

OAMA Life Member

CLEM L. GREEN, QSM

Under OAVA's Constitution, Life Membership may be conferred by the Assembly upon any member of a Regional Affiliate, for particularly meritorious service to the objects of the Affiliate.

Clem Green's contribution to veteran athletics in the Oceania Region and particularly in New Zealand was recognised by the award of Life Membership of OAVA at the Assembly Meeting in 1990 at Auckland.

His service to New Zealand veteran athletics has also been recognised by Life Membership of NZAVA.

Following the early years of the sport in New Zealand, the need for some form of co-ordinating body was identified, and in 1971 the first steps were taken when Clem Green was appointed National Co-ordinator. He continued in this role until 1983, when a revised Constitution was adopted by NZAVA.

He was for many years the Oceania representative at WAVA, and continued to handle international portfolio responsibilities for NZAVA until 1988.

His contribution to WAVA was recognised in 1991 by his appointment as an Honorary Life Vice-President of WAVA.

Over his many years of work for veteran athletics Clem travelled extensively in the Oceania region, often at his own expense, and built up extensive contacts in many affiliates. There is no doubt these efforts were significant in the growth of veteran athletics in Oceania. His vision and determination resulted in the first Oceania Regional Championships being held in Fiji in 1982.

Clem held various offices in OAVA over the years, and has been Patron of the association since 1992.