

Mount Isa Athletics



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Three of Mount Isa's finest are about to embark on a trek to Cairns to represent Regional Australia at the Oceania Area Championships which will get underway on the 8th May 2015.

The trio, Kale Johnson, Mitchell Hujanen and Carmen Preston qualified for the team during the past 6 months and have been honing their skills with the Isa "A" Squad in preparation. All are now hopeful of good results and even podium finishes in what will be their first International Competition.

At last Saturdays Club day the athletes were presented with \$250 cheques from the Mount Isa Athletics Club to assist with the mountainous expenses accumulated by elite athletes. The Club introduced the bursary a few years back in an attempt to lighten the financial burden for any athletes that competes at National or International competitions.

The Clubs new President, Brianna Smith, who also has been the recipient of the bursary on three occasions, presented fellow Hammer Thrower Mitchell Hujanen with his cheque. "One of the downfalls of living in Mount Isa is the distance we have to travel to get anywhere" Brianna said "while the bursary only covers a small portion of the expense every little bit helps".

Coach Awesome (David Scott) presented "BlackFlash" (Kale Johnson) who will be competing in the 100m and Long Jump with his bursary and commented on the calibre of athletes that are coming out of Mount Isa, "These three now give us a total of six athletes that have represented Regional Australia, no matter where you're from that's pretty impressive".

Carmen Preston, competing in Javelin was presented by the clubs other senior coach Ken Dickson who said "We (the club) want to wish our athletes the very best and hope they are immensely proud of their achievements. There's only one thing left to do.... Run Fast, Jump Long and Throw Far".

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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