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As we gather for the 2025 AGM I am pleased to reflect on the past year and share the highlights of Athletics Auckland's achievements. This year we have worked together and achieved great results. We set clear goals, focused on what mattered and got on with the job.

Every person played a part, and our combined effort made a difference. As we look ahead our strategic plan for 2024-29 will be our guide. It should ensure we stay on track and continue to grow and build a stronger future for all athletes, coaches and administrators. There will be challenges along the way, but we know that success will come from working together. If we keep supporting each other committing ourselves to our goals, we will continue to progress.

We have seen a significant growth in participation across our events, programmes and competitions with more athletes, coaches and officials getting involved. Our major events such as the junior championships and relay championships, the Auckland track and field championships and the Auckland cross country and road championships were all successful, attracting most of our top athletes and providing competitions.

We have had a large number of athletes representing New Zealand at international events and some achieving positive results.

We continue to support our affiliated member clubs providing resources, workshops and networking opportunities to help them thrive.

Our programmes have engaged with schools and clubs promoting athletics and encouraging young people to get involved in our sport. We continue to invest to improve and upgrade our facilities and equipment.

We recognise the importance of volunteers in our sport and are working to retain all officials, coaches and administrators.

I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, coaches for their hard work and commitment to Athletics Auckland. Your efforts make a significant impact on our sport. In particular I would like to thank our Office Manager Raewyn Rodger, Neil Bartlett, Fiona Free, Petro Geldenhuys, section convenors, Paul and Dianne Craddock and Bryce Hall.

As we move into the new year, we can look forward to the opportunities ahead. We will continue to focus on growing participation and delivering high quality events and work to strengthen our relationships with clubs, partners and the community.

Thank you for your support and let's work together to make Athletics Auckland Inc a more vibrant and successful organisation.

Rodger Brickland QSM

President

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Tūngia te ururoa kia tupu whakaritorito te tupu o te harakeke.

"Set the overgrown bush alight, so that the new flax shoots may spring up."

(Meaning: Growth comes from embracing change and new beginnings.)

Kia ora koutou katoa

I was at a local supermarket checkout when a young athlete approached me and said that he had recognised me from one of our events. He said he was going to try and break the 800-metre record for his age group later that week and asked whether I thought he could. I asked whether he had been training, and he said he had. After a bit of discussion, I assured him that if he gave it his best shot, he would definitely be in the running and to enjoy the experience.

Athletics is more than just about competition. It is a reflection of life itself where every activity begins with preparation, every challenge helps to build resilience, and every success is earned through discipline and determination.

Success doesn't come from standing still. It comes from moving forward, adapting, and embracing challenges head-on. Growth requires change, and change requires the courage to let go of the past, to move forward with a shared vision, a united purpose, and an unshakable commitment to making things better together.

At the centre of all we do as an organisation is the athlete. The individual who shows up, puts in the effort, and refuses to settle for anything less than their best. In the immortal words of the incomparable Steve Prefontaine:

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

That mindset is what defines us, whether as an athlete, an official, volunteer or as an organisation. We push boundaries, we set ambitious goals, and most importantly, we lift each other up along the way. Because athletics isn't just about the success you achieve in an event, it is about the journey, the grit, and the growth that gets you there.

As an organisation, this year has been one of building and progressing with key achievements including:

- A 15% increase in membership.
- Impressive performances on the biggest stages, whether that be at international events or our local championships.
- Improved facilities and resources.
- A growing and connected community.
- Being awarded the hosting rights for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 National Track & Field Championships.

None of this would be possible without **YOU**, our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and supporters. You are the driving force of our sport through your perseverance, your strength, and your enthusiasm. You are the beating heart of what we do and why we do it.

Few moments capture the power of perseverance and sportsmanship like the 2016 Rio Olympics, where our own Nikki Hamblin showed the world that greatness isn't just about medals, it's about lifting others up when it matters most.

During the women's 5000m race, Hamblin fell hard onto the track, and rather than charging ahead, American runner Abbey D'Agostino stopped, not to compete, but to encourage Hamblin to rise and finish the race. Inspired by this act of sportsmanship, Hamblin resumed the race, and later, when D'Agostino struggled with injury, Hamblin stood by her side until they crossed the finish line together.

That moment was bigger than athletics. It was about determination, unity, and proving that success isn't just about individual victory, it is about how we achieve great things together.

Every great athlete understands that setbacks are not failures, they are lessons, opportunities, and moments that shape us. As an organisation, we have faced our own hurdles including funding pressures, tough decisions, unexpected obstacles but like an athlete adjusting their stride to clear a hurdle, we've adapted, refocused, and kept moving forward to achieve our 2029 vision to:

Enable, Empower and Inspire Athletics for All

I have no doubt that we will experience challenges in bringing our vision to life. However, through persistence, a willingness to focus on solutions and working together, we can turn any challenge into an extraordinary achievement as we look to significantly grow our sport.

A few weeks ago, I caught up with my 800-metre runner at the Junior prize giving and asked how he went in his record attempt. In this particular case, he unfortunately missed out by a handful of seconds. Then, as if out of the mouth of Nikki or Steve, he indicated "I'll be back next year to give it my best shot". Persistence and perseverance personified!

Athletics is more than just a sport. It is a metaphor for a way of thinking, a way of living, a way of building resilience that extends far beyond the athletics venue. It reminds us that every race is run step by step, that momentum is built through persistence, and that success isn't just about victory, but about how we push forward despite challenges.

As we step into another year, and one where we will host the 2026 National Track & Field Championships, let's commit to the challenge. To push further, to rise higher, to embrace every opportunity with ambition and determination to confidently move our sport forward as we are, together better.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini.
"My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective."

With that in mind, I have pleasure in presenting our annual report for the 2024-2025 year.

Nga mihi nui

Bryce Hall

Chairperson



What we achieved – 2024/2025

Being Visible

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MILLION

Summer Social Media
Campaign Views

645,000

Winter Social Media Campaign Views

485,000

Summer Campaign
Audience

175,000

Winter Campaign Audience

2025 NZ Track & Field Champs

148 Athletes

2024 NZ Cross Country Champs

85 Athletes

\$135,000

New Equipment Investment

\$18,000

Marketing Investment

Investing in Athletics

Achieving Outcomes

+15%

Increase in Membership

Athletes Entered

7,650

12,800

Event Entries Managed

51

2024/2025
Events Held

Senior National
T&F Titles

33

20,500

School Students
Hosted at Mt Smart

5,600

John Walker FOD
Students Coached

126

Aspire Academy
Attendees

Future Athletes

Enabling, Empowering and Inspiring Athletics for All



Celebrating the Success of Our Athletes

Auckland athletes who won senior titles

Lex Revell-Lewis 400m
Joseph Dunn 110m Hurdles
James Steyn Pole Vault
Ethan Olivier Triple Jump
Connor Bell Discus Throw
Anthony Barmes Hammer Throw
Douw Botes Javelin Throw
Zoe Hobbs 100m
Marielle Venida 200m
Laura Nagel 1500m, 3000m, 5000m
Lisa Cross 10,000m, 5km road, Mountain Running
Briana Stephenson 100m Hurdles
Imogen Skelton High Jump
Eliza McCartney Pole Vault
Maddison-Lee Wesche Shot Put
Men 4 x 400m relay (Kadin Taylor, Kahurangi Cotterill, Zach Saunders, Lex Revell-Lewis)
Women's 4 x 400m relay (Jordyn Blake, Camryn Smart, Holly Rule, Isabel Neal)
Senior men's national road relay, Whippets Running Project (Cameron Clark, Toby Tasker, Ronan Lee, Jack Paine, William Little, Connor Melton, David Lee)
Senior women's national road relay, North Harbour Bays (Holly Manning, Jasmine Finney, Laura Nagel, Jess Wright, Brigid Dennehy, Clara Lachurie, Anneke Arlidge)
Keith Burrows national 24 hour champion.



Para Athlete: Paddy Walsh T64 100m, Long Jump. Kate Danaher T37 100m, 200m. Gabrielle Wright T54 800m.
Mitch Joynt T64 100m, 200m, Jaden Movold T54 800m, 1500m.

Auckland athletes who set a New Zealand Record

Senior

Ethan Olivier triple jump = 17.01m +1.4 29.08.24 Lima Peru
Lex Revell-Lewis National 400m 45.88 30.03.25 Melbourne Vic Australia
Connor Bell National discus throw 68.38m 10.04.25 Ramona OK USA
Connor Bell National discus throw 68.51m 17.04.25 Ramona OK USA
Eddie Osei-Nketia National 200m 20.24 +1.2 30.05.25 College Station TX USA

Under 20

Ethan Olivier triple jump 17.01m +1.4 29.08.24 Lima Peru
Christian de Vaal 5000m 13:41.17 7.12.24 Boston MA USA

Under 19

James Ford 1000m 2:23.48 12.07.24 Monaco

Kendra Scally Tu'i 200m 23.52 +1.5 19.04.25 Walnut CA USA

Under 18

Kendra Scally Tu'i 200m 23.52 +1.5 19.04.25 Walnut CA USA

Under 17

Kendra Scally Tu'i 200m 23.52 +1.5 19.04.25 Walnut CA USA

PARA ATHLETE

Open

Paddy Walsh T64 long jump 4.71m -0.5 14.12.24 Mt Smart Stadium

Gabrielle Wright T54 800m 2:20.43 22.01.25 Canberra

Gabrielle Wright T54 200m 35.19 -0.2 23.01.25 Canberra

Gabrielle Wright T54 800m 2:17.15 23.01.25 Canberra

Paddy Walsh T64 long jump 4.76m +1.9 09.03.25 Dunedin

Zachary Orbell T35 100m 13.36 +1.6 07.03.25 Dunedin

Gabrielle Wright T54 1500m 4:28.67 25.05.25 Switzerland

Gabrielle Wright T54 400m 1:05.47 25.05.25 Switzerland

Gabrielle Wright T54 800m 2:15.83 29.05.25 Switzerland

Gabrielle Wright T54 400m 1:03.38 29.05.25 Switzerland

Gabrielle Wright T54 200m 34.75 -0.1 31.05.25 Switzerland

Under 20

Sionaan Murphy F37 discus throw 26.51m 12.10.24 Mt Smart Stadium

Sionann Murphy F37 3kg shot put 8.78m 30.11.24 Mt Smart Stadium

Sionann Murphy F37 3kg shot put 9.09m 18.01.25 Lower Hutt

Sionann Murphy F37 3kg shot put 9.09m 09.02.25 Henderson

Sionann Murphy F37 3kg shot put 9.22m 15.02.25 Hamilton

Brian Wilson F20 1.75kg discus throw 19.97m 23.03.25 Mt Smart Stadium

Under 19

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 600g javelin throw 21.62m 06.03.25 Dunedin

Brian Wilson F20 1.75kg discus throw 19.97m 23.03.25 Mt Smart Stadium

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 discus throw 25.62m 12.04.25 Perth

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 3kg shot put 8.73m 25.04.25 Otahuhu

Under 18

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 600g javelin throw 21.62m 06.03.25 Dunedin

Brian Wilson F20 1.75kg discus throw 19.97m 23.03.25 Mt Smart Stadium

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 discus throw 25.62m 12.04.25 Perth

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 3kg shot put 8.73m
25.04.25 Otahuhu

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 3kg shot put 8.73m
25.04.25 Otahuhu

Under 17

Charli Gardiner-Hall F37 3kg shot put 8.31m
04.06.24 Suva Fiji



MASTERS

Chris Waring W80 200m 38.47 +1.5 19.04.25

Hee Sun Kim W60 HJ 1.39m 30.03.25

Lisa Cross W40 10,000m 33:47.23 18.01.25

Jim Feist M90 60m 14.73 -0.7 30.03.25

David Blackford M60 HJ 1.66m 02.02.25, 100m 12.41 +0.5 19.03.25, M60 200m 25.26 -0.2 19.03.25

David Anstiss M75 TJ 8.87m +1.5 02.02.25, M80 TJ 8.00m +1.1 30.03.25, M80 80m H 17.06 +0.3 22.03.25, M80 LJ 3.62m +0.3 22.03.25, M80 HJ 1.30m 22.03.25, M80 PV 2.30m 30.03.25, M80 decathlon 5634 points 22/23.03.25.

Ho Young Do M65 HJ 1.45m 30.03.25.

Scott Thomson M30 TJ 14.17m +0.4 30.03.25.

Ron Johnson M90 weight throw 9.15m 30.03.25

Wim Luijpers M55 mile 4:41.63 19.03.25

Nick Moore M50 half marathon 1:12:12 06.04.25

Auckland athletes, New Zealand Representatives

Olympic Games, Paris, France, August 2024: Imogen Ayris, Connor Bell, Jacko Gill, Zoe Hobbs, Eliza McCartney, Olivia McTaggart, Maddison-Lee Wesche Silver Medal Shot Put.

World Athletics Under 20 Championships, Lima, Peru, August 2024: Douw Botes, Thomas Cowan, James Ford, Suzannah Kennelly, Ethan Olivier Gold Medal Triple Jump, Blessing Sefo, Talia Van Rooyan, Marielle Venida.

Paralympics, Paris, France, September 2024: Anna Steven T64, Mitch Joynt T64.

World Indoor Championships, Nanjing, China, March 2025: Imogen Ayris, Zoe Hobbs, Olivia McTaggart, Laura Nagel, Kaia Tupu-South, Maddison-Lee Wesche.

FISA World University Games, Rhine-Ruhr, Germany, July 2025: Anthony Barmes, Ethan Olivier, Welrè Olivier, Lex Revell-Lewis, Tommy Te Puni, Hannah Adye, Jordyn Blake, Peyton Leigh, Isabel Neal, Kaia Tupu-South, Marielle Venida.

World Athletic Championships, Tokyo, Japan, September 2025: Connor Bell, Jacko Gill, Maddison-Lee Wesche, Zoe Hobbs.

World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, Canfranc-Pirineos, Spain, September 2025: Toby Batchelor, Jessie Speedy.

World Para Athlete Championships, New Delhi, India, September/October 2025: Mitch Joynt, Paddy Walsh.

IAU 24 Hour Running Championships, Albi, France, October 2025: Wayne Botha, Brendan Dean, Dee Abu Bakar, Jade Overy.



Athletics NZ Annual General Meeting, Taupo, 28 September 2024

At the AGM **Arch Jelley CNZM OBE** of Auckland was accorded **Life Membership** of Athletics New Zealand in recognition of over 60 years' service to the sport as a coach, manager and administrator.

Athletics NZ Merit Awards were presented to:

David Sim an Auckland Centre official, administrator, manager and volunteer.

He was a competitor and coach of race walking with North Harbour Bays Club and won the national 50km road walking title in 2007 and 2008.

Paul Hamblyn, successful coach with North Harbour Bays and meeting promotor of the Night of Fives meeting. A sub-four-minute miler he was fourth in the 1500m at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.



Obituaries

Former Owairaka runner and son of Arthur Lydiard, **Bruce Lydiard** died on 6 August 2024 aged 77.

Auckland University Club delegate and Club stalwart **Bryan Bates** died on 22 August 2024 aged 67.

Former master woman sprint champion and world record holder **Margaret Peters** of North Harbour Bays died on 28 September 2024 aged 90.

Long serving Takapuna Athletic Club official and Club delegate **Meryl Hartshorne** died on 10 October 2024.

Former Auckland marathon champion **Daniel Warden** of Western Suburbs Club died on 8 February 2025 aged 82.

Former national race-walking champion **Peter Hellriegel** died on 12 May 2025 aged 94.

Former national hurdles champion and record holder and Olympian **Avis McIntosh** died in May 2025 aged 87.

Former national sprint hurdles champion and 1950 Auckland Empire Games representative **Lionel Hill-Smith** died on 14 May 2025 aged 96. He was an Auckland Centre official at Mt Smart Stadium for many years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray McKinnon'.

Murray McKinnon QSM JP
Patron

Strategic Plan 2024-2029

The Athletics Auckland Board developed and adopted a new strategic plan over the last year to guide us going forward to 2029. Our underlying Strategic Intent is to grow participation in athletics in Auckland in all its forms.

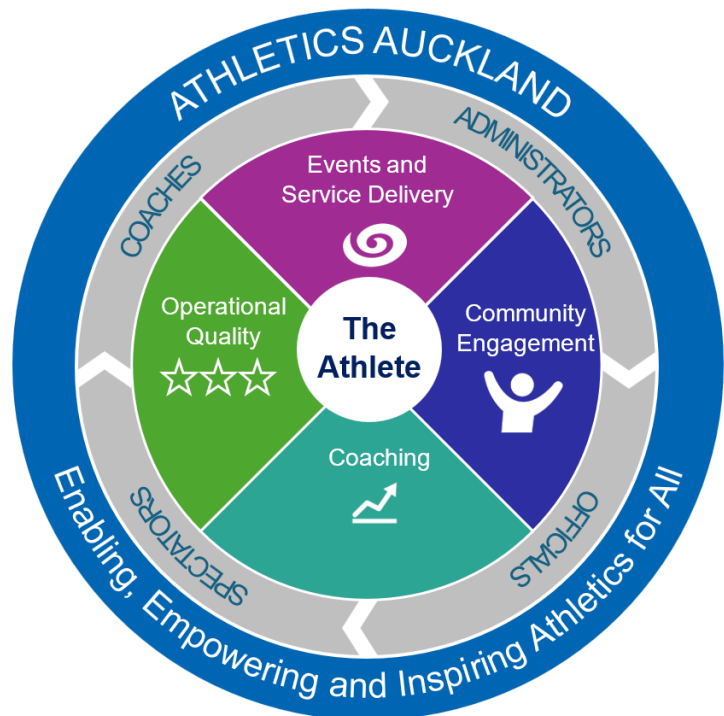
We put the athlete at the centre of all that we do as we seek to be an organisation with over 10,000 members by 2029. This is supported by our four strategic pillars:

Event and Service Delivery

Operational Quality

Community Engagement

Coaching



In moving towards 2029, we will be guided by the values we will be known by and judged against as an organisation:

People First

We create a positive, supportive, respectful, social, and inclusive environment that allows our people to thrive and be retained in the sport.

Athletics Centered

We are passionate about delivering quality athletics experiences for all our people, in all situations, all the time.

Flexibly Innovative

We are ambitious. We seek out new ideas. We embrace change. We take informed risks and learn from our experience so we can continuously get better at serving our people.

Together Better

We embrace working together. We listen. We engage and work with others to be better tomorrow than we are today.



Auckland Senior Track & Field Season Review 2024-25

This season has been a “full on” season with many highlights

The season started in mid-October 2024 and finished in late March 2025.

Athlete numbers consistently exceeded 200 each week, with good numbers in each of the Grades from U14 through to Masters.

School Athletics Days

Pre-Christmas the primary and intermediate schools were prominent at Mt Smart. Then in the New Year, the secondary schools had their athletic days in February and March. We are, again, grateful to the regular group of officials who assist at these meets.

College Sport Athletics

This year, College Sport Auckland changed the format for Auckland Secondary School championships by doing away with the need for zones meets. Instead opting for 2 days of championships instead – Tuesday 18 March and Thursday 20 March. Initially this was met with some skepticism as the zones was a good opportunity for schools to validate performances before sending their school team to championships. This new model required significant trust from school sports departments to filter through their individual athletes to ensure they met the performance standards required for championship level. This was also meant fewer days out of school for the competition – for students and for accompanying school staff.



A significant number of athletes were entered into heats, with sprint heats being severely impacted, however, this was managed well by the officials on the day and ushering athletes as quickly as possible through events while retaining integrity of the competition.

The event itself showcased the incredible talent from our region. From here, athletes were selected for one of three teams based out of the Auckland region to compete at the North Island Secondary School Championships down at Porritt Stadium, Hamilton on the weekend of April 5 and 6. Again well supported by our regional teams due to its relatively close proximity for travel. A fantastic round-up of a successful season for our up-and-coming rangatahi athletes.

McKinnon Shield Meets / Points

In the 2024/2025 season we made significant changes to how the McKinnon Shield operated. These include changes to point scoring, introducing a Premier Division and Cup Division for clubs, a “powerplay” round, and medals for athletes of the First, Second, Third and Fourth placed clubs in each division based on the final league table position



The change was driven by two key factors:

- We wanted to create an engaging, interesting, and rewarding club competition across the course of the summer that recognises both performance and participation.
- The previous points scoring system was not understood by most clubs and was very time demanding for our volunteers to administer.

Using software from Athletics Victoria, we were able to implement a points system that was designed to achieve a balance between rewarding performance and participation. The points allocation provides an incentive to perform at an optimal level, while providing the club level athlete the opportunity to contribute to a club team score in a “meaningful” way.

The Athletics Victoria software allowed “live” points to be updated as soon as the results are entered with these being posted to www.aai.resultshub.com.au throughout each event. This created a higher level of engagement for those involved and will be the basis of other initiatives that we look to roll out in this space to increase engagement and participation.

At the completion of nine McKinnon Shield rounds, the points table had North Harbour Bays being crowned McKinnon Shield Champions for 2024/2025, with Lynndale, Takapuna, ACA and Pakuranga chasing hard to the end.



Pos		Club	Score	Points
Premier Division				
1		North Harbour Boys	223,726	177
2		Lynndale	151,838	163
3		Takapuna	105,799	151
4		ACA	101,471	148
5		Pakuranga	98,502	142
6		Waitakere	58,097	124
7		Owairaka	32,846	113
8		Papakura	22,552	107
9		Oratia	15,099	97
10		Beachlands Maraetai	7,156	83

In the Cup Division, TTT Runners were the inaugural Cup Winners followed by Eastern and Whippets Auckland.

With the **Auckland Schools Cups** for 2024/25 awarded to
Secondary Schools Challenge Cup: Mount Albert Grammar.
Secondary Schools Champions Cup: Whangaparaoa College.

Halberg Games Athletics

For several years now, AAI has assisted in organizing and running the athletics for the Halberg Games held at Kings College. This year the athletic program started at 12 noon on Anzac Day.



After the disappointment of last year when only the track events were run, April 2025 saw the return of the full program – plus a bit!

Over 200 athletes aged from 7 to 22 registered for the Games. Again, nearly 40 officials turned out to assist.

John Walker and Millie Sampson Miles

The 2025 Invitational races were held on the Herb Towers Track at Mt Smart Stadium #2 on January 11th, 2025 in conjunction with McKinnon Shield #6.

2025 John Walker Junior Mile

Selected to represent Auckland in the 36th John Walker Junior Mile were Ben Oxford, Redd Scampion, Harry Witheridge and also Caleb Wagener, who was unable to compete due to a calendar clash. Three athletes from Auckland and five from Waikato Bay of Plenty competed in the event.

The race was won by a very much in-form WBOP runner Sam Ruthe in a time of 4:10.43 with fellow Waikato athletes Hamish Murray second (4:13.37) and Jake Lomas third (4:22.60). The first Auckland home was Redd Scampion in 4th place (4:24.71)

2025 Millie Sampson WU23 Mile

Four Aucklanders were selected for the third running of the Millie Sampson Mile - Nina Chalmers, Lisa Hellyer, Sarah Hellyer, and Scarlett Robb. At the start line the field consisted of three Waikato Bay of Plenty athletes and three Aucklanders - Sarah Hellyer scratching prior to the race due to injury. The 2025 WU23 Mile was dominated by the three Auckland runners with Lisa Hellyer winning in a time of 4:56.49, followed by Scarlett Robb (4:58.57) and Nina Chalmers (5:01.82). Holly Fausett from WBOP was 4th in 5:06.98.

Sir Graeme Douglas (SGD) International Meet

Although this is an Athletics NZ event, AAI again played a significant role in the presentation of the SGD meet via providing equipment and organizing the officials.

The status of the event meant that several World Athletics Bronze Referees crossed the Tasman to officiate at the event. At very late notice, Anthony Curry, was appointed the replacement Technical Delegate for SGD.

NZ Combined Events Championships 2025

The Combined Events Championship event was held in conjunction with the AAI Combined Events Championships.

Being a National Championship, Athletics NZ appointed a TD to oversee the meet.

In the ANZ Championships we hosted

Decathlon Senior Men: 8

Decathlon U20Men: 2

Decathlon U18Men: 4

Decathlon Masters Men 80: 1

Decathlon Masters Men 50: 1

Heptathlon Senior Women: 4
Heptathlon U20Women: 3
Heptathlon U18Women: 15
Pentathlon U16Women: 4

It was disappointing that there were no entrants for the U16 Men's Octathlon.

The final comments in the TD's report were very encouraging:

Overall, it was a fantastic weekend. Texts and comments are still being sent to LOC members and myself. Athletes, Coaches, Parents seemed to have enjoyed the competition, some of them stating that this was the best combined events champs they experienced.

The LOC worked really hard and a special mention to Diane and Paul Craddock, Fiona Free, Sue Potter, The Referees and all Officials and Volunteers did such an amazing job. Again, it wasn't only the knowledge on how to apply the rules, it was more the incredible, beautiful attitude they all had to get the job done, and to make sure everyone was happy and well-treated. A fantastic event that I would not hesitate to do it again with this wonderful group of people.

2025 Athletics New Zealand Track and Field Championships, Dunedin

The Auckland team were in full force again this year down in Dunedin. The Auckland team for the National Track & Field Championships turned up in Dunedin in good numbers despite the travel, as did the four seasons over the course of the Championships. Despite the changeable weather, this did not deter the athletes in terms of performance or attitude.

We had 92 females and 76 males don the Auckland singlet with immense pride. The event was well supported by all regions across New Zealand. We were particularly proud to showcase the new team wear gear and hope to grow this into the next season.



Our U16 group continues to show promise which is great for our sports future progression. We had twenty-one WU16 and ten MU16 in our team with our WU16 4x100m breaking an Auckland record in their relays as did the MU18 4x400m. The Auckland team, across track and field, achieved great results and personal performances. A number of standout performances from all our relay teams with particular depth in the 4x400m event.

The individual event results are exhaustive for such a large team, but what it does show is a great deal of current seniors leading the way, and our Juniors and Youth athletes taking on the challenge of National competition as they progress in their journey with athletics.



A new addition to the Auckland team event was the introduction of a very special award – the Peter Booker Memorial Trophy which was awarded to an athlete who competed at NZ T&F nationals for Auckland and who reflects sportsmanship, dedication and excellence in their event. This year the trophy was awarded to Lex Revell-Lewis for his 400m.

A big thank you to Sue Potter and Raewyn Rodgers for their extraordinary efforts at the start of the season in selecting the team and managing the initial coordination. And to the competition managing team, Chris Day, Ally Fletcher, Neil Bartlett for their tireless efforts over the duration of the competition. We look forward to the 2026 edition where Auckland hosts the next national championships!



New Zealand Masters Nationals, 28-30 March 2025, Mt Smart Auckland

Auckland hosted the 2025 New Zealand Masters Athletics Champs at Mt Smart Stadium over the weekend of 28 – 30 March.

There were 281 individual athlete entries including 103 from Auckland and 19 from Australia, England, Cook Islands and French Polynesia. These competitor numbers meant this was the largest NZMA Champs ever held.

Athletes were represented in all age groups from 30 to 90 years including several top-level competitors who had competed at the ANZ Senior Nationals in Dunedin the previous month.



Competition was held on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday. The discus circle set up on the top training field enabled the challenging schedule to run smoothly with big numbers of throws competitors across multiple age-groups. For most of the weekend, 5 throwing events were held simultaneously. On the Sunday, 6 rotations of 11 athletes competed in the Throw's Pentathlon with the extra discus cage enabling no hold-ups and the competition to be completed in record time and no issues with athletes making return flights.

There were large numbers in the track events with the middle and longer distance races being seeded and men and women competing together making exciting racing. Many national and championship records were broken along with many regional records.



Hato Hone St John Ambulance Service Staff attended all three days providing medical treatment for the athletes.

AAI officials ran the event and Charles Annals travelled from Wellington as the Chief Photo Finish Judge. The standard and professionalism of the officials was of the highest level and appreciated by the athletes.

Feedback from athletes, officials and spectators was extremely positive with several people going out of their way to email praise upon returning to their regions. The board of NZMA were extremely pleased with the running of the event declaring it a great success.

At the completion of the event the Local Organising Committee donated the \$6000 surplus to Athletics Auckland for the purchase and maintenance of equipment.

AAI Board Business Plan

Events & Service Delivery:

- During the season new gear has been purchased
 - High Jumps mats, (with thanks to Trillian Trust)
 - Pole Vault mats, (with thanks to Grassroots Trust Ltd and The Lion Foundation)
 - 700 gm javelins (due to change in WA specifications).
- Weekly meets hosted by AAI throughout the season apart from a short break over Christmas/New Year.
- New officials have been trained.
- 1. Community Engagement:
 - The website and Facebook have been used to communicate with AAI athletes, coaches, officials and families.
- 2. Operational Quality:
 - Athlete performances have been highlighted via social media each week.

2025/2026 Summer Track and Field Season

Since April, planning has been underway for the next season. This includes

2025/26 Calendar.

One of the key tasks is to book Mt Smart for both the Junior and Senior meets. The calendar will change as we get date/time confirmation of other users of the Mt Smart complex. This will mean some morning meets as in 2024/25 and potentially Friday night meets.

National Championships.

AAI has been awarded the ANZ Senior T&F Championships, U16 to Senior grades, for 2026, 2027 and 2028.

A Local organizing Committee, LOC, has been formed along with a fund-raising group. Both are actively engaged in Auckland staging the 2026 Championships.

It is a major task to host such an event. Even more so, to follow Dunedin's very well hosted Championships in 2025.

Finally, I would like to thank all who have assisted during the season – the athletes, the parents, the officials, the Senior T&F Committee, the AAI Office staff and anyone else who have contributed to the seasons' success.

Contributions from,

Judy Revell

Team Manager, Auckland Senior T&F Team.

Murray Free

2025 NZ Masters Championships LOC Chair.

Sue Potter

Convenor – JW & MS Miles.

Paul Craddock

Acting Convenor Senior T&F.



Auckland Junior Track & Field Season Review 2024-25

Auckland Junior Relay Championships

The Auckland Junior Relay Championships was held across two separate events again this season, the first in early December at Mt Smart Stadium, with the 4 x 100m Relay Races, the 4 x 400m Relay races for the 10–14-year-olds and the 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m relays for 7–9-year-olds as well as the Field Relay competition for 7–14-Year-olds held during the day. The second component of the relay champs occurred after the Junior Pentathlon



Championships and included the 4 x 200m

Relay Races for ages 10-14 years. Dividing these races up worked well in the previous year and it was again a sensible decision that ensured that athletes and their families did not have to stay at the events for long periods of time, in what were very hot conditions on both occasions.

Off the back of the Counties Manukau and CNW (Central North Western Clubs) Relay champs, which were both well attended by their area clubs, the hope was that most clubs would be able to field large representative squads for the AA relay champs, but unfortunately, this did not eventuate as two relay days within one week of each other means that parents and athletes make the decision to attend the first and not the second. For the 2025-2026 season, make breathing space will be provided between these events.

The day was generally positive and enjoyable, with some fantastic results achieved across the board. Across both relays' components, four Auckland Junior Champs relay records were broken. Pakuranga's 14G squad broke the 4 x 400m record, the 4 x 200m record and the Distance Medley record. North Harbour Bays 10G broke the 4 x 400m record and Papakura's 14B did the same for the 4 x 400m relay.

Teams fielded did well in hot conditions and all the clubs who represented the events did a great job of coming together to help manage the days. Our key officials were as thorough and helpful as they always are. The athletes had a great day and club pride - and encouragement of other clubs – was clear on both occasions.



Auckland Junior Pentathlon Championships

The Auckland Children's Pentathlon is a long-standing individual multi-event competition aimed at developing young athletes by encouraging participation across a range of disciplines. The event provides a great introduction to multi-events in a low-pressure setting while still recognising top performances.

Held at Mt Smart on Saturday the 15th of March, the 2025 event attracted 140 participants across two sessions. The morning session was for 7–9-year-olds and involved three events - 100m, long jump and discus. A total of 51 athletes competed, down from 60 last year and 64 back in 2023. Despite the low attendance it was great to see 13 different Auckland clubs represented in the competition this year, with Pakuranga and Takapuna the most successful in terms of podium finishes.



Pakuranga athletes Rylee Pundol (8 Girls) and Vito Feng (8 Boys) won their grades as did Takapuna's Mefa Kailahi (7 Girls) and Makaia Anesi (9 Girls). Mason Campbell from North Harbour Bays claimed victory in the disappointingly small 7 Boys grade and Wolfgang Brunt from Hillsborough continuing his strong season winning the 9 Boys grade. The short programme format worked well for this age group, with minimal downtime between events. However, the relocation of the podium to outside the officials' lounge reduced the visibility of prizegiving and missed an opportunity to acknowledge all participants not just the medal winners. This is something that could be improved on for next year.

The afternoon session saw the 10–14-year-olds compete in 200m, 800m, shotput, discus and long jump. Participation numbers increased significantly to 89 athletes from 16 clubs, compared with 65 athletes from 10 clubs in 2024. The inclusion of points toward end-of-season awards may have contributed to the increased numbers. There was strong competition across all grades, and it was also great to see the camaraderie that built within each grade over the course of the hot afternoon.

Winners were distributed across a wide range of clubs – Pakuranga (Alyssia Vaili 10 Girls; Matthew Horwood 11 Boys; Dolce Harris-Tavita 12 Girls; Severyn Yushchenko 14 Boys), Lynndale (Jonty Farrell, 10 Boys), Waitakere (Ruby-Lee Waite 11 Girls), Papakura (Cooper Riley 12 Boys), Point Chevalier (Luka Milina 13 Boys) and Eastern (Juliette Goldsmith 14 Girls). Due to the large fields, the afternoon session ran close to the start of the 4x200m Relay Championships, resulting in a shortened podium presentation.



Given what looks to be a resurgence in interest among the 10 to 14 year old age group, it is great to see this event being moved back to earlier in the 2025/26 season – as a useful lead into the Colgate Games - and hopefully without pressure to finish in time for the start of another event.

Many thanks to the Athletics Auckland officials and parent volunteers for their invaluable assistance in running the event.

Auckland Junior Championships

The Junior Championships were held over two weekends at Mt Smart Stadium with events held over Friday evenings, Saturday and Sunday.

For the Auckland Junior Championships to succeed, it is essential that Clubs also provide volunteer helpers. This year the committee stuck with the same decision that we have used over the last couple of years indicating that if clubs did not carry out their assigned duties during the championships, all that club's athletes would be excluded from the event. It was pleasing to see that all clubs that had been assigned duties at the championships fulfilled those duties.

Over the championship days, in the order of 500 athletes entered almost 1,500 events with ten championship records broken this year, including:

7 Girls	800m	3min 01.60	Anya O'Meara	Pakuranga
9 Girls	800m	2min 37.61	Riley McKay	Pakuranga
7 Boys	800m	2min 51.64	Charlie Long	Eastern
8 Boys	800m	2mins 41.59	Asher Ama	Pakuranga
9 Boys	800m	2min 38.23	Wolfgang Brunt	Hillsborough
13 Girls	Shot Put	14.44	Sina-Maria Sua	Takapuna
13 Girls	Discus	46.04	Sina-Maria Sua	Takapuna
14 Girls	1500m	4min 41.83	Leah Marais	Pakuranga



Dame Valerie Adams Trophy

The Dame Valerie Adams Trophy successfully completed its third year of inter-club competition. This is a Junior Inter-club competition based on traditional ribbon days but allocating points to clubs based on athlete attendance at ribbon days to encourage increased participation.

Across the 2024-2025 summer season there were a total of three events including the Ron Keat Ribbon Day at Papakura, a sprints ribbon day held at Riverhead, and the Pakuranga Ribbon day.

After the three events, the top three clubs were:

- 1 – Glen Eden Athletic & Harrier Club
- 2 – Waitakere City Athletics Club
- 3 – Riverhead Athletics Club

The Glen Eden Athletic & Harrier Club taking out the honours as winners of the Dame Valerie Adams Trophy for the 2024-2025 summer season.

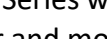
GO! Series

In the 2023-2024 season we launched the GO! Series which is an inter-club competition for athletes from 5- to 14-year-olds to engage our young athletes in a different athletics experience.

Over the 2024-2025 summer season we expanded the event to 5 GO! Days, including a very well attended Friday night event. We changed the points structure to include a Powerplay round to enhance the inter-club experience.

After 5 GO! Days of competition, Pakuranga Athletics Club had earned the most points and were crowned GO! Series champions. Papakura and Waitakere chased hard through the series and the trophy could have gone to any of the three on the last GO! Day.

A post-season survey indicated that over 80% of parents considered their athletes had an above average to exceptional experience at the GO! Series meets.

ATHLETICS AUCKLAND		GO! ATHLETICS SERIES
GO! SERIES - FINAL LEAGUE TABLE		
#	Club	Points
1	 Pakuranga Athletic Club	1190 ^P
2	 Papakura Athletic & Harrier Club	1175 ^P
3	 Waitakere City Athletic Club	1150 ^P
4	 Hillsborough Junior Athletics Club	1020 ^P
5	 Riverhead Athletics Club	910 ^P
6	 Papatoetoe Athletics Club	905 ^P
7	 Eastern Athletic & Harrier Club	895 ^P
8	 Ellerslie Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club	890
9	 North Harbour Bays Athletics Club	870
10	 Lynndale Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club	835 ^P
11	 Point Chevalier Amateur Athletic Club	805
12	 Pukekohe Athletics & Harrier Club	800 ^P
13	 Manurewa Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club	775
14	 Warkworth Athletic & Harrier Club	745
15	 Owairaka Athletic Club	630
16	 Calliope Athletic and Harrier Club	450
17	 Glendene Amateur Athletic Club	295
18	 Roskill South Athletic Club	285
19	 Takapuna Athletic Club	135
20	 Beachlands Maraetai Athletic Club	130

Based on the feedback received from parents, the GO! Series will return over the summer of 2025-2026 with refinements to make it bigger, brighter and more GOier than ever before.

Auckland Junior Prize Giving

The prize giving was held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at the Pakuranga Athletic Club with guest athlete Lex Revel-Lewis and AAI Patron, Murray McKinnon attending. After prize giving a shared lunch was eaten and many conversations had.

We acknowledged all Junior age group winners, Championship and Resident Record holders.

Regular junior section volunteers and officials during the 2024/25 season were recognised at the prize giving through the award of service certificates.

Sportsperson of the year were split into track and field with the winners being:

Girls Track Morgan Day (Pakuranga)

Girls Field Jordan Viljoen (Pakuranga)

Boys Track Kona Kelly (Oratia)

Boys Field Leyon Caffery (Manurewa)

A special recognition award was presented to Rodger Brickland for the many years of service he has given to advancing junior athletics in the Auckland Region.

Regional Challenge Day

Building on the initial Regional Challenge Day held in the 2023-2024 season, two days were held in the 2024-2025 season which also included our friends from Waikato-Bay of Plenty. The first day was held on 6 February 2025 at Mt Smart Stadium for the 10 to 11 age group. The second day was held early March at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton for the 12 to 13 age group.



After a closely fought and enjoyable competition on both days, the athletes representing the Central/West area took the top region for both age groups and were awarded the trophy for their success.

Looking forward to 2025-2026, the Junior committee is working with our counterparts in the Northland and Taranaki regions to create an exciting combined inter-regional competition to provide another opportunity for our young athletes to engage with the sport and create friendships across a wider sphere of people.

AAI Junior Track & Field Committee

Auckland Cross Country and Road Season Review 2024

2024 was a season with some subtle changes. We started as before with our Half Marathon Championships as part of the Waterfront Half Marathon. The race director, Rob Docherty, continued with his great support of our event. The number of athletes competing grew primarily due to the growth and active participation of the Night Ninjas – a Club newly registered with AAI last season based on the North Shore – and the institution of a Senior Winter League competition.

After suggestions, from some senior athletes and the Marketing Sub-committee, it was decided to replace the Senior Grand Prix series with a Senior Winter League points competition.

The old Grand Prix races were still a major part of the new League. The Half Marathon Championships, Night Cross and a new event, Te Hora, were added to the League event list.

The League was based on a Club achieving Team points for each event, which were then accumulated over the whole series of events. A presentation was made at the Senior Prize Giving at season end for the following categories Women U18/20, Men U18/20, Senior Women, Senior Men, Master Women and younger and older Masters Men.

Each category was awarded a trophy, with another trophy for the Club with the highest total of points. The latter didn't quite go according to plan as two Clubs tied for points – Night Ninjas and Owairaka. Watch out for the 2025 season as the race for Club supremacy is on!

The Junior Grand Prix series still counted during the 2024 season. At the Junior prize giving, prizes for accumulated points were awarded.

The Junior Relay series also continued this season with Clubs competing for the Turnco Shield and Ron Hansen Shield.

The Southland Centennial/ACA Relays attracted large numbers again this year at Sacred Heart College.

XCR SENIOR WINTER LEAGUE

2024 POINTS TABLE



OVERALL – FINAL POINTS (after 10 rounds)

#	Club	Points
1	 Owairaka	198
2	 Night Ninjas	198
3	 Pakuranga Athletic Club	126
4	 YMCA	86
5	 Whippets Running Project	85
6	 ACA	84
7	 TTT Runners	81
8	 Auckland University	63
9	 Oratia Running	49
9	 Lynndale Athletic & Harrier Club	49
11	 North Harbour Bays	29
12	 Wesley	28
13	 Glen Eden	11
14	 Papakura	8

The “Choose your own Distance” event still offered the opportunity for all ages to compete at the same time while choosing to run, 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 km. Sadly numbers had declined again in 2024 prompting a review for next season.

The rest of our local season, as indicated earlier in this report, included events that we have held before but with the inclusion of the two new events that were added into the Senior Winter league. The Night Cross was not entirely new to the Auckland race calendar but this year AAI was involved with the timing and results and points counted for the Senior League series.



The second event was a new concept for us. It was Hosted by the Owairaka Harrier Club and given the name of Te Horo. This was a 4-person team event comprising both 2 x Male and 2 x Female athletes in a handoff relay. Each competitor doing 1 lap at a time. The aim was to complete as many laps of the course within 1hour and the winner was the team with the most laps completed. Unfortunately, the weather for this inaugural event was appalling but those who did compete enjoyed the different format so we are looking forward to growing this event next season.

Athletics NZ changed their approach for the Road Championships this season with an individual and Teams 5 km Championship being held in conjunction with the Rotorua Marathon weekend events. The Rotorua Marathon was also the Athletics NZ Masters Marathon Championships.

Senior Women and Senior Men competed for National honours at the Christchurch Marathon earlier in the year.

The National Cross Country Championships, for individuals and Centre Teams, were held on a lovely, yet challenging course - from ground conditions and topography - at Mission Estate in Napier. On the Sunday, the Club Teams relay was held over part of the Championship course.



As in previous years, Auckland attended the Championships with strong Teams across the Grades. Good results were achieved for both individuals and Teams. (With thanks to Four Winds Foundation Ltd for funding).

The NZ Road Relay Championships were held at the Taupo Motor Sport Circuit in Taupo. The format was quite a change from the traditional point to point relay At Taupo each athlete ran multiple laps – either of the Domestic lap or of the International lap. This meant that the athletes were coming through the Pit Lane area frequently. With each Club having a garage assigned to

them along Pit Lane, plus music and an excited commentator, there was a huge buzz throughout the day as the races unfolded. At one stage, some 140 Teams, were all out on the course.

This will not be the regular format, but it does provide a very safe environment for a road relay event, and it allows younger athletes to be a part of the event. 2024 saw U12 and U14 Grades being offered, although these were non-Championship events. It was also the U16 Women's and U16 Men's National Championships.

As mentioned earlier the format for the Road Championships was changed. In 2024, a 10 km National Championship was held for the senior grades.

Nick Moore wrote

The 10k National Road Champs were run in conjunction with the Timaru 10 at the Timaru Raceway on the 26th October 2024 which was the first year that this event was run as part of a commercial event rather than as a national event in its own right. Conditions in Timaru that morning were truly foul. It was really cold and the rain was torrential for pretty much the whole morning. So, credit to the race director, Craig Motley and his team for getting everything set up and the race running on time. The race was fun. It was a super fast, flat, race car track and there was a good field of speedy senior runners in the A grade race and lots of people to chase. On a nicer day, there would have been views to the hills too! Times were pretty quick –

29:32 for Will Little (SM winner) and 33.59 for Eve Pringle (SW winner) who just outkicked Auckland's Laura Nagel with Brigid Dennehy in 3rd. There were also a number of age group National Records broken on the day. The amount of support out on the course was impressive as was the hospitality of the Timaru athletics community and their morning tea.

There were a few issues with the scheduling which meant that age group championship races for 50+ runners were included in the B grade race (seeded at 39 minutes +) so the race was pretty lonely for any speedy 50-year-old who had decided to race for a national championship instead of running in the faster A grade race. Another issue to work through is the status of "teams" for decentralised events like this where centres do not "send" a team in the way that they have done in the past. At the prize giving, there were medals for individuals, club teams and centre teams but it was all a bit of a muddle and rather meaningless to athletes involved. All-in-all, though, a positive experience for those who made the long trip down to Timaru. This year's race in Cambridge will be a lot easier logistically for Aucklanders ... and hopefully a bit drier too.

As with other seasons, we finished with our version of a Road Relay, with more teams attending than ever before. The Relays were followed by the Junior Prizegiving.

As a result of suggestions from senior athletes mentioned earlier, the Seniors decided to hold their prizegiving at a different time, at the Pakuranga Clubrooms a week after the National Road Relay Championships. This was reasonably well attended, although many



members thought holding it a little further away from the National Road Relay Championships would make it easier for some to attend.

As a result of having made some changes this year we will be conducting a small survey to help with decisions for our next season. Along with this our Marketing committee is working on several projects to promote our sport.



Before I pass on my traditional thanks to all involved in our section of the Sport, I would like to thank Raewyn and Kerry Rodger for the loan of their camping trailer to assist us with transporting our essential equipment.

We have over this season been slowly replacing the equipment that was lost with the stolen trailer. Although the design and completion of a replacement trailer has been a drawn-out process, we are very proud to now own a fully equipped, well laid out trailer that not only makes the setting out of our courses easier, but is a proud billboard for our Sport overall. We are grateful to our Insurance Company and the Centennial Trust for enabling us to replace our trailer to such a good standard.

Overall, I think we can say we had a good season with some good results once again and as a committee we look forward to bringing some new thoughts and energy to our next season.

Thanks once again must go to our Clubs and Athletes without whom there would be no Cross Country season. Our Coaches for their tireless dedication, our Officials and Administration staff without whom our events would not reach the professional level that they do, and our Parents for all their support of their athletes and ourselves.

Finally, thanks must go once again to my committee who are always trying to find ways of improving the experience of Cross Country running for our winter athletics community.

Dianne Craddock

Cross Country & Road Convenor



AAI Coach Development Manager – 2024-2025

AAI Coach Development

The past season has again been a very busy one for our network of Coaches throughout the Auckland region. Both our Cross Country/Road and Track and Field members had opportunity to compete in many well organised events both in Auckland and around the country. Our Junior section had a busy season as well with an extended “Go” Series and the North Island Colgate Games in Hastings. Well done to the Coaches supporting athletes at all levels of the Sport.

Athletics NZ Coach Membership

Athletics Auckland has continued to support the Coach membership process, which has been in effect for five years. The Community coach is the heart-beat of our club members’ development through the club coach, parent/athlete-coach or Foundation programme coaches. This membership with Athletics NZ is free for this level of coach.

For those coaches with more experience whose aim is for members of their squad to compete at a National level, the Accredited membership is the next stage. Events such as the NZ Secondary school or North Island school championships or the Athletics NZ National championships are meets that allow accreditation membership to be assessed. The Coach membership scheme with Athletics NZ will entitle you to benefits during the registration period. These benefits are reviewed and updated over time.

The Athletics NZ Coaching Athletic Development programme (CAD) Level 1 was piloted over the 2021-22 season and continued into the 2024-25 season. The level 1 modules were delivered by approved Athletics Coach Educators (ACE Coach) in October 2024 and February 2025. The programme covers the junior athlete aged 10-14 years with entry level knowledge. Athletics NZ plan is to develop level 2 modules, building on basic knowledge to more specific knowledge for this age group. CAD level 2 modules are being developed over 2025 for release in the 2026-27 season, all going to plan.

Athletics NZ continues to support Auckland coaches in the Performance Coach space (PCQ). This will apply to some Accredited coaches who work with development athletes in the “Performance Potential” squad and the “Performance Development” squad.

As of 31 March 2025, Auckland had 34 Accredited Coaches, a decrease of 4 from the previous season. Note that this figure includes some Athletics NZ staff and high-performance Coaches. We had 40 Community Coaches, an increase of 8 from the previous year. Additionally, we had 47 Community volunteer members, of which many are genuine Community coaches as well. This is down from 71 the previous year due to registrations being required for club managers at the 2024 North Island Colgate Games in Auckland. Dual memberships are available, as a Community coach and a Community club volunteer.

The Athletics Auckland 2024-26 coaching plan has the same goals as the previous plan:
Accredited Coaches: 50 Community Coaches: 50



We encourage our club network to ensure their personnel who are working with young people on a regular basis, are registered coaches with Athletics NZ.

Athletics Auckland Coach Education and Development

We at Athletics Auckland wish all our Coaches continue to undertake any Coach education opportunities that have been promoted, primarily through generic courses with the regional sport trusts, informal courses by Athletics Auckland and more formal courses by Athletics NZ. Note that to undertake CAD Level 1 courses by approved ACE Coaches, you need to be registered as a Coach with Athletics NZ. You are also encouraged to complete an official's course to keep up to date with any rule changes. From July 2025, basic courses will be called Level 1, delivered by our team at Athletics Auckland. This will ensure coaches are also aware of the health and safety issues in our Sport.

John Walker Find Your Field of Dreams

This programme gained considerable momentum over 2024. In term 2 we ran a programme with all classes at Kelvin Road School, Papakura. Our term 3 sessions were delivered at Drury School, again to all years from 1 to 8. In term 4, our "Athletic" specific sessions were focused on one school being Rosehill Intermediate in Papakura. More "Athletic" based sessions were held at Pukekohe Christian School, a new school to the programme in term 1 of 2025.

Aspire Development Academy

We ran a 2-day Academy on 15-16 April 2024 for 10-15 year olds. This year we ran a Track and Field focused Academy instead of an endurance focus. Good numbers for both days in the term 1 school holiday period.

This season, our 2-day endurance clinic was held on 11-12 July 2024. Day 1 was held at Mt Smart Stadium with day 2 at Bruce Pulman Park. The objective for attending athletes on day 1 was to complete appropriate time trials then learn how this can be used as the athlete's training focus. Day 2 objective, in appropriate teams, was to design a 1km course. The participants then ran the loop at various paces to understand judgement of effort.



On the 10-11 October 2024, we ran our main 2-day Aspire academy at Mt Smart stadium. It covered the sprint, jump and throw events with the assistance of 3 Athletics NZ member coaches. Feedback from participating athletes was very supportive of event.

To complete the year, we ran "mini" Aspire clinics on the 19-20 December for preparation of athletes to the Colgate Games in Hastings January 2025.

Starting the new year for 2025, we ran an Aspire “Intro” event on the 15-16 January for 7-9 year old athletes as one group then 10-14 year olds as another. Both groups ran for 1.5 hours each.

Auckland Regional Athletics Coaching Programme

We connected with some clubs at our annual club engagement seminar on the 15 September 2025. Following on from this event, we visited some of our affiliated clubs over the summer season. Clubs visited were as follows: Riverhead, Warkworth, Roskill South, Owairaka, Beachlands-Maraetai, Pakuranga, Pukekohe, Ellerslie, North Harbour Bays, Hillsborough, Calliope and Lynndale.

Some of the visits were coaching related, some purely to support the club during their club night activities.

National Championship Relay coordination

In support of our selectors, assisted in the appointment of coaches to the championships in Dunedin March 2025. Again, we had teams in the Under 16 grade right through to Senior teams.

We were very successful overall in the Relays and congratulations goes to those athletes who competed and the Coaches who assisted with the preparation of teams.



Athletics Auckland Combined Event Championships

We hosted the Athletics NZ Combined event championships at Mt Smart on the 22-23 March 2025. This event doubled up as our Auckland championships. Well done to our regions athletes who performed well over the 2 days of competition. We are keen to support those Coaches who wish to be competent at all the event groups of sprints, jumps and throws to enable them to develop combined event athletes.



Neil Bartlett

Athletics Auckland Coach Development Manager

2024-2025 Officials Training Report

Auckland is well placed with having three Official's educators, John Phillips, Murray Free and Paul Craddock, available to take seminars across all aspects of our sport – track, jumps, throws, cross country and road, trail, race walking and mountain running.

During 2024/25 several seminars were held in the lead into the summer season and during the season.

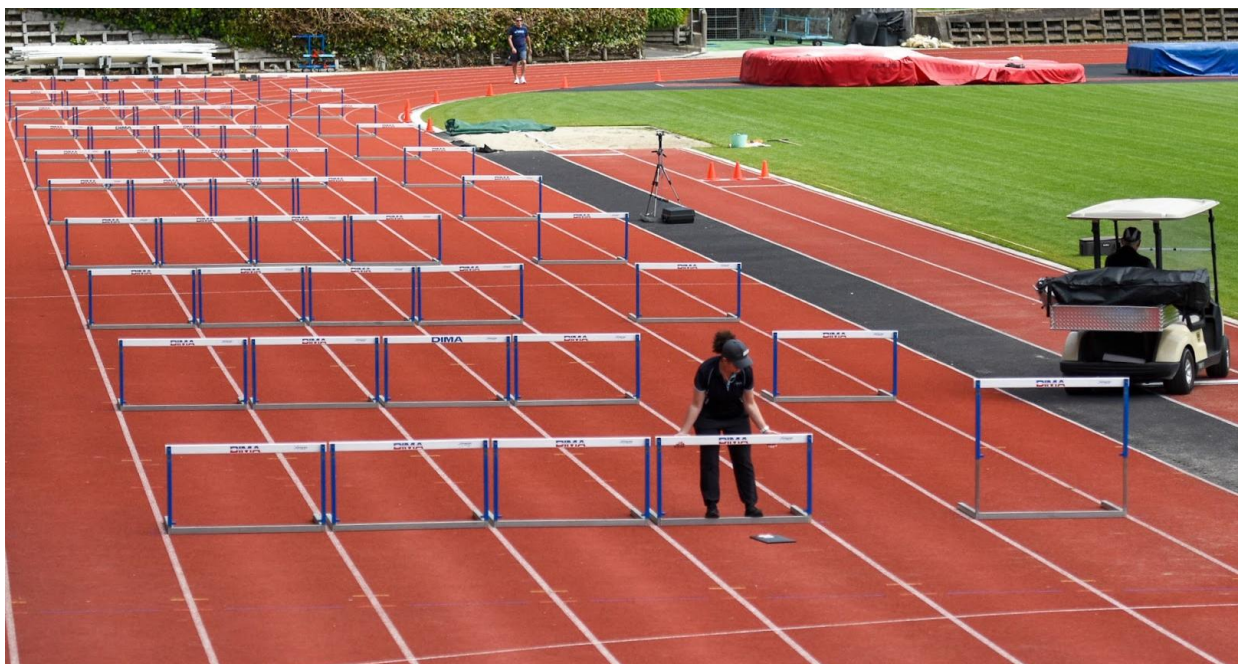
There are changes coming to the Officials' Training program later this year, as Athletics NZ looks to align its program to incorporate the World Athletics on-line learning modules and the changes to the upper-level qualifications recently announced by World Athletics.

This initially will apply to the Track & Field modules. For Out of Stadia and Race Walking, the current Athletics NZ program will continue.

Until the new program is finalised, we will continue to offer seminars covering the various aspects of Athletics.

If you would like to hold a seminar series at your Club, or in conjunction with a neighbouring Club, please contact Raewyn in the AAI office office@athleticsauckland.co.nz

Paul Craddock
Officials Educator



Performance Report

Athletics Auckland Incorporated

For the year ended 30 April 2025

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Entity Information

Athletics Auckland Incorporated

For the year ended 30 April 2025

'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

Legal Name of Entity

Athletics Auckland Incorporated

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Incorporated Society

Registration Number

221915

Entity's Purpose or Mission

Enabling, Empowering and Inspiring Athletics for AAI

Entity Structure

Murray Mckinnon - Patron
Rodger Brickland - President
Bryce Hall - Chairman
James Hogg - Treasurer
Judy Revell - Director



Chris Day - Director
Dan Brady - Director
Julia Ratcliffe - Appointed

Dianne Craddock - Cross Country & Road Convenor
Paul Craddock - Acting Track & Field Convenor

Affiliated club members registration membership levies, event entry fees, initiated fundraising activities for specific team selections, trust funding applications for wage expenses, equipment purchases or selected team championship events

Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

Membership levies, Event Entry Fees, Trust Funding applications

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The society employs one full time and three part time employees primarily through Trust funding. All other members, officials

and coaches are volunteers and we continue to be reliant on the goodwill of these people to continue making our sport one of the biggest on the World Stage.

Statement of Service Performance

Athletics Auckland Incorporated
For the year ended 30 April 2025

What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

Events and Service Delivery - Facilitate and support events and services that optimise value to current and future Stakeholders.

Coaching - AAI support athletes access to high-quality coaching by developing and enhancing coaches and coaching in the Auckland Region.

Community Engagement - AAI actively engages with our stakeholders to enhance their experience.

Operational Quality - AAI is set up to step up and succeed.

Description of Entity's Outcomes

Events and Service Delivery

A full season of events was run across all three sections of the sport.

Cross Country and Road Season which runs from April to the end of September ran a full programme including a new initiative for the 2024 winter season being the XCR Winter League. This initiative continues in the 2025 winter season.

A full season of Track & Field was run at Mt Smart Stadium via McKinnon Shield Meets and Championship Events. A new club point scoring was used over the summer of 2024/2025 to create a more engaging series that rewards performance and rewards participation.

Our Officials were available to help with events when requested.

Auckland selected a large team to compete at the 2025 NZ T&F Championships at the Caledonian Ground in Dunedin with the inclusion this year of an U16 age grade.

The Junior Section continued the GO! Series inter-club competition for a second season with 5 event days and an overall satisfaction rating of 80%. "The Dame Valerie Adams Trophy Club Competition" series continued for a second year. The Junior section also ran with its usual series of championship events including relays, pentathlon and the junior championships.

The Auckland Centre hosted the 2025 Athletics New Zealand Combined Events Championships and the 2025 New Zealand Masters Track & Field Championships with almost 400 athletes competing in the latter.

Coaching

Athletics Auckland has continued to support the Coach membership process through Athletics NZ, which has been in effect for four seasons. The Community coach membership is designed for the club coach, parent-coach, or Foundation programme coach, who works with squads on a regular basis, throughout the athletic season.

Community Engagement

In an effort to lift member numbers for the 2024-2025 summer season, the Athletics Auckland Board arranged promotional activities through a social media campaign that resulted in a 15% increase in membership from the year before.

A similar campaign was used as a promotional tool as a lead-in to the 2025 winter campaign using learnings from the summer campaign to enhance messaging and marketing assets used.

Learnings from both of these areas will be applied to future initiatives in the marketing and social media space.

Operational Quality

The Board developed and adopted a new Strategic Plan for the 2024-2029 period.

The Board submitted Expressions of Interest to host the 2027 and 2028 National Track and Field Championships. Both of which were awarded to the Auckland Centre in addition to the previously awarded 2026 Championships.

	2025	2024
Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs		
Children registration numbers	5,272	4,311
School Participation	41	36

How was it funded ?' and ' What did It cost?'

	NOTES	2025	2024
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	119,271	94,608
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	120,812	105,492
Revenue from providing goods and services	1	259,703	299,587
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	23,384	21,935
Other revenue	1	-	663
Total Revenue		523,171	522,285
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	126,444	165,164
Costs related to providing goods or services	2	328,063	265,788

Grants and donations made	2	-	-
Other Expenses	2	43,145	45,159
Total Expenses		497,652	476,111
Surplus for the Year		25,519	46,174
What the entity owns?' and "What the entity owes?"			
	NOTES	30 APR 2025	30 APR 2024
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash		215,918	226,071
Debtors and prepayments	3	7,567	51,790
Inventory	3	15,981	16,642
Term Deposits		414,191	371,725
Total Current Assets		653,659	666,228
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	393,548	341,713
Total Non-Current Assets		393,548	341,713
Total Assets		1,047,207	1,007,941
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	43,997	26,239
Employment costs payable	4	6,820	6,244
Other current liabilities	4	7,359	11,947
Total Current Liabilities		58,176	44,430
Total Liabilities		58,176	44,430
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		989,030	963,511
Accumulated Funds			
Members Equity	6	963,511	917,338
Accumulated surpluses	6	25,519	46,173
Total Accumulated Funds		989,029	963,511

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Cash Flow from Operating Activities

Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	119,271	86,103
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members	121,115	105,701
Receipts from providing goods or services	297,004	253,395
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	23,223	20,509
Cash receipts from other operating activities	0	663
GST	(5,458)	15,081
Payments to suppliers and employees	(458,264)	(452,812)
Donations or grants paid	6,000	-
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	102,892	28,640

Cash Flow from Investing and Financing Activities

Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(86,433)	(17,987)
Funds Held Received	(7,359)	3,636
Cash flows from other investing and financing activities	23,214	37,000
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(70,578)	22,649

Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	32,314	51,289
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Bank Accounts and Cash

Opening cash	597,796	546,508
Net change in cash for period	32,314	51,289
Closing cash	630,110	597,796

How did we do our accounting?"

Basis of Preparation

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Athletics Auckland Incorporated is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services, excluding goods and services tax rebates and discounts, to the extent it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and revenue can be reliably measured.

Sales of services are recognised in the period by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period.

Interest received is recognised as interest accrues, gross of refundable tax credits received.

Dividends received are recognised on receipt, net of non-refundable tax credits.

Government grants are recognised as revenue on receipt where no performance conditions have been specified on receipt of the grant.

Government grants requiring specified future conditions to be met are recognised as a liability on receipt. The grants are recognised as income over the period that the specified conditions are complete and the associated costs are recognised.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in-first-out basis, and net realisable value.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of assets, and includes the cost of replacements that are eligible for capitalisation when these are incurred.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

Upon derecognition, the asset revaluation reserve relating to the asset disposed shall be transferred to accumulated funds.

The entity has the following depreciation rates:

Building - no depreciation

Office Equipment - 12.5% - 40% DV

Track & Field Equipment - 10% - 67% DV

Cross Country & Road Equipment - 10% - 67% DV

Children Equipment - 0 - 60% DV

1. Analysis of Revenue

Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue

Board - Grants Received	61,065	62,123
Childrens Grants (per Board)	-	6,500
T & F -Grants (perBoard)	32,206	8,505
XC - Grants (per Board)	26,000	7,000
Children's Donations	-	10,480
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	119,271	94,608

Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members

Registrations	120,812	105,492
Total Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	120,812	105,492

Revenue from providing goods or services

Administration Levies	18,000	18,000
Age Patches	2,155	2,307
Board - Track Fee	1,500	1,500
Club Affiliation Fee	1,774	1,774
Coaching & Development	5,993	3,871
Enter Online Income	70,472	61,753
Entry Fees	70,671	70,485
Equipment Hire - Schools	21,174	20,470
Equipment Repairs & Replacements	3,101	40,071
Event Management	7,212	41,709
Gym Membership	4,524	4,778
JW Field of Dreams Services	4,588	627
Levies	2,789	1,551
Miscellaneous Income	7,985	1,023
T & F Equip Hire &Event Mmt	935	11,659
T & F -Equipment Account	-	200
T&FApparel	5,391	4,870
Travel Card	11,167	12,941
XRun One Event Registrations	-	-
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	239,431	299,587

Interest, dividends and other investment revenue

Board - Dividends Received	512	524
Interest Received	22,873	21,411
Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	23,384	21,935

Other revenue

GST Refunded to Board	-	13,267
Total Other revenue	-	13,267

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2. Analysis of Expenses

Volunteer and employee related costs

A.C.C. Expenses	948.15	1,061
Wages & Salaries	125,496	164,103
Total Volunteer and employee related costs	126,444	165,164

Costs related to providing goods or services

AAI Administration levy	18,000	18,000
Administration Expenses	1,417	2,521
Advertising/Marketing	22,480	8,480
Age Patches	-	2,750
Athletics Development Expenses	999	893
Auck Road Relay Champs	697	584
Auck X/C Team Race Expenses	377	1,290
Auck XC Mixed Distance Expense	150	150
Auck XC Champs	1,308	1,097
Auck XC Road Champs	1,703	1,794
Auck XC Grand Prix/Other Races	2,316	1,404
Auck/NZ Combined Champs	3,934	296
Auck T&F Champs	2,248	2,717
Auck Jnr Champs	4,539	5,715
Auck Jnr Go Series	5,260	3,080
Auck Jnr Challenge	3,949	3,997
Colgate Games	24,030	19,827
Auck T&F Hot Meets	2,480	4,239

Coaching, Coaching Clinics & Workshops	5,139	3,620
CC & R Gear Replacement	2,395	-
Computer Software	960	728
Customs Agent Charges	-	-
Electricity	1,599	1,411
Event Expenses	271	249
Gear Replacement	23,874	8,980
General Expenses	2,230	530
Grants Dispersed	-	-
Gym - services provided	1,404	3,185
Gym Equipment Exp	262	1,762
Halberg Games Expenses	-	-
Insurance	5,092	2,787
JW FOD South Exps	7,359	2,101
JW-Millie Sampson Mile	2,500	2,500
Marathon & 1/2 M. Exps	680	84
Medals	2,393	874
Meeting Expenses	-	-
Miscellaneous	4,771	761
National Road Champs Expenses	13,365	13,358
North Harbour XC	2,238	2,357
NZ Championship Expenses	3,919	4,773
Officials Reimbursement	21,245	23,706
Online Entries Dispersed	70,472	61,753
Pakuranga XC Exps	2,211	2,217
Pentathlon	545	291
Photocopier/Printing Expenses	2,111	2,275
Pukekohe XC Expenses	2,294	-
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Relay Day	0	1,733
Repairs & Maintenance	18,440	21,780
Security Costs	1,094	663
Stationery, Printing & Postage	580	414
T&FCustomsAgentsCharges	0	75
T&F Apparel Closing Stock	(11,543)	(11,748)
T&F Open Stock Apparel	11,748	9,285
Tearoom & Washroom	102	128
Telephone & Tolls	1,154	1,077
Trailer Expenses	0	92

Transponder/Phototiming Exps	1,708	424
Travel & Entertainment	0	1,118
Travel Card Expenses	11,167	12,941
Vehicle Expenses	867	1,198
Uniforms - T & F	5,084	7,475
Total Costs related to providing goods or services	315,617	265,788

Grants and donations made

Donations Expenses	-	-
Total Grants and donations made	-	-

Other expenses

Auditing & Accounting Fees	5,577	5,037
AGM Expenses	893	2,316
Bad Debts	-	0
Bank Charges	531	407
Depreciation	34,598	36,755
Foreign Currency Conversion	17	(18)
Loss on Sale/Scrapping	-	0
Miscellaneous Expense	1,529	663
Total Other expenses	43,145	45,159

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3. Analysis of Assets

Debtors and prepayments

Interest Accured	4,641	4,347
Prepayments	-	-
Sundry Debtor & Other Receivables	2,926	47,443
Total Debtors and prepayments	7,567	51,790

Inventory

CC&R Trophies	832	1,025
Medals	3,607	3,869
T&F-Apparel	11,543	11,748
Total Inventory	15,981	16,642

Our Clubs

Auckland City Athletic Club
Auckland City Triathlon Club
Auckland University Track 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
Manurewa Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club
Night Ninjas Athletics Club
North Harbour Bays Athletics 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
Riverhead Amateur AC
Roskill South AAC
Takapuna Amateur A and H Club Inc
Te Atatu Athletic Club
Technical H and A Club
The Y Marathon Club
TTT Runners
Waiuku Districts Amateur Athletic Club
Waitakere City Athletic Club Inc
Warkworth Athletics Club
Wesley Harrier and Athletic Club Inc
Western Elite Throws Academy-Athletics Club Inc
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