

## Rick Mitchell

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### *Three-time Olympian, CEO, sports authority*

Rick Mitchell is a triple Olympic Games representative in athletics and silver medalist in the 400 metres at the Moscow Olympics in 1980. That medal is the only athletics medal won by an Australian athlete in an Eastern Bloc country and it remains the last individual men's running medal won at the Olympics by an Australian. Rick was also the Australian captain at both the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games, and in 2012 was inducted into the Athletics Australia Hall of Fame.

He also won four medals at Commonwealth Games level including the 400 metre title at the Edmonton Commonwealth games and was selected as the Australian flag bearer for the opening ceremony at the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games.

Professionally Rick has held a number of management roles in both Australia and overseas. He was the inaugural CEO of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, and CEO of the Western Australian Turf Club. In this role, he implemented significant change, developing the WATC to the point where it was the only metropolitan race club to enjoy increased attendances outside of major racing carnivals and created an integrated marketing campaign that was recognised with a gold medal at the New York Advertising Awards.

Rick has also held senior roles in financial services, telecommunications, consulted to AMP during the Sydney Olympic Games and also to the 2001 Goodwill games held in Brisbane. Currently, he is a Director with Hines Management Consultants; a Brisbane based firm specialising in search and selection of senior business executives.

Outside of his profession, Rick is a member of the Foundation Board of the State Library of Queensland, and an active writer and regular contributor to national newspapers and media programs. He has had a regular sports by-line with Queensland's The Courier Mail and most recently has hosted the business focused program What Works and the sports program Sports Today on 4BC.



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