

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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Last Saturday's competition saw the Mount Isa Athletics Club hit the half way point of its season. Being a long weekend only saw a slight drop off in numbers with 81 athletes in attendance.

Sunset Oval was again awash with personal bests with 132 bettered on the day. The top PB'er was 8 year old Stephen Cranston who secured five from five this week making him the 6th Isa athlete this year to accomplish the feat. Ella Condren, 9, could not have come any closer PB'ing in 4 events and running an equal time in the 100m. Seven other athletes Sienna Hume, Ethan Condren, Lachlan Hume, Connor Baker, Danial Butler, Mitchell Hujanen and Joshua Scott also finished the day with four from five.

The twelve and thirteen year boys performed the best with an 80% strike rate for PB's in Saturdays competition.

One solitary Legend Certificate will be given out next Saturday to Sienna Hume for her impressive time in the 60m run.

This week's "Top Tot" award will go to Corey Fleming for his tremendous efforts in shot put.

Club Records are continuing to fall as athletes prepare for a number of upcoming carnivals. Most impressive was ex-ANQ Development Officer, Cameron Clayton, who has recently moved to Mount Isa, when he ran a time of 4m 13.3s in the Open 1500m. Another middle distance runner Jacqui Keily is finding her form when she broke Holly Johnston's 15 years 800m record with a time of 2m 43.3s. Hailey Kokles ran an equal record time in the 6 year girls 80m with a time of 16.7s and Master athlete Ken Dickson bettered his 200m and Long Jump records recording 28.4s and 4.40m respectively.

Keily, Clayton and Dickson are part of a 15 strong Mount Isa team which includes two athletes from the Cloncurry wing of the club, who are heading to Mackay to compete at the NQ Games in two weeks time. Clayton is favoured to win the prestigious 1500m showcase event which carries a total prize purse of \$2500. And 16 year old Brianna Smith will use the event for one final hit out before representing Northern Australia at the Oceania Championships in the Under 20 Women's Hammer only three days later. Clayton is also part of the Northern Team and will be competing in the Open 5000m event.

Next Saturday will be the final day of competition before a well earned three weekend break. The season will then kick back into full swing on the 14th July followed by a host of Club and School carnivals.

Mount Isa Athletics Club accepts new registrations all year and potential athletes are invited to attend two free trial days before full registration is due. Competition is held at Sunset Oval on most Saturdays from 2pm.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
Able Smith Parade
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