

Canterbury Chatter



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SEASONS GREETINGS

Greetings from the President, Athletics Canterbury

With the festive season close upon us and the year 2015 only a few days away, it is my wish that you all have had a very positive start to the current track and field season.

Submissions on the Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub closed last Friday, 12th December, with City Council hearings to be held early in the new year. Athletics Canterbury have made a supporting submission and requested speaking rights on behalf of the sport in Christchurch and Canterbury. The Canterbury Children's Association, Mid South Canterbury Sub Centre and many clubs have also made submissions. Collectively we look forward to the hearings and subsequent approval of the proposed Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub. The confirmation of the proposal will bring with it a new era and confidence in Canterbury athletics not seen since the construction of QEII and the 1974 Commonwealth Games.

I wish you all the best for second half of the Track and Field season and the major competitions ahead.

Kevin Jago
Centre President

Special points of interest:

- NATIONAL 3KM AND 10KM CHAMPS ARE HELD IN JANUARY—MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS ENTRY DATES

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Have a safe and happy
Xmas and New Year!

See you in
2015

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CANTERBURY CHAMPS

Two Canterbury Championships have been held in the first half of the season—Combined Events and 10000m Championships.

The first day of the combined events brought everything weatherwise but snow! Heavy hail and rain turned the Decathlon High Jump into a speed jumping event. Thankfully the second day improved to help the athletes put together some pretty good performances.

Fiona Morrison (COBU) won the Senior Womens heptathlon with a score of 5117 pts. Hilary Harper (PTOC) and Georgia Freeman (COBU) took the Junior and Youth Titles. Summer Rutherford (PRHL) won the non-championship Under 16 grade.

On the Mens side Jack Henry (COBU) won the Senior Mens title while Alex Mander (PTOC) won the Youth Decathlon title. Ben Collerton (CANU) won the Youth Octathlon title and Shaun Skilling (PTOC) took the non-championship Under 16 Octathlon. Wayne Doyle (SCAN) won the Masters title.

Matt Dryden (CHAV) took out the 10km Championships.

Good luck to any athletes who are attending the National Combined Events or 10km Champs in the early part of 2015. Also being held are the National Junior and Senior 3km Champs in which we have recently done very well in.

NZSS CHAMPS

Wanganui turned on a great weekend for the NZ Secondary School Champs. Canterbury athletes returned with 11 medals of each colour which compares favourably with previous years.

National titles went to accomplished athletes such as Ari Graham in the Junior Girls 1500m and Harriet Bush in the Junior Girls 3000m. Lauren Bruce took the Senior Girls Hammer and Discus double with a record in the hammer. Roncalli's Jacob Matson and James Sandilands won the Senior Boys 200m and 110 Hurdles respectively. Newer athletes to the national scene Anna Hayward and Mitchell Small won the Junior Girls 400m and Junior Boys 3000m while the Burnside High School Road Race team won the 3 person teams title.

There are usually a couple of athletes who aren't expected to medal but end up surprising. For Canterbury these would have to be St Bede's Tom Gill in the Junior Boys 100 Hurdles and Harry Pringle from Darfield who won the Senior Boys Javelin. Talking to both after their events neither could quite comprehend that they were now National Athletics Champions.

Well done to all athletes! Also a huge thanks to the Canterbury officials who travelled.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

15th November	Anna Percy	CANU	100m 12.96 200m 26.78	Jack Henry	COBU	HJ 1.91
22nd/23rd Nov	Fiona Morrison	COBU	Heptathlon 5117	Ben Collerton	CANU	Octathlon 5243
29th November	Hilary Harper	PTOC	100m 12.69 200m 26.70 LJ 5.31	Jarvis Hansen	PTOC	60m 7.38 100m 11.32 200m 23.58

JANUARY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3 Lovelock Classic	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Inter-club T&F	11
12	13	14	15	16 SI Colgates	17 SI Colgates	18 SI Colgates
19	20 NZ Junior 3km Champs	21	22	23 NZ Senior 3km Champs	24 SI Youth Teams Mtg	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 NZ 10km Champs	

Please note committee meeting dates could be changed depending on availability of committee members and how dates fall during the month



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South Island Champs

A Canterbury team of around 40 athletes competed at the inaugural South Island Champs in Dunedin.

Unfortunately we didn't have the numbers to take out the points competition so we need to work on that for next season. Our major points loss was in the Masters Women grade where Otago had four athletes and no other centre

had any.

However our Youth athletes did win their grade, led particularly by our Youth women.

Athletes and managers enjoyed watching 'different' relays with 4x800 and 4x200 taking centre stage.

Courtney Ruske set a Caledonian

ground record in the 3km Walk and it was great to see Rosie Robinson not far behind her in a Canterbury singlet for the first time.

Well done to all who took the opportunity to travel and represent the province.



NZSS Paper Team

Congrats to Lauren Bruce, Anna Percy, James Sandilands, Josh Browne, Jacob Matson and Dian Munoz who were named in this team.

Lauren was also named as one of the female athletes of the meeting.