Evonne Fay Goolagong was born on July 31, 1951, to Wiradjuri people in Barellan, a small town in New South Wales, Australia. Evonne is an Indigenous Australian, meaning that she is a descendant of Australia’s first people who have lived on the land for more than 60,000 years. When Evonne was a little girl, Indigenous Australians were treated very poorly by white people, who did not recognise their heritage. They were also not allowed to enjoy many everyday things that white people did – like playing tennis. Luckily, the owner of the local club ignored this rule and it was a good thing he did. Evonne was faster than any other child her age, and she had an amazing ability to judge a tennis ball’s speed and bounce. Evonne’s biggest dream was to play on Wimbledon’s centre court. In 1956, her dream became reality when she was spotted by professional tennis coach, Vic Edwards. He had heard about Evonne’s skill, and suggested she move to Sydney to train and become professional. Within months, she was Junior Australian Champion, and aged 20, she beat fellow Australian Margaret Court in Wimbledon, becoming the number one player in the world. Evonne went on to win 92 tournaments, including Wimbledon and the Australian Open. Understanding that ‘your dreams when you are little are the force that keeps you going’, Evonne now helps hundreds of young Indigenous athletes find their way on and off the tennis court.