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**Peta Edebone (Vic) OAM**  
**Player number # 160**  
**330 games for Australia**

Peta Edebone is known for her courage, dedication and commitment to the pursuit of success. She began her representative career when she was chosen for the Victorian U16 team in 1984 and played for four years in the junior ranks. Peta represented the Victorian Open Women's team for a total of 15 years, including captaining the team from 1994-2004.



In 1992 Peta made her debut in the Australian Open Women's Team at the Challenger Cup in Beijing. She was highly regarded as one of the world's leading batters and defensive players in the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> base and outfield. At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games Peta equalled the then Olympic Record of four home runs.

From 1998-2000 she was vice -captain of the Australian Open Women's Team and in January 2001 was given the honour of captaining the Australian Open Women's Team, a position she held until her retirement in 2005.

Peta retired having played a total of 330 international matches for the Australian Open Women's team, at the time making her the second most capped Australian player ever behind Sally McCreedy (356 caps).

Since retiring Peta has been awarded Life Membership of the Waverley Softball Association in 2005, inducted into the Softball Australia Hall of Fame in 2008, inducted into the International Softball Federation (ISF) Hall of Fame in 2011 and has also held a position on the ISF Executive Council and ISF Athlete's Commission from 2005 to 2010.

#### **AWARDS**

1993	Best Batter Australian Open Women's National Championship
1997	Most Valuable Player Australian Open Women's National Championship
1999	Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Athlete of the Year AIS Team Athlete of the Year
2000	AIS Sports Achievement Award for Excellence at the Sydney Olympic Games
2002	Inaugural winner of the Softball Australia Female Player of the Year Australia Day Ambassador
2003	Australia Day Ambassador
2004	AIS Sports Achievement Award for Excellence in Softball at the Athens Olympic Games
2008	Softball Australia Hall of Fame
2011	International Softball Federation Hall of Fame
2020	Order of Australia Medal



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## TOURNAMENTS

- 1992 Challenger Cup, Beijing, China
- 1993 New Zealand tour 1993
  - Canada Cup
  - Connecticut and Pennsylvania
  - Longstreth Tournament
- 1994 Port Perry
  - VIII Women's World Softball Championship, St John's, Canada
- 1995 Los Angeles Tournament
  - Fresno Tournament
  - Superball Tournament, USA
  - USA Series
  - Chinese Taipei Tournament
- 1996 Four Nations Tournament
  - Asia Tour
  - Los Angeles Tour
  - Atlanta Olympic Games
- 1997 New Zealand Tour
  - Qantas International Challenge
  - Superball, USA
- 1998 South Pacific Classic
  - Japan v Australia Test Series
  - Canada Cup
  - IX Women's World Softball Championship, Fujinomiya, Japan
- 1999 DeBilt Tournament, Netherlands
  - Canada Cup
  - USA Olympic Cup
- 2000 Millennium Cup
  - Brisbane International Challenge
  - Sydney International Challenge
  - Tri-Nations Challenge
  - Canada Cup
  - Sydney Olympic Games
- 2001 Trans-Tasman Challenge
  - Hawaii Cup
  - Canada Cup
- 2002 Japan v Australia Test Series
  - South Pacific Classic
  - Hawaii Cup
  - Canada Cup
  - X Women's World Softball Championship, Saskatoon, Canada
- 2003 Olympic Qualifier, Sydney
  - Canada Cup
  - Hobart International
- 2004 Blacktown International
  - Canada Cup
  - Champions Cup
  - Pre-Olympic Tour, Italy
  - Athens Olympic Games
- 2005 Blacktown International