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2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Athletics Auckland has had another successful year across all divisions. Auckland athletes collected a number of national titles and represented New Zealand at the World University Games in South Korea, the IAAF Colombia World Youth Championships, the Beijing IAAF World Athletic Championships, the World Mountain Running Championships in Wales, the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland Oregon and the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championship in Rome.

The highlight of the domestic track and field season was the world junior pole vault record of 4.64m by Eliza McCartney in December just days before her 19th birthday.

Track and Field

Auckland had a large representation at the national championships in Dunedin in March winning 43 Gold, 27 Silver and 24 Bronze medals. Thanks to Sue Potter and her management team and the team drivers for their work during the championship weekend.

Eliza McCartney set a New Zealand pole vault record of 4.80m, Tanya Murray set an under 17 javelin throw record, Oliver Miller set an under 17 300m hurdles record, Valerie Adams won her 14th national shot put title, Matthew Wyatt won the 100m, long jump and was third in the triple jump, Rochelle Coster was finally rewarded with the 100m title, Louise Jones won the 200m/400m double and Alexandra Hyland won the under 20 high jump, the under 18 100m hurdles and was second in the under 18 high jump.

Lydia O'Donnell retained her national 10,000m title, while in the combined events championships Brent Newdick won the decathlon, Veronica Torr the heptathlon and Alexandra Hyland the youth women heptathlon.

Cross Country and Road

Auckland fielded strong teams at the various national championships during the winter months. At the cross country championships Malcolm Hicks won the senior men, Lucy Van Dalen the senior women and Jonny McKee blitzed the master men. Auckland won the senior women's team title.

At the road championships Auckland won the senior men, senior women, junior men, junior women, youth men and youth women team titles. Malcolm Hicks collected the senior men's road title, Jared Free the 10km race walk title and Alana Barber the women's 10km race walk title. Lydia O'Donnell won the national women's half marathon title.

Junior

The Auckland junior championships continue to provide excellent competition and a great starting point for a number of athletes who over the years have gone on to represent New Zealand. The Trans-Tasman competition was hosted by Auckland this year and Auckland won the Trans-Tasman Challenge Cup. Auckland last won the Cup in 2014. The Auckland Junior Sports Persons of the year were boys Dominic Overend of Waitakere and girls jointly awarded to Kaia Tupu-South of Takapuna and Zoe Taylor of Waitakere.

National Representation

April 2015 IAU 24 hour championships in Torino Italy, Wayne Botha.

July 2015 World University Games in South Korea, Eliza McCartney won the silver medal in the pole vault. Also representing New Zealand; Bailey Stewart, Te Rina Keenan, Aaron Booth, Nicholas Southgate, Nneka Okpala, Veronica Torr, Matthew Wyatt, Rochelle Coster. Elizabeth Lamb and Nikki Hamblin.

July 2015 IAAF World Youth Championships in Colombia; Maddison-Lee Wesche.

August 2015 IAAF World Athletic Championships in Beijing; Alana Barber, Portia Bing, Jacko Gill, Siositina



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Hakeai, Nikki Hamblin, Te Rina Keenan.

September 2015 World Mountain Running Championships in Wales; Michael Banks.

March 2016 IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland Oregon; Valerie Adams bronze medal in the shot put and Eliza McCartney fifth in the pole vault.

May 2016 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championship in Rome; Alana Barber.

Honours and Awards

Eliza McCartney won the emerging talent award and a \$10,000 scholarship at the Halberg Awards in February.

We remember those from Auckland who made a contribution to our sport and have passed on.

Laurie Carter (90) on 24 November 2015

Laurie was a Glen Eden Athletic Club and Athletics Auckland stalwart who gave 72 years of service to athletics. He was appointed a track umpire at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games and was an official in the finishing chute at the 1988 World Cross Country Championships in Auckland. He joined the Glen Eden Athletic and Harrier Club just before he started competing in the masters. He currently holds every Auckland masters throwing record including the throws pentathlon in the M85 grade. He was a Life Member of the Auckland and Glen Eden Clubs as well as Auckland Masters Athletics.

Brian Watt (55) on 25 March 2016

Brian was President of the Auckland City Athletic Club since 2013 and was on the track and field committee of the Club and was the Club's coaching co-ordinator. He was a passionate supporter of athletics and successful coach of juniors at the Club.

Acknowledgements

To the Board of Athletics Auckland for their work. Chairman Peter Wyatt, Peter Booker track and field, Dianne Craddock cross Country and road, Fiona Maisey juniors, Jim Hogg treasurer, Rodger Brickland and Sasha Daniels. I would like to acknowledge Peter's commitment in ensuring that athletics and the facilities at Mt Smart Stadium are being well catered for in his discussions and negotiations that he has with Regional Facilities Auckland.

We are indebted to the office staff, Raewyn Rodger and until recently Anthony Currie for their commitment and input into the organisation and the running of the sport. We wish Anthony all the best in his appointment with the IAAF Oceania on the Gold Coast.

Thank you to the officials and volunteers in our sport, your contribution, enthusiasm and hard work at your clubs and at the centre level make it all possible. Also a big thank you to all the coaches throughout the region. Without your efforts we wouldn't have the champions of today and in the future.

We now look forward to the World Masters Games to be staged in Auckland in April and Athletics Auckland hosting the athletic competition.

Murray McKinnon QSM JP

President