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## A golden double for Australian triathletes

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AUSTRALIANS Emma Snowsill and Brad Kahlefeldt won gold medals at the St Kilda Commonwealth Games triathlon today.

Snowsill, a 24-year-old from the Gold Coast won the world championship last September in Japan, draped herself in the Australian flag to the cheers of the Melbourne faithful before lifting the finish tape over her head and ending Australia's Games gold hoodoo.

Despite dominating at world events over the years, an Australian had never won gold at Olympic or Commonwealth Games until today, an anomaly in world sport.

Snowsill finished in a time of 1hr 58min 4sec ahead of N.Z.'s Samantha Warriner (1hr 58min 38sec) took Silver, and Andrea Hewitt (1hr 58min 46sec) the Bronze.

The Australian broke clear in the running segment with about five kilometres left to go and despite already being world champion, a gold medal at a major Games will surely rank as her finest moment.

Snowsill, competing at her first Commonwealth Games, also won the Oceania Cup last month in Tasmania proving her form was right for Melbourne 2006. —



**Tri-mendous:** Emma Snowsill is delighted as she crosses the finish line at St Kilda to win the gold medal for Australia in the triathlon.