



LIFE MEMBERSHIP – Mark Peters

Presented at the AGM by Daniel Reese on behalf of the Athletics Canterbury Board – 27th July 2022

This Life Member nominee has been continually involved in the sport since 1979 as a competitor, official and administrator, with the Timaru Harrier Club, South Canterbury Harrier Management Committee, the Mid South Canterbury sub Centre and Athletics Canterbury.

In that time on the Harrier Management Committee, he served on the Committee and served as Secretary/Treasurer since 1988.

On joining the Timaru Harrier Club (now Run Timaru) in 1979 as an athlete, he quickly moved onto the committee where he held positions of, Secretary and Club Captain.

He was always available to help with Harriers and at Sub Centre level in any capacity. He was a valuable member of the various committees he served on.

He is always available to help at local athletic events, often being one of the first to arrive and help set up, and one of the last to leave after cleaning up. He has been a very reliable and dependable member of all organisations he served on and all roles he undertook.

As part of his work with Timaru Harriers, he was convenor of the Timaru Round the Gorges Relay for 2009 and 2010. He was organiser of the NZ Secondary Schools Road Race in Timaru in 2009.

He helped organise the Round the Bay Fun Run for Harriers. He does most of this himself, and at the end of the event, he goes home and types up all the results for the runners. Without him this event would not happen, but it is an event that has proved very popular in Timaru.

He was on the Organising Committee for the 2007 NZ Road Relay Championships, which was for the first time it had been held in Timaru. He was organiser of the South Island Masters Games 10km Run & Walk, 5km Run & Walk This was done on behalf of the South Island Masters Games Organisation. These took place in 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012.

He has also helped out with athletics at Timaru Girls High, and has, at times, travelled with the team to Secondary School events.

He served on the Local Organising Committee for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships and Road Race held in Timaru in December 2015. It was him who organised the Road Race course around Caroline Bay. This was a big task, and all ran smoothly thanks to his vast knowledge and expertise.

At a Sub Centre level he has been a delegate for Run Timaru and Harrier Management Committee for a number of years.

He became Vice President of the Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre in 2017 and continued as Vice President until he stepped up to the President's position in March 2021. He remained President of the Sub Centre until this month's Annual General Meeting where he relinquished his position due to a move to Wellington. At that point he became the Immediate Past President.

Over the last few years, he has helped the Aorangi All-Weather Track Trust with marking out the sector lines on the inner field, he will be greatly missed in this capacity.

He was the Sub Centre's main Track official and would officiate at all the Sub Centre Inter-clubs, Aoraki Secondary School champs, Colgate Games and National Secondary School Track & Field Championships.

He has always been available as an Official, travelling around the country as a Canterbury Official for various National Track & Field events. As an Athletics New Zealand official, he also officiated at Canterbury Championships, Secondary School, South & Mid Canterbury events and Colgate Games. He was an official at the Oceania Area Track & Field Champs held in Townsville in 2019. Over the winter months he often travels north to Christchurch to help with officiating for the Athletics Canterbury Cross Country and Road events.

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mark Peters as a Life Member of Athletics Canterbury.

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