



Sydney or the bush?

THE 2000 Olympics in Sydney has encouraged a quick, and far from exhaustive review of the Hocken Library's holdings relating to New Zealand participation in Olympic, Empire and British Commonwealth Games during the past century.

Some holdings are good, some much less so. For that reason, this Bulletin is as much an appeal to Hocken Friends and the public to look through their nostalgia boxes before consigning to the tip any ephemera relating to the various Games — particularly those held overseas.

The best coverage, as usual, is to be found in the Hocken's standard strengths. Newspapers and periodicals deal with the whole of the modern Games movement back to the first Olympics at Athens in 1896, and in considerable detail from the 1920s on. Those sources alone offer most information an average inquirer will ever need.

Standard references also play their part — biographical dictionaries, who's whos, yearbooks and the like; the annual reports of contributing sports associations whose members may have been Games competitors; and regular issues of international compilations of sports records and medal-winners. Such material is reasonably well represented in the library.

Let's start with sports publications which offer a general coverage:

General Publications

- Agnew, Ivan. *Kiwis Can Fly*, 1976, 205p (Quax, Dixon, Tayler, Walker etc)
- Anon. *Olympic*, a periodical issued by the NZ Olympic Cttee ends at No.6, August 1998.
- Anon. *Olympic & C'wealth Games: Newsletter of the NZ O. & C.G. Assn*, Nos.1–13, irregular from 1991.
- Clark, John. *Athletes at the Games. NZ Track and Field Medal Winners at the Olympic and C'wealth Games*, 1998, 70p.
- Becht, Richard. *Champions under Sail*, 1995, 191p (Coutts, Bruce and Barbara Kendall, Sellers and Timms).
- Dheensaw, Cleve. *The C'wealth Games: the first 60 years, 1930–1990*, 1994, 197p.
- McMillan, N.A.C. *NZ Sporting Legends; 27 pre-war sporting heroes*, 1993, 160p (V. Boot, M. Champion, Davidson, Hadfield, Lay, V. Walrond, Savidan etc)
- Palenski, Ron. *The Games. Pride & Drama of New Zealanders at Olympic & C'wealth Games*, 1983, 267p + ills.
- Romanos, Joseph. *Arthur's Boys*, 1994, 215p. (Lydiard, Baillie, Davies, Halberg, Magee, Snell).
- Romanos, Joseph. *Makers of Champions. Great NZ Coaches*, 1987, 234p (Lydiard, athletics; 'Rusty' Robertson, rowing).
- Simons, Dorothy E. *NZ's Champion Sportswomen*, 1982, 239p (Chamberlain, Roe, Williams, Young, Coleman, Bellwood, Perrott etc).
- Smith, Max. *Champion Blokes*, 1964, 231p.
- Stratford, Trish. *Guts, Tears & Glory. Champion NZ Sportswomen*, 1988, 203p (N. Fairhall, S. Foster,

S. Hume, C. Mills, V. Sloper Young).
Taylor, Mark. *High Flying Kiwis. 100 Heroes of NZ Sport*, 1988, 207p; *High Flying Kiwis. Vol.2*, 1994, 208p.
Before listing the printed material in more detail one mustn't forget other holdings in the Hocken's archives, music, photographs and pictures departments, but they can only be described as 'scattered'.

Archives: The prize possession is a letter from Jack Lovelock, Dunedin's own Mile winner at the 1936 Berlin Olympics — currently on loan to the Turnbull Library for its Lovelock Exhibition held to coincide with the Sydney Games. Though nothing else has surfaced in the computer, there may be some material amongst personal papers.

Music: From the Auckland Games of 1950, *March of the Empire* (disc), by the Auckland Waterside Silver Band. From Christchurch, 1974, one disc from the Te Waipounamu C'wealth Games Maori Cultural Party, and a second, *This is New Zealand. A Musical Souvenir*. Then, issued in 1989 for the 1990 Auckland Games, a cassette of *Join Us*, by the Tribes of Israel.

Yvette Williams, gold medallist in the long-jump at the Helsinki Olympics [c/n F189/5]5644

Photographs: The basic alphabetical sequence holds only a handful of Games photos, most of them from the 1948 London Olympics and the 1974 Christchurch Games. Box 22 of the ODT collection, however, has a substantial selection from the 1938 Sydney Games, a number of swimming photos from Auckland 1950, and a slimmer envelope of athletes racing overseas (with an excellent photo of Lovelock as flagbearer for the 1934 march-past at White City). Box 23 includes a further general selection from the

Auckland Games.

The Hocken also holds a large collection of colour transparencies and 16mm film taken by George Thorn, coach and official with NZ rowing teams; but most of the individual images remain uncaptioned.

Art: No Games pictures come to mind.

Posters: One of the Christchurch Games logo.

Games Literature

Further selected literature associated with the various Olympic, Empire and Commonwealth Games is listed in chronological order:

1896 ATHENS:

1900 PARIS:

1904 ST LOUIS:

1908 LONDON:

1912 STOCKHOLM:

Elenio, P. *Centrecourt*, 1986, 200p.

Myers, A.W. *Captain Anthony Wilding...*, 1916, 306p [tennis].

Wilding, A.F. *On the Court and Off*, 1912, 273p (tennis).

1920 ANTWERP:

McMillan, N.A.C. *NZ Sporting Legends*, 1993, 176p (Hadfield, single sculls)

Smith, M. *Champion Blokes*, 1964.

1924 PARIS:

Thomas, Sir C. *Sir Arthur Porritt...*, 1967, 44p.

1928 AMSTERDAM:

Anon. *NZ & the Olympic Games... a history of the NZ Olympic Assn*, 1929, 25p.

Amos, H. *Record of the NZ 1928 Olympic Team*, 1928?, 46p.

McMillan, N.A.C. *NZ Sporting Legends*, 1993, 176p (Morgan, boxing).

O'Brien, B.F. *Kiwis with Gloves On*, 1960, 270p (Morgan).
—1930 HAMILTON, ONTARIO

Ross, Sir A. *By Endeavour*, Brisbane, 1988, 145p (rowing).

1932 LOS ANGELES:

Tobin, C. *NZ's Olympic Gold Miler*, 1984, 72p (Lovelock).

—1934 LONDON:

Tobin, C. *NZ's Olympic Gold Miler*, 1984, 72p (Lovelock).

1936 BERLIN:

Harris, N. *Lap of Honour. Great Moments of NZ Athletics*, 1963, 160p (Lovelock).

Harris, N.H. *Legend of Lovelock*, 1964, 180p.

Lovelock, J.E. *Athletics for Health. Running: theory & practice*, 1937, 23p.

Tobin, C. *NZ's Olympic Gold Miler*, 1984, 72p (Lovelock).

—1938 SYDNEY:

Harris, N.C. *Lap of Honour*, 1963, 160p (Lumley twins, athletics)

McMillan, N.A.C. *NZ Sporting Legends*, 1993, 176p (Lumley twins)

1948 LONDON:

—1950 AUCKLAND:

Anon. *British Empire Games, Official Souvenir*, 1949, 72p.

Anon. *The Story of the British Empire Games*, 1950, 189p.

Anon. *Canada's Part in the 1950 Br. Empire Games, Auckland*, 195?, 189p.

Cleverley, G. & Shand, A. *The Auckland Empire Games*, nd, 3p; sheet music.

1952 HELSINKI:

Harris, N. *Lap of Honour*, 1963, 160p (Y. Williams).

Tomlin, Stan. *Helsinki, the XVth Olympiad. Track & Field Athletics*, 1952, 48p.

—1954 VANCOUVER:

Ross, Sir A. *By Endeavour*, Brisbane, 1988, 145p (team manager).

1956 MELBOURNE:

Halberg, M. & Gilmour, G. *A Clean Pair of Heels*, 1963, 212p.

Harris, N. *Lap of Honour*, 1963, 160p (N. Read).

Humberstone, B. *NZ Sports Cavalcade*, 1975, 65p (Cropp & Mander, sailing).

Mander, P.G. *Give a Man a Boat*, 1964, 276p (sailing).

—1958 CARDIFF:

The second Olympic item specially lent to the Hocken Friends for this Bulletin. The American visa (slightly reduced) issued to Thelma Kench of Wellington, a member of the NZ athletics team to 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles.

1960 ROME:

Halberg, M. & Gilmour, G. *A Clean Pair of Heels*, 1963, 212p.
Harris, N. *Lap of Honour*, 1963, 160p (Halberg)
Snell, P. & Gilmour, G. *No Bugles, No Drums*, 1965, 240p.
—1962 PERTH:

1964 TOKYO:

Anon. *NZ Olympic Team, Tokyo 1964*, 1964, 24p.
Harris, Norman. *Silver Fern at Tokyo...*, 1964, 80p.
Snell, P. & Gilmour, G. *No Bugles, No Drums*, 1965, 240p.
—1966 KINGSTON:
Anon. *NZ British & C'wealth Games Team, Kingston*, 1966, pamphlet.
Anon. *NZ British Empire & C'wealth Games Team, Kingston, Jamaica 1966*, 1966, 32p.

1968 MEXICO CITY:

Anon. *NZ Mexico Olympic Team 1968*, cover-title, 1968, 24p.
—1970 EDINBURGH:
Duffy, Denis. *Phil Skoglund*. 1983, 164p.

1972 MUNICH:

Anon. *München, NZ — Neuseelands Olympic Mannschaft 1972*, 1972, 44p.
Lydiard, A. & Gilmour, G. *Run the Lydiard Way*, 1978, 249p.
Pantovic, Stan. *Tale of the Ancient Marathoner. Jack Foster's own story*, 1974, 47p.
Tayler, D. & Jolly, S. *Golds Aren't Easy*, 1975, 135p.
—1974 CHRISTCHURCH:
Anon. *BNZ Presents Christchurch '74...*, 1973, 3p.
Anon. *British C'wealth Games 1974 News Report*, 1–22, periodical.
Anon. *Christchurch NZ 1970*, cover-title, 1966?, 32p. Official application to hold the Games, missed out for 1970.

Anon. *Christchurch NZ Amended Application 1974*, 1969, 24p. Succeeded for 1974.
Anon. *The Games*, Christchurch Star souvenir, 1974, 48p.
Anon. *Greatest Games Pictures, 10th C'wealth Games, Christchurch 1974, plus... record of winners, time*, 1974, 96p.
Anon. *Christchurch Xth British C'wealth Games*, folding map.
Anon. *Official Games Digest, Xth British C'wealth Games, Christchurch HZ, January 24th to February 2nd, 1974*, 1971, 28p.
Anon. *Village News. Xth British C'wealth Games*, 1–24, periodical.
Andrew, Pat. *The Maori Turehu Prepare for the C'wealth Games 1974, 1972*, 54p. Cartoons.
Bloxham, L.R. ed. *Games Review. Official Pictorial Review, Xth British C'wealth Games...*, 1974, 48p.
Cant, A.R. ed. *Official History of the Xth British C'wealth Games*, 1975, 430p.
Humberstone, B. *NZ Sports Cavalcade*, 1975, 65p (Parkhouse, Hunter & Treffers, swimming)
Humberstone, B. *Story of the Games; Highlights from Empire & C'wealth Games 1930–1974*, 1973, 96p.
Nicholson, Ken. *Xth British C'wealth Games...*, 1974, 26p.
Sewell, D.N. ed. *C'wealth Games Gazette*, 1973, 40p.
Tayler, D. & Jolly, S. *Golds Aren't Easy*, 1975, 135p.
Veysey, Alex ed. *Xth British C'wealth Games Official Souvenir Book*, 1974, 96p.

1976 MONTREAL:

Anon. *Montreal 1976, NZ Olympic Team*, 1976, 20p.
Anon. *The NZ Olympic Guide*, 1976, 16p.
Agnew, Ivan. *Aim High*, 1976, 186p.
Humberstone, B. *Olympic Headlines... Triumphs & Disasters*, 1976, 128p.

—1978 EDMONTON:
Anon. *Edmonton '78. The Official Pictorial Record of the XI C'wealth Games*, 1978, 133p.
Anon. NZ: *XI C'wealth Games, Edmonton...*, 1978, 25p.
Anon. *Onward to Edmonton: a preview...*, 1978, 16p.
Connock, Marion. *The Precious McKenzie Story*, 1975, 184p (before his weightlifting gold for NZ)

1980 MOSCOW:

Anon. *Olympic Sportlight*, NZ Olympic Fund News 1979–80; monthly, 5 issues.

—1982 BRISBANE:

Findlay, Ron ed. *Radio NZ Sports Annual*, 1982, 143p.

1984 LOS ANGELES:

Anon. *Los Angeles 1984. NZ Olympic team*, 1984, 48p.
Anon. *Olympic Gold 84 — Official Australian Guide to the Lost Angeles Olympics...*, NSW, 1984, 128p.
Coutts, Russell. *Course to Victory*, 1996, 255p.

—1986 EDINBURGH

Lynam, Desmond. *Guide to the C'wealth Games*, London, 1986, 128p.

1988 SEOUL:

Anon. *Drugs in Sport*, 1989, 31p; NZO&CGA.
Ferguson, Ian. *Ian Ferguson: What is it like to be an Olympic Canoeist?*, 1990, 32p.
Poelman, Simon. *Simon Poelman: What is it like to be an Olympic Athlete?*, 1989, 32p.
Todd, Mark. *Charisma*, 1989, 112p.

—1990 AUCKLAND

Anon. Attwood, A. & others. *XIV C'wealth Games, Official Souvenir Programme*, 1990, 158p.
Anon. Bindoff, D. & Palenski, R. *XIV C'wealth Games: the Official History*, 1990, 192p.

1992 BARCELONA:

Duder, Tessa. *Journey to Olympia: the Story of the Olympic Games*, 1992, 32p; schools.
Hamilton, Marg. *The Copycats' Kit for the Olympic Games... logos, symbols...*, 1992, 37p; schools.
Powell, Lorraine. *3rd & 4th Form Social Studies... Olympic resource kit*, 1992; schools.

—1994 VICTORIA (CANADA)

1996 ATLANTA:

Todd, Mark. *So Far, So Good*, 1998, 261p.

—1998 KUALA LUMPUR:

Clark, J. *Athletes at the Games: NZ track & field winners at Olympic & C'wealth Games*, 1998, 170p.

2000 SYDNEY:

—FUTURE:

Anon. *Scoping Study: the Wellington Region as host to 2006 C'wealth Games*, 1996, 60p.

Paraplegic Olympics

Rimmer, Eve & Garth Gilmour. *No Grass Between My Toes*, Wellington, 1978, 169p (archery).
Stratford, Trish. *Guts, Tears & Glory*, 1988, 203p (Neroli Fairhall)

Winter Olympics

Graham, P. & others. *A Study on Hosting the 2002 Winter Olympics in NZ...*, 1992, 140p.

Other References

Aspects of the Olympic and Commonwealth Games have also entered the broader field of New Zealand literature.

In Bruce Mason's *The End of the Golden Weather*, 12-year-old Geoff Chrome's friend Firpo dreams of becoming a famous Olympian.

Tessa Duder's best-selling *Alex Quartet* (*Alex, Alex in Winter, Alessandra: Alex in Rome, and Songs for Alex*) 1987–92 features a girl who trains for and competes in the Rome Olympics.

NZ competitors, with Harold Nelson as flagbearer, at the London Olympics in 1948 [c/n E4535/15]

James McNeish has dealt with the gold medallist of the Berlin Olympics in the novel *Lovelock* (1986, 400p; reprinted 1994); and discussed 'The Lovelock Obsession' in the *NZ Listener*, 9.9.1986.

Peripheral items include Catherine Andrews' 1995 thesis, 'Become Some Body...' on the Les Mills World of Fitness established by one of our finest Games athletes.

In addition to the Hocken's holdings, quite a number of general and specialist titles on the Olympics are held in the University Central and School of Phys Ed libraries.

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