

## AT A GLANCE



**Full name:** Vanessa Stokes  
**Date of birth:** 20 June 1987  
**Birthplace:** Alice Springs, NT  
**Height:** 178cm  
**Weight:** 75kg  
**Position(s):** Pitcher

**Started playing softball (Age):** 4

**First Club & Association:** Nightcliff Dragons Softball Club

**Current Club & Association:** Glenelg Rebels Softball Club, SA

**What do you love about softball?** I love the challenge and it's the game I grew up playing with my family.

**Your fondest memory in softball?** Winning the U19 nationals for SA in 2006, also playing in the 2013 Canada Cup against Japan.

**Your most embarrassing memory in softball?** Pitching the ball into my knee when I was a kid.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and painting

## INFLUENCES & HEROES

**Greatest influence on career & why?** My mum and my mentor, Janice, because they believed in me and supported me until I achieved my dream to play for my country.

**Whose posters did you have on your walls when you were growing up?** Kerry Dienelt and Michael Long.

**Who is your hero?** I have a few: mum, Kerry Dienelt and my uncle, Michael Long.

**If you had a choice to do anything in the world, what would you do?** Be a tennis star.

**What car do you drive?** Holden Astra Sports Coupe

**What are you famous for?** Being the black doll, lol I am not sure.

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

**What do you never leave home without?** Phone, asthma puffer and purse

**Your three most precious possessions?** My car, my softball glove and phone

## **FAVOURITE...**

**Food** Japanese

**Movie** Love and Basketball

**TV Show** Secret Life of Us

**Book** The Liam Jurrah Story

**CD** Whitney's Greatest Hit

**Magazine** Deadly Vibe

**Band** The Tatters

**Song** Danza Kudro – Latino Hip Hop

**Place that you have travelled to:** Japan

**Place to play softball (city/country)?** Japan

**Why?** Nice fields

## **FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM**

- **Rugby League** Rabbitohs
- **Rugby Union** Don't follow
- **Aussie Rules** Port Power
- **Soccer** Socceroos

## **FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM**

- Port Power

**What else does the world need to know about you?** I have heaps of family members, it's crazy.