

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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The return to Saturday afternoon competition for the Mount Isa Athletic Club has definitely not had an adverse effect on the Clubs numbers for the 2011 season with 117 athletes turning out for the first Club day of the year. Club officials are now expecting this season to eclipse the 150 registrations of 2010 and possibly even surpass the 2009 record registration of 169.

Many solid performances were put by a number of athletes with records falling in many age groups. Seven year old speedster Denzil Perkins is still clocking blistering times breaking records in his 60m and 80m races. Five year old Sam Riddle may be another youngster to watch setting new times in his 60m and 80m events also. Newcomer to town Bailey Tautau who last year attended the School National Championships smashed the 11 years shot put record which has stood for the last 10 years by 70cm with a throw of 9.10m and also added over a metre and a half to the discus record set back in 1999 with a distance of 25.53m which is still 5m short of his best. Twelve year old Erin Faithfuls' speed saw her set a new triple jump mark of 9.03m. Brianna Smiths' offseason gym work and technical training helped her on her way to a hammer throw of 28.95m netting her the record with the throw being two metres over the national qualifying distance for her age. Coaches have high hopes for Smith this year as she has been consistently throwing between 30m – 35m at training. Smith also set a new discus record throwing 28.88m. Nikki Dickson and Holly Johnstone bumped up the 16 year womens marks in the 100m, 400m and high jump (Johnstone) and hammer (Dickson). Seventeen year old James Sweeney and 37 year old David Scott both raised the record heights in their high jump events with jumps of 1.60m and 1.52m respectively.

Legend Certificates are awarded to registered athletes 15 years and under who surpass preset levels in individual events. Twenty one certificates will be awarded to nine different athletes after their recent efforts. These athletes are Linkyn MacMillan, Sam Riddle, Kate Hines, William Barwick, Denzil Perkins, Bailey Tautau, Erin Faithful, Breanna Smith and Brad Watt.

Mount Isa has plenty of athletes to put on their "watch list" with six athletes already qualifying for the 2011 Athletics North Queensland Development Squad, the athletes Bailey Tautau, Erin Faithful, Breanna Smith, Brad Watt, Nikki Dickson and James Sweeney are the first of around a dozen athletes that the club anticipates will qualify for the squad.

Athletes will now take a break over the school holidays and return for the next competition day on Saturday the 30th April commencing at 2pm at Sunset Oval.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
Able Smith Parade
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