

# OLYMPIC GAMES



## Sydney 2000

### The Olympic Journey

The Olympic Journey toward Sydney 2000 started in Parramatta, Sydney, on 1 June and will finish in Melbourne, Victoria, on 17 November 1997. The five-and-a-half month tour, with the Olympic Flag as its centrepiece, will include parades, picnics, the first live appearances of the mascots (Syd, Millie and Olly), Olympians and Paralympians in all capital cities and many regional centres, and will provide an opportunity for Australians from many communities to become involved in the Olympic Games. "The Olympic Journey is the first event of its kind undertaken by any Olympic Games Organizing Committee, which in itself instils a sense of national pride", said SOCOG Chief Executive Sandy Hollway. The Olympic Journey Exhibition, the largest exhibition of its kind outside the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, will also tour the country. It will be the first exhibition to tout

any Olympic Games host nation and will include 14 Olympic torches, the largest private collection outside the Olympic Museum.

### Some figures

- 15,970 flying flags.
- 89,700 hours of rehearsal time.
- 116,320 kilometres travel.
- 124 athletes per parade.
- 6,900 marshals and officials.
- 24 hours of performances during the parades.
- 46 hours of performances during the picnics.
- 240 musicians in each parade - a total of 5,520
- 150 dancers in each parade - a total of 3,450.

### Tour dates

<b>New South Wales</b>		
Sydney	Parramatta	1 June
	Sutherland	8 June
	North Sydney	15 June
	City	21 June
		29 June
Albury/Wodonga		6 July
Bathurst		13 July
Wollongong		20 July
Newcastle		26 July
Coffs Harbour		27 July
Tamworth		16 November
Sydney	Town Hall	(to be confirmed)
<b>Queensland</b>		
Townsville		3 August
Rockhampton		10 August
Gold Coast		24 August
Brisbane		31 August
Toowoomba		7 September
<b>ACT</b>		
Canberra		17 August
<b>Tasmania</b>		
Hobart		13 September
<b>Western Australia</b>		
Perth		21 September
<b>Northern Territory</b>		
Darwin		5 October
<b>South Australia</b>		
Adelaide		12 October
<b>Victoria</b>		
Bendigo		19 October
Ballarat		26 October
Geelong		2 November
Melbourne		9 November

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### SOCOG appoints new executives

Sandy Hollway, appointed chief executive officer of SOCOG last March following the resignation of Mal Hem-



merling, has held several key portfolios since he first joined the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs in 1969, including chief of staff to Prime Minister Bob Hawke (1988-1990), deputy secretary in the department of the prime minister and cabinet, responsible for the international division, government division, the office of multicultural affairs, the cabinet office, corporate services and the office of indigenous affairs (1991-1993). Before his appointment in December 1996 as

SOCOG's group general manager, corporate services and deputy chief executive, Sandy Hollway was secretary for the Australian Federal Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

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Nicole Feely has joined SOCOG as general manager, government support. "Nicole's background and experience in government make her ideally suited for this position", said Sandy Hollway, CEO of SOCOG. "The success of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games will require a close partnership

between SOCOG and all levels of government - Commonwealth, State and Local." Nicole Feely will also contribute to the very close working relationship between SOCOG and agencies of the New South Wales State Government, including the Olympic Co-ordination Authority. Nicole Feely, who holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce, was as of 1996 the chief of staff to Prime Minister John Howard. In February 1997, she was honoured as a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum in Davos (SUI).

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