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WORLD CHAMPION DUO HEADLINE CHRISTCHURCH EVENT

New Zealand's two greatest ever shot putters, multiple World & Olympic champion Dame Valerie Adams, and current double World Champion (both indoor and outdoor) Tom Walsh, will headline the return of The Big Shot to the Retro Sports Facility in central Christchurch on Friday 16 March as part of the 2018 Athletics NZ International Series.

Dame Valerie will make her first appearance at the event, which has been held at the inner city venue since 2015, as part of her build-up to the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in April, following a break from the sport in 2017 after the birth of her baby, Kimoana.

Hometown hero Walsh has been one of the headline acts each year, but has finished second twice behind Olympic champion Ryan Crouser and former world champion Ryan Whiting, both from the USA, in recent years. He will be hoping to go one better this year, and like his illustrious compatriot, will be using the event to sharpen for the Commonwealth Games.

General admission to the event will be free, with hosting packages available on site. Further information about these can be found on the event webpage, thebigshot.co.nz

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For more information and media accreditation to the event, contact Paul Coughlan via email or phone, paul@internationaltrackmeet.co.nz or 027-2233-028