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The horses that were part of the 'three-day eventing' team competition, won gold for Australia. Andrew Hoy, Phillip Dutton, Stewart Tinny, and Matt Ryan made up the Australian Gold Medalist Team. This winning team were clearly ambassadors for Australian horsemanship at the highest level. (Photos taken at the steeple chase and cross country course on the second day of the three-day competition.)

### *A Horse Makes Olympic History!*

Stuntman and horse trainer Gerald Egan, from Mansfield Victoria, rode his horse Smoke into history when he carried the Olympic torch. Smoke trained everyday for a year with Gerald. They lit the Webber out back to simulate the cauldron they were set to light in Benalla. Gerald says the uncertainty he had was the effect of the music. It was really loud and the ramp up to the stage was directly in front of the speakers. Smoke did hesitate for a second, but proceeded to where ever he was asked. Gerald trained most of the horses in "The Man From Snowy River" and "Snowy Two." He also rode many of the big stunts himself. Gerald has been in more than a dozen feature films and his horses have been in dozens more. All the work he puts into his horses certainly paid off at the Torch Parade in Benalla!



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