

Nomination for Vice-President Oceania Masters Council

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Professional Profile: Self-employed publisher, educational author, and senior sports administrator with extensive experience in governance, event delivery, competition software, and sports publishing. Proven ability to modernise organisations, strengthen partnerships, and support athletics at local, national, and Oceania levels.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Director & Author | *AWS Publications Ltd* 1996 – Present | Christchurch, NZ

- Established a successful educational publishing company that developed 150 mathematics resources and workbooks used by around 80% of schools across New Zealand.
- Manage all day-to-day business operations, including writing resources, overseeing printing, and shipping orders to schools.

SPORT GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

President | *Athletics New Zealand (Athletics NZ)* 2025 – Present

- Provide supportive, community-focused leadership for the national governing body of track and field, representing the voice of participants.
- Work with the Board to increase participation, strengthen community relationships, and grow the sport for people of all ages.
- Serve on the subcommittee reviewing the Athletics NZ Constitution and New Zealand team-qualification procedures.

President & Board Member | *New Zealand Masters Athletics (NZMA): Elected to Board: 2013 – Present*

- Led the modernisation of masters athletics operations for athletes aged 30 and over across New Zealand.
- Helped develop the NZMA website, reformatted the handbook and supporting documents, and created a reusable championship programme.

- Introduced modern event software and supported local organising committees to deliver South Island, North Island, Indoor, and NZMA Championship events.
- Drove the 2016 memorandum of understanding between New Zealand Masters Athletics and Athletics New Zealand, enabling closer cooperation between the organisations.
- Coordinated the rewrite of the NZMA Constitution and developed a model constitution for masters centres throughout New Zealand.

President | *Canterbury Masters Athletics (CMA): 2011 – Present*

- Oversee local governance, organise events, and lead initiatives for the Canterbury masters running community.
- Successfully coordinated integrated masters events within senior competitions, ensuring they blended smoothly into wider regional track and field meets.
- Co-ordinated the re-writing of the Canterbury Masters Athletics Constitution.

Board Chair & Committee Member | *Athletics Canterbury Committee: 2011 – Present | Chair: 2016 – 2024*

- **Weekly event delivery:** Lead planning for local track-and-field meets using AthleticNET and AthleticLIVE.
- Set up weekly interclub programmes, manage online entries, seed heats, and prepare competition information for officials.
- **Organisational development:** Played a key role in establishing the Athletics Canterbury General Manager position in 2018, helping the organisation operate more professionally. As Board Chair, provided governance oversight and support for the General Manager.
- **Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub:** Represented Athletics Canterbury in three years of planning with Christchurch City Council from 2015 to 2018 for the replacement athletics venue following the loss of QEII Stadium in the 2011 earthquake.
- **Primary and secondary regional championships:** Supported these events since 2010, with responsibility for competition software, entries, and results.
- Attend Athletics NZ Classic meetings and New Zealand Secondary Schools meetings around the country, assisting with results management.
- Have served for the past six years as Team Manager for the Athletics Canterbury team competing at the National Championships.
- **Ngā Puna Wai Sports Trust, 2018–2021:** Served as a founding member, working with athletics, hockey, rugby league, and tennis to provide feedback to Christchurch City Council and help maximise the venue's potential.
- Coordinated the rewrite of the Athletics Canterbury Constitution.

Oceania Masters Athletics Council: 2015-2019, 2024 - Present

- Rejoined the OMA Council to fulfil a vacancy.
- LOC Chair for the 2027 OMA Championships to be held at Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch.

TECHNICAL ATHLETICS EXPERTISE

Event Programming & Results Management

- **Event software:** Introduced and now manage regional use of **AthleticNET**, **AthleticFIELD**, and **AthleticLIVE** for local interclub, championship, and OMA events. Have planned programmes and managed entries for the past ten NZMA Championships, numerous South Island Masters events, and competitions outside Christchurch.

Publishing Skills Used for Sport

- **Websites and graphics:** Redesigned and manage websites for Canterbury Masters Athletics and national portals, improving readability and adding live-results feeds.
- **Championship booklets:** Design and format multi-page programmes for local and national masters championships, presenting complex daily schedules and sponsor advertising in clear, print-ready layouts.
- **Magazine editing:** Serve as the long-time editor and designer of *Vetline*, the official magazine of New Zealand Masters Athletics.
- **Race-number printing:** Created an in-house system for designing and printing customised athlete race numbers with competitor names, age groups, and sponsor logos, giving events a professional presentation while reducing costs.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Merit Award** | *Athletics Canterbury (Awarded 2019)* – For exceptional service to athletics in the region.
- **Life Membership** | *Athletics Canterbury (Awarded 2023)* – For lifetime service and dedication to the sport.
- **Administrator of the Year** | *Sport Canterbury Sports Awards (Awarded 2019)* – For outstanding behind-the-scenes work and rebuilding sports facilities.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Podium Finisher** | *World Masters Athletics Championships (2009)* – Middle-distance running events.
- **Competitive History:** Former competitive middle-distance runner who returned to the track as a masters athlete in the 2000s.

Personal Statement

Purpose and Direction

I am committed to defining a clear future role for the Oceania Masters Council and strengthening its contribution to masters athletics throughout the region.

Regional Collaboration

Through my previous and current service on the OMA Council, I understand the challenge of delivering meaningful outcomes for masters athletes across Oceania, particularly in the Pacific Islands. Progress will depend on stronger support and closer cooperation with the Oceania Athletics Association.

My Priority

My principal priority would be to bring the **Oceania Masters Council** and the **Oceania Athletics Association** closer together. A stronger partnership would help create more meaningful international competition opportunities for masters athletes throughout the region.

Experience I Bring

I bring extensive governance experience at regional and national levels, together with practical expertise in delivering athletics competitions. Over the past 15 years, I have used a range of event-management and results systems to plan programmes, manage entries, and support effective competition delivery.

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