

Sports Heritage Wall

The Sports Heritage Wall reflects Gunnedah's strong sporting heritage and recognises the significant contribution that local identities have made to respective sports.

The principal criteria for inclusion onto the Sports Heritage Wall are:

1. The individual has a direct link with the Gunnedah community through place of birth or early sporting skill development.
2. The individual has competed at the highest possible level of the sport in open or unrestricted competition.

The criterion covers persons and animals.

The Sports Heritage Wall currently recognises the following Sporting Legends:

Sara Carrigan, OAM (Cycling)

Sara has been a national representative since 1997 with her greatest achievement to date being the gold medallist in the 2004 Athens Olympics Women's Road Race. She has also been an Australian Champion, Commonwealth Games Champion and World Cup Champion and has received the Australian Female Road Cyclist of the Year Award in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Kibah Tic Toc (Equestrian)

Apart from being selected as the first woman to represent Australia in the Olympic Equestrian Team, Bridget Macintyre (Bud Hyem) has been the breeder of two Olympic gold medal winning horses, Kibah Tic Toc (1992) and Kibah Sandstone (2000) both ridden by Matt Ryan.

Kibah Sandstone (Equestrian)

Kibah Sandstone carried Matt Ryan to the gold medal in the Equestrian event at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games as part of the Three Day Event Team.

Chief Havoc (Grey Hound Racing)

He is the only greyhound to have raced four times as a stayer for four wins, all of them in equal track record or track record times.

In 1947, Chief Havoc raced 14 times for 10 wins, one second and two thirds, setting or equalling eight track records.

Gillian Campbell (Cull)

Gillian Margaret Campbell (nee Cull) was born in 1960 and has given a life time to rowing. From a well known Gunnedah family she represented Australia at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games in the Women's Double Scull, the team finishing 8th in the final standings.

Richard Swain (League)

With the demise of the Super League, Richard joined the Melbourne Storm in 1998. He was part of the 1999 NRL premiership winning team and played 132 with the Storm until his departure at the end of 2002. Richard then went on to join the Brisbane Broncos where he played 21 matches. Richard was also the first player in Australia's NRL to top 1000 Tackles in a season.

Peter Cantrell (Cricket)

After leaving Gunnedah in the early 1980s Cantrell found his way to Brisbane where he forced his way into the Queensland Sheffield Shield side. He played 34 matches for Queensland averaging 32.62 with the bat between 1988 and 1991.

In the 1990-91 season he was a substitute fieldsman for Australia against England in the Test Match at the Gabba taking two brilliant catches in the gully.

James Wynne

He was an Australian professional rugby league player who formerly played for the Newcastle Knights in the National Rugby League competition. He was named in the France training squad for the 2008 Rugby League World Cup. James was named Man of the Match in the Rugby League World Cup win over Scotland in Canberra on Sunday 26 October 2008.