

# Olympic athletes and officials hand precious Beijing items to the National Sports Museum

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Australian Olympians **Drew Ginn OAM** and **Stacy Roiall** will hand precious items from the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games to the National Sports Museum **tomorrow**, Friday November 21, at 12.30pm.

Ginn, a former member of the Oarsome Foursome rowing crew and one of Australia's greatest Olympic performers, will donate the racing outfit he wore when he won his third gold medal in Beijing. Champion shooter Roiall will donate his shooting earmuffs and Beijing security pass.

In addition, Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) president **John Coates** will loan an array of outfits donated by AOC members and individual athletes, some of which have been signed. All will become part of an exhibition of artefacts and stories from Australian athletes during their time in Beijing, which will open in the National Sports Museum in early-2009.

Also, a torch from the Beijing relay will be donated and will become part of the National Sports Museum's treasured collection of Olympic relay torches. The collection comprises a torch from every Olympic meet since they were first introduced, with the exception of the rare Helsinki torch.

**WHAT:** Handover of Beijing Olympic artefacts to the National Sports Museum

**WHO:** **Drew Ginn and Stacy Roiall**, Australian Olympians  
**John Coates**, president, Australian Olympic Committee  
**Stephen Gough**, chief executive officer, Melbourne Cricket Club

**WHEN:** Friday November 21, 2008 at 12.30pm sharp

**WHERE:** The Olympics exhibition - *Faster, Higher, Stronger*  
National Sports Museum, Melbourne Cricket Ground.  
(Media should arrive via Gate 3.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** additional lighting may be required for TV.

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