

Athletics Canterbury

Proposal to award Life Membership

It is with great pleasure that I bring this nomination forward. This gentleman and I do mean Gentleman as this describes him well. I first meet this man over 25 years ago when his daughter and my youngest competed at Childrens events together. Yes, he is another convert from Childrens to Senior level.

In doing some research I found that his namesake who lived from 6 December 1732 – 22 August 1818 was the first Governor-General of Bengal, from 1773 to 1785. He also had a city here in New Zealand named after him. (*Hastings was named after Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India. ... 'HASTINGS', from An Encyclopaedia of New Zealand*)

This gentleman worked as an Official at Childrens meeting for many years and can still be found at their meetings working away and assisting new officials. He also became a bit of a legend as a Manager of NZCAA Interprovincial meetings. He progressed in his Officiating to become one of the top in his field in the country and regularly Officiates in Australia and around Oceania. He is highly regarded in Oceania and was awarded the Oceania Merit Award in 2001.

He is so highly regarded in his normal role of Officiating that last year he was sent by ANZ around the country explaining the new start rules. He can now be seen at winter events with a stop watch in hand.

He is a past President of Athletics Canterbury holding this role in 1997/99. He is a life member of Canterbury Childrens Athletics' Association and has just been made a Life Member of his Papanui Toc H Club. For those who have not read their Annual Report booklet he is taking over the Chair of Track & Field as of their AGM next Thursday evening.

Ladies and Gentlemen it is with please I put forward for Life Membership our great friend Wuzza, also known as Mr Warren Hastings.