



2025



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON

INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT

*& Statement of Accounts
For Year to 31 March 2025*



Presented to the

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 25 June 2025







2024 – 2025 ATHLETICS WELLINGTON OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT *Richard Willis*

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LIFE MEMBERS

Jim Blair MNZM

Simon England

Anne Hare

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David Lonsdale

Peter Maunder

Brian Seymour

Alan Stevens MNZM

Willy Szeto

Don Dalgliesh

Amanda Goldsmith

Mark Harris

Peter Jack

Colin MacLachlan

Sylvia Maunder

Mike Ritchie

Todd Stevens

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Deceased Life Members

Don Brown

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Dave Malcolm

Arthur May

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Alf Stevens

Peter Tearle

Clive Chandler

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Bruce Perry

Peter Rendall

Bob Spence QSM

Bob Swain

BOARD **CHAIRMAN:** *Andrew Rook*

MEMBERS: *Joshua Dorman*

Claire George [appointed Nov]

Jacinda Swain [appointed Nov]

Abi Skelton

Nick Hegan [appointed Nov]

Venkat Reddy [appointed Nov]

Kirsten Kilmister [resigned Nov]

ATHLETICS WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT TEAM [STAFF]

GENERAL MANAGER

Tony Rogers

ATHLETICS WELLINGTON - SECTION LEADS TEAM [VOLUNTEERS]

TREASURER

Todd Stevens

COMMITTEE LEADS

JUNIORS

Willy Szeto

TRACK & FIELD

vacant

REGISTRAR: *vacant*

CROSS COUNTRY & ROAD

Todd Stevens

EQUIPMENT LEAD

Chris Holloman [Sep-Dec]

Vaughan Oates [from Jan 25]

OFFICIALS LEAD

Eddie Soria

COACHING LEAD

vacant

Obituary: Peter Rendall – Life Member

One of Athletics Wellington’s loyal servant passed late winter of 2024 in Wellington Hospital. Peter was made a Life Member of Athletics Wellington in 2016 and was also life member of the WHAC club. He represented his club on the Track & Field Committee. Peter has been a regular identity at Cross Country, Track & Field and Walks events in the Centre for many years until recent times.

For many years he was AW’s Track & Field Equipment Manager and used his bus workshop tools and gear to keep equipment in good repair. When the track was refurbished with new gear shed, Peter almost single handedly fitted it out with shelves and “lockups” sections. He carried out the role for many ANZ Championships and other major meetings held at Newtown Park and well noted for quadbike driving to deliver and pick up hurdles and like.

Former runner, Peter took up race walking and coached that as well. He stepped up willing to help schools and junior events, passing on advice to interested novices of all events. Peter coached juniors for many years.

As his health and hearing deteriorated, he reduced his involvement, but he still coached regularly at Saturday morning WHAC “Club Days” and on weeknights. He also regularly operated WHAC club’s food and drink stall at Newtown Park during Saturday meetings, for the benefit of all athletes. At his funeral many members of the community noted the significant role Peter had played in their introduction to our sport.



REPORTS

BOARD CHAIRMAN

2024/25 has been another strong year for Athletics Wellington, with numerous achievements celebrated throughout this Annual Report.

The GM and Sub-Committee reports highlight the successes of our Junior and Senior Track & Field, Cross Country & Road, and Officials communities. Athletics Wellington continues to lead the way both on and off the track, thanks to the dedication of our athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

This summer, we delivered 15 Senior Track & Field events, including the Open and Twilight Series, the Melrose Shield and the Wellington Track & Field Championships, and our Junior committee ran six successful interclub meets and the Junior Championships engaging hundreds of rangatahi, all without weather disruption.

We also supported a range of community events, including the Kiwi Throwers and Sola Power Throws, Capital Classic, Summer Series, Winter T&F Series, various College Sport meets, and the Central League team series, offering athletes frequent, high-quality opportunities to compete locally.

In the winter season, our clubs hosted a packed calendar of road and cross-country events. These included the Wellington Championships, club-led Winter Series, and popular races like the Kaukau Skyline Traverse, Needle Relay, Hutt Marathon, Waterfront 5km, and the College Sport Wellington series.

Our officials continue to set the standard nationally, often leading at permit meets and gaining new qualifications - thank you for your outstanding service.

While we celebrate these achievements, we must also confront growing challenges. Rising costs, new legal obligations (such as the Incorporated Societies Act), and a decline in volunteer availability are testing our ability to deliver on our vision: "To grow opportunities for the Greater Wellington Region to engage with and enjoy athletics", and our mission: "To provide a thriving environment in which to enjoy athletics for life."

As I write this, I'm encouraged to hear that we are in the late stages of discussions to fill at least the ST&F and Coaching roles - both of those roles have been vacant for some time and having them filled well in advance of the 2025/26 T&F season puts us in the best position possible to allow our programmes to thrive.

In late 2024 Kirsten Kilmister finished up on the board to take a position with Athletics New Zealand, and most recently Josh Dorman also resigned his position on the Board. Both Kirsten and Josh had been on the Board for nearly three years, and we acknowledge your contributions - thank you.

Following a successful recruitment campaign, we welcomed Jacinda Swain, Venkat Reddy, Nick Hegan and Claire George to the Board in late 2024, and the Board is focused on aligning our Vision and Mission with a clear strategy and effective operating model. A strategy review is underway, with plans to engage Clubs and Members in the second half of 2025.

Meanwhile, several initiatives are progressing:

- Finalising the 2025/26 budget and revenue plan;
- Strengthening governance and risk management processes; and
- Reviewing roles, responsibilities, and communications Centre-wide

We thank everyone contributing to our community. Let's continue working together to ensure the future of Athletics Wellington remains strong and sustainable.

Andrew Rook

Athletics Wellington Board Chair



FINANCES

Finance report – for the year to 31 March 2025

Athletics Wellington's finances for the 2024/25 year largely ran to plan, with strong revenue growth, grant funding and a reduction in personnel costs resulting in an overall surplus of \$33k (reversing the prior year's deficit of \$31k).

Athletics Wellington finished the year in a strong financial position with \$246,000.00 of working capital (being current assets fewer current liabilities), mainly consisting of deposits with Westpac Bank.

The Athletics Wellington financial model used involves each of the three subcommittees largely operating autonomously, with the Board having its own budget but maintaining oversight (and a degree of control consistent with good governance) of the subcommittees via the Finance Committee. All external funding applications are signed off by the Board.

Athlete levies of \$66,000.00 were again the main source of income, up 8% on the prior year.

Generous trust funding came from:

- NZ Community Trust: For the General Manager role. An annual grant of \$20,000.00 was received.
- Lion Foundation: \$4,000.00 was received towards Newtown Park hire costs.
- Pelorus Trust: Contributed \$10,000.00 towards the cost of a new discus net for Newtown Park. *For accounting purposes, the grant has been included in Income, but the related expenditure on the net has been capitalised.*
- Four Winds contributed \$8,000.00 towards junior equipment and coaching manuals.

Income from hire of Newtown Park gear to schools (\$26,000.00) and Event fees (\$42,000.00) were both significantly higher than prior years, reflecting a full calendar of events and higher charges to better recover the cost of providing the resources at Newtown Park.

We had one major financial disappointment, with our long-standing partnership with Wellington's annual Round the Bays event ending resulting in the loss of \$10,000.00 of annual income. We were very disappointed to be cut out of the deal where Nuku Ora sold the event (the region's largest athletics event) to Stuff Events.

Personnel Costs (\$87,000.00) for the General Manager and Community Engagement Lead positions and administrative assistance were the largest area of expenditure. With the Community Engagement Lead position ending early in the financial year, Personnel Costs were \$33,000.00 less than the prior year. Other significant operating expenditure included depreciation of Newtown Park equipment (\$14,000), equipment maintenance (\$10,000), hire of Newtown Park from Wellington City Council (\$12,000) and Event Costs (\$23,000).

Todd Stevens
Treasurer





PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Athletics Wellington Inc Profit & Loss 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Athlete Registration Levies	\$66,150	\$61,460
Event Fees	\$41,605	\$36,204
Equipment / Park Hire Fees	\$26,385	\$20,975
Newtown Park Club Levies	\$12,498	\$12,120
Sponsorship	\$1,050	\$0
Round the Bays Income	\$0	\$10,000
Grants - NZ Community Trust (GM Role)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Grants - Lion Foundation (Park Hire)	\$4,000	\$5,000
Grants - Pelorus Trust (Discus Net - Capex)	\$9,918	\$0
Grants - Four Winds (Coaching and Equipment)	\$8,480	\$0
NZ Track & Field Champs	\$1,346	\$0
Uniforms	\$715	-\$2,276
Strength & Adapt Project Income	\$473	\$5,000
Interest Income	\$11,587	\$8,516
Total Income	\$204,206	\$176,999
Expenses		
Personnel Costs	\$87,453	\$120,050
Depreciation	\$14,173	\$14,643
Equipment / Maintenance / Repair	\$9,984	\$10,610
Representative Teams	\$6,809	\$8,756
Newtown Park Hire	\$11,778	\$12,382
Coaching and Officials	\$6,072	\$4,318
Event Costs	\$23,263	\$20,038
Strength & Adapt Project Expenses	\$0	\$2,792
Sola Power equipment contribution	\$0	\$4,000
Awards Evening	\$5,600	\$5,083
Insurance	\$1,494	\$1,446
Other Expenses	\$4,553	\$3,500
Total Expenses	\$171,178	\$207,620
Net Profit / (Loss)	\$33,027	-\$30,622

Four Winds
FOUNDATION



BALANCE SHEET

Athletics Wellington Inc
Balance Sheet
as of 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash Deposits	\$249,317	\$180,253
Prepayments	\$6,228	\$0
Stock of Uniforms	\$5,220	\$7,970
Receivables	\$12,612	\$39,544
Total Current Assets	\$273,377	\$227,767
Fixed Assets	\$36,460	\$39,210
Total Fixed Assets	\$36,460	\$39,210
Total Assets	\$309,837	\$266,977
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$12,224	\$13,309
GST Payable	\$7,044	\$4,391
Revenue in Advance	\$8,265	\$0
Total Current Liabilities	\$27,533	\$17,700
Total Liabilities	\$27,533	\$17,700
Net Assets	\$282,304	\$249,277
Equity		
Opening Reserves	\$249,277	\$279,898
Current Year Earnings	33,027	(30,622)
Total Equity - Closing	\$282,304	\$249,277





REGISTRATIONS

Athletics Wellington annual registrations increased in total for 2024 - 2025 year to 2,549. This was a 7% increase on the previous year and just above the 2022-2023 figures to be the best post Covid.

Athletics Wellington now has 12.5% of the Athletics NZ total membership and is the third largest Athletics Centre behind Auckland and Waikato-Bay of Plenty

There were 21 affiliated clubs in the Wellington Centre.

Athletics Wellington Membership by Membership Category	2024 – 2025	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023	2021 - 2022
Adults 20+ years Including Seniors, Masters & Life Members & Winter only	494	507	516	534
Youth athletes 15 -19 years old including quarterly memberships	155	146	160	142
Young athletes Aged 7-14 years old including Quarterly memberships	1343	1259	1299	1230
Young Athletes 6 years old and under including quarterly Memberships	433	370	416	365
Social Athletes 15 years and older memberships	124	108	126	112
TOTALS	2549	2390	2517	2383

MANAGEMENT - General Manager

I wish to acknowledge our two new Life Members from the 2024 AGM Anne Hare and Mike Ritchie.

Mike for his excellent contribution to the sport here in Wellington over many years as a successful coach first and foremost and more recently, our Equipment Lead until stepping back last year.

Anne as a Wellington international athlete started her career at Lower Hutt, and in more recent years has too been a longstanding successful coach of athletes at all levels as well as a contributor in administration as committee member and past Athletics NZ board member. Both Life Members were National representatives and Anne one of Wellington’s Olympians. In 2024 we elected Richard Willis to President and during his first 12 months in the role I have also enjoyed the support and dialogue with Richard on a variety of Athletics matters.

From an operational view point the last year saw the loss of the Community Engagement Lead which left us with some gaps in Athletics Wellington youth, administration and development areas. However, Athletics Wellington has continued to deliver a large range of events for its member in 2024-2025 with a good number of athletes from Under 16 through to Masters representing our region proudly at National events and for some on the highest international stage at World Championships or in the case of James Preston and Mia Ramsden the Paris Olympics.

Athletics Wellington did not host any major National Championship events in the last financial year but did have within the region events like the Team Ledger Harcourts Capital Classic, a World Athletics Bronze Continental Tour Meet which includes the National Under 20 Men’s and Women’s 3000m championships. The Sola Power Throws Meet was a National Permit Meet and in 2025 was staged over a Friday evening and Saturday. Several Out of Stadia events of note like the Athletic NZ Ultra Championships were held in the region.

The Winter season of 2024 continued with a Winter Series of events proudly hosted by our clubs and the Out of Stadia Committee along with our active support with College Sport Wellington in hosting Secondary Schools Cross Country events at Wakefield Park in the city and Harcourts Park in Upper Hutt.



For these events Athletics Wellington again appreciates the excellent support received by both the Wellington City Council and Lower Hutt City Council. Wellington City Council's relationship is critical to our summer side of the sport especially with constant support of development, maintenance and repairs at Newtown Park athletics stadium as with the Wairarapa District Council in supporting the facility at the Colin Pugh SportsBowl in Masterton. Our collaborative relationship with Football, especially Wellington United is important to ensure the stadium is seen as vital asset for our city and maintained as an excellent venue by WCC.

Over the last year our athletes and officials were required to travel some distances to compete in or support major New Zealand Championships events for both Schools and Seniors events. The NZ Schools hosted Cross Country in Christchurch and Track & Field in Timaru, with the Athletics NZ Track & Field Championships were held in Dunedin.

Wellington was extremely well represented at Winter National events in the North Island, contributing **21%** of the total individuals to enter the NZ Cross Country Championships in Napier and **28%** of all club teams that competed across the grades at the National Road Relay Championships were from Wellington clubs – a superb representation by our clubs. Similarly, for NZSS Cross Country in Christchurch, the AW regional schools represented **16%** of entries highlighting our natural strength and support in middle and distance or Out of Stadia events.

Across the sport we managed to maintain a consistent or increased number of entries in most of our events for the season for Track & Field activities both at Senior and Junior meets, and Out of Stadia which contributes to our overall revenue streams.

For our Youth athletes we were able to maintain some activity and support engagement with the Youth Development Squad, but with the loss of Tamsin Harvey in the CEL role this proved more difficult. However, I wish to thank Tamsin and Yarride Rosario for supporting this initiative as volunteers and the Victoria University for hosting a session in their Sport & Recreation facilities.

In our Secondary schools' space, we continue supporting the engagement of these athlete into the greater Athletics Wellington community pathways through inclusive team selection and support to events like the NZSS Cross Country and to the North Island Secondary Track & Field Championships. Two key events which are critical to capturing our young talent and future members. We are also thankful for the great efforts of the Primary School Sport organisations in our region for promoting the opportunities to our primary aged athletes to compete in athletics at Zone and Regional meets and the efforts of Gary Szeto in his collaboration with Marshall Clark and Peter Baillie as our results team commit to during the week.

Athletics Wellington also supported selected teams to NZ Cross Country in Napier, the NZ Road Championships in Timaru and the NZ Track & Field Championships in Dunedin. I acknowledge support from our critical volunteers with special thanks to those who acted as AW team selectors and team managers for these events. Out of Stadia selectors were Nathan Lewer [lead], Julie Richards, John Cope, Heidi Humphries, and they were supported by Zac Milne as Team manager with Julie Richards. For Track & Field selection was supported by Brian Seymour and Julie Richards along with Andrea Harris and Zac Milne who proved invaluable team managers for Seniors and support of the North Island Schools team in Hamilton.

As General Manager I express my sincere thanks to all our technical officials and volunteers at Schools, Junior and Senior level meetings for both in stadia and out of stadia throughout the year. Eddie Soria has led the organisation and education updates with these valued people, including a successful Out of Stadia education course

Finally, I wish to acknowledge key support, initially of Chris Holloman and then latterly the efforts of Vaughan Oates both for stepping in and filling the void left with no CEL to help with facilitating schools events and equipment at the stadium.

By General Manager

Tony Rogers

SECTION REPORTS

OUT OF STADIA EVENTS - [*Cross Country, Road, Mountain and Trail Running*]

The 2024 winter season was again busy, with a full programme of out of stadia club and interclub events, and New Zealand championships.

Participation in our events was high throughout the season, and consistent with the prior year, despite continued growth in private event offerings and a busy programme of school events.

New initiatives and events were well received, and helped lift participation:

- A Mixed Relay Championship was introduced in conjunction with the University Cross Country Relay
- The Wellington Road Championships changed from a single day and single distance event to a two day event of 5.0km and 10.0km championships.
- The Winter Series Championship was expanded to 7 races and proved popular
- The Wellington Mountain Running Championships returned to the calendar, after several years absence, thanks to host club Olympic

Two athletes in particular dominated the local interclub and Wellington Championship events showing a clean pair of heels in all the senior events: Maia Flint and Eric Speakman. Both also had top 10 places in the NZ cross country, and Eric won the NZ 5km road championships. Special mention to Ava Sutherland and Lorcan Rabbitte who were selected to represent NZ at the World Cross Country Championships in Serbia.

Teams to represent Athletics Wellington were selected for the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Relay in Christchurch, NZ Cross Country Championships in Napier and the NZ Road Championships in Timaru.

Wellington clubs attended the NZ Road Relay Championships in Taupo in big numbers. Based on laps around the Taupo Motorsport Park, the new format was logistically and spectator friendly. Wellington clubs returned with lots of medals, with Scottish and WHAC on the podium for “Top Club”.

Many thanks to all officials, committee members, course measurers, employees, selectors, team managers and other volunteers for contributing their time and expertise during the year. They have all played a vital role in keeping the sport ticking along. Thank you to the clubs which organised our interclub events.

Todd Stevens

Convenor – Out of Stadia Lead



JUNIORS

I am happy to advise that we had a very good 2024-2025 season. The weather gods were kind to us, and we held all six of our AWJC Interclubs and both days of our AWJC Champs on the scheduled days in our calendar. All events were well attended with a lot of happy athletes enjoying competing, being with friends and making new friends from other clubs.

My thanks to Amy for picking up the role of Secretary for the AWJC from the ever dedicated and hard-working Marshall Clark who stayed on to help in the role of Competition Secretary.

Despite concerns over the registration cost per event for our AWJC Champs over 340 athletes registered for at least one event with a combined total of over 1290 event entries. 14 new records were set at this season's Championships. The Olympic Club won the trophy for the most Interclub points accumulated by Grade 7-9 athletes and the Upper Hutt Club won the trophy for the most Interclub points accumulated by Grade 10-15 athletes. The Overall Top Male and Female awards were presented to Gyan Wilson and to Taylor Sutton respectively at the Athletics Wellington Annual Awards Dinner at the Petone Club. Congratulations to those two athletes and well deserving recipients.

An end of season Survey was sent out to the clubs seeking feedback about our Junior Interclub season and the AWJC Champs to help with planning for next season.

Thanks to the clubs for their responses and there are many suggestions to be discussed/action agreed upon by the club representatives at our AWJC meetings at the start of next season.

Thanks also to all the helpers and parents who helped in any way with setting up and/or running events and packing up and getting results out afterwards. These Interclubs and Champs wouldn't run without your time and efforts. It is very much appreciated.

Again, a big thanks to all our Club Reps who attend the Athletics Wellington Juniors Committee (AWJC) monthly meetings and for their time, passion and commitment towards a common goal of progressing the enjoyment of this sport for our junior athletes.

Willy Szeto - Juniors Committee Lead



Amy Fiechter - Junior Secretary





MASTERS

Wellington Masters athletes performed admirably both locally and overseas during 2024. Notably performances by Peter Stevens who became a World Champion in the M60 2000m Steeplechase at the World Masters track and field championships held in Gothenburg, Sweden and Jackie Wilson who also attended these championships and won bronze medals in the W75 10km and 20km track walks. These results earned honours of Wellington Masters Athletes of the Year.

Masters' specific events were Noeleen Perry Memorial Trophy presented to the Masters Women in the 3000m track walk held in conjunction with the Centre Championships and is worked out on an age grade criteria. The winner for 2025 was Jackie Wilson whose time of 21:25.61 which is an age grade percentage of 86.05%.

The 38th Masters Classic Club Relay was held on Sunday 19th May 2024 at Trentham Memorial Park, Upper Hutt in excellent conditions. The 4 x 4km cross country course with four members and three in a walking team. 23 teams took part (19 run & 4 walk teams). The fastest laps of the day for the runners were Chester Holt-Quick from Scottish and Hannah Buglass-Devereux from Kapiti. Fastest laps for the walkers were Clive McGovern from Trentham and Terri Grimmatt from Scottish. Winning teams were Open Women - Trentham Harriers, Open Men - Scottish, Mixed - Olympic, 200+ - Trentham, 240+ - WHAC, and Walking teams were Open - Scottish, 150+ - Trentham.

On Sunday 28th July Masters Johnsonville 8km Road Race and 6.4km Race Walk was held in overcast and cool conditions with a stiff northerly to contend with 26 runners and 10 walkers took part, up slightly on last year's numbers. The fastest performers were female walker over the hilly four-lap course was Melissa Crompton and Rob McCrudden (Walks) from Olympic. The fastest runners were Mel Brandon (Scottish) and Darren Gordon (Olympic). Club winners Scottish (Walk) and Trentham (Run). The Jim Lockhart and Mariette Hewitson Memorial Baton for the time closest to an age grade record was won by Mel Brandon who broke the W45 record set in 2022 by Mel Aitkin.

Wellington Masters Athletics AGM 2024 required a reschedule time to gain a quorum, so the AGM was eventually Wednesday 25th. After a bit of canvassing by everyone we managed to elect a full complement of members for the upcoming year after a number of people. There was a lot of discussion about the changing of our Constitution to come into line with the proposed new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. This is something the new committee is tackling in the New Year. The 2025 AGM is to be 17th September commencing at 7pm. At this meeting Wellington Masters will approve the new Constitution that has been developed in line with the new Incorporated Societies Act.

Obituaries

It was with great sadness that we have to record the passing of three stalwarts of Wellington Masters and Wellington Scottish. John Turner aged 89 passed away 11 March 2025. John was a long serving and renowned Athletics Wellington Official at both Track & Field and Our of Stadia event. On March 22 Bob Stephens aged 80 and then on 26th March Paul Rodway aged 76 also both passed away after battles with prostate cancer.

**John Palmer,
Secretary, Wellington Masters Athletics Inc.**

SENIOR TRACK & FIELD

Our Senior track & field season provides a busy calendar every year with events within our Centre and then in the Lower North Island Central region, plus national events and for some athlete's international opportunities.

Commencing in early October, Athletics Wellington staged seven Open Track & Field meetings on Saturdays, seven weekday Twilight meetings of which five were on a Wednesday, one each on a Friday and Tuesday to help spread the calendar of opportunities. The support of Scottish club to help facilitate the twilight meetings has been invaluable through the leadership of Andy Ford.

The regional championships for all grades from Under 16 to Masters were scheduled on Friday evening and Saturday in February and even with date clash with the Porritt Classic numbers were still strong. The Melrose Shield was held at the end of November with excellent enthusiasm and increased entries with Upper Hutt club defending the Shield successfully. An Open Para event day was staged in early October with Athletics NZ Para support lead Raylene Bates and Holly Robinson in attendance. We are appreciative too of the work of Dean Patton and the WHAC club through Geoff Henry for running our regular Saturday morning programme in summer for Athletes with Disability.



Two club events were organised by the Wellington Scottish club, those being the 'Te Ahumairangi Ten Thousand Festival' and the long-standing 'Scottish Night of Miles' meet pre-Xmas. Throwing meets were staged by the Sola Power Throwing Academy, a National Permit meet, at their Lower Hutt training base and the Kiwi Throwers meet followed a week later at Newtown Park. The WACT bronze meet of Team Ledger Harcourts Capital Classic was hosted midweek and live on Sky Sport with excellent and numerous post event replays of highlights totalling almost 20 hours of coverage.

On the regional front it was good to see the return of the Central League teams' competition to Newtown which attracted 223 athletes to compete. The other league venues of 2024 were Hastings (118) and Palmerston North (214) totalling 615 athletes competing. The numbers were hugely increased from 407 of the previous year with venues of Inglewood (51), Wanganui (192) and Masterton (164).

Our Wellington clubs may need to review how they view and support this three-meet series of events in the programme for the future. Beyond the League meets we saw the Winter Series meets for T&F switch between Palmerston North and Masterton and then the two-summer series meets in Masterton. If we include the PAK'n SAVE Cooks Classic and Spence Pharmacies Potts Classic there were twenty-nine competition opportunities available to our Senior Track & Field athletes during summer and four winter meets.

Alongside the aforementioned meets were the major Secondary School Track & Field meetings run by College Sport Wellington with our technical and facility support with individual schools, Zone qualifying meets and the Regionals. Athletics Wellington supported eight Primary School zone or regional track & field events at the stadium over and above the individual primary schools from the central and south part of the city. We acknowledge the support of some of our clubs with their facilitation of local schools meets at their club facilities in the various suburbs across the region.

Ongoing needs to upgrade how we use equipment and the use of technology represents an ever-increasing project for our track & field cohort which relies heavily on humans as resource to run meetings. In our 'Instant Info' society of today looking ahead we need to focus on lessening the workload and time commitment of our lead volunteers through improved use of easy-to-use technology of all forms around results management, officiating and data input at source, along with improving our system around our valuable equipment assets with storage and movement to and from the field of play and accessibility for coaching and training.

We acknowledge the support to all our athletes, young and older, through our huge team of regular officials and volunteers who give so generously of their time to ensure meets happen. Peter Baillie, and Marshall Clark are two noted unsung heroes for their huge voluntary time committed to help a large team deliver track and field for all ages.

Athletics Wellington is very cognizant of the massive contribution of Wellington City Council especially through the Parks, Sport & Recreation team lead by Gus Anderson, Wendy Turton and James Campbell who ensure we have access to the stadium and that it's presented to the best of the council's ability for our use in a safe manner. Their work through support of major track repairs, throwing sector and cages preparation, installation of new sand in jumping pits is acknowledged as huge commitment made by WCC to upkeep the facility specifically for use by athletics.

In the 2025 -2026 season I look forward to increasing our support base for track and field leaders.

**Absolutely Positively
Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

EQUIPMENT

The first part of the summer saw Chris Holloman carrying out the duties of the Equipment lead and Schools facilitator along with supporting Junior interclub and Senior event days. I assumed the role in mid-summer when Chris stepped aside. Other than that, the role supporting events such as facilitation of school events continued as it has over many years. Recently a big effort to organize and rationalize storage in the equipment shed by continuing with labelling has been a major focus in an effort to ensure that items are returned to the same place on a consistent basis. Now the benefits of having one designated Athletics Wellington person on hand during events is proving invaluable for keeping equipment organised and issued as required. It has also been useful to have someone on hand that knows the rules of athletics, from a technical use of equipment and officiating to supporting the school teaching staff and volunteers.

Talks were initiated on getting staff from schools trained in the use of our electronic distance measuring equipment as a way of ensuring that the measurement of distances is done correctly. This was met with enthusiasm from most of the schools and it is intended to provide training just ahead of the coming summer season.

This season did not see the number of purchases made over the last two years in support of the National Track and Field Championship, although some purchases were made primarily in support of the Junior Committee in the way of new starting blocks and some discus and shotputs. Children's training hurdles, quoits and vortex were also purchased for Run Jump Throw type activities as well as Get Set Go and RJT coaching Manuals and resources. Athletics Wellington also secured funding for purchase of a high school standard discus safety cage for installation around the throw circles on the top field to give greater flexibility and safety with throwing in the stadium and increase collaboration with football.

Currently another major equipment purchase by Athletics Wellington in process is negotiating a new sound system for the stadium.

Issues with track maintenance continue, with repairs around the 100m start area carried out during January this year. Dialogue is constant with Council and Polytan for ongoing areas of maintenance.

Most of our equipment is in reasonably positive shape at the moment although some work is being done on the hammer cage, the high jump and pole vault covers and the high jump pad mats. It is also intended to cover the steeplechase water jump as a safety measure and increase security with key access to the equipment shed .

Vaughan Oates Equipment Lead.



OFFICIALS

Coordination & Education

Over the past season, the Wellington Officials community has continued to demonstrate strong leadership, growth, and commitment to excellence. One of the key highlights was Phillip DuToit and Eddie Soria successfully passing the WARECS Bronze Referee Exams, reflecting the ongoing development within our team. We're also pleased to report that five of our local Officials have sat their A papers as they prepare to take the next step along the officiating pathway toward international qualifications.

Education and upskilling have remained a priority, with 18 Officials attending an Out of Stadia Course earlier this year, and 8 Officials sitting their B's and A's papers and 7 people upskilled with Photo finish & results management course in September taken by Michael du Toit & Peter Baille. Wellington Officials were actively involved in all local meets, as well as the three major events of the domestic season; PAK'nSAVE Cooks Classic, Team Ledger Harcourts Capital Classic, and Andrew Spence Pharmacies Potts Classic.

It was encouraging to see so many of our Officials appointed to top roles at these Continental Tour Bronze meets, and even more rewarding to witness one of our own served as Competition Director for the first time at both the Capital and Cooks Classics. This is a significant step forward in leadership representation and hopefully one that inspires others within our region.

Wellington was also strongly represented at both Nationals, Secondary Schools Athletics NZ Track and Field Championships with many Officials stepping into Chief and Referee positions. It was a proud moment to see their skills and professionalism on display at such high-profile competitions.

Looking ahead, our aim is to continue growing the number of Officials in our region while placing a stronger focus on track-specific roles and development.

Lastly, we are thrilled to share that our local Official, Eddie Soria was recognized for his contributions by receiving the "Official of the Year" award at the Āti Awa Toa Wellington Regional Sports Awards 2024. It was a well-deserved honour and a celebration of the collective work being done in our region."

Eddie Soria **Officials Lead**



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COACHING

Athletics Wellington Coaching as always fields numerous enquiries from parents of young children looking to get into athletics of which the first instance is that they are referred to the nearest local club in their suburb. There was a noticeable increase in these enquires post the Paris Olympics.

In general, this area has not been hugely pro-active from the Centre's view point on coach education due to a couple of key aspects, no committed lead at this time by Athletics Wellington and another round of staffing changes

in the coaching delivery space for Athletics New Zealand as summer was to gear up post Olympics after the loss of Mike Trathen who had made some good traction in short space of time.

Commencing the summer on the first weekend of October Tony Rogers held a three-hour Run Jump Throw Skills Coaching session for new and refreshing of adult leaders for Junior athletics clubs. This was staged at Newtown Park with 22 attendees. Following this course Mike Ritchie hosted through the WHAC club a High Jump coaching workshop for coaches and older juniors on Sunday 26 October with 20 attendees. Mike also conducted by request several Pole Vault coaching clinics at the beginning and end of October.

A coaching session was held late October at Victoria University Club by Tony Rogers with a 1-hour workshop on Distance Coaching with an emphasis on Periodization.

Post the Team Ledger Harcourts Capital Classic on the Thursday morning a coaching workshop for jumps was staged by Wikus Olivier, father and Coach of Olympian and World U20 Triple Jump champion Ethan, and Terry Lomax former coach of Hamish Kerr .

As we look to engage an AW coaching lead again and Athletics NZ have some new accessible resources using increased technology coming on stream , so we hope 2025 -2026 will be see more coaching action in our area.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

After the launch in 2023, Athletics Wellington has managed to keep the Youth Development Squad programme going albeit with less activity than desired in the last 12 months due to the loss of Tamsin Harvey in her AW role.

Information and support are the keys of squad after Identification of members to then Develop and Foster these younger athletes to progress through the pathways available to them under the umbrella of Athletics Wellington. Initial criteria for selection were all athletes that performed with distinction in Under 16 National events and each year additional athletes will be inducted at the Under 16 level and older athletes retained while active.

The most recent event was hosted by Victoria University Sport & Recreation at to the VUW facilities. Attendees received information on the campus facilities from Karl Whalen, life as University athletes by Max Taylor and an address from GM Tony Rogers supported by Tamsin Harvey as guest facilitator. Athletes receive updates and reminders about upcoming competitions for their age groups.

The current squad through 2024 – 2025 is Daisy Goodman, Sacha Kilmister, Emma Lowden, Juju Moorhead, Madison Wos, Elliot Barr, Lebron Cosgrave, George Gray, Jack Gregory ,Logan Hopfler, Xavier James, Alexander MacBeth, Blake Miscall, Rico Poutama, Desmond Reddy, Asher Robertson, Bair Waldrom, Troy Waldrom, Connor Sharkey.

MAJOR HONOURS

New Zealand Representatives

Olympic Games, Paris, FRA: James Preston (800m) 54th and Maia Ramsden (1500m) 21st

World Indoor Championships, Nanjing, CHN: Alison Andrews-Paul (800m) 20th and Maia Ramsden (1500) 18th

ISF World Schools Cross Country, Nairobi, KEN: Ava Sutherland 26th, Poppy Healy 39th, Maia Holden 43rd, Annabel Tuck 45th, Giselle Kenworthy 58th, Maria Revelant 62nd, Max Doherty 64th

World Under 20 Track & Field Championships Lima, PER: Naomi Waite 28th

NZ Schools Cross Country Championships Team: Joe Martin, Poppy Healy

2024 Oceania Championships, Suva, FIJ - *selected athletes*

Seniors: James Preston 800m, Hugo Jones High Jump, Alison Andrews-Paul 800m & 1500m, Phoebe Edwards Long Jump, Naomi Waite High Jump.

Under 18: Lucas Lambert 100m & 200m, Jag Gunregjav-Willers steeplechase, Asher Robertson 200m, 400m, 400mH, High Jump & Long Jump, Keagan Sharkey Javelin, Nelsson Tiimala Discus, Heath Abbot Hammer, Analin Rudd Long Jump & Triple Jump.

NZ Schools Cross Country Team - Australia Schools Cross Country Championships, Yarra, AUS: Connor Kemp, Joe Martin, Poppy Healy, Ava Sutherland, Jessica McKenzie (Res)

NZ Schools Track & Field, and Road Championships Team: Heath Abbot, Jag Willers, Samasoni Hewitt, Luke Jarvis, Rebecca Bailey, Analin Rudd, Mikayla Sola, Ava Sutherland

NZ Schools Classics North Island Tour Team, NZL: Heath Abbot, Luke Jarvis, Joe Martin, Jag Willers, Rebecca Bailey, Maddison McLean, Analin Rudd, Ava Sutherland

NZ Schools USA Tour Team, California, USA: Luke Jarvis, Jag Willers, Joe Martin (*withdrew*)

FISU World University Games 2025, Rhine-Ruhr, GER: Selected athletes: Toby Gualter, Emma Douglaas

Wellington Athletes Selected for New Zealand Out of Stadia Teams

World Mountain Running and Trail Running Championships 2025, Canfranc, ESP

Mt Run (Uphill) Senior Women: Maia Flint, Senior Men: Eric Speakman, Men 20: Max Doherty

Trail Running (Short Trail) Senior Men: Weston Hill, David Haunschmidt and Jackson Cole

Trail Running (Long Trail) Senior Men: Samuel Hansby, Josh Campbell, Andy Crosland and Will Bell, Senior Women: Mel Brandon, Richele McKenzie

Asia & Oceania Ultra Championships, Canberra, AUS James Inwood and Vivian Cheng

IAU World 24 Hour Championships: James Inwood, Fiona Hayvice, Vivian Cheng

2024 World Masters Championship, Gothenburg, SWE

Leading NZL results from AW athletes were

Peter Stevens M60 2000m St 7:01.43 (1st), 5000m 17:20.14 (5th). 1500m 4th M60 4min 33

Jacqueline Wilson: W75 5000m RW 4th 35min 14; 10,000m RW 1:11:52 (3); 20km Race Walk **3rd** W75 2:27.00

Phil Sadgrove: 1500m 35th overall M60 5min 18

Grant McLean: 1500m 29th overall M55 4min 55

8km Cross Country: Todd Stevens, 25th M50 31min 09

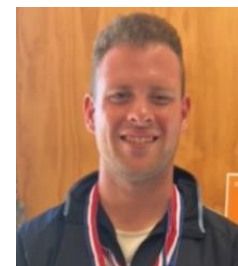
Half Marathon: Grant McLean 19th M55 1 hour 25.02; Todd Stevens, 26th M50 1hour 25.4

2024 Nuku Ora Awards Recipients for Regional Sports Awards



✓ **Eddie Soria** - Official of the Year

✓ **Joshua Taylor** – Disabled Sportsperson of the year



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON AWARDS

supported by Petone Club

The Annual Awards dinner was supported by the Petone Working Men's Club on the 16th April 2025. The awards period was the year of 2024 from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024. Our outstanding athletes of 2023 were repeat winners again in 2024 as our Wellington Olympic representatives

The Women's Athlete of the Year

Maia Ramsden

Women's Middle & Long-distance athlete of the year, Senior Women's Middle & Long-distance Athlete of the Year



The Men's Athlete of the Year

James Preston

Men's Middle & Long-distance athlete of the year, Senior Men's Middle & Long-distance Athlete of the Year



Congratulations to all the Athletics Wellington 2024 Annual Award Winners listed below

- Jacqui Wilson:** Masters Women's Athlete of the Year, Women's Walker of the Year, MW Walker of the Year
Peter Stevens: Masters Men's athlete of the Year, Masters Men's Middle & Long distance Athlete of the Year
Naomi Waite Under 20 Women's athlete of the Year , U20 Women's Jumper of the Year
Alex Martin: Under 20 Men's athlete of the Year, U20 Men's Middle & Long-distance Athlete of the Year
Corran Hanning: Men's Para athlete of the Year
Sarah du Toit: Women's Official of the Year
Julie Richards: Female Volunteer of the Year
Brian Seymour : Sprints Coach of the Year
Phil Jensen: Throws Coach of the Year
Sacha Kilmister: Women's Sprinter of the Year, Youth Women's Sprinter of the Year
Cody Wilson: Men's Sprinter of the Year, Senior Men's Sprinter of the Year
Gary Rawson: Masters Men's Sprinter of the Year, Masters Men's Jumper of the Year
Kirsten Kilmister: Masters Women's Sprinter of the Year
Ben Lambert : U20 Men's Sprinter of the Year
Heather Walker: Masters Women's Middle & Long-distance Athlete of the Year
Ava Sutherland : U20 Women's Middle & Long-distances Athlete of the Year, and Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year
Joe Martin: Youth Men's Middle & Long-distance Athlete of the Year, and Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year
Poppy Healy : Youth Women's Out of Stadia athlete of the Year, and Middle & Long distances Athlete of the Year
Phoebe Edwards: Women's Jumper of the Year, Senior Women's Jumper of the Year
Hugo Jones: Men's Jumper of the Year, U20 Men's Jumper of the Year
Theresa Bartlett: Masters Women's Jumper of the Year, Masters Women's Thrower of the Year
Asher Robertson: Youth Men's Jumper of the Year
Rebecca Bailey: Women's Thrower of the Year, Youth Women's Thrower of the Year
Heath Abbot: Men's Thrower of the Year, Youth Men's Thrower of the Year
Shaka Sola: Masters Men's Thrower of the Year
Elizabeth Hewitt: Senior Women's Thrower of the Year
Mikayla Sola: U20 Women's Thrower of the Year
Clive McGovern: Men's Race Walker of the Year, Masters Men's Walker of the Year -
Taylor Sutton: Top AWJC Female Athlete. U18 Youth Women's Walker of the Year,
- Phil du Toit:** Men's Official of the Year
Geoff Henry: Male Volunteer of the Year
Evan Cooper: Distance Coach of the Year
Mike Ritchie: Jumps Coach of the Year
Niamh Gedye: U20 Women's Sprinter of the Year
Luke Jarvis: Youth Men's Sprinter of the Year
Nathaniel Sulupo: Senior Men's Thrower of the Year
Alexander Hewitt: U20 Men's Thrower of the Year



Gyan Wilson: Top AWJC Male Athlete

Eric Speakman: Men's Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year; Senior Men's Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year

Maia Flint: Senior Women's Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year, Women's Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year

Paul Hewitson: MM Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year **Katie Jenkins: MW Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year**

Lorcan Rabbitte: U20 Men's Out of Stadia Athlete of the Year

Women's Team of the Year: Scottish Club W35+ Road Relay Team

➤ [Hinano Andrews, Amanda Broughton, Floor Kaars, Emily Solsberg, Nicola Hankinson, Mel Brandon, Anna Hooper]

Men's Team of the Year Wellington M20 4 x 100m Relay:

➤ [Leo Yousuf, Ben Lambert, Joshu Lotsu, Ryan Mallon]

Track & Field Club of the Year – Upper Hutt AC - Out of Stadia Club of the Year – Victoria University AC



ATHLETICS WELLINGTON REPRESENTATIVES TEAMS

OUT of STADIA - [Cross Country, Road, Mountain and Trail Running] Leading Results 2024

New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country & Interprovincial Championships, Christchurch 15 & 16 June
Athletics Wellington athletes secured a number of top performances representing their schools from Wellington region at the 50th Anniversary of NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country held at QEII - Ascot Park on the Saturday and as a regional teams earned two gold, one silver and 3 bronze across the six grades for the Interprovincial 4 person relay teams contest on the Sunday.

The following are the best individual finishers by grade including podiums for Wellington athletes

Year 9 Girls: 3rd Oliva McDowell - Kapiti College

Year 9 Boys: 2nd Jacob Williams – Hutt Valley High

Junior Girls [U 16] 4th Emma Lowden – Samuel Marsden,

Junior Boys [U 16] 2nd Alex McBeth - Wellington College

Senior Girls: 12th Poppy Healy [10th] – Queen Margaret College

Senior Boys: 6th Joe Martin - Wellington College

Para Boys: 1st Para Year 9 T20 Albert O'Brien - Onslow College

1st Para Junior T11 Toby Ireland - Hutt Valley HS

School Teams Results - 3 persons to score

Year 9 Boys - 2nd Hutt Valley High School - Jacob Williams, Leo Hyink, Finnigan Strickland

Junior Boys - 2nd Wellington College - Alex MacBeth, Xavier James, Tom Pescini

Junior Girls - 2nd Wellington Girls' College - Juju Moorhead, Hannah Wade, Xanthe Wong

Senior Girls - 3rd Wellington Girls' College - Ava Sutherland, Annabel Tuck, Maia Holden

School Teams Results - 6 persons to score

Year 9 Girls: 3rd Wellington Girls: Lucy Mabin, Sophie Hoar, Indi Sinclair, Lucy Fowler, Nimisha Kc, Alice Doolan

Year 9 Boys: 3rd Wellington College: Henry Ellwood, Isaac Thompson, Henry Robinson, Lewis Kenworthy, Hugh McConnell, Matthew Fernie

Junior Girls: 2nd Wellington Girls: Juju Moorhead, Hannah Wade, Xanthe Wong, Hadassah Humphries, Emily Eastwood, Jasmin Pohvilainen

Junior Boys: 2nd Alex MacBeth, Xavier James, Tom Pescini, Sam Bulbulia Smart, Ben Cook, Archie Tulloch

Senior Girls: 2nd Ava Sutherland, Annabel Tuck, Maia Holden, Issy de Hair, Giselle Kenworthy, Grace Lucas

Wellington Interprovincial Cross Country Relay Championships Podium Team Results

✓ **Year 9 Girls 3rd** - Lucy Mabin, Sophie Hoar, Mei von Dadelszen, Olivia McDowell

✓ **Year 9 Boys 3rd** - Sebastian Champion, Jacob Rice, Henry Elwood, Leo Hynick

✓ **Year 9 Mixed Team 3rd** - Cam Starr, Elodie Dent, Sarah Zhou, Leo Hynick

✓ **Junior Mixed Team 1st** - Tom Pescini, Zoe Hilton, Xanthe Wong, Lachlan Maclean

✓ **Junior Girls 1st** - Madison Wos, Juju Moorhead, Hannah Wade, Emma Lowden

✓ **Senior Boys 2nd** - Connor Kemp, Callum Wos, Wilson Li, Joe Martin

✓ **Senior Girls 3rd** - Poppy Healy, Jessie McKenzie, Maia Holden, Ava Sutherland

New Zealand Marathon Championship: Women 1st Debbie Donald 2:46:30

New Zealand Road 5.0km Championships May 2024: Men: 1st Eric Speakman 14:10



Athletics NZ National Cross-Country Championships, Napier - 3 August

A team of 41 Wellington representative managed by Zac Milne and Julie Richards toed the start line at Mission Estate Vineyards for the 2024 Athletics NZ Cross Country Championships.

Senior Toby Gualter [Olympic] was 2nd placed Senior men's race 10km with a strong performance finishing 15 secs a drift of winner Connor Melton [CAN] in 32.22.2. Gualter, Eric Speakman (8th) Max Taylor (22nd) & Hiro Tanimoto (24th) scored a bronze medal for the AW team.

Senior Women's 10km: Maia Flint [Vic Uni] the sole Wellington team rep placed a creditable 7th overall. In the Masters Men 50+, winner Paul Hewitson lead in all in his division over the 8000m race in 29.17. Seth Campbell, Whana Gordon and Butch Borlase supported Paul to claim the Men's 50+ teams gold medal.

Masters Men 65+: Medals to Todd Kriebel (silver) & Tony Price (bronze) in 26.48.2 and 27.22.0 over 6km

Masters Women's 50-65: Katie Jenkins (silver) & Bridget Douglas (bronze) as individuals were joined

Women's 50-65 Teams Gold: Jenkins, Douglas, Michelle van Looy (7th) & Victoria Humphries (8th). Humphries was

Women's 60-64 division 2nd placegetter. Top Masters Men's 35-49: Eddy Charlton-Weedy 5th

Top Masters Women's in MW 35-49 was Ayesha Shafi 4th overall and 1st in 35-39 divisions

Boys 14 Age grade: Matt Meiklejohn took a bronze.

Under 18 Men and Women they both secured team medals.

W18 Bronze: Poppy Healy (10th), Lucy Hannah (16th), Maia Holden (20th) and Issy de Hair (21st)

M18 Bronze: Conor Kemp (5th), Jag Willers (8th), Desmond Reddy (10th), and Logan Hopfler (21st)

Under 20 Women Ava Sutherland top finisher 7th, and in Men's 20 a team Bronze to Max Doherty (9th) Luca Evett (15th),

Lorcan Rabbitte (16th) Wilson Li (18th)

National Cross Country Club Relay Championships - 4 August

On day two of the New Zealand Championships the at National Interclub Cross Country Club Relay event for Mixed Relay Teams to contest the event of 4 x 2000m. The Wellington club of Olympic Harrier and Athletic Club performed exceptionally well across the range of events. Top Wellington club results were

Mixed Masters 50-64 years

1st Olympic Harriers A • B. Borlase, M. Van Looy, D. Gordan, K. Jenkins

2nd WHAC – A • S. Campbell, V. Humphries, P. Hewitson, B. Douglas

Senior Social B relay: 1st Trentham United – A • M. Meiklejohn, K. Wealleans, F. Robinson, T. Millar

2nd WHAC B • M. Waterworth, A. Carver, D. Clendon, A. Shafi

Under 16: 1st Olympic Harriers – 'B' • J. Gregory, J. Moorhead, T. Pescini, H. Wade

Under 18: 3rd Olympic Harriers – 'A' • L. Hopfler, M. Holden, C. Kemp, L. Hannah

Under 20: 1st Olympic Harriers – 'A' • R. Mackay, E. Lowden, M. Doherty, A. Sutherland

3rd WHAC 'A' • W. Li, L. Davies, L. Evett, S. Anderson

Wellington Athletes at National Ultra Events

NZ Long Course 100km Trail Championship, Woodside Train Station, Greytown – Upper Hutt

Men: 1st Sam Hansby [WHAC], 2nd Josh Campbell [Trentham] *unaffiliated*, 3rd Andy Crosland [Hutt Valley HC]

Women: 2nd Lara Zoeller [Wellington Scottish], 3rd Richele McKenzie [Wellington Scottish]

non-Championships 50km: 1st Ryan Woolley 5:04:52, 2nd Edd Charlton-Weedy 5:11:37, 3rd Chester Holt-Quick 5:21:22.

Athletics NZ National Road Championships, Timaru.

Only a small team of nine athletes went to Timaru for the National 10km Road championships held at the later date than previous years on 26 October. Top performers were Lorcan Rabbitte Men 20 with silver in 32.09.7 and Paul Hewitson taking 2nd in the 50-64 division and 1st in M60+ in a time of 37.23.7.

Kumiko Otani (36:52.70) and Maia Flint (36:59.30) placed 5th and 6th respectively in the Women's race.

Athletics NZ National Road Relay Championships, Taupo

Athletics Wellington clubs provided 28% of the teams and with some clear dominance with podium results as follows

- ✓ **Senior women 54.7km** 7 persons 2nd **Wellington Harrier Athletic Club 3:34:21**
- ✓ **Masters Women 35-49 54.7km** 7 persons 1st **Wellington Scottish** 2nd **WHAC 3:59:50,**
- ✓ **Junior women under 20 36.0 km** 6 persons 2nd **Olympic 2:24:09**
- ✓ **Masters' men 50-59 54.7km** 7 persons 1st **Wellington Scottish 4:30:27,** 3rd **, WHAC 4:34:30**
- ✓ **Master men 60-69 36km** 6 persons 1st **Wellington Scottish 2:31:10,**
- ✓ **Masters' men 70+ 18km** 3 persons 2nd **WHAC 1:31:52**
- ✓ **Men under 16 15.8km** 4 persons 3rd **Olympic 56:34**
- ✓ **Women under 16 15.8km** (2 x 3.3km, 2 x 4.6km): 1st **Olympic 1:02:25,**



- ✓ Boys under 14 9.9km 3 persons non-championship 1st Trentham 39:14, 2nd Wellington Scottish 43:31,
- ✓ Race Walk 4 x 6.7km non-Championship: 1st Trentham 3:12:58, 2nd Wellington Scottish 3:14:48,
Top Club Award: 2nd Wellington Scottish 50, 3rd Wellington Harrier Athletic Club 46.

Athletics NZ Ultra Championships, Hagley Park Christchurch

- ✓ Vivian Cheng 3rd 100km Championships

NZ Long Course 100km Trail Championship, Woodside Train Station, Greytown – Upper Hutt

- ✓ Men: 1. Sam Hansby [WHAC] 2. Andy Crosland [Hutt Valley HC]
- ✓ Women: 2. Lara Zoeller [Wellington Scottish] 3. Richele McKenzie [Wellington Scottish]
- ✓ NC 50km; Ryan Woolley 5:04:52, Edd Charlton-Weedy 5:11:37, Chester Holt-Quick 5:21:22.

TRACK and FIELD

Athletics Wellington Secondary School Athlete medallist at 2024 NZSS Track & Field and Road Race - Timaru

Albert O'Brien	Onslow College	1st	Junior Boys	Para 2km Road Race
Analin Rudd	Samuel Marsden College	1st	Senior Girls	Triple Jump
Ava Sutherland	Wellington Girls College	1st	Senior Girls	4km Road Race
Conor Sharkey	St Patricks College Silverstream	1st	Junior Boys	Hammer Throw
Heath Abbot	Wellington College	1st	Senior Boys	Hammer Throw
Hugo Jones	Scots College	1st	Senior Boys	High Jump
Jag Willers	St Patricks College Wellington	1st	Senior Boys	2000m Steeplechase
Joe Martin	Wellington College	1st	Senior Boys	800m
Lachie Dunbar	Wairarapa College	1st	Junior Boys	Para Javelin Throw
Lachie Dunbar	Wairarapa College	1st	Junior Boys	Para Discus Throw
Lachie Dunbar	Wairarapa College	1st	Junior Boys	Para Shot Put
Mikayla Sola	Hutt Valley High School	1st	Senior Girls	Hammer Throw
Olivia Clay-McDowell	Kapiti College	1st	Junior Girls	3km Road Race
Rebecca Bailey	St Orans College	1st	Senior Girls	Javelin Throw
Relay	Wellington College	1st	Senior Boys	4 x 100m
Teams Road Race	Scots College	1 st	Junior Girls	3 persons team
Teams Road Race	Wellington Girls College	1 st	Senior Girls	3 persons team
Audrey Thorburn	Wellington East Girls College	2nd	Junior Girls	Javelin Throw
Emma Lowden	Samuel Marsden College	2nd	Junior Girls	3km Road Race
Lachie Dunbar	Wairarapa College	2nd	Junior Boys	Para 100m
Luke Jarvis	Paraparaumu College	2nd	Senior Boys	100m
Luke Jarvis	Paraparaumu College	2nd	Senior Boys	200m
Lyon Rodger	Rathkeale College	2nd	Senior Boys	Long Jump
Maddison McLean	St Mary's College Welington	2nd	Senior Girls	2000m Steeplechase
Maddison Wos	Sacred heart College Wellington	2nd	Junor Girls	1500m
Naomi Waite	Wellington Girls College	2nd	Senior Girls	High Jump
Samasoni Hewitt	St Patricks College Silverstream	2nd	Senior Boys	High Jump
Taylor Sutton	St Mary's College Welington	2nd	Junior Girls	2000m Race Walk
Toby Ireland	Hutt Valley High School	2nd	Junior Boys	Para 1500m & 2k Road Race
Troy Waldrom	St Patricks College Silverstream	2nd	Junior boys	Discus Throw
Teams Road Race	Scots College	2nd	Year 9	3 person teams
Analin Rudd	Samuel Marsden College	3rd	Senior Girls	Long Jump
Asher Robertson	Hutt International Boys School	3rd	Senior Boys	Long Jump
George Gray	Wellington College	3rd	Senior Boys	Javelin Throw
Juju Moorhead	Wellington Girls College	3rd	Junior Girls	3km Road Race
Lucy Mabin	Wellington Girls College	3rd	Junior Girls	3km Road Race
Lyon Rodger	Rathkeale College	3rd	Senior Boys	Triple Jump
Olivia Clay-McDowell	Kapiti College	3rd	Junior Girls	3000m
Poppy Healy	Queen Margret College	3rd	Senior Girls	1500m
Relay	Wellington College	3rd	Junior Boys	4 x 400m
Tom Hughson	Wellington College	3rd	Junior Boys	200m



Athletics New Zealand Track & Field Championships 2025 – Dunedin

A team of 54 including 3 Para athletes from Wellington represented the Centre at the 2025 four day Championships for Seniors Under 20, Under 18 and under 16 year athletes. All podium results are listed here The team was managed by Julie Richards, Andrea Harris and Zac Milne.

Medal Winners Day . 1

- 🏆 Maddison McLean WU18 Steeples **3rd** 7.06.21 **PB**
- 🥈 Asher Robertson MU18 High Jump **2nd** 1.81m
- 🥉 Meletonga Makisi WU16 Hammer **2nd** 35.38m
- 🥈 Monty Fairbrother MU16 Triple **2nd** 12.01m -0.4 **PB**
- 🥇 Mia Thomson WU16 3000m **1st** 9.56.68
- 🥈 Olivia Clay-McDowell WU16 3000m **2nd** 9.57.75
- 🥈 Asher Robertson MU18 300mH Final **2nd** 39.85
- 🥇 Luke Jarvis MU18 100m **1st** Final 10.94 +2.8
- 🥈 Asher Robertson MU18 Long **2nd** 6.60m +1.8
- 🥈 Toby Gualter Men's 5000m **2nd** 14.04.49

Medal Winners Day . 2

- 🥇 Conor Sharkey MU16 Hammer **1st** 52.61m
- 🥈 Monty Fairbrother MU16 High Jump **3rd** 1.62m
- 🥈 Men's U20 4 x 100m Relay **2nd** 43.47
[Z. Ziogas, R. Mallon, L. Rodger, L. Lambert]
- 🥈 Luke Jarvis MU18 200m final **2nd** 22.37 +1.5
- 🥈 Sacha Kilmister WU18 200m final **3rd** 25.82 +1.1
- 🥇 Alexander MacBeth MU18 800m **1st** 1.55.16
- 🥈 Blake Miscall MU18 800m **2nd** 1.55.75
- 🥇 Joe Martin MU 20 800m **1st** 1.52.93
- 🥈 Phoebe Edwards Women's Long **2nd** 6.02m +2.0m
- 🥈 Keegan Sharkey MU20 Javelin **2nd** 55.08m

- 🥈 Kosta Mills Men's 800m **2nd** 1.54.13

- 🥇 MU 18 4x 100m Relay **1st** 43.61
[R. Poutama, M. Lewer, A. Robertson, L. Jarvis]

Medal Winners Day . 3

- 🥈 Lyon Rodger MU20 Long Jump 2nd 6.92m +2.9
- 🥇 Alexander MacBeth MU18 1500 **1st** 3.58.99
- 🥈 Elizabeth Hewitt Women's Hammer **2nd** 57.99m
- 🥈 Mia Thomson WU16 1500m **2nd** 4.39.40
- 🥇 Olivia Clay- McDowell WU16 1500m **3rd** 4.39.57

Medal Winners Day . 4

- 🥇 Joe Martin MU20 1500m final **1st** 3.58.45
- 🥇 Men U18 4 x 400m Relay **3rd** 3.30.06
[B. Miscall, M. Lewer, C. Arthur, A. MacBeth]
- 🥈 Rebecca Baily WU20 Javelin **2nd** 42.48m
- 🥈 Keagan Sharkey MU20 Shot Put **2nd** 13.49m
- 🥇 Heath Abbot MU20 Hammer Throw **1st** 59.37m
- 🥇 Imogen Skelton Women's High Jump **1st** 1.81m
- 🥈 Nikora Wharehinga-Sime MU20 Hammer **2nd** 49.30m
- 🥈 Anna Fraser Women's Triple Jump **2nd** 12.07 -0.7
- 🥈 Lyon Rodger MU20 Triple **2nd** 14.06m +2.4
- 🥈 Joshua Tia Men's17-19 100m Para T64 **2nd** 13.15 +1.6 80.68%

North Island Secondary Schools Championships 2025 – Hamilton

Team Leaders: Brian Seymour and Julie Richards

First Placings (16)

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| Nova Tupai | JB 300m 36.96sec (NISS Record) | Mia Thomson JG 3000m 10m.08.52sec; 1500m 4m 41.03 |
| lite Alaifea | JG 80m Hurdles 12.50sec | Matthew Meiklejohn JB 800m 2m 05.82; 1500m 4m 17.8sec |
| Zaiden Filemu | JB 100m 11.62sec; JB 200m 23.82sec | George Gray SB Javelin 50.85m |
| Cedric Solo | JB 80m Hurdles 12.00sec | Glennis Ah Fua IG Shot Put 13.35m |
| Ruby Tourelle | IG High Jump 1.65m | Conor Sharkey IB Hammer 48.15m |
| Bella Coxon | IG Javelin 32.89m | Ruby Lasini SG Long Para 2.35m |
| Rebecca Bailey | SG Javelin 43.37m | |

Second Placing (13)

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|-------------------|---|--|
| Monica Paese | JG 100m 12.79sec; JG 200m 26.04sec | Ryder Markov IB High Jump 1.88m |
| Zaiden Filemu | JB High 1.74 ; JB Long 5.61m | Meletonga Makisi JG Hammer 45.48m |
| Ruby Lasini | SG Jav Para 16,18m; Shot Para 6.85m | Kace Fata Tolai SB Hammer 37.01m |
| Eve Mason | IG 80m H 12.14sec | Olivia Clay-McDowell IG 3000m 10m.09.02sec |
| JB 4 x 100m Relay | 46.56 (Nova Tupai, Rocky Gardiyawasam, Amos Fountain, Zaiden Filemu) | |
| IB 4 x 400m relay | 3m 39.47sec (Nova Tupai, Finlay Robinson, Matthew Meiklejohn, Guy Lester) | |

Third Placings (14)

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| Ovin Angamma JB 3000m 9m 41.52 | Nova Tupai JB 100m 11.73sec |
| Jack Gregory IB 3000m 9m 17.68sec | Harriet Young JG 1500m 4m 42.16sec |
| Olivia Clay-McDowell IG 1500m 4m 40.55sec | Audrey Thorburn IG Javelin 32,35m |
| Alex Ross IB Javelin 43.96m | Ella Mear IG Triple 10.42m |
| Giovanni Cusin-Tavite JB Hammer 29.55m | Sacha Kilmister SG 400m 58.88sec |
| Isabel Tolia SG Discus 36,47m | Isla Hughes SG Hammer 40.45m |
| Desmond Reddy SB 3000m 8m 52.62 | Layton Powell-Young SB Javelin 48.46m |
| Kace Fata Tolai SB Discus 46.31m | |



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