

# Mount Isa Athletics



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Local Hammer Thrower Brianna Smith is now one step closer to her dream of competing at the 2016 Olympic Games. The sixteen year old powerhouse has just returned from competing at the Queensland State Junior Athletics Championships where she took out the silver medal in both the women's Under 18 and Under 20 Hammer events.

Smith was not intimidated by the fact that she was a year the junior in the field of predominately seventeen year olds. A better competition could not have been asked for with only 91cm separating the top four placegetters. Brianna's throw of 44.60m left her only 35cm short of the winning 44.95m throw and a mere 24cm ahead of third place. "I am extremely happy with second place as it was such a close competition, I know that I am capable of throwing five metres or more further so it is just a matter of putting it all together at the right time."

To make the trip to the QEII Stadium in Brisbane more worthwhile it was decided that Brianna should compete in whatever older age groups she was able, she subsequently nominated for the Women's under 20 Hammer event, more for "match practice" than vying for a medal. Under 20 women throw the same 4kg hammer as the Open women which is a full 1kg heavier than Brianna's regulation 3kg hammer. But again Smith was not intimidated now being up against 18 and 19 year olds and pumped out 39.82m to take second place and again only beating out third place by 32cm in another close competition.

Brianna will now be straight back into training for the upcoming Junior National Championships to be held in Sydney on March 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

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