

# Mount Isa Athletics

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Weather conditions for the athletics at the Xstrata Great Western Games can only be described as “less than perfect” being cold, overcast and with a killer head wind blowing down the 100m straight. This however didn't stop the 106 attending athletes breaking 71 Games records and reeled in 15 Club Records along the way.

Attendance from other regions was well down this year seeing only two travel to the event and another 11 Isa locals not registered with the club trying their hand at athletics. The 93 club athletes still managed 132 personal bests for the day with most being achieved in the field events due to the track head wind.

There were a few notable head to head battles on the day which managed to bring the best out of the athletes. All season 11 year olds Breanna Waerea and Charlize Osborne have been peppering the Discus club record. Possibly the lure of the Games caused them both to step it up which saw Waerea pip Osborne on the race to the record. 17yr old speedster Lachlan Ryder was left a little shell shocked when Adam Farlow reeled him in on the 200m curve and then maintained his position out front to take out the U/18 Men's 200m and the 11yrs Boys Discus event saw Ethan Roberts hold off Memphis Waerea by a mere 4cm to take gold.

During the Games the Athletics club had the Grand Opening of their Brand New Discus/Hammer Throwing Cage for which the Mount Isa Mayor Tony McGrady had the Honour of cutting the ribbon. The first events to be held in the cage were the Open Women's & Men's Hammer events which saw Brianna 'Thor' Smith and James Sweeney emerge victors.

On a day scarce of Personal Best's four athletes Sienna TeWani, Brodie Roberts, Michelle Bracs and Estelle Smith shone through all managing to PB in more than half their events.

For a full breakdown of the Western Games results and the Current Games Records visit the Results page of the Mount Isa Athletics Club website [www.mountisaathletics.com.au](http://www.mountisaathletics.com.au)

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### CLUB VENUE

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