

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Pollock, Judy

(1940 - )

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**Nationality** Australian

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**Born** 25 June, 1940, Macedon Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Commonwealth or Empire Games Gold Medalist, Olympian, Track and Field Athlete

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### Summary

Judy Pollock was one of Australia's best track athletes. She represented Australia internationally in the 1960s and early 1970s, at one time holding the world record in 440 yard and 400 and 800 meter events. She ran third (to Betty Cuthbert) at the 1964 Olympic Games in the inaugural running of the women's 440 yards. Pregnancy prevented her running at Mexico City in 1968, when she was, arguably, at the peak of her performance.

Pollock's last tilt at Olympic gold happened in 1976 in Montreal. She was outclassed in the 1500 and didn't proceed past the heats, but her time over 1000 meters (2.38.80) run just prior to the games, in 2006 remains an Australian record.

### Events

#### 1966 - 1966

Athletics – 440y Event

#### 1964 - 1964

Athletics – 400m event

#### 1972 - 1976

Participated at the Munich and Montreal Olympic Games

### Published resources

#### Edited Book

The Oxford Companion to Australian Sport, Vamplew, Vray; Moore, Katharine; O'Hara, John; Cashman, Richard; Jobling, Ian, 1997

#### Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007, <http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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