



ATHLETICS AUCKLAND INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17



President's Report Murray McKinnon

Athletics Auckland again showed excellent competition throughout the year with solid representation at national and global championships.

At the World Junior Championships in Poland in July 2016, Auckland athletes selected were Hamish Gill, Jordan Bolland, Symone Tafuna'i and Maddison-Lee Wesche.

At the Rio Olympic Games Valerie Adams won the silver medal in the shot put and Eliza McCartney the bronze medal in the pole vault, other Auckland athletes at the Rio Games were Lucy Oliver, Jacko Gill and Alana Barber.

Track and Field



Auckland had a large representation at the national championships in Hamilton in March winning 46 Gold, 35 Silver and 33 Bronze medals. Thanks to Sue Potter, Dave and Lee Norris, Peter and Beverley Booker and Paul and Dianne Craddock for their management of the team and assistance over the weekend in Hamilton

We were also represented at the 3000m championships winning a silver and bronze in the senior women and a bronze in the men and at the combined events where Alexandra Hyland won gold in the under 20 heptathlon and Auckland athletes also collected three silvers and a bronze in the other grades.

New Zealand records were set by Eliza McCartney 4.82m in the pole vault, Alana Barber 12:37.82 in the 3000m race walk, Mellata Tatola 57.75m in the under 17 hammer throw and Olivia McTaggart 4.30m in the under 17 pole vault.

At College Sport's annual awards, Alex Hyland was awarded athletics girls sports person of the year and Oliver Miller the boys. In distance running Katherine Badham won the girls and Dan Hoy the boys, they also both won the triathlon title as well and Dan Hoy was the boys' supreme winner.

Cross Country and Road

Auckland hosted the New Zealand cross country championships on the Auckland Domain and Jono Jackson won the senior title. A number of medals were won by Auckland athletes in the masters' grades, a total of ten in the men and three in the women. Grace Wood won silver in the W20 and Trent Dodd a bronze in the M18.

In the teams Auckland won the senior men, senior women, master men and men under 18 and were second in the under 20 men and under 18 women.

At the New Zealand road championships in Masterton Mike Parker won the senior men 10km road walk title. In the masters Katrin Gottschalk won the 35-39, Carolyn Smith the 55-59 and David Lear the men 55-59. James Uhlenberg was second in the under 18, Lydia O'Donnell second in the senior women and Jono Jackson third in the senior men. In the teams Auckland were second in the master men, senior women, master women and under 20 women and third in the senior men and under 20 men. Thanks to Dianne Craddock who managed this team to Masterton.

Success for Auckland clubs at the New Zealand road relay championship in Rotorua were North Harbour Bays gold in the senior women and Auckland City Athletics gold in the junior women. ACA were second in the master men and bronze medals went to ACA in the senior men, ACA in the junior men and Auckland University in the master men over 60.

Olivia Burne won the national half marathon title with Lydia O'Donnell third.

Sacred Heart College team of James Uhlenberg, Jacob Holmes, Jonathan Ansley, Sean Paget, Liam Miller and James Matthews were second winning the silver medal in the teams race at the World Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Budapest in May last year.

Junior

The Auckland junior section provided some top competition resulting in another fine team travelling to Australia for the annual Trans-Tasman competition in Sydney where 31 individual medals were won and Auckland finished second. At the grade 12 and grade 13 Interprovincial contest in Masterton, Auckland won with Counties Manukau fourth. Age group winners were Jayden Williamson (Auckland) in the B13, Bailey Liu (Counties Manukau) in the B12 and Natalia Rankin (Counties Manukau) in the G12. The success of the junior section was noted at their annual prize giving where a number of record certificates were presented. Auckland junior sportspersons of the year were Dominic Overend (Waitakere) and Kaia Tupu-South (Takapuna).

Honours and Awards

Valerie Adams was made a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to athletics in the 2017 New Year honours.

Eliza McCartney won New Zealand's favourite sporting moment (winning the bronze medal at the Rio Olympic Games) at the Halberg Awards.

We remember those from Auckland who made a contribution to our sport and passed on during the past year.

John Boland, Bruce Connon, Frank Smedley, Max Carr, Sir Graeme Douglas, Dr Lloyd Drake, Rod Jeffries, Jack Callinan and Howard Healey.

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, David Sim, Bryce Hall, Sasha Daniels, Simon Yarrow and Niko Toluono. I would like to acknowledge Peter's eight years on the Board and for his leadership and commitment as chairman for the past five years. Peter is not seeking re-election. I also acknowledge Rodger Brickland who is standing down after 15 years' service to the Board.

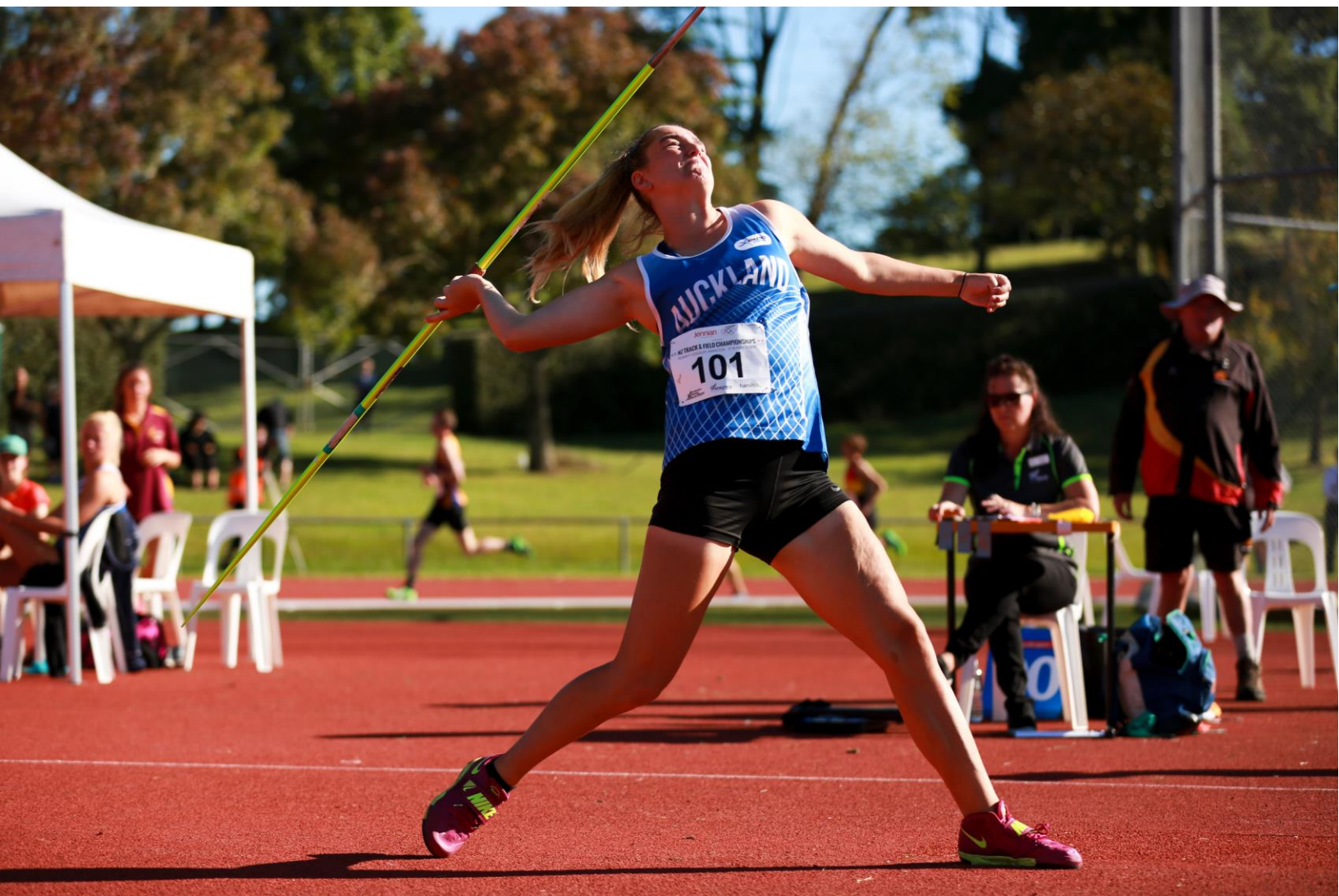
We are indebted to Raewyn Rodger for her commitment and input into the organisation and the administration of the sport, which ensures that the Association runs smoothly throughout the year. Neil Bartlett has been in the role of coach co-ordinator since the beginning of the year and he organised and ran a successful Aspire Development Academy which ran over three days in January with 75 athletes attending. Neil has since organised coaching courses and carries out athlete ID.

I would like to acknowledge Karen Hinkley who in conjunction with Peter Booker and Paul Craddock organised the athletic section of the World Masters Games. A total of 1233 track and field athletes competed in 3700 events and 542 competed in the cross country on the Auckland Domain. Prior to the World Masters Karen also assisted in the office. At the recent officials luncheon Peter Booker and Karen Hinkley were jointly presented with the official of the year trophy.

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. A thank you to David Sim in ensuring the officials were kept informed throughout the summer season and that we had the required officials for each competition. 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.

Murray McKinnon QSM JP

President



Chairman's Report Peter Wyatt

As often happens following a major event such as the Olympic Games we see increased interest in athletics with new members encouraged to give the sport a try. Possibly more than previous years the performance and demeanour of Eliza McCartney in particular touched hundreds of thousands of New Zealanders. As they saying goes "a smile is worth a thousand words" and Eliza's wonderful smile certainly conveyed the joy and excitement she experiences in athletics.

Our final membership figures for the year just completed showed a welcome across-the-board increase of some 10%, some of which is no doubt due to the Olympic exposure but I'd like to think it is due to seeing that sheer delight of Eliza's reaction and understanding what athletic achievement is all about. Our collective job when new members come to try athletics at our clubs is to give them that same delightful experience at whatever level they achieve.

A further indicator of how our sport can capture more hearts was the staging in Melbourne of the first 'Nitro Athletics Series'. This new approach to staging an athletics event brought wide praise around the world and the sell-out crowds as injecting life, excitement and a carnival atmosphere to what is often seen as an elite-only sport.

Whatever your opinions or experiences of the past, the exposure and changing view of what our sport can

convey must be embraced if we are to once again be seen as an option more people want to be a part of. Athletics Auckland has this year made some major inroads into expanding our community reach by partnering with the John Walker Field of Dreams Foundation in providing speed and agility coaching sessions in schools. The schools/club interface has been a difficult one to develop but the Board believes it can be done for the benefit of young athletes and is a prime strategic objective for us.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Athletics Auckland staged the World Masters Games providing us with another platform to show both the competitive and social athlete what a great sport our is. My thanks to all who made this a success on our behalf and represented us well as an organisation.

Difficulties with recruitment and retention of some key roles has been a significant factor is holding off a number of initiatives the Board had for action this last year but I'm pleased to advise that we now have a Coaching Manager employed, are soon to employ a Competitions Co-ordinator and put in place a role to manage and build stakeholder relationships and partnerships. These roles will finally allow us to gain traction in a number of key focus areas of our strategic plan.

My sincere thanks go to all our volunteers and Raewyn our Office Manager who give their time selflessly for our members. In a small membership sport you are a critical factor in our success.

We have a strong Board of Directors representing and governing the sport with a wide range of talents and skills, often tempered by limited resources but I am sure the positive momentum and drive will continue to bring improved service to you, the members. I thank them all for their commitment.

Lastly as I step down from eight years as a Board member and the last five years as Chairman, I thank you the members for giving me the opportunity to contribute to the sport I love and wish you all a positive and successful future.

Peter Wyatt
Chairman





Cross Country and Road had a busy but fulfilling season, full of races involving all clubs in the region and we also attracted athletes from other centres to join us on occasions. We attended all the National events as you will have seen by some of the results in the Presidents report. These trips are very good for team bonding and pride in

our Centre as well as providing valuable experience competing against other athletes throughout the country which is so essential for the growth of our sport.

Auckland hosted the NZ Cross Country Champs in 2016 and we used the venue in the Auckland Domain as a pre-trial for organising the Cross Country for World Masters Games. This venue proved popular with athletes and spectators alike and we received good reviews from centres throughout NZ for the course and organisation. Our experience with the NZ Cross Country was very valuable in our preparation for WMG held in April this year. It was a privilege to be part of such a large competition. We had responsibility for providing Officials for the Half Marathon and 10k Road Races as well as the overall organisation of the Cross Country. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by many athletes from NZ as well as numerous overseas countries. We will be hosting the NZ Cross Country Championships in Auckland at the Domain again this year due to our 2 year contract with Athletics NZ and preparation for this is now well under way. We have had a few changes to our committee this year with the additional of some new and very enthusiastic members. This is always good for the continuation of a sport and we seek to try and have more of our clubs represented this way as it gives them a good opportunity to be involved in the decision making.

We have experienced good growth, especially in the younger grades within some of our clubs this year which is very hearting and largely as a result of some hard working and enthusiastic clubs so thank you for your hard work. We have also had a new club formed which gives opportunities for membership from another area of Auckland.

Paul Craddock "Officials Coordinator" has run a series of courses for training Officials at all levels which has resulted in new Officials joining us and others increasing their qualifications. Some clubs have also used these seminars as a way to inform parents or club members about the rules and regulations of our sport in order to both understand better but also to help in the organisation within their own clubs. For the same reason we invited Coaches to join in these evenings and also ran a Course Setting Seminar for those interested in learning how to set a good course for competition.

This last season we also partnered with "Running Events" for our Half Marathon event. This has led to an opportunity for our athletes to be involved in a Road Running Series at a discounted price. I would encourage our interested athletes to be more involved with these events and information about this will be on our Website shortly along with an exciting new race along the Water Front which will become our Half Marathon Championship. My thanks goes to all those athletes, Coaches, Parents, Committee Members and Supporters who have contributed to making this a very successful season. My special thanks goes to Raewyn who has had to shoulder most of the administrative organisation and Karen Hinkley who so ably supported us as our Liaison Officer for WMG. All the best everyone for next season.



2016/17 Track & Field season saw a number of major events held throughout the season.

The Athletics NZ International Meeting commenced with an indoor exhibition held in downtown Auckland, followed with an Invitation Meeting at AUT Millennium Stadium. The meeting was built around top class International Shot Put Throwers and Pole-Vaulters. This season also saw the introduction of combined meets with the inclusion of 10 to 13year olds into the afternoon competitions. With refinements this will result in improved competition, increased numbers and help develop pathways for Junior Athletes to higher level competition.

Auckland Championships - Mt Smart

Auckland Track & Field Championships were combined with Junior grades 10-13 over 3 days, with all athletes going through call room procedures prior to event. Athletes in the Junior grades were exposed to and inspired by the Senior Athletes. 2017/18 season will follow the same procedure but only include the 12/13 upwards competing.

New Zealand Track and Field Championships 17-19 March 2017 Porritt Stadium

New Zealand Track & Field Championships once again saw an Auckland team of 100 plus athletes compete with a medal tally of:

46 Gold
35 Silver
33 Bronze

For Records broken -
refer President's
report.



NZ Secondary School Championships Trust Stadium Waitakere

New Zealand Secondary Schools Track Field and Road Race Championships were held 2-4 December 2016 with Track & Field contested at Trust Stadium, Waitakere and the Road Race based at Moire Park, Massey. With 2000 plus athletes competing my thanks go out to the many Officials who made this Event successful.

2017 World Masters Games Track & Field Trust Stadium & AUT Millennium Stadium

This was a huge undertaking and a big thank you goes to Karen Hinkley (WMG Liaison Officer) and the LOC who worked tirelessly to run the Athletics section of the 2017 World Masters Games in late April over 6½ days, involving 2000 athletes from a multitude of countries. My appreciation also for the support of all the officials/volunteers otherwise known as pit crew, your efforts were rewarded with the games being recognised as "The Best Ever".

Equipment Purchased this Season

- 4 Laser measuring units for short throws and horizontal jumps.
- Electronic indicator boards trailed at NZ nationals and used at World Masters Games.
- Due to the running of World Masters we have been able to upgrade equipment such as new competition hurdles, starting blocks, implements, stands etc.

Thanks to all Coaches, Athletes and Officials for your ongoing contribution to our sport. 2016/17 was a great year.

If I had to come up with one word to sum up this season it would have to be INNOVATION. This past season saw the Junior section lead the charge to implement a one sport delivery system where all the different sections worked together to formulate events for our athletes regardless of age or ability. I would be the first to admit we made some mistakes, but we also got some things right. We learnt a lot and so did the athletes and officials. The Auckland Championships for athletes aged 10 and over was a huge undertaking and we probably upset a few people, but I think it was a success and with minor modifications should be implemented again for the coming season. Comments from senior athletes were largely around how much they enjoyed competing in front of a crowd and I personally enjoyed watching several groups of young athletes standing in awe as they watched some of their hero's compete. In order to grow the sport we need to continue to be responsive to our athletes and the spectators. We won't always get it right and sometimes it will take more than one attempt but if we listen and respectfully learn from each other, whether athlete of any age, parent or official, we will produce a product that people will be proud to be a part of.

Once again we have had a successful season with 17 Championship records and 28 resident records being broken, Auckland and Auckland Counties Manukau placed 1st and 4th respectively at Grade 12/13 Inter-Provincials with 8 athletes picking up individual honours. Congratulations to the athletes, coaches and management who put in extraordinary hours of preparation for this event. A team of 96 athletes were selected to travel to Sydney for the Trans Tasman Challenge. While not all athletes were ultimately able to travel, those who toured had a great time, made new friends and gained a first-hand glimpse of life as an international athlete.

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 Grade 12/13 IP teams to Masterton. The new structures implemented by Athletics NZ to pay their costs has had an interesting introduction over the past few years. Recorded athlete numbers have picked up significantly for the last season. The reasons for this are probably varied; whether it's the flow on effect based on the success of our Olympians or more clubs registering all their athletes, we still need to continue our efforts in engaging with and retaining new families in our sport. Thank you to club administrators who have taken the time to become familiar with IMG and the athlete registration portal. Your efforts to input all your athletes and register them with Athletics NZ are recognised and appreciated.

Our Championship events have been well attended and the introduction of combined events for all our athletes aged

10 and over meant there was plenty of athletics available over most weekends. Our main Championships were held over four days, which made for a long run of working weekends for officials. While a large



number of parents have participated in officials courses we did have difficulty getting them into the arena on event days. There is a general lack of graded officials around and there are some who work many thankless hours in order for a quality event to be held for athletes. Particular mention should be made of David Sims who tried his best to put together teams of officials – often with varying success. If we want to keep our sport financially possible for all sectors of the community we must appreciate that this is a volunteer appointment and be quick to offer when asked to help out. The alternative would be a paid official's pool with the cost being passed onto clubs. 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 the club cluster system was carried through for another season. I look forward to seeing new delegates in the 2017/18 season as we continue to work on succession planning. The Athletics Auckland Board is working through a number of new strategies to grow the sport, including a member journey project being undertaken by external specialists. It is important to look with fresh eyes on the experience offered to athletes in our region and work through the barriers and hindrances that cause our athletes, particularly in their early teens, to move into a different sporting arena. The results of this project will play a large part in guiding the Board in decisions needed to move forward.

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.



Athletics Auckland hosted the athletics during World Masters Games 2017 in April. The athletics programme was held across three venues: Trusts Arena was the primary location for track and field with some throws events at AUT Millennium, then the final day of competition was the Cross Country in Auckland Domain.



Over 1800 athletes from NZ and abroad registered for athletics, with most participants competing in several events. Athletes ranged between 30 and 101 years old, and competed in 5 year age categories.

A total of 135 graded officials and 155 volunteers worked on the event - a fantastic number.

Our officials worked very long hours and were flexible around officiating where required. There was a wide range of skill level, from very senior officials to recently qualified C grade. The event provided a great opportunity for new officials to gain valuable competition experience and for current officials to upskill.



Feedback from athletes, spectators, officials/volunteers and WMG2017 was overwhelmingly positive. The vibe at all of the events was friendly and good spirited, while still operating efficiently and keeping a busy programme running to time. The camaraderie and support between athletes and officials were exactly what we set out to achieve.

Many thanks to Peter Booker, Dianne Craddock, Paul Craddock, Trevor Spittle, David Sim, Raewyn Rodger and everyone else involved for all their hard work.

Statement of Financial Performance | for the year ended 30th April 2017

2016		2017	2017
	<u>BOARD</u>		
	<i>Income</i>		
40585	Registrations & Membership	56624.6	
18000	Administration Levies	18000.00	
1878	Club Affiliation Fees	1825.95	
60463	Total Subscriptions		76450.55
8993.75	Apparel, Equipment & Sundries	26151.12	
81373.84	Grants & Donations Received	64726.16	
4608.70	Coaching & Development	5406.95	
3934.84	Gym Memberships	2930.47	
9149.45	Interest & Dividends Received	7306.47	
108060.58	Total Activity & Investment Income		106521.17
168523.64	Total Board Income		182971.72
	<i>less Expenses</i>		
11717.72	Administration Expenses	38931.53	
3712.93	Athletics Development	2758.10	
7951.05	Coaching Expenses	10676.62	
15498.60	Depreciation	7935.60	
19295.69	Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	1043.48	
18300.00	Grants Expended	20000.00	
3978.38	Printing & Stationery	4191.14	
299.90	Repairs & Maintenance	1987.48	
1028.80	Security	1069.30	
87436.91	Wages & Salaries	67721.35	
1304.09	A.C.C. Expenses	684.68	
2495.97	Telephone & Tolls	2860.98	
173020.04	Total Board Expenses	159860.26	
-4496.40	Board Trading Profit		23111.46
	<i>add Divisions Trading</i>		
2544.68	JWFOD	0.00	
	WMG 2017	-2885.21	
16783.34	Track & Field	38655.16	
-149.01	Cross Country & Road	20545.79	
-4572.64	Juniors	8206.04	
14606.37			64521.78
10109.97	Net Trading Profit		87633.24
	Other Income	68917.84	
10109.97			156551.08

Our Clubs

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

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