Michael Richmond

Michael had a long and successful career in speed skating.

He began skating at age 8 and speed skating at age 11.

He was the Australian Sub Junior Champion at 13. At 15 he began his international skating career, competing in the USA and Canada, coming last in everything. This didn't deter his love of the sport and at 17 he competed in UK finishing 6th overall in the Seniors.

From then on he was regularly in the top 6 – 8 in the World. In 1981 he broke World Records in the 500m and 1000m. At the World Championships in Paris in 1981 he won the 500m and the 1000m finals and finished in 3rd place overall.

He has won the Australian Championships multiple times and also won the North American and Dutch Championships in 1980.

He competed in Speed Skating (Long Track) at the Olympic Winter Games in 1980,1984 and 1988. His best finishes were at the 1988 Games with 17th in the 500m, 13th in the 1000m and 11th in the 1500m.

Michael held the Australian records in each of these distance for 20 years.

He retired from skating at age 31. In 1992 and 1994 he attended the Olympic Winter Games as the Team Physiotherapist and assisted the Australian Team who won the first Australian Winter Medal, Bronze in the 5000m Mens Relay.

Michael Richmond a worthy inductee of the Australian Ice Racing Hall of Fame.