

Mount Isa Athletics

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Most of the 68 athletes that attended the Mount Isa Athletic Clubs Competition Day on Saturday were unaware that they were in the company of greatness.

24 year old Arnold Sorina has only just returned from the London Olympics where he represented Vanuatu in the 800m. He also has two World Championships and two Commonwealth Games berths under his belt. Sorina and training buddy Cameron Clayton made a very quiet entrance mid-way through the day and inconspicuously slipped themselves into a couple of events. It wasn't until they were witnessed participating in the fastest 400m ever run at Sunset Oval, in a time of 52.4s (and run only in joggers), they realised there was something special about him.

Sorina can run the 800m in 1m 51.1s and will be settling in Mount Isa for the near future and plans to diversify into a few of the other athletic events while he tries to get his massage business up and running.

Arnold no doubt inspired the top five PB earners from the day Emily Oliver (5), Trinity Perkins (6), CJ Brice-Houseman (13) all achieved an impressive 4 from 5 PB's as did 5 year old Rorik Christopherson who unfortunately three fouled his long jump, missing his opportunity to post a 5th personal best and Luca Tafia (6) also put in a big effort recording three personal bests, and an equal and was only 0.1s short of her fifth.

No records were broken this week however Erin Faithful is gradually inching the newly formed 13 year Womens Hammer record towards the 30m mark. Erin is still only doing standing throws and Club Coaches are confident that she will follow in the footsteps of Club International Brianna Smith once she incorporates the turns into her throw.

Four more Legend Certificates will be presented this Saturday to Eva Harpley, Ashlee Toms and Emily Oliver.

It has taken most of the season but the Club can now celebrate its first Total Legend recipient in six year old Hailee Kokles. Hailee has proven herself as a true all-rounder achieving a Legend Certificate in all events offered to her. Hailee will be presented with a Total Legend trophy in the coming weeks.

Quite a number of the Mount Isa Athletes are now turning their focus to the upcoming ANQ Championships which is being held on the synthetic track at the Townsville Sports Reserve on the 28th, 29th & 30th September. Club officials are expecting around 30 Isa Club members to attend the Championships contesting a variety of events such as Decathlon, Weight Pentathlon, Steeple Chase, Pole Vault as well as all the usual events.

CLUB VENUE

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