

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

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It would seem that the Mount Isa Athletics Club is in for another bumper year with 5 more Club Records taking a tumble, 20 more Legend Certificates to be issued and another 7 athletes posted ANQ Development Squad qualifiers and even though most athletes are yet to do a full rotation through their events 63 personal bests were also achieved.

The time keepers had their work cut out for them with numerous dead heats on the track throughout the day. Arguably the most exciting was the senior 100m race. As expected Kale "Blackflash" Johnson romped home in a comfortable 10.9s but then it got interesting. CJ Brice-Houseman and Lachy McCoy could not be separated on the line both running 12.4s, following them in were David Scott and Conor Bowden also dead heating with 12.9s. Ken Dickson was pushing the pair but came in about a metre behind followed by Mitchell Hujanen.

Also running identical times were Cooper Douglas and Macklin Kretschmann in the 6 year 80m, Mia Blades and Ashtyn Tully in the 6 years 100m, Hayley Brock and Tyler TeWani in the 7 years 60m, Sienna Stehbens and Breearna Stewart in the 8 year 100m, Dylan Moore and Kunal Venkit also in the 8 years 100m and Connor Howard and Takudzwa Mandizvidza in the 9 years 100m.

Chief time keeper, Paul Smith, said "Its days like today that you really wish you had electronic timing equipment". (photo finish)

Conor Bowdens' dead heat with Coach Awesome was enough to drag him to an equal Club Record time for the 13 year boys 100m. Bowden must have been in the mood to perform breaking the Club Hammer Record as well throwing 24.86m. Kym Stehbens is still powering on in her first season of competition taking out the 45–49yrs Womens 100m and 400m records and equalling Sharon Dicksons discus record of 19.29m.

As predicted there were another 7 athletes that posted results better than the ANQ Development Squad standards. Mitchell Hujanen, Lachy McCoy, Patrick Baker, Teaghan Goodger, Channai Hall, Breanna Waerea and Brianna Smith all qualified in Hammer with Smith, Hall and Waerea all doubling up with Discus qualifiers. Smiths' Hammer was the only one to qualify straight into Gold Level with her 41.48m Hammer throw, the distance is also 3m past the Queensland Athletics Q/squad distance however these qualifiers need to be achieved at a Track and Field Carnival or Championship.

Legend Certificates are still high on the presentation list with another 20 going to Kadea O'Donnell, Aleigha Ferris, Cooper Douglas, Macklin Kretschmann, Conor Bowden, Archer Curtis, Breanna Waerea, Channai Hall, Sienna Stehbens, Lachy McCoy, Rico Waerea, Bryleah Cullen, Terri-Anne Knight, Illy Chapman and Sienna TeWani.

This coming Saturday will see the hurdles on the track for the first time this season and will make for more exciting races. The following week all athletes will be able to start their endeavour to

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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achieve the coveted 'Perfect 5 from 5' PB medallion which is awarded to an athlete if they can get a personal best in all five of their events in a single club day.

The club offers two free trial days for new members to decide if athletics is the sport for them so come on down to Sunset Oval on Saturday afternoon prior to 2.00pm and give it a try.