

GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! FOR CHRIS TURNER

Alice Springs lawyer Chris Turner has claimed an Olympic victory after successfully winning the right to ride his Harley Davidson motorbike in the torch relay.

Informed by Olympic Torch Relay representatives that he could not take part in the relay on his Harley, only in a wheelchair, Mr Turner embarked on a media campaign in a bid to overturn the decision.

"At the time I grew up, many kids with disabilities were put in homes. My parents embeded in me a spirit of independence that I have kept all my life. I decided then I would live my life as far as possible without the help of other people," Mr Turner said.

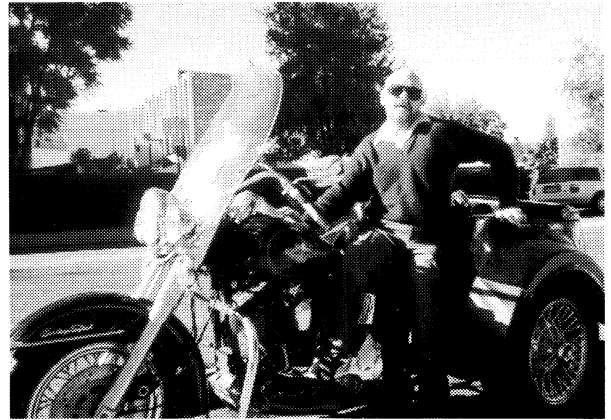
"So when SOCOG said that I would have to take part in a wheelchair, my hackles went up.

Moreover I had stated in my nomination form that I would be riding the Harley and nothing was said at the time," he said.

Angered by the intransigence and rudeness of relay organisers, Mr Turner took his fight to the media and warned he was considering taking steps with the Human Rights Commission.

"A lot of people thought I won the right to ride the Harley because I have a special disability caused by special circumstances, but all I have been insisting upon is what is true and correct," he said.

The *Centralian Advocate* reported torch Committee representative David Dale saying: "We've got people who are limbless, blind, who have all sorts of intellectual and physical disabilities and they are all abiding by the rules."



Alice Springs lawyer Chris Turner on his Harley.

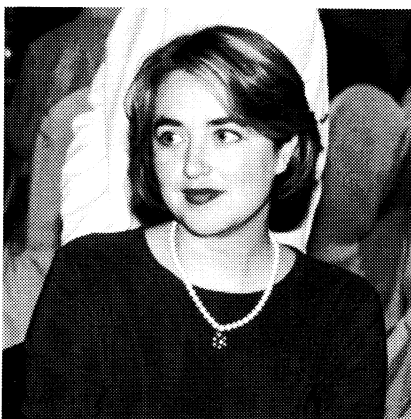
"The only one we are having trouble with is Chris," Mr Dale was reported as saying.

But Mr Turner believes his stance has been vindicated by the Committee's backflip.

"In my heart I know I feel good because I stood for a principle and the principle won," Mr Turner said.

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