

***Vale Peter Lucas***

**Athletics NSW mourns the loss of Peter Lucas, life member and long standing technical official.**

**Peter passed away suddenly whilst on an overseas holiday.**

**Peter devoted a large portion of his life to volunteer roles within athletics, ranging from being a technical official to holding a number of administrative roles.**

**As an official Peter pioneered the use of electronic timing and photo finish in NSW and was appointed to senior roles at all major competitions held within Australia, including the 1982 Commonwealth Games, 1985 World Cup, 1996 World Junior Championships, the Sydney Olympics and the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.**

**In administrative roles Peter was a long time member of the board of management, with his professional skills as an accountant making him aptly suited to the role of treasurer, a position which he held for over 20 years. In addition, his thoroughness and watchful eye as constitution officer were valuable assets to the sport, as was the guidance he gave to the management on such matters.**

**Peter was a staple part of Athletics NSW's operations and will be sorely missed. The regard which he was held by the athletics and sporting community is evident by the awards bestowed on him during his life: life membership of Athletics Australia and Athletics NSW, the Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and the Australian Centenary of Federation Medal in 2003. Earlier this year Peter was recognised by Athletics NSW with the President's Award at the Annual Awards Dinner for his exceptional service to the sport.**

**Peter's funeral is being held on Monday, 13 October at St Alban's Anglican Church (Bantree Bay Road, Frenches Forest) at 11am.**