

Club representatives were pleased with the success of the Mount Isa Athletics Clubs 2011 season finishing the year with 147 registrations making it again the second biggest athletics club in North Queensland. The move back to Saturday competition saw the club lose 60% of last year's registrations but the same amount was gained as overall registrations remained the same.

41 different athletes travelled away to attend carnivals returning with 260 placing's and 20 away records.

The clubs athletes competed 5547 times and achieved 1688 Personal Bests a ratio of around 1 in 3, they also bettered 75 different Isa club records.

19 athletes bettered ANQ Development Squad qualifying standards and 4 athletes attended the ANQ Oz-squad camp in Townsville.

9 athletes represented the North West region at the primary and secondary schools state championships. 11yr old Bailey Tautau achieved a 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Primary Schools National Championships. Brianna Smith placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 15yrs Hammer at the Secondary schools State Championships along with 16yr old Holly Johnstone placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m finals and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200m finals.

The club again hosted the Athletics section of the Xstrata Great Western Games, it was again deemed a success with a 20% increase in overall numbers and a fourfold increase in visiting athletes. However timing of the event is still an issue with the 2011 Games held only a day after Mount Isa's and Longreach's District Schools Athletic Carnivals, of course this adversely effected the number of competing athletes. The club would like to thank Melanie from Longreach & Robyn from ANQ for their assistance over the weekend. Another positive from the games was the interest generated from groups from Normanton and Cloncurry in respect to setting up competition or satellite clubs.

Mount Isa Club now has a very positive relationship with the district schools. The club conducted an athletics clinic for all eight of the districts primary schools PE teachers in an endeavour to finally get the schools and clubs on the same page, as well a throws clinic was run for four of the secondary schools PE teachers, this in turn led to an invite to instruct a number of senior PE classes at one of the schools.

We once again enjoyed a happy working relationship with the local newspaper having no less than 36 articles published so far this year. Sponsorship was also secured from the Local Directories phone book which enabled us to acquire the 2011/2012 Mount Isa directory cover.

James Grech of the Mackay Club should be congratulated for the fine work he has done on our clubs new website [www.mountisaathletics.com.au](http://www.mountisaathletics.com.au)

Facility improvements for the 2011 season saw the lengthening of our Long and Triple Jump pit to 10m which can now hopefully contain our clubs new sprinter/jumper 22yo Kale "black flash" Johnson. The fabrication of junior throwing rings as well as inserts and remarking of the senior Discus & Shot rings has also improved the way things run. Discussions with council have also been entered into in regards to the construction of a Discus/Hammer throw cage.

Our major trophy winner of 2011 were 12yr old All-rounder Erin Faithful and 7yr old Speedster Denzil Perkins.