## Debbie Muir

## Synchronized Swimming Builder, Calgary

Inducted in 1994

Debbie Muir began her coaching career with the Calgary Aquabelles in 1973 as an assistant coach. Within two years, she became the head coach. Her coaching abilities propelled her synchronized swimmers to the top of their careers. She guided the Aquabelles to a gold medal at the 1976 Canadian Synchronized Swimming Championships. Under her reign, the Aquabelles became the most successful synchro swim club in Canada sweeping national competitions in team, duet, and solo categories. Leading Helen Vanderburg and Michelle Calkins to claim Canada's first gold medals at the 1978 World Aquatic Championships in solo and duet, her synchro swimmers repeated World Championship placements in 1982, 1986, and 1991. Debbie Muir was exalted when Carolyn Waldo won her second consecutive 1988 Olympic gold medal for the solo event and Carolyn Waldo and Michelle Cameron emerged from the pool with a gold medal in duet.