

## Don Mackenzie

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## Donald William Mackenzie MNZM

Don is a former New Zealand athletics champion who held national titles for the 100 and 220 yards in 1964 and was the 400 yards champion for three years. He officiated for Athletics Canterbury for 50 years and continues to assist at the New Zealand Track and Field Championships. He also officiated at international athletic events such as the World Games for the Deaf, World Masters Games, and Pacific Conference Games, and was Technical Manager at the 1974 and 1990 Commonwealth Games.

A civil engineer, Don lectured at Lincoln University for 37 years and contributed to designing and constructing the all-weather track in Christchurch for the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

Don came out of a short-lived retirement after the earthquakes to lend his expertise in inspecting damaged buildings. He assisted the Anglican Parish of Fendalton and other Anglican churches with various earthquake issues. He also chaired the organising committee of the St Barnabas Community Fun Day since its inception in 2012 and the St Barnabas Fair Committee.

In 2020, his services to athletics and the community were recognised with the New Zealand Order of Merit.

