

# **ATHLETICS AUCKLAND INC**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**







*“Athletics is our activity; our business is entertainment”*

The quote above is from an address recently by Lord Sebastian Coe, President of the IAAF. It succinctly describes the philosophy we should have as governors and administrators of our wonderful sport.

The statement clearly delineates two distinct but interlinked aspects everyone in the sport should be aware of whether it is at the governance level or at club level. Being a relatively highly technical sport we need to control our ‘activity’ for accuracy, measurability and progression to greatness. Along the way however to keep our participants motivated and interested we need to make the sport enjoyable and entertaining. It goes without saying that those following our sport are looking for enjoyment and entertainment, more so in the current generation and this is what draws them to view our activity.

My reason for mentioning this is that if we are to grow we need to satisfy both aspects. The need for a base of excellence is obvious to meet the competitive members need to achieve and we will also recognise and provide for this through technical expertise, official and coach development and people on the ground volunteering their time. To expand our influence and attract more to our sport we need to develop our capability to ‘entertain’.

Your Board of Directors recognise this interconnection in their strategic plan and other initiatives currently being worked on, however the philosophy needs to be encouraged and adopted by all involved in our sport. Some of those initiatives are the development of the Auckland Plan for athletics in the region. A working party began work on this some months ago at the directive of Sport New Zealand. Various sport and community stakeholders have been included to ensure buy-in and involvement of our potential audience. The first actions to be worked on are currently being finalised and will be notified to membership and others shortly. We also have development plans underway for officials and volunteers, partly driven by the need over the next twelve months and beyond for such major events as the World Masters Games 2017. If undertaken in a planned and systematic manner these initiatives should leave a lasting legacy for the sport.

Getting the messages out to potential participants is always a challenge and a specialist role. We must look seriously at how we sell our sport (keep in mind the opening quote!) and the Board is acutely aware of our static membership numbers and is examining ways to market the sport more productively. If anyone wants to be more involved in driving this development please contact a Board member or your club delegate. We need more horsepower in both numbers and specialist skills.

As always, I am grateful for the time, effort and dedication of your Board of Directors, and our staff members Raewyn and Anthony (who has recently left us) for their positive drive to promote and improve our sport. To the many volunteers during the year I sincerely thank all who have contributed to providing a great experience for our athletes.

Let’s together take our sport to a new level of entertainment and enjoyment for all.



## From the President | Murray McKinnon

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.

### Juniors

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 Hakeai, Nikki Hamblin, Te Rina Keenan.

September 2015 World Mountain Running Champs 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 Champs 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 Curry 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.

## Cross Country and Road | Dianne Craddock

It is my pleasure to report on another successful and enjoyable year of cross country and road running.

Our representative teams attending the National Cross Country Championships in Christchurch and the National Road Championships in Tauranga along with Club teams to the National Road Relays in Christchurch all performed well together and achieved a number of team and individual medals. Only three athletes were sent to the Australian Cross Country Championships in Melbourne this year with Matt Baxter finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Menes' Grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U23 Menes' Grade.

Athletics Auckland have been contracted to provide the athletics events for World Masters Games 2017 with the Cross Country & Road section being responsible for the cross country event on the last day of competition. Additionally we will be providing Officials for the 10km and half marathon road races. The cross country is to be held in the Auckland Domain so an application was made to Athletics New Zealand to host the 2016 National Cross Country Championships with the intention of holding them in the Domain also. This has been approved giving us an opportunity to test the course and infrastructure around the competition. There is a small organizing committee working on all aspects involved for both events. We are supported in this by Karen Hinckley, AAI WMG Liaison person and John McBrearty who has been appointed as Technical Delegate.



We are now about one third of the way through the 2016 season. Good numbers have attended all the events overall and are well spread through the grades.

As requested by some Clubs we have included an Under 9 Grade in to the Grand prix series. This is proving to be successful - some Clubs have increased their numbers as a result.

The Auckland Regional Officials Coordinator held an out of stadia course in May which has qualified new officials and increased our total pool of Winter Officials. Others have moved up a Grade. We continue to rotate Officials through all aspects of cross country and road to give experience in the roles and prepare them for B and A Grade status. Not only officials attended the seminar as several coaches and club administrators also attended. This has good ramifications for the sport as they all will have a greater understanding of the rules and how to host an event.

Earlier in the season a discussion was held on course setting - what to do and what to avoid. Two officials are now being mentored through the Course Measurement process with the goal of them becoming AIMS Graded Measurers.

We have much to look forward in the balance of the season and wish all members, officials, helpers and athletes another successful and enjoyable year.

## Junior Track and Field | Fiona Maisey

Once again we have had a successful season with 14 Championship records and 22 resident records being broken, The Trans Tasman Challenge Cup being wrestled back from the Aussies, Auckland and Counties Manukau placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively at Interprovincials with 5 athletes picking up individual honours.

Recorded athlete numbers have dropped off though and we need to continue our efforts in engaging with and retaining new families in our sport. It is always interesting to follow athletes who have used athletics as a springboard to other sports – it's a good marketing tool for clubs to use at the beginning of each new season. It was good to see a number of new international rugby, sevens and netball players come onto the scene who we have had through Junior Athletics.

Financially we have also had a good year with a healthy balance sheet to see us through the winter and into the start of the new season. This was helped in part by the obtaining of a number of grants for our IP team's to Dunedin. We are grateful to Trillian Trust, Pegasus Trust and The Four Winds Foundation for their support of our athletes. The new structures implemented by Athletics NZ to pay their costs has had an interesting introduction over the past 2 years. Please try and work with the centre and register all your athletes for the new season regardless of age or whether they are champion athletes. The financial cost to the Centre will rise if we don't accurately record all our athletes and pay the corresponding levies.

Our championship events have been well attended and it was pleasing to note the increased number of 12 to 14 year olds attending the Auckland Championships. This is the pinnacle event of our season and moving the date forward made a difference to the number of older athletes who were able to fit it in around their secondary school athletic commitments. A large number of parents also participated in varying levels of officials courses. We had very little trouble in filling officials places for most of our events. Thank you to those parents who stepped forward to help and carried that into an official grading.



The Junior Section is largely administered by a group of dedicated delegates from each club who meet monthly to plan and implement the season. We have had a number of new delegates this year and a club cluster system was initiated to try and relieve the load that has traditionally been carried by those in executive positions. I think as a different way of trying things it had its advantages and disadvantages and it will be interesting to see how it develops in the new season. I look forward to seeing new delegates in the 2016/17 season as we continue to work on succession planning.

Lastly I must acknowledge all the volunteers who made this season happen. Those who stepped into executive roles thank you for your support and continued passion for this sport. To those who officiated, organised, managed, toured with or fed athletes, thank you. Our sport is run largely by people like you who volunteer their time and energy in making sure our young athletes get a chance to learn the skills of running, jumping and throwing and then standing back while we watch to see where it might take them.



## Senior Track and Field | Peter Booker

Another successful season for track and field with senior meets held at Mt. Smart, North Harbour and Waitakere.

### International Event

International and New Zealand athletes competed at the Douglas Track Trust Stadium, Waitakere, Auckland on the 25th February with some top performances again, thanks to Jeremy McColl and his team in setting up the pole vault close to the grandstand allowing excellent viewing of this event and allowing Eliza McCartney to be seen closer than in normal competition. The event was watched by over 2000 spectators. Shot putters were also on centre stage throwing in front of the stand. The event was organised by Athletics New Zealand and Athletics Auckland.

### Auckland Championships

The Auckland Championships were held at Mt Smart with over 250 athletes competing it also included grade 10 to 14 walks. Again the 3000m, 2000m and 3000m steeplechase, the 5000m, 10000m championships were held at other venues.

### Nationals March 2016 Dunedin

A team of 132 athletes were selected with 100 to 110 taking part, winning 43 gold, 27 silver and 24 bronze medals. Special thanks to management and drivers for their support throughout. Refer the president's report for further details.



### North Island Secondary School Championships

12 regions from throughout the North Island competed over a three day period, with a total crowd in the order of 7000 spectators watching. Again top quality fields with the country's future athletes competing.

### Equipment

Purchase of equipment this season continues to allow build up of current equipment getting beyond their use by date as some date back to 1990 Commonwealth Games. Upgrade of pole vault mats an exterior cover cost \$18,000.00.

### School Athletics

Once again Athletics Auckland hosted 40 schools meets which included everything from Primary to Secondary Schools, the Secondary zone meets and the Auckland Secondary Athletics Championships.

Thanks to again to Anthony and Raewyn for coordinating the bookings meet management and organising of officials. Thanks to Geoff Haigh for looking after the schools whilst on site. A special thanks to officials who continually offer their services throughout the season to our demanding schedules.

We must not forget the time spent by coaches preparing athletes to enable athletes to higher honours. Good luck to athletes that have reached representative honours and especially to those heading for Rio.



## Statement of Financial Performance | for the year ended 30th April 2016

2015			2016	2016
	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>			
	<b><i>Income</i></b>			
146723	Registrations & Membership		40584.94	
19500	Administration Levies		18000.00	
1770	Club Affiliation Fees		1878.12	
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167993	Total Subscriptions			60463.06
41216	Apparel, Equipment & Sundries		8993.75	
116078	Grants Received		81373.84	
6339	Coaching & Development		4608.70	
2194	Gym Memberships		3934.84	
146000	JWFD Inward		5588.16	
9154	Interest & Dividends Received		9149.45	
	<i>Divisional Activities (profit/-loss)</i>			
-8253.00	Track & Field		16783.34	
4164.00	Cross Country & Road		-149.01	
29442.00	Juniors		-4572.64	
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346334.72				125710.43
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514327.76	<b>Total Income</b>			186173.49
	<b><i>less Expenses</i></b>			
9366.18	Administration Expenses	11717.72		
120484.22	Athletics NZ Levies	0.00		
3274.80	Athletics Development	3712.93		
3965.36	Coaching Expenses	7951.05		
136000.00	JWFD Expenses	3043.48		
16770.00	Depreciation	15498.60		
29087.67	Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	19295.69		
42254.83	Grants Expended	18300.00		
3925.59	Printing & Stationery	3978.38		
4663.27	Repairs & Maintenance	299.90		
1279.41	Security	1028.80		
116196.23	Wages & Salaries	87436.91		
1329.91	A.C.C. Expenses	1304.09		
2737.60	Telephone & Tolls	2495.97		
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491335.07	<b>Total Board Expenses</b>		176063.52	
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22992.69	<b>Net Profit</b>			10109.97
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## Our Clubs

Auckland City Athletics	Auckland City Triathlon	Auckland University	Auckland YMCA
Avondale	Calliope	Eastern	Ellerslie
Glen Eden	Hibiscus Coast	Hillsborough	Human Performance
Lynndale	Mangere-Otahuhu	Manurewa	Massey
North Harbour Bays	Onehunga	Owairaka	Pakuranga
Papakura	Papatoetoe	Pt Chevalier	Pukekohe
Racewalking Auckland	Riverhead	Roskill South	Takapuna
Te Atatu	Technical	Waitakere	Waiuku
Warkworth	Wesley		

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Anthony Curry - Sport Development Officer

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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND APRIL 21-30, 2017

In April 2017, 25,000 athletes from more than 100 countries will touch down in Auckland for 10 days of sporting challenge and excitement. It will be the largest event staged in New Zealand across a decade, featuring 28 sports played across 45+ competition venues, from stadiums and arenas to beaches and forests. For many, it represents the chance of a lifetime to compete on a world stage against sports peers.

## ABOUT THE WORLD MASTERS GAMES

Founded on the 'sport for all' philosophy of the Olympic Charter, the summer World Masters Games is held every four years, promoting lifelong competition between mature sports people, regardless of age, gender, race, status and religion. The Games are open to athletes of all ages and capabilities. You don't need to qualify or be selected. You just need to be of masters age in your chosen sport. Athletes compete in their own age group and preferred category – competitive, recreational or social. So whether you're serious about winning or in it for fun, the event is for you.

## TAKE YOUR PLACE ON THE PODIUM

Just like in the Olympics, there are opening and closing ceremonies, and medals awarded in all age and participation categories.

However the World Masters Games is more than just a sporting competition. Between play there's the chance to soak up the vibe of the 10-day sports festival at the official entertainment hub.

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