

Mount Isa Athletics



PRESS RELEASE

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This weekend will see the population of Longreach grow as a band of around 50 athletes from Mount Isa Athletics Club and the Mount Isa District Schools converge there to compete at the Outback Sunset Athletics Carnival and North West Regional Schools Athletics Championships.

The combined Club and school meet is open to athletes aged from 4 years right through to Masters and is also the next step for school athletes aged between 10 and 17 to qualify for their State Championships later this year.

Local athlete, Brianna Smith, hasn't yet finished the Club circuit of carnivals and is already back into the school championships. Smith, a 48m Hammer thrower, is set to easily surpass the 32m State qualifying distance. Thirteen year old Erin Faithfuls' recent form in the throwing events should also see her donning the North West Team uniform once again. Another State hopeful is Carmen Preston in the 14 years Javelin. Preston has made her quest notably more difficult after breaking her right ankle only one week before the competition. Preston and her coach have spent the past week trying to modify her technique to cope with the handicap. Sprinters Lachlan Ryder and Holly Johnstone are hopeful of light breezes on the usually blowy track so that they may record qualifying times to advance to the next level.

Many of the Mount Isa Primary Team have been frequenting Sunset Oval with School of the Air Teacher Mathew Whitney for regular training sessions which has seen notable improvements in their knowledge and techniques in their events.

Across the board Mount Isa is set to take more than their fair share of medals on offer this weekend, so if you hear the clinking of steel on Monday afternoon don't panic as it is probably just the Mount Isa athletes returning home from Longreach with their swag of medals.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
Able Smith Parade
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