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Dawn Fraser MBE AO

Dawn Fraser is Australia's greatest Olympian. In November 1999, she was awarded "World Athlete of the Century" at the World Sport Awards in Vienna. The same year she was awarded "Athlete of the Century" by the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.

Dawn is an international phenomenon: a multi-Olympic and Commonwealth Games Gold Medal winner whose success stretched over fifteen years, during which she broke and held 41 World records. Her sporting accomplishments are unlikely to be repeated - in swimming or any other sport.

At the 1956 Melbourne Olympics Dawn became an Australian hero and world swimming star, when she won the 100 metres freestyle Gold medal in world record time and then took Gold in the 100 metres freestyle relay and Silver in the 400 metres freestyle. In 1958 she won two more Gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in Wales, and another Gold at the Rome Olympics in 1960.

After winning four Gold medals at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth, Dawn finished her international swimming career at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 silencing her critics by winning a Gold medal at the age of 27, taking her total Olympic medal count to four Gold medals and four Silver medals.

Twenty years later Dawn returned to the public life as an independent member of the New South Wales Parliament. She has since maintained an active role in the sporting and wider community as a member of the Cerebral Palsy Sports Association, a Patron of the Wheelchair Sports Association of Victoria and Vice President of the World Association of Olympic Winners, while continuing to support sporting clubs across the country. She is a member of the NSW Sports Advisory Board and the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust and is a Director of the West Tigers Football Club and Balmain Leagues Club.

At the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, Dawn was honoured as one of seven greatest athletes of all time and carried the Olympic torch on its way to the main stadium.

At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee made Dawn, First Lady of the Olympic Games partnering him to the Opening Ceremony. She remains one of Australia's best-loved identities.