

**Reginald Aynsley Brockett –
Athletics Canterbury Merit Award Nomination**

I would like to nominate Reg Brockett for an Athletics Canterbury Merit Award.

Reg is a valuable member in the sport of Athletics in this region of Canterbury, especially in the Mid South Canterbury region. He has spent over 30 years giving back to the sport that his children became involved in, which ultimately got him involved in it.

Reg joined the Geraldine Athletics Club committee around 1990 when his children were active members in the sport and he has been on the committee ever since. He was President of the club off and on for many years to keep the club going and was made a Life Member of Geraldine club in the 2009/2010 season. He has been a Geraldine delegate to the Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre from the early 1990s. He works tirelessly for his local club and is a valuable asset to them with his depth of knowledge and his reliability of turning up each week to officiate, and marking out the grounds during the season and generally doing a lot of work for the club in keeping the grounds and club equipment in good condition.

Through his involvement with the Geraldine Club, being their delegate on the Sub Centre, he became President of the Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre of Athletics Canterbury in September 1998 and remained President until September 2005 – a total of 7 years. He was awarded Life Membership of the Sub Centre on 9 July 2013. When he stepped down as President he became one of two Vice Presidents, which he has held from then on to the present day. Although he doesn't say much at a meeting, when he does say something he is listened to, so much is the respect he is shown and the depth of knowledge he has.

Reg has been the Sub Centre's Officials Co-ordinator for at least 17 years now – organising officials for Inter-clubs and champs. He has also been the local co-ordinator for larger events held in Timaru, New Zealand Secondary School Track & Field Champs in 2009 and 2015, a number of South Island Secondary School Athletic Champs, Aoraki Secondary School Champs, Lovelock Classic, Masters Games, South Island Masters Champs. He organises Officials training sessions in the area, co-ordinates with Christchurch and holds evenings where officials can sit C grade papers. *I am told these are great evenings with a bottle of wine and snacks as well.*

For many years he was the Sub Centre's delegate to Canterbury – often travelling to AGM's and other meetings if important matters arose that needed the Sub Centre's attendance.

Reg has been on every Local Organising Committee for the Colgate Games since his first in 1992, where he was a Time Official. For the last three Colgate Games held in Timaru (2010, 2014, 2018) he has organised the officials required for the event – he has also attended and officiated at many of the Colgate Games held in the South Island where he has built up friendships with many, and through this he manages to get a number of his friends to come to the Colgate's in our region when they are being held.

Reg is a Trustee of the Athletics All Weather Track Trust, he is a founding member, going on the organisation as he saw a need for someone who was not associated with South Canterbury Club to represent the athletes of other clubs in the district. He has put many hours into the establishment of, and fundraising for an All Weather Track Facility in Timaru for the athletes and coaches of the Mid South Canterbury region. He still spends many hours doing valuable work for the Trust in keeping the equipment and sheds in good working order and opening and closing and setting up equipment for larger athletic meetings. He's one of the first to arrive at the start of the day and one of the last to leave at the end of the day.

Reg has been an original committee member of the Lovelock Classic Organising Committee and puts a lot of work into finding officials for both the Classic in the afternoon, and the Junior Lovelock meeting in the morning.

Reg has been an Athletics official almost as long as he has been in the sport of athletics. He attends and starts at Geraldine Club's club nights, and helps organise the Rose Shield Inter-club, held by Geraldine club. He is the main track starter for the Sub Centre Inter-clubs held during the season, and he regularly travels to Christchurch to help out at Saturday Inter-clubs, and Championships and larger athletic meets held in Christchurch, both children's and seniors. He has been known to travel to Dunedin on the odd occasion to help out there too, if they are short of officials for various meetings. He always says it is good to help out with Christchurch and Dunedin so that he can call on them to help us if needed.

He has also travelled around New Zealand officiating at Track & Field meetings
National Athletics NZ Track & Field
New Zealand Secondary School Track & Field
South Island Colgate Games

He has travelled overseas for Oceania Track meets when he can over the years.

Reg has a love for the sport of Athletics in the Canterbury region, whether it is in the Mid South Canterbury regions or Canterbury, he enjoys travelling around and meeting people, being a part of a larger organisation, and being fully involved. He has many friends throughout New Zealand who he gained through his time spent in the sport, and he is liked and respected by many. He quietly goes about his job and gets the task done without any fuss or bother. He is a valuable member of the various Athletics organisations he is involved with here in our region, there are many things that just would not happen without Reg quietly getting the job done. He does not seek the limelight, just gets on and does the job without seeking any glory. He has a wealth of knowledge, he is a good person to have a level-headed discussion with over many matters to do with the sport, and the history of the past 30 years.

And it looks like he is going to be involved for many years to come.

Reg has the respect of so many people in both Canterbury and the Mid South Canterbury area, he is well liked, and gets on with everyone. I, with a number of other Mid South Canterbury Members, feel he is a worthy recipient of an Athletics Canterbury Merit Award.

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