

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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Blue skies on Saturday made for a perfect day for the Mount Isa Athletics Clubs' Break-up and Trophy Presentation which was held at the Sunset Schools' undercover area. Approximately 150 adults & kids attended the event which celebrated the achievements of the athletes over the 2012 season.

The Clubs representatives said they were very pleased with the success of the 2012 season finishing the year with 174 registrations making it once again the second biggest ANQ athletics club in North Queensland. Of the 174 registrations 32 were from the formation of a satellite club of the Mount Isa Athletics at Cloncurry. 48 different athletes travelled away to attend carnivals returning with 301 placing's and 23 away records, the clubs athletes competed 7002 times and achieved 2079 Personal Bests a ratio of around 1 in 3.5, they also bettered Isa club records 207 times. 255 Champ awards and 197 Legend Certificates were presented. 17 athletes bettered ANQ Development Squad qualifying standards and 5 athletes represented the North West region at the primary and secondary schools state championships. The club also had 2 athletes selected to compete in an International competition with one returning with a Bronze medal from the Oceania Regional Championships.

Sixteen year old Brianna Smith was this year's standout performer taking out the "Most Outstanding Performance" trophy for 2012. Smith accumulated 18 personal bests from a possible 59 attempts. She is an elite level Hammer Thrower that has represented Mount Isa at the North West Schools Regional Championships and the Queensland Athletics State Championships. She represented Queensland at the Athletics Australia National Championships and Northern Australia at the Oceania Regional Championships where she placed 3rd. She had 94% attendance missing only one club day due to her commitments with the Volunteer Fire-fighters, broke club records in 7 different events as well as regularly attending training.

Erin Faithful, 13 years, took out the Clubs "Best & Fairest Award" for her efforts to maintain a consistently high standard while showing sportsmanship and respect to her fellow athletes, coaches and officials. Faithful is an outstanding athlete breaking five long standing jumping and throwing club records which were set by a number of high calibre athletes over the past 15 years. Erin's athletic skills are so diverse that club coaches believe that she has the ability to become a top level Heptathlete in the near future.

The "Ambassador Award" is presented to an athlete who displays courage, perseverance and a good attitude and maintains their enthusiasm throughout the season and was this year awarded to Kath Hujanen.

CLUB VENUE

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Tony Hujanen was the 2012 “Volunteer of the Year” for his untiring assistance to the club. Tony is always one of the first to arrive for club day setups and the last to leave. He is often seen manning BBQ’s on Club Days, Carnivals and Fundraisers and assists with age marshalling each week.

Runner of the Year, Jumper of the Year and Thrower of the Year trophies were presented to the best Male and Female in each discipline. These athletes do not necessarily have to be talented in all events in each discipline but need to have excelled in at least one. Runners of the Year; Denzil Perkins (8) and Jacqui Keily (15). Jumpers of the year; Daniel Grant (12) and Hailee Kokles (6). Throwers of the Year; Ngoni Kahondo (6) and Brianna Smith (16).

Throughout the year athletes have been accruing 1 point for each event they contest as well as an extra 2 points for every personal best achieved. These points are then calculated to determine the Points Trophy winners for each age group. This system has been designed so that athletes, regardless of their ability, can be in contention for these trophies as long as they have regular attendance, attempt as many events as possible and continue to improve throughout the year. The point’s trophies this year came down to the wire with quite a few age groups not being decided until the final weeks. 2012 has seen the highest number athletes to eclipse the 100 point mark and Trinity Perkins’s 176 points is the highest ever recorded since the introduction of these awards. Points Trophy winners were Mackenzie McCulloch, Jaxon Constantinou, Trinity Perkins, Sam Riddle, Sienna TeWani, Rico Waerea, Bryleah Cullen, Denzil Perkins, Melanie Butler, Julian Grimaldi, Breanna Waerea, Memphis Waerea, Jade Scott, Andrew Butler, Erin Faithful, Joshua Scott, Brianna Smith, Liam Sweeney, Kath Hujanen and David Scott.

Club Champion Awards are presented to the athletes and runner ups that accrue the highest number of Personal Bests throughout the year in three different age divisions. Winner for the 5 & 6 years group was Trinity Perkins – 37 PB’s. Receiving the award for the 7 to 14 years was Danial Butler – 33 PB’s and Ken Dickson took out the 15 years to Masters with 27 PB’s. Runners up were: 5 & 6 years – Mackenzie McCulloch; 7 to 14 years – Joshua Scott; 15 years to Masters – David Scott.

Gold, Silver and Bronze PB medallions are presented to athletes who pass a pre-determined number of PB’s throughout the year. Winners of the Gold Medallions (30+ PB’s) were Mackenzie McCulloch, Trinity Perkins, Sam Riddle, Denzil Perkins, Danial Butler, Mitchell Hujanen, Joshua Scott and Erin Faithful. Silver (25-29 PB’s) winners were Jaxon Constantinou, Luca Tafia, Rico Waerea, Bryleah Cullen, Melanie Butler, Breanna Waerea and Ken Dickson. Bronze (20-24 PB’s) winners were Emily Oliver, Rorik Christopherson, Kai Fraser, Keely Anderson, Eva Harpley, Hailee Kokles, Ngoni Kahondo, Marshall McCulloch, Phoenix McMillan, Sienna Hume, Lewis McCoy, Katidjah Fraser, Stephen Cranston, Tristan Nicholson, Kirra Horsnell, Charlize Osborne, Liam Baynes, John-Alex Cranston, Bailey Seabourne-Radecker, Otto Tweedie, Jade Scott, Patrick Baker, Andrew Butler, CJ Brice-Houseman and David Scott.

Coaches Awards are presented to athletes who always perform to the best of their ability and have a good attitude regardless of whether they are the ‘best’ or not. Coaches’ awards this year were presented to Emily Oliver, Rorik Christopherson, Eva Harpley, Abigail Constantinou, Josie Hopkins, Sienna Hume, Belinda Georgee, Charlize Osborne, Charleey-K Edwards, Tristan Garrett, Carmen Preston, Ashlee Toms, Marshall McCulloch, Phoenix McMillan, Hugh Dickinson-Jones, Lewis McCoy, Gabriel Wood, Stephen Cranston, Ben Horsnell and Jarod Hall.

Any athlete that has broken a standing record throughout the year was presented with a plaque noting their achievements, athletes to receive plaques were Trinity Perkins, Ngoni Kahondo, Katidjah Fraser, Denzil Perkins, Breanna Waerea, Memphis Waerea, Emma Cursio, Jakarra Carney, Erin Faithful, Carmen Preston, Jacqui Keily, Brianna Smith, Lachlan Ryder, Holly Johnstone and Nicole Dickson. Open and Master athletes Cat Hannell, Kale Johnson, Arnold Sorina, Cam Clayton, Nick Vernon, David Scott, Sharon Dickson, Ken Dickson, Iain Faithful, Estelle Smith, Paul Smith and Maureen Sweeney all received certificates to indicate records broken within their age groups during the year.

The dedication of 15 athletes, Declan Riddle, Tyler TeWani, Hailee Kokles, Trinity Perkins, Sam Riddle, Denzil Perkins, Melanie Butler, Memphis Waerea, Patrick Baker, Andrew Butler, Ryan Hujanen, Danial Butler, Mitchell Hujanen, Joshua Scott and Kath Hujanen was rewarded when they received trophies for 100% attendance

All registered athletes who competed throughout the year also received a personal best certificate highlighting their best performances of the 2012 season. And all the 4 year old "Tiny Tots" also received a Participation trophy for their efforts during the year.

Any athletes that were to receive awards but not able to attend the presentation are asked to contact David Scott at Paint & Décor in order to receive their trophies, medals or certificates. Most members of the club can now enjoy a well earned rest until around March/April 2013 when next year's season is expected to commence.