

# Tokyo Summer Olympics 1964

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In 1964 The Geelong College celebrated its “international stars and local heroes” Peter Doak OAM (OGC 1957) and David Ramage (OGC 1953) who had been selected to compete in the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics.

At the games, held in October to beat the summer heat, Doak was a member of the inaugural 4 x 100m freestyle relay event. The Aussie team, with Doak, David Dickson, John Ryan and Bob Windle, placed third behind Germany and the US. History repeated at the 2020 games when the Aussie team of Matthew Temple, Zac Incarti, Alexander Graham and Kyle Chalmers also placed third in the same event, behind Italy and the US.

In 1964, rower David Ramage competed in the Eights, number four seat. He rowed with fellow Victorians Brian Vear, David Boykett, Robert Lachal, Paul Guest, Graeme McCall, Terry Davies and Kevin Wickham. Upon arriving in Tokyo, the Aussie rowers soon realised they were ill-prepared. Although new, their boats were ‘old technology’ as new boat designs used by other teams were much faster. Luckily David and his teammates were able to borrow a boat for their race, finishing 8th.

Angus Widdicombe (OGC 2012) represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He stroked the Eights to 6th in the final race.

Peter and David’s Olympic appearance was just one part of their successful sporting careers. Prior to the games, Peter won Gold at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in the 4 x 110yd freestyle relay in World Record time. In 1967 he became the Australia 110yd champion. David won Silver at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in the Coxed Four. He rowed again at the 1968 Mexico Summer Olympics, placing 7th in the Men’s Coxless Pairs.



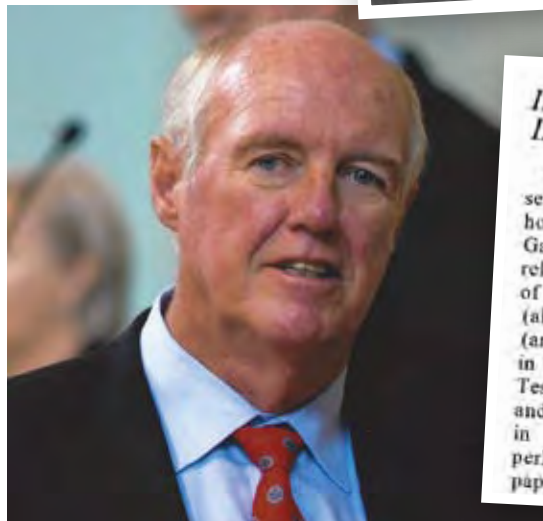
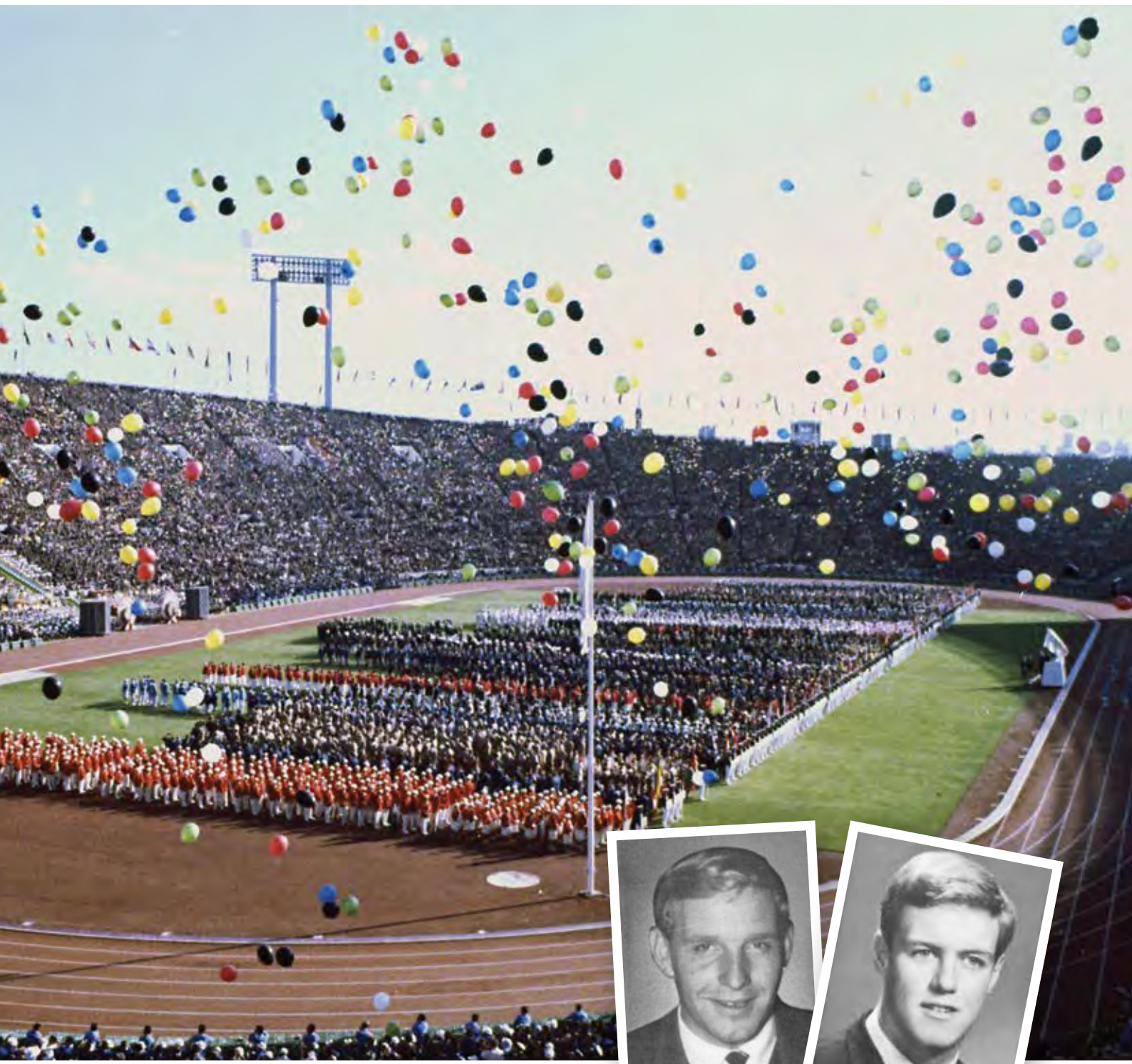
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### INTERNATIONAL STARS AND LOCAL HEROES

Old Collegians have been prominent in several sports this year. Peter Doak brought home a medal from the Tokyo Olympic Games as a member of one of the swimming relay teams, David Ramage was a member of the Australian rowing eight at the Games (alas! no medal), Ian Redpath was a member (and a consistent performer with the bat and in the slips) of the Australian Eleven for every Test in England, and the Lord twins, Alistair and Stewart gave yeomen's service to Geelong in the Victorian League football season—perhaps for the last time, according to newspaper reports.