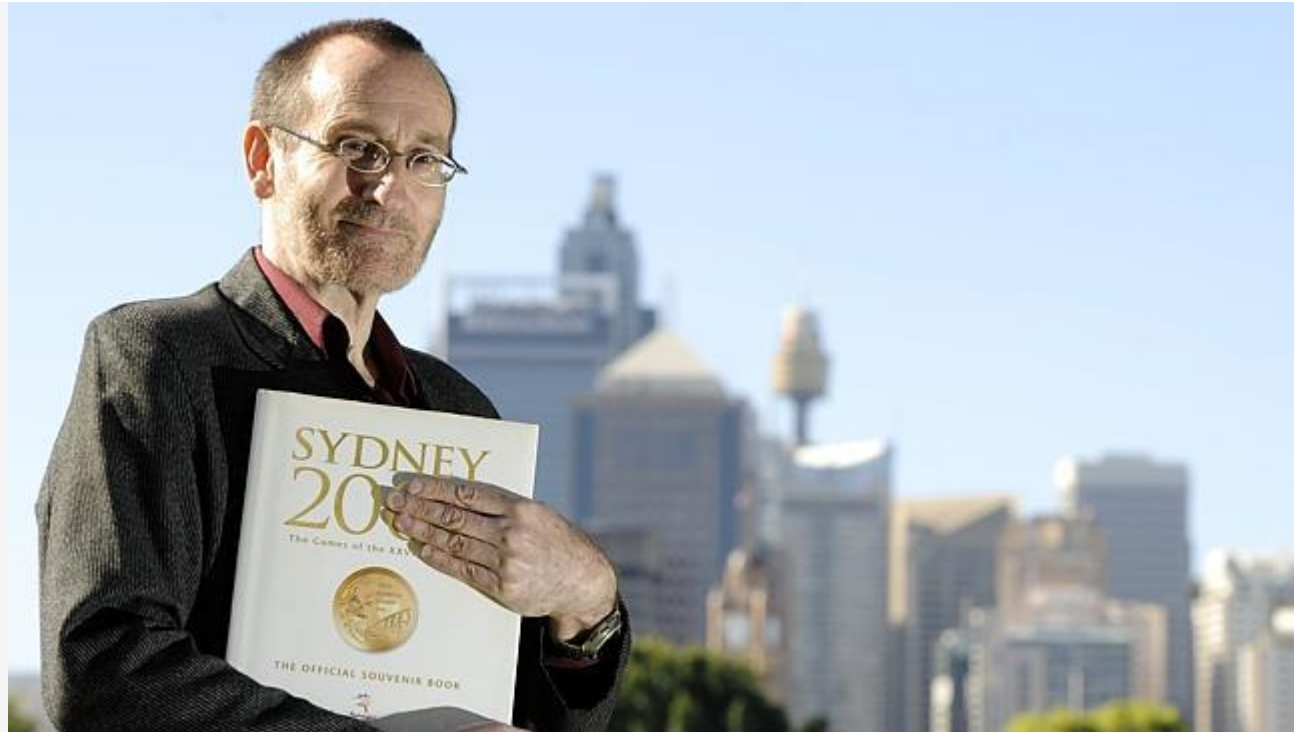


# Another Sydney Olympic Games in 2040?

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Marc White! has started a website counting down to a 2040 Sydney Olympics. Picture: Craig Wilson

**A bold campaign to see the Olympic Games return to Sydney is building momentum after being spearheaded by a Strawberry Hills resident.**

Olympics enthusiast and campaigner Marc White! was so impressed with how Sydney galvanised for the 2000 Games, he wants to see them return in 2040.

Mr White!, who has launched a website with a countdown timer to 2040, believes Sydney has earned the right to host the Games again.



Great memories: The Sydney Olympic Games Opening Ceremony on September 15, 2000.

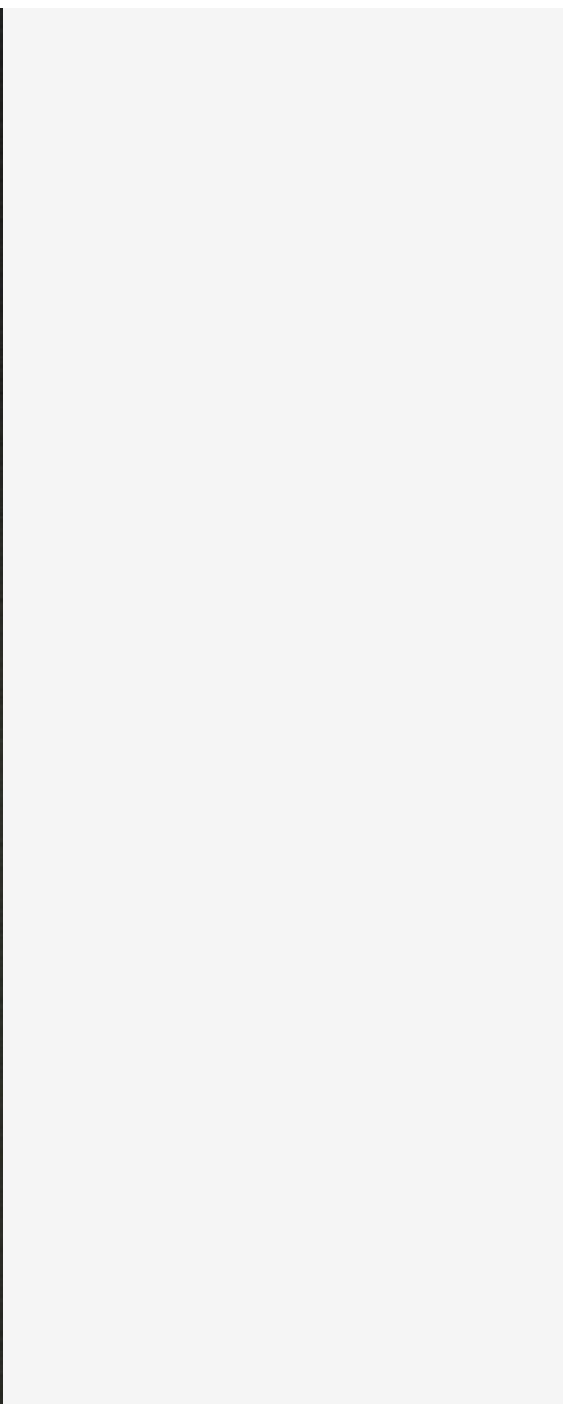
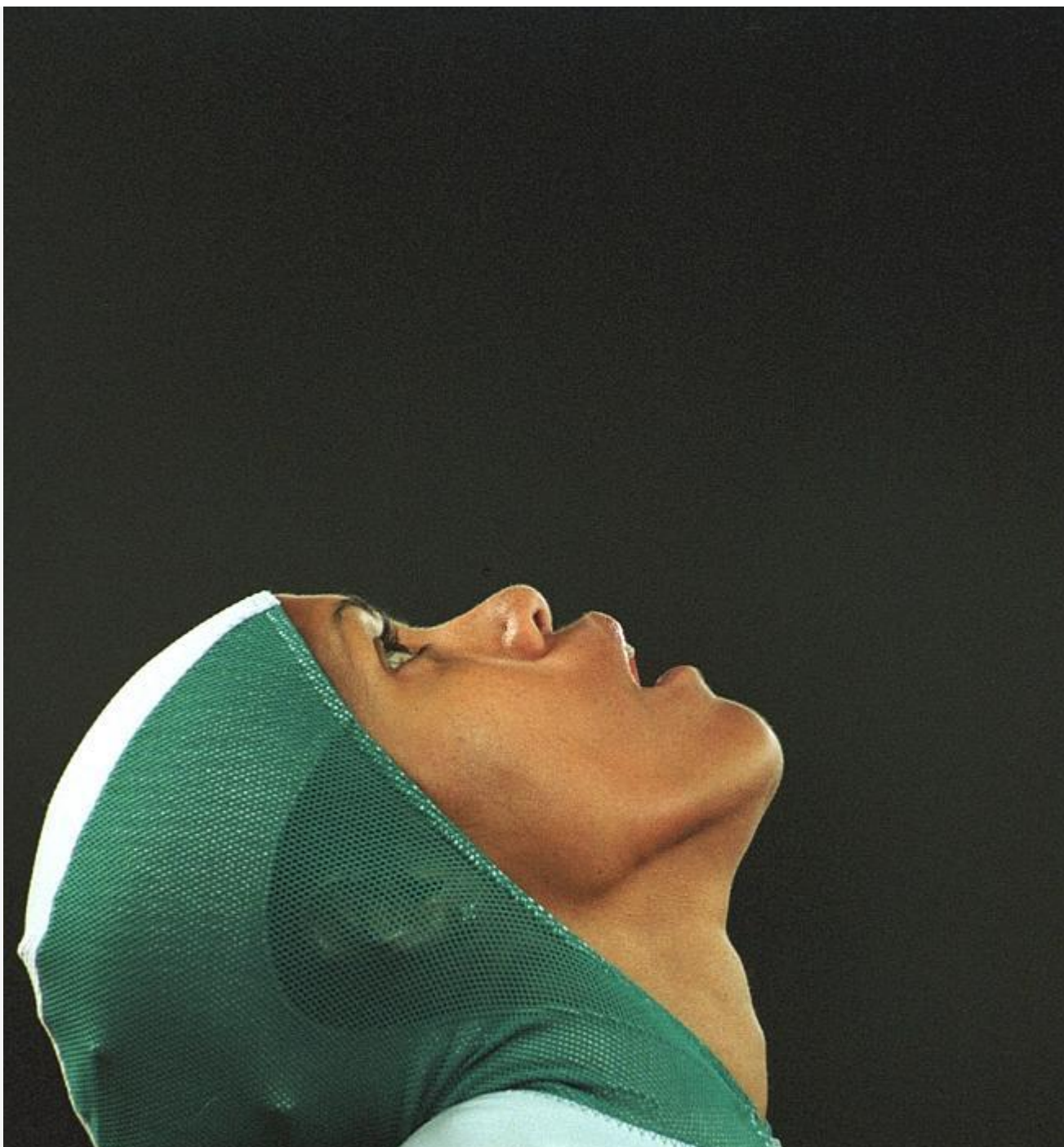


The stockmen enter the arena.

“The Sydney 2000 Games showed off the city to the world and the tourist boost it brought with it and the overwhelming boost to the economy in undeniable,” he said.

“Possibly the most important thing though was the happiness and love it generated.”

“The feeling during the 2000 Games was great. 2040 feels like a nice round number and I think Sydney should have the opportunity to host the Games again.”



Cathy Freeman prepares to make history in the women's 400m sprint final.

"I have no doubt the public will get behind the campaign and I ask anyone that is interested in showing their support to do so through the contact page of the website."

State MP, Alex Greenwich said he supports the Olympic Games returning to Sydney.

"I support community debate about the costs and benefits of Sydney bidding to host a second Olympics in 2040," he said.

"Sydneysiders fondly remember the 2000 Olympics as a special time for our city, and I understand that many would want future generations to have a similar experience."



Crowd outside Town Hall during a ticker-tape parade of Olympians after the 2000 Games.



The men's swimming team celebrates victory in the 4x100m freestyle relay.



Crowds gather at Mrs Macquarie's Chair for the Olympic Closing Ceremony fireworks.

But Media Director with the Australian Olympic Committee, Mike Tancred said any bid to have the Games returned to Australia would more than likely favour Brisbane.

"Any Olympic Games needs the support of the State Government so in this case it would be the NSW Government and it would also need the support of the AOC," he said.

"President of the AOC, John Coates said the next Australian bid for the Olympics should be around 2040 but he has favoured in the past a bid for Brisbane."

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