



Karen Schulz



KAREN SCHULZ (WHELAN)

INDUCTED 18TH JUNE, 2022
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

STATE LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP TEAM PLAYER
1986, 1988, 1990, 1991

CONTAX STATE LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST
1988, 1989



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Highly regarded Centre Court Player and former Contax State League Captain (1988-1992) Karen's on-court skills were matched by her off-court commitment to her club. Regarded as one of the best centre court players in the 80's era, it was Karen's contribution off the court that set her aside.

Karen's influence on the lives of so many young players entering the Elite Pathways and State League Squad in the late 1980's was immeasurable. Her leadership and the culture she created in that era set a legacy for innovation and club success at Contax. There was no allowance for individuals, she led by example both on and off the court with a team first approach. In 1992 it was Karen who changed on-court fashion for netball around the globe with Contax move to the first ever bodysuit.

She developed a prototype and boldly entered a Contax Committee meeting wearing the lycra bodysuit which was approved and hit the court that year. Initially controversial, it was later adopted across the world by Netball.

The first bodysuit she wore is shown in this photo.