

ATHLETICS WELLINGTON

NEWSLETTER TO CLUBS



August 2024

Athletics Wellington Board Update

President – Richard Willis

Chairman – Andrew Rook

Abi Skelton

Kirsten Kilmister

Josh Dorman

General Manager - Tony Rogers

Appointed Treasurer - Todd Stevens

The 2024 **ANNUAL REPORT** is online here



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The **AGM** was held on 9th July at Olympic Clubrooms in Johnsonville. Our President for the last three years, Bernice Dickie retired from her role after serving her three-year term. We thank Bernice for her active role as President, especially her work with presentations, officiating and support of national officials at the recent Athletics NZ T&F Championships.

Richard Willis, who has had a long association with athletics beginning as a youngster in Taranaki to many years in the Hutt Valley clubs of Lower Hutt, Valleys United and Trentham United, and known to many of people as a loyal serving announcer at the stadium was elected as President. **Joshua Ledger** and **Eric Speakman** retired from the board after contributing nine years of served between them. The board is working toward making three board appointments to fill the current vacancies. Life memberships were awarded to **Anne Hare** and **Mike Ritchie**

CONGRATULATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Paris 2024 Olympics

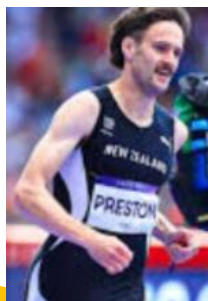
*** Maia Ramsden**

Excellent performances by Maia after being the final addition to the team and placing 6th on her heat progressing to the semis where she ran 8th and set a new NZ record of 4.02.20 bettering her previous NZ record and best time of 4.02.58



*** James Preston**

James Preston who ran 1.48.5 for 8th in his heats and was required to run the repechages to secure a semifinal spot. Sadly, for James the fantastic form of earlier in the year when he qualified for Paris by breaking the 62-year-old NZ record of Sir Peter Snell was hindered in preparation by injury. James ran 1.50.53 to finish 6th in repechage heat in Paris



World Under 20 Championships, Lima, Peru

Naomi Waite

Naomi Waite is Athletics Wellington's sole representative to compete in the 17 strong NZ team at the 2024 World Under 20 Championships from 27 August. Naomi will compete in the High Jump qualification on Day 1 Thursday 29 August 23.00hr NZT.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Road and Track Events

- 31 August – Athletics Wellington 5km Road Championships all grades – Wainuiomata **New Event**
- 5th & 6th September - NZ Secondary School Road Relay Festival Auckland – **New Event**
- 7th September - Athletics Wellington 10km Road Championships - Grades 20+ Wainuiomata
- 15th September - Athletics Wellington Half Marathon Championships – Hutt Marathon
- 28th September – Athletics NZ National Club Road Relay Championships - Taupo
- 12th October – 1st Open Meeting for Track & Field - Newtown Park
- 10th November – 1st AW Junior Interclub – Newtown Park
- 16th November – AW 10000 metre Championships and 10km Relay - Newtown Park
- 23rd November – Central League Teams Competition - Round 3 Newtown Park

All Key Dates are available now at <https://athleticswellington.org.nz/senior/>

Club AGM's and Office Holders

If you have staged your club AGM, please be reminded that we require you to update AW with your office holders. Please email info@athleticswellington.org.nz

Updated AW Policy

Athletics Wellington have updated the Photography & Video Policy now online at www.athleticswellington.org.nz/our-documents/



OFFICIALS and VOLUNTEERS WANTED

HELP is WANTED for

1. Photo Finish Judges
2. Competitions Secretary
 - a. Junior Athletics
 - b. Senior athletics
3. Results Management Support
4. Meeting Managers

Athletics Wellington requires **HELP** from any person who wishes to be an official or volunteer and support our Track & Field programmes at Senior and or Junior Level. We require support for all our major events and regular weekend events, mid-week twilights and schools' events.

Being able to help with any one of these is invaluable

Athletics Wellington will provide training and induction opportunities to support our sport.

To learn how to be a qualified official or just know more information contact our **Officials**

Lead Eddie Soria - eddie_soria@fastmail.com

The Pathway begins now for you to look ahead to Brisbane 2032 Olympics



Newtown Park Access

KEY HOLDERS – If you wish to have individual access to the track you require a Swipe Fob to use on the electronic gate. These are available from the Wellington City Council offices above the park**, or Newtown Library. Renewed access will start for this summer. *[current key holders will get direct notification from WCC for Swipe update]*. This requires all key holders to **make payment** to upgrade their old access keys for the new season access. **!!! Please don't prop the gate open.** ** WCC Office at Newtown Depot (located behind Newtown Park), 113 Russell

Terrace, Newtown. Keys can be collected between the hours of 8am – 3:30pm.



COACHING

Pole Vault Coaching – Any interested athletes, parents and coaches wishing to gain an introduction to Pole Vault coaching, we are looking to stage Pole Vault clinic in the upcoming weeks please email: coaching@athleticswellington.org.nz

Equipment Access - To access the equipment shed you need to have a key that allows the opening of the garage roller door and the cover to jumping pits. This key is available to AW registered and approved coaches. We do have some concerns about the security of the gear shed so we expect it to be maintained as you find it - Tidy and equipment returned to where you find it. **If you UNLOCK you must LOCK - Please be diligent.**

