

R Kevan Gosper AO

Kevan Gosper has an international reputation in sport and business. Born and schooled in Australia he is a graduate of Michigan State University (USA) with a Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree. He is the recipient of an Honorary DSc (Newcastle) and DAppSc (RMIT Melbourne) and an Honorary Professorship at the Renmin University of China.

Kevan is an Olympic Silver and Commonwealth Gold and Bronze medallist. He was Captain of the 1958 Commonwealth Games team in Cardiff and the 1960 Olympic Games Athletics Team in Rome. He also captained the Athletics team at Michigan State University and was awarded the “Big Ten” Universities medal for sport and scholarship. He is a former Commonwealth Games and National record holder over 400 metres and National 400m Champion from 1956 through 1960.

A member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) since 1977; he subsequently served as an Executive Board Member and Vice President for sixteen years (1986 – 2003) and was Chief of the IOC Press Commission for twenty five years (1989-2013). He is a former President of the Oceania National Olympic Committees (1989 – 2009), Honorary Chairman of the Oceania Australia Foundation since 2007, served as Deputy Chairman of the IOC Co-ordination Commission for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and was also a Vice President of the Organising Committee for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. He was Inaugural Chairman of the Australian Institute of Sport (1980-85), President of the Australian Olympic Committee (1985-1990) and continued to serve on its Executive Board until 2013, being awarded Life Membership for both entities. He is a Member of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame since 1989, Patron of Deaf Sports Australia and Australian University Sport. He has recently been appointed Chairman of OSFO (Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania), Chairman and member of a number of Commissions in the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and as well a member of the Ethics Commission of the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF).

From 1980 to 1993 Kevan was Chairman and Chief Executive of Shell Australia in Melbourne and later Royal Dutch Shell’s Co-ordinator for its Asia Pacific operations out of London. The other positions he has held include Chief Commissioner (Mayor) of the City of Melbourne and Chairman of the National Australia Day Council and Director of a number of national corporations.

He is a recipient of the Order of Australia and has also been equally honoured by France, The Netherlands, Spain, Monaco, Senegal, Togo, Solomon and Vanuatu. He was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, is the inaugural recipient of the U S Olympic Committee’s Olive Branch Achievement Award in 2009 and the Olympic Order in 2013. His autobiography – An Olympic Life - was published in Australia in March 2000 and in China in 2006.