



Aussie Heart Staff

Coach **Narelle Gosstray** is one of four Level 2 female coaches in all of Australia. Recently, Narelle has been named to the technical committee for the 2008 Women's World Cup in Japan. She has also been named the Australian representative to the World Women's Baseball Federation. Currently she coaches Baulkham Hills whom she led to the New South Wales Women's League championship in 2007. Narelle has been an Australian selection of four occasions (2001-2003, 2005). She has won national championships on multiple occasions for both Victoria and New South Wales. Narelle has coached with the Hearts since 2005.

Pitching Coach **Simone Wearne** is a Level 1 coach. She is the president of the Springvale Baseball Club. She has been an Australian selection eight times (2001-2008) and has won a national championship for Victoria on seven occasions. Simone was named as only one of two pitchers on the All-World team selected at the 2006 Women World Cup on Taiwan. In early 2008, she was named "Women's Player of the Year" by the Australian Baseball Federation. Simone has coached with the Hearts since 2005.

Assistant Coach **Kelly Manzie-Novotny** is a Level 1 coach. She has been an Australian selection five times (2001-2002, 2006-2008). Kelly has won six national championships for Victoria and one for Chicago in the USA (2003). Kelly is the first Australian female baseball player recruited to play overseas (2002) and is the only woman to win national championships in two countries. Kelly also was the only Australian to play in the 24 Hour historic women's game in 2003. Kelly has coached with the Hearts since 2005.

Assistant Coach **Jeneane Lesko** is a former All-American Girl ("League of Their Own") who currently hails from Seattle, Washington. Jeneane pitched for the Grand Rapids Chicks in 1953-54, and then barnstormed the country with the league all-stars in 1955-56 after the AAGPBL folded. A well as a former LPGA tour golfer, Jeneane is also is a former schoolteacher. Jeneane has organized the Washington Stars women's baseball team and continues to travel the country promoting women's baseball, including as a coach in the 24-Hour Game. In early 2007 her travels brought her to Australia for the 1st time where she represented the Hearts at youth clinics and in the media in Melbourne, Sydney, Illawara, and Canberra. Jeneane has coached with the Hearts since 2005.

Organizer **Rob Novotny** is the former operations manager for the Chicago White Sox Training Centers and a former scout for the Texas Rangers. He has also taught hitters in the Milwaukee Brewers organization. He helped coach the world champion Australian women's team in 2002 and the American women's team in 2003. Also Rob has served as Vice President of the American Women's Baseball Federation. In that role, Rob organized the historic women's 24-Hour Game at Tucson Electric Park (Arizona) in 2003. Since 1995, Rob has organized 17 teams to play baseball and softball overseas. He has organized the Aussie Hearts since 2005.

In **Kenosha**, Rob Novotny first came to Simmons Field as a batboy for Bob Lee's Kenosha Twins in 1985. He has been affiliated with Bernie Bauer's Kenosha Kings as a player and coach for ten seasons spanning from 1991 to 2007. In 1998 as head coach of the Kings, he was named "Manager of the Year" for the Land O' Lakes Eastern Division. He also managed the Kings during their transition to the Wisconsin State League in 2001. Rob was an All Land O' Lakes selection as designated hitter in 1999 and 2000. Rob is a 1989 graduate of Shoreland High School where he played for David Roehl. He also played for Ron Schuler and the Western Kiwanis in high school.



Narelle Gosstray, Kelly Manzie-Novotny, and Simone Wearne at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla., in 2005.



In a league of her own, former All-American Girl Jeneane Lesko coaches first base for the Hearts in San Francisco in October 2006.



Former All-American Jeneane Lesko at a series of youth camps in Sydney, Canberra, Illawara, and Melbourne in February 2007 with Kelly Manzie-Novotny, Rob Novotny, and program head Narelle Gosstray.



Narelle Gosstray leads the younger troops into action in Hong Kong in February 2008.