

## **Murray McKinnon**

Murray has given a life time contribution to the sport of athletics. He has been involved since 1958 and competed for Auckland Grammar School in inter secondary school championships, both track and cross country. He was a member of the Olympic Harrier Club in Auckland, the Onehunga Club and on becoming a master runner a member of the Takapuna Club. He was on the Takapuna Club management committee and was chairman of the harrier section. Murray represented Auckland in cross country, road and marathon running.

An accomplished marathon runner he finished tenth in the New Zealand marathon championship twice in successive years. He has been involved with Athletics Auckland since 1967 as a club delegate to Centre meetings, was treasurer of the Centre for a number of years, the announcer at Mt Smart Stadium for nearly 50 years, managed teams to the New Zealand track and field championships. He was President of the Centre from 1990 to 1997 and again from 2007 to present and served on the Board of Athletics Auckland for many years. He received a Centre merit award and was made a life member of Athletics Auckland in 1997.

Murray was a council member of Athletics New Zealand for a number of years representing Auckland and has served on the Board. He has been twice President of Athletics New Zealand 1999-2000 and 2008-2009. He received an Athletics New Zealand merit award in 2006 and was made a life member of Athletics New Zealand in 2013.

He was on the organising committee for the 1988 world cross country championships in Auckland and was director of media. Murray was an official at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games as one of the track and field announcers. He has been the announcer at a number of New Zealand track and field championships. Murray has been a part time sports journalist, for both radio and print media, for the past 48 years having attended and covered eight world athletic championships, five Commonwealth Games and one Olympic Games (London 2012). He is currently a correspondent for Athletics New Zealand.

He has been the announcer at a number of New Zealand track and field championships, and was an announcer at the 2017 World Masters Games held in Auckland.

Murray is a Chartered Accountant, a Fellow of Governance New Zealand, formerly the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, accredited by examination in Public Relations, was made a Fellow of the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand in 1994 and a life member of the Institute in 2013. He is currently on the executive of the Auckland Grammar School Old Boys Association, is treasurer of the Carbine Club, treasurer of the New Zealand Sports Journalists Association and secretary treasurer of Athletics New Zealand Officials Association.

He has been a Justice of the Peace since 1996 and in 2012 received the QSM, Queen's Service Medal for services to athletics. He was made a life member of his local chartered club the Churchill Club of Glendowie in 2016.