



Newsletter #44

Results and news from Wednesday 19th to Wednesday 26th June 2019

Last week's Anderson Rally held in Dannevirke appears to have been an outstanding event with 126 athletes competing in the revised event.

Napier Harriers and Feilding Moa Harriers, the two clubs that combined to host the event, provided the bulk of the entries but there was good support from other clubs. The most pleasing aspect of the meeting would be the support it received from the Dannevirke Community with many donations of prizes received and hireage charges being waived.

The local athletes who achieved podium places (all Feilding Moa unless noted). The under 7 girls ran over 1k and saw Lailani Hassen first across the line followed by Hazel Pearson. The 2.5k races saw Sarah Addenbrooke take out the under 11 girls race whilst in the under 11 boys race, Will Sablerolle-Stone was first and Jacob Hassen second. Riza Hassen was second and Millie Evans third in the under 13 girls race whilst Charlie Hook claimed the victory in the boys race. Palmerston North Athletic's Kimberley Walsh was second in the under 15 girl's race with Lucy Evans third. Cameron Walker was second in the boys race.

The 5k races saw Stephanie Walker second and Bella Ives third in the under 18 women's race, whilst Andre Le Pine-Day claimed victory in the men's under 18 race. The Masters grade results saw Juanita Paterson winner of the MW40 grade, Vicki Whiteman first and Dale McMillan (PNAHC) second in the MW50 grade. Manawatu Striders Christene Brown was the MW55 winner. Bradyn Popow (PNAHC) was the first walker to complete the 5k with Darren Parlato second and Douglas Maddison (Striders) third.

Kevin Rolls was first to complete the 7.5k course to take out the M65 grade event whilst the M70 grade saw Colin Clark first and Roger Woodruffe second. The senior men and younger master's grade runners competed over 10k and it saw Palmerston North Athletic club members take out the first two places with victory going to David Lovelock with Mark Searle second and Josh Dunfa Brown third. Brad Pearson was second in the M35 grade whilst in the M40 race Mark Evans received the winners medal with Hisan Wahab from Manawatu Striders second.

Victory proved elusive for local runners in both the M45 and M50 races with Michal Ives finishing second and Rob Petch third in the M45 grade and Andrew Davenport (PNAHC) second and Paul Wasley third filling similar positions in the M50 grade

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At the Oceania Championships in Townsville Ben Langton-Burnell was unable to produce his best finishing in fifth place with a best effort of 66.80m. The competition was certainly top class with the Australia's Nash Lowis the 2018 world under 20 champion winning the competition with a 79.10m throw.



The second day of the championship was a great one for us with Hamish Kerr equalling the New Zealand record when he cleared 2.30m to win the Oceania title a 5cm personal best. He had shown he was in good form when he cleared 2.24m to win the pre-championship event.



Another athlete to achieve a big personal best was Jordan Peters who leapt 7.61m to claim the silver medal in the men's long jump.



Photos from the Oceania Athletics Association Facebook page which were taken by Casey Sims (event photographer)

Anne Thomson who was over in Townsville as one of the team coaches would be on a big high as she has played an important role in the coaching of both Hamish and Jordan. Hamish is now based in Christchurch where he is coached by Terry Lomax, but during his time in Palmerston North he was coached by Anne. It was during his time here that they made the big call to taking a season off and address issues that were resulting in injuries. A lot of hard work that is now paying off. Hamish's effort has now qualified him for the World Championships.

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Looking to the next competitions, we have Hamish Kerr travelling from Townsville to Naples to compete in the high jump at the

World University Games, whilst Brayden Grant will be travelling to Samoa in mid-July to compete in the 400m at the Pacific Games.

Close to home it is Cross Country Championship time with Feilding Moe holding their championships on Saturday 29 June. Taupo is the venue on 6 July for the North Island Cross Country Championships, with 13 July being the date for the Athletics Manawatu Wanganui Championships which are being hosted by Feilding Moe. For the track athletes the second round of the winter series is being held in Masterton on Sunday 14 July.