

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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Hopefully the financial burden that many top level sportspeople suffer may be just that bit lighter for one of Mount Isa's athletes this week.

Star Hammer Thrower, sixteen year old Brianna Smith, was a little shocked when the Mount Isa Athletics Club Vice-President David Scott presented her with a cheque for \$250 at one of Brianna's daily training sessions at Sunset Oval. "We understand that in the big scheme of things \$250 is only a small part of what the Smith's have been and will continue to spend just to get their talented daughter to State and National competitions" Mr Scott said. "We (the athletics club) wanted to give Brianna some assistance in recognition of the effort she has put in to get herself to the level which she has achieved".

The Smith family have been conducting sausage sizzles every Sunday morning outside Bunnings in an effort to offset some of the personal financial strain of the regular trips away. Brianna and her father Paul will again be leaving wife and mother Estelle at home to man the stall as they head off to Sydney this week where Brianna will contest the womens under 18 and under 20 Hammer events at the National Junior Athletics Championships on the 14th to 17th of March

Brianna is only the second athlete in recent times to take athletics to the national level and is a definite medal hope after placing second in both the under 18 and under 20 Hammer events at the recent Junior State Championships

On the home front, the Mount Isa Athletic Club will kick off the 2012 athletics season with their sign-on to be held on Sunday the 25th March, there will also be a second sign-on on Saturday 14th April. Both days will start at 10.00am at Sunset Oval on Abel Smith Parade and conclude around 12 noon. The first competition day will be on Saturday 21st of April and is planned to commence at 2.00pm

The Mount Isa & District Athletics Association is a club that caters for all age groups, there is no age limit upwards making it one of the few sports where the whole family can compete. The club are lucky to have a number of adults who train and compete and it is wonderful for the kids to see their parents "have a go". Athletics is open to anyone turning 5 years old in 2012 right through to Masters. If any registered athlete has a younger brother or sister turning 4 years they are also able to join Tiny Tots. New athletes in all ages will need to bring along a copy of their birth certificate for sighting when registering. For more information visit the clubs website at www.mountisaathletics.com.au

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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