

## HALL OF FAME

### Ken Telford

**Ken Telford** (1930–2012) was one of Australia’s most gifted and respected polo players, widely regarded as a master tactician and one of the greats of the 1950s and 1960s. He reached a peak handicap of **7 goals**, making him one of the highest-rated Australian players of his era. Telford was first selected to represent Australia in **1957**, ultimately earning **five Test caps** and captaining the national team twice.

Celebrated for his intelligence on the field, Telford was known for making any horse he rode look exceptional and for outthinking opponents with his exceptional “ringcraft.” Fellow great Jim MacGinley described him as *one of the best thinkers in polo anywhere in the world*.

Telford dominated major tournaments, winning **10 Queensland Gold Cups**, **four Sydney Easter Show Gold Cups**, and multiple Northern Challenge and Australasian Gold Cups. His duels with Sinclair Hill became legendary. He also led major interstate and international tours, including a successful 1966 New Zealand campaign played entirely on borrowed ponies, and he competed in the UK in 1965–66, winning the Windsor Gold Cup.

A car accident in 1969 ended his top-level playing career, but he remained deeply involved in polo administration on the Darling Downs. In 2012 he was named an inaugural inductee into the **Australian Polo Hall of Fame**.

