

The Australian Women's Register

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Wickham, Tracey Lee

(1962 -)

Born 19621124, Rosebud Victoria Australia

Occupation Commonwealth or Empire Games Gold Medalist, Sports commentator, Swimmer

Summary

At the 1978 Edmonton (Canada) Commonwealth Games, Tracey Wickham broke the world record winning gold in the 800m and won a second gold in the 400m. Also that year she broke the world record in the 1500m and 400m freestyle.

Tracey Wickham was named the ABC Sportsman of the Year. She competed at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games winning gold in the 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle and silver in the 200m freestyle. Wickham was selected for the 1980 Olympic team but decided to withdraw when the Australian government asked for a boycott.

When Wickham was appointed an Order of the British Empire – Member (Civil) for her contribution to swimming, she was the youngest Australian to be awarded the MBE.

Events

1978 - 1978

Swimming – 400m and 800m Freestyle

1982 - 1982

Swimming – 400m and 800m Freestyle

Published resources

Resource

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Edited Book

Who's Who in Australia 2002, Herd, Margaret, 2002

Site Exhibition

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