

Elected Board Member Nomination Profiles

Ashleigh Sando

My name is Ashleigh Sando and I bring a background of 20 years involved in the sport beginning with grassroots children's athletics as a member of the Taupo athletics club and continued competing through to an Oceania senior level. Now retired from competing, I am a current member of Hamilton City Hawks Athletics Incorporated and have held the vice president position on the track and field committee for the past 2 years. I hold a C level official's certification in both track and jumps and more recently have been involved with coaching jumpers, sprinters and hurdlers within the Waikato Bay of Plenty region. This year I helped organise the North Island U16/U18 Interprovincials competition and had the opportunity to be involved with running my first meeting.

Outside of the sport I work as a Quantity Surveyor and am currently studying my Masters in Construction (Law). I believe that I bring a good understanding of the many different sectors involved with our sport and am passionate about the success of athletics in the Waikato Bay of Plenty region.

Thanks,
Ashleigh

Sally Kerr

Kia ora koutou

I am Sally Kerr, standing for the Inaugural board for Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty.

I have six years of governance experience on the board at Hamilton East School (five years as Chairperson) and understand the difference between governance and management. Through this time I was heavily involved in leadership recruitment, ERO visits and managing the growth of the school through the implementation of a school zone.

My athletics involvement has mostly been with Children's Athletics – with Hinemoa Athletic Club, the WBOP Children's committee, and on the Local Organising Committee for the 2019 Hamilton Colgate Games. I strongly believe in the community aspect of athletics – seeing whanau participate and compete together at club nights and regional events. I believe in setting up clubs and events to make it easy for athletes to participate and keeping athletics enjoyable so that athletes continue to compete. I have enjoyed seeing children move from Tiny Tots through to Run Jump Throw programmes through to competing as a teenager and senior at a NZ Level. I understand some of the challenges facing the sport and believe that a strong board is vital to foster the sport when there is competition from other established and new sports.

I work at Flight Structures as Business Manager, where I have worked for 15 years. My role encompasses finance, marketing and human resources so I have a broad business background. I am married to Jon and have two teenage sons.

Thank you for your time.

Tony Rogers

In July 2017 I was appointed to the newly instigated role as Executive Sports Director by Sport Waikato in partnership with the Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Association Incorporated [WSSSA] to lead the Association and Sport Waikato to develop Youth sport and recreation activities in the Secondary School sector.

I had previously spent five years as Director of Sport at New Zealand's largest secondary school, Rangitoto College. I was originally a teacher and elite athlete from the Waikato and an alumni student of Fairfield College.

I spent time living and working in Wellington for Athletics NZ as High Performance Manager and in the education sector as Academic Manager for NZ Institute of Sport, a private tertiary education provider.