



Presidents Report - The Year in Review

Track and Field

At the New Zealand championships in Christchurch Auckland athletes won 51 gold, 36 silver and 35 bronze medals.

Senior titles won by Auckland athletes:

Edward Osemi-Nketia NHB 100m, 200m.
Michael Dawson Wesley 800m.
Cameron Graves NHB 10,000m.
James Steyn NHB pole vault.
Alexander Parkinson NHB discus throw.
Anthony Nobilo NHB hammer throw.
Zoe Hobbs NHB 100m, 200m.
Penny Peskett Pakuranga 3000m.
Alana Barber RWA 3000m and 10,000m race walk.
Lisa Cross Papakura 10,000m.
Portia Bing NHB 400m hurdles.
Briana Stephenson NHB long jump.
Imogen Ayris Takapuna pole vault.
Dame Valerie Adams shot put.
Te Rina Keenan Waitakere discus throw.
Mitch Joynt NHB T64 Para Athlete 200m.
Keegan Pitcher Owairaka T38 Para Athlete 1500m.

Cross Country and Road

Senior titles won by Auckland athletes:

Cameron Graves NHB senior men cross country.

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

Katrina Andrew NHB senior women road. Lyndon Hohaia RWA 20km race walk.

In the teams Auckland won the under 18 and under 20 women, the under 18 men, the master men 35-49 and the master women 50 plus. Auckland was second in the senior women and under 20 men and third in the senior men.

Peter Wheeler won the North Island senior cross country title.

Auckland University won the master men 60 plus relay at the New Zealand road relay championships.

New Zealand Representation

IAAF Race Walking Challenge, Taicang China May 2019

Alana Barber

Oceania Area Championships, Townsville Australia June 2019

Kaia Tupu-South, Matthew Aucamp, Nick Southgate, James Steyn, Maddison-Lee Wesche, Portia Bing, Edward Osemi-Nketia 1st 100m 10.34, Hamish Gill, Zoe Hobbs, Matthew Wyatt, Dominic Overend 1st U/18 100m 10.85, Isabella Richardson 1st U/18 3000m 10:08.65, Mile Naime, Jayden Williamson, Jacko Gill 1st shot put 20.75m Oceania championship record, Imogen Ayris 1st pole vault 4.10m Oceania championship record, Anthony Nobilo, Nicole Bradley, Alexander Parkinson, Stella Pearless.

World University Games, Naples Italy July 2019

Aaron Booth 1st decathlon 7827, Natasha Eady, Olivia McTaggart, Maddison-Lee Wesche, Zoe Hobbs, Imogen Ayris, Nick Southgate, James Steyn, Stella Pearless, Joshua Hawkins.

World Athletic Championships, Doha Qatar September/October 2019

Edward Osei-Nketia, Zoe Hobbs, Alana Barber, Portia Bing, Maddison-Lee Wesche, Malcolm Hicks.

World Para Athletics Championships, Dubai United Arab Emirates November 2019

Mitch Joynt T64, Josh Lush T20, Keegan Pitcher T38, Anna Steven T64, Ben Tuimaseve F37.

Oceania Walking Championships, Adelaide Australia February 2020

Alana Barber

New Zealand Records set



Photo / Murray McKinnon

Connor Bell New Zealand under 20 and under 19 discus throw record at the 2020 New Zealand championships in Christchurch.

Alana Barber Race Walking Auckland national 10km road walk 44:43 07/09/19 Poland.

Zoe Hobbs NHB and Natasha Eady NHB as members of the New Zealand University 4 x 100m relay team national record 44.24, 13/07/19 Naples Italy.

Livvy Wilson NHB and Zoe Hobbs NHB members of the New Zealand 4 x 100m relay team national record 44.20, 13/02/20 Canberra Australia.

Connor Bell NHB under 20 and under 19 national 1.75kg discus throw record, 60.09m 27/07/19 North Shore, 63.90m 17/11/19 Hamilton and 67.40m 07/03/20 Christchurch.

Theo Quax Pakuranga under 20 national 1500m record 3:39.84 19/04/19 Azusa California.

Edward Osei-Nketia NHB under 20, under 19 and under 18 national 100m record 10.19 06/04/19 Sydney Australia.

James Harding Papakura under 17 national 800m record 1:51.19 15/02/20 Hamilton.

Zane Powell Pakuranga under 17 national 6km road record 18:52 15/09/19 Papakura.

Weire Olivier Pakuranga under 17 national triple jump record 15.08m 12/04/19 Sasolburg South Africa and under 18 and 19 triple jump record 15.80m 06/03/20 Roodepoort South Africa.

Auckland Senior records set:

Hamish Gill SM 60m 6.76 23/11/19 Mt Smart, Nadia Evans U/18 60m 7.70 02/11/19 Mt Smart, James Harding U/18 800m 1:51.19 15/02/20 Hamilton, Jayden Williamson U/18 high jump 2.06m 17/11/19 Mt Smart, Connor Bell U/19 1.75kg discus throw 67.40m 07/03/20 Christchurch, Nicole Bradley SW

hammer throw 67.11m 11/01/20 Hamilton, U/18 women 4 x 100m relay Sophie Williams, Marielle Venida, Zayyaan Smith, Nadia Evans 47.65 07/03/20 Christchurch.

Awards

A World Athletics Heritage plaque was awarded posthumously to Arthur Lydiard under the Legends category for his outstanding contribution to worldwide history and development of athletics. The plaque was presented to Athletics New Zealand at the Sir Graeme Douglas meeting in February 2020.

2019 Auckland College Sport Awards

Anthony Curry received the service to secondary school sport award. Angelina Revell-Lewis was awarded to Active student official of the year. All Rounder awards were presented to Bella Browne, Centainew Noom-Duckworth, Lisa Putt and Natalya Carter. Alyssa Baxter won the Athlete with a disability award girls and Michael Pervival-Afeaki boys. The girl athlete of the year went to Kaia Tupu-South and the boy to Connor Bell. The distance running girl award Natalya Carter and boy Jude Darby.

Sport Waitakere 2019 Awards

Rob Davis Waitakere received a sporting acknowledgement award and Aaron Booth Waitakere received the Sportsman of the Year Award.

2020 New Year Honours

Lyndy Sainsbury who has worked with the Auckland City Athletics Club and served in the past on the Athletics Auckland Board received the ONZM for services to philanthropy and the community.

Obituaries



Sir Peter Snell at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games

New Zealand's greatest Olympian and one of the greatest middle distance runners of all time **Sir Peter Snell** KNZM, OBE, MBE, died in Dallas USA on Thursday 12 December 2019 aged 80.

Snell, who competed for the Owairaka Club, was Patron of Athletics New Zealand.

Snell catapulted on to the international stage, at the age of 21, in spectacular fashion winning the Gold medal in the 800m at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, narrowly beating the more fancied runner and world record holder Roger Moens of Belgium.

Then four years later at the Tokyo Olympic Games he became the fourth male athlete to win the 800m 1500m Olympic double Gold medals.

Snell won six New Zealand titles, four 880 yards, the mile and cross country in 1962 at Taradale.

Prior to his success at the Perth Commonwealth Games in 1962 where he won Gold in the 880 yards and the mile, Snell was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services in the field of athletics in the 1962 Queen's Birthday Honours. Three years later he was elevated to Officer of the same order in the 1965 New Year Honours. In the 2002 New Year Honours, he was appointed a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sport, and in 2009,

following the restoration of titular honours by the New Zealand government, he accepted re-designation as a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Snell set eight world records, 880 yards, 800m, 880 yards indoors, 1000 yards indoors, 1000m, the mile twice and as a member of the 4 x 1 mile relay team.

He was awarded the Lonsdale Cup of the New Zealand Olympic Committee in 1962 and in 1964. He was Track & Field News athlete of the year in 1962 and 1964 and the same magazine named him athlete of the 1960's.

Snell was voted New Zealand's Sports Champion of the 20th century and was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. He was one of 24 inaugural inductees into the IAAF Hall of Fame in 2012.

He retired at the end of the 1965 season and moved to the USA in 1971, where he gained degrees in human performance and exercise physiology.

Dennis Dickey a prominent Auckland cross country runner during the 1960's died on Saturday 11 May 2019 aged 75. He was a member of the Lynndale Club and represented Auckland at the national cross country championships.

Clyth MacLeod a leading administrator and race organiser with the Owairaka Club died on Friday 20 March 2020 aged 86. He used to organise and announce every runner as they finished in the popular and well supported holiday Monday 10km road races around the streets of Mt Roskill during the 1960's 70's and 80's.

Lawrie Mihaljevich a well-liked and popular runner with the Kiwi and Auckland University Clubs in the 1950's and 60's died on Saturday 29 March 2020 aged 87. He was a member of the Auckland University team that won the 1966 Wellington to Masterton relay, the forerunner to the New Zealand road relay championship which started in 1977.