

= Meica Christensen =

Meica Christensen (born 24 February 1989) is an Australian goalball player . She began playing the sport in 2004 , the same year she made her national team debut . After the national team took a three @-@ year break , she was named the captain in 2010 and played in the Goalball World Championships . She was selected to represent Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in goalball , where she captained the side .

= = Personal = =

Christensen was born in Wynnum North , Queensland , on 24 February 1989 . She has a visual disability , with partial sight . She attended Cavendish Road State High School , and played in a goalball demonstration game there in 2004 . Other sports she participates in include skiing . In 2005 , she lived in Birkdale , Queensland , but was living in Wellington Point again by 2011 . In 2011 , she worked at Royal Brisbane and Women 's Hospital as an administrator .

= = Goalball = =

Christensen is a goalball player , and is classified as a B3 competitor . She started playing the sport in 2004 , when she was 15 years old . In 2005 , she played in the New Zealand Goalball Nationals for the Queensland women 's goalball team .

Christensen made her national team debut in 2004 , the same year she started playing the sport , when she played in a game against Sweden women 's national goalball team in Malmo , Sweden , as part of a ten team Malmo Women 's International Cup that included seven teams that had qualified for the 2004 Summer Paralympics . She was coached in the competition by Robyn Stephens . In late 2004 , she had a goal of making the Paralympic team for the 2008 Summer Paralympics , but the Australian team did not qualify . She was named the national team captain in 2010 . In her role as captain , she plays the song " The Final Countdown " before competitions . Going into the 2010 Goalball World Championships with the national team not having played a match in three years , her team finished eighth . She was the national team captain again in 2011 , and was with the team during the 2011 IBSA Africa Oceania Goalball Regional Champions , which served as the Paralympic qualifying tournament . In her first game against New Zealand , her team won 11 @-@ 4 after leading 7 @-@ 1 at the half . She scored seven goals in the team 's victory . She also played in the final match against New Zealand women 's national goalball team . Australia won the game against New Zealand by a score of 6 @-@ 2 , Christensen scored three goals , the second one from a penalty shot . She finished the competition as the fifth highest scorer , and her team finished sixth overall .

Christensen was named to the Aussie Belles team going to the 2012 Summer Paralympics . She was the team 's longest serving member going into the Games , and the team 's captain . That the team qualified for the Games came as a surprise , as the Australian Paralympic Committee had been working on player development with an idea of the team qualifying for the 2016 Summer Paralympics , and an Australian team had not participated since the 2000 Summer Paralympics , when they earned an automatic selection as hosts , and the team finished last in the competition . The country has not medalled in the event since 1976 . Going into the Paralympics , her team was ranked eighth in the world . In the 2012 Summer Paralympics tournament , the Belles played games against Japan , Canada , the United States and Sweden . They lost every game , and did not advance to the finals . She scored three goals .