

= Georgina Kenaghan =

Georgina Kenaghan (born 1984) is an Australian goalball coach and psychologist . She won the 2012 NSW / ACT Inspiration Medal in the Pride of Australia Awards . As the coach of the Australia women 's national goalball team , she led the team at the 2010 World Championships in Great Britain , the first time the national team had competed internationally in three years . She coached the team at the 2011 IBSA Goalball Continental Championships and Paralympic Qualifier , and was the national team coach for Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics , where the team did not win a single game .

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Kenaghan is a psychologist but took leave from her job to prepare for the 2012 Paralympics when she was 28 years old . Her father is Terry Kenaghan , the man who helped bring goalball to Australia in 1980 . In 2012 , Peter Corr nominated her for an Inspiration Medal in the Pride of Australia Awards . She won the NSW / ACT Award . Her father accepted the award on her behalf as she was in London at the time , coaching the national team .

= = Goalball = =

Kenaghan coaches the Australia women 's national goalball team . The Daily Telegraph called her " one of Australia 's most successful sports coaches " .

She coached the team at the 2010 World Championships in Great Britain , the first time the national team had played in three years . In 2011 , she represented goalball as part of a " Come & Try Day " sporting event in Western Australia . She used the 2011 Australian National Goalball competition as an opportunity to evaluate national team players . In 2011 , she coached the Australian side at the IBSA Goalball Continental Championships and Paralympic Qualifier and guided the team to a 6 @-@ 2 win over the New Zealand women 's national goalball team to secure Paralympic qualification . She coached the team in their win against Israel that was part of the competition .

Kenaghan was the head coach of the Aussie Belles going to the 2012 Summer Paralympics . The team qualifying for the Games was 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 . 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 . Players she coached on the national team included Meica Christensen . Her team lost all three games and did not advance out of the group stage . In the team 's game against Canada , she substituted players in order to improve the team 's chance of winning .