

**At the Annual General Meeting of Athletics Canterbury held on 2nd July 2009,
Mrs Pat Boland and Mr Trevor Spittle were duly elected Life Members.**

Mr Trevor Spittle (as presented by Mr Leon Blanchet)

1. Firstly this young Gentleman has been around athletics for such a long time, on my recollection 25 years plus.

2. Like so many he has worked his way through the ranks of the sport from a humble beginning in children's athletics to becoming a highly respected official and administrator at all levels of the sport.

3. If one had to write a CV for this young Gent it would have to include the following service record.

- Canterbury Executive Committee 1988 – 2003. During this period he became President of the Centre.
- Since 2003 he has toiled away as a committee member of Track and Field.
- Became President of Athletics New Zealand 2001/02
- Is a serving member of the Board of Athletics New Zealand
- Also a Oceania Counsellor
- And is also a Committee Member of ANZ Officials Association

4. Over countless years he has given continuous service to:

- Canterbury Children's Athletics Association
- New Zealand Children's Athletics Association
- And has been honored by both Associations with Life Membership.

5. From the humble ranks as a Children's official he's worked his way to a highly qualified athletics official. Officiating as a field event official at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games, and also regularly officiates at Australian and Oceania Championships. As a team manager he was the Chef de Mission for the NZ team at the Pacific School Games in Melbourne in 2005 and the NZ Athletics Team Manager at the Pacific School Games in Sydney in 2000. He undertook officiating roles at both the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

6. Probably the highlight of this gents officiating career would be his appointment to the International Technical Officials Panel in 2005. It's quite an achievement to become an ITO as there are only around 45 appointments.

There is so much one could say about this Gents commitment to athletics but I guess by now you have all worked out whom I'm talking about, so without further a-do I would like Trevor Spittle to step forward and receive the Athletics Canterbury Life Membership Badge.