



LIFE MEMBER PHIL HYNES

Phil has been an active member in the club since the Cross Country season of 2010, when his eldest child Sarah joined UWALAC and competed in the Cross Country. Every week he'd be down at training sessions helping out Deb Connell (The Coach & Winter Officer at the time) where possible. As soon as the Summer Season commenced, Phil would be seen every second Saturday on setup crew doing his job so his four kids could compete. Through the years he's gone from a novice to expert on equipment being an important person on site especially for Zones and Championship Events. Most Saturdays he'll still be seen setting up and packing up even when he's not expected to.

In 2012 UWA finally had the opportunity to host its first Little Athletics Cross Country run. Deb and Phil (with the help from many others) planned the entire event from scratch. It was an incredible success with The UWA Cross Country Run now being a renowned favorite that's been hosted the last 8 years. In 2014 he was given the job as Winter Officer and has been running the show ever since, with his famous signs and spreadsheets. His incredible work ethic combined with his passionate and organized nature to help the club has led to some significant successes in the merge between Little Athletics and senior athletes, where UWA finally hosted its first run coinciding with older athletes competing on the same day - something that's been pushed for years and has opened the door for a better progression into senior athletics.

Phil is the most driven man you'll ever meet when it comes to organizing and running an incredibly smooth event, whether it be a Cross Country run or your typical Saturday. The work he's done behind the scenes over the years is unfathomable, not to mention every single Cross Country run where he's stayed the entire day to fulfill his role as the Winter Officer even when his kids had already competed sometimes hours before, if at all.

It's hard to believe that one person can have such an impact within a specific area of sport but essentially Phil has gone above and beyond, creating somewhat of a legacy for UWA Cross Country and being a key part of how it will continue to be shaped in the future.

For that reason, Phil Hynes is being given Life Membership with UWA Little Athletics Club.

Thank you for last 10 years Phil.