

## **Life Membership of Athletics Canterbury – Alan Tucker**

Alan Tucker is a fine example of a former athlete who has continued his interest in the sport with a long term active involvement, initially in administration and coaching at club level and subsequently in administration and officiating at centre, national and international levels, over the past twenty five plus years. Alan competed for HSOB-Te Kura in sprints and decathlon, scoring a creditable 5829 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Canterbury Championship in 1979, with highest points in the 100m, 400m and 1500m events in that competition. From the competition results available to me it appears that by 1982 his competitive career had been cut short by injury problems, but Alan remained closely involved with his club (now Old Boys-United), making a significant contribution to its participation in the various formats of the National League competition.

In August 1992 Alan was elected to the Centre Executive Committee, serving initially on the Programme and the Track & Field and Stadium subcommittees. He remained on the Executive until its restructuring in 2001. In July 1997 Alan was elected Chair of the new Centre Track & Field Committee, a role he filled with distinction until passing that baton to Don Chadderton in 2000. Alan was heavily involved in negotiations over the Mondo resurfacing of the QEII Stadium track and has continued as a member of the T & F Committee. Alan became a graded official (initially in Track and Administration) in 1996 and has subsequently advanced to NTO and Oceania ATO status, with a particular emphasis on Technical Management. Alan has applied his Mechanical Engineering expertise to technical aspects of the sport with great versatility, of particular note being the development of a rig for checking the specifications of javelins and his adaption of a laser-ranging instrumentation to the measurement of long-distance throws.

Athletics Canterbury is indebted to Alan for his dedicated service to our sport and I am honoured to propose him for election to Life Membership of the Centre.

Rod Syme  
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