

Mount Isa Athletics

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Stand tall Mount Isa, your athletes have done you proud. 57 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.

35 of the Isa participants were registered athletes of the Mount Isa Athletics Club. Between them the club athlete's contested 287 events and emerged with a very commendable 92 personal bests which roughly equates to a PB in every third event. They also returned with 136 placings 73 firsts, 39 seconds and 24 thirds. Add to that 10 more legend levels met, 11 club records and 8 Carnival records we can lay claim to quite a successful weekend. Solid performances were seen from all athletes with Rhylee Douglas topping the bill with 5 from 5 personal bests and gaining himself one of the clubs 'Perfect Score' PB medallions. He was closely followed by Bryleah Cullen 6 from 8, Rehan Bell 5 from 7, Rico Waerea 4 from 6, Ruby Clewett 4 from 5 plus Hughie Dickenson-Jones and Breanna Waerea both on 3 from 4.

12yr old Denzil Perkins was crowned Junior Male Age Champion for his 5th consecutive year. Denzil's medal haul of 9 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze adding up to an impressive tally. Breanna Stewart's haul of 6 gold and 1 silver was enough to see her take the Junior Female Champion crown. Jaidyn Ferris, Rico Waerea, Conor Baker, Erin Faithful, Mitch Hujanen and James Stewart were all also well up on the medal count each coming home with at least 5 gold each.

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 James Stewart taking out the male race and Erin Faithful taking third for the girls. The male race was an impressive sight with 5 of the 9 starter's representing Mount Isa placing 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th.

The Mount Isa Club laid claim to 8 Carnival records over the weekend. Breanna 'Cannon' Waerea topped the bill breaking records in the 14yrs Shot Put - 11.28m, Discus 33.54m and Hammer 37.92m. Her hammer result was also meters over the Queensland Athletics 'Q-squad' qualifier and her Discus elevated her ANQ Development squad qualifier from silver to gold level. All three events were also Mount Isa club records. The floodgates were then opened for the rest of the club, Fanta Jompol claimed the 12yr girl's Hammer - 16.54m, Denzil Perkins 12yr - 400m 63.38s and Triple Jump 9.84m, Connor Baker 13yr boy's Hammer 22.43m and Mitch Hujanen entered himself into the Open men's hammer and added another 4m to the old record throwing 35.89m

11 Isa Club Records also tumbled at the carnival, the fore mentioned 3 from Breanne Waerea, another three to Simona Reynolds - 30-34yr 200m - 38.15s, Long Jump - 3.16m and Triple Jump - 6.67m, Conor Bowden took two in the 14yr 200m - 24.58s and Triple jump - 11.15m. Rico Waerea added a full 5cm to the 11yr boy's High Jump finishing with a height of 1.35m. Denzil Perkins

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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broke the 12yrs Triple jump with a distance of 9.84m and Mitch Hujanens Open Hammer was also a club record of 35.89m

Mitchell Hujanen's 36.23m Discus throw was also enough to qualify him for the ANQ Development Squad silver level as was Rico Waerea's 200m time of 29.36s.

Six year old Scarlett Venz managed to secure herself the final Legend Certificate needed to be awarded the clubs 'Total Legend' trophy which is awarded to any athlete that can surpass the required level in all events offered to them. Other athletes to receive certificates from the weekend will be Rhylee Douglas, Jaidyn Ferris, Cooper Douglas, Conor Bowden, Rehan Bell, Bryleah Cullen and Rico Waerea.

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.

The next major event on the Athletics calendar will be the ANQ North Queensland Championships in Townsville on the second weekend of the September school holidays.