

Newsletter - April 2026

To All Clubs and Members

Happy Easter to our Athletics community and congratulations to all clubs, athletes, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers who have made our summer a success locally.



Board Update

During the summer we have seen several changes to the Athletics Wellington Board composition. In November Nick Hegan and Abi Skelton took over as co-Chairs after Andrew Rook stood down and Sherralynne Smith was appointed to the board. At the March meeting Venkat Reddy resigned from the board, and Claire George indicated she was standing down to focus on her own sport. Nick Hegan is to be commended for his work to lead the adoption of the new constitution. We have been fortunate to welcome Todd Krieble to the board. Todd was appointed and elected as the new Chairperson at the recent March meeting. Todd's message to members is...

Kia ora everyone

I'm honoured to step into the role of Athletics Wellington Chair. As a lifelong runner and recent chair of Wellington Harrier Athletic Club I look forward to listening and building on the great work underway. It feels like there is a bit of a renaissance moment for athletics we can really capitalise on at club and regional level.

Please reach out if there is anything you'd like to discuss.

Ngā mihi Todd



Athletics Wellington Annual Awards 2026

Tickets for the Annual Awards dinner are on sale now at the link below. The 2026 Annual Awards dinner will once again be hosted and supported by the Petone Working Men's Club, 45-47 Udy Street, Petone. We look forward to celebrating our achievers for the Year of 2025. Finalists will be named soon

DINNER TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE at \$60.00 [HERE](#)

UPCOMING Winter Events

- **Saturday 18th April 7.00pm – Kaukau Skyline Traverse**
This is the Athletics NZ & Wellington Mt Running Championships
The event is open to Public and Members
All Information and Entry Links are [HERE](#)

- **Wednesday 22nd April 7.00pm – Inaugural Night Cross Country at Macalister Park**
Start times are **7.15pm** for 1.5km course and **7.30pm** for 3.0km course.
Entry is open to all members and public. Enter [HERE](#) via Roster and enjoy a new challenge to start your winter.



The Annual Winter Series commences in May with the following events. See full details [HERE](#)

- Shaw Baton Relay – Saturday 2 May
- University Cross Country Relay - Saturday 9 May
- Vosseler Shield – Saturday 23 May – This will be on a new course at Sinclair Park Houghton Bay

School events in partnership with **College Sport Wellington** are this winter are

- CSW Relays – Wakefield Park - Tuesday 12 May
- CSW Cross Country Champs - Harcourt Park - Thursday 28 May
- NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships – Trentham Memorial Park - Saturday 20 June
- NZ SS Inter-Regional Cross Country Relay Championships – Trentham Memorial Park - Sunday 21 June
- CSW Road Relays – Trentham Memorial Park - Wednesday 23 July

Athletics Wellington - SAS Apparel

Athletics Wellington is now proudly partnered by **SAS Sports** as our official apparel supplier. All members and supporters are welcome to purchase Athletics Wellington branded merchandise from the following online shop. **Click on the SAS graphic to order online.** Note production initially is by orders made. Competition singlets are still only available to Wellington representative by ordering at info@athleticswellington.org.nz





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Club Membership

1 April signals the beginning of another membership year for all club members. We urge clubs to encourage athletes to register with Club, Centre and Athletics NZ. Membership is the important element of allowing our community to be included at all levels and as we commence another year .

We remind clubs again that you can promote a range of membership options to your potential members as the new financial year commences. Clubs can get support from Athletics NZ to ensure your Game Day platform is set up correctly. Membership options are

- **Annual Full Member: 6 Years & Under**
- **Quarterly Member: 6 Years & Under Q3 & Q4**
- **Annual Full Member: 7 - 14 Years**
- **Quarterly Member: 7- 14 Years**
- **Annual Youth Member: 15 -19 Years (Competitive)**
- **Quarterly Youth Member 15 - 19 Years (Competitive) Q1 & Q2**
- **Quarterly Youth Member 15 - 19 Years (Competitive) Q3 & Q4**
- **Annual Competitive Member: Age 20 - 22 years**
- **Annual Competitive Adult Member: 23 Years & Over**
- **Adult Winter Season Member: 20 Yrs & Over [Competitive]**
- **Social Members: 15 Years & Over (non-Competitive)**

NOTE: Q1 - Quarter 1 1 April – 30 June

Athlete Achievements

Congratulations to our athletes selected to represent New Zealand in arrange of New Zealand teams and those who have recently represented Wellington in two major track & field events in Auckland

WORLD Indoor Championships, Kujawy-Pomorzé POLAND

- ✓ **Alison Andrews-Paul 800m** [Athletics Wairarapa] – *placed 6th in Semi-final 3 - 2:01.38 SB - 15th out 32 athletes*

2026 NZ Secondary Schools team to Australian Track & Field Championships, Brisbane

- ✓ **George Gray** – Wellington College - Javelin
- ✓ **Alex MacBeth** - Wellington College - 800m 1500m
- ✓ **Troy Waldrom** - St Patricks Silverstream - 100m. 200m
- ✓ **Asher Robertson** – Hutt International Boys School - Decathlon (Sydney)

2026 Oceania Championships, Darwin, AUSTRALIA

Seniors

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| ✓ Rebecca Bailey | <i>(Mana Amateur Athletic Club)</i> | Javelin |
| ✓ Elizabeth Hewitt | <i>(Mana Amateur Athletic Club)</i> | Hammer |
| ✓ Imogen Skelton | <i>(Wellington Harrier Athletic Club)</i> | High Jump |
| ✓ Anna Fraser | <i>(Mana Amateur Athletic Club)</i> | Triple Jump |
| ✓ Hugo Jones | <i>(Wellington Harrier Athletic Club)</i> | High Jump |
| ✓ Kosta Mills | <i>(Athletics Wairarapa)</i> | 800m |

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| ✓ Alex Ross | Upper Hutt Athletic Club | Javelin |
| ✓ Conor Sharkey | Upper Hutt Athletic Club | Hammer |
| ✓ Monty Fairbrother | Wairarapa Track and Field | Triple Jump |
| ✓ Alex Macbeth | Olympic Harrier & Athletic Club | 1500m, 800m |
| ✓ Mia Thomson | Kapiti Running and Tri Club | 3000m |

2026 World Under 20 Championships, Eugene, USA

- ✓ **Joe Martin** Wellington Scottish 800m

NZL Track & Field Championships, Waitakere, Auckland

- ✓ A team of 68 competed at the Nationals for 21 Gold Medals 14 Silver and 13 Bronze medals

North Island Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships, Papakura, Auckland

- ✓ A large team of over 90 athletes represented Wellington across the three grades at the North Island Schools in Papakura bringing back to the region almost 60 medals

Education Courses

Coaching: A big thank you to all the participants that have attended the CAD level 1 Throws coaching course facilitated by Shaka Sola in February

Officiating: Planning is underway for a proposed Out of Stadia Course in June - venue and details tbc