



Olympic History

The first Australian equestrian competitors were in the Eventing discipline of the 1956 Olympics, which were held in Stockholm because of the strict Australian quarantine requirements for horses.

The first Australian medals were won in Eventing at the Rome Olympics in 1960 with Laurie Morgan and Neale Lavis winning the Gold and Silver medals respectively in the individual contest. They were joined by an injured Bill Roycroft to win Gold in the team competition.

Bronze medals in Eventing followed in Mexico City in 1968 and Montreal in 1976. At the 1992 Barcelona Olympics Matt Ryan won the individual Gold medal in the Eventing and, with fellow team members Andrew Hoy & Gillian Rolton, won the team competition Gold medal.

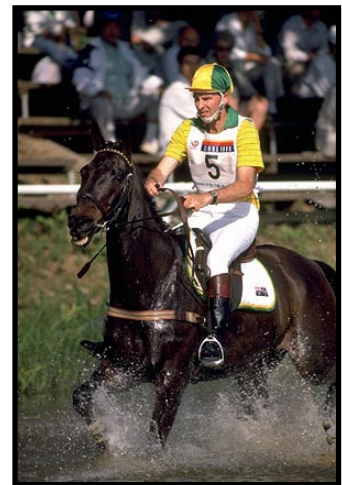
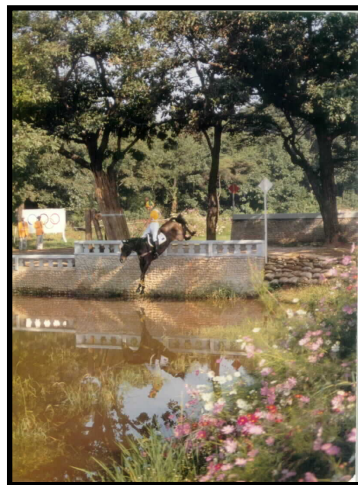
The 1996 Australian Olympic eventing team (Wendy Schaeffer, Andrew Hoy, Phillip Dutton & Gillian Rolton) won the Gold medal in Atlanta. This run of gold was followed up at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 when Matt Ryan, Andrew Hoy, Phillip Dutton & Stuart Tinney won the teams event. Andrew Hoy also won the Silver medal in the individual event in Sydney.

At the Beijing Olympics in 2008 the Australian eventing team, comprising Megan Jones, Clayton Fredericks, Lucinda Fredericks, Sonja Johnson and Shane Rose, achieved success with a team Silver medal.

There are many exciting stories that are associated with achieving such success. The tales of disappointments, dramas and heart warming memories could fill a book. A common thread however is the vital role events such as Melbourne International 3DE play in providing a proving ground for these elite athletes.



Bill Roycroft



Barry Roycroft

