

Mount Isa Athletics

PRESS RELEASE

ANQ Student games and All Comers Meet - 17 June 2017

Four of the Mount Isa Athletic Clubs' athletes last weekend proved that you don't need a big team to make a big impression. The athletes, Rico Waerea, Breanna Waerea, Lachy McCoy and Mitchell Hujanen completed at the ANQ Student Games and All Comers Meet in Townsville and returned with 20 medals, the Junior Age Champion, Games Jumps Trophy, 1 Games Record a State and National Development Squad qualifier and 9 Mount Isa Club Records, not bad for a weekends work.

Lachy McCoys' strong work ethic when training is really starting to show results in his jumps. He has been eyeing off the U18 Long Jump record all season and thought he had cracked it when competing in the Open event at the Games. He jumped a seasons best of 6.20m to take 2nd place landing short by a mere centimetre to 1st place. To rub salt into the wound he then found out that he couldn't take the U18 Record in an Open event. With some rather harsh "encouragement" from coaches and fellow athletes he then stepped it up a notch in his U18 event and landed a 6.28m leap to claim the Club Record. As an added bonus it also rewarded him with the Games Record for the event. Solid results in Long and Triple Jump in both U18 and Open was enough to have him awarded the Tim Parravicini Jumps Trophy. A good performance in the Octathlon saw Lachy finish the weekend with 3 gold and 2 silver medals.

Solid performances by 12 year old Rico Waerea saw him with a host of PB's with particularly good performances in the 200m and Triple Jump. In total he finished with 5 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze which when totalled was easily enough for him to be awarded the Games Junior Age Champion.

Rico's sister Breanna knew she was in for a good weekend when in her opening event she powered the Hammer out to 43.40m annihilating her Isa Club Record from the previous week. The throw was also well over the qualifying standard for the Queensland Athletics "Q" Squad and the Athletics Australia "A" Squad. In total for the weekend Breanna PB'd in every event possible and claimed no less than 7 Club Records in the 15 years Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, Weight Throw and Throws Pentathlon plus Open Discus and Throws Pentathlon.

Mitchell Hujanen submitted a late registration with the Club in order to complete at the Games. Mitch moved to Townsville earlier this year to attend University and decided it would be a great opportunity to catch up with a few of his old mates from the Club. He entered the Octathlon in order to hang out with Lachy as well as the U20 and Open Hammer events with absolutely no preparation. After an early injury scare he performed quite admirably only dropping two events in the Octathlon, recorded a respectable 33.55m in the Open Hammer and managed to break the U20 Club Record with a 38.57m throw.

All four athletes are now looking forward to possibly getting a few more Records under their belt at the upcoming Isa Throws Pentathlon on the 2nd July and Retro Day on the 8th.

CLUB VENUE

Sunset Oval
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