Indoor and Track and Field Awards

Clare Clare	Laura Power Tony Odubote	Ennis Track A. C. Ennis Track A. C.
Cork Cork	Vickie Cusack Jack Murphy	Liscarroll A.C. Leevale A.C.
Kerry Kerry	Aoife Doyle Jason Foley	Star of the Laune A. C. Lios Tuathail A. C.
Limerick Limerick	Ciara Neville Stanley Ikeh	Emerald A. C. Limerick A. C.
Tipperary Tipperary	Maria Carey Daniel Ryan	Newport A. C. Moycarkey C.C. A. C.
Waterford Waterford	Siobhan Whelan James Murphy	Ferrybank A. C. Waterford A. C.
Junior Women	Grace McKenzie	Belgooly A. C.
Junior Men	Sam Healy	Leevale A. C.
Under 23 Women	Lilly Ann O'Hora	Dooneen A. C.
Under 23 Men	Cormac Lynch	Marian A. C.
Senior Women	Claire Fitzgerald	Tralee Harriers A. C.
Senior Men	Barry Healy	Youghal A. C.
Master Women	Elaine Cronin	Gneeveguilla A. C.
Master Men	John Murphy	Liscarroll A. C.
International Award	Joe Gough	West Waterford A.C.

Achievement Awards

	Michelle Finn	Leevale A.C.	Phil Healy	Bandon A.C.
	Siobhan O'Doherty	Borrisokane A.C.	Kelly Proper	Ferrybank A.C.
	Laura Crowe	An Riocht A.C.	Sarah Lavin	UCD
	Adam King	Iveragh A.C.	Louise Shanahan	Leevale A.C.
	Hall of Fame		Dan McCarthy	East Cork A C
Patsy O'Connor Officer Award		Michael Gregan	Tramore A. C.	

Club Awards

Indoor & Track & Field - Juvenile/Junior/Senior	Leevale A. C.
Indoor Masters and Juvenile Cross Country	Ennis Track A. C.
Track & Field Masters	Waterford A. C.

County Award

Indoor & Track & Field - Juvenile/Senior/Masters		
Cross Country Juvenile/Senior	Cork	

Juvenile Cross Country Awards

Eoin O'Looney	Kilmurray Ibk N. C. A. C.
Rhona Pierce	Leevale A. C.
Darragh Browne	Lios Tuathaill A. C.
Eoghan Beary	Dooneen A. C.
Ciara Cummins	Nenagh Olympic A C
Sean Curran	West Waterford A. C.
	Rhona Pierce Darragh Browne Eoghan Beary Ciara Cummins

Senior Cross Country and Road Awards

Senior Men	William Mounsell	Clonmel A. C.
Senior Women	Shona Heaslip	An Riocht A. C.
Master Men	Mike Cunningham Eugene Moynihan	Mooreabbeymilers AC. Marian A. C.
Master Women	Niamh O'Sullivan	An Riocht A. C.

Cross Country and Road Club Awards

Overall Senior Club Cross Country & Road	West Waterford A.C.
Best Juvenile "B" Cross Country Club	Kenmare A. C.

Cross Country County Awards

Res	t Invenile and	Senior County	Cork
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Chairman's Welcome



It gives me great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you here tonight to the Blarney Golf Resort Hotel for our Annual Awards banquet.

I would like to express the gratitude of Munster Provincial Council to Cork County Board for the

huge amount of time and effort put into organising tonight's Banquet.

We would like to thank the management and staff of the Blarney Golf Resort Hotel on the excellent facilities and meal provided here tonight.

Wishing each and every one of you an enjoyable evening and a safe journey home afterwards.

Mossie Woulfe Chairman

Laura Power

2014 Achievements

Ennis Track A. C.



Clare Track & Field U19 1st 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m. Clare Cross Country U19 1st Munster Indoor U19 1st 1500m Munster Track & Field U19 1st 1500m, 800m, 3000m. All Ireland Indoor U19 2nd 1500m

Tony Odubote

2014 Achievements

Ennis Track A. C



National Indoors 1st 60m.

Track & Field 1st 200m 23.27 CBP, 100m 11.54, 3rd 60m H.

Celtic Games 3rd 200m.

Munster Indoors 2nd 60m Hurdles, 60m, Long Jump.

Munster Track & Field 1st 250m Hurdles 33.44 CBP, 1st 200m CBP, 100m.

Aviva Munster Schools Track & Field –Jnr. 1st. 100m. 200m.

Irish Schools Track & Field 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m.

Clare Track & Field 1st 100m, 200m, L/Jump, H/Jump. 2nd Shot.

Vickie Cusack Liscarroll A. C

2014 Achievements



Munster & All Ireland Combined Events Pentathlon u 15 1^s

Munster Indoors u15 1st Shot 12.15m, L/Jump, 60mH, H/Jump 2nd 60m.

All Ireland Indoors U15 3rd Shot Putt, 60m.

Munster Combined Events Pentathlon u15 1st

Munster Track & Field 1st L/Jump, 80mH, 2nd H/Jump, 3rd 250mH

All Ireland Track & Field 3rd Long Jump

All Ireland Outdoor Pentathlon 1st - 37 points

A member of the Irish Schools Combined Events Team who won Gold by beating England in Glasgow in December.

Jack Murphy Leevale A. C

2014 Achievements



Munster Indoors: 1st 60m hurdles **All Ireland Indoors**: 1st 60m hurdles

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Munster Track & Field: 1st 100m hurdles, 200m, Long Jump

All Ireland Track & Field: 1st 100m hurdles

All Ireland Schools: 2nd 100m hurdles **Tailteann Games**: 1st 100m hurdles

Schools International: 1st 100m hurdles

Aoife Doyle

2014 Achievements

Star of The Laune A.C.



South Munster Schools (Intermediate) 1st Discus.

Munster Schools (Intermediate) 1st Discus, Hammer

All Ireland Schools (Intermediate) 2nd Discus, 3rd Hammer

Tailteann Games 1st Discus, 6th Hammer

SIAB Schools International 5th Discus

County Track & Field 1st u17 Discus, 1st u18 Hammer

Munster Track & Field 1st u17 Discus & Hammer, 2nd u17 Shot, 2nd Junior Hammer, 5th Junior Shot 3rd Junior Discus.

National Athletics Championships U17

1st Discus with a new PB of 36,29m, 6th Hammer

Celtic Games U18 4th Discus

Jason FoleyLios Tuathail A. C.

2014 Achievements



Munster Indoor Junior 2nd Hurdles, 3rd 200m.

Munster U18 1st Hurdles –New record.

All Ireland U18 1st Hurdles

Munster Schools Senior 2nd Hurdles.

All Ireland Schools Senior 4th Hurdles

Munster Track & Field U18 1st Hurdles, 2nd 100m, 3rd 200m.

All Ireland U18 1st Hurdles.

Celtic Games 2nd Hurdles, 2nd Relay

Ciara Neville Emerald A. C.



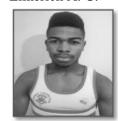
2014 Achievements

Munster Schools Track & Field 2nd Jnr 100m, 1st Jnr 75m H. All Ireland Schools Track and Field Jnr.

1st 100m, 3rd 75m H, 1st 4 x 100 Relay

National Community Games 3rd 100m, 1st 4 x 100m Relay

Stanley Ikeh Limerick A. C.



2014 Achievements

Indoors: 2nd High Jump, 3rd 200m, Shot Putt 1st U16 Relay 4x200m, 3rd Combined Events

Track and Field: 1st Triple Jump, 200m

 1^{st} U16 Relay 4x100, 2^{nd} 100m, 250m hurdles

Schools: 1st North Munster School Relay 4x100 2nd Munster School Relay 4x100. 3rd 200m

Maria Carey Newport A. C.



2014 Achievements

Munster Juniors Indoor 1st Triple Jump (11.67m) 3rd 60m
All Ireland Juniors Indoor 1st Triple Jump (11.77m)

Munster Juvenile Indoor U17 1st Long Jump (5.43m)
All Ireland Juvenile Indoor U17 2nd in Long Jump (5.39m)

Munster Schools Track & Field U17 1st Triple Jump (11.50mR)
All Ireland Schools Track & Field U17 1st Triple Jump (11.93mR)

Tailteann Games U17 1st Triple Jump (11.67mR)

SIAB U17 2nd in Triple Jump (12.10m PB)

Munster Track and Field U17

1st L/Jump (5.44m), Triple Jump (12.06m) 2nd 100m

All Ireland Track and Field U17 1st Triple Jump (11.79mR)

Munster Junior Track and Field 1st Triple Jump (11.56mR)

All Ireland Junior Track and Field 1st Triple Jump (11.73m)

Celtic Games U18 1st Triple Jump (11.98mER)

National Community Games U17 1st Triple Jump, 3rd Relay

Munster Records

Munster Schools Track and Field G U17 Triple Jump (11.50mR) Munster Juvenile Track and Field G U17 Triple Jump (12.06mR) Munster Junior Track and Field W U20 Triple Jump (11.56mR)

National Record

All Ireland Schools Track and Field G U17 Triple Jump (11.93mR) Tailteann Games G U17 Triple Jump (11.67mR) All Ireland Juvenile Track and Field G U17 Triple Jump (11.79mR)

Celtic Games

Equaled Celtic Games Record G U18 Triple Jump (11.98mER)

Daniel Ryan

2014 Achievements

Moycarkey Cc A. C.



Munster Indoor U16 1st CBP (7.37), 60mH CBP (8.45), L/Jump CBP(6.59), High Jump, Shot Putt, Combined Events Munster Track & Field U16 1st 100mH, 100m, L/ Jump CBP (6.82m), H/ Jump, Shot Putt, Discus, Combined Event.

Munster Schools Indoors Intermediate 1st 60mH, Shot Putt, L/Jump East Munster Schools Track & Field Intermediate

1st 100mH, Long Jump CBP (6.55m)

Munster Schools Track & Field Intermediate

1st 100mH, Long Jump, Combined Events.

All Ireland Indoors 1st 60m, 60mH CBP (8.14)

Long Jump CBP (6.58m), Combined Events.

All Ireland Track & Field U16 1st 100mH CBP (13.30),

Long Jump CBP (6.49m), Discus, Combined Events.

All Ireland Schools Inter 1st 100mH, L/Jump, Combined Events.

Tailteann Games – 3rd 100mH, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 4 x 100m Relay.

National Community Games U16 1st 100m

SIAB Schools Track & Field 3rd in Long Jump (6.77m)

SIAB Schools International Combined Events

Inter Boys 1st Pentathlon, 2nd Inter Boys Team

Celtic Games Track & Field 1st 100mH CBP (13.58).

Mixed 4 x 100m Relay CBP (45.42)

Munster Records U16 Ind. 60m (7.37), 60mH (8.45), L/ Jump 6.59m

Outdoors 1/Jump (6.82m), East Munster Schools Long Jump (6.55m)

National RecordsU16

AAI Indoor 60mH (8.14) Long Jump (6.58m)

AAI Outdoor 100mH (13.30) Long Jump (6.49m)

Celtic Boys U/16 100mH (13.58) Celtic Mixed 4 x 100m Relay (45.42)

Siobhan Whelan

2014 Achievements

Ferrybank A. C.



Munster Juv. Indoors 1st Triple Jump, 200m, 2nd 60m Munster Junior Indoors 3rd Triple Jump All Ireland Juvenile Indoors 3rd Triple Jump Munster Juvenile Outdoors 1st Triple Jump, 2ndLong Jump Munster Schools – Senior 1st Triple Jump

All Ireland Juvenile Outdoors 3rd Triple Jump

James Murphy Waterford A. C.

2014 Achievements



 $\textbf{GloHealth Juvenile Relay Championships U15} \quad 3^{rd} \ 4x100m.$

Munster Relays U15 2nd 4x100m.

AAI Juvenile Indoor Championships U15 2nd H/ Jump, 3rd L/ Jump **Munster Indoor Championships U15** 3rd High Jump, Long Jump

Munster Indoor Juvenile Relays U15 3rd 4 X 200m Relay.

Munster Athletics U15 Outdoor 3rd Pentathlon

Munster Schools Indoor Games Junior Boys: 1st Long Jump, 2nd 4x200m Relay

Aviva Munster Schools T&F Championships Jnr 1st Long Jump, 2nd High Jump.

East Munster Schools T&F Championships Jnr.

1st Long Jump, 2nd High Jump, 1st 4x100m Relay

Munster Schools Championships Junior 3rd Combined Events

Grace McKenzie

2014 Achievements

Belgooly A. C.



Munster Junior Outdoor 2nd L/Jump. H/Jump, Javelin, 3rd Shot, Hurdles.

U19 Track & Field 1st L/Jump, Shot Putt, H/Jump CPB 1.70m, Javelin, Hurdles

Junior Indoor 1st Hurdles, L/Jump, 2nd H/Jump.

All Ireland Junior Indoors 3rd H/Jump, 2nd Combined Events

U19 Indoor 1st H/Jump, L/Jump, 2nd Hurdles

Junior Women Track & Field 1st H/Jump, 2nd Shot Putt

U19 Track & Field 2nd L/Jump, H/Jump, Hurdles.

South Munster Schools 1st H/Jump, L/Jump

Munster Schools 1st H/Jump, L/Jump

All Ireland Schools 3rd H/Jump,

Munster & All Ireland Schools Combined Events 1st

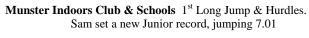
Competed British Indoor AAA's in Hurdles, H/Jump, L/Jump

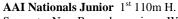
Combined events are Grace's favourite Events

Competed at UK Outdoor Combined Events Top 8 Finish Competed at the A.I.T. Grand Prix By Invitation. Had the privilege of competing against Brianne Theisen-Eaton, who is a London 2012 Olympian and Pentathlon silver medalist from the 2014World Indoor Championships

Sam Healy Leevale A. C.

2014 Achievements





Sam set a New Record, running a World Championship Qualifying
Time 14.11sec

AAI U19, Junior and Senior 1st Long Jump

All Ireland Schools Senior 1st Hurdles & Long Jump

English Championships 2nd jumping a PB of 7.51

Cork City Sports 3rd Long Jump

Sam was part of the Leevale Men's Team, winning Indoor and Outdoor Team Events.

Lilly Ann O'Hora

2014 Achievements

Dooneen A. C.



Munster Indoors U23 1st 60m Hurdles CBP, 200m CBP, 2nd 60m All Ireland Seniors/ U23/University Indoors 3rd 60m Hurdles Munster Senior Track & Field 1st 100m Hurdles, 3rd 200m University Championships 2nd 100m Hurdles
Represented Irish University team in Scotland

Cormac Lynch

2014 Achievements

Marian A. C.



Munster Indoors u23 1st 60m. 2nd 200m.

Munster Track & Field u23 1st 100m and 200m

Munster Senior Track & Field 1st 100m and 200m

All Ireland U23 Track & Field 3rd in the 100m.

Clare Fitzgerald

2014 Achievements

Tralee Harriers A.C.



Munster Track & Field: 1st Shot 14.28m. CBP

National Indoors: 1st Senior Shot

National Track & Field Senior 1st Shot 16.20m PB, 1st Discus

Intervarsity Indoors: 1st Shot

Intervarsity Track & Field: 1st Shot 1st Discus Representing UCC

Clare represented Ireland at the European Winter Throws Cup in Poland and at the European Team Competitions in Estonia making it her

11th Cap for Ireland

Barry Healy Youghal A. C

2014 Achievements

Munster Senior Indoor C/ships 1st Weight Dist. Munster Senior Track/Field C/ships 2nd Discus.

1st Weight Dist.

1st Weight O.B.

Elaine Cronin

2014 Achievements

Gneeveguilla A.C.



Munster Indoors: 1st..60m 8.83, 200m 30.16 **L**ong Jump 4.04m **All-Ireland Indoors:** 2nd 60m 8.87, 200m 29.42, L/Jump 4.24m **Kerry Co. Championships** 1st 100m, 200m, 1/jump, Shot. **Munster Championships** 1st 100m 13.89, 200m 28.87, long jump 4.25m, Shot 7.18m **All- Ireland Championships** ^{2nd} 100m 14.22, 200m 29.47, 1st long jump 4.63m, 3rd Shot 6.61m, 1st Relay 57.25m National League Final Manager and part of Gneeveguilla AC Ladies Team who came 5th overall

John Murphy Liscarroll A.C.

2014 Achievements



Munster Indoor O/50 1st 60m, H/Jump, 2nd 200m, L/Jump County Track & Field 1st 100m, 200m, L/Jump, H/Jump. Munster Track & Field 1st 100m, L/Jump, H/Jump, 2nd

Joe Gough West Waterford A.C.

2014 Achievements



Masters World Championships, Budapest 1st 800m. First to Break a World Record on new Athlone Indoor Arena Number 1 in the World Rankings for 800m Master Indoors European Outdoor Masters, Turkev 1st 800

Eoin Looney

2014 Achievements

Kilmurray Ibrikane A.C.



Clare Track and Field Championships 1st 800m, 1500m Clare Cross Country 1st U/16's and U/17's **Munster Cross Country** 2nd U/16's, 1st U/17's **All-Ireland Cross Country** 13th U/16's, 15th U/17's National Indoor 2nd 1500m Munster Track and Field 2nd 3000m

Rhona Pierce

2014 Achievements

Leevale A.C.



Inter County Cross Country Championships 3rd.

and led the Leevale team to victory

Rhona achieved selection for the Junior team travelling to the European Cross Country Championship. In the snow of Bulgaria Rhona ran a superb race to finish 43rd overall. A great achievement from an athlete who will be junior for three more seasons.

Darragh Browne

2014 Achievements

Lios Tuathaill A.C.



Kerry Intermediate Schools Cross Country Munster Intermediate Schools Cross Country All Ireland Intermediate Schools Cross Country 15th

Kerry Senior Track and Field 1st 5000m

Kerry U18 Cross Country Kerry U19 Cross Country

Munster U18 cross country

Munster U19 cross country

Member of Munster u18 Cross Country All-Ireland silver medal winning team Member of Munster u19 Cross Country All-Ireland gold medal winning team

Eoghan Beary Dooneen A.C.



2014 Achievements

Community Games Marathon	4th
Munster Cross Country U17	5 th
Munster Cross Country U18	7 th .
All-Ireland Cross Country U17	26th
All-Ireland Cross Country U18	35th
Junior Limerick Triathlon Club D	uathlon 1 ^s
Junior Ennis Triathlon Club Duath	ilon 1st
Duathlon National Championships	4^{th}
Junior Lough Derg Sprint Triathlo	n 2nd

Ciara Cummins

2014 Achievements

Nenagh Olympic A.C.



Club Cross Country: 4th U/18, 4th U/19

Club Track and Field: 1st jnr 2000m Steeplechase, 1st U/18 2000m

Steeplechase, 3rd 1500m, 3rd 800m.

Club Indoors: 1st Junior 800m, 2nd U/18 800m, 2nd U/18 1500m.

Schools Cross Country: 3rd Senior.

Schools Track & Field: 2nd Snr 1500m Steeplechase, 3rd U/18 1500m. **All Ireland Club Cross Country:** 10th U/18 Ind., 3rd Munster team. 2nd U/19 Individual, 1st Munster team.

Qualified for the Celtic International Cross Country.

All Ireland Club Track & Field: 2nd Junior 1500m. 1st U/18 2000m Steeplechase, 3rd U/18 800m.

All Ireland Club Indoors: 2nd U/18 800m, 3rd U/18 1500m

Schools Cross country: 1st Senior team. Schools Track and field: 2nd 1500m Steeplechase. New PB's in all events including a national record in the U/18 steeplechase-7.20.70 ****************

Sean Curran

2014 Achievements

West Waterford A.C.



Munster Junior Indoors 2nd 1500m National Seniors 5th (heats) 800m All Ireland Seniors 5th 1500m

AAI Games 3rd 1500m, 4.11 PB

East Munster Schools Track & Field 2nd (Senior 1500m)

Munster Schools Track & Field 2nd (Senior 1500m)

IMC Grevstones 7th 1500m IMC Irishtown 4th 800m, 1.59 PB

All Ireland Schools 8th (Senior 1500m)

Munster Cross Country u18 2nd, u19 8th

All Ireland Cross Country u18, 14th, member of Munster Team that won Silver All Ireland Cross Country u19 13th, member of Munster Team that won Gold

William Mounsell Clonmel A.C.

2014 Achievements

Road Championships

Novice Men Road C/Ships 1st and member of Winning County Team **Senior Men Road C/ships** 7th and member of winning County Team

Intermediate Men Cross Country C/ships 1st

Shona Heaslip

An Riocht A.C.

2014 Achievements



Munster Novice Cross Country 1st

Munster Intermediate Cross Country 1st

European Cross Country Part of Irish u.23 Team where she was second scoring team member.

National Senior Inter Counties Part of Kerry team who won silver.

Mike Cunningham Mooreabbeymilers A.C.

2014 Achievements



I took part in 121 races in 2014 winning about 40. Three Marathons – Limerick, Charleville & Dublin, Three 50k Donedea, Portumna & Sixmilebridge. A lot of 5k, 10k, 10 milers & Half Marathons. I do a lot of Hill Running as well.

Munster League 1st Wed. Summer League 1st Munster Chps 2nd Irish Chps. - 1st O40.

Munster Masters Cross Country - 2nd in category, 2nd Club, 2nd County

Eugene Moynihan Marian A.C.

2014 Achievements



Munster Masters Indoors 1st 800m. 3000m

4 Mile Munster Road Champion

Munster Track & Field 1st 800m, 2nd 3000m

Masters Cross Country 2nd

British and Irish Masters team silver

Niamh O'Sullivan An Riocht A.C.

2014 Achievements



Munster Masters Road 1st overall

Munster Masters Cross Country 2nd overall and 1st in category.

National Masters Cross Country. 1st in category

1st Achievement Award goes to 3 members of the Irish Team who won Bronze Medals at the Senior Womens European Cross Country Championships

Michelle Finn Leevale A. C.



Siobhan O'Doherty Borrisokane A. C



Laura Crowe An Riocht A.C.



 2^{nd} Achievement Award goes to 3 members of the Irish Senior Womens Relay Team who broke Irish Record at the European Track & Field Championships

Phil Healy Bandon A. C.



Kelly Proper Ferrybank A. C.



Sarah Lavin U. C. D.



Adam King

Iveragh A. C.

2014 Achievements

Munster u18 1st . New CBP by 11m.

All Ireland u18 1st . New CBP by 3m.

European Youth Olympic Trials, Azerbaijan 11th

Youth Olympic Games, China. 8th

Louise Shanahan

Leevale A. C

2014 Achievements



Louise Shanahan - World Youth Olympics Nanjing China

Louise represented Ireland in the 800m at the Youth Olympics in Nanjing. Louise ran a phenomenal PB of 2:08.29 to finish 6th in the A Final of the 800m.

6th in the world in her age category is a superb result for Louise.

Dan McCarthy

2014 Hall of Fame

East Cork A. C



For well over four decades, Dan McCarthy has made a major contribution to athletics, not just in his local East Cork domain but also at County level.

A native of Ballynoe on the Cork/Waterford border, Dan's first love was hurling in which he won East Cork Junior 'A' and 'B' medals with his beloved St Catherine's.

With the formation of BLE in 1967 came a new athletic club in the village, also named St Catherine's. Dan's involvement here led on to him becoming Vice-Chairman of the East Cork Athletics Board. In September of 1979, Dan was elected Chairman and he remained in that same position until August 2009 – 31 years of

service to what was one of the first divisional boards of athletics in this country.

During his tenure as chairman, he was responsible for the introduction of a road race championship and also for re-introducing a number of perpetual trophies which had lapsed. Those three decades also saw many well-known athletes emerge from the East Cork region, including two Olympians, Liam O'Brien and Sonia O'Sullivan.

Dan also served for many years as Vice-Chairman of the Cork County Board and it was with great satisfaction he welcomed the revival of St Catherine's AC in 2009, being elected President on its formation and which position he still holds today.

Always willing to help out at any event in a variety of roles, for the vast number of people now involved in road running, Dan McCarthy is the unmistakably figure who fires the starting gun at virtually every race in East Cork.

At probably the best-known event of all, the Ballycotton '10', Dan has been starter on around 35 occasions and has sent an estimated 45,000 runners on their ten-mile journey.

There is no doubt that not one of those 45,000 could say they didn't get a fair start – because impartially, fairness and a willingness to help others have been the hallmark of Dan McCarthy's sporting life. He is indeed a worthy recipient of this Hall of Fame award.

Michael Gregan Patsy O'Connor Award

Tramore A. C



Michael has been involved in the sport of athletics for almost 40 years. During that time he has been involved in a broad range of roles across the athletics spectrum.

Over the decades Michael has regularly filled board roles at club, county, provincial and national level. While serving on the National Executive, beside his late wife Marie, Michael garnered a reputation for been hardworking and committed to the sport. While enjoying the opportunity to contribute at this level of the sport, Michael's heart remains coaching young athletes.

The black and whites of Tramore Athletic Club have been the main beneficiaries of his coaching expertise over the years, although many young athletes within the

county and further afield have benefited from his technical knowledge. Notwithstanding his years' experience on the coaching front Michael has worked to continually develop his skills so as to ensure that his squad benefit from the latest developments in the sport.

Always good natured, Michael is probably best known within the county as his role of starter. A favourite amongst all athletes, over the years, Michael has been starter for local area sports, county championships, provincial finals and more.

Michael has also been a very strong supporter of the Community Games movement within the county and further afield. From officiating, to his roles on committees, Michael has ensured the Community Games movement has continued to feature prominently in the county.

Ever passionate, Michael displays an energy that epitomises what athletics should be about and as Waterford's first ever recipient of the Patsy O'Connor award, he is a most truly deserving winner.