

Mount Isa Athletics

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The Mount Isa athletics Club scooped the pool at the Athletics North Queensland (ANQ) AGM held in Townsville recently with club members walking away with no less than five awards including the Master Athlete of the Year, 3 Merit Awards and an ANQ Life Membership.

David 'Coach Awesome' Scott took out his second ANQ Master Athlete of the Year after posting creditable results at all six of the representative competitions that he and fellow master Ken Dickson attended throughout the 2016 season. Events included NQ Sports Foundation All Comers Meet in Townsville, North Queensland Games in Cairns, Alice Springs Masters Games, ANQ Championships in Townsville, World Masters Athletics Championships in Perth and the Pan Pacific Masters Games at the Gold Coast. In all the pair travelled over 16000km in under six months. At the Cairns event David was even asked to compete in the Open age group in some of the sprint events as there were potential Olympic qualifiers needing a full field of runners to compete against.

"It's Awesome to receive this award for the second time" David said "Ken and I were discussing how 2016 wasn't one of our best years both training and results wise so getting Master Athlete of the Year came as a big surprise. I guess we weren't doing as bad as we thought"

The hard work of Kath Hujanen (Secretary), Tony Hujanen (Vice President) and Sharon Dickson (Treasurer) was recognized with all three receiving ANQ Merit Awards. The Merit Awards are awarded to ANQ affiliated Club committee members when ANQ notices extraordinary work being done by individuals. With the Mount Isa Club taking out the ANQ 'Club of the Year' in 2013 & 2015 it highlighted the work done by these three over the past years. All three are not ones to make a big song and dance about the work they do so for them all to be noticed at the same time is a tremendous indicator of the great work being done.

Ken Dickson's tireless efforts with both the Mount Isa and Sarina athletics clubs earned him what he has tagged as his proudest achievement to date, a Life Membership to North Queensland's athletics governing body, ANQ. Ken's return to athletics 2002 saw him as part of the rebuilding of the Sarina club from seven members to one of the largest clubs in North Queensland. He then arrived in the Isa in 2008 to a club in its first year with ANQ and the building started all over again only this time with a much bigger base. "I've been really lucky for 16 seasons now having always had hardworking and easy going committees to work with at both clubs. I've even managed to stay out of all the executive positions for most of that time" Ken said. "It really is a huge honour to get a Life membership and it will sit proudly alongside my one from the Sarina Athletics club. Hopefully I can finish off the set with one from Mount Isa sometime soon."

The Mount Isa athletics 2017 season is set to kick off after Easter and has seen an influx of new faces step up into the committee positions, an encouraging sign for the long term future of the club.

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