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Sydney 2000 Olympics



1970's Ali makes a surprise
visit to Aboriginal
Community in Melbourne



1968 – Mexico City, Mexico

Tommy Smith, John Carlos, Peter Norman

Smith and Carlos raise black gloved hands at
their medal ceremony, as a 'human rights salute'.
All three athletes wore badges representing
'Olympic project for Human Rights'

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Australian Athlete Peter
Norman supported the
'Salute' and Human Rights

As Australians we
are known for our
love of sport. We
are very
competitive at the
Olympics

The Olympics are
about much more
than just winning
individual events...



2000 – Sydney, Australia

Cathy Freeman

Cathy Freeman competes
not only for Australia
but for Aboriginal pride.

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1996 Atlanta,
Nova Peris is the first
Aboriginal Australian
to win Olympic Gold

Smith and Carlo
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1964 – Tokyo, Japan
South Africa

banned from
Olympic competition
because it refused to
condemn apartheid until 1992

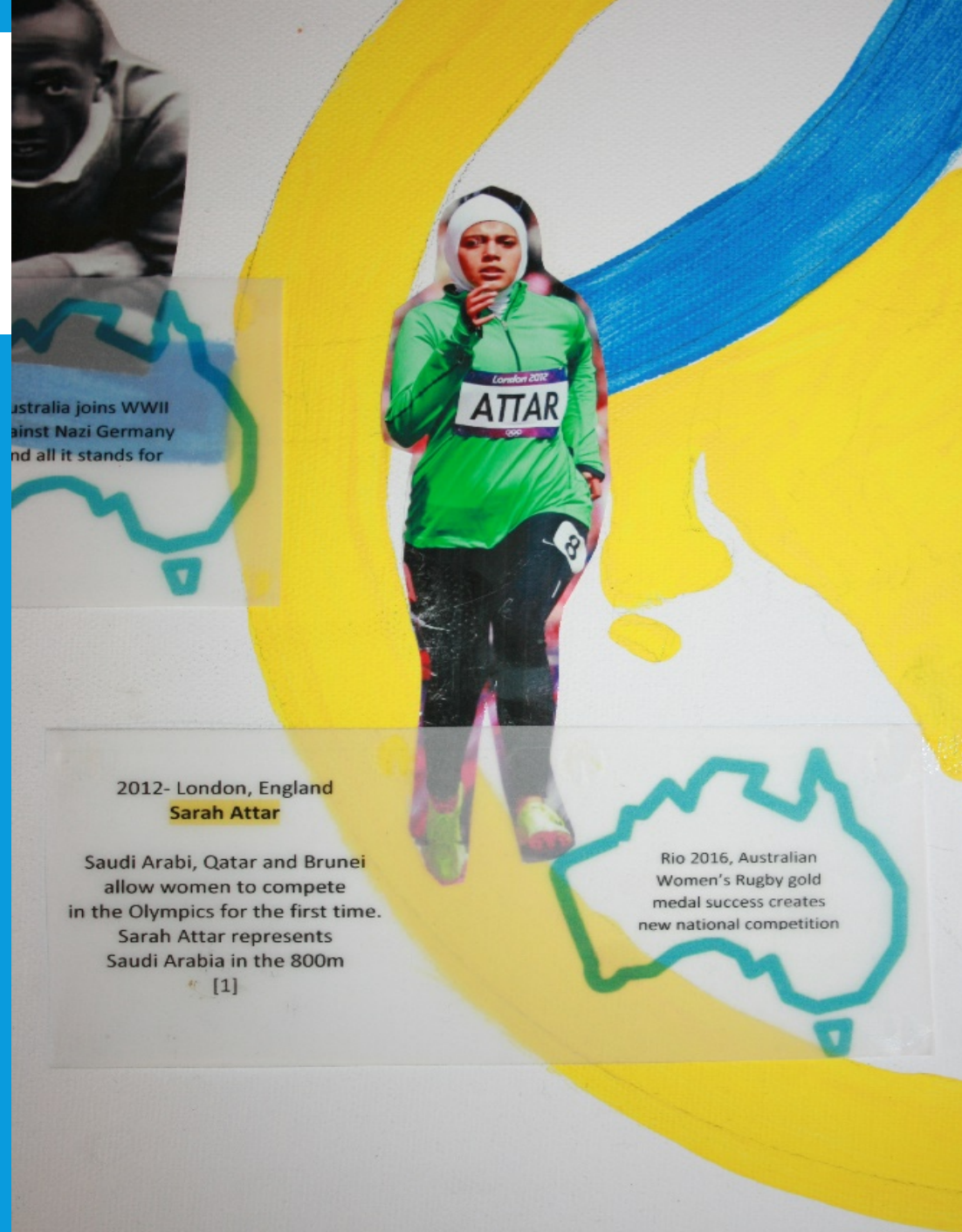
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1970s – Australian Prime
Minister bans racially
selected sporting teams
visiting Australia

1948 – London, UK
Dr Ludwig Gutman

Organised the first
competition for
wheelchair athletes,
A milestone of
Paralympic history
The first Paralympic Games
took place
In Rome, Italy in 1960
[5]





Australia joins WWII
against Nazi Germany
and all it stands for

2012- London, England
Sarah Attar

Saudi Arabi, Qatar and Brunei
allow women to compete
in the Olympics for the first time.
Sarah Attar represents
Saudi Arabia in the 800m
[1]

Rio 2016, Australian
Women's Rugby gold
medal success creates
new national competition

Peter Norman

"I will stand with you": finally, an apology to Peter Norman", www.theconversation.com.au, October 2012



1900 – Paris, France
2012 – London UK
Women Olympians

Women compete for the first time in the 1900 Olympics in only a few events.

Then, in 2012, women competed for the first time in all events at an Olympics

[3], [4]

Sydney 2000, celebrates 100 years of women's participation in Olympics



1960 – Rome Italy
Mohammed Ali
(Cassius Clay)

Cassius wins gold,
But he discards his Olympic
medal when he is refused
service back in the U.S
for being black.

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visit to Aboriginal
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1936 - Nazi Germany
**Carl Ludwig Long &
Jesse Owens**

Link arms in friendship
showing courage and unity
in a stand against
Hitler's Aryan Supremacy
[2]

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Research Methodology

The research was carried out mainly using Internet searches. I started searching for the greatest sporting moments in Olympic history only to discover that many of the most significant moments were less about the medals and more about changes for humanity.

A full bibliography of the internet resources is listed.

Extended family and friends were also really helpful in providing their recounts of Olympic stories and memories to help guide my internet searches.



The Olympics and Australian identity

There have been 29 Summer Olympic Games held in 23 cities, two which have been held in Australia. The Olympics have demonstrated to the rest of the world the natural sport ability of Australia and many other nations. Australia is now renowned for its love of sport.

The incredible sporting achievements unite audiences no matter what your country of nationality. The Olympics encourages us as Australians, at the end of the world, to think about things in a more global way and how courageous actions have help change the course of history.

Australians have a strong history of Olympic sporting achievements. The winning of an Olympic medal, especially a gold medal is the highest achievement and those Olympians are some of our greatest Australian heroes.

"Hey, world, the United States is not like you might think it is for blacks and other people of colour. Just because we have USA on our chest does not mean everything is peachy keen and we are living large."

"I had a moral obligation to step up. Morality was a far greater force than the rules and regulations they had."

John Carlos

"The man who raised a black power salute at the 1968 Olympic Games", www.theguardian.com, Sat 31 Mar, 2012

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"What I remember most was the friendship I struck up with Luz Long. He was my strongest rival, yet it was he who advised me to adjust my run-up in the qualifying round and thereby helped me to win.

"You can melt down all the medals and cups I have and they wouldn't be a plating on the 24-carat friendship I felt for Luz Long at that moment."

Jesse Owens

"Great Olympic Friendships: Jesse Owens, Luz Long and a beacon of brotherly love at the Nazi games", The Independent, Thursday 4 August 2016

"It may have been one event on one day with a tiny number of participants but it was from this other disabled competitions grew, the significance of which was not lost on Guttman.

'Small as it was, it was a demonstration to the public that competitive sport is not the prerogative of the able-bodied'.

Goodman, Collins, 1986

<http://paralympics.org.uk/games/leading-guttmans>

"My participation is bigger than myself," she said.
"Finishing strong would speak to the importance of women's presence in the Olympics, and the strength anyone can have."

Sarah Attar

"What It's Like to Finish Second-to-Last in the Olympic Marathon", www.runnersworld.com, Mon Aug 15, 2016

"I just love running and I love competing and that's really simple. I just go out there with a lot of pride in my heart. I know that I not only represent myself but I represent my people."

Cathy Freeman

"15 years on, Cathy Freeman's Olympic gold still a potent symbol of reconciliation", www.abc.com.au, 16 Dec 2015

"A few minutes earlier I had fought a man almost to death because he had wanted to take it (gold medal) from me ... now I had thrown it in the river. And I felt no pain and regret. Only relief, and a new strength."

Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali)

"The 20 Greatest Moments that made Muhammad Ali The Greatest", *The Guardian*, Sat 4 June, 2016

"... took part in the Black Power salute because of this opposition to racism..."

"... his words to Smith and Carlos '*I will stand with you*' represents one of the high points of Australian sporting history."

'I will stand with you'

Peter Norman

"I will stand with you": finally, an apology to Peter Norman", www.theconversation.com.au, October 13, 2012

1948 - London, UK
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Looking past the Medals



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Australia's

Olympics: Looking past the Olympics medals

The standout Olympic moments are about the greatest sporting achievements and taking home a gold medal for your country. However, it is also about much more than that, it is about what you stand for, and sometimes the medals give the athletes a louder voice to stand for something greater.

Just as Cathy Freeman brought the Australian nation together by lighting the cauldron at the Sydney Olympics opening ceremony and then she competed to become the second Aboriginal to win an Olympic gold medal. On her victory lap she carried both the Australian and Aboriginal flags in front of an international audience.

In 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, the Australian silver medal sprinter Peter Norman, supported Carlos and Smith in the Human Rights Salute, only to have Australia shun him for his role. It was not until 2012 that Australia formally apologized to Norman, with one Member of Parliament stating that it was *"a moment of heroism and humility that advanced international awareness for racial inequality"*.

What the Olympics have done to really make the world better is to provide an **'international stage'** for individuals to peacefully draw attention to themselves for sending a message of change for the greater good of the world, and not simply drawing attention to themselves for winning a medal.

