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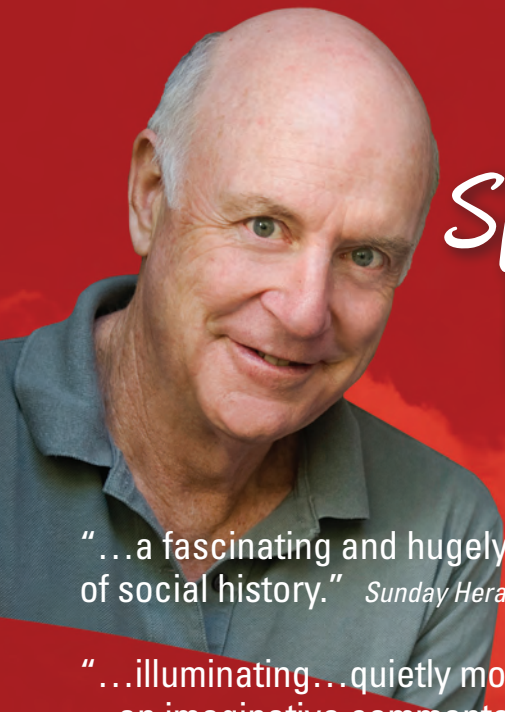
Why sport put Australia on the map



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"...a fascinating and hugely entertaining piece of social history." *Sunday Herald Sun*

"...illuminating...quietly moving and entertaining...an imaginative commentary on cultural identity." *The Australian*

"...a genuinely thoughtful and complex look at our relationship with sport...John Clarke has proved, throughout this three-part series, thoughtfulness and fun are not mutually exclusive." *Sydney Morning Herald*

Australia excels at sport and has done for a long time. Even when we don't win we keep at it until we do again. It's what Australians do. Perhaps it is only through sport that Australia exists as a nation. But is Australia unique? This series explores the significance of sport to a nation and confirms what we suspected: that if so many people are interested in sport, it's certainly not just about sport and it's not just about Australia.

Written and presented by sports lover and renowned satirist John Clarke, the series features interviews with the most comprehensive collection of Australian sporting greats ever assembled, including Dawn Fraser, Kieren Perkins, Catherine Freeman and Cadel Evans. These remarkable athletes talk about sport in ways they never have before. They talk about what they did, how they did it and why any of it matters.

Coaches, journalists, academics and ordinary people contribute to the portrait of Australia as a sporting nation in this thought provoking, unique and hugely entertaining social history that examines the link between sporting performance and a nation's idea of itself.

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