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Nomination for Secretary – Oceania Masters Athletics Council

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Background in Athletics and Sport

Athletics has been central to my life as both a **competitor and an administrator**. It also shaped my education and career: I completed a **degree in Physical Education** and a **diploma in Sport Management** before working as a Physical Education teacher and Sports Director in Auckland.

Governance and Business Experience

I offer extensive athletics administration experience at **regional and national levels**, supported by practical expertise in business management, finance and organisational governance.

Current Focus

Having returned to competitive athletics after a 12-year break, I now have greater capacity to serve the sport. My combined perspective as an athlete, administrator and businessperson positions me to support the NZ Masters Athletics Board and the wider Oceania Masters Athletics community.

ATHLETICS PARTICIPATION / ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Experience:** Lifelong involvement in athletics, progressing from senior competition to masters athletics in the late 1990s and returning after a 12-year break.
- **Throwing disciplines:** Shot put, discus, hammer throw, javelin, weight throw and throws pentathlon.
- **Competition:** Participation at national, Oceania and World Masters Athletics competitions.
- **Achievements:** New Zealand Masters records in throwing events.
- **Athlete perspective:** First-hand understanding of the experiences and needs of masters athletes.

ATHLETICS GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Auckland Masters Athletics

After moving from senior to masters athletics in the late 1990s, I began contributing to the sport's regional and national administration.

- **Auckland Masters Committee:** Served at regional level.
- **NZ Masters Athletics Board:** Served for several years at national level.
- **Governance experience:** Contributed to administration, decision-making and the development of masters athletics.

Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters Athletics

After relocating to Tauranga, I continued this service through regional committee work and renewed national governance responsibilities.

- **Waikato Bay of Plenty Masters Athletics Committee:** Contributed at regional level.
- **NZ Masters Athletics Board:** Rejoined the Board and resumed national service.
- **Sport development:** Supported the administration and growth of masters athletics regionally and nationally.

I later stepped away from athletics administration for approximately 12 years to focus on expanding **business interests, family responsibilities and other commitments.**

BUSINESS, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

As our business interests expanded, I completed further study and developed expertise directly relevant to financial oversight, administration and governance.

- **Qualification:** Diploma in Business Studies.
- **Management and finance:** Practical experience in business management, accounting, financial administration, leasing and investment.
- **Systems:** Strong working knowledge of Xero and modern online administration tools.
- **Oversight:** Experience managing business information, financial responsibilities and investment decisions, supported by an understanding of financial markets.

Combined with my athletics administration background, these capabilities provide a sound foundation for the financial, organisational and governance responsibilities of a sporting body.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Education:** Degree-level qualification in Physical Education; diplomas in Sport Management and Business Studies.
- **Sport and education:** Former Physical Education teacher and Sports Director.
- **Business:** Extensive practical experience in business management and financial administration.

CURRENT INVOLVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION

I am once again actively involved in masters athletics and now have the time and capacity to contribute more fully.

I am well placed to apply my experience in support of the **NZ Masters Athletics Board and the wider masters athletics community.**

How I Can Contribute

- **Athletics insight:** First-hand knowledge of masters sport as both an athlete and an administrator.
- **Governance and leadership:** NZMA Board service, regional committee experience and practical organisational knowledge.
- **Business and finance:** Experience in management, accounting, Xero, investment and financial administration.
- **Communication and organisation:** Ability to coordinate information, priorities and stakeholders effectively.

SUITABILITY FOR THE SECRETARY ROLE

My background brings together **athletics participation, administration, governance, communication and business expertise**—a balanced foundation for the Secretary role.

Experience and Capabilities

- **Relevant perspective:** A practical understanding of masters athletes and of athletics organisations at regional and national levels.
- **Governance:** Previous service on the NZMA Board and regional committees.
- **Secretary skills:** Strong communication, organisation, information coordination and stakeholder management.
- **Business capability:** Experience in management, accounting, financial administration and digital systems.
- **Commitment:** A strong desire to support athletes, Centres and member organisations across Oceania.

Effective Remote Participation

Although I am based outside Auckland, most NZMA and Council business is conducted online. I am confident using modern communication tools and can participate fully, collaborate effectively and remain responsive regardless of location.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Commitment to Athletics

Athletics has been an important part of my life. Through competing and administering the sport, I have grown professionally, built lasting relationships and had opportunities to make a meaningful contribution.

Giving Back

Now that I have returned to masters athletics, I am keen to give back by applying the experience and skills developed throughout my career.

Contribution as Secretary

My combination of **athletics experience, governance service, education, business knowledge and financial expertise** would enable me to make a practical, reliable and positive contribution as Secretary of the **Oceania Masters Athletics Council**.