

JULIE LEAVES A LEGACY

Julie Cleverly from QLD is retiring from officiating after over 40 years of service in Australia. Tennis Australia want to thank her for her outstanding commitment and dedication. She will be part of the tennis officiating family forever. Read below to discover more about Julie's journey.

Julie Cleverly was born in Cape Town, South Africa. She then moved to Kenya and started playing tennis at the age of 6. She has been involved in the sport ever since then.

In 1974 she arrived in Brisbane, and through Catholic tennis was introduced to Tennis Officiating.

Julie joined the Queensland Lawn Tennis Umpires Association in 1977, qualified as a Chair Umpire that same year and then as a Referee in 1987.

Julie was heavily involved in the Administration of the Association as well as on court.

Her service on the Board is as follows:

President: 1988 – 1990, 1992 – 1996,
Vice President: 1987 – 1988, 1998, 2002, 2009
Secretary: 1985
Board Member: 1986, 1997, 1999, 2002 - 2003, 2005 - 2008, 2010 - 2012

Julie was awarded an Honour Badge in 1989 and a 20 year star was added to the Honour Badge in 2000.

Julie was made a Life Member of Tennis Officials Australia in 1996.

Some highlights for Julie's officiating career include:

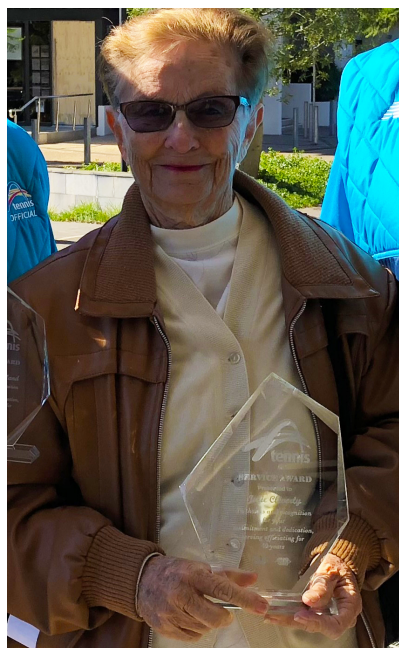
Davis Cup Matches: 13 total from 1980 – 1998
Wimbledon and Eastbourne: 1988
Sydney Paralympics: 2000
Federation Cup: 1988
Hopman Cup: 1993
Australian Open: 1983 – 2003
NSW Open: 1979 – 1989

As well as officiating at the above international events, Julie did not miss officiating at any major tournaments held in Queensland from 1978 until 2003. Since 2003 Julie has still been a regular at many local events mostly as a Referee or Court Supervisor. As well as officiating at major events since 1977, Julie was also to be seen at many local open and school events.

On 6 August 2020 Julie Cleverly retired from officiating. She can now hang up the 'blue shirt' and come see us at events as a much loved spectator.

Kind regards,

Tennis Australia Officiating Team



Julie accepting her 40 years of service award at Tennis QLD.