

Lion Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award

Swimming New Zealand would like to congratulate life member **Ron Shakespeare JP** who, at the Westpac Halberg Awards on 3 February, via satellite, was awarded the Lion Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to swimming. Ron has made an outstanding contribution to swimming over many years, commencing his swimming administration in 1934 as club secretary and delegate to the Hawke's Bay Poverty Bay Centre.

He attended his first Swimming New Zealand annual general meeting in 1935 and almost every other AGM up until 1988 (except during war service period). His passion and commitment to swimming is unsurpassed it is an honour to list his many achievements below:

- 24 years to the Olympic and Commonwealth Games movement
- Attendance at the inaugural AGM of the NZ Swimming Association in 1935 and attendance at most AGMs until 1988 (excepting war service period)
- NZ swimming selector for 18 years: 1961 to 1978
- Assistant controller of swimming at the 1974 Commonwealth Games
- Executive member of NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association for three years
- Vice-President of the NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association for seven years
- Life member of Swimming New Zealand, Swimming Hawke's Bay Poverty Bay and Heretonga Club
- President NZASA, 1961, 1962 which had been preceded by two years as Vice President
- NZ SWIMMING SELECTOR FOR 18 YEARS – 1961 TO 1978
- Manager NZ teams to Sydney and Perth
- NZ Swimming Sectional manager to 1962 Commonwealth Games Perth
- Diving secretary 1950 Empire Games in Auckland
- Assistant Controller of Swimming 1974 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch 1974
- Vice President NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association for seven years
- Executive member NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Association – three years
- Life Member of Hawke's Bay Poverty Bay Swimming

A well deserved honour bestowed on an outstanding contributor to our wonderful sport. On behalf of all swimmers, thank you and congratulations again Ron.