

Our Proud Olympic History

Tokyo 1964

Eventing

Bill Roycroft
Brian Cobcroft
John Kelly
Neale Lavis

Jumping

John Fahey
Bridget MacIntyre
Kevin Bacon



Neale Lavis and Mirrabooka in Tokyo

The 1964 Tokyo Olympics was a record-setting Games for the Australian Equestrian Team. The Jumping Team made history in three ways.

Firstly, Bridget MacIntyre (Bud Hyem) was selected as the first woman to represent Australia in the Olympic Equestrian Team. Bud has since been the breeder of two Olympic gold medal winning horses, *Kibah Tic Toc* (1992) and *Kibah Sandstone* (2000) both ridden by Matt Ryan.

Secondly, John Fahey riding *Bonvale* finished in fourth place which still stands as our best individual performance by a Jumping rider at the Olympic Games. Riding in the main Olympic stadium Fahey was unlucky not to win an individual silver medal. Knocking a rail that John says he "never should have had down," placed him in equal third and the tie was broken by a jump-off. Peter Robeson (GBR) jumped clear to take the bronze medal and Fahey ultimately finished in 4th place.

Thirdly, the team consisting of Bud aboard *Coronation*, Fahey and *Bonvale* and Kevin Bacon on *Ocean Foam* finished in seventh place, which no Australian Olympic Jumping Team has bettered to this day (the team at Beijing 2008 equaled it when they finished in seventh also).

The Eventing Team; Bill Roycroft and *Eldorado*, Brian Cobcroft and *Stoney Crossing*, John Kelly and *Brigalow* and Neale Lavis and *Mirrabooka* also finished in a creditable seventh place.