

# Mount Isa Athletics

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Mount Isa Athletes have returned from Longreach's Outback Sunset Carnival with a swag of medals, seven carnival records and a couple of Junior Champions.

Last weekend saw athletes from Mount Isa converge on Longreach for the carnival which incorporated the Primary and Secondary Schools Regional Athletics Championships. 35 of the 47 strong hoard were club registered athletes.

Upon arrival to Longreach the Isan's were greeted with the very unfamiliar sight of torrential rain. So much rain in fact that the organizers were forced to delay the start of the carnival until lunch time Saturday.

The abundance of rain made for an extremely heavy track which saw only 14 of the clubs 53 Personal Bests achieved in the running events. The medal tally however did reflect how well the Mount Isa club athletes went with a haul of 129 placings from 198 events contested. 71 first, 41 second and 17 third placings had filled the Mount Isa coffers on their return.

There was plenty of Green and Gold on the podium when the points champions were announced at the conclusion of proceedings with 7yr old Sienna Stehbens awarded the Junior Girl Champion and 10yr old Denzil 'Lightning' Perkins secured the Junior Boys Award. The pair dominated returning with 14 Gold and 1 Bronze between them. At a later date it was then found that Mount Isa's Katidjah Fraser (10) was in fact the Junior Girl Champion as Katidjah's results from the Mount Isa Club and Mount Isa Schools Team had not yet been combined. Once tallied Katidjah's 6 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze saw Sienna pipped by a mere 2 points.

Perkins wasn't content with just taking out the Boy Champion and secured himself carnival records in the 100m and 400m over the weekend with times of 14.40s and 71.02s respectively. Both records however were well off his current PB's and club records.

Also taking a carnival record double was 16yr old Carmen 'Zeus' Preston who elevated the U/18 Women's Javelin Record to 37.60m and the Open Women's Javelin to 35.48m

Three other carnival records fell to Mount Isa athletes over the weekend, Erin 'Beast' Faithful in the 15yrs Shot Put throwing 10.68m. Michelle Bracs 11yr Discus – 25.24m and Mitchell Hujanen with a 34.27m throw in the U/16 Hammer. Breanna 'Cannon' Waerea also came agonizingly close missing the 12yr Girls Shot Put record by a mere 3cm with her 10.08m Putt.

Four Mount Isa club records were also improved by the throwers. The 15yr Shot Put was improved by Erin Faithful and the 12yr Shot to 10.08m by Breanna Waerea. Carmen Preston reset the 16yr Women's Javelin to 37.60m and Open Javelin to 35.48m.

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### CLUB VENUE

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13yr old Channai Hall's 25.35m Discus throw was enough to elevate her ANQ Development Squad level to Gold as did Carmen Preston's Javelin throw with the Open Women's weight. Emma Cursio also added Shot Put to her list of silver qualifiers.

7yr old Sienna Stehbens's Shot Put distance of 4.13m was enough to give her the final Legend Certificate needed to qualify her for the second 'Total Legend' trophy to be issued for the 2014 season. Sienna has amassed an impressive 9 Legend Certificates which as athletes within the club will know is no easy feat.

Mount Isa athletes will once again make up the majority of the desperately undersized North West teams to compete at the upcoming Schools State Championships. Mitchell Hujanen, Channai Hall, Erin Faithful and Carmen Preston make up four of the five secondary school athletes selected for the team to head to Brisbane on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Unofficially Breanna Waerea, Denzil Perkins and possibly Katidjah Fraser are believed to have been selected into the Primary Schools team which will head to Brisbane two weeks prior to the seniors on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>