



### Cathy Freeman to race again

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**CATHY Freeman has entered a race for the first time since she retired after winning her last gold medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games.**

The race will be her first in Sydney since the Olympics a decade ago, when she was queen of the Games at which she lit the cauldron and then won the 400m gold medal.

But Freeman, 37, will not be chasing medals or records when she steps up the distance in The Sunday Telegraph/Blackmores Sydney Running Festival half-marathon on September 19.

"I've had my preparation disrupted by a sore left knee, but it's not like I'm going for an Olympic gold medal or anything," a trim Freeman said yesterday on the shores of Sydney Harbour.

"I'm actually excited. I have no expectations except I'll just try. I have a feeling that once I've started I'll be really keen to finish it.



Legend ... Cathy Freeman. Source: The Daily Telegraph

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"I'll be here in Sydney because it will be around the 10th anniversary of the Olympics, but I'm doing it because I really enjoy running with people who are doing it for fun. I get inspired by other participants. It's really cool, I really do enjoy it."

As a warm-up, she has also entered the Barwon half-marathon in Geelong on April 11.

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