



Harry Giles

QMA Vice-President 2005-2006

Meet our new Vice-President, Harry Giles (M60-64).

Harry has been involved with Masters Athletics since 1976 when we used to be known as Veterans, but it has only been in recent years, that semi-retirement has allowed Harry to become more involved, prompting his nomination and subsequent election as Vice-President. Harry currently competes in Sprints, Hurdles, Long Jump and High Jump.

Harry's interest in Athletics goes back more than 50 years, when at primary school, he won the U9 60 yards at the zone carnival and became 'hooked'. Since then, Harry has had numerous achievements in Track and Field including holding the Queensland record in 400m Hurdles (1968-1978); an Australian University record in the 400m Hurdles and winning the 400m Hurdles in his age group at the World Masters Games in Melbourne in 2003.

Harry's involvement in sport also extends to his career as a Physical Education teacher and a Massage and Acupuncture Therapist. Harry has qualifications in Teaching, Physical Education, Human Movement Studies, Acupuncture and Sports Medicine/Sports Trainer. He is a Level 2 Coach and a member of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Association.

Harry is also a Level A Athletics Official for Track and Jumps events. He has officiated at Commonwealth Games (Brisbane 1982), World Junior Championships, Olympic Games (Sydney 2000) and Goodwill Games (Brisbane 2001), and will be officiating at next years Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. Harry was the Officials Coordinator at our own Australian Masters Athletics Championships held in Brisbane last Easter.

Harry is married to Janet (formerly also a QMA member and athlete) and has two sons, Jonathon (22) and Christopher (15). He lists among his recreational interests, deep sea fishing, golf, sailing, surfing, rock climbing and snow skiing. Makes you exhausted just thinking about it!