



Overview

Established in 1985, The Sport Australia Hall of Fame exists to recognise and promote outstanding achievements of Australia's greatest athletes and contributors to Australian sport. The Sport Australia Hall of Fame aims to preserve Australia's rich sporting heritage by honouring these great athletes and using the values and experience of Members to inspire our future stars.

Induction into The Sport Australia Hall of Fame is the highest sporting honour that can be bestowed on an Australian sports person. The Members are, in many ways, the heart and soul of the nation, with values built around the inspirational words of inaugural Inductee and Legend, Sir Donald Bradman AC:

***“Courage, Sportsmanship, Integrity, Mateship, Persistence & Excellence,
underpinned by Generosity, Modesty, Pride & Ambition”***

With 557 current Members, The Sport Australia Hall of Fame represents the pinnacle of Australian sporting excellence. Members include Australian sporting icons such as Sir Donald Bradman, Dawn Fraser, Betty Cuthbert, Herb Elliott, Ron Barassi, Sir Jack Brabham, Wally Lewis, John Eales, Glenn McGrath and Layne Beachley, along with coaches, administrators, sports scientists and media commentators, all of whom have left their indelible mark on sport in this country.

Annually up to eight new Members are Inducted into the Hall of Fame and to further recognise the outstanding achievements of our true champions, The Sport Australia Hall of Fame introduced Legend status, which elevates one Member each year.

Whilst recognising and inducting Australia's greatest athletes and those who have served in supporting roles The Sport Australia Hall of Fame also presents the following awards.

- **'The Don' Award**, named after Sir Donald Bradman, awarded to honour a current Australian athlete(s) who through their achievements over the last 12 months, is considered to have the capacity to most inspire the nation
- **The Team Sport Australia Awards**, recognising teams who have contributed significantly to Australia's reputation as a great sporting nation
- **Great Sporting Moments**, honouring by 'Enshrining' Australian sporting moments that collectively contribute to our nation's sporting history
- **Spirit of Sport Award**, acknowledges extraordinary achievements and performances that capture the hearts of the nation. Not intended to be an annual award but awarded at the board's discretion

The Sport Australia Hall of Fame also aims to inspire Australia's future athletes through its Scholarship and Mentoring Program. The program is aimed at young athletes under 21 and encourages them to reach their sport and life potential through providing a unique mentoring opportunity and funding. The program offers five scholarships annually.

