

# Canterbury Chatter



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## JANUARY HAPPENINGS

For anyone who thinks January is a quiet month for athletics think again!

Our athletes, coaches, managers and officials have been incredibly busy right from the 3rd January when Timaru hosted the Lovelock Classic.

Rosa Flanagan has been in National Record breaking form breaking the national age group steeplechase record firstly in Timaru at the end of January (after breaking the 3000m record the night before in Wellington) and then at the Porritt Classic in Hamilton.



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Jonathan Lord has gone agonisingly close to National age group records in the 3000 Walk while Courtney Ruske has been lowering the Canter-

bury Senior Womens 3000 Walk record.

Our athletes seemed to like the Hamilton newly surfaced track (or perhaps any track at all) 😊 with many putting out personal best performances. Hayden Hall (Javelin), Callan Moody (1500m) and Mackenzie Keenan (400 Hurdles) are ones we know of.

On the same day, but in Christchurch Hannah Boyd hit a PB with the 4kg Hammer and Alex Mander had a 20cm PB in the Pole Vault.

Also around the same time Brad Mathas ran a PB in the 800m at the Canberra Track Classic.

Apologies to any athletes who have set personal bests in recent weeks and haven't been acknowledged here—it is great to see the large number happening but we can't keep up! Really looking forward to seeing your performances at National Track and Field Champs and South Island Schools Championships.

National titles in January went to our 3000m runners—Rosa Flanagan won the Senior Womens while Gabby Gray won the Junior Womens. The next National championship is the Combined Events this weekend.

### Special points of interest:

- UPCOMING SPORTS AWARDS!!!

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## **Sport Canterbury Sports Awards**

Congratulations to Rosa Flanagan and the International Track Meet who are finalists in the Junior Sportswoman and Event of the year at the Marriotts Hadlee Sports Awards.

Unfortunately with the date of this awards being the opening day of Track and Field Nationals (6th March) many of the usual supporters will be unable to attend but will be sending best wishes to the finalists.

Our other nominees were Angie Smit (Sportswoman), Caitlin Dore (Para Athlete), Bernadette Jago (Administrator) and Maria Hassan (Coach).

**Leading up to . . .**



**Athletics  
Canterbury  
Awards  
Dinner**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**Cashmere Club**  
**Drinks from 6.30pm**  
**\$35** Tickets from  
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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

13th December				Julian Bethell	PTOC	SP 8.42 NZ Parafed Rec F36
20th December	Georgia Freeman	COBU	200 26.59 LJ 5.09 TJ 10.19	Cameron Avery	CHAV	3000 9.07.22
10th January	Rosa Flanagan	CANU	3000 9.14.10	Tom Moulai	PTOC	800 2.01.22
17th January	Kelsey Berryman	COBU	60 7.69 100 12.05	Jarvis Hansen	PTOC	60 7.37 100 11.45 200 23.83
24th January	Courtney Ruske	CHAV	3km Walk 13.36.31 CAN SW Rec	Jonathon Lord	SCAN	3km Walk 12.12.21
31st January	Amanda Murphy	COBU	Javelin 47.32	Daniel Balchin	NBOL	800 1.57.25

## MARCH 2015

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Children's Com Mtg	3 CC&R Com Mtg	4 Combined Country Schools T&F	5 Exec Mtg	6 Nat T&F	7 Nat T&F	8 Nat T&F
9	10	11	12	13	14 T&F Interclub	15
16	17 Chch SS Athletics Prelims	18 Aoraki SS T&F	19 T&F Com Mtg	20	21 Chch SS T&F Finals	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 SISS T&F (Nelson)	29

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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## Track Update

We are another step closer to having an all weather track back in Christchurch!

After submissions on the Nga Puna Wai sports hub closed, hearings were held in January. Athletics Canterbury were one of the groups to present to the hearings panel.

Following this we received the

great news that the hearings panel will be recommending to full Council that the proposal is approved and development to proceed. This will happen on Thursday 26 February.

There are some additional recommendations that will need to be worked through.

All of us should acknowledge the

work to date of Alan Tucker, Trevor Spittle and John McBrearty on getting us to this point. While Athletics Canterbury acknowledges that for many it has not been fast enough to get another track these three in particular have been working consistently behind the scenes to get us a facility that will meet our needs.



**With us about five weeks away from the end of the athletics year it is time to start thinking about nominations for our Sports Awards!**

**The Athletics Canterbury Awards Dinner will be held at the Cashmere Club on the 15th May from 6.30pm**