

# Mount Isa Athletics

## PRESS RELEASE

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Blue skies on Saturday made for a perfect day for the Mount Isa Athletics Clubs' Break-up and Trophy Presentation. Approximately 150 adults & kids attended the event which was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Colleges' undercover area. One highlight of the afternoon was the showdown in the 100m race between 63 year old Tony Sweeney and 7 year old Denzil Perkins with Perkins walking away the winner in a close battle. Handicap races were also held and Jacqui Keily, James & Liam Sweeney were brave enough to be the "lollymen" but were eventually run down by the kids who enjoyed ripping the lollies off their "lolly suits". Athletes also enjoyed a Jumping Castle throughout the afternoon.

Twelve year old Erin Faithful was one of this years standout performers and took out the "Most Outstanding Performance" trophy. Faithful accumulated 27 personal bests from a possible 70 attempts. She also represented Mount Isa at the North West Regional Championships and the North West Region at the Primary Schools State Championships, she had 80% attendance at Club days, broke club records in 8 different events as well as regularly attending training.

Denzil Perkins, 7 years, took out the Clubs "Best & Fairest Award" for his efforts to maintain a consistently high standard while showing sportsmanship and respect to his fellow athletes, coaches and officials. Perkins is an outstanding athlete breaking four long standing sprint records at the North Queensland Athletics Championships and has bettered five club sprint records.

The "Ambassador Award" is presented to an athlete who displays courage, perseverance and a good attitude and maintains their enthusiasm throughout the year and was awarded to fourteen year old Jacqui Keily.

Nik Papadopoulos was this year's "Volunteer of the Year" for his unwavering assistance to the club. Nik was usually the first to arrive for club day setups and the last to leave and was one of the clubs regular race starters when not officiating his own children's events. He was also instrumental in many of the equipment and grounds improvements undertaken throughout the year

Runner of the Year, Jumper of the Year and Thrower of the Year trophies were presented to the best Male and Female in each discipline. These athletes do not necessarily have to be talented in all events in each discipline but need to have excelled in at least one. Runners of the Year; Denzil Perkins (7) and Katidjah Fraser (7). Jumpers of the year; Joshua Scott (12) and Erin Faithful (12). Throwers of the Year; Bailey Tautau (11) and Brianna Smith (15)

Throughout the year athletes have been accruing 1 point for each event they contested as well as an extra 2 points for every personal best achieved. These points are then calculated to determine the Points Trophy winners for each age group. This system has been designed so that athletes, regardless of their ability, can be in contention for these trophies as long as they have regular attendance, attempt as many events as possible and continue to improve throughout the year. The point's trophies this year came down to the wire with many age groups not being decided until

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### CLUB VENUE

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the final weeks. One age group finished tied and a number were separated by only one or two points. Points Trophy winners were Trinity Perkins, Jace Fraser, Sienna TeWani, Rico Waerea, Katidjah Fraser, Denzil Perkins, Melanie Butler, Ben Horsnell, Hailee Grant, Breanna Waerea, Corbin Glover, Jade Scott, Ryan Hujanen, Erin Faithful, Mitchell Hujanen, Jacqui Keily, Regan Whitney, Brianna Smith, James Sweeney, Sharon Dickson and Ken Dickson

Club Champion Awards are presented to the athletes and runner ups who accrue the highest number of PB's throughout the year in three different age divisions. Winner for the 5 & 6 years group was Rico Waerea. Receiving the award for the 7 to 14 years was Ryan Hujanen and James Sweeney took out the 15 years to Masters. Runners up were: 5 & 6 years – Sienna Hume; 7 to 14 years – Denzil Perkins; 15 years to Masters - David Scott

Gold, Silver and Bronze PB medallions are presented to athletes who pass a pre-determined number of PB's throughout the year. Winners of the Gold Medallions (30+ PB's) were Ryan Hujanen and Rico Waerea. Silver (25-29 PB's) winners were Denzil Perkins, Sienna Hume, Sienna TeWani, Mitchell Hujanen, Erin Faithful and Lena Tautau. Bronze (20-24 PB's) winners were Keely Anderson, Hailee Kokles, Trinity Perkins, Jace Fraser, Abigail Constantinou, Lily Crighton, Maddison Dolzan, Josie Hopkins, Dilhan Garrahy, Lachlan Hume, Clay Schafer, Bryleah Cullen, Hailee Grant, Corbin Glover, Jade Scott, Patrick Baker, Tristan Garrett, Reece Ryan, Danial Butler, Sara Grant, James Sweeney, David Scott and Ken Dickson.

Coaches Awards are presented to athletes who always perform to the best of their ability and have a good attitude regardless of whether they are the 'best' or not. Coaches' awards this year were presented to Clay Schafer, Keely Anderson, Otto Tweedie, Tristan Garrett, Morgan Ryan, Kathy Hujanen, Bryleah Cullen, Hailee Kokles, Phoenix McMillan, Josie Hopkins and Memphis Waerea

Any athlete that has broken a standing record throughout the year was presented with a plaque noting their achievements, athletes to receive plaques were Lena Tautau, Jace Fraser, Sienna Hume, Katidjah Fraser Denzil Perkins, Tremaine Body, Breanna Waerea, Casey Larkin, Bailey Tautau, Erin Faithful, Sara Grant, Bailey Perussich, Kayla Horne, Jacqui Keily, Josh Shanks, Brianna Smith, Adam Farlow, Holly Johnstone, Nikki Dickson James Sweeney and Kale Johnson. Master athletes David McMillan, David Scott, Sharon Dickson, Ken Dickson and Tony Sweeney all received certificates to indicate records broken within their age groups during the year.

The dedication of 3 athletes, Trinity Perkins, Denzil Perkins and Ryan Hujanen was rewarded when they received trophies for 100% attendance

All registered athletes who competed throughout the year also received a personal best certificate highlighting their best performances for the 2011 season.

The Clubs representatives said they were pleased with the success of the 2011 season finishing the year with 147 registrations making it again the second biggest athletics club in North Queensland. 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 Isa club records 277 times. 222 Champ awards and 177 Legend Certificates were handed out. 19 athletes bettered ANQ Development Squad qualifying standards and 4 athletes attended the ANQ Oz-squad camp in Townsville and 7 athletes

represented the North West region at the primary and secondary schools state championships. The club has had 1 athlete achieve a 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Primary Schools National Championships and are hopeful of another 3 to represent at the Secondary Schools Nationals early next year.

Any athletes that were to receive awards but not able to make it to the presentation are asked to contact David Scott at Paint & Décor in order to receive their trophies, medals or certificates. Most members of the club can now enjoy a well earned rest until around March/April 2012 when next years season is expected to commence.