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James Harding winning the U20 1500m at the Jennian Homes New Zealand Track and Field Championships 2021





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Nga mihi me te mihi ki o taatau kaiwhakataetae, apiha, kaiwhakaako, kaiwhakahaere karapu, kaimahi, maatua me nga kaitautoko mo to awhina me o mahi kia angitu ai te tau kua hipa. Kua manaakitia a Athletics Auckland Inc. me te hunga pai me nga kaitautoko.

Fa'afetai ma fa'afetai tele ia matou tagata ta'a'alo uma, tagata ofisa, faiaoga, kalapu pule, aufaigaluega, matua ma tagata lagolago mo lau fesoasoani ma taumafaiga i le fa'amanuiaina o le tausaga ua tuana'i. Athletics Auckland Inc. ua fa'amanuiaina moni i tagata lelei ma tagata lagolago.

Fakamalo atu mo fakamalo atu ki he'etau kau sipoti kotoa, kau 'ofisa, kau faiako, kau pule 'o e kalapu, kau ngaue, matu'a mo e kau poupuu ki ho'omou tokoni mo e ngaahi ngaue 'i hono fakahoko e ta'u kuo hili ke ola lelei.

Ngaahi sipoti 'Atelita Inc. 'Oku tapuaki'i mo'oni ia 'e ha kakai lelei mo ha kau poupuu.

Congratulations and thank you to all our athletes, officials, coaches, club administrators, staff, parents and supporters for your help and efforts in making the past year so successful.

Athletics Auckland Inc. is truly blessed with wonderful people and supporters.

The past year has been the year of kindness, of limited travel, and making the most of reduced winter and summer seasons, and the sharing of events and locations. The impact of COVID-19 was felt for the second year, and while not all events across the seasons were held, everyone made the most of the opportunities at Club and Centre competition levels. Throughout all of this, our registration numbers have remained at previous year's levels, with events having great numbers and some memorable competitions.

During the year, Athletics New Zealand introduced the Child Safety Policy and Education and as part of this there is now police vetting of those involved in athletics. For example, Athletics New Zealand has several categories of membership (e.g., Community Volunteer Membership, Community Coach Membership, Accredited Coach Membership) that require applicants to be police vetting every three years.

As part of the Child Safety Education, all Athletics NZ Coach Members are required to provide proof of completion of the Sport NZ Coaching SafetyNet online course, which provides a best practice induction of child safety principles. Athletics Auckland fully support this approach to child safety and in this coming year, will extend this to cover all Officials, all our Staff and to all club administrators and all club coaches.

This will mean that every administrator in every club, along with all coaches, and Centre officials will be vetted. We see this as a move to ensure we provide a safe environment with safe people.

Many thanks to Work and Income for the Covid-19 Wage Subsidy, NZ Community Trust for their funding support, Aktive for workplace expenses and all our partners for support over many years.

David Sim

Chairman



Congratulation to James Trathen (Pakuranga Athletic Club), Suzannah Kennelly (Papatoetoe Athletics Club) and Talia Van Rooyen (Bays Athletics), who all picked up a Nick Willis scholarship at the North Island Colgate Games in January 2021 for their outstanding performances.

The Year in Review



Athletics New Zealand U14 Interprovincials - Congratulations to both our Auckland teams (Auckland & Counties Manukau) on their efforts, the personal bests and the new friendships that were made.

Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns played havoc with the scheduling of events and the opportunity of competition.

The cross-country season was finally able to get underway at Barry Curtis Park on 20 June, followed a week later at Long Bay Regional Park and Pukekohe on 4 July. The ACA Southland Centennial Relays were staged at the later date than usual of 18 July.

Due to Auckland being at a higher lock-down level than the rest of the country Auckland athletes were unable to attend the New Zealand cross country challenge in Dunedin. Penelope Salmon of ACA was able to attend as she lived outside Auckland, and she was second in the under 18 5km. Auckland runners were excluded from the 2020 Rotorua marathon which was held later in September.

Relief at last for Auckland runners as they were allowed to attend the New Zealand Road Relay Championships in Feilding on 3 October.

Success for Auckland Clubs were: North Harbour Bays won the senior women, Auckland City Athletics second in the junior women, Pakuranga first in the junior men and second in the senior men, Owairaka second in the master men 35-49 and second in the master men 50-59, Auckland University third in the master men 60 plus.

The track and field season started on 10 October with the first McKinnon Shield meeting on 10 October.

Auckland hosted the New Zealand Road championships at Bruce Pulman Park on 8 November, where Alana Barber won the 20km road walk and Sarah-Amy Rhind was third. Kelly Parlane was third in the senior women's 10km.

The 2021 New Zealand Track and Field championships in Hastings were postponed from the first weekend in March to the last weekend.

Auckland athletes won 39 gold medals, 39 silver medals and 11 bronze medals, including relays.

The figure reflects the smaller fields and the lack of U18 athletes (apart from those competing as U20s).

For comparison, in 2020 the Auckland Team won 55 golds 38 silvers 34 bronzes - but this included U18 grade athletes.

New Zealand senior champions from Auckland were:

Hamish Gill 400m,

Joshua Hawkins 110m hurdles,

Connor Bell discus throw,

Anthony Nobilo hammer throw,

Scott Thompson triple jump,

Ettiene Du Preez pole vault,

Men 4 x 100m relay (George Kozlov, Hamish Gill, Tommy Te Puni, Matthew Wyatt).

Zoe Hobbs 100m,

Camryn Smart 400m,

Amy Robertson 100m hurdles,

Portia Bing 400m hurdles,

Dame Valerie Adams shot put,

Kaia Tupu-South discus throw,

Women 4 x 100m relay (Amy Robertson, Symone Tafunai, Livvy Wilson, Briana Stephenson),

Women 4 x 400m relay (Portia Bing, Isabel Neal, Zoe Hobbs, Camryn Smart).

Just outside the reporting period Jono Jackson won the New Zealand Mountain running title in Queenstown in mid-April.

New Zealand Records set

New Zealand records set by Auckland athletes:

Zoe Hobbs NHB 100m resident record 11.35 on 16 January 2021, and 11.32 on 26 March 2021 which also equaled the national record.

Portia Bing NHB 400m hurdles resident record 55.99 on 13 February 2021.

Connor Bell NHB discus throw resident record 64.29m on 23 January 2021.

Welrè Olivier Pakuranga under 19 and under 20 long jump 7.73m on 17 November 2020, and under 19 and under 20 triple jump 15.94m on 8 December 2020.

Ethan Olivier Pakuranga under 17 triple jump 15.27m on 8 December 2020 and 15.54m on 16 April 2021.

We have completed a satisfactory year despite the restrictions. Our membership has held up well at 5,330, down just 324 from last year.

With vaccination underway and tighter control on our borders we look forward to an uninterrupted 12 months of competition.

Murray McKinnon

President

Obituaries

Garth Gilmour 25 June 2020, of Auckland, noted athletic journalist and author.

Phillip Cooper 5 August 2020, founding and life member YMCA Marathon Club.

Ivan Keats 27 August 2020, Western Suburbs Club marathon runner and 1964 Olympian.

Bish McWatt 2 September 2020, prominent high jump coach and 1990 Commonwealth Games official.

Don Wiberg 16 February 2021, Onehunga Club, 1963 New Zealand Road champion.

Dick Chase 21 March 2021, Lynndale Club, New Zealand marathon record holder 1959.

Murray McKinnon

President

Honours

Arch Jelley CNZM OBE, of the Owairaka Club, was made a companion of the New Zealand order of merit in the New Year Honours for services to athletics and the game of bridge.

The 96-year old's vast list of achievements include coaching Sir John Walker to his gold medal triumph at the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. Forty years later Arch yet again made his presence felt at Olympic level as 1500m runner Hamish Carson qualified for the Rio Olympic Games under his tutelage.



Auckland Track & Field Season Review 2020-21

One of the aims of Auckland Track & Field is to try to open clear pathways to make it easier for child athletes to transition into the senior sport. To try and make it less daunting for young athletes to make that transition, an U14 grade was introduced to the senior Track & Field programme in the 2020-21 season, including the McKinnon Shield Meetings.

In previous years junior athletes were able to compete at senior level but had to do so in the U16 grade. Introducing an U14 grade enabled child athletes to compete at a level more commensurate with their abilities and at the same time allowed them to fully experience what it is like to compete in senior competitions under World Athletics Rules. It also gave juniors a chance to compete in events which are not offered at the junior level of the sport.

The added numbers of young athletes and their supporters at McKinnon Shield Meets created an extra buzz to the atmosphere, which benefitted both junior and senior athletes. Numbers of participants, particularly in the target 13 and 14-year-old grades were steady over the season, culminating in 169 entries in U14 Grade at the Auckland Senior Track & Field Championships.

Also, during 2020-21, the Auckland Senior 3000m Championships (Grade U14 to Masters) was moved from its previous spot in the programme (February) to mid-November. This resulted in the highest ever number of entries (89) for an Auckland middle distance Championships.

2020-21 McKinnon Shield

Upon reviewing the previous season, the points system for the 2021 McKinnon Shield was adjusted slightly to create a fairer system for both large and small clubs, enabling a genuine competition where the result was not a foregone conclusion.

The McKinnon Shield was contested by 24 Auckland Clubs over the 8 points-scoring rounds of competition (reduced from 10 by changes in the competition schedule). **Pukekohe Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club** was a clear winner of the **2021 McKinnon Shield** with 86 points, Eastern Athletic & Harrier Club was second on 69 points and Ellerslie Athletic Club third on 65 points.

Due to Covid Level 2 regulations, McKinnon Shield #9 was split into three separate venues to ensure that numbers could be managed safely. Throws and Jumps (originally designated as two venues which were combined when the Covid Level reverted to 1 just before the event) were held at AUT Millennium Stadium, Distance events at Yvette Williams Track, Pakuranga

and Sprints & Hurdles at Herb Towers Track, Mt Smart. Not unexpectedly in the circumstances, competition numbers were slightly lower than usual, however it was an unbelievably valuable experiment in demonstrating how Athletics Auckland could successfully hold events under Level 2 restrictions. Officials were spread very thinly over the venues and extra help was required from coaches and supporters.

The 2021 Auckland Track & Field Championships, held over the first weekend in February at the Herb Towers Track, Mt Smart, attracted entries from 224 athletes. At the 2021 Auckland Combined Events Championships there were low entries, partly because of the re-scheduled NZ T&F Championships a week later. There were 13 competitors in the CE Champs, 5 of them from outside Auckland. 15 athletes competed in the Masters Throws Pentathlon.

32 new Auckland records and 49 new Auckland Para records were set during the 2020-21 season, along with 3 indoor records set by Auckland athletes competing overseas.

Athletics Auckland Secondary Schools Competition 2020

Following a review of the points system, this season there were two Secondary Schools Cups in the competition, the original **Secondary Schools Challenge Cup** and the new **Secondary Schools Champions Cup** in which points were averaged by the number of events entered.

48 schools entered the competition, which was held over four meets in October, November, and December. The two cups were hotly contested by young athletes, many of whom were Club athletes competing for their schools in these early-season competitions.

The Secondary Schools Challenge Cup was won by **Avondale College** on 72 points, with MacLean's College second on 55 and Rangitoto College 3rd with 47 points.

The Secondary Schools Champions Cup was won by **Western Springs College** on 70 points, Orewa College was 2nd with 44 points and Baradene College 3rd on 41 points.

As well as maintaining and improving existing equipment as required, Auckland Track & Field made two new major purchases: a Lynx LED display board which operates in conjunction with the photo-finish operating system and (with funds also contributed by Junior T&F Section), a Golf Cart for equipment transport at the Herb Towers Track.

Sue Potter

Selector

Auckland Junior Athletics – Convenors Report

When the 2019-2020 season ended, the last Junior event-the Top 10 managed to scrape through before the first series of Covid 19-Lock Downs. Last year's athletics season was relatively unscathed compared to the impact felt by the winter codes where much of the season was cancelled.

It was with much trepidation that the 2020-21 season started with the Pre-season meets held in October over a series of weekends at Mt Smart. These were aimed at all age groups from tiny tots to older juniors and divided into jumps, sprints, throws; officials training for parents and club volunteers; and coaching for club volunteers.

Neil Bartlett, Rob Ward and Eric Sila and some older athletes provided Coaching sessions for the athletes and Stephanie Biggs from Athletics NZ did a series of coaching for club volunteers in the Get Set Go and Run, Jump Throw programs. Older athletes from several clubs also partook in the coaching to be able to assist their clubs to coach their younger athletes. Paul Craddock provided introductory courses for Officials.

This year another consideration in the discussion and organising of events in the presence of a Covid 19 Pandemic was now around maintaining social distancing, washing hands, and adhering to Covid -19 policies and procedures!

The Pandemic impacted from grassroots to the highest levels of Athletics – the Olympic Games, which are now rescheduled for 2021 In Tokyo.

Athletics NZ and all athletic centres introduced the Child Protection policy to ensure that all athletes in our care are safe. All team managers, coaches and officials will be required to undergo police vetting. Athletics NZ developed the child safety policy in consultation with many parties and are wanting to ensure these policies are implemented at club level also. We are all responsible to ensure that we are regularly implementing and checking that these systems are working.

Auckland Relay Championships

The first main event of the season held at Mt Smart was the Auckland Junior Relays. Always exciting and a great way to instil club pride, however the uncertainty surrounding athlete safety around Covid 19 and limited club access to grass tracks, meant many clubs were underprepared for the start of the season and were unable to field their best teams. CNW and Counties Manukau Relays were held the week prior to the Relay champs and normally used to give clubs a practice run for the Championships.

The number of teams entered compared to the previous season has seen a significant drop across all events and especially for the older age groups 13- and 14-year-old boys and girls.

Auckland Junior Relays	Field		4x100		4 x 200		Mixed Medley	
	19/20	20/21	19/20	20/21	19/20	20/21	19/20	20/21
7G	8	8	7	8	7	8	6 x Girls 5 x Boys	4 x Girls 5 x Boys
7B	9	7	8	8	8	8		
8G	7	8	6	7	6	6		
8B	7	7	8	7	7	7		
9G	7	6	7	7	7	7		
9B	9	11	8	10	8	10		
10G	6	6	6	5	6	5		
10B	8	6	7	7	7	7		
11G	6	7	6	5	6	5		
11B	8	4	6	5	6	5		
12G	9	8	9	9	9	8		
12B	5	6	6	6	5	5		
13 G	7	4	6	4	6	3		
13B	3	4	3	4	3	4		
14G	3	2	3	2	3	2		
14B	5	2	4	3	4	3		
TOTAL	107	96	100	97	98	93		

The highlights of the Auckland Relays included 3 records dominated by Pakuranga -2 set by the 9 Girls of Pakuranga Skye Wilson, Unaisi Cava, Tia Korewha and Giselle Campbell in the 4x100 (59.99) and 4 x 200 (2.07.40); and 14 boys of Kaiden Warren, Ben Ward, Liam Hill, and James Trathen in the 4x 200 (1.35.97).

Pentathlon

Entry numbers were like last year with 176 athletes entered and competing in the Pentathlon this year (172 in 2020). The numbers were higher in the 7–9-year-old age groups and tailed off for the 13 and 14-year-olds.

Notable performances were achieved by:

8 Boys	Mason Bailey	Papakura	1652 points (3 events)
9 Girls	Natallyah Atoaga	Papatoetoe	1601 points (3 events)
11 Girls	Paige Fletcher	Papakura	3118 points (5 events)
12 Boys	Isaac Sulu Kiripati	Papatoetoe	3238 points (5 events)
13 Girls	Gezreyal Maiuú	Waitakere	3020 points (5 events)
13 Boys	Daniel Mullins	Pakuranga	3617 points (5 events)
14 Girls	Fiona Siaopo	Waitakere	3448 points (5 events)
14 Boys	James Trathen	Pakuranga	4108 points (5 events)

Auckland Junior Championships

This year it was decided to hold the Auckland Junior Championships separately from the Senior Championships. The Delegates and events committee added 800m for 7–9-year-olds and the 1500m for 10–14-year-olds was to be held on the Fri evening. This was to accommodate a full 2-day programme and ensured that officials would be home early on both full days of competition; and to give adequate rest for the athletes also wanting to compete in the 800m.

It was originally scheduled for Fri 12th Feb for the 1500m and a full two-day program on the 13-14th Feb. But due to a community spread of Covid 19 in Papatoetoe, the event was postponed due to a move to Level 3. For the program to go ahead with 500 athletes not including parents, we could only go ahead at Level 1. Fortunately, we did go ahead with alternative dates on the 20th and 21st March at Massey Park instead of Mt Smart.

The number of athletes entered online were:

GRADE	GIRLS		BOYS	
	2019/21	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
7	28	14	36	26
8	31	28	35	21
9	41	26	35	38
10	46	30	41	25
11	46	38	34	34
12	43	41	42	33
13	41	36	40	34
14	30	16	34	24
TOTAL	306	229	297	235

Auckland Championship Records were set by the following athletes:

9 Girls	Sina Marie Sua of Takapuna Athletic Club in Discus and Shot Put
10 Girls	Morgan Day of Pakuranga Athletic Club in 1200m Walk
12 Girls	Imogen Barlow of Pakuranga Athletic Club in 1200, 1500m and 3000m Yandri Fourie of Pakuranga Athletic Club in 1200m Walk
14 Girls	Sophie Robb of Papakura Athletic Club in 3000m
11 Boys	Harrison Day of Pakuranga Athletic Club in 1200m Walk
12 Boys	Quinn Moss of Ellerslie in 1500m Troy Maka of WETA in SP and DT
13 Boys	Jack Erikson of Pt Chevalier in 1500m and 3000m Ritchie Trathen of Pakuranga Athletic Club in 1600m Walk

The number of athletes registered for the Auckland Championships was affected by the postponement, Covid 19 and the National Tag tournament being held the same weekend at Bruce Pulman Park.

We would like to sincerely thank Mellissa Brearley-Tipene and Papakura Athletics Club Executive Committee for hosting the Championships, undertaking many jobs to get Massey Park prepared including repairing the sound system, filling the long jump pits, preparing, and roping off the stadium to be compliant with health and safety, opening access for entry to the park, providing security and opening the club and facilities for full use by all the athletes, officials, and the event committee.

Services to Athletics

At this year's Prize giving we acknowledged 2 dedicated servants of Auckland Junior Athletics encompassing between them over 50 years to their respective clubs, Auckland Junior Athletics, Trans-Tasman Games, Colgate Games and Athletics NZ.

Rodger Brickland has been club president for Eastern for 31 years. He was awarded Life Membership of the Eastern Athletic Club in 2000, the Athletics Auckland Merit Award in 2006, Athletics New Zealand Long Service Award in 2009, Life Membership to New Zealand Children's Athletic Association in 2011, and Life Membership to Athletics Auckland in 2016.

Aside from being extremely dedicated and committed to the sport of Athletics, he is also one of the most knowledgeable people we have in the sport, and it is well known that if a question needs answering, 'ask Rodger, he will know'.

Peter Wyatt has been at Roskill South Athletics club for 25 years-22 years on the committee, 3 years as club captain and 17 years as president -also now a life member.

At Auckland Junior Athletics he was Junior conveyor for 3 years and Treasurer for 5. He went on 7 Trans-Tasman tours with 5 as tour manager. He was involved with organising the Colgate Games held in Auckland in 2010 and 2018. He spent 8 years on the Auckland Athletics Board and 5 years as chairman. He was also on the Athletics NZ Board for 3 years. He supports his two sons who reached national champion level in horizontal jumps.

We thank Rodger and Peter especially for their services to Auckland Junior Athletics.

Officials, event organisers and administrators

We have and continue to be seriously understaffed when it comes to officials who are able, willing, and qualified to officiate our junior athletic events. Apart from the stress the shortage of officials causes, this also impacts the integrity of the Junior Residents records which currently require a minimum of an A grade official to be validated. We have a

smattering of Officials who could and should move from C to B Grade level and more who have officiated at several junior events who could qualify for C Grade level. Further Officials' courses will be held this year in the Winter Season through Pakuranga Athletics Club. Paul Craddock is also always available to clubs if there are sufficient participants. I would encourage people to enrol for these courses as they are open to everyone and are free.

Other roles which require technical and IT expertise include being able to use the photo camera and timing systems. Also being able to set up and use meet manager to produce the results that athletes, parents, and spectator's demand.

We would like to thank Raewyn Rodgers who works in the Auckland Athletics Office and Fiona Free for assisting with online entries.

I would like to also thank all club delegates for attending monthly online meetings, contributing to the organising of Auckland Junior Athletics, communicating news to your clubs, and organising your athletes throughout the season. Many thanks for all clubs - big and small who have been assigned roles and have contributed to the running of events.

I would also like to thank the Officials who continue to give of their time – Rob Taylor, Fiona Yelas, Julian Castle, Kathryn Sands, Daniel Lewis, Kat Saifiti, Leila-Jae O'Loughlin, Nicky Latu, James Stowers, Rodger Brickland, Lincoln McKenzie, Rob Ward, Eric Sila, Tania Boyer, and Hayden Kumerich.

In the office- Vaughan Couillault, Glen Millen, Grant Pepper, Louisa Smith, Sandy Atoaga, Rachael Keerekweer, Shar Korewha and Mark Kennelly.

Those athletes and officials-in- training -- McKenzie and Savannah Millen, Nathan Sands and Teo Arani Dunnet.

I would also like to thank Neil Bartlett for contributing to Junior Athletics by providing coaching opportunities for the juniors throughout the athletics season including the Preseason programme, the Aspire Programme and for being available for our athletic development pre-Colgate Games and Auckland Championships.

Fiona Yelas has also recently advised that she has resigned from the Records Committee and as the Waitakere Delegate for the last 7 years. Fiona and Rob Taylor set up the Residents Records and I want to thank her for her support both as delegate and on the track over the years.

Thanks to the Auckland Athletics Board for ongoing support and guidance.

Finally, thanks to Terry Jensen who has been a great sounding board and a great supporter of Junior Athletics!

Leigh Keefe

Convenor

Cross Country and Road Report– Convenors Report

How can we forget the 2020 Cross Country and Road season?

Covid-19 put its stamp over everything.

Our season was ready to commence, the timetable was confirmed, the venues booked. Then everything changed, the whole country was put into Level 4 lockdown. Decisions had to be made, zoom meetings became the norm, consideration had to be given to various other ways to continue our sport. In this we were more fortunate than other winter sports. Virtual events and Strava became the new way to compete. And as we moved through the different levels Clubs became particularly good at finding ways of keeping in contact with their athletes. Training programs continued that an athlete could follow for themselves and as the levels allowed for small numbers of people to gather, Clubs were able to organize some training in groups or races with reduced numbers at their own venues.

The Committee via zoom meetings met at least monthly to try and anticipate and plan for changes to the winter timetable and to share what their Clubs were doing. This often required a Plan B that may or may not eventuate.

The Clubs were also particularly good at encouraging their members to register as normal which helped both AAI and ANZ to meet financial commitments. More importantly though, when we reached Level 1 we were ready to commence our season. Little did we know that Auckland would go in and out of Levels during the season.

As you will have seen in the President's Report it was not until 20 June that we were able to hold interclub events. Amazingly, despite the interruptions, we were able to hold all the GP Races - sometimes combining events such as XC Teams with another GP event. Some other Centres were not able to provide a full season of events. However, it did mean that races were frequently on consecutive weekends. Because of that we decided not to conduct the usual Series format to allow senior athletes to recover and select which events to compete in.

Unfortunately, there were some disappointments for our athletes due to the timing of the Auckland lockdowns. We were unable to the Junior Relay Series – which was disappointing for our younger athletes who enjoy the comradeship of these events. The older athletes were disappointed as first the Rotorua Marathon and then the National Cross-Country Championships, in Dunedin, could not be attended by Auckland athletes. For Dunedin, the athletes were ready, the flights and accommodation were booked, all the arrangements made only for Auckland to plunge back into Level 3.

The Road Relay Championships also looked to be in jeopardy for Auckland teams. But careful planning by the host Centre and Athletics NZ plus the Auckland Clubs agreeing to special rules, such as wearing masks when not racing, the Clubs were able to compete and achieved some great results.

Auckland was to again host the National Road Championships at Bruce Pulman Park. Rearrangement of the National events saw the Road Champs move to November instead September. This created the least disruption to training and planning. My thanks to all the officials and helpers from Auckland and throughout the country who worked hard to make the Champs achievable and successful.

We introduced a new timing system for 2020 which has enabled us to process the results more quickly – a benefit for the athletes and the results personnel (who often had several hours of work over the weekend to finalize the results). A big thank you to Raewyn Rodger and Fiona Free who have brought the system online.

As I write this report, we have started our 2021 season with normality. We look forward to a rewarding cross country and road season. Looking back, we all learned much from 2020 and hopefully have come through all the stronger.

A big thanks to everyone for your patience, understanding and adaptability. It was not a year lost, but a year to see things in a different way.

Dianne Craddock

Convenor



AAI Coach Development

The supporting of all our Athletic Coaches in Auckland continues to be a priority for the Board and sections of our sport. With the recommendation from Athletics NZ, we are encouraging all our coaches who are working with squads, to be members as either an Accredited or Community coach.

The community coach level was introduced in 2020, along with the community volunteer member, to connect with clubs and the club coach - parent coaching network. It is to be noted that some of our community volunteer members will most likely undertake some coaching tasks in our clubs as well. This will provide a pathway to higher qualifications if desired, in the future.

Athletics NZ has also introduced an additional level of coach recognition in the performance area. Coaches can now seek to be qualified as an “Accredited Performance coach.” This level is identified by coaches completing the 2-year Performance Coach Qualification (PCQ) or by working in the performance coaching space.

Athletics Auckland continues to seek to develop a regional “Specialist Accredited coach” level with an assessment process which is independent of the coach development manager facilitator role.

Athletics NZ Coach Accreditation

As at March 2020, Auckland has 33 Accredited Coaches, which include some Athletics NZ staff and high-performance Coaches. Also, we have 27 Community Coaches- Community Volunteer members in the Auckland region.

The Athletics Auckland 2020-22 coaching plan has the following goals by November 2021:

Accredited Coaches: 50

Community Coaches-Volunteers: 50

Therefore, still more work needs to be done to encourage all our coaches to be members with Athletics NZ. We feel these targets can be achieved and even exceeded by the beginning of the next track and field season in 2021-22.

AAI Coach Education and Development

In the role of Coach Development manager, continuation of Coach developer education opportunities has been undertaken, primarily through the regional sport trusts. Also, Officials courses delivered by our team in Auckland have been completed.

Another goal of Athletics Auckland is to have our Coaches fully educated around their event group of interest. Not only the technical and conditioning aspects but the health and safety issues together with a thorough knowledge of the rules in our sport. We encourage all coaches to undertake C grade Officials courses to update and refresh themselves on these aspects of Athletics.

Whilst we recognise the ability of self-learning via online methods, courses will be held by Athletics Auckland and Athletics NZ throughout the calendar year. We ask that Coaches take the opportunity to collaborate with each other and learn in a formal environment.

John Walker Find your Field of Dreams

This programme continued in 2020, with the delivery of our fundamental movement skill sessions in terms 2 and 3. As in previous years, the end of term 3 and term 4 is directed to more specific athletic skill sessions. This season we interacted with 9 schools from the South Auckland region. This was down slightly on the previous year however lockdowns throughout 2020 made dealing with schools not possible.

The schools that were involved are as follows:

Manurewa region: Manurewa Intermediate

Papakura region: Papakura Normal, Rosehill Intermediate and St. Mary's school.

Pukekohe region: Pukekohe Intermediate and Valley school.

Manukau region: Kauri Flats school, Takanini school and Redoubt North school.

The programme continues to develop every year and it is hoped we can interact with the existing schools we have contacted and connect to new schools in the South Auckland region.



John Walker Field of Dreams session at Manurewa Intermediate June-July 2020

Aspire Development Academy

This year, our 2-day endurance clinic was moved from April to July 2020. Day 1 was held at Bruce Pulman Park with day 2 at Mt. Smart stadium. The theme for attending athletes, in appropriate teams, was to design a cross country course. Then the participants ran each team's course and judged them on certain criteria. A great fun event.

In September, our main 3-day academy was held at Mt. Smart stadium. This year we introduced a combined clinic for grade 10–11-year-old athletes together with grade 12 and above. The younger grade was for 2 days, and the older group completed an additional day. Experienced coaches from around Auckland contributed to an extremely successful event. We look forward to future events in July 2021 and beyond.



Group photo of Aspire September 2020



Aspire September 2020 Long Jump session with Jono Moyle

Auckland Regional Athletics Coaching programme

This programme to clubs continued over the 2020-21 season, covering just the Track & Field season. The focus of these sessions is to “Coach the Parents” of the basic coaching cues, safety requirements and rules around the disciplines. Due to restrictions, the planning of these sessions into clubs was limited, with many clubs starting their seasons late.

The clubs that participated in the programme were as follows: Beachlands-Maraetai, Hillsborough, Ellerslie and Warkworth.

For the upcoming 2021-22 season, Athletics Auckland goal is that a representative instructs in our affiliated clubs, with pre-season and early season sessions. Other regional learning opportunities are planned for October and December 2021 and January 2022, leading into events like the Colgate Games and Auckland championships.

National Championship Relay coordination

In support of our selectors, assisted in the appointment of coaches to the restricted championships in Hastings. Only Under 20 and Senior athletes competed in March 2021. Held two relay clinics to support those athletes keen to learn the Athletics NZ relay protocols. All the teams medalled, with the third fastest time ever recorded at a Nationals by our Senior Women's 4 x 100m team.

AAI Coach resources

The continuation of developing the Coaching page on our website is of importance with more articles to be added as a coaching resource.

Neil Bartlett

Athletics Auckland Coach Development Manager

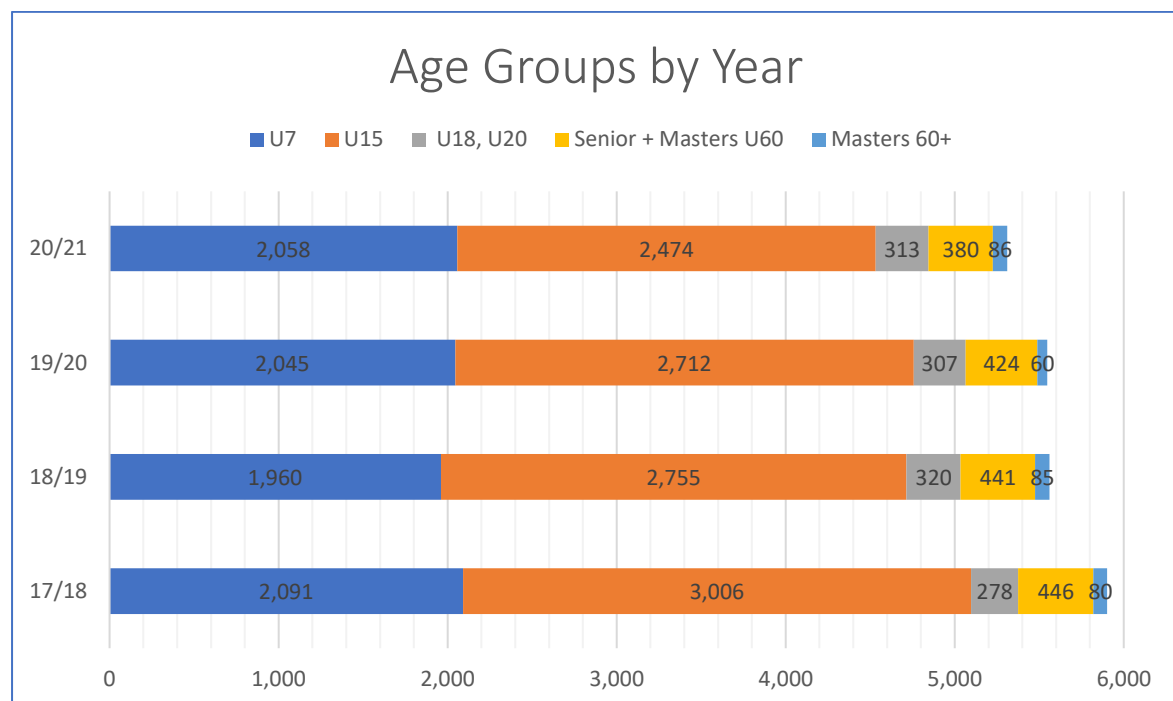
Athlete Registration Numbers

We have mentioned earlier how Athlete Registrations have stayed reasonably firm this year.

When we look at the Age Group breakdown of Active Members over the past four years, we see a slight decrease in the registration numbers within the Auckland region, with our numbers holding at 90% of the 2017/18 registration.

	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
U7	2,091	1,960	2,045	2,058
U15	3,006	2,755	2,712	2,474
U18, U20	278	320	307	313
Senior + Masters U60	446	441	424	380
Masters 60+	80	85	60	86
Active Members	5,901	5,561	5,548	5,311
Social Members	105	120	106	19
Total	6,006	5,681	5,654	5,330

The bar chart below allows us to compare age groups.



If we look at the Auckland registration numbers for the 2019/20 year (last year) against the rest of New Zealand (ANZ active registration numbers for last year), we see that Auckland makes up for 1/3rd of all New Zealand athletic registrations. This is in keeping with the 1.6M Auckland population against the 4.9M NZ population in 2019.

	Boys	Girls	Akd Total	NZ	%
U7	1,140	944	2,084	5,238	40%
U15	1,411	1,297	2,708	9,108	30%
U18, U20	157	145	302	1,220	25%
Senior + Masters	327	164	491	2,121	23%
Total	3,035	2,550	5,585	17,687	32%

Athlete registration statistics 2019-20												
REGION	Boys U7	Girls U7	Boys 7-14	Girls 7-14	Men 15-19	Women 15-19	Men 20+	Women 20+	Social	Officials, Volunteers & Coaches	Registered Total*	Secondary School**
NTH	10	10	58	61	8	14	39	26	54			370
AKL	1140	944	1411	1297	157	145	327	164	107			2258
WBOP	904	844	909	830	62	68	169	84	266			1965
TAR	113	111	189	206	18	24	53	26	37			257
HBG	109	94	247	197	48	23	66	29	15			468
MWA	131	118	168	179	48	52	61	31	112			781
WCL	176	159	539	457	94	51	273	155	142			1919
TAS	23	26	154	149	15	15	48	12	25			395
CAN	105	83	703	652	145	101	222	106	168			2001
OTG	51	45	250	242	58	36	108	78	107			390
STH	21	21	119	91	23	15	27	17	2			547
	2783	2455	4747	4361	676	544	1393	728	1035	1082	19804	11351

*Members (athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers) registered with an Athletics NZ-affiliated club based on available data in the Member Management System

**Secondary Schools – School Sport NZ Representation Census 2019 Figures

What do the AAI Sections do?

We are often asked what activities the Sections (Senior and Junior Track and Field and the Cross Country and Road Sections' do. So here is a summary of the activities.

Responsibilities

The Section is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to Board on the following matters:

- The establishment, management, and control of competition structures suitable for the needs of Athletics in Athletics Auckland.
- The publication and control of an annual calendar of all Competitions to be held within the Athletics Auckland area.
- The grant of authorization for national invitation meetings to be held in Athletics Auckland in accordance with the Athletics New Zealand Constitution.
- The establishment, maintenance, management, and operation of any Athletic facilities for the continued performance of Athletics in Auckland.
- All aspects of competition at all levels in Athletics that may impact on Athletics Auckland.
- Activities to promote all AAI events and championships.
- The bidding process and venue selection for the awarding of AAI events.
- The education and proposed appointments of relevant Athletics Auckland Athletics Officials.
- Activities that will ensure the skills are in place to conduct and officiate all forms of athletics.
- Providing input and feedback into the review and implementation of the Athletics Auckland Strategic Plan, as it relates to competition.
- The development of policies related to sustainability, medical, health and science issues affecting athletes and events/ competitions.
- The status and development of relationships with current and proposed partner organisations, such as Auckland Masters Athletics and College Sport Auckland.

The Section will also carry out other tasks and activities relating to its roles and responsibilities, as may be requested by Board.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Section will also liaise and consult with other Committees and Sections where appropriate.

Duties of Section Members

Athletics Auckland Interests: In undertaking any work in connection with the Section, each Section member will act for the benefit of and in the best interests of Athletics Auckland.

Athletics Auckland Officials: Section members are Athletics Auckland Officials, who are bound by the AAI Code of Conduct, as well as the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Policies of Athletics Auckland. This includes abiding by principles of conduct related to integrity, equality, dignity, good faith, conflicts of interest, benefits, and neutrality.

What is the history behind Mt Smart?

Great to see an All-Blacks game from Mt Smart tonight. Great in the sense that it was through athletics that Mt Smart Stadium was created. I worked with Frank Sharp, Norm Coop and others in the early to mid-1960's in converting a disused scoria quarry into the stadium we have today. Just reminiscing watching the game tonight.

Murray McKinnon



Mt Smart stadium is sited on a former volcano that Māori called Rarotonga. Pākehā settlers renamed it Mt Smart after Henry Dalton Smart, a lieutenant in the New Zealand Mounted Police in the early 1840's. The volcano once stood 86 metres high, but between 1880 and 1980 the cone was quarried away. The Mount Smart Domain Board was established in 1943 with the purpose of transforming the former quarry site into a public reserve. In 1953, a plan was approved for a sports stadium which was officially opened in 1967.

In 1978, it hosted 3 matches of the World Series Cricket tour of New Zealand. The stadium hosted track and field events including the Pan Am series during the early 1980s.

During the 1988 Great Britain Lions tour the Auckland rugby league team defeated the tourists 30–14 at Mt Smart before a crowd of 8,000. Mount Smart hosted its first rugby league international on 23 July 1989 when New Zealand and Australia played the third test of the Kangaroos 1989 New Zealand Tour. In front of 15,000 fans, Australia defeated the Kiwis 22–14 to wrap up the series 3–0.

The stadium was chosen as the Main Athletics Stadium as well as the opening and closing ceremonies venue of the 1990 Commonwealth Games. It was where the New Zealand national football team (the All Whites) played all their home qualifying games for the 1982 FIFA World Cup. This was the first occasion that New Zealand had qualified for a FIFA World Cup and the event captured the imagination of the nation with large crowds packing the stadium.

Adele holds the attendance record of the stadium, with 45,000 fans, who saw her play at Adele Live 2017. Ericsson Stadium (as it was once named) was the host of the Super League's 1997 World Club Championship Final between Australian teams the Brisbane Broncos and Hunter Mariners. In front of 12,000 fans, the Broncos defeated the Mariners

36–12. Ericsson Stadium hosted three-quarters of the 1999 Rugby League Tri-nations' games, including the final, which New Zealand lost 20–22.

The stadium is now owned by the Auckland Council, following the merger of Auckland's regional authorities, and managed by Auckland Stadiums. During the late 1980's and early 1990's, the back of the grandstand roof at Mount Smart was used for Bungee jumping. Following the first rugby league test at the stadium in 1989, Australian captain Wally Lewis and teammate Peter Jackson both 'took the plunge'.

Mount Smart Stadium also hosted the first standalone NRL Women's Premiership match between the New Zealand Warriors and St. George Illawarra Dragons on 22 September 2019. The Dragons won this match 26–6.

The Athletics Ground (officially Mt Smart Stadium Number 2) hosts athletics meets, right down to Primary School Level. It also holds local rugby league matches and serves as the home ground for the Auckland franchise in the Bartercard Premiership.



Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 April 2021

Athletics Auckland Inc Statement of Profit or Loss for the year ended 30 April 2021				
2020		Note	2021	2021
	<i>BOARD</i>			
	<i>Income</i>			
69,721	Registrations & Membership	3	82,926	
18,000	Administration Levies		18,000	
1,878	Club Affiliation Fees		1,878	
89,599	Total Subscriptions			102,804
10,122	Apparel, Equipment & Sundries		11,523	
45,137	Grants & Donations Received		72,766	
5,250	Coaching & Development		4,172	
2,744	Gym Memberships		2,939	
5,995	Interest & Dividends Received		3,644	
69,247	Total Activity & Investment Income			95,045
158,847	Total Board Income			197,848
	<i>less Expenses</i>			
15,513	Administration Expenses		10,278	
9,428	Athletics Development		10,319	
5,612	Coaching Expenses		5,511	
1,330	Depreciation		1,113	
1,506	Equipment Purchases & Maintenance		519	
19,443	Grants Expended		10,724	
4,055	Printing & Stationery		2,076	
-	Repairs & Maintenance		817	
702	Security		911	
97,290	Wages & Salaries		116,906	
693	A.C.C. Expenses		426	
2,078	Telephone & Tolls		2,226	
157,651	Total Board Expenses			161,828
1,196	Board Operating Profit			36,021
	<i>Divisions Operations</i>			
24,685	Track & Field		(25,562)	
20,495	Cross Country & Road		(5,933)	
(6,367)	Juniors		1,661	
38,813				(29,834)
40,009	Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)			6,187

Financial Report Summary – AAI 2021

Financial activities for AAI for the year ended 30th April 2021 was a group profit of \$6,187 however registrations/membership fell by 324 athletes largely in the younger ages and social members.

As a group AAI -

What funds we received:	
Registrations and Membership	\$82,926
Entries and Events	\$83,086
Coaching & Development	\$4,172
Grants & Donations	\$36,571
Other	\$173,658

Where we spent it:	
Events & Entries	\$110,125
Coaching & Development.	\$5,541
Equipment & gear	\$5,695
Wages- staffing	\$116,906
Other	\$137,961

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 and remain largely volunteer efforts. We were fortunate to have the wage subsidies support in this difficult year for grant or sponsorship fund.

Our strengths are professionally managed, but limited funds and loyal personnel, who are hardworking and committed. We acted proactively around covid restrictions and maximized possible outcomes.

Jim Hogg

Treasurer

Our Clubs

AMMI School of Sports & Fitness	Oratia Running Club
Auckland City Athletic Club	Owairaka Amateur Athletic Club
Auckland City Triathlon Club	Pakuranga Athletic Club
Auckland University Track Club	Papakura Athletic and Harrier Club
Avondale Athletics Club	Papatoetoe Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club
Beachlands Maraetai Athletics Club	Point Chevalier Amateur Athletics
Calliope A and H Club Inc	Pukekohe Amateur A and H Club
Eastern Athletic and Harrier Club	Racewalking Auckland Inc
Ellerslie Amateur A and H Club Inc	Riverhead Amateur A C
Glen Eden A and H Club Inc	Roskill South AAC
Helensville Athletics Club	Takapuna Amateur A and H Club Inc
Hibiscus Coast Athletic Club	Te Atatu Athletic Club
Hillsborough Junior Athletic Club	Technical H and A Club
Lynndale Amateur A and H Club	The Auckland YMCA Marathon Club
Mangere Otahuhu Athletic Club	Waiuku Districts Amateur Athletic Club
Manurewa Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club	Waitakere City Athletic Club Inc
Massey Athletic Club	Warkworth Athletics Club
North Harbour Bays Athletics Inc	Wesley Harrier and Athletic Club Inc
Onehunga A and H Club Inc	Western Elite Throws Academy-Athletics Club Inc

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Many thanks to all our photographers for your photos.

Our People

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Jim Hogg - Treasurer

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Daniel Lewis - Director

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Leigh Keefe - Junior Track and Field Convenor

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Fiona Free - Competition Coordinator

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