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Tena koutou e te hunga katoa. Kei te mihi atu ahau ki a koutou katoa mo to takoha ki a Atletika Auckland i roto i tenei waa o mua. He tino harikoa ki te kawe mai i a maatau purongo a-tau ki te whakahou i a koe mo te ahunga whakamua kei te mahia.

Susu maia ia te outou uma. Ou te fia fa'afetai atu ia te outou uma mo lo outou sao i le Athletics Auckland i le vaitau ua te'a. O se fiafiaga le aumaia ia te oe uma o a matou lipoti fa'aletausaga ma fa'afouina oe i le alualu i luma ua matou faia.

Welcome to you all. I wish to thank you all for your contribution to Athletics Auckland in the past season. It is a pleasure to bring you all our annual report and update you on the progress we are making.

This past year has been immense, insightful, and intense. The symptom onset date of the first patient identified with COVID 19 was Dec 1, 2019. On December 31, China alerted the World Health Organisation. Within three months our athletics season was over, and the country entered seven weeks of lockdown. Our last athletics events were held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March with Round 12 of the McKinnon Shield and the Athletics New Zealand 10,000m Championships. Two days later we were in lockdown ending the season and resulting in several events being cancelled or postponed. It was not until two months later that club athletics could restart. We are still working though how we will conduct Centre events as we look to hold Cross Country events from mid to late June.

Not since the first and second World Wars has there been such a disruption to our athletics seasons. And fortunately, it appears that all our Athletics Auckland family are safe and well.

The impact of COVID 19 is being felt by every athlete, coach, administrator, official and athlete's families. The focus at this time of the year for Centre and Club administrators is usually on athlete registrations and organizing Cross Country events. We often look at the number of registrations as a measure to gauge the number of people involved in our sport.

We can all expect registration numbers to be down for the season and the likelihood is some events that were held in previous years, will not be held this year. There is an upside to this ... it means many athletes have been able to put in a longer build up, with more structure to their training. For Senior athletes looking at the World Athletics Cross Country Championships on Mount Panorama, the time from lockdown to competing at Bathurst is exactly a year. For Junior athletes, events like the Interprovincial Championships were postponed, ensuring no athletes miss out on competing.

The isolation we have been in is vital - to train, rest, reset our goals, and to heal for those with injuries, just as it has been to heal the planet. It has been challenging during this time to be physically isolated from loved ones, to not be able to meet and greet and to spend so much time alone. We can be grateful, appreciative, and thankful for things. To our collective New Zealand team of 5 million, we have learnt to live more healthy lifestyles, with many more people getting out and walking. So yes, COVID 19 did result in some of our events being cancelled or postponed. However, it is not all doom, with many more people now enjoying walking and healthier lifestyles, this is the opportunity COVID 19 has provided us with.

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. Over the past year we have finalised our Strategic Plan and developed the associated Business Plan, with measures related to our four key drivers. Here is a copy of our Strategic and Business Plans.

### Vision

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

### Mission

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

### Guiding principles and values

The athlete is at the centre of all that we do.



- **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.



## Outcomes by 2024

### Events and Service Delivery

AAI facilitates and supports events and services that optimise value to our stakeholders.

- Run a range of events that cater for all athletic abilities.
- Partner with external organisations to provide athletic coaching in Auckland schools.
- Improve the attractiveness of events for athletes and officials to increase active participation.
- We support and reward officials' efforts and participation.

### Coaching

AAI provide opportunities for athletes to develop their abilities by developing and enhancing coaches and coaching in the Auckland Region

- Refine the AAI Aspire Academy programme to provide coaching to athletes.
- Provide opportunities for community coaches to be mentored to advance their coaching careers so athletes have access to more advanced coaching.
- Provide opportunities for new coaches to develop as community coaches by providing courses and hands-on experience at AAI coaching events.

### Community Engagement

AAI actively engages with our stakeholders to enhance their experience.

- We communicate regularly and meaningfully with our stakeholders.
- We value feedback from stakeholders.
- We strive for stakeholder satisfaction.
- We partner with ANZ to support club development.
- We partner with other organisations to advance athletics throughout the Auckland Region.
- We provide what members want, not what we think they want.
- We preserve our heritage.

### Operational Quality

AAI is set up to succeed.

- We are a financially sustainable organisation.
- Constitutionally, operationally, and structurally we are as efficient and effective as possible.
- We continually seek improvement to meet changing needs.
- We adopt and promote best practice health and safety measures at all athletics events.
- We seek to grow Auckland club membership through active promotion of events and programmes; and providing events for stakeholders that exceed their expectations.
- We seek compatible sponsorship opportunities.

## AAI Business Plan 2019 - 2024

Initiative	Outcome/KPI	Timeframe	Section
Events and Service Delivery			
Develop athletes to compete at NZ Champs and beyond	Continue delivery of Children's athletic meetings and Senior Permit Meets and combined Athletics Auckland Regional Championships	Ongoing	Track and Field
Provide equipment	Ensure IAAF compliant gear available for Athletes and officials during competitions	Ongoing	Track and Field
Integrate all AAI Sections together		Ongoing	Track and Field
Collaboratively run combined Meetings, incorporating Children's, Seniors, and Masters	Continue delivery of Children's athletic meetings and Senior Permit Meets and combined Athletics Auckland Regional Championships	Ongoing	Track and Field
Wesley Club event held under AAI Race Series	Event included in AAI Cross Country and Road calendar	03/2020	Cross Country and Road
Events committee to put on Top 10, Relays, Pentathlon Champs, and Nitro events	Events held during the season	10/2019 – 04/2020	Track and Field
Continue delivery of Athletics Auckland Regional Championships	Combining AAI Masters, Senior and Junior Championships over two weekends from 2020	02/2020	Track and Field
Expand interclub activities with club team events where individual points count towards team totals	Junior inter-club competition for the 2019/2020 summer season	10/2019 – 04/2020	Track and Field
Implement Officials Mentor Programme within Auckland	Officials Mentor programme implemented 2019/2020	10/2019 – 04/2020	All Sections and ROE
Promote official's development opportunities to engage parents from clubs who help-out at events and may be interested in the next step in the pathway.	Development opportunities scheduled and communicated  Increase the number of Auckland qualified officials by 50% by 2021.	04/2021	ROE
Operate athletics as a year-round activity	Hold Winter Throws and Athletics indoor meetings starting 2019/2020	Achieved winter 2019	Senior Track and Field

Coaching			
Identify and encourage coaches within the region to participate in ANZ, Sport NZ and IAAF development programmes	Auckland coaching representatives nominated for all opportunities Target 50% increase in entry and intermediate level club coaches by 2021.	04/2021	Coach Development
Continue and extend Aspire initiative.	Hold Beginners and Intermediate level courses 4 times a year from 2019/2020	From 01/2020	Coach Development

Community Engagement			
Flyers to promote events			All Sections
Database of non-club runners running in events			All Sections
Video clips, Info Pack on joining clubs and Frequently asked questions answer on web			Cross Country and Road
Conduct inter-school carnival/competition	Cross Country and Road Relay events from 2020	03/2020	Cross Country and Road
Create incentive for Officials to attend during the season			Track and Field
Establish school club links to ensure students participating in school are aware of opportunities to continue through clubs	All school programmes include a club link as part of club implementation for 2020	03/2020	All Sections and Board

Operational Quality			
Survey Senior members on what they want for Prize Giving evening			Cross Country and Road
New timing system	Timing system identified, quotes and ordering completed	10/2019	Cross Country and Road
More elaborate Prize Giving		03/2020	Track and Field
Explore funding avenues to increase the number of paid staff members to support the development of Athletics in Auckland focusing on coach development in the first instance	Funding secured to employ a coach development role in a part time capacity from 2019/2020	On hold	Board
Establish a map of all athletics clubs and facilities in Auckland	Facility map established 2020	03/2020	Board
Maintain relationship with Auckland Council facility personnel to advocate for inclusion of athletics in future planning	Ongoing formal and informal regular communication with Auckland council from 2019/2020	Ongoing	Board

## The Year in Review

### New Zealand Track and Field Championships

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 Osei-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 Pakuranga 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, Pakuranga 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 Osei-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 Pearlless.

### 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 Pearlless, 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

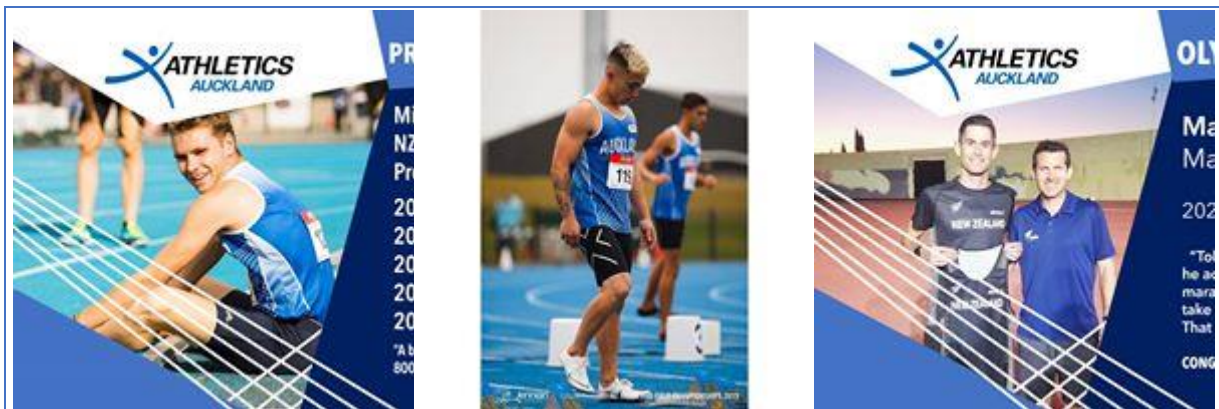


Photo / Murray McKinnon

- 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



Murray McKinnon  
President



## 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, Centaine Noom-Duckworth, Lisa Putt and Natalya Carter. Alyssa Baxter won the Athlete with a disability award girl and Michael Percival-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.

Murray McKinnon  
President

## 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.

Murray McKinnon  
President





## New Zealand Track and Field Championships

### Auckland Team to the 2020 New Zealand Track and Field Championships, Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch March 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2020

A team of 66 women and 63 men travelled to represent Auckland at the 2020 New Zealand Track & Field Championships at Nga Puna Wai, Christchurch on March 6-8th.

Due to late injuries, three women and two men scratched from the competition, leaving a final competing Team of 124.

The Auckland Team manager was Sue Potter, with Peter Booker, Raewyn Rodger and Geoff Haigh assisting, and Neil Bartlett acting as the relay's coordinator.

The Auckland Team performed strongly over the three days of competition, and won a total of 55 gold, 38 silver and 34 bronze medals at the Championships.

Nine Auckland athletes succeeded in defending their New Zealand titles, including Edward Osei-Nketia and Zoe Hobbs who doubled up in winning the SM and SW100m and 200m events - Osei-Nketia narrowly beating Hamish Gill who Silvered in the SM sprint double.

Eleven other Aucklanders won double gold medals at the Championships and an additional 12 athletes won multiple medals in their events. In the MU18 and MU20 throw events Liam Ngchok-Wulf won two Golds, three Silvers and a Bronze.

The Auckland team made a big impact in the Pole Vault, with Aucklanders making a clean sweep of the medals in the WU18 and the SM competitions, and winning Gold and Silver in the SW, Gold and Bronze in the WU20 and

Another outstanding performance was from Connor Bell, who set a NZ Record of 65.41m in the MU20 Discus. Valerie Adams won her 16th NZ Shot Put title.

The Auckland Team included 10 Para athletes, who won 7 Gold, four 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals. Sionann Murphy set a NZ U16 T37 record of 9.09m in the Shot Put.

In the Relays, Auckland had entered teams in all grades, but was forced to scratch three relay teams due to athlete injuries. Auckland won gold in the WU18, MU18 and MU20 4x100m and MU18 4x400m. Two Bronzes and Silver were also won in the relay events.

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.

## Auckland Track and Field Championships

The 2020 Auckland Track & Field Championships were held at Mt Smart stadium over two weekends on February 1st & 2nd and February 8th & 9th.

This year the senior Championships were again combined with Auckland Junior, Para and Master's Championships, which meant a big commitment from athletes, coaches, supporters, organisers, and officials.

Fortunately, the weather for the most part was fine and hot, although sometimes windy, and occasionally gusting over the legal limit for sprinters and horizontal jumps.

A total of 432 events which attracted over 3000 entries were scheduled over the four competition days. Many athletes were from Auckland, but entrants included competitors from throughout New Zealand and a few international visitors. The competition programme was designed to give all athletes the maximum opportunity to compete in a wide range of events, although the large number of entries meant that some athletes were still required to take part in simultaneous events.

The senior track & field competition saw several New Zealand and Auckland records set, as well as individuals achieving qualifying performances and Personal Bests in their events. More than 15 Auckland athletes won double golds at the Championships against competitive fields, with a handful more achieving triple- and quadruple-gold medal wins.

There were 860 entries in the 282 senior track & field events at the Auckland Championships, from the U16 Grade through to master's 80. Track events attracted 589 entries and field events 271. Some fields were small, or had rounds reduced by scratchings, but others had large starting lists. The U18 grade attracted the highest number of entries.

Six U16 events were offered to give junior age-grade athletes access to events that are not available at the junior age-grade level. The U16 300m Hurdles, 2000m Steeplechase, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Javelin and Hammer attracted 42 entries and provided a great opportunity for young athletes to expand their skills and enjoy a competitive experience that may encourage them towards future participation in senior athletics.

The Championships were successful for several Auckland Para athletes who won multiple medals in their grades. There were 57 entries from Para athletes, and between them they set 20 New Zealand records over the four days of competition.

There was also a strong representation from Auckland Masters athletes, with 201 entries in in events ranging from master's 35 to master's 80. Several master's athletes entering a wide range of events achieved multiple medals in their grades.

## 2020 Auckland Championships: Number of Competitors per Event

### TRACK EVENTS

Event	Entered	Competed	Grade	Women	Men	Totals
60m	24	19	Masters	7	12	19
100m	24	20	U18	11	9	80
	19	16	U20	6	10	
	21	14	Senior	6	8	
	7	7	Para U17	4	3	
	1	1	Para U20	1	0	
	5	3	Para Senior	1	2	
	24	19	Masters	5	14	
200m	33	28	U18	17	11	76
	21	11	U20	5	6	
	18	8	Senior	5	3	
	7	7	Para U17	4	3	
	3	1	Para U20	1	0	
	4	4	Para Senior	2	2	
	19	17	Masters	5	12	
400m	31	25	U18	16	9	60
	12	12	U20	4	8	
	13	12	Senior	5	7	
	3	3	Para U17	1	2	
	2	1	Para Senior	0	1	
	13	7	Masters	1	6	
800m	20	13	U18	7	6	43
	9	6	U20	3	3	
	17	13	Senior	5	8	
	1	1	Para U17	1	0	
	1	1	Para Senior	0	1	
	12	9	Masters	3	6	
1500m	16	13	U18	7	6	41
	9	5	U20	3	2	
	18	10	Senior	5	5	
	2	2	Para U17	1	1	
	2	1	Para Senior	0	1	
	13	10	Masters	1	9	
3000m	18	12	U18	2	10	30
	6	3	U20	0	3	
	15	10	Senior	5	5	
	9	5	Masters	1	4	
80m Hurdles	2	2	Masters	1	1	21
100m Hurdles	8	6	U18	6	-	
	2	2	U20	2	-	
	7	6	Senior	6	-	
	1	1	Masters	-	1	
110m Hurdles	3	1	U18	-	1	
	3	1	U20	-	1	
	2	2	Senior	-	2	
300m Hurdles	16	12	U16	5	7	27
	16	8	U18	7	1	
	1	1	Masters	-	1	
400m Hurdles	3	2	U20	1	1	
	1	3	Senior	1	2	
	2	1	Masters	0	1	

2000m Steeple	7	5	U16	0	5	
	9	7	U18	3	4	
	2	2	U20	0	2	
	7	6	Senior	1	5	
3000m Steeple	3	1	Masters	0	1	21
	3	3	U18	2	1	
	3	2	Senior	2	0	
	1	1	Masters	0	1	
10,000m Race Walk	2	2	U18	1	1	
	3	2	Senior	1	1	10
Mixed 4x400mRelay	7	7	U18	4	3	
	3	0	Senior	0	0	7

**TOTAL TRACK                      589                      435    435**

**U16                                      23                                      17**

**U18                                      190                                      145**

**U20                                      86                                      60**

**Senior                                      128                                      88**

**Masters                                      124                                      93**

**Para                                      38                                      32**

#### FIELD EVENTS

Event	Entered	Competed	Grade	Women	Men	Totals
High Jump	9	6	U18	4	2	
	2	2	U20	0	2	
	8	4	Senior	2	2	
	8	6	Masters	1	5	18
Pole Vault	1	1	U16	1	0	
	3	3	U18	2	1	
	2	2	U20	2	0	
	10	7	Senior	4	3	
Long Jump	6	6	Masters	3	3	19
	19	13	U18	10	3	
	8	7	U20	4	3	
	11	5	Senior	1	4	
Triple Jump	4	3	Para U17	2	1	
	9	8	Masters	3	5	36
	6	6	U16	3	3	
	9	7	U18	6	1	
Shot Put	6	6	U20	4	2	
	7	6	Senior	4	2	
	2	1	Masters	0	1	26
	13	13	U18	7	6	
Para U17	4	3	U20	2	1	
	5	3	Senior	2	1	
	3	2	Para U17	2	0	
	4	4	Para U20	2	2	
Para U20	2	2	Para Senior	1	1	
	12	11	Masters	3	8	38

Discus	11	11	U18	6	5	
	4	3	U20	2	1	
	1	1	Senior	1	0	
	2	2	Para U17	2	0	
	2	2	Para U20	2	0	
	2	2	Para Senior	1	1	
	13	12	Masters	2	10	33
Javelin	9	9	U16	3	6	
	9	7	U18	5	2	
	4	2	U20	1	1	
	1	1	Senior	1	0	
	14	11	Masters	3	8	30
Hammer	3	3	U16	1	2	
	5	5	U18	3	2	
	1	0	U20	0		
	4	4	Senior	0	4	
	7	7	Masters	3	4	19
Weight Throw	6	6	Masters	2	4	6

**TOTAL FIELD                      271                      225                      225**

**U16                      19                      19**  
**U18                      78                      65**  
**U20                      31                      25**  
**Senior                      47                      31**  
**Masters                      77                      68**  
**Para                      19                      17**

**TOTAL TRACK&FIELD                      860                      660                      660**

Sue Potter  
Selector



## McKinnon Shield 2019/2020

The AAI 2019-2024 Strategic Plan outlines our mission:

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

Consistent with this mission, AAI rebranded the summer track and field series to the McKinnon Shield to provide an inter-club competition where athletes of all abilities and ages could compete for their club and earn points based on performance and participation.

From mid-October 2019 to mid-March 2020 across 13 weekends of competition the athletes from 25 different clubs participated in the McKinnon Shield series. After an at times closely fought competition, the Lynndale Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club were crowned the inaugural McKinnon Shield champions for the 2019/2020 summer season.

Congratulations to the athletes and supporters of Lynndale and to all those athletes to take part over the course of the season.

Place	Club	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynndale	250
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Waitakere City	163
3 <sup>rd</sup>	North Harbour Bays	154
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pakuranga	118
5 <sup>th</sup>	Eastern	94
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pt Chevalier	91
7 <sup>th</sup>	ACA	87
8 <sup>th</sup>	Papakura	77
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pukekohe	75
10 <sup>th</sup>	Owairaka	72
11 <sup>th</sup>	Papatoetoe	64
12 <sup>th</sup>	Takapuna	63
13 <sup>th</sup>	Roskill South	62
14 <sup>th</sup>	Manurewa	52
15 <sup>th</sup>	Waiuku	48
16 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Eden	37
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ellerslie	28
18 <sup>th</sup>	Avondale	24
19 <sup>th</sup>	Racewalking Auckland	23
20 <sup>th</sup>	Hibiscus Coast	21
21 <sup>st</sup>	Wesley	20
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beachlands Maraetai	17
23 <sup>rd</sup>	WETA	12
24 <sup>th</sup>	Calliope	11
25 <sup>th</sup>	Oratia	6

We look forward to an equally competitive series for the 2020/2021 McKinnon Shield.





## Athletics Auckland Secondary Schools Challenge Cup 2019 edition

The Challenge Cup points system was changed for the 2019/20 series of meets. There are some schools that believe the change did not help to promote the original purpose to encourage participation leading up to NZ Secondary Schools Nationals competition, and had been won by Mt Albert Grammar School for a couple of years, prior to Avondale College taking on the points challenge and then winning it for two years in a row.

It takes some considerable effort to win the cup, and this is part of its appeal. Utilising the original challenge cup meets were incredibly important to develop team-ship in a sport that is primarily individual-focused – it gave an opportunity for the college athletes to gauge performance leading up to the big event within a supportive, peer-based team environment prior to competing at NZ Secondary Schools National Championships.

It is believed the points change was meant to allow smaller schools the opportunity to win the Challenge Cup.

Paul Craddock  
Track and Field Committee



## 2019-2020 Cross Country and Road Report

The 2019 Cross Country and Road season has once again been a busy and successful one with a mix of Club events, Grand Prix, and Junior Series challenges as well as National Championships.

As reported in our last Annual Report, the challenge remains for both the Cross Country and Road Committee and Clubs to continue to find ways to try and encourage young athletes through to senior grades and to attract new members to the Sport. Cross Country is good endurance training for any mid to long distance athlete on the track or someone 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. These last two events attract many participants who are not often regular members of our Sport or Clubs, so we need to find more ways to attract and help those interested in running. Covid -19 has shown many people that running is a cheap and easy way to exercise and keep fit - so how can we encourage them to join us?

The National Cross-Country Championships were held in Wellington again in 2019 but on a different course to the previous year. The new venue and course were welcomed by all the athletes in allowing them to compete over a mixed terrain of hills and flat, and firmer underfoot. We had some particularly good personal and team results in most of the grades and I was personally immensely proud of the way the athletes conducted themselves. We hope to be able to take as many athletes as possible to this year's Cross-Country Championships in Dunedin which are being held, 3 weeks later than originally planned, at the end of August due to Covid-19. This event will be an important one for our athletes as the World Cross Country Championships are to be held in Australia next year in Bathurst on 20th March, and our athletes will need compete over the next few months for the selectors to judge their fitness / performance for possible selection.

The 2019 National Road Championships were hosted by Athletics Auckland at Bruce Pulman Park which gave our Auckland athletes a good opportunity to compete in a National Championship. I would like to say a big thankyou to the LOC, the many officials, and the team from ANZ for all the hard work and organisation that went in to making this a great event.

As we will be hosting this event at the same venue again this year, we would hope that even more Auckland athletes would take up this opportunity. It was especially good to see so many of our Juniors competing at this event as well as a stronger field of Walkers. A 20km event was held for the first time for Senior Walkers and in another first, Junior Walkers were able to compete in Championship grades.

The Championships this year, will be held at a later date than usual (probably 7th November at time of writing) and will combine with Athletics NZ Annual General Meeting and Club Connect so we would hope that most of our Auckland Clubs will be able to attend. This is a good opportunity to be involved in discussions and to ask questions pertaining to our Sport and organisation

Paul Craddock was able to conduct Officials training courses for the Clubs throughout the season and there were a few clubs who took this opportunity, but we would like to see more doing so this season. It is a good way for more people within our Clubs to know the rules and basics of running a good club day. He can also give a guideline as to how to set out a Cross Country course. The level C course is extremely helpful for coaches as well and Clubs should continue to encourage both their members and coaches to do this. It is an interactive presentation with an open book exam where you can discuss questions. Paul is happy to come to your club if you prefer.

Last year we joined again with two race providers to co-operatively provide competition for our Marathon and Half Marathon Championships and were hoping to do so again this year. Unfortunately, due to a necessary reshuffle of events and dates due to Covid-19 the Auckland Waterfront Half Marathon which was to be the NZ Half Marathon Championships has had to be shifted to September. It is also the month that the NZ Marathon Championship is being held in conjunction with the Rotorua Marathon. This places the 2 events too close together and we are sadly unable to name the Auckland Half Marathon event as our Championships for this year.



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

We are entering a new and rather different season due to requirements surrounding Covid-19 and as I write this report there is still some uncertainty around just what we can do. However please be assured that your Club and Centre Committees are planning and working as best they can to bring you as full a season as possible,

even if that means some of our events will be structured differently. We thank you for your patience.

One thing is reassuring, we can still put on a pair of running shoes and go out and enjoy “the wind in our hair and the Road (or grass) beneath our feet” so let’s do that.

We have a sport that endures and is for everyone.

Dianne Craddock  
Cross Country and Road Convenor

## 2019-2020 Junior Track and Field Report

### Auckland Junior Relay Championships

This event was held on the 14th Dec 2019 at Mt Smart Stadium. The first block commenced at 8.15am and finished before the beginning of the McKinnon Shield starting at 2pm.

The Programme included track -4 x 100m, 4 x 200m and distance medley relays, and field-- Discus, Shotput and Long Jump. Five blocks were completed.

Each 100m and 200m team consisted of four (4) athletes of the same age (\*) and gender. The field team consisted of three (3) athletes of the same age and gender with each athlete competing at only one field event. The distance medley relay consisted of 5 athletes of same gender and varying ages -1 x 800, 1 x 400 1 x 200m and 2 x 100m

#### Entries

The table below shows the number of entries completed at the relay championships by age and gender. The number in brackets is the number of scratchings.

	FIELD	100m	200m	Medley Relays
7G	8	7	7	6 x Girls 5 x Boys
7B	9	8	8	
8G	7 (2)	6 (1)	6 (1)	
8B	7 (3)	8 (3)	7 (3)	
9G	7	7 (1)	7	
9B	9 (1)	8	8 (1)	
10G	6	6 (2)	6 (1)	
10B	8 (1)	7 (2)	7 (2)	
11G	6	6 (1)	6 (1)	
11B	8 (1)	6 (2)	6 (1)	
12G	9	9	9	
12B	5 (1)	6 (1)	5 (2)	
13G	7	6 (2)	6 (2)	
13B	3 (1)	3 (1)	3 (1)	
14G	3	3	3	
14B	5	4	4	
<b>TOTALs</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>

#### Officials

All officials volunteered with Rodger Brickland overseeing the event and being Chief Track Judge, Vaughan Couillault announcer, Glen Millen –in charge of camera, Louisa Smith and Emily Scanlan on Entries and Results. On the track-Errol Flynn was Chief Field Judge with Fiona Yelas and Rob Taylor the Track Starters.

Clubs were allocated to running and organising the various field events or with checking the changeovers, marshalling and medal presentations.



## Results

Track Relays <https://athleticsauckland.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AAJ-Track-Results.pdf>

Field Relays <https://athleticsauckland.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/AAJ-Field-Results.pdf>

## Notable Results

Though no records were recorded in the Track Relays, there were some close results achieved by Pakuranga A 8 Girls in 4x 200m -2.20.56, Pakuranga A 9 Girls in 4 x 200m - 2.13.68, Papakura 14 Boys in 4x 100m-47.69 and North Harbour Bays 14 Boys 4 x 200 - 1.36.87. In the field relays, Pakuranga 13 Boys and North Harbour Bays 10 Girls gained maximum points with each athlete of both teams all winning their respective events.

## Summary

A fine day of athletics with great competition rivalry within age groups and between clubs. Thank you to Rodger Brickland, Glen Millen, Vaughan Couillault, Errol Flynn, Rob Taylor, Fiona Yelas, Kat Safiti, Louisa Smith, Emily Scanlon, all club Officials, helpers, and volunteers.



## Junior Pentathlon 2020

This Auckland Junior Athletics event was held at Mt Smart Stadium 7 March 2020. It is an individual multievent competition encouraging all athletic disciplines. The program was divided into 2 sections with 7 to 9-year old boy and girl athletes competing in 3 events (Discus, LJ and 100m) from 9-12pm; and 10 to 14 year old boy and girl athletes competing in 5 events(Discus, LJ, SP, 200m and 800m) from 12-4pm.

## Entries

172 athletes entered from 19 clubs-Pakuranga had 36 athletes, NH Bays 18, Lynndale 17, Waitakere 16, Papakura 15, Pt Chevalier 12, Papatoetoe 10, Avondale 10, and Takapuna 9. The remainder of the athletes came from other clubs.

## Officials

The clubs provided most of the officials with Roger Brickland overseeing the event as Meet Manager as well as being Track Referee and Kat Safiti was Chief Field Judge Clubs were assigned events to run based on the previous year's club athlete entries, with the larger clubs looking after the field events. Overall, the events ran smoothly but highlighted that some volunteers/clubs need to come prepared and brush up on the rules.

## Results

7-9 years [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hr0wf-wlciggg6w9J\\_uAdr5DR8Td1Xdk/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hr0wf-wlciggg6w9J_uAdr5DR8Td1Xdk/view)

10-14 years <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zn7dJIKPmiPcDq73fFb0L1kHfM9UVw42/view>

## Notable Achievements

Sienna Todd	9 Girls 1989pts
Luke TeTana	9 Boys 1858pts
Suzannah Kennelly	13 Girls 3404pts
James Trathen	13 Boys 3728pts
Jessie Honey	14 Girls 3170 pts
Leon Richards	14 Boys 3847pts

## Summary

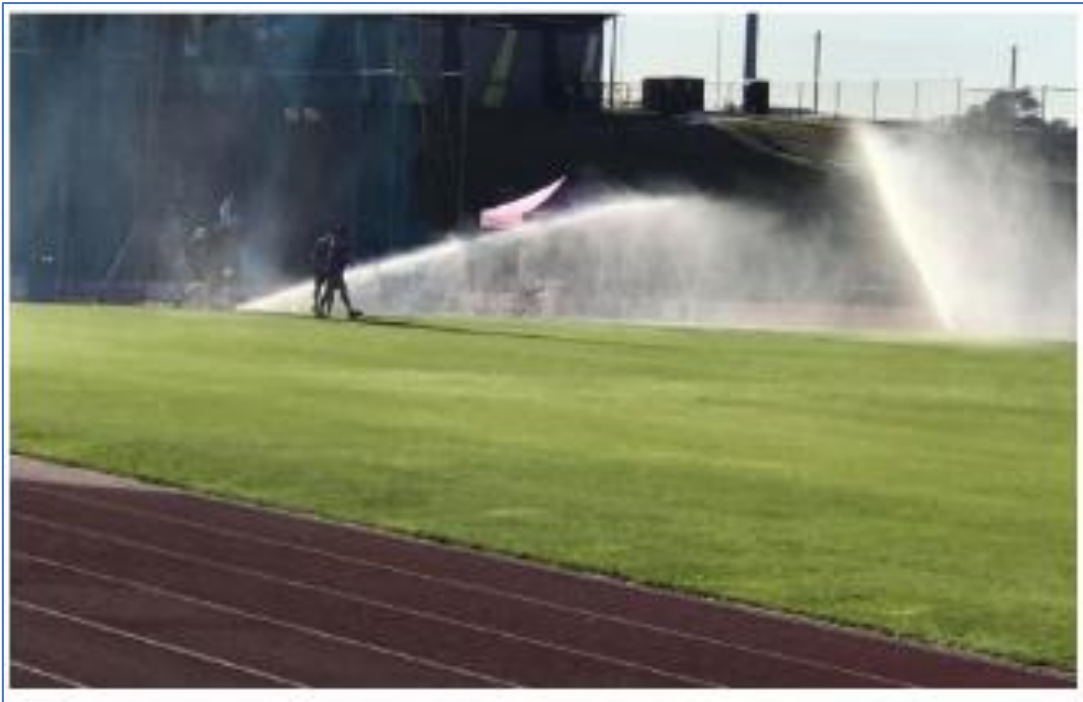
It was a fine day with events starting on time and finishing ahead of schedule. There was an issue with the water sprinkler system turning on during the middle of the program and no-one knowing how to turn it off or who to call.

It was obvious that events like Pentathlon would NOT run without people like Rodger Brickland who always puts up his hand and has a raft of other jobs including opening the venue, getting gear out and setting up, and being the go-to person.

There is also a limited number of people who are suitably qualified, able and willing to do specialised roles such as being a Starter, in charge of Photo Finish and having the patience and eye for detail that is required for inputting entries and results.

I would like to thank Roger Brickland, Glen Millen, Louisa Smith and Emily Scanlan, Fiona Yelas and Kat Safiti for your continued help and support and Terry Jensen for assisting with Announcing. Also appreciate the help of club officials who organised their parents and volunteers to ensure Pentathlon was run smoothly.





## Top 10-2020

This event was held on Sat March 14<sup>th</sup> at Yvette Williams Athletics Track and hosted by Pakuranga Athletics club after a last-minute change from Massey Park. This junior athletics competition was lucky to go ahead before the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic took a hold resulting in the cancellation of many sporting events.

It was another hot autumn day with spectators and athletes scrambling for shade. The day commenced at 10am with 7 blocks of a full track and field program. Clubs selected 2 girls and 2 boys of the same age, and from each age group to compete in 3 (7-9 years old) or 4 events (10-14 years old).

### Entries

13 Clubs entered 151 pairs of athletes into the Top10 Competition.

### Officials

Because of the change of venue, Pakuranga Athletics Club provided many of the key roles for this competition as well as assisted with the setting up of events, providing medical support, lunches and refreshments for officials and providing food and drinks for the athletes and parents. However, there was an insufficient number of people in other key roles -such as another Chief Field Judge and Meeting Manager. Clubs were assigned to running specific events and did a great job ensuring the events ran smoothly and on time. Volunteers will again need to familiarise themselves with the rules to avoid making controversial decisions

### Results

Four thousand points separated the 3 top clubs. Pakuranga was 1st with 75,252, Waitakere City 2nd with 74,594 and North Harbour Bays 3rd with 71,046,

### Team Results

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### Individual Results

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### Notable Results

9 Boys Takapuna 6134 points  
10 Girls North Harbour Bays 6642 points  
12 Girls Waitakere City 6053 points  
13 Boys Pakuranga 6626 points

### Summary

A great day of athletics was had by all and it ran smoothly and on schedule. Some close results for podium positions, however again the clubs that can field the full or close to the full complement of teams, will always be in a better position to place near the top.

If clubs do not have enough athletes to field a strong team, they can still encourage their athletes to individually compete (in pairs) in multi-events rather than not competing at all! Pakuranga Athletics club provided a well organised team effort at the last minute to ensure the Top 10 went ahead successfully.

Thank you to Lincoln McKenzie for organising your team; Stephen Holmes for announcing and ensuring the program ran smoothly, Louisa Smith and Emily Scanlon for working tirelessly before, after and during the competition to ensure the entries and results were entered, Glen Millen for operating the camera: Lincoln, Nicky Latu (at the last minute) and

Tanya Boyer for managing the field and track events, and Rodger Brickland for organising and presenting the medals.

Also, a big thankyou to clubs -volunteers, parents, and whanau for being there to support your athletes.



Leigh Keefe  
Events Committee

## Auckland (Tamaki Makaurau) U16-U18 Interprovincials 2020

The 2020 edition of the U16-U18 Interprovincials Competition was held at Porritt Stadium.

Fantastically organised by the local region – Waikato Bay of Plenty, it proved to be a fiercely competitive meet with a lot of social interaction for the teen athletes.

Competition day was one of the hottest days ever. Every athlete gave it their best, with the focus being points, points, points for the team. Some brilliant individual performances and Personal Bests were also recorded for our athletes.

The importance of the competition cannot be stressed enough. It provides teen athletes an opportunity for a more socialised weekend meet, with individual event results published and made available for NZ Rankings. For many athletes, they have long finished the Colgate Games competitions, and have graduated from the Grade 12/13 Interprovincials competition. This competition provides a further bridging weekend meet to retain athletes in the sport, and for them to get to know their fellow regional peers in a more relaxed weekend environment. The regional managers all share the same passion and focus on keeping our athletes engaged in the sport.

#### Team Numbers:

U16 Girls Team = 13

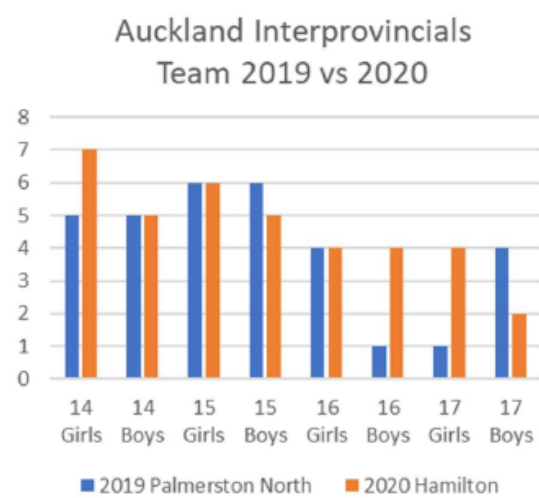
U16 Boys Team = 10

U18 Girls Team = 8

U18 Boys Team = 2

	U16 Team				U18 Team			
	14 Girls	14 Boys	15 Girls	15 Boys	16 Girls	16 Boys	17 Girls	17 Boys
2019 Palmerston North	5	5	6	6	4	1	1	4
2020 Hamilton	7	5	6	5	4	4	4	2

Looking at some comparisons from 2019 to 2020 there was a slight increase in numbers particularly in the 14 girls' section and in the U18 section. The U18 Auckland team had equal or better numbers this year to last year, except in the 15 and 17 Boys group. It is hopeful that we can continue to improve our U18 numbers year to year – as last season's team return into the next age group.



#### Team Captains:

James Robertson U18

Grace Penberthy U18

Charlie Milford U16

Caitlyn Richardson U16

Lex Revell-Lewis Vice U16

Gerri Gibson Vice U16

#### Team Managers / Officials

Daniel Lewis – Team Official

Angela Dixon

Crystal Osmond

Lee Fairclough

Angelina Revell-Lewis –Team Official

Jeremy Shute

Pete Richardson

Judy Revell

**Auckland Individual Results:**

17 Girls – 1st place Centaine Noom-Duckworth  
17 Boys – 1st place James Robertson  
17 Boys – 2nd place Matthew Eady  
16 Girls – 2nd place Danielle Dixon  
16 Girls – 3rd place Charlotte Print  
15 Boys – 3rd = place Lex Revell-Lewis  
14 Girls – 1st place Nadja Kumerich  
14 Girls – 2nd place Olivia Power  
Para-Athlete Winner = Sionann Murphy

**Relays:**

U18 Boys – Auckland team winners  
U18 Girls – Auckland team winners  
U16 Boys – Auckland team winners

**Overall Team Points:**

Auckland first place for the overall points for U16 team  
Auckland second place for the overall points for U18 team

Huge thanks to our wonderful Auckland Team Managers over the weekend. Cannot do it without all your support. Congratulations to our wonderful team Captains and to James and Grace for their leadership over the weekend. It was a big effort by all those involved, and I am incredibly proud of every athlete and their contribution to the weekend's competition and outcome. Congratulations also to the other teams involved and to Counties Manukau for their stellar performances and to win the U18 overall points for the competition!

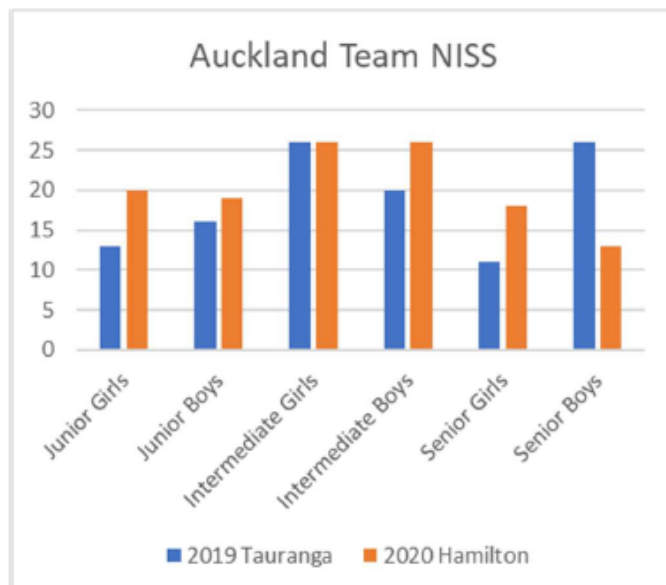
## North Island Secondary Schools – Auckland Team 2020

The Auckland Team comprises the College Sport Auckland Central-East zones and the Central-West zones.

The event was to be held in Hamilton this year, in April (nice and easy for most of our school athletes). The numbers for the team was up from last year, but this could be due to the relative proximity of the stadium to our region.

	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Intermediate Girls	Intermediate Boys	Senior Girls	Senior Boys	Total
2019 Tauranga	13	16	26	20	11	26	112
2020 Hamilton	20	19	26	26	18	13	122

Good to see a slight increase in the Junior section and Senior girls, but I do note a big drop in the Senior Boys group from last year to this year.



I experienced a lot of interest from the younger section which is encouraging for the future of the competition.

Judy Revell  
Team Manager

## Black Lives Matter

As we go to press with the Annual Report the Black Lives Matter movement is sweeping the globe with a clear focus on equality.

At Athletics Auckland Inc, our mission is:

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

As a society in general and a sport, are we as inclusive as we could be?

Do we celebrate everyone’s success equally? If a new athlete competes in events and is successful, do we celebrate that success, or do we try and find ways to discriminate against that person for upsetting a perceived established order of things?

As administrators, officials, athletes, supporters, and parents we must be ever vigilant that our words and actions are consistent with allowing everyone to participate in events to the best of their ability.



## Marketing

This section outlines our great efforts in marketing, prior to the Summer season starting and, an overview of the year with suggestions for our future.

The Athletics Auckland Facebook page is highly regarded, due to the hard work over the years, through year-round posting, which has resulted in our Facebook page ranking in the top 10 of sports pages in Auckland for Organic reach. In some cases, the posts have 500% higher engagement against the platform average.

The Marketing team, Francisco Lima (Brand and Digital Marketing) and Alex Radley (Voice of the Athlete and Vision) are volunteers and put in time and expertise with the sole intention of elevating Athletics Auckland. The Board's objective is to increase the sense of pride athletes have for the Auckland Centre and within Athletics the overall marketing objectives are to increase brand awareness and value perception, that contributes to increasing the retention and new membership of Athletes, Officials, Coaches and Parents.

Initiatives to raise brand awareness have included creating branded image templates and new content segments. Part of the effort of the marketing team has been to streamline our internal collaboration to allow better planning and execution of marketing efforts with more people involved. Collaboration is important because there are two main types of communication that need integration to ensure effective engagement with the Athletics Auckland Community. These can be distinguished by:

1. Events/Operations: providing the essential information needed for the sport to operate, and
2. Branded posts: seeking to positively improve brand awareness and medium to long term positioning in the market.

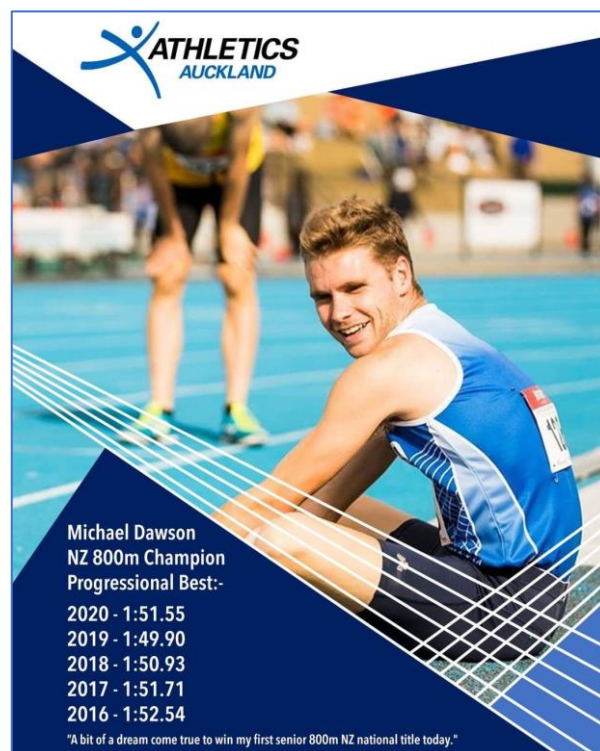
To boost brand awareness and complement posts already being published new types of content pillars were introduced. These posts are adherent to Facebook best practices to increase engagement and are focused on recognizing athletes, bringing awareness to the events and boost the sense of community that Athletics provide.

Explaining two of these content pillars:

1. Rising Star: Regular Friday posts on the up and coming athletes open to anyone to submit their details by following the link to AARisingStar form
2. PB Progression: The Monday 5-year PB progress posts promote the top-performing athletes and address the retention objective by showing what's possible if Athletes commit to the support for a longer time.



**Rising Star Post: Kimberley May**



**PB Progression Post: Michael Dawson**

Both cases have been represented in the visual imagery using the brand colors and guidelines being clean clear and precise. Geometrical shape panels were taken from the singlet, as well as the white lines for brand consistency, and to ensure the “blue wave” was taking over. The layout was updated to better represent what is considered native content on the platforms, that tend to have better reach and engagement.

By taking a data-led approach, tracking metrics over time has led to a more informed approach on how to promote athletics. A key aspect to getting post reach is using nice imagery and we have seen this uptake within the operations team. As an example, our Facebook Numbers from June 1st, 2019 to June 10th, 2020 show.

Posts: 336

Total engagements (number of reactions and interactions): 41,351

Total Impressions (number of times the content appeared: 624,260

Athletics Auckland has a new website, with a modern layout that provides a friendly user experience and is mobile ready (a critical feature for sites in 2020). Navigation and information were improved, and the events now have the right relevance.

Ideally, the benefits of athletics can be promoted and interested athletes matched to relevant coaches that have the time, facilities, tools and are in the right location. We will streamline this onboarding process by updating the Coach database.

We hope to continue to profile our Athletes and find unique stories to share and tell by keeping communication channels open. We will be extending into longer-form content, including podcasts and video of our athletes to be featured to promote new memberships.

Alex Radley

## AAI Coach Development

The continuation of supporting our coaching network is a primary goal of Athletics Auckland. We held courses in West and South Auckland, to make it easier for participants to be involved.

We encourage Coaches to continue with self-learning but take up any opportunity at formal courses, as this forum can be officially acknowledged. This shows evidence of ongoing learning, which is part of the process for Coach accreditation.

Athletics Auckland is introducing a "Coaching Pathway" strategy for all Coaches to strive for a level of recognition, whatever level they wish to aim for.

## Athletics NZ Coach Accreditation

This membership level was introduced in 2018. As at December 2019, Auckland had approximately 25 Accredited Coaches, which included some ANZ HP Coaches. Athletics NZ have also introduced a "Community" level Coach membership, aimed at our new and club parent Coaches.

Athletics Auckland's goal is that all Coaches in our sport, becomes a member of Athletics NZ.

## AAI Coach Development Manager education

In this role, continuation of Coach developer education opportunities has been undertaken, primarily through Harbour Sport. Also have undertaken Officials courses delivered by our team in Auckland.

Another goal of Athletics Auckland is to have all our Coaches up skilled in the general and health and safety areas of our sport, as well as specific event group grading courses.

## John Walker "Find your Field of Dreams"

This programme continued in 2019, with the delivery of our fundamental movement skill sessions in terms 2 and 3. In term 4, the emphasis moves towards more specific athletic skill development. We interacted with 6 schools in Papakura and 4 new schools in Pukekohe. Funding has been secured for several schools in Manurewa for 2020.



The schools that were involved are as follows:

Papakura region

Rosehill Intermediate, Cosgrove school, Papakura Central, Kelvin Road, Drury school and Edmund Hillary school.

Pukekohe region

Paerata school, Valley school, Pukekohe North, and Pukekohe Intermediate.

The programme grows in strength every year and it is hoped we can interact with up to 15 schools in the South Auckland region, this coming year.

#### [Aspire Development Academy](#)

Our main 3-day academy was held on the 30 September - 2 October 2019, at Mt. Smart stadium. Around 75 athletes took part in the event from clubs and schools. We secured the services of Kerry Hill from Tauranga for 2 days of the academy. Additional experienced Coaches from around Auckland contributed to an extremely successful event. We look forward to future events in 2020 and beyond.





### Auckland Regional Athletics Coaching programme

This programme to clubs continued over the 2019/20 season, covering both the Cross country and Track & Field seasons. Over the winter months, our involvement was based around planning of training of junior endurance athletes. During the summer, the focus is around "Coaching the Parents" of the basic coaching cues, safety requirements and rules around the disciplines.

The clubs that participated in the programme were as follows:

Beachlands-Maraetai, Eastern, Hillsborough, Owairaka, Pakuranga, Te Atatu and Waiuku.

Sessions were also run at the following schools:

Dillworth Junior campus, Panama road, Redoubt North and Westmere primary.

For the upcoming 2020/21 season, Athletics Auckland goal is that representatives visit every affiliated club, at least once in the season.

### AAI Coach resources

We continue to hold a library of DVD's and manuals that are available to Coaches, as a resource. Most of the athletic disciplines are covered. Also, other material may be added in the future through online methods.

The creation of an ongoing learning environment for our coaching network is of prime importance to the team here at Athletics Auckland.

Neil Bartlett  
AAI Coach Development Manager



## Officials

This report covers the 2019 calendar year.

### Seminars

At 5 locations a total of 11 seminars were held:

1. North Harbour Bays; JUMPS.

A total of 11 attendees with 8 new officials and 3 existing officials.

2. Pakuranga; OUT OF STADIA.

11 attendees (including 2 with other Event Gradings) with all passing their C assessment. Quite a number of these officiated at the NZ Road Championships.

3. North Harbour Bays Masters; GENERAL/SAFETY, JUMPS & TRACK.

GENERAL/SAFETY. This was the first time we paired the General seminar with the (slightly modified) Safety seminar presented by Trevor Spittle at the NZ T&F Championships. Although it requires an additional night for the officials, by pairing the 2 seminars, we do give more time to both the general rules and safety aspects of the sport. There is no assessment for either part of the evening – the safety section is aimed at creating discussion, assessment of what is currently done and thinking



what needs to be changed or added to make all the athletes, spectators and officials safer.

10 attendees; 9 new and 1 existing.

JUMPS. 11 attendees with 8 new and 3 existing. 10 did the C assessment and passed.

TRACK. 13 attendees of which 9 were new officials. 10 completed and passed the C assessment.

4. Papakura; GENERAL/SAFETY, JUMPS, THROWS & TRACK.

GENERAL/SAFETY. 4 new and 3 existing officials.

JUMPS. 3 new and 2 existing with all passing their C assessment.

THROWS. 4 new and 2 existing with 5 passing C and 1 B.

TRACK. 5 new and 1 existing with 5 C passes and 1 B pass.

5. Waitakere Club; GENERAL/SAFETY & THROWS.

GENERAL/SAFETY. 5 new and 1 existing.

THROWS. A different group in part as some wanted to attend the general / safety seminar only. 4 new and 2 existing officials all passing with 100% the C assessment.

### New v Existing Officials

Although quite a few existing officials attended the seminars most were attending to add another event to their gradings. Several upgraded to B but none, this year, sitting an A paper.

### Practical Experience

A key part of official development is gaining practical experience. There are important requirements:

- a) The official must advise an A grade official at the event that they are needing appraisal / signing off (if the competence level is achieved) before the event begins. This is imperative because the official needs to be observed, critiqued and, quite possibly, mentored during the event. The A Grade must not sign off unless they are satisfied the required level of competence is achieved.
- b) The official needs to perform the different roles and officiate at all the events in the event group e.g. LJ, HJ, PV and TJ within Jumps. Officials passing a B paper have been denied the higher grading because they have not covered off all aspects of the roles. Some had only filled 1 or 2 roles. While this is not what we want to happen, there are sometimes genuine reasons e.g. lack of mobility restricting someone to a recorder role. Fully rounded and competent officials are the result of this requirement. To have a pool of officials who can be placed at any event, in any role, is a huge benefit for those appointing officials at any level of competition.

## Officials Appointments

I believe appointments at Centre Meets must be made, wherever possible, with official development in mind so we can upskill our Officials.

I have several suggestions that I hope will allow our C and B grade officials to move to higher gradings.

My comments are made with full cognisance of the shortage of officials at some meets. However, we need to look for ways to make it possible.

1. When the request for officials is sent out could there be a response box for the official to request a role(s),
2. C and B grade officials are placed in roles where they will be stretched and have greater responsibility.
3. More senior / experienced officials be placed in roles where they can support and mentor. This obviously depends on enough numbers to free up the senior Officials.
4. If a person is filling a new role, we need to review what happened, what could be done, what would be the best response, etc. so it becomes a learning experience.

## Pre-Officials Training

It seems, to me anyway, that there could be a need for more basic training for club night helpers. My thinking is around an introduction to an event, for example, high jump. The session would be practical and cover setting up the equipment, basic rules, setting the height, common reasons for foul jumps and some common myths.

If there is a need the likely topics would be LJ, HJ, Shot, Discus, starting/track.

## Official's Training Re-Structure

The major item of interest and action is the proposal from ANZ to restructure how Official Training is delivered (copied below). Some Centres do not have an active ROE to deliver training seminars.

### Proposed Amendment to Structure of Officiating in New Zealand

*Over the years several changes have been made with the structure of Officiating in New Zealand, mainly due to the climate of volunteering and workload of Officials (Volunteers). People no longer have the time or for some the dedication of predecessors. Also, the structure of Centres is becoming more professional with Boards, paid staff etc.*

*The current structure includes a National Officials Committee (NOC) responsible for the education and appointment of Officials. The NOC as per regulation works with an Athletics NZ Staff member, the Officials Development Manager.*

*The role of the NOC is partially embedded in other regulations.*

*Education of Officials Education in each region is currently provided by an appointed Regional Officials Educator, (ROE). This education is based on the requirements and grading structure approved by World Athletics, which are locked in place for the coming two years.*

*Unfortunately, over the years the Centre ROE roles have changed, and, in some cases become ineffective. In many areas this person has become the go to person for all Officials duties. This has overloaded the ROE and they have become tied up with routine duties and too busy to educate.*

#### *Current structure.*

*The NOC, ANZ's officials Development Manager and the ROE (appointed by the Centre) interact together.*

#### *Proposal.*

*The system is not broken, but in danger of collapse. Hence, we propose a restructure using many of those currently involved whilst adding others in to reduce the workload.*

*It is proposed that the Officials Development Manager takes the lead, rather than this being done by the Volunteer Chair of the NOC. The NOC will be removed and replaced by an Officials Advisory Group to work with the Officials Development Manager and together carry out the duties as listed in Regulation C3.4.*

*The duties of the current ROE will be split with an Educators group being trained and appointed to carry out education as requested by the Centres. (This group will be a National group of approximately 6 people, not one per centre).*

*This will assist in having all training carried out in a consistent manner, and in alignment with the World Athletics approved system we have in place. The other roles within the Centre such as weekly appointments will be left to the Centre to organise whether it be by their Administration person, an Officials administrator, Events Manager, or someone else. When a Centre requires education, they will advise the Athletics NZ Officials Development Manager (ODM) who will work with them to arrange an Educator to facilitate the education and evaluation, bringing much better uniformity. This would also take the responsibility for the maintenance of the Database away from the Centre which is one of the common complaints of the ROE.*

*We see this as involving more people and thus reducing the workload.*

*Naturally, there will be a certain number of Regulation changes which will be done following agreement that this system will benefit Centres. The board of Athletics NZ have given their approval to advance this.*

*We would appreciate comments from Centres and Officials groups.*

*Please feel free to Contact either Trevor Spittle, Officials Development Manager  
trevor@athletics.org.nz or Hamish Meacheam, Community Manager  
hamishm@athletics.org.nz*

*This is a significant change for some Centres. As expected, it has created some discussion. Some of the key comments have been:*

- a. Who pays for the Educator to go to other Centres?*
- b. There should be a more consistent training provided.*

- c. Consistency in assessment and exam marking (C and B papers).
- d. Some Centres already call in outside help.
- e. The new set up calls for more people in total. Is that achievable?

How will Auckland be affected? Possibly not much at all as ANZ still would like me to be involved.

### Post COVID 19?

What will we do as the Level restrictions are reduced?

The seminar presentations currently used are large files and, as such, not suitable to send to attendees. I have started some dialogue with Trevor Spittle to see what we can do in conjunction with, say, a Zoom meeting. Although not ideal – as the walk arounds which answer a lot of questions are not so feasible unless we put together a video walk around – Microsoft Team meetings would allow us to continue some Official's training – ANZ are investigating this now. The presenter can share their screen with the presentation.

Paul Craddock

Regional Officials Educator



## Congratulations

### College Sport Auckland ACTIV Student Official of the Year 2019

Angelina Revell-Lewis in November 2019 had won the ACTIV Student Official of the Year award at the College Sport Auckland Awards evening. This is based on her volunteer work as a graded official for not only Athletics Auckland, but also Athletics NZ and Oceania Athletics. She was nominated by her school, Avondale College.

Having travelled overseas to officiate in Tahiti at the Polynesian Championships, and then officiating in Christchurch earlier in the year at the NZ Track and Field Champs, at the U16-U18 Interprovincial competitions as well as Colgate Games. All this as well as all her local officiating at the weekend meets.

Her win in this award was sweeter still as she ousted all other sporting codes to take the top spot as an Athletics Official. And couple this with the fact that as a Student Official, she won this award while still in Year 9. Angelina has a bright future ahead and has already proven to be an asset to our sport. It is hoped that her win encourages more student officials throughout our region.





## The Future – Athletes Officiating

During the year, surveys were held to get feedback on the events and to ensure the programme of athletic events catered for athletes, coaches, and officials. Then we were hit with COVID-19 and the Track season ended early and the Cross-Country season is late starting; something we could not plan for.

What the surveys and COVID-19 has taught us, is to adapt. We have seen Virtual running races, the Power of Ten race walking events, and the formation of the Athletics Auckland Strava Club as examples of adapting and trying something new. The future is certainly going to be about adapting, for administrators, coaches, athletes, and officials.

We need to get more people officiating on Saturdays and we need to get younger officials officiating. We have been doing well in getting parents to assist in club nights with our Coach Development assistance programme and with getting club officials to become C grade Athletics New Zealand officials.

To continue increasing our Officials numbers, we are introducing a new officiating programme for the 2020/2021 Track Season, called “Athletes Officiating”.

The intention of the programme is to see if we can get every athlete aged 14 and above to volunteer and officiate at one or more Senior or Children's athletic meetings on a Saturday during the new season.

This can be done before or after your Saturday event, or involve coming along on your non-competition Saturday's. Mentoring of all athletes will ensure that no one is on their own or without an Official Buddy.



## Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2020

Athletics Auckland Inc Statement of Profit or Loss for the year ended 30 April 2020				
2019		Note	2020	2020
	<b><i>BOARD</i></b>			
	<i>Income</i>			
52,102	Registrations & Membership	3	69,721	
18,000	Administration Levies		18,000	
1,878	Club Affiliation Fees		1,878	
71,980	Total Subscriptions			89,599
47,020	Apparel, Equipment & Sundries		10,122	
63,505	Grants & Donations Received		45,137	
5,933	Coaching & Development		5,250	
2,835	Gym Memberships		2,744	
6,368	Interest & Dividends Received		5,995	
125,661	Total Activity & Investment Income			69,247
197,640	Total Board Income			158,847
	<i>less Expenses</i>			
11,113	Administration Expenses	15,513		
41,155	Athletics Development	9,428		
5,865	Coaching Expenses	5,612		
1,932	Depreciation	1,330		
739	Equipment Purchases & Maintenance	1,506		
31,812	Grants Expended	19,443		
3,933	Printing & Stationery	4,055		
4,597	Repairs & Maintenance	-		
731	Security	702		
100,397	Wages & Salaries	97,290		
522	A.C.C. Expenses	693		
2,731	Telephone & Tolls	2,078		
205,527	Total Board Expenses		157,651	
(7,887)	Board Operating Profit			1,196
	<i>Divisions Operations</i>			
-	JwFOD		-	
(15,817)	Track & Field		24,685	
6,751	Cross Country & Road		20,495	
(546)	Juniors		(6,367)	
(9,612)				38,813
(17,499)	Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)			40,008
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## Financial Report Summary – AAI 2020

Financial activities for AAI for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 was a group profit of \$40,008 and registrations/membership grew by around 200 athletes largely in the younger ages.

As a group AAI -

What funds we received:	
<b>Registrations and Membership</b>	<b>\$69,721</b>
<b>Entries and Events</b>	<b>\$151,645</b>
<b>Coaching and Development</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>
<b>Grants and Donations</b>	<b>\$78,600</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$104,265</b>

Where we spent it:	
<b>Events and Entries</b>	<b>\$104,664</b>
<b>Coaching and Development</b>	<b>\$27,614</b>
<b>Equipment and Gear</b>	<b>\$95,525</b>
<b>Wages and staffing</b>	<b>\$97,290</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$34,501</b>

We continue to manage the financial accounting for John Walker Field of Dreams and support that entity with coaching programs.

We continue to provide a quality sporting service from 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  
Treasurer

## 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  
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  
Wesley Harrier and Athletic Club Inc  
Western Elite Throws Academy-Athletics Club Inc

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