

# 1956 Gladstone Torchbearers

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| N T Bermingham | W Robinson     | R W Carlisle   | C Heymer       |
| K W Hansen     | A Shewan       | F B Duncan-    | R Sweeney      |
| B S Fielding   | G J Bowden     | Kemp           | D E Stanton    |
| R V Bentley    | W B Gardiner   | B Webb         | N R Stevens    |
| W R Grimshaw   | D J Bermingham | C J Chetter    | M A Paterson   |
| B F Fielding   | C Sellwood     | R E Jones      | P H Lewis      |
| W L Potter     | D V Dwyer      | W K Cameron    | A K Streeter   |
| B E Howard     | C H W Phillips | J V Lambley    | C D Streeter   |
| E Nash         | S G Mortimer   | E H Holzheimer | A J Kingston   |
| G Ferguson     | W Richardson   | A A Little     | C T Flanagan   |
| T Spinolo      | N R Brown      | D Booth        | H D Deveney    |
| T R Schubert   | E R Schmidt    | J D Downie     | D Cameron      |
| R A Erbacher   | J J Howard     | C A Weldon     | W P Nenan      |
| R Anderson     | I R Beezley    | C S Fielding   | C A Bates      |
| G S Wassell    | H K Oliver     | D C Petersen   | C M McCulloch  |
| A Looyenga     | M Rodner       | G Fenton       | N Walker       |
| R J Henry      | D Forrest      | D Jackson      | L Chapman      |
| F R Scoines    | O L Stanley    | C J Hansen     | A Larson       |
| D Schneider    | R Linnane      | W G Elms       | D S Dahl       |
| A L Sugden     | W A Collins    | E Veness       | M Stockbridge  |
| I W Steel      | A R Trevor     | V Duke         | H E A Phillips |
| N Collins      | C R Boughton   | N R Brown      | F O G Phillips |
| T K Bohan      | S E Wendt      | C Dahl         | G O Martin     |
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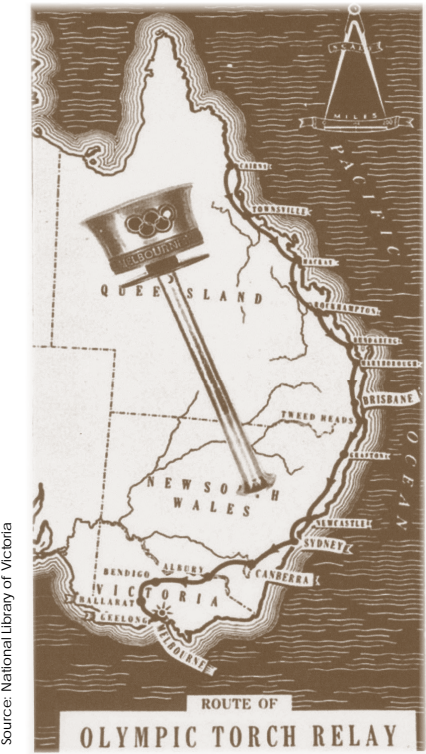
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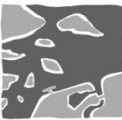
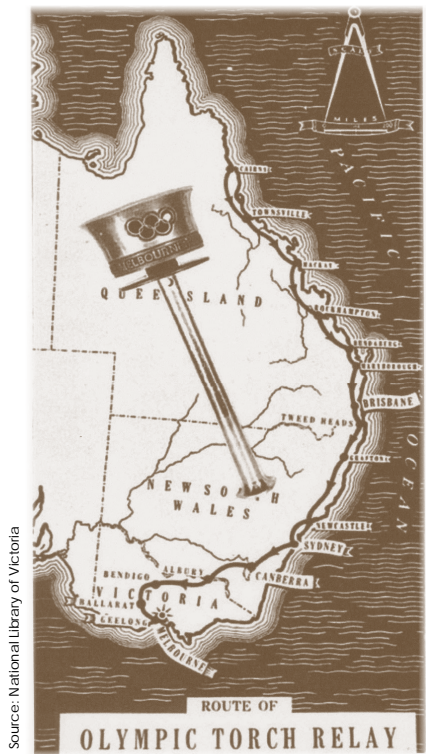
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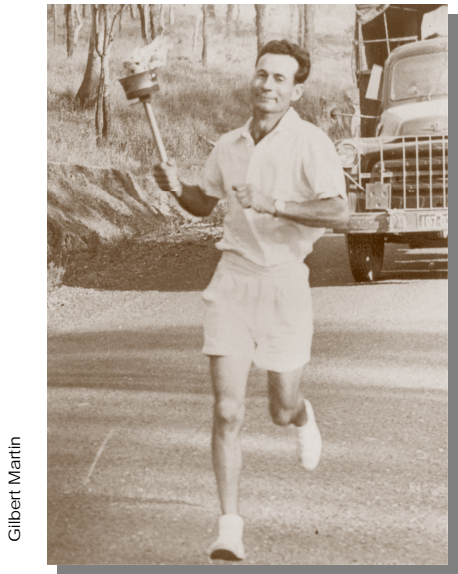
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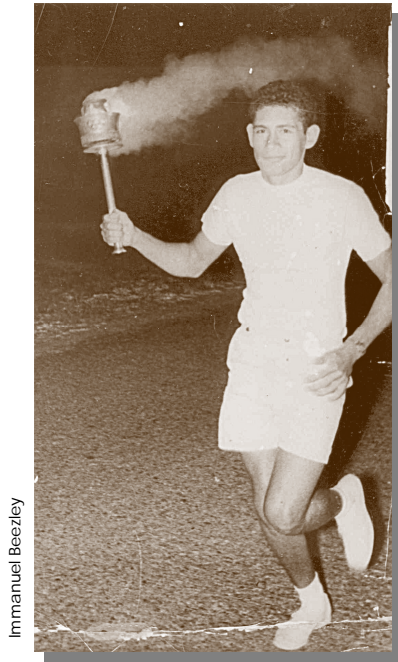


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