

Mount Isa Athletics



PRESS RELEASE

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The Mount Isa Athletics Clubs' Break-up and Trophy Presentation was held at Good Shepherd Catholic College's activities hall the 'Lumen Christi Centre' on Saturday. About 150 adults & kids turned out for the event which celebrated the achievements of the athletes over the 2014 season.

The Clubs representatives said they were delighted with the success of the 2014 which fell only marginally short of last year's record season. 2014 finished the year with 164 registrations which see's it continue to be one of the biggest ANQ athletics club in North Queensland. One third of the club (55) different athletes travelled away to attended carnivals returning with 309 placing's and 13 away records, the clubs athletes competed 7223 times and achieved 2316 Personal Bests a ratio of around 1 in 3, they also bettered Isa club records 270 times. 248 Champ awards and 261 Legend Certificates were presented. 18 athletes bettered ANQ Development Squad qualifying standards and 7 athletes represented the North West region at the primary and secondary schools state championships. The club also had 1 athletes compete in the Oceania Regional Championships in Tahiti as part of the Northern Australia Team and another represent Queensland at the Australian National championships.

Seven year old Sienna Stehbins was this year's standout performer taking out the newly introduced "Athlete of the Year" trophy which is replacing the "Most Outstanding Performance" trophy of previous years. Sienna has proven herself as a very rounded athlete at the ripe old age of seven. She has broken club records in 3 different events as well as regularly attending training and club days. She is one of only a hand full of athletes to earn the total Legend trophy, finished the season with a Gold level PB medallion and as the seven year girls points champion. She was also the second highest junior points champion at the Longreach Outback Carnival.

Breanna Waerea, 12 years, took out the Clubs "Best & Fairest Award" for her efforts to maintain a consistently high standard while showing sportsmanship and respect to her fellow athletes, coaches and officials. Waerea or "Cannon" as she is known is an outstanding athlete breaking four different club records which were set by high calibre athletes over the past years. Breanna is a solid trainer and has performances of state and national levels.

The "Ambassador Award" is presented to an athlete who displays courage, perseverance and a good attitude and maintains their enthusiasm throughout the season and was this year awarded to 14 year old Daniel Butler. Daniel's sportsmanship coupled with his determination to improve makes him an inspiration to all athletes.

Daniel Wing was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" for the second year running for his invaluable assistance to the club. Daniel, who is the clubs only Athlete with a Disability (Para-Athlete) is always one of the first to arrive at the track on club days to set up equipment, he works tirelessly and always asks what else need to be done. He competes in the throwing events throughout the day then starts packing up as soon as he is free.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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Runner of the Year, Jumper of the Year and Thrower of the Year trophies were presented to the best Male and Female in each discipline. These athletes do not necessarily have to be talented in all events in each discipline but need to have excelled in at least one. Runners of the Year; Kale Johnson (Open) and Michelle Bracs (11). Jumpers of the year; Rico Waerea (9) and Jade Scott (13). Throwers of the Year; Mitchell Hujanen (15) and Channai Hall (13).

Throughout the year athletes have been accruing 1 point for each event they contest as well as an extra 2 points for every personal best achieved. These points are then calculated to determine the Points Trophy winners for each age group. This system has been designed so that athletes, regardless of their ability, can be in contention for these trophies as long as they have regular attendance, attempt as many events as possible and continue to improve throughout the year. The point's trophies this year came down to the wire with quite a few age groups not being decided until the final weeks. 13yr old Patrick Baker's 185 points was only 2 points short of Teaghan Goodger's record 187 points of last year which was the highest ever recorded since the introduction of these awards. Points Trophy winners for 2014 are Illyria Chapman, Cooper Douglas, Hayley Brock, Jaidyn Ferris, Sienna Stehbens, Rehan Bell, Trinity Perkins, Adu Baniwal, Sienna TeWani, Logan Bell, Renee Bracs, Denzil Perkins, Michelle Bracs, Connor Baker, Breanna Waerea, Patrick Baker, Teaghan Goodger, Danial Butler, Carmen Preston, Kale Johnson, Barbara Baker and Paul Smith

Club Champion Awards are presented to the athletes and runner ups that accrue the highest number of Personal Bests throughout the year in three different age divisions. Winner for the 5 & 6 years group was Jaidyn Ferris – 26 PB's. Receiving the award for the 7 to 14 years was Patrick Baker – with 41 PB's and Mitchell Hujanen took out the 15 years to Masters with 27 PB's. Runners up were: 5 & 6 years – was shared by Illy Chapman and Cooper Douglas; 7 to 14 years – Michelle Bracs; 15 years to Masters – went to Joshua Scott.

Gold, Silver and Bronze PB medallions are presented to athletes who pass a pre-determined number of PB's throughout the year. Winners of the Gold Medallions (30+ PB's) were Patrick Baker, Michelle Bracs, Danial Butler, Teaghan Goodger, Kisha Simpson, Connor Baker, Breanna Waerea, Kritika Baniwal, Sienna Stehbens, Rehan Bell, Tia Peel and Michael Bracs.

Silver (25-29 PB's) winners were Renee Bracs, Molly Duffell, Trinity Perkins, Terri-Anne Knight, Jade Scott, Adu Baniwal, Sienna TeWani, Abi Constantinou, Michaela Bracs, Jaxon Constantinou, Regan Hastwell, Mitchell Hujanen, Kadea O'Donnell, Jaidyn Ferris, Channai Hall, Kai Fraser, Rhylee Douglas and Denzil Perkins.

Bronze (20-24 PB's) winners were Logan Bell, Leo Schafer, Tarell Rea, Lachlan McCoy, Cooper Douglas, Illyria Chapman, Ryan Hujanen, Joshua Scott, Jace Fraser, Bryleah Cullen, Sela Naituku, Serena Gowland, Miesha Nelson, Luke Hales, Ally Duffell, Ally Haddon, Amy Haddon, Ashtyn Tully, Barb Baker, David Scott and Ken Dickson.

Coaches Awards are presented to athletes who always perform to the best of their ability and have a good attitude regardless of whether they are the 'best' or not. Coaches' awards this year were presented to Narnia Verhoeven, Jaxon Constantinou, Tia Peel, Kadea O'Donnell, Kritika Baniwal, Bryleah Cullen, Terri-Anne Knight, Tyson Hales, Leo Schafer, Tarell Rea, Connor Bowden,

Courtney Boshoff, Kisha Simpson, Anni-Rose Gowland, Tom Clancy, Lewis McCoy, Caleb Simpson, Rhylee Douglas, Jace Fraser and Abi Constantino.

Any athlete that has broken a standing record throughout the year was presented with a plaque noting their achievements, athletes to receive plaques were Illy Chapman, Sienna Stehbens, Michael Bracs, Rhylee Douglas, Jace Fraser, Katidjah Fraser, Denzil Perkins, Michelle Bracs, Tarell Rea, Breanna Waerea, Conor Bowden, Reuben Westerman, Janus Grobler, Courtney Boshoff, Channai Hall, Jade Scott, Patrick Baker, Lachlan McCoy, Erin Faithful, Cieron Cuthbert-Botha, CJ Brice-Houseman, Mitchell Hujanen, Carmen Preston, Brianna Smith, Kale Johnson, Stephen Zoch, Tanya Hales, Barb Baker, David Scott, Daniel Cuthbert, Ken Dickson, Daniel Wing, Paul Smith, Maureen Sweeney and Nancy Wing.

The dedication of 18 athletes, Illyria Chapman, Jaidyn Ferris, Rehan Bell, Jaxon Constantinou, Abi Constantinou, Logan Bell, Caleb Simpson, Renee Bracs, Michelle Bracs, Terri-Anne Knight, Kisha Simpson, Connor Baker, Patrick Baker, Teaghan Goodger, Danial Butler, Erin Faithful, Mitchell Hujanen and Kale Johnson was rewarded when they received trophies for 100% attendance

Every registered athlete who competed throughout the year also received a personal best certificate highlighting their best performances of the 2014 season. And all the 4 year old "Tiny Tots" also received a Participation trophy for their tremendous efforts during the year.

Any athletes that were to receive awards but weren't able to attend the presentation are asked to contact David Scott at Paint & Décor in order to receive their trophies, medals or certificates. Most members of the club can now enjoy a well earned rest until around March/April 2015 when next year's season is expected to commence.