

Peter Jack - Kiwi Athletic Club

Peter is world famous in Wellington for his involvement in Wellington athletics and for his commitment to the development of the Kiwi Athletic Club. Peter has been involved with the Kiwi Athletic Club for 58 of its 96 years as it's celebrating this Anniversary next month in October.

He joined the Club in 1964 and soon became involved with the administration of the Club starting as a Committee Member in 1966. He later served as Club Captain, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Recorder, Fund Raiser, and Chairman and President from 1996 until this day. It is interesting to note that the new Incorporated Societies Bill limits the term of a President to no more than 30 consecutive years so thus Peter can only serve for 4 more years in this role.

Peter originally was a sprinter with reasonable times of 11.5 s for the 100 m, 23.5 s for 200 m and 53.9 s for 400 m. He retired from track events following injuries and has competed in throws events since then until today as an active master's athlete.

Peter has been directly involved with athletes as a Coach in sprints and middle-distance events, and has officiated at Wellington, Regional and New Zealand Senior Athletics Championships for Relays and Throws events for over 42 years and at the 1990 Commonwealth Games as Chief Marker for Shot Put and as a Marshall in the Marathon.

Officiating at Athletic Meetings is not without its hazards and Peter has his war stories. As a Hammer Official at a New Zealand Secondary Athletic Championship in 2000 Peter suffered a broken wrist from a stray hammer throw from Valerie Adams and in 2014 as a Shot Put Official he was grazed on the head with a stray shot put in a Capital Classic meeting in Wellington. He now officiates in safer positions, often as the welcome person on gated events at the stadium.

Peter became involved with Athletics Wellington, first as Committee Member in 1980 and Kiwi Club Delegate and later as Publicity Officer, Selector, Vice President and President. As well as these administration roles, Peter was Assistant Team Manager and Team Manager of Wellington Centre Athletic teams to the New Zealand National Championships from 1994 – 1996. Peter was also a member of the Fund Raising Sub-Committee (together with Penny Hunt, Vic Marks and others) over 1970 – 71 that raised \$100,000 as a contribution to the Wellington City Council construction of an all-weather athletic track at Newtown Park.

Peter was awarded Life Membership of the Kiwi Athletic Club in 1990, an Athletics Wellington Long Service Award and Life Membership in 1995 and Athletics New Zealand Long Service Award in 1990, and a QSM for service to sports, especially athletics, in 2017.