

## **Terry Donovan - Order of Australia**

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Terry Donovan commenced her sport career as a competitive archer and archery volunteer administrator in Toowoomba in 1964. Her record of achievement and service is long and comprehensive, including many 'firsts' as a female archer.

Her significant athletic achievements include -

Terry was the first woman selected to represent Australia in archery at Olympic level, including -

- Australian Olympic representative.-
  - Munich 1972
  - Moscow 1980
  - Los Angeles 1984
  - Selected for Seoul, 1988, however the Australian Olympic Committee decided to not send a women's archery team to this event
- Commonwealth Games Australian representative, Brisbane 1982
- World Championship Australian representative -
  - Berlin 1979
  - Punta Ala 1981
  - Seoul 1985
  - Adelaide 1987
  - Krakow 1991
- First Queensland woman to achieve a 1100 FITA Star, 1968. The International Archery Federation (now known as World Archery Federation) FITA Star is awarded for scores achieved in a 144 arrow shoot over four distances, 70m, 60m, 50m, 30m
- First Australian woman to achieve a 1200 FITA Star, 1978 - as above
- Australian National Target Championships
  - 1st - 1971, 1972, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1984
  - 2nd - 1970, 1980, 1988
  - 3rd - 1982, 1987
- Australian National Field Championship
  - 1st - 1978, 1984
  - 2nd - 1982
  - 3rd - 1972, 1979, 1989, 1992

- Australian National Clout Championship
  - 1st - 1973, 1981, 1983, 1985
  - 3rd - 1970, 1980, 1982
  
- World Masters, Brisbane 1994, (40-49 Age Div.)
  - 1st in Target and Field
  
- Asia-Oceania Target Championships
  - Obihiro 1982
  - Christchurch 1984
  - Perth 1988
  
- Awards
  - Darling Downs Sportsman of the Year 1970, 1971, 1972
  - Terry Donovan Oval, Toowoomba, named in her honour
  - Sydney Olympic Torchbearer, 2000
  - Archery Australia Silver Plaque, 2003. (Awarded in recognition of distinguished service or contribution at a national level for a period of at least seven years)
  - Life Member, Mount Petrie Bowmen Inc, 2006
  - Life Member, South Queensland Archery Society, 2012
  - Inducted into the Australian Archery Hall of Fame, 2013
  - Mount Petrie Bowmen has established a scholarship in Terry's honour. The scholarship is granted to a Mount Petrie Bowmen Club member who has been an active competitive archer and who has made a voluntary contribution to the Club.
  
- Voluntary Service
  - Treasurer, Toowoomba Company of Archers, 2 years late 1960s
  - President, Mount Petrie Bowmen Inc, 1978 - 1982, 1984 - 1985
  - Treasurer, Mount Petrie Bowmen Inc, 2005 - present
  - Secretary, Mount Petrie Bowmen Inc, 2003 - 2005
  - Olympic Volunteer, Archery, Sydney 2000
  - Archery instructor, Mount Petrie Bowmen, 2004 - present
  - Senior Nationals Championship Volunteer Manager, Brisbane, 2010 & 2011
  - Secretary, South Queensland Archery Society, 2006 - present
  - Tournament Secretary, South Queensland Archery Society, 2004 - present
  - Publicity Officer, South Queensland Archery Society, mid-1980s
  - Inaugural Secretary, Archery Queensland, 2012 - 2013

Terry has been an active member of Mount Petrie Bowmen for over 40 years both as an archer and volunteer. On most week-ends, she is to be found at the Mount Petrie Bowmen range coaching Club members, setting up equipment for new members, repairing Club equipment, and attending to her responsibilities as Club Treasurer. She is always willing to make herself available to give motivational talks to youth development camp participants about her Olympic and other competitive experience.

As the Club's membership numbers have expanded and its physical assets developed, the role of Treasurer has become increasingly complex. Nevertheless, Terry continues to discharge this role in a thorough manner to ensure that the Club is always in a financially sound position, as attested by satisfactory annual audit reports. She has been a driving force in the development of the major physical assets that Mount Petrie Bowmen now enjoys. Major infrastructure developments have been undertaken during her tenure as Treasurer, including the construction of a 30m x 30m indoor shooting hall with a budget of \$400,000.00, parking and pathways to aid access to the facility by disabled archers, and an 86m sunshade over the outdoor range shooting line. Terry's extensive experience as a competitive archer and deep technical knowledge has been invaluable in planning and executing the design and construction of these improvements which have propelled Mount Petrie Bowmen into a position as one of the premier target archery clubs in Australia.

Recognising the quality and national significance of these improvements, Archery Australia selected Mount Petrie Bowmen as the training base for the High Performance Squad during the 18 month lead-up to the 2016 Rio Olympics. The Men's Team won the bronze medal, the first team archery medal for Australia.

However Terry has not restricted her involvement to her own club. Since winding back her representative career, Terry has thrown herself into the development of the sport, particularly at State level. She is a team player and has willingly taken on key roles in the bodies that provide governance and leadership for the sport in Queensland - South Queensland Archery Society and Archery Queensland, often taking on more than one role at a time. Unlike other Australian states which have one state governing body, historically, Queensland has had two - North Queensland Archery Society and South Queensland Archery Society. Terry has been at the forefront of moves to build a level of co-operation between the two governing bodies to the benefit of the sport overall in Queensland. This has resulted in the establishment of Archery Queensland which has been successful in gaining funding that is being invested state-wide in initiatives such as the delivery of archery programs in schools, activities for people with disabilities, youth training camps and the training of instructors, coaches and judges.

Terry continues to shoot for her own enjoyment, though no longer competitively.