

Mount Isa Athletics



PRESS RELEASE

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Local Hammer thrower Brianna Smith can now confidently say she is one of the best Hammer throwers in Australia. Smith recently returned from the National Junior Athletics Championships with a commendable eighth place in the women's Under 18 Hammer event. Brianna's throw of 47.02m was an official personal best for her but still three metres shy of her best training throws. Smith scraped into the top eight with a best throw of 44.95m which was a mere 2cm ahead of ninth place. The top eight competitors are rewarded with a further three throws to better their position. Placings remained relatively unchanged throughout the remainder of the event with Smith saving her best till last hammering out her 47.02m throw.

Due to qualifying restraints sixteen year old Smith was not able to nominate for her own age group of Under 17. Had she been allowed to compete in that event she would have placed third and been only 14cm short of the first place throw of 47.16m this again reinforces the place within the nation's best.

To make the trip worthwhile Smith also nominated herself for the women's Under 20 hammer event, conditions were less than perfect with storms before and during the event, undeterred Brianna pumped out another official personal best of 40.63m with a heavier weighted hammer in a water soaked ring.

Brianna's efforts are even more commendable as she has been required to do all her training in the off season as the southern part of Queensland and all the southern states all compete throughout Summer, only North Queensland and the Northern Territory have Winter seasons due to the heat.

Smith's next major event, should she be accepted, will be to represent Australia at the Oceania Regional Athletics Championships to be held in Cairns on the 27th to 29th of June. As a prelude to the Championships Brianna along with a sizeable band of fellow Mount Isa Athletes will be heading off to Mackay to compete at the North Queensland Games on the 23rd and 24th of June

CLUB VENUE

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