

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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Once again the Mount Isa Athletics Club is sending a sizeable and strong team to Townsville to attend the ANQ Championships this weekend. The event will see around 500 NQ athletes inundate the synthetic track at the Townsville Sports Reserve to see who is the best in North Queensland. The ANQ clubs stretch as far south as Rockhampton, north to Douglas and west to our very own Mount Isa.

The 36 Mount Isa athletes will be competing in over 240 individual events in an effort to return some precious metals (gold, silver & bronze) back to the west.

Mount Isa is fast gaining a reputation as a Multi-event club, this time introducing three new teenage girls to the Heptathlon event in Jade Scott, Teaghan Goodger and Courtney Boshoff. The two stalwart Decathletes Ken Dickson and David Scott will be contesting the Masters event with the ever growing number now totalling eight. Coach Awesome (David Scott) is true to the Masters Decathlon motto of "The only excuse is surgery" as the rotator cuff injury he sustained only weeks ago may require surgery in the future. When questioned on whether he would still compete in the Decathlon he replied "I can't let the boys down so yes. I can nurse it in the runs and do all the throws left handed. Pole Vault will be an issue though so I may have to foul myself out on that one. Last thing I want is to get the 'SOFTathlete' tag that we throw around in the Decath"

The club look set to impress on the track with sprinters Kale 'BlackFlash' Johnson, Denzil 'Lightning' Perkins, Tarell Rea, Michelle Bracs, Conor Bowden, Lachlan McCoy and Julia Creek newcomer Ben Smith all set to burn up the track in Townsville.

Jumpers are also not in short supply with no less than six athletes nominating for the pole vault event in Patrick Baker, CJ Brice-Houseman, Danial Butler, Ken Dickson, Lachlan McCoy and David Scott. CJ Brice-Houseman is hopeful of continuing on the PB train and bettering his 1.72m High Jump of less than a month ago.

Many of the clubs stars Throwers are unable to attend this year's championships due to injury or other commitments. However Breanna 'Cannon' Waerea, Mitchell Hujanen and Michelle Bracs are sure to impress. As an added bonus 'Cannon' as a 12yr old is able to compete in the U/14 hammer event in an endeavour to gain a qualifier in next year's Athletics Australia National Championships. Barb Baker, Kath Hujanen and Sharon Dickson will also be contesting the Masters Throws pentathlon.

This year will also see a few Mount Isans try their hand at the Walks with Melanie Butler, Patrick Baker, Ryan Hujanen and Barb Baker all nominating for the 1500m Walk.

Even the junior athletes are out in force with Trinity Perkins, Illy Chapman Tyler and Sienna TeWani, Rico Waerea, Kadea O'Donnell along with Anni-Rose and Serena Gowland all in attendance.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
Able Smith Parade
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A massive contingent of club athletes in the age groups between 11 and 15 years numbers no less than 21 will be competing at the championships. Adding to the above mentioned will be Danielle Aplin, Conor Baker, Andrew Butler, Dan Grant, Terri-Anne Knight and Josh Scott

Club Coach Ken Dickson said "The entire team is a powerhouse of talent and I am expecting Mount Isa to clean up on placings throughout the weekend. It is going to be a very busy weekend but we will endeavour to keep the people at home as up to date as possible with regular posts on the 'Mount Isa Athletics Club' Facebook page between events".