

Mary Meagher R.I.P.



Mary Meagher of Blarney Inniscarra A.C., Cork County AAI Board and the Munster Council dedicated her life to athletics. That commitment was shown best at club and county level. She was also an officer at Munster level for years and an esteemed official at national level for the AAI. She has been the competition secretary for juveniles at the Cork County Board for almost 40 years and doubled up as the senior competition secretary also for many years.

Mary's commitment to athletics was such that it is unknown if she ever had a weekend off. She built up a vast knowledge, especially of juvenile athletics, which she imparted generously to thousands of athletes over the last five decades. Indeed, many owe the success of their athletics career to her.

The long hours Mary worked at administration in Cork County has never been surpassed by anyone and unlikely to be in the future. In recognition of that, the Cork County Board last year presented her with an Outstanding Contribution Award.

Her loss to John and her family will be enormous. Her loss to fellow officers of Cork County Board and the Munster Council as well as her own Club is immeasurable as many officers would have found their roles impossible to carry out without her advice, drive and generous offers of help.

It is with very great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our most dedicated, loyal and beloved officials. She will be greatly missed by us all, officials, coaches, parents and most of all, athletes.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

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