



ATHLETICS AUCKLAND INC ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19



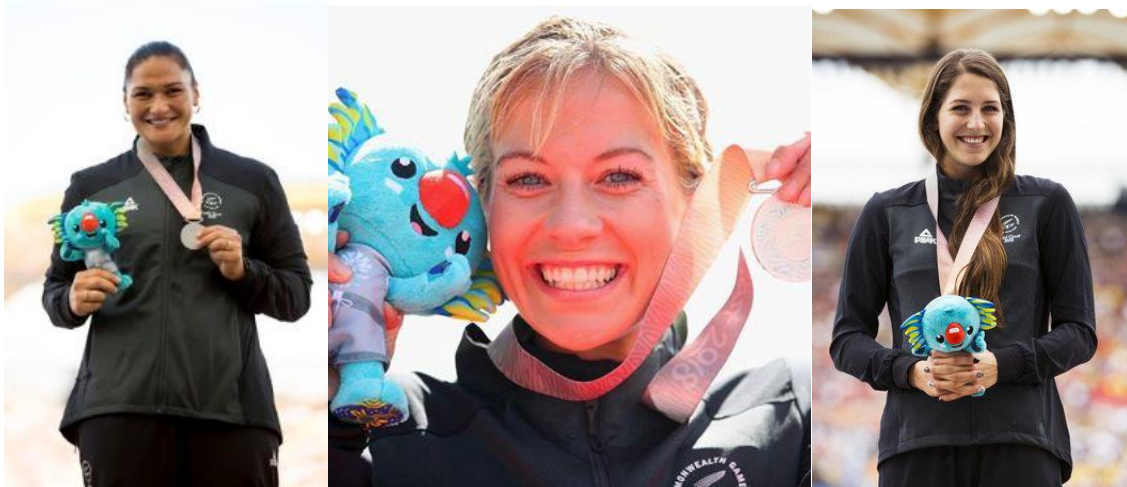


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It is a pleasure to bring you all our annual report and update you on the progress we are making. The 2018/2019 season has seen some significant success, both for individual athletes and Athletics Auckland Inc. in general. In reviewing the successes of the centre this year, several factors need to be highlighted.

The year started with the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast where we had six Auckland athletes representing New Zealand, Dame Valerie Adams in the shot put, Alana Barber in the 20km race walk, Eliza McCartney, Nicholas Southgate and Olivia McTaggart in pole vault, and Siositina Hakeai in the discus throw. It was tremendous to see three Auckland athletes as silver medallists, Dame Valerie Adams, Eliza McCartney and Alana Barber.



A significant contribution to all our athletes is carried out by their families', their coaches and the officials who all help. The contribution all these people make is acknowledged – thank you.

We commend you and all our other Auckland athletes for the hard work and dedication that goes into the preparation for and competition at the highest levels. We recognise the pride and inspiration that you bring to the sport, your families, clubs, centre and country.

The focus of our strategy and the changes made within Athletics Auckland is starting to deliver on growth - enabling us to deliver a better outcome to our athletes, coaches and officials within the Auckland region and our community. Health and Safety has been a big item this past year and will continue to be at the front of all our activities.

Everyone across Athletics Auckland should be proud of what we are achieving and recognise your contribution to the changes - big or small. Each of you plays a part in turning Athletics Auckland into a high performing regional sporting organisation which provides opportunities for everyone in our community to participate in quality organised, individual and team-based athletics. The combined Auckland Track and Field Championships and the Saturday meetings have been refined, answering the requests to coaches and athletes.

We will continue to refine our programmes and events and next year will see the inclusion of Masters events within our Saturday track and field programmes. These changes are all about collaboration and inclusiveness and give athletes of all ages the opportunities to compete against others at a similar level, creating exciting competitions within events.

This has been particularly noticeable in the sprint events where we have seen some great races and tight finishes in what were the second or 3rd or 4th heat in some events.

I am proud of all the successes, and hard work that has gone in over the year, with competitions, training, club management and with safety. The Board really do appreciate the commitment and focus that the three Sections have undertaken in these areas and to helping us succeed on our transformation journey.

David Sim

Chairman



AAI Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024

The role of Athletics Auckland is to deliver athletics, including track and field and cross country and road events throughout the summer and winter months. We consider it critical to build on our successes of 2017/18 and previous years in a way that recognises the emerging demands on the sport, athletes and stakeholders.

With the existing Strategic and Business Plans ending in 2019, the Board has pleasure in presenting the new plans to our members. There is a change to both the style and content as we felt it best to keep the plans simple and focus on what we really believe we can achieve. We believe our new plan, with the athlete in the middle, really does sum up in a simple view what Athletics Auckland is all about.

Like many sports in New Zealand, athletics needs to remain relevant for its members and be attractive for new participants to try. The membership of Athletics Auckland has dropped from about 7,000 athletes two seasons ago to about 5,500 athletes in the season just finished.

As a sport we can choose to accept this as the way things are, or we can seek ways to make athletics more attractive to ensure that people want to join, remain and keep coming back. It is with this in mind that the AAI board re-thought its Strategic Plan.

While our Vision remains:

“To be recognised as the centre that uses best practice for the delivery of athletics on behalf of Athletics New Zealand.”

We have broadened our mission:

“To provide opportunities for people to compete in athletics to the level that they desire.”

This encapsulates everyone from those who aspire to compete at the highest levels locally and internationally, to the weekend warriors who participate for the sheer joy of doing something they love.

Ultimately the athlete is at the centre of all that AAI does. Our updated strategic plan recognises this by focussing on four key aspects that contribute to the success of our athletes.



- **Events and Service Delivery** – facilitate and support events and services that optimise value to current and future stakeholders.
- **Coaching** – provide opportunities for athletes to develop to their full potential by developing and enhancing coaching in the Auckland Region.
- **Community engagement** - effective communication with all Stakeholders.
- **Operational Quality** – financial sustainability, streamlining systems and processes for stakeholders, excellence in health and safety, improving daily operations, ensuring optimum efficiency and increasing environmental sustainability.

Successfully deploying these aspects and integrating them into the way we do things provides the opportunity for our athletes to participate to the level they desire.

Like all Strategic Plans, it provides a framework and a guide for AAI to continue to deliver the sport for current and future members alike.

The Year in Review

New Zealand Track and Field Championships

Auckland athletes won 46 gold, 28 silver and 30 bronze medals.

Auckland Senior National Title Winners:

Edward Osei-Nketia 100m, Jordan Bolland 200m, Oliver Miller 400m and 400m hurdles, Joshua Hawkins 110m hurdles, Ebuka Okpala triple jump, Anthony Nobilo hammer throw, James Steyn pole vault, 4 x 100m relay (Edwin Leung, Jordan Bolland, Lewis Arthur, Dare Oye).

Zoe Hobbs 100m and 200m, Lydia O'Donnell 5000m, Alana Barber 10,000m race walk, Rochelle Coster 100m hurdles, Portia Bing 400m hurdles, Maddison-Lee Wesche shot put, Nicole Bradley hammer throw, Stephanie Wrathall javelin throw, Olivia McTaggart pole vault, 4 x 100m relay (Briana Stephenson, Natasha Eady, Rochelle Coster, Tamsin Harvey).

Lydia O'Donnell won the New Zealand women's 10,000m title.



Cross Country and Road

Lisa Cross of Auckland won the senior women's cross-country title with Penny Peskett second. Peter Wheeler was second and Cameron Graves third in the senior men championship. Auckland won both senior men and senior women team titles.



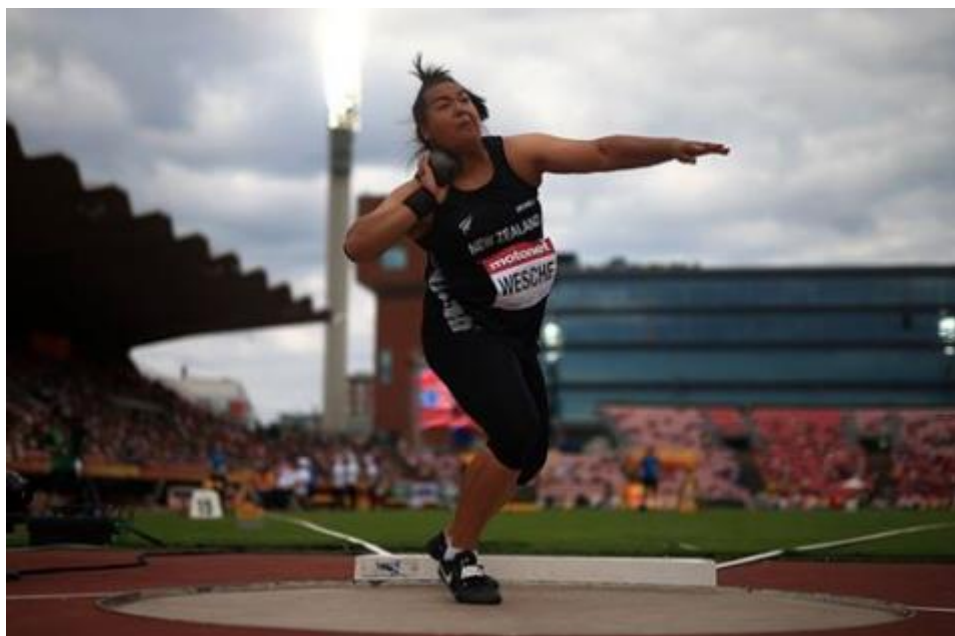
At the national road championships in Cambridge, Penny Peskett won the senior women's title from Lydia O'Donnell and Lisa Cross. Auckland won the senior women's teams title. Tony Sargisson won the senior 10km road walking title.

Wayne Botha won the New Zealand 100km title in Christchurch.



New Zealand Representation

Maddison-Lee Wesche continued New Zealand's stunning run of World shot put champions, winning the Women's Under 20 World Title in Tampere, Finland in July. Olivia McTaggart and Imogen Ayris also competed at the world junior championships, in the pole vault.



IAAF Race Walking Teams Championship, China in May: Alana Barber.

Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires Argentina in October: Connor Bell gold in the discus throw. Also, competing Dominic Overend and Murdoch McIntyre.

IAAF World Cross Country Championships, Aarhus Denmark in March: Peter Wheeler, Murdoch McIntyre, Stuart Hofmeyr, Isabella Richardson.

New Zealand Records set

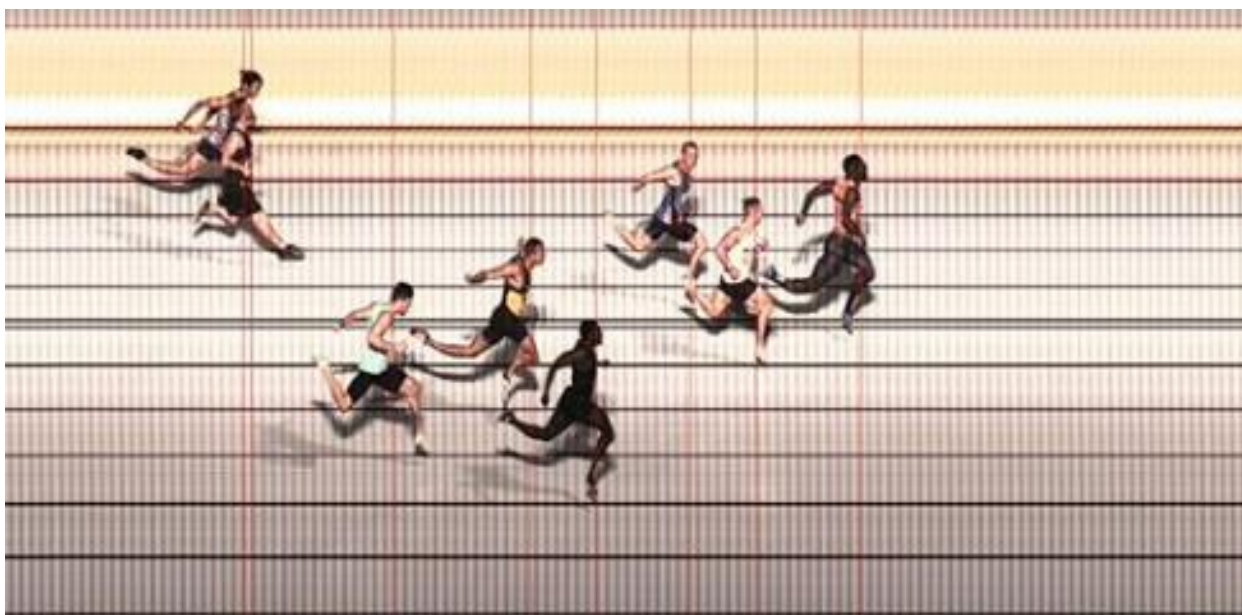
Aaron Booth men indoor heptathlon 5819 points.

Zoe Hobbs resident 100m 11.42, 11.37.

Portia Bing national 400m hurdles 56.04, 55.86.

Eliza McCartney all-comers, resident and national pole vault 4.85m, national pole vault 4.92m, 4.94m.

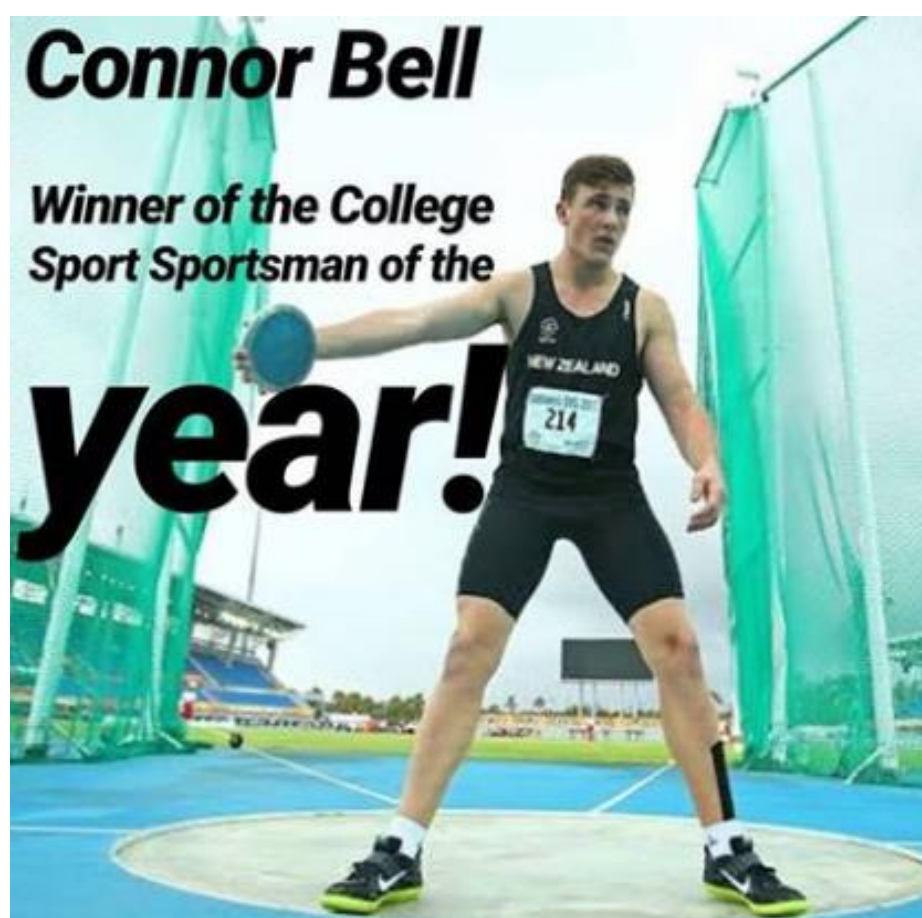
Edward Osei-Nketia under 18, under 19, under 20 100m 10.30, 10.19. 200m 20.76.



Murdoch McIntyre under 17 2000m steeplechase 5:55.07.

Nelson McCutcheon under 17 10km race walk 46:55.

Connor Bell under 19, under 20 1.75kg discus throw 59.72m, 60.05m, under 18 1.5kg discus throw 66.84m, 69.23m.



Obituaries

Graham Davy OBE died on 18 June 2018 aged 81. He was secretary of Athletics Auckland 1960-70, president 1970-75 and made a life member in 1975. He was president of Athletics New Zealand 1976-77 and made a life member in 1984.

Well known master runner of Auckland and latterly Thames Len Wilson died on 11 June 2018 aged 84. He was a stalwart of the Technical Athletic and Harrier Club and one of the longest serving registered athletes in Auckland.

Stalwart of the Lynndale Club and Athletics Auckland Mic Baker of Hastings, formerly Auckland, died on 12 July 2018 aged 81. He was on the Board of Athletics Auckland for several years, received an Athletics Auckland merit award and was a life member of the Lynndale Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club.

Long standing Auckland official and Club administrator Allan Dark died on 5 August 2018 aged 94. He was a life member of the Howick Club.

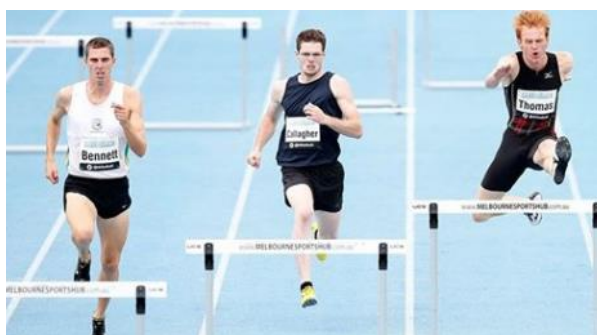
Doug Monds, of Auckland, a national junior hammer throw champion in the 1940's, died in Vancouver on 27 September 2018 aged 89.

Former Auckland president Ron Milicich died on 16 October 2018 aged 89. Ron was president of Athletics Auckland 1981-83 and was a chief umpire at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games. He was a past member of the Takapuna Athletic and Harrier Club.

Long standing Auckland official and administrator Beverley Booker died on 12 October 2018 aged 72.

Accomplished master's athlete Wally Opperman of North Shore Auckland died on 8 December aged 92. He was a foundation member of the North Shore Track and Field club established in 1972, as one of the five-person committee.

The Ironman of New Zealand running Bill Baillie MNZM of Auckland died on 25 December 2018 at Cooks Beach aged 84. He set world records over 20,000m and one hour at the Lovelock Track in Auckland on 24 August 1963 and was sixth in the 5000m at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games.



Former top junior hurdler Peter Callagher died in a light plane crash on the Kaimanawa Ranges on 23 March 2019 aged 27.

The first New Zealand woman to win a gold medal at an Olympic Games Yvette Corlett (nee Williams) CNZM MBE died on 13 April 2019, aged 89.

Leading Auckland runner in the 1950-60's and later prominent official and administrator John Fenton QSM died on 17 April 2019 aged 85.

John Mildenhall who was a motivational coach to many junior runners in Auckland over many years died on 23 April 2019.

2018- 2019 Senior Track and Field Report

NZ Track and Field Championships – Auckland Team to the 2019 New Zealand Track and Field Championships, Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch March 8-10th 2019

The Auckland Centre fielded a strong team at the 2019 NZ Track & Field Championships. The Team, which travelled to Christchurch, comprised 71 women and 67 men.

The 136 athletes who competed won 48 Gold medals, 28 Silver medals and 34 Bronze medals.



This compares well with previous years:

2018 161 athletes 35 Gold, 30 Silver and 39

2017 146 athletes 46 Gold, 35 Silver and 33

Attached are full result sheets for the Auckland athletes, which show how the individual athletes performed at the Championships. Numerous athletes won more than one medal and there were also several personal bests. Among the notable performances from athletes in individual events (excluding relays) were:

Alyssa Baxter	T37 Para	4 Golds
Kaia Tupu-South	WU18/WU20	3 Golds 1 Silver
Zoe Hobbs	SW	2 Golds
Oliver Miller	SM	2 Golds
Olivia McTaggart	WU20/SW	2 Golds
Tayla Clement	F43 Para	2 Golds
Sionann Murphy	F37 Para	2 Golds
Matthew Aucamp	MU20	1 Gold 1 Silver
Nelson McCutcheon	MU18/MU20	1 Gold 1 Silver
Jayden Williamson	MU18/MU20	1 Gold 1 Silver
Anthony Barmes	MU20/SM	1 Gold 2 Bronze
Jordan Bolland	SM	1 Gold 1 Silver
Connor Bell	MU20/SM	1 Gold 1 Bronze

Olly Parkinson	MU20	1 Gold	1 Bronze
Isabella Richardson	WU18	1 Gold	1 Bronze
Savannah Scheen	WU20/SW	1 Gold	1 Bronze
Charlotte Holland	WU18	1 Gold	1 Bronze
Imogen Ayris	WU20/SW	2 Silvers	
Mitch Joynt	T64 Para	2 Silvers	
Zoe Taylor	WU20	1 Silver	2 Bronze
Keegan Pitcher	T36 Para	1 Silver	1 Bronze
Anna Steven	T64 Para	1 Silver	1 Bronze
Centaine Noom-Duckworth	WU18/WU20		2 Bronze
Tony Sargisson	SM	2 Bronze	

Two records were set by Auckland athletes at the Championships: Alana Barber in the SW 10,000m Walk (45:48.49), and by Connor Bell in the MU20 Discus 60.05m

Of those who travelled to Christchurch, only two athletes did not compete in the competition due to injury, one of those being Isabella Brown (Pole Vault) who was injured during warm-ups for her first event, the WU18 Pole Vault, which was being held in extremely wet and windy conditions. Unfortunately, there were also a few athletes who were injured in earlier rounds of track events and therefore were forced to withdraw from the final for which they had qualified, and this also had an impact on some of the relays.

Due to athletes being unavailable at short notice, Auckland was unable to field a MU18 or WU20 4x400m relay team.





Especially encouraging for future years is the increase in representation by Auckland Para athletes, of whom there were 4 women and 8 men. Between them they won 16 medals.

There are still some gaps in Auckland representation, however, as there were 17 events in which Auckland did not have an athlete entered, and an additional 11 Para events which did not have an Auckland entry.





Summer of '69

Oh, when I look back now
That summer seemed to last forever
And if I had the choice
Yeah, I'd always wanna be there
Those were the best days of my life

The Summer of '69 to the Summer of 2019 is fifty years and in October an Auckland record will be set that is most unlikely to ever be broken.

In October 1969 Murray McKinnon started announcing athletics meetings at Mt Smart. Athletics and Mt Smart is a better place for having had Murray in it for the last 50 years. What a great opportunity to stop and reflect on how much Murray has done and achieved for Athletics Auckland, Murray you are an inspiration to all of us. May your future be bright and may we continue to hear you calling races and events for many more years!



2018-2019 Cross Country and Road Report

The Cross Country and Road season has once again been a busy and successful one with our numbers slowly growing, especially in the under 12, under 14 and under 16 grades. The change in grade ages has one very positive outcome – the U18 grade is now a 2-year grade instead of a 3-year grade which some athletes found very challenging at times.

The challenge for both the Cross Country and Road Committee and Clubs is to continue to find ways to try and encourage young athletes through to senior grades. Cross Country is good endurance training for any mid to long distance athlete on the track or involved in other sports, and there are interesting opportunities to be involved in International events such as Mountain Championships, World Cross Country Championships, Half Marathons and Marathons.

The National Cross Country Championships were held in Wellington in 2018. This became an extremely muddy and challenging event with Masters Women finding it particularly difficult due to the course being in poor condition at the end of the day's events. Auckland still managed some very creditable results however as you will see in our Presidents report.

A new course is planned by Wellington for the 2019 Championships, and we look forward to once again taking a team to test out the course and compete against the best of NZ distance athletes.

The 2018 National Road Championships were well attended by Auckland athletes as they were held in Cambridge enabling many more athletes to travel down.



Although these Championships are usually awarded for two years to the same venue or centre, Cambridge felt they were not able to hold this event for a second year, so Auckland has been asked to Host the 2019 Road Championship.

The event will be held at Bruce Pulman Park on September 15th, so diary this now, we should once again be able to show good numbers. This year all the Starts will be in the same area adjacent to the Finish line.

Even if you not invited to be a participant in the Centre team you can enter as a Club athlete and enjoy the challenge of racing with athletes from around NZ. There will races for all age grades and this year for the first time there will be Junior races in the Walks Championships

In response to some feedback from athletes the two championship events at Barry Curtis Park were run over different courses to those used before. We could run our events there despite Secondary Schools being denied use of the grounds, in one case, only a couple of days earlier. We believe this was possible because of the good relationship built between AAI and the Park Rangers.



We have offered “officials training” courses to the Clubs, both to encourage more Officials but also so that there will be more people within our Clubs who know the rules and basics of running a good club day. Paul Craddock has been conducting these courses and several Clubs have taken the opportunity to do this.

The level C course is very helpful for coaches as well and Clubs should continue to encourage both their members and coaches to do this. Paul is happy to come to your club if you prefer.

We have continued to develop links with several race providers to co-operatively provide competition for events such as our Marathon and Half Marathon Championships. This has

enabled us to provide Championships that would otherwise be impossible due to numbers competing and costs. In return we have provided the event with services they require such as course measuring and Referees.

Our introduction of a photo competition resulted in some wonderful shots. See what you can do this year. We hope that more people will be involved.

There will be two categories - Photographers under 15 years and over 15 years. The competition will be open this year to any AAI winter event and any subject matter. Just send them to the Auckland Office with your name, age category and event at which the photo was taken. You can add a caption if you wish.

I hope you enjoyed your season both as participants, officials, Clubs and spectators, thanks for your support, we could not do without you.

We are now in a new season and wish all our competitors the very best.

Dianne Craddock

Cross Country and Road Convenor



2018-2019 Junior Track and Field Report

Another successful year has come to an end for the junior section of Athletics Auckland. Registrations for the Junior section continue to remain static and we need to continue to look for ways to encourage more children to become involved in the sport.

The challenges of negotiating ground space at Mt Smart continued and doesn't look to be easing soon. The lure of the dollar for Regional Facilities will always make hosting concerts more attractive than athletics events.

At the national level, we again competed in the 12/13-year Interprovincial competition, this year in Christchurch, where the Auckland team gaining 2nd place behind Canterbury, and the Auckland Counties-Manukau team placing 3rd. Team managers acknowledged the commitment and enthusiasm of those that competed. This competition helps to foster the athletes through to the senior level of competition having a team to strive to be a part of and a focus for a higher level of competition. Auckland is booked to host for 2020, so an organising team need to get together and start deciding now. Please feel free to contact your new executive and offer to be involved.

Two Auckland teams also competed in the U16/U18 Interprovincial competition held in Palmerston North. This event continues to grow and again helps to transition athletes through to the senior levels of competition. Appreciation goes to the coaching and management staff of these teams for all their efforts and time commitments. This age group is one that is garnering more attention from Athletics NZ and together with the Youth Advisory Board there are some exciting initiatives being discussed.



At the international level, it was the final away year for the Trans-Tasman 10/11-year-old event. This year around 75 athletes were named in the team to travel to Sydney. The athletes competed well, with a number gaining more than one individual medal. Unfortunately, the trend of the home team winning continued for 2019. However, the athletes gained life-long friendships from the experience. Thanks to the Management team for their hours of dedicated organisation to make the event possible. Thanks to the Clubs and officials who provided help and encouragement for athletes to participate. The Trans-Tasman tour in its current format has reached a conclusion and 2020 will be the final challenge. We look forward to building a full and strong team for the 2020 challenge here in Auckland and to take the trophy back from the NSW team.

A very successful Auckland Championship was held this season with all athletes aged 7 and over coming together over two weekends to create an exciting atmosphere for our juniors to compete in. The decision to combine the sections was not without its difficulties and we know there is ongoing work to be done in creating a strong, dynamic event. Please continue to keep an open mind and a positive engagement with this event.

One of the more significant things to affect our sport this season was the disbanding of NZCAA. While it will take some time for the transition to Athletics NZ to be completed, I believe the development of a Youth Advisory Board is a positive step forward to integrating all aspects of the sport under one umbrella. It is pleasing to see NZSSAA coming to the table and contributing to the conversation as well.



A huge thank you must go out to the many officials and supporters who have helped to make the seasons championship events run successfully and smoothly. The support of the clubs in encouraging parents to become officials is extremely important to our sport. Clubs need to continue to encourage their parents to tackle the official's courses and to then come along to help at meetings on a regular basis.

Thank you also to the delegates who contribute to the management of the season's events and their contributions to the monthly delegates meetings. Input from the clubs through these meetings is a key connection that needs to be maintained to encourage athletes to participate in events provided by the association. Good communication lines between the Junior section and Clubs is vital for the smooth running of the section.

Lastly it should be acknowledged that the season could not have run successfully without the Junior Executive and supporting committees, they are a dedicated and hardworking group who provide an outstanding service to the athletes and the clubs. Many thanks to them for their enormous time and effort, it is much appreciated by athletes, clubs and parents.

I would personally like to thank those in the sport who have shown me support over the past three years as Junior Convenor. I value the friendships I have gained through athletics and the skills learnt in managing and facilitating within the volunteer sector. As I step down from this position, I hope that more delegates or other officials from clubs, will step up to lighten the load borne by a few.

Thank you all for your support and all the best for the new season.

Fiona Maisey

Junior Convenor



AAI Coach Development

Most coach education courses for 2018/19 centered around practical events for our beginning and established coaches to participate in. Various events were held at Mt Smart over the course of the season.

The AAI Coach manager is planning in the future to hold clinics with coaches in their regions in 2019. These informal courses conducted by Athletics Auckland will be acknowledged as part of the new coach accreditation process as a demonstration of wanting to continually learn.

ANZ Coach accreditation

The new ANZ Coach Accreditation membership process was released in June 2018. This has heralded a new “professionalism” for our coaches in New Zealand. Not as many of our region’s coaches completed the initial uptake but nationally the numbers are adequate. The process will possibly be streamlined by Athletics NZ in the future so our region’s coaches can be recognised for the great work they do. Modules are set to be in place online in 2019 for our new coaches to the sport to learn the basic skills of coaching.

AAI Coach Manager education courses

With the support of AAI, I could undertake various courses during the year to develop my role.

Outside Organisations

Harbour Sport 2018

Over the year I attended three Coach developer courses run by Harbour Sport. In April, the group discussed the challenges facing people in the role and then talked about solutions. In June, we looked at building and maintaining effective relationships. The third course in September was based around enhancing the creditability of the coach developer.

Sport Auckland 2018

Attended a course in November based on managing the role of a coach developer.

Active Sport and Recreation Auckland 2018

In September attended a course which was a follow up to the two-day Coach Developer course held in May. The focus was on workshop delivery.

The aim for 2019 is to attend Active “Good Sports” two-day course and share these learnings to the Auckland athletic community.

John Walker Find your Field of Dreams

The scheme continued in 2018 with myself and other Athletics Auckland coaches, delivering a skill and agility conditioning programme into the Papakura region. This is promoted by the Foundation lead by CEO Rick Pickard and funded by the Papakura District council. The goal is to promote movement skills to give confidence to athletes participating in sport and those who are not currently participating in a sport. Our aim is to show that athletics is a sport of choice in their region.

The schools that participated in the programme for 2018 were as follows

Rosehill Intermediate, Drury School, Edmund Hillary school and Ramarama school.

Other schools and colleges have expressed an interest in this programme so the future is bright for continuation of this scheme for years to come. Other opportunities are presenting in other regions such as Manurewa and Pukekohe.



Aspire Development Academy

The main three-day academy was held in October 2018, as a lead into the track and field season. We had over 70 participants, which was a pleasing number, with 8 leading Auckland coaches presenting coaching sessions over the four event groups Distance, Sprints, Jumps and Throws. This Academy was opened to club and school athletes. For this academy, we changed the focus to event group coaching for the first day and a half and then completed the academy with a multitude of conditioning routines. A great event which was enjoyed by all who participated.

Over the course of the season we conducted “mini” Academies, which were also successful.

April 2018

Two-day event for Distance athletes, led by James Kuegler of the Papakura club. 25 athletes came to this event.

January 2019

Two-day academy was held for Sprinters and Throwers.

The pleasing factor with the Aspire academy is that nearly all participants state that they will attend future academies.



[Auckland Regional Athletics Coaching programme \(ARACP\)](#)

This programme was delivered by the AAI Coach Manager to Junior clubs in the Auckland region. It provides coaching to parent / new coaches and athletes, the basics of the traditional events. Most were delivered on club nights with some selecting a training day.

The clubs that took opportunity of the free sessions were as follows

Avondale, Beachlands/Maraetai, Hillsborough, Lynndale, Pakuranga, Papatoetoe, and Waiuku.

Sessions were also run at the following schools

Kings College, Massey High and St Therese Catholic school.

[AAI Coach Resources](#)

We now have a library of excellent DVD's and manuals that they available to our coaches to view for free. The library covers all athletic events and are of a high quality.

In conclusion, it is my wish that the Auckland regions coaches embrace the new environment for developing themselves to be better. My goal is to support all coaches in the Auckland region to achieve this.

Neil Bartlett

AAI Coach Development Manager



Officials

Once again it was another busy season for our small group of hardworking technical officials.

As some of you will know the changes to the IAAF competition structure and qualification for major meetings and a new emphasis on world rankings caused some issues with competitions in Auckland.

We must now have enough suitably qualified officials at every meet. Gone are the days were a group of 10 officials could run a meet. The officials must be graded up to National Championship level so that means we need our A and B grade officials to show up week in week out.

Even though we have 150 officials on the database only 30 are registered as an official with Athletics New Zealand. Our challenge is to encourage these officials to Officiate at Centre Events. During five days of Auckland Championships our officials worked long hours and we commend the many volunteer hours they give to our sport.

Positives from the season.

- We once again supported the Porritt Classic with officials and equipment. There were 14 officials that travelled to Hamilton. This assisted Athletics Waikato/Bay of Plenty with the running of the meet
- Nine officials were appointed to the Athletics New Zealand Track and Field Championships in Christchurch. Five of those officials were in senior roles
- Our officials supported both the Vertical Pursuit and the Sir Graeme Douglas International meeting
- Supporting the five College Sport Athletics events
- Hosting the Athletics New Zealand 10000m Championships



We have several officials that are some of the most experienced officials in New Zealand and they were recognised with some major appointments.

Technical Delegates Appointments

Anthony Curry – New Zealand Track and Field Championships, New Zealand Cross Country Championships and the Sir Peter Snell International Meeting

Paul Craddock – New Zealand Road Relay Championships

John Phillips – Capital Classic

International Appointments

Oceania Athletics Championships -Townsville 2019

Anthony Curry – International Technical Official – Area

Lauren Kidd – Track Umpire

Daniel Lewis – Technical Judge

Pacific Games – Samoa 2019

Anthony Curry – International Technical Official – Area

Lauren Kidd – National Technical Official

Daniel Lewis - National Technical Official

Angelina Revell-Lewis - National Technical Official

Our thanks to Paul Craddock and Lauren Kidd our (Regional Officials Educator's – ROE) who ran several courses throughout the year. These courses are to assist athletes, club administrators, parents and officials to understand the Competition Rules and gain qualifications and gradings.

Having Paul and Lauren as ROE's provides us with twice the opportunity to hold officials' courses.

Several clubs took the opportunity of the two ROE's to request and hold courses at local clubrooms.

Thanks, must also go to all technical officials that give up their time each Saturday throughout the Summer and Winter.



The 2019/20 season will be another busy season with another combined Auckland Championships, an International meet and our weekly meets. The Athletics New Zealand Road Running Championships return to Auckland in mid-September. 2019 also sees the full integration of the Auckland Masters athletes into the senior programmes.

Congratulations

Kirsten Hellier of Auckland was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, ONZM, for services to sport particularly athletics and Alison Brearley of Auckland received the Queen's Service Medal QSM for services to sport and education in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Derek Williams, a coach and committee member with the Waitakere City Athletics Club received the Queen's Service Medal for services to the Welsh community and athletics in the 2019 New Year Honours.

Maddison-Lee Wesche, won the Emerging Talent Award at the Halberg Awards and Beatrice Faumuina winner of 21 New Zealand titles, and the first New Zealander to win a world athletic title was admitted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame.

Yvette Corlett (nee Williams) CNZM, MBE was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to athletics. Although deceased Her Majesty's approval of this award took effect on 12 April 2019, prior to her death on 13 April.

Yvette Corlett was the first New Zealand female athlete to win an Olympic Gold medal in 1952 in the long jump event. Yvette served as Patron of Counties Manukau Regional Sports Trust for 17 years until 2009. She was Patron of Athletics New Zealand from 2003 to 2006 and served on the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame's Board of Governors from 1990 to 1995. She served for 40 consecutive years on the selection panel for the New Zealand Herald Junior Sports Awards. Yvette continued to volunteer her time coaching at the Panmure Young Citizens Centre. She was made a Member of the most excellent order of the British Empire in the 1953 New Year Honours and a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2011 New Year Honours.

Russ Hoggard received the Queen's Service Medal for services to athletics. Russ has been an athletics coach for young New Zealanders for more than 60 years. He began to coach athletics in 1958 and carried out most of his work on a voluntary basis until funding became available for a modest retainer when he retired from his work as a salesman. He has coached thousands of athletes from community and club level, to secondary school national competitions, and to national and international success.

The Future

What will athletics in Auckland look like in a years' time, in 5 years or in 30 years? Are we engaging with the ethnic communities, schools and the changing 'face' and locations in which Aucklanders live?

- Do clubs need to create a close relationship between clubs and schools, e.g., how many clubs run club nights from 3.30 or 4pm when schools and kids are available as opposed to starting at 6pm when parents finish work?
- There is an example of two mums from the Wellington region who started athletics at lunch time at schools. Kelly Sports is another example where the traditional way athletics is delivered has changed.

Are we adapting to the changes that are happening now? These are some of the items and issues that will face Athletics Auckland and clubs in the coming years.

How many clubs know about the Auckland Council's long-term plans for Auckland? Did you know there is a contestable \$120 million Sport and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund which is in addition to the \$1 billion Auckland Council already invests in sport? Rapid growth and social change are changing the face of Auckland, creating an opportunity to build a stronger, more diverse and inclusive society. Community sport is a key part of this vision.

We will soon see the following four changes;

1. Focus on community sport where it can add most value. The participation model we have working at Mt Smart will be the model used going forward, that is, multi-use venues
2. Funding will focus on three areas: emerging sports, low participation sports, and high participation sports
3. Focus on multi-functional facilities (e.g. Mt Smart and Papatoetoe Kolmar Sports Hub)
4. Strategic investment rather than isolated decisions

We all need to be aware of the changing sport preferences of the increasingly diverse and growing population of Auckland, so we can be more active, more often and be engaging with community athletics. So how do we grow our club numbers?

How many club administrators have gone to local colleges and shared starting blocks, so the students competing in college sports know how to do crouch starts from blocks?

The example of two mums from Wellington and Kelly Sports are examples where the traditional way athletics is delivered has changed. In both examples, the numbers of kids involved in athletics is growing.

The only way to grow numbers is to change, change how we go about recruiting athletes. As Administrators of clubs we must go out to our local primary, intermediate and colleges and engage with the schools and work out how to make it work for the schools, the students and our clubs.

If we don't continue adapting



Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2019

Athletics Auckland Inc Statement of Profit or Loss for the year ended 30 April 2019				
2018	Note	2019	2019	
<i>BOARD</i>				
<i>Income</i>				
49,983	Registrations & Membership	52,102		
18,000	Administration Levies	18,000		
1,826	Club Affiliation Fees	1,878		
69,809	Total Subscriptions			71,980
19,425	Apparel, Equipment & Sundries	47,020		
46,287	Grants & Donations Received	63,505		
3,898	Coaching & Development	5,933		
2,057	Gym Memberships	2,835		
6,192	Interest & Dividends Received	6,368		
77,858	Total Activity & Investment Income			125,661
147,667	Total Board Income			197,640
<i>less Expenses</i>				
13,812	Administration Expenses	11,113		
32,106	Athletics Development	41,155		
8,733	Coaching Expenses	5,865		
3,349	Depreciation	1,932		
1,369	Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	739		
16,887	Grants Expended	31,812		
3,742	Printing & Stationery	3,933		
1,465	Repairs & Maintenance	4,597		
640	Security	731		
81,936	Wages & Salaries	100,397		
254	A.C.C. Expenses	522		
2,406	Telephone & Tolls	2,731		
166,699	Total Board Expenses	205,527		
(19,032)	Board Operating Profit			(7,887)
<i>Divisions Operations</i>				
-	JWFOO	-		
(2,123)	WMG 2017	-		
3,866	Track & Field	(15,817)		
9,012	Cross Country & Road	6,751		
26,078	Juniors	(546)		
36,833				(9,612)
17,801	Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)			(17,499)

Financial activities for AAI for the year ended 30th April 2019 was a group loss of (\$17499) and registrations down by around 400 athletes. Of the loss result, \$22964 was depreciation expense on equipment, which was not cash so from a cash position we were positive. Wage expense has increased as we employ more staff to deliver competition and coaching initiatives. We have been moderately successful in the grant funding process but could improve this with some expert steerage.

We continue to manage the financial accounting for John Walker Field of Dreams and \$15097 of funds belong to that entity.

Our constraints are a limited funding resource and skilled personnel shortage. Our strengths are well managed but limited funds and loyal personnel who are very hard working and committed.

Jim Hogg



Our Clubs

AMMI School of Sports & Fitness
 Auckland City Athletic Club
 Auckland City Triathlon Club
 Auckland University Track Club
 Avondale Athletics Club
 Beachlands Maraetai Athletics Club
 Calliope A and H Club Inc
 Eastern Athletic and Harrier Club
 Ellerslie Amateur A and H Club Inc
 Glen Eden A and H Club Inc
 Helensville Athletics Club
 Hibiscus Coast Athletic Club
 Hillsborough Junior Athletic Club
 Lynndale Amateur A and H Club
 Mangere Otahuhu Athletic Club
 Manurewa Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club
 Massey Athletic Club
 North Harbour Bays Athletics Inc
 Onehunga A and H Club Inc

Oratia Running Club
 Owairaka Amateur Athletic Club
 Pakuranga Athletic Club
 Papakura Athletic and Harrier Club
 Papatoetoe Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club
 Point Chevalier Amateur Athletics
 Pukekohe Amateur A and H Club
 Racewalking Auckland Inc
 Riverhead Athletic Club
 Roskill South AAC
 Takapuna Amateur A and H Club Inc
 Te Atatu Athletic Club
 Technical H and A Club
 The Auckland YMCA Marathon Club
 Waiuku Districts Amateur Athletic Club
 Waitakere City Athletic Club Inc
 Warkworth Athletic and Harrier Club
 Wesley Harrier and Athletic Club Inc
 Western Elite Throws Academy-Athletics Club Inc

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Our People

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Jim Hogg - Treasurer

Sasha Daniels - Solicitor

Anthony Curry - Director

Bryce Hall - Director

Fiona Maisey - Director and Junior Track & Field Convenor

Peter Booker - Track & Field Convenor

Dianne Craddock - Cross Country & Road Convenor

Terry Jensen - Appointed Director In lieu of Junior Track & Field Convenor

Raewyn Rodger - Office Manager

Neil Bartlett – Coaching Development

Fiona Free - Competition Coordinator



