

## Athletics Canterbury Merit Award -16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Nominee – Diane Smith

This person's membership in athletics started in Waimate in the mid 1980s, when her 2 daughters became involved. She spearheaded the move to bring the Waimate club back to life in 2011 after it had been in recess for 9 years. She ran the Waimate club weekly competition days for many years, also serving as their President.

It didn't stop with the Waimate Athletic Club. She was the President of the South Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club from 1996 to 2008 and was very instrumental in the building up the club at a time when it was struggling. She subsequently became a Life Member of the South Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club.

She was President of the Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre for 10 years from September 2005 until September 2015 going on to be elected to Life Membership. She represents the Waimate Athletics Club at Sub Centre meetings.

She chaired the Sub Committee of the Lovelock Classic from 2008 and continued as the Chair when the organisation of the Lovelock Classic moved from the Sub Centre and became an organisation in its own right.

She has been on the Colgate Games LOC since 1992 and was the Chair of the LOC in 2010, 2014 and 2018. She has been a committee member on the National Secondary Schools LOC at both the 2009 and 2015 championships.

She was President of the Waimate Caledonian Games for a number of years and was instrumental in keeping the games going through tough times.

She has officiated at many National, Regional and Sub Centre meetings. She has been Meeting Manager at Lovelock Classic Children's meets and at most sub centre run inter club competitions and usually at the South Island Masters Games. She has officiated at Aoraki and Secondary School championships in Timaru and has been the Meeting Manager for the Aoarki Secondary Schools Championships in 2019.

Diane Smith, you are well-respected and admired by all those who have worked with you on committees. You are a hard worker; you are a font of knowledge and you are always available when people are looking for advice. You always put in 110% when you do anything and always ready to fill in for any role that you are asked to do.

Athletics Canterbury, the Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre, the South Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club and the Waimate Athletics Club and particularly all athletics in Canterbury, Timaru and South Canterbury are the better for having you in our sport.

Diane Smith can you please come forward and receive your Athletics Canterbury Merit Award for Exceptional Service to the sport of athletics.