

The Australian Women's Register

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Donnet, Jennifer Barbara

(1963 -)

Born 26 May, 1963

Occupation Commonwealth or Empire Games Gold Medalist, Diver

Summary

Commonwealth Games medallist and Olympian Jenny Donnet comes from a family of champion divers. Her mother, Barbara Donnet (née McAulay), is a former Commonwealth Games gold medallist, and both parents worked as Olympic diving coaches. Her sister, Barbi Donnet, is a diving coach and a World Masters triple Gold medallist and Australian champion. Today the family run the Donnet Diving Club in Queensland.

Details

Jenny Donnet is the only Australian diver to have competed in four Olympic Games. Her Olympic debut was in 1980 at the Moscow Olympic Games. She went on to represent Australia in the 1984 Los Angeles Games, the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and the 1992 Barcelona Games. She was the flag bearer for Australia at the Opening Ceremony in Barcelona, only the third Australian woman to have had the honour.

In 1982, Donnet won gold in the 3m springboard diving event at the Commonwealth Games. She won silver in 1986, and gold in 1990. Several decades earlier, in 1954, Donnet's mother Barbara won a silver medal in the same event and a gold for the 10m platform dive.

Today Jenny is a diving coach and is president of the Australian Masters Association. She has coached 2 World Masters medallists; 9 national championship medallists; 41 national level divers; and 20 Victorian championship medallists.

Events

1982 - 1982

Diving – Springboard

1990 - 1990

Diving – 3m Springboard

Published resources

Book

The Making of Champions, Bryceson, S., 1992

Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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