

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> NOV. 2024

**BRENDAN SOMES – State Library of NSW**



## **“AUSTRALIAN STORIES of THE OLYMPICS”**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Australia’s Olympic team first competed at the 1896 Summer Olympics in Athens. We have competed at every Olympic Games in the modern era and hosted the games in Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000.

The State Library of NSW has a wonderful collection of Olympic Games material and Brendan Somes will present a few of his favourite stories from the collection.

From photographs of the Australian team travelling to the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, to the 1972 Munich Olympics diary of triple gold-medallist Shane Gould, to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

He will dive into not only the competitors and the odd statistic or three, but also the fashions, the programs, the menus – including fine definitions of what makes a sandwich.

### **GUEST SPEAKER... Brendan Somes.**



Brendan works at the State Library of New South Wales in the Library’s Collection Acquisition and Curation branch.

His work involves collection policy, coordinating selection of material for digitisation, and collecting initiatives such as collecting COVID related material and social media. He led the development of the 2019 Library Amendment Act and represented the Library on the working group that established the National edeposit (NED) service. This service provides for the deposit, management, storage, preservation, discovery and delivery of published electronic material across Australia. Pretty impressive!

Brendan likes books and reading.

**HIS PRESENTATION ....** He will basically cover the information provided in the Introduction.