

# Canterbury Chatter



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## World University Games

Sorry—a month has slipped by without a newsletter ☺ Things have seemed relatively quiet until the past fortnight when we have lots of news to report on ☺

Highlight would have to be Angie Petty's 800m run at the World Uni Games in Korea. Gold medal and sub 2 min!!! My laptop just about went west as I cheered her on while watching the live stream!

The other Canterbury athletes competing also performed well. Fiona Morrison and Kelsey Berryman made up half of the womens 4x100 team who placed 4th. Both girls just missed the finals of their individual events—100m Hurdles and 100m. In particular Kelsey set a PB of 11.64 while 11.61 made the final.

Rosa Flanagan ran a good steeplechase race to finish 5th. With 17 women in the race it would have made for some interesting times going over the steeples until the group spread out.

Brad Mathas was unlucky to miss the 800m final. His time in finishing fourth in his semi final was quicker than the automatic second placed qualifier from the second semi final.

Jack Henry was performing well with a couple of personal best performances in his decathlon—until the dreaded no height in the pole vault.

Daniel Balchin missed the final of the 5000m. In high heat and humidity (even at 9.40pm) he led the first 2km before others took over.

Well done! We are very proud of you all.

### Special points of interest:

- CONTRIBUTIONS, PARTICULARLY PHOTOS, ALWAYS WELCOME FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

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ATHLETICS				
RESULT - WOMEN'S 800M - FINAL				
1	NZL	Angela Kate PETTY	PB	1:59.06
2	JAM	SIMOYA KADINE Campbell	PB	1:59.26
3	GER	Fabienne KOHLMANN	PB	1:59.54
4	LTU	Egle BALCIUNAITE	SB	2:00.21
5	CAN	Rachel AUBRY		2:02.17
6	IRL	Ciara EVERARD		2:02.46
7	CAN	Lindsey Michelle BUTTERWORTH		2:03.96
8	RUS	Mariia NIKOLAEVA		2:04.05

## Centre, SI and NZ Champs

There have been a few championship events that have taken place over the past six weeks.

At the NZ Secondary School Champs Liliana Braun and Amelia Persson picked up silver medals in the Year 9 and Junior girls races. Amelia's result and great back up runs by Lily Trotter and Akeira Worthington led Girls High to the 3 person teams win to follow up their Year 9 teams win in 2014.

Cashmere and St Bedes picked up teams medals in the senior boys race. The Cashmere team was 2nd with Cameron Avery, Joey Dwyer and Connor Melton. St Bedes finished third with Tom Moulai, Cameron Bartlett and Jacob Reese-Jones.

St Margarets picked up the bronze in the senior girls 6 person teams race led by Harriet Bush.

Well done all—treasure those medals as secondary school ones can be the hardest to come by within NZ!

At the South Island Cross Country Champs Rosa Flanagan and Daniel Balchin led the way before leaving for Korea.

This past weekend has seen the centre cross country champs held at Halswell Quarry in fine but frosty conditions.



Harriet Bush and Chris Dryden won the Youth events. Gabby Gray won the Youth Women while Matt Prest had a fantastic battle with Cameron Avery before pulling away for the Junior Men's win. Senior womens title was convincingly won by Rachel Kingsford. It was great to see Oska Inkster Baynes front up and win the senior mens title after winning the Wellington half Marathon the week-end before. The leading Masters competitors were Maggie Chorley and David Fitch.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL ATHLETES IN NZ TEAMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING YOUR RESULTS OVER THE WINTER MONTHS!



Womens field at Jane Paterson

### Life Memberships

Two new life memberships were awarded at the recent Athletics Canterbury AGM—John Gamblin and Shona Brown.

I feel it is nice when people don't expect these honours and in both these cases the recipients were pleasantly surprised.

The first life membership was awarded to John Gamblin. John is currently chair of the cross country committee and is heavily involved in our event organisation as well as the national out of stadia events that we have hosted over recent years. John also still competes with his love being road running.

Shona Brown has held various roles at club and centre level during her time in the sport—currently she is our registration secretary and has led the centre in the use of the national registration database which has seen us being the centre with the best uptake.

Congratulations to both on this well deserved honour. The sport is indebted to you for the time and energy you bring to it.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1 NZ Cross Country Champs	2 ANZ Club Connect Conference
3	4 Cross Coun- try Com Mtg	5	6 Exec Mtg	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Stampede Relay (Timaru) Maryland's Relay (Chch)	16 Combined Club run
17 Childrens AGM	18	19	20 T&F Com Mtg	21	22 Canterbury Road Champs	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 PRHL U18 Cross Country	30

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



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## Bereavements

Unfortunately amongst all the good news of athlete performances and new life memberships we did have sad news with the passing of two members of the sport who had contributed significantly.

Pete Watts (PRHL) passed away after fighting cancer. Pete was hugely involved with his club particularly as a coach. Club members wore black

arm bands at the centre cross country champs as a mark of respect.

The other passing was that of Bob Boland. Bob was mainly involved in the Sumner club and had recently been the club patron. He was also hugely supportive of wife Pat's involvement in the sport at committee and team management level.

Both will be missed. Rest in peace.



### **Have you done your entry for National Cross Country???**

**Entries close this Sunday 19th July at midnight. Do not leave it until the last moment in case you have any problems with passwords, payment etc.**

**If you are not running it would be great to have your assistance in an official capacity.**