

Mount Isa Athletics



PRESS RELEASE

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Organisers of the athletics section of the Xstrata Great Western Games could not have been happier with the turn out and progression of the day's events. The 95 competing athletes were presented with a beautiful day which allowed for a massive 139 records from the 2009 games to be broken. The usual head wind down the 100m straight did not allow for some of the expected track times but couldn't prevent many exciting races.

To step up from the standard athletics Club day the Longreach Club supplied and operated their electronic photo finish equipment which provides super accurate times and has the added ability of athletes being able to purchase these not so common photos.

Officials from ANQ travelled out from Townsville to take pressure of timekeepers and recorders by operating the athletics Meet Manager computer programme.

The Mount Isians held their own against the 18 quality athletes who trekked from Townsville, Normanton, Cloncurry and Emerald to compete. Sunset Oval almost proved too small to contain some of the throws in the Javelin events and the Long Jump Pit needed to be extended prior to the Games to a regulation 10m pit to accommodate jumps of over 6 metres.

Best results were in the throwing events with number of athletes throwing better than State and National Qualifying marks.

The Club is looking forward to the 2013 Games being bigger and better after this year experiencing a 20% increase in overall participation and a fourfold increase in visiting athletes.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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