AUSTRALIA AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

1998 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

It was a history making occasion for netball with the sport included in a major sporting event for the first time having been played as a “one-off” exhibition match at the 1990 Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Australia created history by winning the sport’s first ever Gold medal outside of the World Championship under coach Jill McIntosh.

The team opened its campaign with a dominant 68-goal win over the host nation and went through the pool stage undefeated.

In their semi-final Australia accounted for South Africa by 30 goals before facing arch rivals New Zealand in the Final. In a thrilling contest, Australia went onto win an historic Gold Medal in a nail biter.

Match Results
- Defeated Malaysia 85-17
- Defeated Canada 85-25
- Defeated Barbados 71-36
- Defeated Jamaica 70-38
- Defeated England 66-29
- Defeated South Africa 68-38 (Semi-Final)
- Defeated New Zealand 42-39 (Final)

Team
- Carissa Tombs, Liz Ellis, Jennifer Borlase, Janine Illitch, Kathryn Harby-Williams, Nicole Cusack, Rebecca Sanders, Simone McKinnis, Shelley O’Donnell, Sarah Sutter, Sharelle McMahon, Vicki Wilson
- Coach: Jill McIntosh

Medals
- Gold- Australia
- Silver- New Zealand
- Bronze- England

2002 Manchester, England

Australia defended its Commonwealth Games title after winning a memorable Gold medal play-off match in double extra time against arch rivals New Zealand.

What made their victory all the more remarkable was that several players carried injuries through the tournament. Sharelle McMahon twisted her ankle in the final pool match against Jamaica and Nicole Richardson also hurt her ankle. McMahon worked into the night icing her ankle in a bid to be right for the gold medal play off, but fought through the pain barrier to shoot the winning goal in extra time.

Match Results
- Defeated Barbados 75-28
- Defeated Fiji 82-32
- Defeated South Africa 74-38
- Defeated Jamaica 60-33
- Defeated England 49-38 (Semi-Final)
- Defeated New Zealand 57-55 (Final, in double extra time)

Team
- Alexandra Hodge, Alison Broadbent, Catherine Cox, Liz Ellis, Eloise Southby, Jacqui Delaney, Janine Illitch, Kathryn Harby-Williams, Sharelle McMahon, Nicole Richardson, Peta Squire, Rebecca Sanders.
- Coach: Jill McIntosh

Medals
- Gold- Australia
- Silver- New Zealand
- Bronze- Jamaica
2006 Melbourne, Australia
Hosting a major tournament for the first time since the 1991 World Championship, Australia was tipped to win its third straight Commonwealth Games gold medal.
However, its unblemished Commonwealth Games record was ended by New Zealand, which then held dual Commonwealth and World Championship titles.
Despite enthusiastic crowd support and going through the pool matches unbeaten - followed by a semi-final win over England - the Australians went down to the Silver Ferns by five goals in the gold medal play-off.
Australia fought back late, the extremely physical encounter went New Zealand’s away as the hosts had to contend with their first Commonwealth Games silver in 12 years.

Match Results
- Defeated Wales 78-22
- Defeated Barbados 70-27
- Defeated Samoa 78-47
- Drew with Jamaica 54-54
- Defeated Singapore 107-19
- Defeated England 52-40 (Semi-Final)
- Lost to New Zealand 60-55 (Final)

Team
- Alison Broadbent, Bianca Chatfield, Catherine Cox, Megan Dehn, Susan Fuhrmann, Selina Gilsenan, Janine Ilitch, Sharelle McMahon, Susan Pratley, Jessica Shynn, Natalie von Bertouch.
- Coach: Norma Plummer

Medals
- Gold- New Zealand
- Silver- Australia
- Bronze- England

2010 Delhi, India
Just like previous Commonwealth Games tournaments, Australia breezed through the group stages and its Semi-Final to be playing off for the Gold Medal.
Australia’s Semi-Final win came over a gritty and determined England, who had shown significant improvement in recent years.
In the Final against New Zealand, the Australians were down by several goals in the second half before shooter Catherine Cox was injected into the match.
Cox’s introduction helped the Australians work their way back into the game and, with seconds left in extra time, had actually grabbed a one-goal lead.
New Zealand defender Casey Williams took a throw in and the pass was picked up by shooter Irene van Dyk, narrowly missing Susan Fuhrmann’s hands. The veteran shooter tied the scores up to force the match into extra time.
Australia’s effort in hauling in the Silver Ferns’ deficit appeared to have taken a lot out of the team as New Zealand went onto claim its second Gold Medal with a two-goal win.
The Final took 84 minutes to decide - the longest ever official game.

Match Results
- Defeated Samoa 76-39
- Defeated India 113-18
- Defeated Jamaica 60-46
- Defeated Malawi 74-35
- Defeated Trinidad & Tobago 62-34
- Defeated England 51-45 (Semi-Final)
- Lost to New Zealand 66-64 (Final, in double extra time)

Team
- Rebecca Bulley, Catherine Cox, Laura Geitz, Susan Fuhrmann, Mo’onia Gerrard, Kimberlee Green, Renae Hallinan, Sharelle McMahon, Natalie Medhurst, Lauren Nourse, Susan Pratley, Natalie von Bertouch.
- Coach: Norma Plummer

Medals
- Gold- New Zealand
- Silver- Australia
- Bronze- England
2014 Glasgow, Scotland

For the first time in 12 years, Australia claimed the gold medal after scoring its biggest ever victory over New Zealand in a major tournament in the final. Australia again went through the group stages undefeated, although its second match against England was a heart stopping affair. Australia trailed by six goals at quarter-time before fighting back to level the match mid-way through the final term.

An England miss in the final minute gave Australia the chance to win the game and shooter Caitlin Bassett calmly slotted the winning goal with seconds to spare.

In the gold medal match, Australia got revenge on New Zealand for losing the previous two finals in Melbourne and Delhi, dominating the match after quarter-time.

Bassett scored a career-best 49 goals at 92 per cent accuracy to deliver Australia its third gold medal in dominant style.

Match Results

Defeated Wales 63-36
Defeated England 49-48
Defeated Barbados 77-27
Defeated Trinidad and Tobago 69-34
Defeated South Africa 64-40
Defeated Jamaica 57-42 (Semi-Final)
Defeated New Zealand 58-40 (Final)

Team

Caitlin Bassett, Bianca Chatfield, Julie Corletto, Laura Geitz, Kimberlee Green, Renae Hallinan, Sharni Layton, Natalie Medhurst, Tegan Philip, Kim Ravaillion, Madi Robinson, Caitlin Thwaites

Coach: Lisa Alexander

Medals

Gold- Australia
Silver- New Zealand
Bronze- Jamaica