

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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The Mount Isa Athletics Club has just set a new record for the number of athletes attending a single club day. 137 athletes ranging from 4yrs to 72 converged on Sunset Oval for the first club day of the season.

Club officials thought that with the Julia Creek 'Dirt & Dust' being on the same weekend that numbers may have been down. This couldn't have been further from the truth with nearly all age groups having 13 to 16 athletes present. Club President David Scott was appreciative of the patience shown by all the athletes and their families as the day ran longer than usual due to the combination of the huge numbers and the amount of new members still working out how the system works.

Club Registrar Tony Hujanen said "We have had an enormous amount of new registrations this year. The transient nature of the Mount Isa population usually sees us get fifty or so new athletes annually but this year we are looking at around 100."

There were quite a few impressive jumps in the High Jump event on the weekend with the standout being 14yr old CJ Brice-Houseman's leap of 1.50m. The height is only 5cm short of the club record height of 1.55m which CJ is sure to take out sometime this season. Another great battle was between siblings Jade and Joshua Scott. 12yr old Jade cleared a height of 1.21m eclipsing Joshua's 2012 Personal Best, Jade made sure that Josh knew that she had beaten his PB, as any good sister would. In response 14yr old Josh then set himself a new PB of 1.26m.

There was only one club Record broken last Saturday by Estelle Smith in the 50-54yrs Hammer throw. Estelle threw 28.26m and has now added getting an official 30 metre plus throw to her list of 'things to do' in 2013. 72 yr old Nancy Wing was also on the field proving that it is never too late to have a go and try something new. Nancy's Discus throw of 8.48m and Hammer throw of 9.80m impressed all onlookers and will now go into the record books as new records for her age group, at least until she gets her first PB.

Being the first club day of the season no athletes were able to achieve season Personal Bests but that didn't stop 14 athletes surpassing the Legend Certificate level in 19 different events with another seven trailing athletes also to receive certificates once their registrations are paid. Athletes to receive Legend Certificates this Saturday will be Sienna Stehbens (6) 60m – 12.7s, 80m – 17.4s, 100m – 21.3s, Kai Fraser (6) Discus – 8.75m, Hailee Kokles (7) 60m – 11.9s, 80m – 15.7s, Trinity Perkins (7) 80m – 15.9s, Jace Fraser (7) 60m – 11.5s, Rico Waarea (8) 100m – 16.4s, Gabriel Wood (8) 100m – 16.8s, Katidjah Fraser (9) Training Jav – 10.83m, Denzil Perkins (9) 100m – 15.2s, 800m – 3m 09.0s, Breanna Waarea (11) Shot Put 7.42m, Channai Hall (12) Discus – 17.25m, Jade Scott (12) High Jump – 1.21m, Erin Faithful (14) High Jump – 1.32m, Discus – 24.16m and CJ Brice-Houseman (14) High Jump – 1.50m.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
Able Smith Parade
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As the amount of light available through the day seems to have shortened this year the Club Coaches have decided to reschedule the Wednesday club training time an hour earlier. Session times will now be 4 to 11yrs 4.00pm to 5.00pm and 12yrs up from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

The next club day will be tomorrow Saturday 27 April at Sunset Oval commencing at 2.00pm. Once again anyone looking to get paperwork in or pay registration fee's are asked to arrive at 1.30 so club volunteers can be free to assist with the running of events at 2.00pm