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## **OWNZ Announcement on our President**

7 February 2010

Dear OWNZ Members,

I can now confirm that we have a new President for 2010. Rory Barrett has been elected unopposed. Rory was nominated by Mike Reid and seconded by John Bolton. Mark Spooner had also seconded Rory's nomination. Thanks to Mike, John and Mark for supporting Rory's nomination.

For those who are unaware of Rory's contribution to the sport of Weightlifting, let me briefly outline some of his history. Rory won the bronze medal in the 100 kg class as part of the 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games Weightlifting team that won the Teams Title, the only time that New Zealand Weightlifting has achieved this result. Rory has been a maths teacher since this time and has been Deputy Head Principal at St Kentigerns College and Head of Department for maths for various other high schools. Rory was past OWNZ President in the early to mid 1990's and was instrumental at starting the Weightlifting programs at Lynnfield College, Auckland Grammar School, St Kentigerns College and Macleans College. A good deal of those in the membership can give thanks to Rory for starting their Weightlifting careers, Kevin Blake, Darren Liddell, James Swann, Alastair Farr, Chris Olney, myself and plenty of others since. So, it goes without saying that Rory's contribution to this sport has been somewhat prolific over the years. I will be proud to work with Rory to continue our (the members) Weightlifting story.

Yours in Service

Terry Hughes  
Executive Officer  
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