

TRANS TASMAN TOUR – SYDNEY 7TH – 15TH January 2019

INFORMATION PACK No.1

Please read carefully to avoid misunderstanding

To enable those considering taking part in the 2019 Trans Tasman Tour to make holiday and financial arrangements, the following is a summary of important aspects of the Tour. It includes proposed itinerary, costs and other arrangements, however please be aware these are only a guide at this stage.

We also outline the methods of selection for positions in the team, training responsibilities and important dates in preparation for the Tour.

In order to make the Tour a success, an enjoyable experience for all, and to ensure the safety of the athletes throughout the Tour we ask that you take particular notice of the rules under which the Tour will operate.

Dates of Tour:

- Leaving Auckland Airport on Monday 7th January on QF142 at 8.40am and QF144 at 2.00pm.
- Depart Sydney Airport on Tuesday 15th January on QF143 arriving in Auckland at 3.25pm and QF145 arriving in Auckland at 5.25pm.

The size of our tour party necessitates two flights. Athletes will travel in sections and be advised of their personal flight details closer to departure.

All team members will depart from Auckland International Airport. Domestic travel and any accommodation is the responsibility of the participant.

About the Tour:

- A team of up to 100 athletes will be selected (up to 25 from each age group). A small number of reserves may also be selected.
- Children aged 10 or 11 are eligible to tour – please check nomination forms for date of birth details.
- Selection will be based on performances at the official trials (see later for details).
- The Tour is a sporting, educational, social and cultural experience for athletes.
- The cost of the Tour will include travel, accommodation, food, recreational activities (including entry fees), a full team uniform, competitor's medal and team photograph, and pocket money for athletes.

Accommodation:

The team will be staying at St Gregory's College in Campbelltown. This is a rural boarding school with outstanding facilities spread over 2000 acres.

Estimated Cost of the Tour - \$2,400.00. Due to the fluctuation in the Australian dollar, confirmation of the final tour cost will be provided by the end of October.

Payment of Tour Costs

Once selected in the team a non-refundable deposit of \$800 must be paid to the Treasurer on the day the team is announced Sunday 4th November 2018. This amount should be by cash or cheque as no electronic banking machines will be available. A large deposit is required as we need to pay for flights upon announcement of the team.

Further instalments are to be made each fortnight until the full and final payment of the cost of Tour is made on 3rd December 2018 otherwise athletes will be replaced in the team. You are welcome to pay the full cost in one instalment.

Athletes who pull out of the team from this date will only receive back monies paid less actual costs.

If you would like to set up instalment amounts prior to trials, to help save and defer big expenses in November / December, please contact us to make this arrangement. We have a separate tour account and it is possible we could make this available with full refund should your child not be selected.

Tour Party

Will consist of:

Athletes

Up to 25 Girls 10 years age group

Up to 25 Boys 10 years age group

Up to 25 Girls 11 years age group

Up to 25 Boys 11 years age group

Officials *N.B. Total number may vary dependent on the team structure.*

6 Executive Committee consisting of:

Rodger Brickland (Tour Manager)

Fiona Maisey (Secretary)

Denise Cheese (Treasurer, Transport and Itinerary Manager)

Dora Salesa (Accommodation Manager)

Andrea Mackereth (Assistant Accommodation Manager)

Paul Lunny (Sports Manager)

In addition we will require:

Section Managers 16 (8 female, 8 male)

Training Officers 4 (female and male)

Medical Team 1 or 2

Any adults wishing to travel and stay with the team will be on the basis of having a designated job and be expected to undertake that role to support the team and executive. Please note: Section Managers and Assistants will not be grouped with their own child. You are therefore invited to apply for any of the above positions. Brief role descriptions of the major positions are as follows:

Section Managers

Working in groups of 4 managers, you will be responsible for a designated group of boys or girls. You will provide leadership, support, friendship and encouragement, care and direction – in short you will be surrogate parents for the 9 days we are away. Demonstrating appropriate behaviour to athletes and ensuring athletes act in a responsible, respectful and co-operative manner at all times. To ensure athletes are kept aware of deadlines and commitments and are organised and on time for meetings, meals, training, travel and events at the carnival and Challenge Day. Encourage and build team spirit. The Section Managers will be accommodated with their section.

Training Officers

Ideally having sound knowledge in either sprints, distance, jumps or throws events to provide training prior to Challenge Day and warm-up routines on Challenge Day. Reporting to the Sports Manager, these roles will also assist the setting up of training sessions and support the athletes to ensure they are prepared for their events. These people will also be allocated to an age grade to assist looking after the children when not providing training sessions.

Medical Team

Responsible for the medical and accident support of the travelling team. To administer assistance and care as needed for any incidents or medical issues at any time. To identify and organise the safe application of any required medications. To ensure all athletes are aware of and take care to ensure adequate hydration, sun protection and physical well-being. To arrange additional medical care as necessary in a timely manner.

Supporters

We welcome others who may wish to support the team however you will have to arrange your own travel and accommodation. Please note, in the interests of the athletes' safety, security and team focus, interaction with the athletes will be strictly controlled by team officials. This particularly applies to Challenge Day where the teams will be kept together and separated from the spectators. Please don't be offended if we ask you to leave the team area. Casual visits to the College will not be allowed.

Christmas Holidays

Families who intend on extending their time in Australia after the tour is completed need to advise us of alternative travel arrangements for their athlete at or prior to the team announcement on 4 November 2018. Failure to do so will result in any fees payable being met by the family concerned. Please make sure you speak to Fiona or Denise at the team announcement.

Selection Trials

There will be two official trials held this year.

- **Sunday 28 October** commencing at 10am at Manawatu Community Athletics Facility, Massey University; Palmerston North. We encourage athletes from the lower North Island to attend this trial.
- **Saturday 3rd November** commencing at 9am at Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose; Auckland. We encourage athletes from the upper North Island to attend this trial.

(Results from the three open days being held on 13th, 20th and 27th October may also be considered. All athletes are welcome to attend these. Cost is \$5 per day and they commence at 10am and conclude around 2.00pm) Coaching will be available from 9.00am for an hour prior to the commencement of each open day. Check Athletics Auckland website for more details.

Failure to attend an official trial may result in exclusion from selection. Athletes who are not serious about selection are encouraged to stay away from the trial events. It is disappointing for athletes to miss out on the team because someone who has no intention of travelling is selected in their place.

The winner of the Challenge Cup is the team that gains the most points. All athletes who make a top 8 position contribute to the points tally, so everyone in the team is an important player – not just the medal winners. For an away tour, many athletes make the team who may not have previously been selected in team events. Parents should be aware of the many benefits athletes gain from participating in the Trans Tasman Tour.

Athletes should compete in a minimum of four events at each trial, including at least one track event and one field event. This is because the Trans Tasman competition includes both track and field relays. It is likely that almost all athletes will compete in one relay event in addition to the individual events they are selected for.

The selectors will base their decisions on the results of these trials; however they reserve the right to consider any significant results from outside events. The selectors will make their decisions based on team composition and Challenge Cup rules.

The selectors are: Paul Lunny, Andrea Mackereth and Peter Richardson.

An application form for the trials is included in this pack. This must be received by the Secretary together with a non-refundable trial fee of \$20.00 before the athlete commences their trial and has their name recorded.

The team will be announced on Sunday 4th November at Papakura Ribbon Day, Massey Park Papakura at 12.00pm (noon). Athletes are expected to attend the announcement.

Passports

All children and adults on the Tour **MUST** have a current individual passport which must be handed to the Passports Manager at least by the time of final tour payment. All passports will be held securely until needed at the airport.

Uniform

Athletes seeking selection for the team will be measured for their uniform on the trial day and uniform issued to those selected the day the team photo is taken provided full payment has been received. Samples will be available to try on. It is important that you are accurately fitted as there will be no opportunity after issue to change uniform sizes. All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the athlete's name and Section number.

Pocket Money

The cost of tour includes an allowance of AUS\$80 for athlete's spending money. This will be distributed depending on the day's activities. If parents wish to give children additional money this must be handed in to the Tour Treasurer at the start of the tour for safe keeping. Athletes can then request their money.

For further information: Please contact any of the Executive Committee:

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Trans Tasman Tour Itinerary Sydney January 2019

Monday 7 th January	Depart Auckland for Sydney Travel to St Gregory's College Campbelltown
Tuesday 8 th January	Carnival at Holroyd Little Athletics Centre Holroyd Sports Ground, Cnr Robert and Peel Street, Merrylands
Wednesday 9 th January	Muru Mittagarr Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre 356 Annangrove Rd, Rouse Hill
Thursday 10 th January	Carnival at Ryde Athletics Centre Dunbar Park, Sobraon Rd, Marsfield
Friday 11 th January	Taronga Zoo Ferry to Pyrmont, travel by light rail to Paddy's Markets Dinner at Tumbalong Park NZ/Australian Executive Annual Conference
Saturday 12 th January	MacArthur Shopping Centre Ten pin bowling / Movies / Shopping
Sunday 13 th January	Challenge Day Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Pembroke Rd, Leumeah
Monday 14 th January	Jambaroo Adventure Park Stop at Sublime Point Lookout, Buli
Tuesday 15 th January	Depart Sydney for Auckland