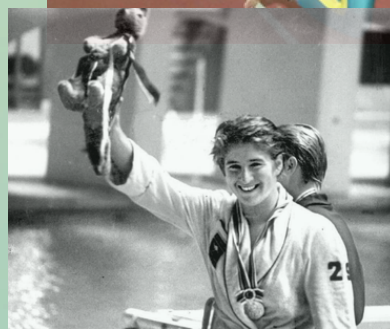


OUR FEMALE OLYMPIANS

The Long Road to Olympic Equality

The Olympic Games have a storied history, but it wasn't until the 1900 Paris Games that women first competed. Out of 997 athletes, only 22 women participated in just five sports. Fast forward to 2024, and women now make up 50% of all Olympic participants - a testament to how far we've come.

Australia's journey reflects this progress. At the 1924 Paris Olympics, not a single Australian woman competed. Yet, 100 years later, women make up 55.6% of the Australian team, the highest percentage ever. This year, female athletes are setting new standards, breaking records, and leading Australia to Olympic success. Of the 18 gold medals won by Australia in 2024, 13 belong to female athletes.



As we celebrate the incredible achievements of our 2024 Olympians, we extend our deepest gratitude to all the female athletes who have paved the way for women in sports. From **Sarah 'Fanny' Durack**, Australia's first female gold medalist in 1912, to trailblazers like **Dawn Fraser, Cathy Freeman, Betty Cuthbert, Shane Gould, Leisel Jones, Stephanie Rice, Judy Amooore, Raelene Boyle, Maureen Caird, Cate Campbell** and **Bronte Campbell** - who broke barriers and inspired generations, their legacy lives on in today's champions. Thank you to all these phenomenal athletes for carving a path for future generations and proving that the sky is the limit.



PARIS 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Emma McKeon

At the 2024 Olympics, Emma McKeon further solidified her status as Australia's most successful Olympian. She is an eight-time world record holder, three current and five former, in relays. Emma McKeon is, quite simply, the most successful Australian Olympian of all time, with 11 olympic medals, 6 of them gold medals, she stands as a true legend in Australian sports and swimming history.



Arisa Trew

Arisa Trew made waves by becoming the youngest Australian to win Olympic gold at just 14 years old. She took the top spot in women's skateboarding, marking a remarkable milestone for both her and Australia. Not only has Trew become the first Australian woman to win a gold at a park event, she is the youngest ever to do so!



Jessica Fox

Jessica Fox continued her dominance in canoe slalom, defending her Kayak Single (C1) title from Tokyo. With this win, she not only secured another gold medal but also became Australia's most decorated individual Olympian. Fox's journey is a testament to her relentless pursuit of excellence and her achievements have set a new standard in the sport, inspiring future generations of athletes.



Ariarne Titmus

Ariarne Titmus was a standout in the pool, reaffirming her status as one of the world's top swimmers. Ariarne defends her world record time and claims second consecutive gold in 'Race of the Century' in Paris 2024, making her the first-ever female to take three Olympic medals in the 400m freestyle event! Titmus won 4 medals at the Paris Olympics and her record breaking performance at these Games continues to elevate her already remarkable career.



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