



Touching torch moments

There have been many magic moments as the Olympic Torch Relay passed through communities throughout Australia. In Adelaide the route passed directly along Percy Street, Prospect - where RM Williams established his company and which today houses a retail store and the company's Outback Heritage Museum. Hundreds of locals and RM Williams staff, who put on a free sausage sizzle for spectators, lined Percy Street for the occasion. Torch Relay runner Sandy Begley later proudly posed with her torch in the museum.

In Benalla, Victoria the modern "man from Snowy River", Gerald Egan, rode his horse, Smoke, up a ramp onto the stage to light the town's Olympic cauldron. Despite practising for a year (lighting his barbeque), Gerald said he was a little apprehensive when the moment arrived to ride up the ramp because "we weren't prepared for the volume of music coming from the stage". But, not surprisingly, Smoke and the stunt man/horse trainer extraordinaire carried off the task perfectly.

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