VIC NNSW NT
1979	Darwin	NSW	VIC	WA SA NNSW SQ NT
1980	Adelaide	NSW	NNSW	SA SQ WA VIC NT ACT TAS
1981	Sydney	NSW	SQ	WA SA NT NNSW VIC ACT TAS
1982	Brisbane	SQ	NNSW	WA NSW NQ SA VIC NT ACT TAS
1983	Perth	NSW	SQ	WA NNSW NT TAS VIC ACT
1984	Canberra	SQ	SA	NSW VIC NNSW WA ACT TAS NT
1985	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	VIC NNSW SA WA TAS ACT NT
1986	Adelaide	NSW	SQ	NNSW VIC ACT SA TAS NT
1987	AliceSprings	VIC	NNSW	SQ ACT SA WA NT TAS
1988	Newcastle	NSW	SQ	NNSW VIC SA ACT WA TAS
1989	Canberra	VIC	SQ	NSW SA WA ACT NNSW TAS
1990	Sydney	NSW-NNSW		SQ WA ACT VIC SA
1991	Canberra	SQ	NSW	VIC SA ACT NNSW WA TAS
1992	Brisbane	VIC	QLD	NNSW NSW ACT SA WA TAS
1993	Perth	NSW	QLD	WA SA VIC NT ACT NNSW TAS

National Youth Championships

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Other Competing States</u>
1985	Hobart	NSW	WA	SQ NNSW VIC ACT TAS NT
1986	Sydney	NSW	NNSW	SQ WA TAS NT ACT VIC
1987	Brisbane	NNSW	WA	SQ ACT NT NSW VIC
1988	Perth	NSW	SQ	NT NNSW ACT TAS WA
1989	Darwin	SQ	NSW	NNSW TAS NT
1990	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	ACT VIC TAS NNSW
1991	Woy Woy	NSW	SQ	TAS VIC ACT SA NNSW
1992	Hobart	NSW-QLD		ACT NNSW SA/VIC TAS
1993	Sydney	QLD	NSW	ACT NNSW SA VIC TAS

National Junior Championships

<u>Year</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>Other Competing States</u>
1983	Canberra	NSW	NNSW	SQ VIC ACT WA
1984	Newcastle	NSW	NNSW	SQ ACT VIC TAS
1985	Hobart	NSW	NNSW	SQ TAS
1986	Sydney	NSW	SQ	NNSW TAS
1987	Brisbane	NSW	TAS	SQ NNSW
1988	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	VIC ACT TAS NNSW
1989	Adelaide	NSW	ACT	SQ SA VIC NNSW
1990	Brisbane	NSW	SQ	ACT SA NNSW
1991	Woy Woy	SQ	NSW	ACT SA NNSW TAS VIC
1992	Renmark	NSW	SA	QLD NNSW TAS VIC ACT
1993	Bendigo	NSW	QLD	TAS VIC NNSW WA SA ACT



RECORD

International Competition Record

1978	1st World Women's Invitational Football Tournament at TAIWAN		
	v Austria	1-0	Brentnall
	v USA	1-1	Mateljan
	v Sweden	0-1	
	v Denmark	0-0	
	v Thailand	5-0	Pettitt (4), Mateljan
1979	New Zealand Tour to Australia		
	v New Zealand	2-2	Brentnall, Mateljan
	v New Zealand	0-1	
	v New Zealand	1-0	Hall
1980	Australian Tour to New Zealand		
	v New Zealand	3-3	Brentnall, Heydon, Own goal
	v New Zealand	1-1	Brentnall
	v New Zealand	3-2	Brentnall
1981	Australian Provincial Tour to New Zealand		
	v Canterbury	2-0	Wright, Porter
	v Otago	6-0	Monteath, Singleton, Wass (2), Dolan, Porter
	v Waikato	1-0	Brentnall
	v New Zealand	2-1	Brentnall, Porter
1983	Australian Tour to Hawaii		
	v He Pua P'ani	0-1	
	v Royal Hawaii	3-0	Monteath(2), Priestley
	v Leahi	0-0	
	v Hawaii	1-0	Porter
	v Hawaii	1-0	Own Goal
	v Hawaii	3-2	Priestley, Millman, Iserief
1983	1st Oceania Cup - NOUMEA		
	v New Zealand	0-0	
	v New Caledonia	5-0	Dolan(2), Wardell, Porter, Heydon
	v Fiji	13-0	Heydon(3), Monteath(3), Wardell(3), Iserief(3), K Millman
FINAL	v New Zealand	2-3	Brentnall, Dolan

International Appearances

1978, 1991

1984	Xian International Tournament - CHINA		
	v USA	1-0	Dolan
	v Tientsin	3-1	Iserief(2), Lembryk
	v Shaanzi	3-2	Iserief, Wardell, Watts
	v Japan	6-2	Porter(2), Iserief(2), Lembryk(2)
FINAL	v USA	0-1	
1984	3rd World Women's Invitational Football Tournament - TAIWAN		
	v Japan	2-2	Iserief, van Bruinessen
	v USA	2-1	Petrov, Wardell
	v West Germany	0-0	
	v New Zealand	0-3	
	v Mulan	0-0	
	v Liangyu	0-1	
	v Norway	1-0	Iserief
1986	2nd Oceania Cup, Christchurch - NEW ZEALAND		
	v New Zealand A	1-0	Iserief
	v Chinese Taipei	0-1	
	v New Zealand B	2-1	Monteath, Mateljan
FINAL	v Chinese Taipei	1-4	Martin
1987	4th World Women's Invitational Football Tournament - TAIWAN		
	v Liang-yu	0-1	
	v Canada	2-0	Oakley
	v Hong Kong	6-0	Priestley(2), Iserief(2), Monteath, Murray
	v Mulan	0-3	
	v USA	0-6	
	v Canada	0-0	
	v New Zealand	0-1	
	v West Germany	0-2	
1988	FIFA Women's Football Tournament - CHINA		
	v Brazil	1-0	Riddington
	v Thailand	3-0	Dolan, Murray, Vinson
	v Norway	0-3	
	v China	0-7	



1989	3rd Oceania Cup - BRISBANE		
	Australia A		
	v New Zealand	0-2	
	v Australia B	0-0	
	v PapuaNewGuinea	6-0	Riddington(3), Vinson(2), Murray
	v Chinese Taipei	1-4	Riddington
	Australia B		
	v New Zealand	0-2	
	v Australia A	0-0	
	v PapuaNewGuinea	2-0	Iannotta, Bertoncini
	v Chinese Taipei	0-4	
1989	Prima Cup Tour - JAPAN		
	v Japan	2-2	Hughes, Vinson
	v Japan	1-1	Vinson
	v Prima Kunoichi	2-2	Dodd, Murray
	v Yomiuri	1-0	Oakley
1991	Malmo Tour - AUSTRALIA		
	v Malmo	1-1	Vinson
	v Malmo	0-2	
	v Malmo	1-2	Forman
1991	Oceania Qualifying Tournament - SYDNEY		
	v New Zealand	0-1	
	v Papua New Guinea	12-0	Hughes(4), Iannotta(2), Wass(2), Tann, Vinson, Gegenhuber, Bartlett
	v New Zealand	1-0	Dodd
	v PapuaNewGuinea	8-0	Vinson(6), Hughes(2)
1991	Tour to New Zealand		
	v New Zealand	0-0	
	v New Zealand	0-3	
	v New Zealand	0-2	

International Appearances

1978-1991

Sue Monteath	46	Mariana Milanovic	5
Kerry Millman	40	Lisa Dunne	5
Joanne Millman	39	Julie Clayton	5
Julie Dolan	34	Leah Wright	4
Renaye Iserief	30	Janice Stott	4
Michelle Sawyers	27	Anna Senjuschenko	4
Rose Van Bruinessen	26	Kim Schaefer 4 Marie Russell	4
Leigh Wardell	25	Kerrie Rowe	4
Moya Dodd	25	Gail Pace	4
Sharon Mateljan	24	Kristine James	4
Cindy Heydon	23	Diana Hall	4
Anissa Tann	22	Nicole Green	4
Leanne Priestley	21	Maria Doyle	4
Julie Murray	21	Nella Bertoncini	4
Jane Oakley	20	Toni Bashford	4
Carol Vinson	19	Theresa Varadi	3
Julie Porter	19	Lyn Spencer	3
Judy Pettitt	19	Janelle Renshaw	3
Sandra Brentnall	19	Sharon Pearson	3
Theresa Jones	18	Carolyn Monk	3
Kim Lembryk	17	Terri Mcqueen	3
Tracey Wheeler	15	Jill Latimer	3
Angela Iannotta	15	Nicole Komorowski	3
Linda Hughes	15	Karen Harris	3
Kristin Theile	13	Carla Grims (Groeschel)	3
Toni McMahan	13	Kim Dunlop	3
Sharon Wass	12	Sarah Cooper	3
Vicki Salmons	12	Sue Clayton	3
Debbie Nichols	12	Dalys Carmody	3
Alison Forman	12	Sharon Black	3
Kim Coates	12	Monica Werner	2
Janine Riddington	11	Lisa Rader	2
Sue Buswell	11	Amanda George	2
Tracey Singleton	10	Donna Fredrickson	2
Janine Mcphee	10	Lyn Egan	2
Sonia Gegenhuber	10	Sabine Buschmann	2
Sharon Dewar	10	Debra Bonshore	2
Connie Byrnes (Selby)	10	Traci Bartlett	2
Karen Menzies	9	Helen Watts	1
Andrea Martin	9	Claire Nichols	1
Amanda Langlar	9	Fiona Mckenzie	1
Shona Bass	9	Barbara Kozak	1
Kaylene Janssen	7	Tracey Jenkins	1
Sharon Young	6	Tanya Dyer	1
Jamie Rosman	6	Raeanne Dower	1
Margaret Petrov	5	Katrina Boyd	1

International Appearances

1978-1991

Traci Bartlett	2	Andrea Martin	9
Toni Bashford	4	Sharon Mateljan	24
Shona Bass	9	Fiona Mckenzie	1
Nella Bertoncini	4	Toni McMahon	13
Sharon Black	3	Janine Mcphee	10
Debra Bonshore	2	Terri Mcqueen	3
Katrina Boyd	1	Karen Menzies	9
Sandra Brentnall	19	Mariana Milanovic	5
Sabine Buschmann	2	Joanne Millman	39
Sue Buswell	11	Kerry Millman	40
Connie Byrnes (Selby)	10	Carolyn Monk	3
Dalys Carmody	3	Sue Monteath	46
Julie Clayton	5	Julie Murray	21
Sue Clayton	3	Claire Nichols	1
Kim Coates	12	Debbie Nichols	12
Sarah Cooper	3	Jane Oakley	20
Sharon Dewar	10	Gail Pace	4
Moya Dodd	25	Sharon Pearson	3
Julie Dolan	34	Margaret Petrov	5
Raeanne Dower	1	Judy Pettitt	1
Maria Doyle	4	Julie Porter	19
Kim Dunlop	3	Leanne Priestley	21
Lisa Dunne	5	Lisa Rader	2
Tanya Dyer	1	Janelle Renshaw	3
Lyn Egan	2	Janine Riddington	11
Alison Forman	12	Jamie Rosman	6
Donna Fredrickson	2	Kerrie Rowe	4
Sonia Gegenhuber	10	Marie Russell	4
Amanda George	2	Vicki Salmons	12
Nicole Green	4	Michelle Sawyers	27
Carla Grims (Groeschel)	3	Kim Schaefer	4
Diana Hall	4	Anna Senjuschenko	4
Karen Harris	3	Tracey Singleton	10
Cindy Heydon	23	Lyn Spencer	3
Linda Hughes	15	Janice Stott	4
Angela Iannotta	15	Anissa Tann	22
Renaye Iserief	30	Kristin Theile	13
Kristine James	4	Rose Van Bruinessen	26
Kaylene Janssen	7	Theresa Varadi	3
Tracey Jenkins	1	Carol Vinson	19
Theresa Jones	18	Leigh Wardell	25
Nicole Komorowski	3	Sharon Wass	12
Barbara Kozak	1	Helen Watts	1
Amanda Langlar	9	Monica Werner	2
Jill Latimer	3	Tracey Wheeler	15
Kim Lembryk	17	Leah Wright	4
		Sharon Young	6

AWSA Roll of Honour

Australia Day Honours List 1993

Elaine Watson Medal of the Order of Australia
for services to women's soccer

Confederation of Australian Sport

Elaine Watson 1992 Award of Merit
for outstanding service to sport

Confederation of Australian Sport

Certificate of Outstanding Performance 1989

Theresa Jones (VIC)	12 years of representation 1978-89
Joanne Millman (QLD)	11 years of representation 1980-90
Kerry Millman (QLD)	10 years of representation 1981-89
Sue Monteath (QLD)	10 years of representation 1978-88
Elaine Watson (QLD)	contribution to administration 1974-89
Heather Reid (ACT)	contribution to administration 1979-89

Confederation of Australian Sport

Certificate of Outstanding Performance 1988

Sharon Mateljan (WA)	12 consecutive national championships 1974-85
Renaye Iserief (NNSW)	10 years of representation
Sara King (ACT)	Junior, Youth, Senior, School representation

AWSA Special Awards

Participation in 1974 and 1986

National Women's Championships

Shona Bass (VIC)	Sharon Mateljan (WA)
Susan Buswell(NNSW)	Janette Melvin (VIC)
Connie Byrnes (Selby) (QLD)	Michelle Sawyers (QLD)
Andrea Martin (VIC)	Leigh Wardell (NSW)

AWSA Special Awards

Participation in Under Age National Championships

Sarah Lonsdale	ACT	1983 to 1988
Katrina Barsby	NNSW	1983 to 1988
Tanya White	NNSW	1983 to 1988
Raeanne Dower	QLD	1982 to 1988
Kim Ketter	QLD	1983 to 1988
Lee Anne Priest	TAS	1985 to 1990
Jacqui Ketchell	TAS	1985 to 1990

AWSA Achievement Awards

presented 1990

Gold Awards for 13 or more national championships

Michelle Sawyers	QLD	15 championships
Theresa Jones	VIC	14 championships
Renaye Iserief	NNSW	13 championships
Andrea Martin	VIC	13 championships

Silver Awards for 10 or more national championships

Karen Menzies	NNSW	11 championships
Joanne Millman	QLD	11 championships
Kerry Millman	QLD	11 championships
Leanne Priestley	QLD	11 championships
Judy Pettitt	VIC	11 championships
Lisa Miles	WA	10 championships
Lyn Spencer	QLD	10 championships

Bronze Awards for 7 or more national championships

Debbie Nichols	VIC	9 championships
Tracey Singleton	VIC	9 championships
Debbie Corcoran	ACT	8 championships
Jill Latimer	SA	8 championships
Janine McPhee	NSW	8 championships
Carolyn Monk	VIC	8 championships
Donna O'Brien	ACT	8 championships
Jane Oakley	VIC	8 championships
Sue Clayton	QLD	7 championships
Stephanie McMahon	QLD	7 championships



AWSA Achievement Awards

presented 1991

Silver Awards for 10 or more national championships

Leigh Wardell	NSW	12 championships
Debbie Nichols	VIC	10 championships
Tracey Singleton	VIC	10 championships

Bronze Awards for 7 or more national championships

Julie Murray	ACT	8 championships
Carmel Carters	ACT	7 championships
Moya Dodd	NSW	7 championships
Donna Fredrickson	QLD	7 championships
Karen Harris	SA	7 championships
Tracey Jenkins	SA	7 championships
Michelle Mathews	WA	7 championships
Janine Riddington	NSW	7 championships
Klara Szabo	QLD	7 championships
Carol Vinson	NSW	7 championships

presented 1992

Gold Awards for 13 or more national championships

Joanne Millman	QLD	13 championships
Judy Pettitt	VIC	13 championships

Silver Awards for 10 or more national championships

Donna O'Brien	ACT	10 championships
Janine McPhee	NSW	10 championships
Lisa Rader	TAS	10 championships

Bronze Awards for 7 or more national championships

Anissa Tann	NSW	7 championships
Carla Grims (Groeschel)	NSW	7 championships
Karen Lawler	TAS	7 championships

AWSA Achievement Awards

presented 1993

Gold Awards for 13 or more national championships

Leanne Priestley	QLD	13 championships
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Silver Awards for 10 or more national championships

Jane Oakley	VIC	11 championships
Sue Clayton	QLD	10 championships
Fred Robins (Coach)	QLD	10 championships

Bronze Awards for 7 or more national championships

Jenny Skorupa	ACT	7 championships
Katrina Alexander	ACT	7 championships
Jackie McCann	SA	7 championships
Penny Tanner	WA	7 championships

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