The Australian
Women's Register

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Meares, Anna Maree Devenish

(1983 -)

Born	19830921, Blackwater Queensland Australia
Occupation	Commonwealth or Empire Games Gold Medalist, Cyclist, Olympian

Summary

In 2001 Anna Meares was awarded the Australian Junior Women’s Track Cyclist of the Year. Since then, she has added an enormous array of trophies to her cabinet.

Meares made an astonishing come back from a very bad cycling accident at the World Cup in January 2008 when she broke her neck. But she fought her way back and qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, eventually winning a silver medal in the women’s sprint event.

In London in 2012, she rode a brilliant tactical race to win a gold medal in the sprint.

She was the flag-bearer and captain for the Australian team at the 2016 Summer Olympics, where she won a bronze medal in keirin. This made her the first Australian to win individual medals in four consecutive Olympics.

On 16 October 2016 Meares announced her official retirement from her competitive cycling career.

Events

2004 - 2004
Cycling (Track) – 500m Time Trial

2006 - 2006
Cycling (Track) – 500m Time Trial

2010 - 2010
Cycling (Track) – 500m Time Trial

2016 - 2016
Cycling (Track) – Keirin

2004 - 2004
Cycling (Track) – Sprint

2008 - 2008
Cycling (Track) – Sprint

2010 - 2010
Cycling (Track) – Sprint

2012 - 2012
Cycling (Track) – Sprint

2010 - 2010
Cycling (Track) – Team Sprint

2012 - 2012
Cycling (Track) – Team Sprint

2014 - 2014
Cycling (Track)- 500m Time Trial

Published resources

Site Exhibition
She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Australia at the Games, Australian Olympic Committee, 2006, http://corporate.olympics.com.au/index.cfm?p=25

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