

# Mount Isa Athletics

## PRESS RELEASE

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This Saturday the Western Games looks set to be a cracker of a weekend. Athletes at last weeks Club Day averaged around 2PB's from their five events on the day setting the scene for a flood of PB's and broken records at the Games.

The top achievement for the day would have to have been 5yr old Les McMillan securing his final two Legend Certificates. Les has now surpassed the Legend level in all events offered to him and will be presented with the rarely awarded "Total Legend" trophy at the next Club day. The Club has never had more than four athletes achieve the Total Legend in a single year indicating the scope of Les' achievement.

Eight other athletes will receive Legend Certificates when they return to the next Club day on the 27<sup>th</sup> July they are: Trinity Toby, Memphis Waerea, Sienna Stehens, Melanie Butler, Rico Waerea, Sarah Wilson, Jace Fraser and Kai Fraser.

Adding to the list of award winners are Grace Piggott, Ashlee Spencer and Tom Clancy who have all added their names to the ever growing list of perfect 5 from 5 PB recipients. The Club has now virtually doubled the amount of perfect score medallions that were presented during the 2012 season, which itself was a record amount.

Six other athletes Maya Piggott, Serena Gowland, Bryleah Cullen, Tyson Hales, Patrick Baker and Rico Waerea almost caused a blow out of perfect scores when they all achieved 4 from 5 personal bests for the day.

Four year old Illyria Chapman may be set to follow in the steps of her Dad Kale "BlackFlash" Johnson as she will be awarded the Top Tot award next Club day for excellent running.

Good Shepherd Catholic College Principal Wayne Wood has entered a new age group in the Masters division in great style instantly breaking two Club records in the 35-39 year Shot Put 10.18m and Javelin 42.39m.

On a lighter note 50 something year old Master athlete Paul Smith seemed to get his sports mixed up at the end of the day. During his final Long Jump, Paul's landing was less than perfect and he was presented with the option of either a face plant or to attempt a front flip. He chose the latter and executed it in great style to receive perfect 10's from the judges.

The Club throwers have something to get excited about this weekend at the Western Games with the grand opening of the Clubs' recently completed Discus/Hammer throwing cage. Mount Isa Mayor Tony McGrady will do the honours of opening the cage at 1pm and the first competitive throw in the cage will go to Club International Brianna Smith who will compete in the Open Womens Hammer throw. The project valued at over \$20,000 was accomplished with the

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### CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval  
Able Smith Parade  
Mount Isa, Queensland

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assistance of Evans Harch, Isa's Kan Du, Mount Isa City Council, SportsCover Australia, Barkly Engineering, NRC Fencing and of course the Mount Isa & District Athletics Association.

Events for the Western Games will commence at 9am sharp at Sunset Oval tomorrow and run all day. Mount Isa residents are encouraged to drop down and have a look at what the Mount Isa Athletics community has to offer.