

# Mount Isa Athletics

## PRESS RELEASE

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Sixteen Mount Isa Athletes will be heading off to Townsville this coming weekend to compete in a Mega weekend of athletics when four Track & Field Carnivals will be run simultaneously. The Townsville Sports Reserve will be the venue for the Athletics North Queensland Student Games, The ANQ All-Comers Track & Field, The Queensland Masters State Championships and the Australian Masters Combined Events Championships.

The attending athletes range in age from five year old Trinity Perkins right through to Master Athlete Tony Sweeney aged sixty three.

All school age athletes will be representing their schools in the Student Games section of the carnival but as the event is run by ANQ all results will also be recognized at club level. The attending athletes Trinity Perkins (5), Denzil Perkins (7), Erin Faithful (12) all of St. Josephs Primary, Tiffany Leeson (12) Healy Primary, Dom Johnston (15), Liam Sweeney (15), Brianna Smith (15) Good Shepherd Catholic College, Kayla Horne (13) Spinifex Junior High and Nikki Dickson (16) Spinifex Senior High will all be competing in their favoured events against schools from Rockhampton to Cooktown. Smith and Dickson both keen throwers will also contest the ANQ Weight Pentathlon in their respective age groups.

Master athletes Iain Faithful, Paul Smith, Maureen Sweeney, Tony Sweeney, David Scott, Ken Dickson and Sharon Dickson will all be contesting events in the QLD Masters State Championships. Tony & Maureen Sweeney, Sharon Dickson and Paul Smith will also be attempting the Weight Pentathlon event. Additionally Scott and Dickson will be competing in the Decathlon event. As an added incentive the pair will be part of a half dozen or more North Queensland Masters in contention for the newly introduced "WTF" (We Tread Foolishly) Masters Decathlon Trophy which was last year hotly contested by the Mount Isa pair but was snatched in the final event by Emeralds Gary Free.

With the calibre of the athletes to attend the Mega weekend and the excitement of a big event on a Synthetic Track it is hopeful that a number of club records and possibly even carnival records may be broken.

Most of the crew will be heading off on their journey Thursday morning to allow themselves a day of rest before commencing their events Friday afternoon. The weekend is expected to conclude around 4.30pm Sunday afternoon after the running of the Decathlons 1500m event.

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### CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval  
Able Smith Parade  
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