

THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

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CELEBRATING THE XXI WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

To celebrate the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games commencing on February 12th, and the Paralympics March 12th, an eclectic display of Winter Olympic Australian Team uniforms dating back to 1952 Winter Olympics, can be seen in the Thredbo Ski Museum this summer.

This colourful clothing is on loan from Winter Olympians both past and present, many of whom live in the Snowy Mountains. Olympians lending their treasured garments include Bob Arnott (1952 Oslo), Frank Prihoda (1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo), Steven Clifford (1972 Sapporo), Kim Clifford (1976 Innsbruck), Alice Jones (1998 Nagano & 2002 Salt Lake City), Manuela Berchtold (2002 & 2006 Torino), Jenny Owens (2002), Hannah Campbell-Pegg (2006) and Jeremy Rolleston (2006).

Of above athletes, the following are members of the Australian Shadow 2010 Olympic Team: Jenny Owens (freestyle ski cross); Hannah Campbell-Pegg (luge) and Jeremy Rolleston (4-man bob sled).

The Olympic team garments were created by leading designers and one item is of particular interest. It is the 1976 team ski suit designed by Pru Acton OAM and always draws a lot of comment from visitors.

Thredbo Ski Museum operated by volunteers from the Thredbo Historical Society, features our rich diverse and dynamic heritage. Also on display is an interesting collection of snow sports equipment, photography, literature, trophies – all fascinating items from the 1980s to the present.

Opening hours

Boxing Day until 26 January (closed Wednesdays) 1-5pm

Weekends and public holidays until Easter.

Location

Lower level of the Thredbo Alpine Hotel, beneath the Kosciuszko Room. Follow signs from Village Square and to the village bus stop.

photo 1: Some of the items in the eclectic display of Winter Olympic Australian Team uniforms on show in the Thredbo Ski Museum. L-R: 1976 Innsbruck Ski Suit; Bob Sled Helmet and 2006 Torino Opening/Closing Ceremony Coat; 2006 Torino Luge Competition Race Suit; Frank Prihoda modelling his 1972 Cortina Blazer; 2006 Torino Freestyle Mogul Suit; 2006; 2006 Torino Track Suit; 2002 Salt Lake City Opening/Closing Ceremony Outfit; 2002 Salt Lake City Medal Ceremony Jacket and Race Suit.

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