



# The Carbine Club of NSW

## Peter Montgomery AM

**Born:** 1950

**Carbine Club Member since:** 1983 (Special Member)

**Previous Carbine Club positions:** Member

**Current employment:** Vice President, Australian Olympic Committee

Peter Montgomery's life has been a successful combination of sport and business. A four time Olympian, Peter has achieved similar success in business as a real estate investor, property developer, public company director and solicitor.

Raised on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, it was inevitable that Peter would end up in the water. He started water polo while attending Narrabeen Boys High and went on to continue playing it while studying at the University of Sydney.

Water Polo took Peter to the pinnacle of sport, The Olympic Games, attending his first in 1972 (Munich) and going on to play at the 1976 (Montreal), 1980 (Moscow) and 1984 (Los Angeles). Peter was considered one of the greatest players of the 70-80's, with the Australian team's best ever performance of fifth place coming at the Los Angeles games, when Peter captained the team. Through his career he played 510 games for Australia and attended four world championships and the first Water Polo World Cup. Peter captained Australia 167 times.

When Peter's sporting career finished he still held a strong passion for both the sport of Water Polo and the Olympic movement and has been a part of every Olympics as a player or official since 1972. Peter became the Honorary Secretary of the FINA Technical Water Polo Committee in 1984, holding this position until 1992. He has held many positions within Australian Water Polo Inc, including Treasurer and Vice-President, having had a key role in the foundation of Australian Water Polo Inc. in 1982.

He was elected Chairman of the first Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) Athletes Commission in 1984. In 1989, Peter became an executive member of the board and in 2001 became Vice-president, a position he still holds.

He became a member of the IOC Athletes Commission in 1988 resigning in 1999 in order to clear the way for the election of another Australian (Susie O'Neill) at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Peter was a member of the Sydney 2000 Bid Committee 1991-1993 and the IOC Coordination Commissions 1988,

1992, 1994, 1998, and 2000 Olympic Games. Altogether he has been a member of six different commissions of the IOC.

Peter was a Member of the Board of the Australian Institute of Sport from 1984-1989 and the Australian Sports Commission from 1988-1989.

Peter was also the Foundation President of the World Olympians Association (WOA) from 1995-1999 and a foundation member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport from 1995-2001 – the world's highest sport legal authority.

In addition to his sporting and honorary administration achievements, Peter has also had a successful business career. After graduating from the University of Sydney in 1972 with a Bachelor of Laws, he became and still is, a solicitor of the NSW Supreme Court. His portfolio of property interests includes the beautiful Bonville Golf Resort, Coffs Harbour, NSW, as well as Jonah's Restaurant and Boutique Hotel at Whale Beach, Sydney.

Peter has had numerous honours bestowed upon him. In 2002, at the Salt Lake City Winter Games, he was awarded the Olympic Order by Jacques Rogge, the IOC President, for services to the Olympic movement. He is a Life Member and Patron of Australian Water Polo and a Life Member of the AOC. He has been inducted into numerous Halls of Fame, most notably the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. He was admitted to the Order of Australia as a member and also awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his services to water polo and the Olympic movement. The University of Sydney's Aquatic Centre is named the Peter Montgomery Olympic Pool.

His role in sporting officialdom has always been in an honorary capacity.