

ATHLETICS WELLINGTON NEWSLETTER TO CLUBS



December 2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS UPPER HUTT CLUB

A great team effort coordinated by club leaders ensured Upper Hutt AC took out the Melrose Shield for a second successive time. A positive club on the move from the Valley !!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Nuku Ora Regional Sports Award winners.

Eddie Soria - Official of the year and **Josh Taylor** - Disability Sportsperson of the year. **Kiwi AC** club stalwart Peter Jack collected the trophy on Eddie's behalf. Peter acknowledged the work of Eddie as our lead of Officials.



CONGRATULATIONS to Phillip du Toit Phillip recently sat and passed the World Athletics Race Walk **Bronze** level (WARWB) online examination which consisted of theory and video evaluation of race walkers. This grading is part of the World Athletics Referee Education Certification System (WARECS). The grading is required for our national and international walks events to appear on the World Athletics



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON BOARD NEWS

Athletics Wellington welcomed four new members to the AW board at its November meeting and farewelled Kirsten Kilmister who stood aside now Kirsten is in her role as Athletics NZ National Development Manager – Central. New members are Claire George, Jacinda Swain, Nick Hegan and Venkat Reddy, who each bring a wealth of experience, expertise, and passion to the board.

[See Board Bios Here](#)

A Message from the Chair

As we all look forward to the Christmas break, the Board would like to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the outstanding community that is Athletics Wellington, as well as to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of this past calendar year.

2024 has been a year to remember, with significant successes both on and off the track. From impressive performances at local competitions to podium finishes at national and international events, our athletes have continued to raise the bar. At the same time, our coaches, officials, volunteers, and supporters have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that these achievements were possible.

A highlight of the year was the successful hosting of several key events at Newtown Park and throughout the Centre. These events not only showcased the incredible talent within our community but also reinforced the collaborative spirit that makes Athletics Wellington such a vibrant and inclusive organisation.

The Board extends heartfelt congratulations to all athletes for their hard work, perseverance, and determination. We also express our gratitude to our coaches for their expertise and mentorship, and to our officials and volunteers for the countless hours they dedicate to ensuring that every event runs smoothly. Your contributions, whether big or small, are vital in making Athletics Wellington the thriving and dynamic community we are proud to be a part of.

Whether you are an athlete or a coach, an official or a volunteer, a committee member or a Board member, each of you plays a crucial role in shaping the success of this sport we all love. Your collective efforts help create an environment where athletes can excel, and where the spirit of sportsmanship and community continues to grow.

As we enter the holiday season, we want to say a sincere thank you to each and every one of you for your ongoing dedication and hard work. We look forward to an exciting 2025, full of new challenges and opportunities. Until then, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. Stay safe, recharge, and we'll see you all in the new year.

Andrew Rook,
Board Chair

calendar allowing walk athletes to get World Athletics points at these events. It's great news to have a qualified local referee in our region for WALKS.

This has Phillip joins Eddie Soria who passed his World Athletics Bronze referee during the year.

OUT of STADIA ACHIEVERS

CONGRATUATIONS to three athletes named in the NZL team for 2025 World Mountain Running Championships Spain. **Eric Speakman & Maia Flint** [VIC UNI], **Andrea Peat** [WHAC]

Big mention to NZ Long Course 100km Trail Championship, placegetters in an event that started at the Woodside Train Station, Greytown through to Upper Hutt on Saturday 23 November. 1st Sam Hansby [WHAC] and 2nd Andy Crosland [Hutt Valley] in Men's with 2nd Lara Zoeller and 3rd Richele McKenzie both of Scottish in Women's race.

YOUTH

EXCELLENT NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS FOR WELLINGTON

A large contingent of athletes from 18 Wellington schools who travelled to Timaru returned with over 40 medals. Ten athletes were named in the NZSS Championships team.

Named were *Heath Abbott & Joe Martin* [Wellington College], *Jag Willers* [St Patricks College Kilbirnie], *Samasoni Hewitt* [St Patricks College Silverstream], *Luke Jarvis* [Paraparaumu College], *Hugo Jones* [Scots College], *Rebecca Bailey* [St Orans College], *Analin Rudd* [Samuel Marsden College], *Mikayla Sola* [Hutt Valley High School], *Ava Sutherland* [Wellington Girls College]

AW Youth Development Squad thank **Victoria University Recreation & Sport** for hosting their workshop in November



UPCOMING EVENTS POST FESTIVE SEASON

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 January

Sola Power Throwers Meeting, Lower Hutt -

Registration [LINK](#)

Saturday 18 January

Summer Series Meeting - Masterton - Info and Reg [LINK](#)

Monday 20 January

Kiwi Throwers Meeting - Newtown Park

Wednesday 22 January

AW Twilight Meet # 5 - Newtown Park Info and Reg [LINK](#)



Saturday 25 January

Cooks Classic - Wanganui

Wednesday 29 January 5.30pm

Capital Classic - Newtown Park

Saturday 1 February

Potts Classic - Hastings

Team Ledger Harcourts

Capital Classic

Entry Information & Event

Details [Here](#)

Ticket Sales [Here](#)



REMINDERS

CLUB 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 with a full committee list.

NEWTOWN PARK ACCESS

Currently closed until all Track repairs are complete. Access is my Swipe Fob. See all Information at this web page [link](#)

COACHES KEYS & EQUIPMENT ACCESS

These will be changed in the first week of February to gain access to Gear Shed. Contact AW for Details

UNIFORMS

If the Uniform coordinator for each club could email gm@athleticswellington.org.nz stating who their club uniform suppliers are and whether you have any committed loyalty or contract arrangement.

Interested in HELPING ATHLETICS WELLINGTON

Athletics Wellington is still recruiting any person who wishes to be an official or volunteer and support our Track & Field meetings. Next meetings like the Throws meets, Capital Classic and Wellington Champs still require help and school events, in February and March **Please email Eddie Soria** eddie_soria@fastmail.com