

## **ATHLETICS CANTERBURY INCORPORATED**

### **Life Member Nomination: Daniel Reese**

Mr Chairman,

I have to say that I am very pleased to be able to make this nomination for Life Membership because the person I am about to speak about has been a personal friend for a long time but most importantly has been involved in the sport for many years as an athlete, administrator, official and team manager.

This person first joined the University of Canterbury Cross Country Club in 1973 and it didn't take long for him to become involved in Club affairs when he was appointed Club Treasurer in 1976 and 1977 before he headed overseas for a couple of years.

Upon his return in 1980 he was elected to the Executive Committee of the University of Canterbury Athletic Club and since then has held the positions of Club Captain, Secretary, Race Secretary and President.

In 1998 he took on the role of Race Manager of the Hagley Memorial Relays and he still holds that position today.

He received an Athletics New Zealand Long Service Award in 1996 and in 1999 was elected a Life Member of the University of Canterbury Athletic Club.

It would be fair to say that for many years this nominee has been the "go to person" for anyone wanting to know about CANU, the University of Canterbury Athletic Club, after all he has been the Club's President since 2006.

I am sure by now that you will have worked out the person I am speaking about is Daniel Reese.

Daniel became a member of the Athletics Canterbury Cross Country & Road Committee in 2007, a position he still holds today. A year later he became a Cross Country and Road Selector, again a position he still carries out today.

In 2008 he took on the role of Assistant Race Director for the Takahe to Akaroa Relay and a year later was thrust into the position of Race Director when on the eve of the relay, which that year also happened to be the N.Z. Road Relay Championship, Pat Boland who was set to be the Race Director ended up in hospital. Like many of his roles, Daniel continues as the Race Director and Chair of the Local Organising Committee today.

Although not an Athletics Canterbury position, Daniel showed his love and passion for out of stadia events when in 2007 he took on the position of Secretary of the Christchurch International Marathon Trust until 2011 when he became the Trust's Chairman, yet another position he currently holds.

In 2015 Daniel allowed his name to go forward to serve on the Athletics Canterbury Executive Committee now known as the Athletics Canterbury Board. Not content with that, following in the footsteps of his brother Andrew who passed away in 2013, Daniel became the Centre Secretary in 2016 and as you can see sits here tonight in that position.

That's a snapshot of the roles and work undertaken voluntarily by this nominee. To this can be added Daniel's Canterbury representation at National Cross Country and Road Championships where he competed with some success, being part of the Canterbury Management team to both these Championships, his involvement as an "A" Grade Out of Stadia official including being the voice you hear at cross country and road events, and the years he spent as the correspondent during the winter on Newstalk ZB reporting on cross country and road events for the Saturday Sports Talk Team.

In conclusion Mr Chairman, it is a great privilege for me to be able to nominate **Daniel Reese** as a Life Member of Athletics Canterbury.

John McBrearty  
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