

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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Mount Isa Athletic Clubs biannual athletics carnival saw 112 competitors turn out last Saturday. They were greeted by blustery conditions and there was a definite chill in the air. Despite this quite a number of good times were recorded in the 800m events which kicked off the day. Open middle distance runner Cam Clayton seemed unfazed by the wind and recorded a time of 2m 10.0s. Twelve year old Cloncurry athlete, Daniel Grant, showed his consistency running another sub 3 minute time of 2m 58.9s. And the much anticipated showdown between Coach Awesome (David Scott) and his son Joshua in the 800m resulted in Joshua being crowned the “awesomest” pipping his dad in a sprint finish by just 0.2s.

Another exciting finish later in the day was viewed by many when six year olds Trinity Perkins and Hailee Kokles battled it out in the 80m. The pair were inseparable at the finish line and will now share the new Club and carnival record time of 16.5s.

The current depth and ability within the ranks of the teenage girls of the Mount Isa Club in the throwing events is something to be proud of with Brianna Smith (16) current international Hammer thrower leading the pack. Newcomer to the Club Carmen Preston (14) and Erin Faithful (13) have both been breaking records at the carnival and previous Club days and there is a wave of talent working its way up through the younger age groups as well. The weekends competition also proved beneficial with Jake Cook, and Connor Griffiths and Hugh Dickinson-Jones all recording huge PB's in their 6 years Discus event.

Generous parent and Club volunteer Nik Papadopoulos ensured that the long jump events would go ahead when he donated a quantity of sand to replace the load that was stolen a fortnight earlier. This was much appreciated by Nik's son George and many others who all recorded impressive PB's in the better quality sand. Open sprinter/jumper Kale Johnson however failed to take advantage of the newer softer sand when he sailed over it recording a massive jump of 6.24m to take the Open Mens record. Cat Hannell also bettered the Open Womens Long and Triple Jump records with jumps of 4.58m and 9.42m respectively.

The blustery conditions prevented many from achieving large numbers of Personal Bests but 5 year olds Mackenzie McCulloch, Emily Oliver, Maddison Gater (Cloncurry), Emy Hopkins, 6 yr olds Hailee Kokles, Jake Cook, Connor Griffiths & Hugh Dickinson-Jones (both Cloncurry) 7 yr old George Papadopoulos, 8yr old Bryleah Cullen and 11yr old Courtney Bochoff all bucked the trend recording PB's in the majority of their events

Mount Isa Athletic Clubs' President, Vanessa Perkins, wished to express the Clubs gratitude for the continued sponsorship and support of the Carnival and the Club by the Mount Isa HOG's (Harley Owners Group) and Paint & Decor. “There is nothing better than seeing all the kids running and smiling and proudly displaying their ribbons they have achieved”. Perkins said “it really is a sight to watch them race with all the ribbons pinned to their chest flapping in the breeze”.

CLUB VENUE

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All but two of this weeks legend certificates will be awarded for field events with five year old Sienna Stehbens the only one to receive certificates for track events. Les McMillan, Melanie Butler, Bailey Seabourne-Radecker, Memphis Waerea and Erin Faithful surpassed their Legend levels in the jump events and Les McMillan, Hailee Kokles, Bryleah Cullen, Taku Mandizvidza, Courtney Boschoff and Carmen Preston will all receive certificates for their throwing events.

Now that the Isa Carnival is completed the athletes are now turning their attention to Longreach's Outback Sunset Carnival which also incorporates the North West Primary & Secondary Schools Regional Championships where school based athletes vie for selection into the North West Team to compete at the Schools State Championships. Club athletes that will be representing the Mount Isa Schools are reminded that they are still able to nominate for events that they haven't been selected for with the schools as Club athletes. Longreach nomination forms are available now on the Club website www.mountisaathletics.com.au .