

# Mount Isa Athletics

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The Mount Isa Athletics Clubs' Break-up and Trophy Presentation was held at Good Shepherd Catholic College's 'Lumen Christi Centre' on Saturday. About 150 adults & kids turned out for the event which celebrated the achievements of the athletes over the 2015 season.

The Clubs representatives were quite happy with the results of the 2015 season which saw a slight downturn in overall registrations finishing the year with 137 registrations still making it one of the biggest ANQ athletics club in North Queensland. Almost half the club (59 athletes) travelled away to attend carnivals, four more than the previous year even though there were 27 less registrations. The group returned with 275 placing's and 17 away records, the clubs athletes competed 6945 times and achieved 2239 Personal Bests a ratio of around 1 in 3. Isa club records were broken a record 301 times, 24 more than the previous best in 2011, this is a phenomenal effort considering the calibre of athletes that the club has already seen and a testament to the ones coming through. 229 Champ awards and 224 Legend Certificates were presented. 19 athletes bettered ANQ Development Squad qualifying standards and 8 athletes represented the North West region at the primary and secondary schools state championships. The club also had 3 athletes compete in the Oceania Regional Championships in Cairns as part of the Regional Australia Team.

Eleven year old Denzil Perkins was this year's standout performer taking out the 2015 "Athlete of the Year" trophy. Denzil has proven himself by always being willing to put the time and effort into training to better himself and he trains extremely hard. Competing each week he often races against older age groups to challenge himself further. He has 8 club records this year and once again was selected into the North West team to compete at the primary schools state championships, He was the junior boy champion at ANQ Championships and Longreach Carnival. After the club season had concluded last year he went on to school nationals and was a finalist in the 100m and 200m races.

Open athlete Kale Johnson took out the Clubs "Best & Fairest Award" for his efforts to maintain a consistently high standard while showing sportsmanship and respect to his fellow athletes, coaches and officials. Kale or "BlackFlash" as he is better known is an outstanding sprinter and Jumper. Kale was part of the Regional Australia team which competed at the Oceania Area Championships earlier this year. He is a regular volunteer on club days and a great mentor to many of the teenage athletes in the Isa 'A' Squad.

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 10 year old Kadea O'Donnell. Kadea's sportsmanship coupled with her determination to improve and bubbly personality makes her an inspiration to all athletes young and old.

For the first year ever the club has decided to award not one but two "Volunteer of the Year" awards, one to a Junior and the other to a Senior. The first went to 12yr old Melanie Butler.

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### CLUB VENUE

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Melanie had been with the club for many years but decided to have a break from competition this year. She still maintained a near perfect attendance record for the year this time assisting in the canteen and even when the club catered for school carnivals. The other, James Stewart is a new member to the club and is always there to help out, He still finds time to compete himself and watch his kids, he's assists at training and is always there for setup and pack up every week.

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; Conor Bowden (13) and Michelle Bracs (12). Jumpers of the year; Lachlan McCoy (15) and Sienna Stehbens (8). Throwers of the Year; Mitchell Hujanen (16) and Breanna Waerea (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 once again came down to the wire with quite a few age groups not being decided until the final weeks. Points Trophy winners for 2015 are Scarlett Venz, Archer Curtis, Peyton Burden, Macklin Kretschmann, Hayley Brock, Jaidyn Ferris, Kia Mearns, Luke Hales, Tia Peel, Connor Howard, Sienna TeWani, Corey Stewart, Renee Bracs, Denzil Perkins, Kisha Simpson, Connor Baker, Jade Scott, Patrick Baker, Erin Faithful, Dan Butler, Barbara Baker and James Stewart

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 Peyton Burden – 31 PB's. Receiving the award for the 7 to 14 years was Patrick Baker – with 52 PB's and Dan Butler took out the 15 years to Masters with 36 PB's. Runners up were: 5 & 6 years – Scarlett Venz; 7 to 14 years – Ryan Hujanen; 15 years to Masters – went to James Stewart.

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, Ryan Hujanen, Dan Butler, Michelle Bracs, Jaidyn Ferris, Kia Mearns, Renee Bracs, Kisha Simpson, Conor Bowden, Peyton Burden, Tyler TeWani, Breearna Stewart, Corey Stewart and Jade Scott.

Silver (25-29 PB's) winners were Jessie-Mae Eggmolesse, Connor Howard, James Stewart, Sienna TeWani, Denzil Perkins, Riley Williams, Mitchell Hujanen, Kadea O'Donnell, Erin Faithful, Sienna Stehbens, Luke Hales, Caelan Howard, Abi Constantinou, Craig Williams, Tinotenda Mandizvidza, Joshua Scott, Scarlett Venz and Michaela Bracs.

Bronze (20-24 PB's) winners were Cooper Douglas, Logan Bell, Makayla Moore, Sean Mearns, Cameron Preston, John Eussen, Tia Peel, Lachy McCoy, Drew Homuk, Trinity Perkins, Takudzwa Mandizvidza, Gabe Wood, Connor Baker, Breanna Waerea, Terri-Anne Knight, Aleigha Ferris, Molly Duffell, Tyson Hales, Barbara Baker and David Scott.

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 Cooper Douglas, Craig Williams, Tyson Hales, Riley Williams, Aleigha Ferris, Zoe Duffell, Gage MacRae, Elias Smith, Illy Chapman, Holly Leeson, Tyler Tewani, Rehan Bell, Jaxon Constantinou, Dylan Moore, Miesha Nelson, Hughie Dickinson-Jones, Caelan Howard, Fanta Jomphol, Taysha Hall and Sean Mearns.

All athletes that finished the year having broken a standing record were presented with a plaque noting their achievements, athletes to receive plaques were Michael Bracs, Sienna TeWani, Rico Waerea, Channai Hall, Teaghan Goodger, Dan Butler, Tanya Hales, Kath Hujanen, Sienna Stehbens, Connor Baker, Tarell Rea, Lachlan McCoy, Mitchell Hujanen, Simona Reynolds, David Scott, Barb Baker, Ken Dickson, Estelle Smith, Paul Smith, Chris Boshoff, Carmen Preston, Scarlett Venz, Breanna Waerea, Conor Bowden, Wendy Hamilton, Kym Stehbens, James Stewart, Denzil Perkins, Erin Faithful and Michelle Bracs

The dedication of 14 athletes, Archer Curtis, Peyton Burden, Kia Mearns, Breearna Stewart, Luke Hales, Corey Stewart, Kisha Simpson, Jade Scott, Patrick Baker, Ryan Hujanen, Dan Butler, Lachy McCoy, Erin Faithful and Kale Johnson was rewarded when they received trophies for 100% attendance

Every registered athlete who competed throughout the year also received a laminated Personal Best certificate highlighting their best performances of the 2015 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 or certificates but were unable 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 2016 when next year's season is expected to recommence.