

Mount Isa Athletics

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Stand tall Mount Isa, your athletes have done you proud. 55 athletes from the Mount Isa region converged on Longreach for the Outback Sunset Carnival which incorporated the Primary and Secondary Schools Regional Athletics Championships. Spectators couldn't help but notice the sea of Green and Gold as our athletes dominated in the majority of the events they contested.

37 of the Isa participants were registered athletes of the Mount Isa Athletics Club. Between them the club athlete's contested 224 events and emerged with a very commendable 83 personal bests which equates to a PB in every third event. They also returned with 161 placings 89 firsts, 47 seconds and 25 thirds. Add to that 14 more legend levels met, 15 club records and 13 Carnival records you can lay claim to quite a successful weekend. Solid performances were seen from all athletes with Mitchell Hujanen topping the bill with 6 from 6 personal bests closely followed by Gabe Wood 5 from 5 and Breearna Stewart 4 from 4.

11yr old Denzil Perkins and 12yr old Michelle Bracs were crowned Junior Male and Junior Female Age Champion for their medal hauls. Denzil 8 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze and Michelle 7 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. Conor Bowden, Tarell Rea, Lachan McCoy, Erin Faithful and Sienna Stehbens were all also well up on the medal count each coming home with at least 6 gold.

At the end of the weekends proceedings the Longreach Club hosts a 100m handicap race where each of the athletes that won their age group are put head to head with handicap starts to level out the field. Mount Isa again dominated with Conor Bowden taking out the male race and Tarell Rea taking honours for the girls. The male race was an impressive sight with 6 of the 9 starter's representing Mount Isa.

Mount Isa laid claim to 14 Carnival records over the weekend 13 of which went to club athletes. Mitchell Hujanen lead out with the weekends first event the U/18 Hammer adding nearly 10m to the old mark throwing 48.82m opening the floodgates for the rest of the club Sienna Stehbens – 8yrs – Long Jump – 3.25m (old record 3.14m) Gabe Wood - 10yrs – 200m – 30.78s (30.82s) Denzil Perkins – 11yrs – 100m – 13.64s (13.93s) Denzil Perkins – 11yrs – 200m – 28.39s (29.00s) Denzil Perkins – 11yrs – 400m – 69.08s (69.71s) Conor Bowden – 13yrs – 100m – 12.45s (12.63s) Connor Bowden – 13yrs – 200m – 26.03s (26.82s) Tarell Rea – 13yrs – Triple Jump – 10.15m (10.15m) Breanna Waerea – 13yrs – Shot Put – 10.58m (10.27m) Carmen Preston – 17yrs – Javelin – 37.80m (37.72m) Mitchell Hujanen – Open – Hammer – 31.80m (15.82m) James Stewart – 30-34yrs – 800m – 2m45.38s (2m48.62s)

The North West team selected to compete at the schools state championships is slowly starting to grow with 8 athletes chosen for the senior team but it is still a far cry from the 120 that represented the Capricornia region last year. All eight of the seniors were from the Mount Isa region. Names are unconfirmed at the time of printing but are believed to be Conor Bowden, Lachlan McCoy, Tarell Rea, Erin Faithful, Carmen Preston and Sarah Eggmolesse the only non club member. Rico

CLUB VENUE

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Waerea, Denzil Perkins, Gabe Wood and Kadia O'Donnell all made it into the marginally larger primary team

15 Isa Club Records also tumbled at the carnival to Michelle Bracs – 12yr Triple Jump – 9.35m, Mitchell Hujanen 16yr Hammer - 48.82m & Open Hammer – 31.80m, Denzil Perkins 11yr 200m-28.39s, 800m – 2m 45.31s and 1500m – 5m 42.78m, Carmen Preston – U/18 Javelin – 37.80m, James Stewart – 30-34yr 800m – 2m 45.38s, Breanna Waerea – 13yr Shot Put – 10.58m, Conor Bowden – 13yr 100m – 12.45s, Tarell Rea - 13yr Triple Jump – 10.15m, Lachan McCoy – 15yr Triple Jump – 11.63m and Erin Faithful 16yrs – High Jump – 1.30m, Long Jump – 4.50m and Triple Jump 10.26m.

Mitchell Hujanen's 48.82m Hammer throw was also enough to qualify him for the Queensland athletics 'Q Squad'. Tarell Rea's 10.15m Triple Jump was a Gold level effort for the ANQ Development Squad and Carmen Preston made Silver level in hammer as did Michelle Bracs for Javelin and Conor Dowden for Long & Triple Jump

Over all it was a stellar performance by all the Mount Isa athletes that attended and while athletics is an individual sport this was definitely a team and the degree of sportsmanship shown by our athletes towards their opposition was highly commendable.