

## PETER CROMBIE OAM - AWARDED 2009

Peter Crombie has over 57 years in the athletics scene and is one of the longest-serving active athletes in NSW, first competing as a master in 1980. He has served as an administrator and coach, locally, nationally and internationally, with life memberships with Bankstown and Sydney Pacific Athletics Clubs, NSW Masters Athletics and Athletics NSW.

Peter is also the 7<sup>th</sup> inductee into the Australian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame, and was awarded the IAAF World Masters Athlete of the Year in 2010.

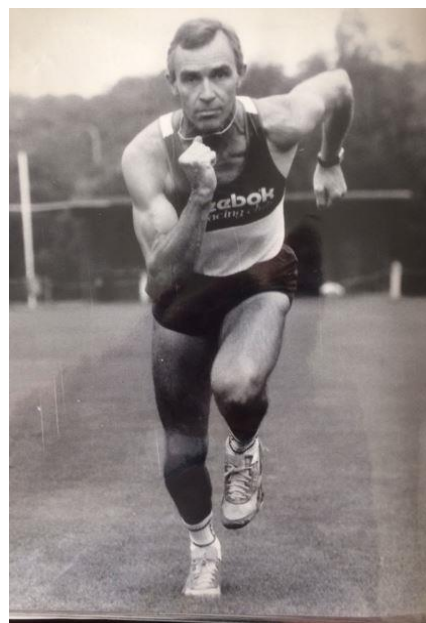
For 20 years Peter was the Australian delegate at the World Masters Congress and a Board Member of Australian Masters Athletics for five years. He has been actively involved in all facets of administration. His longest-lasting role was the liaison person with Athletics NSW, which he has held in a formal and informal capacity for 25 years.

Peter is the most prolific medal winner in World Championship history. He has achieved the most medals indoors in the 200m (6) and 400m (6), and the most medals outdoors in the 400m with 9 medals. His 41 individual medals and 24 relay medals makes a total of 65 world sprint medals, and is ahead of the next best athlete in history of 51 in total.

Whilst Peter may lack the individual brilliance of some of the other male sprint superstars like Reg Austin, he more than makes up for with his dogged all-round sprint performances over all three sprint distances and relays at each World Titles, to make him the ultimate sprint all-rounder.

Peter is a Level 4 Coach in Sprints and Relays, coaching distances from 60m to 1500m. He is a wonderful role model to his athletes and other coaches, always being on time and turning up regardless of his health, the weather, or other responsibilities in life.

On January 26, 2018, Peter was honoured with an Order of Australia for Services to Athletics.



### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2004, 2007 & 2017 AMA Sprinter/Hurdler of the Year
- 2009 Life Membership NSWMA
- 2010 Worlds Best Male Masters Athlete of the Year
- 2013 AMA Hall of Fame
- 2015/16 Athletics NSW Masters Sprinter of the Year
- 2016 NSW Masters Athlete of the Year.
- 2017 Sport NSW Coach of the Year
- 2017 Sport NSW Distinguished Long Service Award
- 2017 Oceania Athlete of the Year
- 2018 Awarded Order of Australia for Services to Athletics