

Mount Isa Athletics



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Mount Isa Paramedic and athlete Cat Hannell took Bronze at the Queensland State Athletic Championships in the Open women's Long Jump at Brisbane last Thursday. The pressure was on early with Hannell fouling her first two jumps and was in jeopardy of not making it through to the top eight. Needing to jump over 4.93m to go through to the finals she regained focus and put in a 5.34m jump to take her straight into 5th place. Then on jump five she pulled out an all time Personal Best of 5.53m taking her through to 3rd place. The leap left her only 4cm short of taking 2nd and a mere 23cm behind the winner.

Club President David Scott said "Everybody at the club is extremely proud of Cat for getting such a great result. Not only did she have to train through the off season but she had to try and fit her training sessions in around her busy and highly demanding job as a paramedic"

Having placed in the top three at the state Champs Cat has now qualified to compete at the Australian Open Track & Field Championships in Sydney in only a week and a half's time.

"I am looking forward to the experience of competing at the Sydney Olympic stadium and being up against some of the best athletes in Australia." Hannell said.

Hannell's result at the State Championships could only have improved her chances of being selected into the Regional Australia Team that will be heading off to Tahiti for the Oceania Area Championships in June.

"At this point it is looking like Mount Isa may have two athletes in the Aussie Regional team for the Oceania Champs with Cat placing 3rd at states and our Under 18 Hammer thrower Brianna Smith placing 3rd at the Junior Nationals." Mr Scott said "It's a pretty exciting time for the club at the moment as we have a lot of exceptional athletes coming through the ranks, particularly with the girls"

The Athletics Club will be holding their second sign-on on Sunday 14th April between 10.00am and noon. Anyone wanting more information should visit the club website www.mountisaathletics.com.au or phone Club president David Scott on 0402 219039.

CLUB VENUE

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