

# GREG DATSON

## BOARD SECRETARY 2006 - PRESENT

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Chartered Accountant by trade, Greg brings his extensive experience working in senior finance positions to his role on the North Harbour Hockey Board. He worked for the international Coca-Cola Company for 20 years, followed by 22 years for the local Coca-Cola bottling company.

Outside of his working life, Greg has been deeply involved in hockey. He initially played club rugby until he was 23 before starting to play hockey for Takapuna at age 26, playing on grass in those early days. His playing career includes winning five gold medals at the National Masters tournament as part of North Harbour Masters teams. Notably, he now wears protective headgear after having sustained two fractured skulls while playing hockey.

As a volunteer, Greg has held numerous significant hockey roles over many years. These include serving as Secretary of the Takapuna Hockey Club for 20 years and being a Life Member of both the Takapuna Club and North Harbour Hockey. His dedication has been widely recognised; he was named North Harbour Administrator of the Year and was also a finalist in the New Zealand Administrator of the Year. Furthermore, he received Hockey New Zealand's 25-year Gold Service award and has organised the Miller 3 morning hockey run arounds for the last 12 years since its inception.

Greg understands the significant responsibility he takes on as a Board member, and through his 18 years as NHHA Board Secretary, he has meticulously attended Board meetings and taken Board minutes, reflecting his enduring commitment to serving the North Harbour Hockey community.

In his personal life, Greg has been married to Jill for 56 years, having first met at Northcote College when they were both 16, and they have resided in the same house for 53 years. His other interests include many fishing holidays to Aitutaki in the Cook Islands and extensive involvement in horse racing.

