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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kia ora koutou,

As my two-year term as President comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an eye-opening and rewarding journey. Stepping into this role has given me a deeper appreciation for the governance side of our sport, distinct from the day-to-day operations, and I've learned so much from the dedicated people around me.

Athletics New Zealand has undergone significant change over the past two years. The appointment of Cam Mitchell as CE and the introduction of a refreshed organisational structure have been well received, particularly at the grassroots level. These changes have helped position Athletics NZ as a leader among national sporting organisations.

This past year, our pinnacle international events the Olympic and Paralympic Games were a true highlight. Alongside these, we saw a vibrant domestic track and field season, with national meets taking place across the country. It's been fantastic to witness a growing number of Kiwi athletes competing on the world stage, with some of the largest teams we've ever sent to major events. The results from both the Olympics and Paralympics were outstanding, and we're excited to see what the future holds.

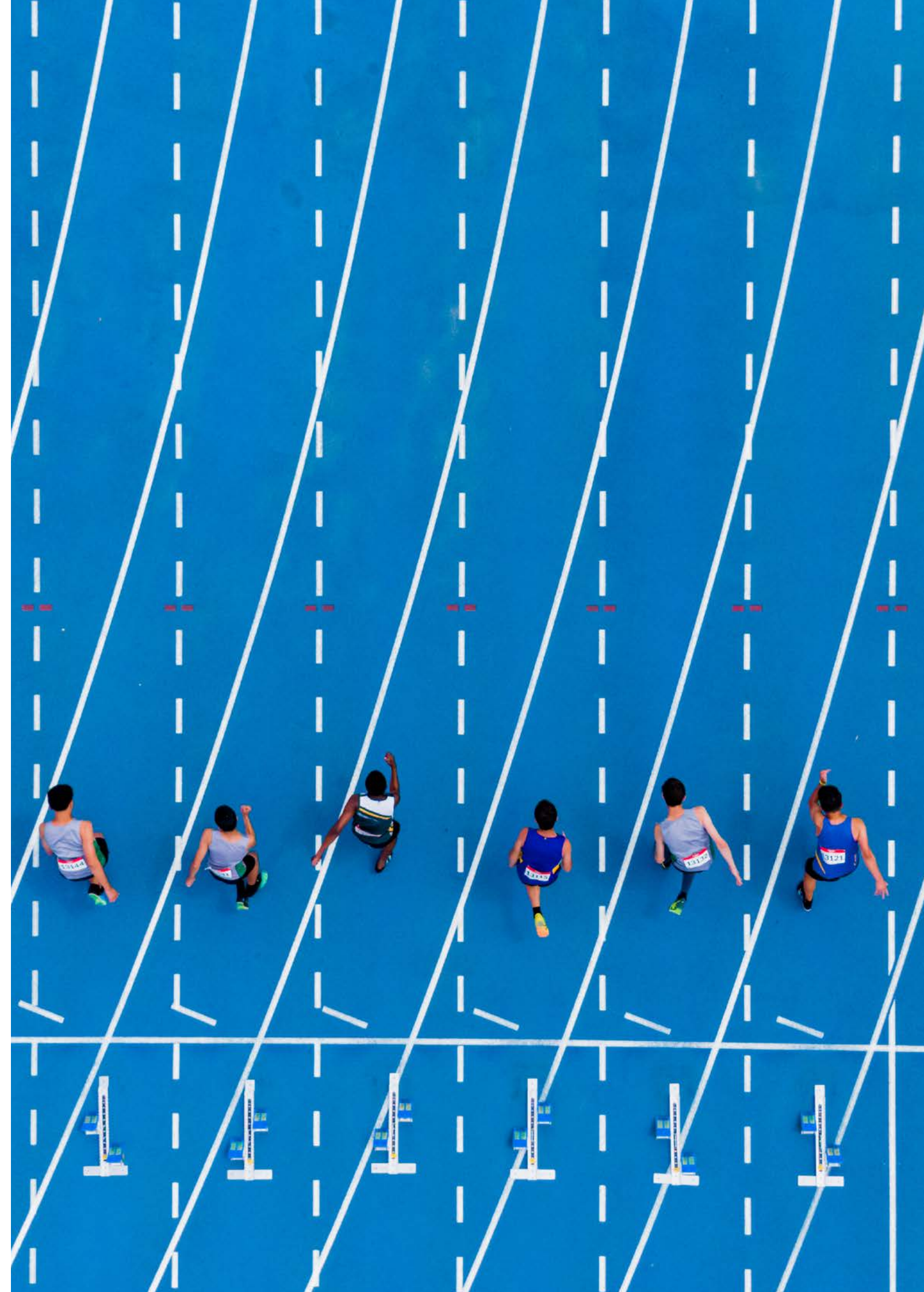
I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, officials, coaches, club and centre committees, and supporters. Your tireless efforts are the backbone of our sport, and without you, we wouldn't be thriving the way we are.

A special thank you also goes to our sponsors, funders and supporters. Your continued support is invaluable and makes a real difference to our athletes and the wider athletics community.

To the Board and the Athletics NZ staff, thank you for your dedication and hard work. It's been a privilege to serve alongside you, and I've truly appreciated the support I've received during my time on the Board.

I'm excited for what lies ahead, especially with the World Championships, World Para Championships, and the World Mountain and Trail Championships soon on the horizon. The future of our sport is bright, and I look forward to continuing to support it in new ways.

Thanks,
Sharee Jones



CHAIR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

It is our pleasure to present the 137th Annual Report for Athletics New Zealand, reflecting a year of significant progress, transformation, and momentum across our sport.

This past year has been defined by strategic clarity and purposeful action. Building on the momentum of our strategic reset in 2023, we have laid the foundations for long-term transformation through the development of our Statement of Strategic Intent (2024–2032). This document sets our direction for the next decade, guiding our efforts to modernise our business, grow our reach, and deliver great athletics experiences for all.

To support this vision, we implemented an Integrated Business Plan and launched a detailed marketing strategy. We also created a five-year Revenue Strategy, which provides a clear commercial roadmap to increase self-generated earnings. These foundational moves are already enabling us to reinvest more confidently in the development of our sport.

GROWING INVOLVEMENT ACROSS AOTEAROA

One of our proudest achievements this year has been the expansion of our Regional Development Workforce. We now have development staff in all 11 Centres, placing our people closer to the athletes, clubs, coaches, and communities they serve. This shift has significantly enhanced local visibility and support, and has been warmly received across the country.

Membership has grown by 9.4%, reaching 20,423 members. This growth was seen in 10 of our 11 Centre Districts, with Northland leading the way with a 72% increase, driven by targeted development efforts and the establishment of new clubs. Other regions such as Auckland, Manawatū/Whanganui, Southland, Taranaki, Tasman, and Canterbury also saw strong gains.

We continued to focus on youth engagement, recognising the drop-off in participation around age 15. In response, we continued to trial initiatives such as LAUNCH

Athletics, Girls in Athletics, and strengthened partnerships with schools. Our involvement in regional school events, teacher professional development, and the Athletics for Everybody campaign has helped build stronger pathways from school to club participation.

STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM

We invested heavily in the development of coaches, volunteers, and officials. Over the past year, 391 coaches attended ANZ Foundation and CAD Level 1 courses, resulting in a 49% increase in Community Coach Membership. We trained 221 new officials, supported by the rollout of the ANZOES Officials Scheme, and continued to address the challenges of volunteer retention through targeted campaigns and support resources.

Programme delivery also saw significant innovation. We expanded Run, Jump, Throw (RJT) courses and teacher PD sessions, and developed Ahēi, our new digital platform for programme and coach education. Scheduled for launch in 2025–26, Ahēi will make our programmes more accessible and user-friendly. We also became the first World Athletics member federation to launch a co-joint e-learning platform, integrating global and local content to support coaches, officials, and administrators.

To support these initiatives, we appointed a Technology Lead and implemented a Technology Strategy, overseeing key infrastructure upgrades.

We continued to provide strategic support for club governance, safeguarding, and compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act. Our Development Team has played a key role in activating Centres, improving communication, and strengthening relationships with stakeholders such as Regional Sports Trusts and schools.

ELEVATING EVENTS AND VISIBILITY

Our events programme reached new heights this year. We formed dedicated teams for Track & Field and Out of Stadia events, delivering 24 National Championships and launching the Summer Circuit, which saw a significant increase in fan engagement both in venue and on screens. We proudly hosted the 60th Rotorua Marathon, a milestone celebration.

We also began exploring the feasibility of hosting World Athletics events in Aotearoa. While facility limitations remain a challenge, this work will continue as part of our long-term vision.

HIGH PERFORMANCE ON THE WORLD STAGE

New Zealand athletes shone brightly on the international stage in 2024. We exceeded High Performance Sport NZ medal targets at both the Olympics and Paralympics, securing a funding uplift for the LA28 cycle. Our teams represented New Zealand at a wide range of global events, including:

- The Olympics and Paralympics in Paris
- The World U20 Track & Field Championships in Peru
- The World Indoors in Nanjing, China
- The Para World Championships in Kobe, Japan
- The Oceania Championships in Suva, Fiji
- The IAU 100K World Championships in Bangalore, India
- The Asia Oceania 24hr Championships in Canberra, Australia
- The World Race Walk Teams Trophy in Antalya, Turkey
- The Australian Race Walk Championships in Adelaide
- The Oceania Half Marathon Championships in Gold Coast

These achievements reflect the depth of talent and the strength of our high performance systems, and we are proud of the athletes, coaches, and support staff who made them possible.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into the 2025/26 season, our focus will be on delivering our Revenue Strategy, our Technology Strategy, and modernising our business. We will elevate our events strategy, and continue to grow our Para sport pipeline. Supporting our clubs and Centres to thrive under new compliance and governance frameworks will remain a top priority.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, staff, partners, and supporters who make our sport possible. Your passion and commitment are the heartbeat of athletics in Aotearoa. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive, and more exciting future.

Ngā mihi nui,

Cameron Taylor – Chair
Cam Mitchell – Chief Executive

OUR PEOPLE

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Stephen Brown

POOL OF SELECTORS (2024-2025)

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Megan Gibbons
Sarah Cowley Ross

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Kevin Prendergast
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Trevor Spittle (Ex Offico)
Brian Theobald

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Alec McNab QSM
Dave Norris ONZM
Annette Purvis – Acting Convenor

BOARD APPOINTMENTS PANNEL

Clare Kearney (Independent)
Alan McDonald (Club Appointee)
Cameron Taylor (Board)

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE

Andrew Orme – Convenor
John Gamblin
Karen Gillum-Green
Paul Craddock



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Dame Valerie Adams DNZM – World Athletics Athletes’ Commission Chair, World Athletics Council Member, Oceania Athletics Association Council Member, OAA Athletes Commission Chair
Toby Batchelor - World Mountain Running Association Council
Wayne Botha - Member International Association of Ultrarunners Athletics Commission
Chantal Brunner - World Athletics Nominations Panel
John Bowden - World Mountain Running Association Council
Nick Cowan-World Athletics Athlete’s Representative (AR)
Rebecca Foulsham - World Para Athletics Head of Classification
Alan Galbraith QC - World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal 2023-2027
David Howman CNZM - World Athletics Integrity Unit Chair 2023-2027
Ian Hunt - World Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal 2023-2027
Don Mackinnon – Former World Athletics Vetting Panel Chair 2019-2023
Joan Merrilees - Oceania Masters Athletics Council Member
Annette Purvis ONZM - World Athletics Council Member, WA Gender Leadership Taskforce Member, WA Development Commission member
Trevor Spittle - Oceania Athletics Association Council Member
Michael Sutton - World Mountain Running Association Council
Jonathan Wyatt - World Mountain Running Association Council
Raylene Bates - World Para Athletics Sports Commission

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Alec McNab
Rachel Hulls
John Gamblin
Glen Ward

ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND STAFF

Cameron Mitchell – Chief Executive
Lisa Brown – Finance Manager
Susan de Alwis – Administrator (Until January 2025)
Rachel Brown – Office & Accounts Manager (Until December 2024)
Trish Harkins – Accounts & Admin Manager (From January 2025)
Tina Jerrom – Funding and Administration Manager (Until December 2024)

Michael Dawson – Content & Communications Manager (From July 2024)
Mark Pickering – Head of Commercial and Brand (From August 2025)
Shane Rose – Head of Commercial Partnerships and Brand (Until July 2024)
Steve Landells – Media and Communications Manager (Until June 2024)
Kelsey Waters – Marketing Manager (Until May 2024)
Kate Seatter – Marketing & Communications Coordinator (Until March 2025)

Francesca Wilson – Events and Social Media Coordinator (Until November 2024)

Libby McGee – Participation & Systems Manager
Tessa Hunt – Participation & Membership Administrator

Jason Cameron – Head of Out of Stadia Events
John Bowden – Out of Stadia Events Manager
Keegan McCauley – Head of Track & Field Events
Kate Bennett – Track & Field Events Manager

Kirsten Kilmister – National Development Manager (North Island) (From August 2024)
Raylene Bates – National Development Manager (South Island)
Maxine Chappel – Development Manager Auckland & Officials Development (From August 2024)
Kirsty Halliday – Development Manager Northland (From August 2024)
Jordan Peters – Development Officer: Hawkes Bay/Gis-borne (From August 2024)
Eddie Soria – Officials Development Officer: Central (From August 2024)
Kim Mickle – Coach Force Development Manager – Bay of Plenty (From August 2024)
Trevor Spittle – Officials Development Manager

Hamish Meacheam – Community Manager (Until May 2024)
Stuart Savage – Club Development Lead (Until May 2024)
Fiona Maisey – Young People’s Lead (Until May 2024)
Mike Trathen – Coach Development Lead (Until May 2024)

Louie Hadfield – Videographer (Contractor)
Stephen Hollings–Statistician(Until July 2024)(Contractor)
Simon Holroyd–Statistician (From July 2024)(Contractor)
Alisha Lovrich – Photographer and Designer (Contractor)
Murray McKinnon QSM – Correspondent (Contractor)
Blake Weston – Designer (Contractor)

Scott Newman – High Performance Director
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Tim Driesen – HP Athlete Development Leader
Brianna Maynard – HP Team Logistics Manager
Kirsten Hellier – HP Coach Development, Innovation & Throws Lead
Raylene Bates – HP Para Lead
Mariah Ririnui – Environment and Culture Manager
Kim Mickle – Event Groups Project (Until August 2024)
Scott Simpson – Coach Pole Vault (Contractor)
Terry Lomax – Lead Coach–Combined Events & Throws
James Sandilands – Coach Jumps
John Eden – Coach Throws
Hayden Hall – Coach Throws
Dale Stevenson – Coach Throws (Contractor)
Mike Schofield – Coach Throws (Contractor)
Craig Kirkwood – Coach Distance (Contractor)
James Mortimer – Coach Sprints (Contractor)
Nick Cowan – Coach Sprints (Contractor)
Wikus Olivier – Coach Jumps (Contractor))
Scott Simpson – Coach Pole Vault (Contractor)
James Steyn – Coach Pole Vault (Contractor)
Craig Kirkwood – Coach Distance (Contractor)
Maria Hassan–Distance Events Coordinator (Contractor)
John Quinn – Mental Skills (Contractor)

PAST PRESIDENTS

1888/89 C C Corfe
1889/90 T Teschemaker
1890/91 J H B Coates
1891/92 F Wilding
1892/93 H D Bell
1893/94 WS Roberts
1894/95 F Logan
1895/96 F Wilding
1896/97 J F Logan
1897/98 W Empson
1898/99 J Sinclair Thomson
1899/00 H D Bell
1900/01 E C J Stevens
1901/02 E C McCormack
1902/03 W S Roberts
1903/05 J F Grierson
1905/09 W G Attack
1909/10 A Newman
1910/11 A Marryatt
1911-12 L Chaffrey
1912/14 A Marryatt
1914/18 J Pollock
1918/20 A Marryatt
1920/25 A Davies
1925/40 R McVilly
1940/41 C Kitto MBE
1941/43 H Austad CBE
1943/44 C Clark
1944/45 H Towers MBE, OBE
1945/46 G Benson MBE
1946/47 L Tracey
1947/48 R Beattie
1948/49 N McKenzie OBE
1949/50 J Holley
1950/51 A Urquart
1951/52 Sir Jim Barnes MBE
1952/53 J Dickey MBE
1953/54 J Harbut QSM
1954/55 CJ Thompson
1955/56 G Leeder MBE
1956/57 A Malcolm
1957/58 J Matheson
1958/59 CA Blazey OBE, CBE
1959/60 D Hagenson
1960/61 N Jefferson OBE
1961/62 E Lunn MBE
1962/63 GW Jackman OBE
1963/64 J McManemin CBE, QSO
1964/65 E Prince OBE
1965/66 J Drummond
1966/67 LT Bradshaw OBE
1967/68 A Rowse
1968/69 A Melville MBE
1969/70 S McKenzie

1970/71 J Borland
1971/72 L O’Keefe MBE
1972/73 G Lamb
1973/74 EA Taylor
1974/75 A Beveridge
1975/76 G Wiggs
1976/77 GJ Davy OBE
1977/78 ME Jackman MBE
1978/79 W Kennedy
1979/80 D Cowie
1980/81 N Coop MNZM
1981/82 L Searle
1982/83 DM Taylor
1983/84 D Synnott ONZM
1984/85 ARP Eustace QSO
1985/86 R Spence QSM
1986/87 Dr RWG Syme ONZM
1987/88 AR Stevens MNZM
1988/89 BL Smith
1989/90 IH Boyd ONZM
1990/91 J Cornaga
1991/92 DW Mackenzie MNZM
1992/93 R Cain QSM
1993/94 N Read
1994/95 A Wilson
1995/96 I Columbus
1996/97 A Jelley OBE
1997/98 C Mills
1998/99 BS Hunt
1999/00 IM McKinnon QSM
2000/01 GJ McCabe
2001/02 T Spittle
2002/03 A Potts ONZM
2003/04 D Willoughby
2004/05 D Chadderton
2005/06 C Maclachlan
2006/07 LM Blanchet ONZM
2007/08 MJ Oman
2008/09 IM McKinnon QSM
2009/10 J Smart
2010/11 JA Blair MNZM
2011/12 A McNab QSM
2012/13 J McBrearty
2013/14 DS Norris ONZM
2014/15 J Tylden
2015/16 H Tudor
2016/17 P Maunder
2017/18 D Rodger
2018/19 I Babe
2019-20 J Merrilees
2020-21 J Merrilees
2021-22 K Gillum-Green
2022-23 K Gillum Green

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Over the past 12 months, athletics in New Zealand has seen significant and measurable growth across every region, driven by a commitment to capability-building, club development, community outreach, and event delivery.

Many regions saw increases in affiliated club numbers, including five new clubs in Northland, with work underway to re-establish clubs in Taranaki, Manawatū and Gisborne. Membership is trending upwards across the country, with standouts like Manawatū/Whanganui growing 14%, Northland increasing by 72%, and Hawke's Bay/Gisborne adding 40 new members in the last year.

391 coaches were upskilled nationally through RJT, CAD Level 1, and event-specific coaching courses. Waikato/Bay of Plenty alone produced 52 newly qualified coaches, while Otago facilitated 199 development opportunities and upskilled 139 teachers.

Northland launched a Girls in Athletics pilot, and multiple regions have extended coach education into early childhood settings and crossover sports, including netball, football, and rugby. Innovative partnerships, such as those between athletics and other sporting codes, are helping new coaches see how fundamental athletics skills can support wider physical development.

Growth in officiating was another clear success. 211 new officials have completed training this year across the C-grade and introductory levels. Canterbury brought in 25 new C-grade officials under the age of 20, while Otago grew its officiating cohort

from 20 to 98, including 28 student apprentices from the Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure. On the East Coast, virtual officiating education enabled access for remote communities, and several regions introduced out-of-stadia and event-specific courses to meet growing event demands. These developments not only ensure quality delivery but also build a more sustainable officiating pipeline.

Volunteers continue to be the foundation of athletics at every level. In Northland, the number of active volunteers increased eight-fold over the year. Across all major national and regional events, volunteer turnout was strong, with the 2025 New Zealand Track & Field Championships in Dunedin supported by 94 volunteers and 64 officials. Several regions also delivered volunteer recognition initiatives, such as Northland's first virtual awards evening, reinforcing a culture where service and contribution are valued and celebrated.

Para Have-a-Go Days and Special Olympics collaborations took place in Northland, Auckland, Manawatū, Otago, Wellington, Taranaki, and Southland, providing new entry points for tamariki and rangatahi with a disability. Cross-sector partnerships with organisations including the Halberg Foundation, Disability Sport & Recreation Hawke's Bay, The Y Invercargill, saw expanded access to inclusive and adaptive athletics.





NORTHLAND

After years of limited activity, Athletics Northland has re-emerged with renewed energy and purpose. We acknowledge and thank those who kept the Centre going, their commitment laid the foundation for this resurgence. With a new board in the process of being appointed, Athletics Northland has been able to hit the ground running, reigniting momentum and supporting the creation of five new clubs in the 2024–25 season.

A digital presence has been established with the launch of a new website, Facebook and Instagram, and an up-to-date regional events calendar was launched, giving clubs, athletes, and the wider community more ways to stay connected. In another first, the region hosted its inaugural virtual Volunteer Awards, celebrating six recipients and setting the tone for a culture of recognition.

New initiatives like the Girls in Athletics pilot, sprint clinics, and a growing partnership with Ngāti Hine are opening up new ways to deliver athletics across our region. Volunteer numbers have surged from 10 to 80 volunteers and membership has grown by 61%, showing the real momentum behind the sport in Northland.

The return of the North Island Masters Championships to Northland in November 2024 brought high-level competition back to the region, once again powered by the hard work of our dedicated volunteers.

Looking forward to 2025, Whangārei proudly hosted the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships at Barge Park in June, a huge success that showcased both the region's natural beauty and our capability to host national events. A massive thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible, especially Nigel and Judith Stewart from Athletics Whangarei, whose leadership and mahi were invaluable.

Looking ahead, we're excited to offer a strong lineup of development opportunities. Run Jump Throw (RJT) Courses within clubs and schools, Coach Accreditation Development (CAD) courses and an Officials Course. We're also grateful for crucial funding support from Tū Manawa for new RJT kits in four more clubs, which is building solid infrastructure to support the region's ongoing growth.

AUCKLAND

Auckland has seen a strong focus on coach and official development, club support, and community engagement. A four-night officiating course led to eight new C Grade qualifications across track, throws, and jumps, and three RJT and CAD Level 1 courses were delivered across the city. One ACE coach was upskilled in throws, adding capacity to deliver more in the future.

The pre-season Athletics Auckland club engagement workshop helped guide clubs through governance updates, Tū Manawa funding processes, and the Incorporated Societies Act. Sessions on coaching and

operations helped prepare clubs for a more sustainable season ahead.

Maxine Chappell stepped into the Auckland Development Officer role in March 2025 and has hit the ground running. She supported the delivery of a Sports Technology experience for families at MOTAT, sharing how athletics blends with innovation. She also led the delivery of Athletics NZ's first Get Set Go sessions in an early childhood education setting at Barnardos, extending our reach into new spaces and age groups.

HAWKE'S BAY/GISBORNE

Membership in Hawke's Bay/Gisborne rose to 771, with coaching and officiating capacity growing in tandem. Two coaching courses produced 25 new coaches, and two officiating sessions introduced 18 new officials including one delivered via video call to Wairoa, expanding access to becoming qualified.

A short programme in collaboration with Disability Sport Hawke's Bay marked the beginning of more inclusive initiatives, with a four-week programme already locked in for October 2025. Engagement has grown with the Tairāwhiti community, with strong links now in place through Whiti Ora Tairāwhiti.

Major events returned to the region in a big way. The 2024 NZ Cross Country and Relay Championships were hosted at Mission Estate in Napier, and the 2025 North Island Colgate Games brought over 1,000 tamariki to compete. The Potts Classic again proved a valuable stop on the Summer Series circuit.

Events like the Ngāti Porou Primary and Secondary School Championships in Ruatoria showed how athletics connects across generations and geographies, despite challenging access and connectivity in the region. Athletics is still alive and well in some of our most remote communities.

WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

Coach and official development have taken centre stage in Waikato/Bay of Plenty this year. With 52 new coaches trained and 75 officials registered, the region is building a strong foundation for long-term growth.

In the new year, Kim Mickle moved from the Coach Lead role to delivering Coach Force in BOP, adding a focus on the enhancement of quality and engaged coaches in the BOP. Kim also is supporting teacher development to help teachers understand the correct athletic fundamental skills for school sport delivery.

Events have flourished, the Road Relays at Taupō Motorsport Park took on a new

festival-style format, and the 2025 Porritt Classic again delivered strong performances and community support.

The 2025 Rotorua Marathon was a stand-out success. With over 6,000 participants, it offered something for everyone from the Runway Mile and Maraë to Maraë relay, to the full marathon. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with clubs and participants expressing that Athletics NZ's support "feels more present" in their communities.

TARANAKI

Taranaki has shown real momentum this year. Egmont Athletics Club marked its centenary in October, and new events like the Inglewood 150 Jubilee Mile and the Para Have-a-Go Day have opened up more participation opportunities.

A key new initiative of Athletics Taranaki has been a partnership with Taranaki Rugby Football Union to deliver sprint mechanics sessions to young rugby players an example of codes collaborating to grow fundamental movement skills. The Adaptive Athletics Day in March and the All-Abilities Day (TSSSA) expanded access for disabled participants.

Club reactivation is another highlight, with support given to Woodleigh and Kaitake clubs on their path back to affiliation. The calendar was full — from the ANZ 10,000m Championships to memorial meets and school relays, the region hosted events across all levels and ages.

A range of coaching and officiating courses helped support this activity, and new partnerships and athlete Q&A sessions, like the event with Tom Walsh and Michaela Blyde, brought profile and energy to the region.

MANAWATŪ/WHANGANUI

Athletics is growing steadily in Manawatū/Whanganui, with a 14% rise in membership over the past season. Key community partnerships have supported this growth, including the re-establishment of Whanganui Children's Athletics and ongoing support for club mergers, such as Wanganui Harriers and Athletics Club.

Coaching workshops reached over 50 primary school teachers across the region, and inclusive events like the Para Have-a-Go Day and the inaugural Special Olympics Secondary School Regional Athletics event drew strong support. The Para Have-a-Go Day alone welcomed more than 200 participants.

A major success was the partnership between the Athletics NZ Regional Manager, Sport Manawatū, and the

Secondary Schools (particularly host school Palmerston North Girls High) to organise and deliver the MISSA Secondary School Athletics event. With 538 participants, this was its largest turnout ever. Athletics NZ also supported new coach development in collaboration with Sport Manawatū and Sport Whanganui, including participation in a Coach Developer Network and delivery of an official's course in November.

The new AMW Awards event in Feilding drew 70 attendees, recognising excellence across the region. The Cooks Classic Meet marked a return to Cooks Gardens after the resurfacing project, helping restore one of New Zealand's iconic tracks as a hub for regional and national competition.

WELLINGTON

This year, Wellington celebrated one of New Zealand's greatest athletics milestones: James Preston broke Sir Peter Snell's 800m record — a mark that had stood for 62 years — and qualified for the Olympics in the same moment.

Community recognition also featured strongly, with official Eddie Soria winning Community Official of the Year at the Nuku Ora Awards. While the region mourned the passing of Life Member Peter Rendall, his contributions to the sport remain deeply felt.

A strong events calendar included the Capital Classic, the Sola Power Throws meet, and the 10,000m Festival. Coaching and officiating development continued with pole vault and jumps clinics, RJT courses, and a focus on para inclusion with a dedicated Have-a-Go Day.

CANTERBURY

Canterbury continues to be one of the strongest regions for participation and performance. Overall numbers increased again by around 3% with particular growth at Awatea Athletics, which nearly doubled its membership in just its second year of operation.

Community coaching is thriving, with over 50 coaches now assisting across the region. A new Youth Development Squad launched with 36 athletes aged 14–19, and Canterbury also led the way in official development, 25 new C Grade officials under the age of 20 are currently completing accreditation.

Large-scale events were a major success. Canterbury hosted the 2025 NZ Secondary Schools Championships in Timaru, the largest-ever Colgate Games in Christchurch, and sent its biggest-ever team to the NZ Track & Field Champs, winning 110 medals across four days.

Partnerships with Habit Health and targeted outreach to schools that had never previously entered regional competitions also showed the region's commitment to widening access.

TASMAN

Tasman took a major step forward this year with the appointment of a Development Officer, helping strengthen capability across clubs and schools. Hosting duties were also front and centre, with the region delivering the South Island Secondary School Champs in April 2025 and The Spectacle event in December 2024, one of the season's most anticipated experiences.

Coaching capability was boosted through multiple CAD Level 1 courses and an RJT workshop, focusing on key events like sprints, throws, and jumps. This investment is helping shape a more confident, better-supported network of community coaches.

OTAGO

Otago had a standout year as host of the 2025 NZ Track & Field Championships, with 72 local athletes competing and a massive volunteer effort, 94 volunteers and 64 officials contributed to making the event a success.

Officials’ development was a major focus, growing from 20 to 98 registered officials. Among them, 28 students from the Otago Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health - Otago Polytechnic successfully passed the World Athletics apprentice-level exams, helping inject new energy into the sport. Safe-guarding training, qualification upgrades, and

new WAREC bronze-level accreditations all point to a region deeply committed to safe, well-run events.

Athletics Otago also delivered 199 coach development opportunities, trained 139 teachers, and reached over 1,200 participants through outreach outside of interclub competitions. Coach accreditation numbers are up, and the region continues to lead in education and innovation, including a pilot with Special Olympics in preparation for the 2025 Nationals in Christchurch.

SOUTHLAND

Southland has been busy, particularly in schools. In Term 1 alone, nearly 900 children and 35 teachers took part in athletics sessions. Coaches are working to adapt to the unique season structure in the region, with school events often falling just after the athletics season ends.

There’s been a consistent commitment to inclusion. While para participation was initially low, new partnerships with The Y Invercargill are aiming to change that with a Term 3 programme for their YNot squad and Special Olympics athletes.

Southland has also begun to partner with other sports, helping Football Southland, Steel Netball, and Hockey Southland

improve speed, agility, and running technique. Several kids have already expressed interest in taking up athletics after experiencing the crossover.

Performance outcomes were strong too: 24 medals came from just 27 athletes at the NZ Championships, with another 10 fourth-place finishes. At least 15 Southland records or best performances (including some that stood for over 30 years) were broken this past season.

Feedback from schools has been positive and consistent: athletics is not just being delivered, it’s being valued, embedded, and looked forward to.



REGISTRATION STATISTICS 2024-2025

**Secondary School data from School Sport NZ Representation Census 2024*

Region	F U7	M U7	F 7-14	M 7-14	F 15-19	M 15-19	F 20+	M 20+	Social F 15+	Social M 15+	Centre Total	Secondary School F	Secondary School M	Coaches	Volunteers	Officials
NTH	63	60	109	134	7	8	23	39	37	38	518	128	153			
AKL	1214	1402	1321	1320	139	188	232	406	66	131	6419	723	1124			
WBOP	788	898	862	792	44	65	91	169	52	35	3796	758	799			
TAR	112	105	144	166	22	26	36	50	7	5	673	185	274			
HBG	84	135	186	177	37	29	24	38	27	34	771	198	242			
MWA	96	133	158	175	56	30	41	71	56	53	869	301	356			
WEL	158	275	592	751	70	85	159	335	58	66	2549	563	912			
TAS	66	72	229	237	12	9	14	41	8	19	707	246	217			
CAN	112	132	744	720	122	125	115	219	45	38	2372	805	777			
OTG	80	55	441	386	38	39	80	121	65	30	1335	149	135			
STH	18	20	150	126	16	19	16	30	2	1	398	135	176			
	2791	3287	4936	4984	563	623	831	1519	423	450	20407	4191	5170	390	159	436

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

The 2024 Paris Olympic Games and Paralympic Games were the pinnacle events for our performance programme in this High Performance Sport New Zealand (HPSNZ) funded cycle. They are what we built towards for four years. Pleasingly we were able to take the successes from 2023-24 and execute again in 2024.

With 2 Olympic and 6 Paralympic medals we maintained our history of success across the Games and since Rio 2016, we have won 30% of all NZ medals at the Olympics and Paralympics. This sustained success is vital for us, given our nearly 100% reliance on HPSNZ funding to drive our high performance programme.

Hamish Kerr (coach James Sandilands) and Anna Grimaldi (coach Mikey Jacobs) led the way with respective Golds, both historic in their own way; Hamish our first ever male field event Gold, Anna, the only NZ Paralympic Gold medallist in Paris. Other medallists, Maddi Wesche (Mike Schofield), Danielle Aitchison (Alan McDonald), Will Stedman (George Edwards) and Holly Robinson (Raylene Bates) confirmed our depth. With Lisa Adams, an almost certain Paralympic medallist, not heading to Paris and several very small margins ruling us out of another couple of medals, we're in good shape heading into the new four year cycle.



REVISED HP PLAN

During 2024 we undertook a full refresh of our High Performance Plan. In 2028 we're targeting 2 medals at the Los Angeles Olympics and 6 medals at the Los Angeles Paralympics.

Central to our plan are three priority areas. These are the areas where we will direct the majority of our resources:

- Key Priority: Building and Supporting World-Class Campaigns: We know who the athletes are that are central to us achieving our 2028 medal targets. They are our priority at the start of this cycle, acknowledging that athletes may drift out of this priority and others may develop into priority.
- Supporting Priority: Enhancing Para programme capability
- Supporting Priority: Capitalising on our strength in throws

We presented our plan to HPSNZ in late 2024 and were successful in securing an increase in funding for the 2028 cycle. While this is a welcome boost, as a programme we had been over-spending for the 2 years leading into the Olympics and Paralympics so the financial reality (certainly when inflation is factored in) is that the increased funding brings us back to break-even. Pleasingly we will be able maintain our current programme and similar levels of athlete support through this Olympic/Paralympic cycle.

As we head into the new cycle, we have 9 individual campaigns (4 Olympic, 5 Paralympic) that have medalled at the highest level. Additionally, we have a number of emerging campaigns that are progressing well and we believe will be medal capable in 2028/32. The new tranche of talent is led by World U20 Gold medallist Ethan Olivier (Wikus Olivier) and the 24/25 domestic competition season saw the emergence of Sam Ruthe (Craig Kirkwood), a prodigious young talent going sub 4 minutes for a mile at the age of 15 and Maddie Waddell (Sonia Waddell) breaking multiple NZ age group records over 400m.

World Indoors continues to be a meaningful competition for our current top athletes and off the back of our most successful World Indoors ever in 2024 we backed up with Tom Walsh (Hayden Hall) taking the global title and setting himself firmly back in the mix following a challenging injury set back in Paris. This was Tom's sixth World Indoors medal, a truly extraordinary of longevity amongst the every best in the world. Hamish Kerr (James Sandilands) also confirmed his place amongst the very best with a silver medal.



2024/25 PINNACLE EVENTS

PARA WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS – KOBE, MAY 2024

We were represented by a team of five athletes at the Kobe 2024 World Para Championships in May 2024. Of the eight events entered by the team, eight medals were attained with one world record, two area records, and three double medallists.

Anna Grimaldi	100m T47	Final	12.71 BRONZE
Anna Grimaldi	Long Jump T47	Final	5.84 SILVER
Danielle Aitchison	100m T36	Final	13.48 SILVER
Danielle Aitchison	200m T36	Final	27.47 World Record GOLD
Holly Robinson	Shot Put F46	Final	12.25 Area Record SILVER
Mitch Joynt	200m T64	Final	23.15 BRONZE
Will Stedman	400m T36	Final	53.36 GOLD
Will Stedman	Long Jump T36	Final	5.85 Area Record SILVER

OLYMPIC GAMES – PARIS, AUGUST 2024

We were represented by a team of 17 athletes at the Paris Olympic Games in August 2024. Outstanding results included four top 10 final finishes by Hamish Kerr (James Sandilands) Gold in men’s high jump, Maddi Wesche (Mike Schofield) Silver in women’s shot put, Eliza McCartney (Scott

Simpson) sixth in women’s pole vault and Jacko Gill (Dale Stevenson) seventh in the men’s shot put

Imogen Ayris	Women’s Pole Vault	11th	4.60m (PB)
Connor Bell	Men’s Discus	13th	62.88m
George Beamish	Men’s 3000m Steeplechse	25th	8:25.86
Lauren Bruce	Women’s Hammer	20th	68.93m
Camille French	Women’s Marathon	60th	2:37.21
Jacko Gill	Men’s Shot Put	7th	21.15m
Zoe Hobbs	Women’s 100m	14th	11.13
Hamish Kerr	Men’s High Jump	Gold	2.36m (AR)
Olivia McTaggart	Women’s Pole Vault	12th	4.60m
Eliza McCartney	Women’s Pole Vault	6th	4.70m
Ethan Olivier	Men’s Triple Jump	30th	16.16m
Tori Peeters	Women’s Javelin	19th	59.78m
James Preston	Men’s 800m	48th	1:50.53
Maia Ramsden	Women’s 1500m	21st	4:02.20 (NR)
Sam Tanner	Men’s 1500m	44th	3:40.71
Tom Walsh	Men’s Shot Put	12th	NM
Maddi Wesche	Women’s Shot Put	Silver	19.86m (PB)

PARALYMPIC GAMES – PARIS, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024

We were represented by a team of six athletes at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in August and September 2024. Six medals were attained by the team with triple-threat Anna Grimaldi earning the only Gold medal within the New Zealand Paralympic Team.

Anna Grimaldi	100m T47	Final	12.20 - BRONZE
Anna Grimaldi	200m T47	Final	24.72 - GOLD
Anna Grimaldi	Long Jump T47	Final	5.75 - 4th
Danielle Aitchison	100m T36	Final	13.43 - SILVER
Danielle Aitchison	200m T36	Final	27.64 - SILVER
Holly Robinson	Javelin F46	Final	39.03 - 6th
Holly Robinson	Shot Put F46	Final	11.88 - BRONZE
Mitch Joynt	200m T64	Final	23.16 - 6th
Will Stedman	400m T36	Final	52.92 - SILVER
Will Stedman	Long Jump T36	Final	5.74 - 4th

WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – NANJING, MARCH 2025

We were represented by a team of 11 athletes at the Nanjing World Indoor Championships in March 2025.

Alison Andrews-Paul	Women’s 800m	20th	2:05.76
Imogen Ayris	Women’s Pole Vault	9th	4.45m
Zoe Hobbs	Women’s 100m	6th	7.13
Hamish Kerr	Men’s High Jump	SILVER	2.28m
Olivia McTaggart	Women’s Pole Vault	11th	4.45m
Laura Nagel	Women’s 1500m	21st	4:18.61 PB
Maia Ramsden	Women’s 1500m	16th	4:14.89
Kaia Tupu-South	Women’s Shot Put	13th	16.45m
Tom Walsh	Men’s Shot Put	GOLD	21.65m
Maddi Wesche	Women’s Shot Put	15th	16.52m
Tiaan Whelpton	Men’s 100m	21st	6.70

**HPSNZ SUPPORT OF
PERFORMANCE COACH
DEVELOPMENT**

Our high performance focus continues to support our current and future medal winning campaign coaches by directing their learning through bespoke and programme-based initiatives. With the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, high performance undertook a project focused on the health and wellbeing of our team coaches and staff. Utilising several health trackers, we were able to look at themes across selected wellbeing markers to both create awareness and identify potential red flags. This learning is ongoing leading into 2025.

Several high performance hui’s were held over 2024 with the target audience been our priority campaign coaches. Connecting our campaign coaches as often as practicable remains a priority to foster knowledge sharing. With pinnacle events annually leading into LA 2028, individual performance plans from our performance and high performance coaches along with prioritising wellbeing and connection opportunities will drive sport specific development for both these groups and the wider athletics coaching community.

The HPSNZ delivered Core Knowledge programme continues to be an integral part of our performance coach learning pathway. Athletics has proudly led the way in Core Knowledge producing the first two graduates. In addition, a third coach has been accepted into the HPSNZ, Te Hapāitanga programme to commence in May 2025.

Terry Lomax, a cornerstone of our high-performance programme, has retired from his role as a coach. With decades of dedication, Terry has significantly shaped the success of our athletes and teams on the global stage. Terry’s unwavering commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on the coaching community. We are thrilled that even in retirement, Terry will continue to inspire and influence through contracted opportunities, ensuring his legacy endures and continues to elevate the standards of coaching excellence.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT
(HPAD)**

High Performance Athlete Development (HPAD) is critical to sustaining high performance success. The Athletics NZ HPAD programmes and event group camps help to prepare athletes for high performance by providing athletes with personalised support and opportunities appropriate to their stage of development.

The Performance Development Squad (PDS) is a nationwide education programme for emerging athletes and their coaches. PDS is designed to create an understanding of how to develop performance and achieve high performance success in the long term. The PDS opportunities provided over the past year included a camp held in Auckland that included testing and workshops, a development tour to the Australian Championships in Perth and a series of online workshops.

The Performance Potential Squad (PPS) identifies and supports athletes demonstrating potential to perform on the senior world stage in the next Olympic and Paralympic cycle. This programme during the 2025 domestic season has been able to capture competition data to create a specific Picture of Performance to identify performance gaps and development needs. This guides an individualised development and support plan to enhance an athletes ability to not only achieve the performance levels required, but to be better prepared for the high-performance environment.

The High Performance Athlete Development Plan started to be reviewed to ensure the processes and opportunities available through our athlete programmes, provide the right guidance and support to athletes demonstrating the potential to be future high performance athletes.

**SPORT INTEGRITY
COMMISSION TE KAHU RAUNUI**

We remain firmly committed to drug-free sport and continue to regularly make the Sport Integrity Commission education services available to our athletes. In the 2024-25 financial year, no positive tests resulted from 50 in-competition tests and 92 out-of-competition samples collected by the Sport Integrity Commission on behalf of their own testing plan, and their delivery of the Athletics Integrity Unit’s testing plan and other User-pays requested testing.

1/4/24 - 31/3/25	In-Competition	Out-Of-Competition	Total
Total Urine Tests	42	61	104
Total Blood Tests	7	31	38
Total Tests	50	92	142

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RECORDS

WORLD RECORDS

DANIELLE AITCHISON
200M T36

NATIONAL SENIOR RECORDS

HAMISH KERR
HIGH JUMP

MAIA RAMSDEN
1500
ROAD MILE

LAURA NAGEL
ROAD MILE

CONNOR BELL
DISCUS

JAMES PRESTON
800M

LEX REVELL-LEWIS
400M

GEORGE BEAMISH
3000M STEEPLECHASE

ANNA GRIMALDI
100M T47, 200M T47

HOLLY ROBINSON
SHOT PUT F46

DANIELLE AITCHISON
200M T36

MILLY MARSHALL-KIRKWOOD
DISCUS F57
AMY ELLIS
200M T13

PADDY WALSH
LONG JUMP T64

GABRIELLE WRIGHT
200M T54, 800M T54

SARAH JAMES
400M T53, 200M T53

SASHA AL DAHZANI
100M T38, 200M T38

WILLIAM STEDMAN
400M T36
LONG JUMP T36
100M T36
200M T36

MICHAEL WHITTAKER
HALF MARATHON T13
3000M T13

MITCH JOYNT
200M T64
100M T64

JAXON WOOLLEY
LONG JUMP T38
100M T38

MAC DENNISTON
SHOT PUT F34
JAVELIN F34
DISCUS F34

DANIEL KITS
3000M T37
1500M T37

CORRAN HANNING
JAVELIN F13

CAELAN HARRIS
SHOT PUT F44
DISCUS F44

JONTI DILLINGER
LONG JUMP T63

ZACH ORBELL
100M T35

4X 400M – MEN AND WOMEN
ANGUS LYVER, AMELIE FAIRCLOUGH, LEX
REVELL-LEWIS, MADELEINE WADDELL

INDOOR

MAIA RAMSDEN
MILE

ANNALIES KALMA
400M

JAMES HARDING
800M

AGE GROUP RECORDS

SAM RUTHE U17, U18, U19, U20
1500M – U17 AND U18
MILE – U19 AND U20
3000M – U17 AND U18

KENDRA SCALLY U17
200M

JONAH CROPP U19, U20
10,000M RACE WALK (U19 AND U20)
3000M RACE WALK U20

MADELEINE WADDELL
U17, U18, U19 AND U20
400M

BOH RITCHIE U18
800M
PAIGE FLETCHER U17
HAMMER THROW

ETHAN OLIVIER U19, U20
LONG JUMP U20
TRIPLE JUMP U19 AND U20

GEORGE WYLLIE U20
ROAD MILE

4X400M RELAY U19 NATIONAL MEN
KADIN TAYLOR, THOMAS COWAN, KAHURAN-
GI COTTERILL, JAMES FORD

4X400M NATIONAL WOMEN U19 AND U20
MARIELLE VENIDA, SAMANTHA LASCELLES,
KATE BORTON, AMELIE FAIRCLOUGH

RESIDENT RECORDS

TIAAN WHELPTON
100M

JOSHUA HAWKINS
110M HURDLES

CHARLI GARDINER-HALL U17, U18, U19
S9, U20
100M T13 U18, U19, U20
200M T13 U18, U19, U20
LONG JUMP T13 U18, U19, U20
400M T13 U19, U20

CONNOR CARSTON U17, U18, U19
100M JONTI DILLINGER U17, U18, U19, U20
LONG JUMP T63

ISAAC BREWSTER U17, U18, U19
100M T36 U17, U18, U19
DISCUS F36 U17
SHOT PUT U17

FINN TREGURTHA-NAIRN U17, U18, U19, U20
400M T38 U17, U18, U19, U20

DANIEL KITS U18, U19, U20
400M T37 U18, U19, U20
800M T37 U18, U19, U20
3000M T37 U18, U19, U20

TOBY IRELAND U17, U18, U19, U20
1500M T11

ALBERT O'BRIEN U17
400M T20

BRIAN WILSON U18, U19, U20
DISCUS F20

PICTURED : SAM TANNER (LEFT) & SAM RUTHE (RIGHT) CELEBRATING SAM RUTHE BECOMING THE YOUNGEST PERSON TO EVER BREAK THE 4 MINUTE MILE BARRIER.



AWARDS

GEORGE EDWARDS ARTHUR EUSTACE AWARD FOR COACHING

Some names in New Zealand athletics echo far beyond the track. George Edwards is one of them. After over three decades of unwavering dedication, the Christchurch coach has stepped away from day-to-day coaching—but not without leaving an extraordinary legacy. To recognise his outstanding contribution to coaching, George was presented with the Arthur Eustace Coaching Award at the 2025 Jennian Homes NZ Track and Field Championships in Dunedin. Athletics New Zealand CEO Cam Mitchell and Annette Bennett-Eustace presented the award on Saturday.

While George has coached countless athletes to national titles, his most high-profile success has been his work with Will Stedman. When Stedman, a young schoolboy with cerebral palsy took up athletics in 2014, George admitted he knew little about coaching para-athletes. But he threw himself into learning, adapting his coaching methods, and treating Will as just another athlete with the same potential for greatness as anyone else.

That partnership has been nothing short of remarkable. Under George's guidance, Stedman won five Paralympic medals, including bronze at Rio 2016, double silver in Tokyo 2021, and gold at the 2024 World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe.

George embodies everything great about coaching. His hard work, commitment, and passion have left an undeniable mark on New Zealand athletics. He doesn't just develop athletes, he helps them become better people. His coaching philosophy has always been about respect, honesty, and empowering athletes to take responsibility for their own performances.

His impact has also extended to developing coaches. Knowing that his time as a frontline coach was ending, George planned a seamless transition for Stedman, bringing James Sandilands into the coaching setup ahead of the 2024 Paris Paralympics to ensure continuity for Will's future. Now, instead of stepping away wholly, George will continue mentoring emerging coaches, passing on his knowledge to the next generation.

The Arthur Eustace Coaching Award is presented annually to a coach who reflects Arthur Eustace's core values: athlete-focused, learning-driven, and committed to sharing knowledge for the betterment of the sport. George embodies all of these values.

His coaching career spans over 30 years, and he has coached multiple national champions, Oceania titleholders, and international representatives. But what sets him apart is his selflessness; his willingness to always put the athlete first, to learn, adapt, and improve, no matter how much experience he already had.



PICTURED ABOVE: GEORGE EDWARDS

HONOURS

DAVID RICHMOND KSM

of Dunedin received the King's Service Medal in the 2025 New Year Honours, for services to sport, particularly athletics and cricket.

He has been involved with sport, particularly athletics and cricket at local, regional, and national levels for more than 50 years.

He has been involved with Athletics Otago since 1981, serving as a handicapper, selector and as President

from 1991 to 1994 and 2012 to 2016. He represented Otago as an Athletics New Zealand Councillor from 1991 to 1994 and served on the Board of Athletics New Zealand from 1994 to 1999. He organised the 1992 National Road Relay Championship and the 2004 Secondary Schools National Cross Country in Dunedin. He was convenor of Athletics New Zealand records committee for 10 years from 1994 to 2003. He is a Life Member of Athletics Otago and Hill City-University Athletic Club.

HALBERG AWARDS

WINNERS

HAMISH KERR
ISPS HANDA SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

ANNA GRIMALDI
ISPS HANDA PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

FINALISTS

DANIELLE AITCHISON
ISPS HANDA PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

WILL STEDMAN
ISPS HANDA PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST

ETHAN OLIVIER
SKY SPORT EMERGING TALENT FINALIST

JAMES SANDILANDS
ISPS HANDA PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALIST



ATHLETICS NZ MERIT AWARDS

1988 RONALD CAIN IAN COLUMBUS COLIN DICKIE DAVID LEECH PAUL LUCKIE GRAEME MCCABE PHYLLIS MCLEAN FRANK PERRY JOHN RISEBOROUGH	2000 DAVE NORRIS RAY WALLIS	2014 ROGER BRICKLAND PETER MAUNDER ANNETTE PURVIS
1989 JIM CUNNINGHAM ALLAN POTTS PETER RICHARDS	2001 ALAN CHERRY FRED HOLMES MHYRE OMAN	2015 SYLVIA MAUNDER JOAN RAWNSLEY
1990 JIM CUNNINGHAM ALLAN POTTS PETER RICHARDS	2002 ALEC MCNAB QSM LAURIE O'KEEFE LEON BLANCHET	2016 IAN BABE STEPHEN HOLLINGS JOHN MCBREARTY
1991 MAX CARR MAX COOPER BARRY HUNT	2003 GEOFF ANNEAR JIM BLAIR DON CHADDERTON	2017 DAVID LONSDALE HEATHER O'HAGAN JOHN TYLDEN
1992 NORM COOP SAM JOHNSON DOUGLAS TAYLOR	2004 ALAN ADAMSON DON MACFARQUHAR	2018 IAN BAIRD THEODORUS 'DICK' QUAX
1993 DICK BURTON KELVIN WACKROW	2005 NO AWARDS	2019 DIANE CRADDOCK JAN COCKERAM BRIAN COCKERAM
1994 DENNIS KENNY	2006 PAT BOLAND ARTHUR GRAYBURN GEORGE MCCONACHY MURRAY MCKINNON	2020 CRAIG BROWN HENRY TUDOR RAY YOUNG
1995 DR ROD SYME	2007 TREVOR SPITTLE ROY WILLIAMS DON WILLOUGHBY	2021 ROBIN BALL BEVERLEY FINDLAY LILIAN TUDOR
1996 NO AWARDS	2008 PAM KENNY	2022 PAUL CRADDOCK MURRAY GREEN PETER JACK DIANNE RODGER TONY ROGERS
1997 DON MACKENZIE SYLVIA POTTS JOHN SMART	2009 ARCH JELLEY COLIN MACLACHLAN BARRY MAGEE	2023 KAREN GILLUM-GREEN SHAREE JONES DANIEL REESE CRISS STRANGE DEBBIE STRANGE
1998 ALF INSLEY KEVIN JAGO DENIS JOHNSON	2010 RUSS HOGGARD	2024 MURRAY CLARKSON PAUL HAMBLYN FAY RILEY DAVID SIM
1999 TREVOR BENT JAN CAMERON JIM TOBIN	2011 GEORGE CADDIE JOHN MCTAGGART	
	2012 GRAHAM O'BRIEN ALAN TUCKER	
	2013 PETER BOOKER GEOFF HENRY BRENT WARD	

OCEANIA ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARD

1997 MENE MENE	2005 DR ROD SYME ONZM	2019 KATHRYN FRASER
1998 ASHLEY TAYLOR	2008 TREVOR SPITTLE	2020 MARIA CLARKE 2020 ALAN STEVENS MNZM
1999 GEOFF ANNEAR	2009 DEBBIE STRANGE	2021 DAME VALERIE ADAMS
2000 BRIAN MCEWAN	2012 KEITH BADE	2023 ALEX MERRILEES JOAN MERRILEES
2001 WARREN HASTINGS	2013 DON CHADDERTON	2024 RUTH LIONG
2002 LEON BLANCHET	2014 SCOTT NEWMAN	
2003 ALAN CHERRY	2016 DON MACKENZIE	
2004 AUDREY WILLIAMS	2017 ANNETTE PURVIS	

WORLD ATHLETICS VETERAN PIN

1962 STAN LEEDER	1995 ALAN STEVENS	2011 JIM BLAIR
1964 HAROLD AUSTAD	1997 DON CHADDERTON	2015 TREVOR SPITTLE
1980 OSSIE MELVILLE	2001 GEOFF ANNEAR	2017 ANNETTE PURVIS
1986 ARTHUR EUSTACE QSO	2003 ASHLEY TAYLOR	2021 DAME VALERIE ADAMS DNZM
1987 IAN BOYD	2005 DR ROD SYME ONZM	

WORLD ATHLETICS SILVER ORDER OF MERIT

2000
ARTHUR EUSTACE FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WORLD ATHLETICS HERITAGE

2019 ARTHUR LYDIARD ONZ OBE PLAQUE CATEGORY – LEGEND
2022 PETER SNELL & COOKS GARDENS PLAQUE CATEGORIES - LEGEND & LANDMARK

IAAF CENTENARY DIPLOMA

DAME VALERIE ADAMS DNZM
TREVOR SPITTLE
ALAN STEVENS MNZM
DR ROD SYME ONZM



TRACK & FIELD MEETS 2024-2025



COLGATE GAMES

The 2025 Colgate Games continued its tradition as New Zealand’s premier athletics event for children aged 7 to 14 years old. The North Island Games moved to Hastings in 2025 and saw over 1100 athletes from across New Zealand and Australia participate. The South Island Games, being held in Christchurch saw a great increase in participation numbers with over 100 extra athletes competing in what was the biggest South Island Colgate Games yet.

Involvement from New Zealand Track and Field stars was a highlight for the children participating, getting to rub shoulders with their heroes such as Hamish Kerr and Tom Walsh.

SIR GRAEME DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL

The 2025 Sir Graeme Douglas International saw 150 of the top athletes from around New Zealand and abroad descend on the Douglas Track and Field at Trusts Arena in west Auckland for an afternoon of exciting athletics action. With 2000 spectators packing the venue, an increase of nearly 1500 spectators on 2024, were treated to the timeless Tom Walsh v Jacko Gill rivalry, Tiaan Whelpton setting an NZ

Residents Record in the 100m and the emergence of young Sam Ruthe in the 1500m as a future star of the New Zealand Middle distance scene.

SUMMER CIRCUIT

The introduction of the Summer Circuit in 2025 marked a significant enhancement to New Zealand’s athletics scene. Spanning six weeks from January to March, the circuit encompassed six premier events across the country including the Cooks Classic (Whanganui), Capital Classic (Wellington), Potts Classic (Hastings), Sir Graeme Douglas International (Auckland), International Track Meet (Christchurch), and culminating with the Jennian Homes New Zealand Track and

Field Championships (Dunedin). The circuit attracted top-tier domestic and international athletes, including Olympic and Paralympic champions, providing fans nationwide with access to high-caliber competitions. The events were also broadcast live, enhancing the visibility and reach of athletics in New Zealand.



JENNIAN HOMES NEW ZEALAND TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The pinnacle of New Zealand’s athletics calendar, the Jennian Homes New Zealand Track and Field Championships, was held from March 6–9 at Dunedin’s Caledonian Ground. The championships witnessed remarkable performances, including a rare dead-heat in the men’s 1500m final between Sam Tanner and 15-year-old Sam Ruthe. Madeleine Waddell set new national records in the women’s 400m, while Zoe Hobbs secured her ninth consecutive 100m title. In the field events, Tom Walsh claimed his 14th national shot put title, and Eliza McCartney again soaring to Gold in the Pole Vault.

The event highlighted the depth of talent across various age groups and disciplines. This years event saw the introduction of two fan-focussed spectator friendly viewing windows on Friday and Saturday evenings dubbed, Finals Friday and Super Saturday, both being anchored by performances of New Zealands Olympic athletes. Super Saturday saw 3000 spectators pack out the stadium, with total attendance over the weekend reaching 6000 spectators, the largest attendance for the Championships in a number of years.



OUT-OF-STADIA

Out-of-stadia national championship events continued to evolve in 2024/25, with a strong emphasis on innovation and new formats.



CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The season kicked off with the Cross-Country Championships hosted at the iconic Mission Estate Vineyard in Napier. Inspired by Napier Harrier Club's annual event and local connections with the Mission, this picturesque venue offered a unique and memorable experience. The course featured a sweeping ascent to the high point of the amphitheatre paddock, used for the Mission Concert, followed by an undulating section adjacent to the vineyard and historic buildings, providing fantastic spectating opportunities.

Senior titles were claimed by Hannah Prosser (Otago) and Connor Melton (Canterbury), both delivering dominant performances to secure their first senior national titles. The awards ceremony for individual and team honours was held in the Mission Chapel on Saturday evening, with many athletes and supporters staying on to enjoy the venue's renowned hospitality.

ROAD RELAYS

In a bold move, the Road Relays were staged for the first time on a closed-circuit venue, away from public roads. The Taupo International Motorsport Park swapped roaring V8s for fleet-footed athletes on the final weekend of September. A total of 152 teams from 35 clubs took part on a warm spring day, transforming the motorsport park into a hub of recreational and competitive running.

Clubs were allocated pit garages that opened directly onto the pit lane, where the lap change area buzzed with energy, complete with music from DJ Brad Luiten, expert commentary by Hayden Shearman, and a giant screen showing live updates and footage from the course. The race utilised short, medium, and long laps across national and international circuits, with social and walking categories also included.

The centralised venue allowed for vocal support from a variety of vantage points, pit garages, pit lane, lounges, and grandstands,

offering both close-up and panoramic views of the action. Awards were presented in the pit lane at the end of the afternoon, before rivalry turned to revelry as celebrations moved into Taupo.

The senior men's race saw a tight battle between University of Canterbury and Whippets Running Project, with the defending champions pulling away in the final laps. In the senior women's race, North Harbour Bays fielded two evenly matched teams aiming for a 1-2 finish. Despite early resistance from Whippets Running Project, Bays stamped their authority on the day. The Top Club Award was won by Whippets Running Project for the second consecutive year, narrowly edging out Wellington Scottish and Wellington Harriers.

10KM ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time, the 10km Road Championships were integrated into an established event, the annual Timaru Ten, hosted by Run Timaru at the nostalgic Levels Raceway. Over 150 youth, senior, and masters' athletes from across the country descended on Timaru to chase personal bests and national titles.

Whippets Running Project secured a double victory, with Will Little winning the Senior Men's title and Eva Pringle taking out the Senior Women's. In the 10km walk, Laura Langley and Jonah Cropp were dominant winners in their respective senior categories. Despite challenging weather conditions, the racing was of high quality across both running and walking events.

Run Timaru delivered one of the best livestreams of a distance running event seen in New Zealand, using rickshaw bikes with dedicated riders and camera crews who braved the elements to capture close-up action. The weekend was rounded out with an after-match function at Speights Ale House and a hosted Sunday pack run showcasing Timaru's sights and sounds, making it a memorable occasion for the out-of-stadia community.

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL TITLES

- **MOUNTAIN RUNNING** – Crater Rim Ultra, Christchurch
- **ROAD MILE & 5KM** – Rotorua Marathon
- **HALF MARATHON** – Christchurch Marathon
- **MARATHON** – Wellington Marathon
- **24-HOUR RACE** – Sri Chinmoy, Auckland
- **SHORT TRAIL CHAMPS** – Three Peaks, Dunedin
- **LONG TRAIL CHAMPS** – WAI2K Ultra, Wellington
- **50KM & 100KM** – Sri Chinmoy, Christchurch



RED STAG ROTORUA MARATHON

The 60th anniversary edition of the Red Stag Rotorua Marathon was a celebration of running, attracting more than 5200 participants across various events. From elite athletes to everyday runners, including 100-year-old Colin Thorne completing the 5.5km event and inaugural 1965 winner Dave Heine returning to run and present medals. The event showcased the deep connection between Rotorua and its running community, with perfect conditions and a festive atmosphere around Lake Rotorua.

The event also hosted the NZ Masters Marathon Championships along with the new NZ One Mile Road and 5km Road Championships for the first time on spectator friendly courses at the Rotorua Lakefront and Rotorua Airport

The marathon featured thrilling head-to-head battles, most notably between Lake City AC club-mates Michael Voss and Cullern Thorby. Voss, spurred on by support from

friends, surged late to win his fourth Rotorua Marathon title and secure the New Zealand Marathon Championship in 2:23:48. Thorby, just 21 and in only his second marathon, impressed with a massive PB and silver, while Kyle Bridgeman took bronze. In the women's race, Debbie Donald retained her national title in 2:46:30, ahead of Lydia O'Donnell and Kate Macdonald.

Other standout performances included Jared Schnell and Kumiko Otani winning the half marathon, Casey Thorby and Esther Keown claiming the 10km titles, and Hayden Shearman and Mya Needham leading the 5.5km. Opotiki's James Crosswell completed his 47th Rotorua Marathon, edging closer to the all-time record of 50. The day concluded with the Runway5 at Rotorua Airport, capping off a memorable milestone edition of one of New Zealand's most iconic running events.



AFFILIATED CLUBS

2024-2025

CLUBS	CENTRE	CLUBS	CENTRE
Athletics Bream Bay	Northland	Pukekohe Amateur Athletic and Harrier Club	Auckland
Athletics Whangarei	Northland	Racewalking Auckland	Auckland
Kaiwaka Athletics Club	Northland	Riverhead Amateur Athletics Club	Auckland
Hatea Run	Northland	Rodney District Sports	Auckland
Wellsford Amateur Athletics Club	Northland	Roskill South Amateur Athletic Club	Auckland
Auckland City Athletic Club	Auckland	Takapuna Amateur Athletics and Harriers Club	Auckland
Auckland City Triathlon Club	Auckland	Te Atatu Athletics Club	Auckland
Auckland University Track Club	Auckland	Technical Harriers	Auckland
Beachlands Maraetai Athletics Club	Auckland	The Y Marathon Club Inc.	Auckland
Calliope Athletics & Harrier Club	Auckland	TTT Runners	Auckland
Eastern Athletic Club Inc	Auckland	Waitakere City Athletic Club Inc	Auckland
Ellerslie Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club Inc	Auckland	Waiuku Athletics Club	Auckland
Glen Eden Athletic and Harrier Club Inc	Auckland	Warkworth Athletics and Harrier Club	Auckland
Hillsborough Junior Athletics Club	Auckland	Wesley Athletic & Harrier Club	Auckland
Lynndale Athletic and Harrier Club	Auckland	Western Elite Throws Academy Athletics Club	Auckland
Manurewa Amateur Athletics & Harrier Club	Auckland	Whippets Running Project	Auckland
Night Ninjas	Auckland	Athletics Tauranga	Waikato Bay of Plenty
North Harbour Bays Athletics Club	Auckland	Bellevue Athletic Club Incorporated	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Oratia Running Inc	Auckland	Cambridge Athletic & Harrier Club Inc	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Owairaka Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club	Auckland	Fairfield Amateur Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Pakuranga Athletic Club Inc	Auckland	Frankton Athletic & Harrier Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Papakura Athletic and Harrier Club Inc	Auckland	Greerton Amateur Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Papatoetoe Athletics	Auckland	Hamilton City Hawks Inc	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Point Chevalier Amateur Athletics Club	Auckland	Hinemoa Amateur Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty

CLUBS	CENTRE
Kawerau Athletics and Harrier Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Lake City Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Mercury Bay Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Morrinsville Amateur Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Ngatea Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Omokoroa Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Paeroa Amateur Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Papamoa Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Putaruru Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Taupo Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Taupo Harrier Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Te Aroha Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Te Awamutu Athletic Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Te Puke Amateur Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Thames Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Tokoroa Junior Athletics & Harriers Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Waihi Amateur Athletics Club	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Whakatane Athletic and Harrier Club Inc.	Waikato Bay of Plenty
Athletics Hawera	Taranaki
Egmont Athletics	Taranaki
Eltham Athletic Club	Taranaki
Hawera Harriers	Taranaki
Kaponga Amateur Athletics Club	Taranaki
Inglewood Athletic Club	Taranaki
Inglewood Runners and Walkers Club	Taranaki
New Plymouth Harriers Incorporated	Taranaki
Normanby Athletic Club	Taranaki
Stratford Amateur Athletic Club	Taranaki
Stratford Runners and Walkers Club	Taranaki
Taranaki Race Walking Club	Taranaki

CLUBS	CENTRE
Woodleigh Children's Athletics	Taranaki
Central Hawkes Bay Amateur Athletic Club Inc.	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Dannevirke Athletic Club	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Gisborne Athletic Club	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Gisborne Harrier Club Incorporated	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Hastings Athletic Club Incorporated	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Hastings Harrier Club United	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Napier Athletic Club	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Napier Harrier Club Incorporated	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Wairoa Athletics Club	Hawkes Bay Gisborne
Ashhurst Athletic and Harrier Club	Manawatu Wanganui
Feilding Moa Harrier and Athletics Club Inc	Manawatu Wanganui
Levin Amateur Athletics Club	Manawatu Wanganui
Manawatu Striders	Manawatu Wanganui
Palmerston North Athletics & Harrier Club Inc	Manawatu Wanganui
Wanganui Athletic & Harrier Club	Manawatu Wanganui
Athletics and Cycling Masterton	Wellington
Athletics Wairarapa	Wellington
Aurora Harrier Club	Wellington
Athletics Featherston	Wellington
Hutt Valley Harrier and Amateur Athletics Club	Wellington
Kapiti Running and Tri Club	Wellington
Karori Amateur Athletics Club	Wellington
Kiwi Athletic Club Inc	Wellington
Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club	Wellington
Mana Amateur Athletic Club	Wellington
Olympic Harrier and Athletic Club	Wellington
Onslow Athletics Club	Wellington
Paraparaumu Track & Field Club Inc	Wellington
Titahi Bay Amateur Athletic Club	Wellington

CLUBS	CENTRE
Trentham United Harriers and Walkers Club	Wellington
Upper Hutt Athletic Club	Wellington
Victoria University Athletic Club	Wellington
Wainuiomata Athletic and Harrier Club Inc	Wellington
Wairarapa Track and Field	Wellington
Wellington Harrier Athletic Club Inc	Wellington
Wellington Scottish Athletics Club	Wellington
Athletics Nelson Incorporated	Tasman
Athletics Richmond	Tasman
Marlborough Athletics	Tasman
Motueka Amateur Athletics Club	Tasman
Takaka Athletics	Tasman
Ashburton Athletics Club	Canterbury
Awatea Athletics	Canterbury
Christchurch Avon Athletic Club Inc	Canterbury
Christchurch Boys High School	Canterbury
Christchurch Methodist Harrier Club	Canterbury
Christchurch Old Boys United Athletics Club	Canterbury
Christs College Athletic Club	Canterbury
Don Greig Racing Stables	Canterbury
Geraldine Amateur Athletics Club	Canterbury
Greymouth Athletics Club	Canterbury
Lions Athletic Club	Canterbury
New Brighton Olympic Athletics Club	Canterbury
North Canterbury Athletic Club	Canterbury
Papanui Toc H	Canterbury
Phoenix Athletic Club	Canterbury
Port Hills Athletic Club	Canterbury
Run Timaru	Canterbury

CLUBS	CENTRE
Selwyn Athletic Club	Canterbury
South Canterbury Amateur Athletics Club Inc.	Canterbury
Sumner Running Club	Canterbury
Temuka Athletics Club	Canterbury
University of Canterbury Athletic Club	Canterbury
Waimate Athletics Club	Canterbury
Whippets Running Project	Canterbury
Ariki Amateur Athletic & Harrier Club	Otago
Aspiring Athletes Club Inc	Otago
Athletics Alexandra	Otago
Athletics Taieri Inc	Otago
Caversham Harrier and Athletic Club Inc	Otago
Civil Service Athletics Club	Otago
Cromwell Athletics Club	Otago
Hill City University Athletic Club	Otago
Leith Harrier & Athletic Club Inc	Otago
North Otago Harrier and Athletics Club	Otago
South Otago Athletics Club	Otago
Athletics Gore	Southland
Athletics Invercargill Club Inc	Southland
Fiordland Athletic Club	Southland
Queenstown Athletic	Southland
Riverton Athletics Club	Southland
St Paul's Harrier and Amateur Athletic Club	Southland
Winton Athletics and Harrier Club	Southland
Wyndham Amateur Athletic Club	Southland
Team Speedplay	No Centre



OBITUARIES

1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

BRIAN TYLER CBE

10 May 2024 aged 92

Former Athletics New Zealand (NZAAA) Councillor and Management Committee member. He served on both for three years from 1969 to 1971, representing the Auckland Centre. He competed for Wellington Scottish and became a valuable member with his financial expertise. In the 1992 Queen’s Birthday Honours he was made a Commander of the British Empire, CBE, for services as Controller and Auditor-General of New Zealand from 1983-1992.

MIKE MURRAY

14 June 2024 aged 82

A pioneer of children’s athletics in New Zealand. He was the inaugural chairman and first president serving three terms of the New Zealand Children’s Amateur Athletic Association and later became its first life member. He served three terms as president of the Pakuranga Athletic Club and was made the first Life Member of the Club in 1983. He was chairman of Auckland Children’s athletics for three years from 1977 and received an Athletics Auckland Merit Award. He is credited with introducing the half marathon distance as a race in New Zealand in 1979 and organized and managed the inaugural New Zealand half marathon championship in 1981.

JAN LOTHIAN (NEE MACK)

22 May 2024 aged 75

Former national sprint hurdles champion having won four national 100m hurdles titles between 1970 and 1977 as well as the inaugural women’s 400m hurdles title in 1976. A New Zealand representative at the 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games in the 100m hurdles, finishing ninth equal overall.

ALAN ADAMSON

13 July 2024 aged 77

Long serving Manawatu athletics official and administrator, having been a member of the Palmerston North Athletic and Harrier Club for seventy years. He served as president of the Palmerston North club, as well as president and chairman of the Manawātū-Whanganui centre. He was a life member of both organisations and had received a long service award and a merit award from Athletics New Zealand in 2004. He was passionate about promoting young and local athletes, particularly through his athletic column in the Manawatu Standard which he wrote for 14 years. One of his legacies was his involvement in the all-weather track at Massey University. He was on the Manawātū Community Athletics Track committee from its inception in 2000. He was a long standing Athletics New Zealand official officiating at numerous New Zealand and Centre championships.

STEVE HOLLINGS

7 August 2024 aged 54.

Former national high jump champion having won the national title in 1988 with a height of 2.13m. He represented New Zealand at the 1988 World Junior Championships in Sudbury Canada.

DOUG MCCLYMONT

8 August 2024 aged 80

A prominent athletic coach and administrator. He was the national pole vault coach and published a pole vault magazine. Among the athletes he coached was 13 times New Zealand pole vault champion Melina Hamilton. For six years from 1988 to 1994 he was a NZAAA track and field selector. He was the pole vault coach with the New Zealand athletic team at the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games. He was a coach with teams to the World University Games, including in Buffalo in 1993 and was a coach with the New Zealand team at the 1994 World Junior Championships in Lisbon. He was awarded a NZSSAA service award in 2018.

KEVIN HICKMAN ONZM

23 August 2024 aged 74

Former Canterbury athletic coach and manager. He coached for 25 years and Tasha Williams, eight times New Zealand hammer throw champion was among the many national champions he coached. He was manager/coach of the New Zealand team to the 2001 World Indoor Championships in Lisbon. He was a former detective in the Police Force and co-founder of Ryman Healthcare. He was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to aged care and sport.

BEVERLEY FINDLAY

27 August 2024 aged 86

Athletics Otago stalwart having been president and executive secretary and a Life Member of the Athletics Taieri Club. She has managed Otago interprovincial teams and under 18 teams and has been involved with the Colgate Games each time they have been held in Dunedin. She was Athletics Otago president for three years from 1994 and in 2001 and was awarded Life Membership of Athletics Otago. She was also a member of many Athletics Otago standing committees, including Athletics Otago’s 75th celebrations. Nationally Bev was president and a life member of New Zealand Children’s Athletics. In 1991 Bev was recognised with a Long Service Award from Athletics New Zealand and in 2021 was awarded an Athletics New Zealand Merit Award.

DR DOUGAL THORBURN

3 September 2024 aged 43

Former national marathon and mountain running champion having won the marathon title in 2013 and the mountain title twice in 2015 and 2016. He represented New Zealand at the 2009 world mountain running championships in Madesimo Italy and the 2016 championships in Sapareva Banya Bulgaria. He competed for Ariki Club in Dunedin and Wellington Scottish. He won the Otago 10,000m title in 2010. In October 2012 he set a world record for the fastest 10km run while pushing a pram. He pushed his then two year old daughter Audrey to a world record 32:26.

BARRY THOMPSON

22 February 2025, aged 69

Representing Hawkes Bay Gisborne he won the national marathon title in 1984.

MARGARET PETERS

28 September 2024 aged 90

Former world masters sprint champion and world record holder. She won a number of age group titles at various world masters championships, including gold medals in the W65 100m at the 2003 championships in Puerto Rica, in the W70 100m and 200m at the 2005 championships in San Sebastian Spain, in the W70 100m and 200m in 2007 in Riccione Italy, and in the W75 100m, 200m and 400m in 2009 in Finland. She set world records in the W70 100m of 15.16 +0.6 and in the W70 200m 31.45 +2.0 in March 2004. She also won numerous New Zealand and Oceania Masters championship titles and currently holds six New Zealand masters records.

She was made a Life Member of the North Harbour Bays Club in 2016.

PETER RENDALL

30 September 2024 aged 73

Athletics Wellington loyal servant and Wellington Harrier Athletic Club stalwart, having given 30 years of continuous service to the sport.

He was equipment manager at Athletics New Zealand championships and other major meetings including the Capital Classic held at Newtown Park.

A former runner turned race walker and a noted coach of juniors in jumps, hurdles and throws.

He was made a Life Member of Wellington Harrier Athletic Club in 2003 and Athletics Wellington in 2016.

MARISE CHAMBERLAIN MNZM

5 November 2024 aged 88

Olympic Games 800m bronze medallist at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and is the only New Zealand woman to have won an Olympic medal in an athletics track event. She set world records over 440 yards, 400 metres, one mile and the fastest time over 1500m.

She won the silver medal in the 880 yards at the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth. She won nine national 440 yards titles between 1955 and 1966, seven 880 yards titles between 1960 and 1966 and a 220 yards title in 1958.

She was inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 and in the 2003 Queen's Birthday Honours was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to athletics.



PICTURED ABOVE: MARISE CHAMBERLAIN MNZM
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PETER TRACY

5 December 2024

Former national pole vault champion in 1974 having won the national junior title for three years from 1972. He also won the national high jump title in 1973. He set a national record of 4.55m in the pole vault in Victoria Canada in July 1973 and went on to break his own record five times over the next two years.

He represented New Zealand at the 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games where he was fifth in the pole vault.

KEVIN JAGO

20 March 2025 aged 80

Athletics Canterbury stalwart and Athletics New Zealand life member. He was a foundation member and first secretary of the St Martins Athletic Club and later a founding member and first president of QE Athletic Club.

He was assistant manager for the marathon and race walks at the 1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games and deputy director of the City of Christchurch Marathon. In 1985 he was co-manager of an 18 day non-stop relay around New Zealand to celebrate Athletics New Zealand centenary.

He was on the Athletics Canterbury executive for 25 years, president for 10 years and was made a life member in 1984. He received an Athletics New Zealand merit award in 1998 and was made a life member of ANZ in 2023. In 2014 he received an Athletics Canterbury award for exceptional services to Athletics and an outstanding volunteer service to sport from Sport Canterbury.

DENNIS KENNY QSM

27 February 2025 aged 86

A stalwart of the Lake City Rotorua Club and one of the initial organisers of the Rotorua Marathon.

He was the Rotorua Athletic and Harrier Club secretary and served as Rotorua Marathon race director for 35 years. In 1978 he received an Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty service award and he was Centre President 1984-85.

Dennis and his wife Pam both received the Queen's Service Medal in the 2008 New Year Honours for services to athletics.



FINANCIAL REPORT

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are included in the following pages. Operations for the financial year resulted in a surplus of \$17,580, compared to the previous year's surplus of \$4,231. Associated Equity increases to \$487,959 from \$470,379. We remain committed to controlling costs and increasing revenue from multiple sources to support the sustainability of the organisation.

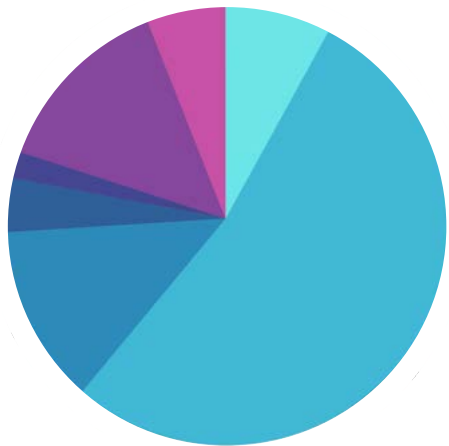
KEY FACTS

Total revenue of \$8,476,412 was an increase of \$611k from 2023/24 income of \$7,865,214. The pie chart provides a breakdown of income sources and

demonstrates our continued reliance on the Sport NZ group. Total expenditure of \$8,458,832 was an increase of \$598k from 2023/24 expenditure of \$7,860,983.

With most of our funding received from the Sport NZ group, grant funding and sponsorship, as well as event funding tagged for specific programmes and initiatives, only 13% of our total income was available as discretionary funding to be used to cover the core costs of running the organisation.

BREAKDOWN OF INCOME SOURCES



MEMBERSHIP	8%
HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT NZ	53%
NATIONAL EVENTS	13%
NATIONAL PROGRAMMES	4%
INTEREST & SUNDRY INCOME	2%
GRANTS & COMMERCIAL	14%
SPORT NZ	6%

ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND (INC)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Directors are pleased to present the approved financial report including the financial statements of Athletics New Zealand Inc. for the year ended 31 March 2025.

APPROVED

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Cameron Taylor, *Chairperson*

Cam Mitchell, *Chief Executive Officer*

1st August 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCOME

MEMBER INCOME	NOTE	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Club Affiliation Fees	2	25,108	17,252
Member Fees	2	580,875	519,495
		605,983	536,747
Grants Received	3	731,555	423,154
Interest Received		150,220	150,247
National Events	6	1,094,926	1,003,667
National Programmes	7, 8	328,697	434,898
Sponsorship		441,333	251,392
Sport New Zealand Investments	5	4,785,285	5,026,670
Contributions to the HP programme	5	313,806	-
Sundry Income		24,607	38,439
TOTAL INCOME		8,476,412	7,865,214

EXPENDITURE

ORGANISATION COSTS	NOTE	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Annual General Meeting	8	3,233	10,335
Annual Report	8	3,925	5,040
Audit Fees		15,605	15,180
Board Expenses		27,902	31,427
Legal Fees		56,804	42,785
Membership		53,245	29,095
National Events	6	888,720	821,182
National Programmes	7,8	453,998	1,019,012
Insurance		33,634	24,772
Sport Meetings	8	37,097	43,558
TOTAL ORGANISATION COSTS		1,574,163	2,042,386

This financial statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

EXPENDITURE CONT.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS	NOTE	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Bank & Merchant Processing Fees		455	21,092
Communications		7,347	8,846
Computers & Network Support	8	42,860	26,766
Consultants		39,773	75,080
Electricity		6,959	5,900
General Expenses	8	9,155	7,804
Marketing	8	263,436	87,994
Office Rental	8	49,304	36,974
Photocopier		958	3,101
Postage		608	822
Printing & Stationery		2,059	2,493
Professional Development		1,970	3,946
Rankings & Archives	8	21,753	17,888
Staffing	8	1,415,737	874,533
Staff Recruitment		61,714	46,313
Subscriptions		4,129	5,151
Travel & Accommodation	8	86,536	45,992
TOTAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS		2,014,753	1,270,695
Depreciation & Loss on Disposals		48,269	10,264
Impairment of Intangibles		2,423	11,404
		50,692	21,668
ATHLETICS PROGRAMMES			
High Performance	9	4,819,224	4,526,234
TOTAL ATHLETICS PROGRAMME COSTS		4,819,224	4,526,234
TOTAL EXPENSES		8,458,832	7,860,983
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		17,580	4,231

This financial statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

NOTE	2025	2024
	\$	\$
EQUITY AT START OF PERIOD	470,379	466,148
Add		
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	17,580	4,231
EQUITY AT END OF PERIOD	487,959	470,379
TOTAL EQUITY	487,959	470,379

This financial statement must be read in conjunction with the attached notes to the financial statements and the Independent Auditors Report.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

CURRENT ASSETS

NOTE	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash and Short-Term Deposits	841,448	797,865
Term Deposits	2,125,700	2,192,463
Accounts Receivable	73,534	178,274
Accrued Income	21,206	44,538
GST Receivable	106,168	84,084
Prepayments	111,720	155,482
Stock on Hand	28,157	19,807
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,307,933	3,472,513

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

NOTE	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Intangible Assets	11 21,803	25,349
Fixed Assets	11 106,611	107,830
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	128,414	133,179
TOTAL ASSETS	3,436,347	3,605,692

CURRENT LIABILITIES

NOTE	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable	439,450	433,885
Accrued Expenses	88,393	49,005
GST Payable	-	-
Provision for Holiday Pay	67,916	92,852
Events in Progress	12 166,557	214,416
Grants in Advance	13 2,142,382	2,244,384
High Performance in Progress	-	16,116
Income in Advance	43,690	84,655
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,948,388	3,135,313
NET ASSETS	487,959	470,379
TOTAL EQUITY	487,959	470,379

This financial statement must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Athletics New Zealand (the 'Society'), is a society incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, that administers the sport of athletics in New Zealand.

Statement of Accounting Policies

(i) Basis of Preparation

Athletics New Zealand does not have a general purpose reporting requirement and as such the financial statements are prepared as Special Purpose reports in accordance with the stated accounting policies.

The financial statements have been prepared for:

- the Societies members; and
- the Societies funders.

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 was passed into law on 6 April 2022. However, there is a transition period that allows societies time to become familiar with, and prepare for, the new regime. This transition may require the society to amend its constitution and related internal practices in order to comply with the new Act. Once all the regulations have been developed, societies will have two and a half years to reregister. Once the society reregisters it will start using the Tier 2 Not for Profit Standards issued by the External Reporting Board (XRB) accounting standards in the preparation and presentation of it's financial statements. As at the date of the signing of these financial statements the intention of the society is to reregister and make the move to the new reporting standards from 1 April 2026.

(ii) Historical Cost

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) and all values are rounded to the nearest NZ\$, except when otherwise indicated.

(iii) Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no specific changes in accounting policies, which have been applied on a basis consistent with those of the previous period.

(iv) Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable are stated at their anticipated realisable value. Bad debts are written off during the year as they are identified, with appropriate adjustment being made at balance date for any doubtful debts that may exist.

(v) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(vi) Income Tax

The Society is exempt from taxation under section CW46 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

(vii) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost. The assets are reviewed for impairment annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the value of the asset to the Society has diminished or been lost. The Society's website is subject to amortisation at 20% per annum on a straight line basis.

(viii) Accounts Payable

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are stated at the estimated accounts payable.

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(ix) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less aggregate depreciation. Depreciation has been calculated at the following rates:

Athletic Equipment	33.33%
Computer Equipment	33.33%
Office Equipment	33.33%
Office Furniture	33.33%

Items of property, plant and equipment are written down immediately if an impairment to the value of the asset causes its recoverable amount to fall below its carrying amount. The impairment is recognised in the statement of financial performance.
When an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the statement of financial performance is calculated as the difference between the net sale price and the carrying amount of the asset.

(x) Goods and Service Tax (GST)

All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable which are stated inclusive of GST. GST owing to or by the Society at balance date as recorded in the Balance Sheet, has been determined on an accruals basis.

(xi) Revenue Recognition

Club Affiliation fees, Interest, National Event income, Membership levies and Sundry income are primarily recognised on a cash received basis. Income from Grants and Sport New Zealand Group Investments is recognised when the conditions relating to that grant or investment have been met. Sponsorship income is recognised on an accruals basis, except where the sponsorship relates to a specific activity or event the revenue is recognised when the activity or event occurs. Grant, Sport New Zealand Group Investment, National Event and Sponsorship income received in advance for a specified activity or event is recorded as a liability in the Balance Sheet until the income is earned and recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss.

2 Club Affiliation Fees & Member Levies

The following club affiliation fees were received during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Northland	761	426
Auckland	5,477	3,774
Waikato Bay of Plenty	3,957	2,922
Hawkes Bay Gisborne	1,370	965
Taranaki	1,826	1,165
Manawatu Wanganui	913	852
Wellington	3,196	2,035
Tasman	761	635
Canterbury	3,652	2,435
Otago	1,674	1,191
Southland	1,370	852
No Centre	152	-
	25,108	17,252

The following member levies were received during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Northland	14,162	9,880
Auckland	164,353	137,672
Waikato Bay of Plenty	89,004	88,255
Hawkes Bay Gisborne	20,146	20,188
Taranaki	19,111	16,084
Manawatu Wanganui	26,362	23,543
Wellington	85,750	79,500
Tasman	20,892	17,910
Canterbury	81,415	73,101
Otago	45,668	41,992
Southland	13,433	11,370
No Centre	578	-
	580,875	519,495

The figures represent an estimated fair and reasonable split by Centre of fees and levies received during the year from the available data in the Membership Management System.

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3 Grants Received

The following grants were recorded as income during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Akarana Community Trust	3,500	2,000
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	60,000	40,000
Auckland Airport	2,200	-
BlueSky Community Trust Ltd	3,000	-
Constellation Communities Trust Ltd	5,000	6,500
Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury	2,500	-
Dragon Community Trust Ltd	10,000	7,500
Four Winds Foundation	52,000	50,191
Grassroots Central	17,000	-
Grassroots Trust	216,973	55,300
Kiwi Gaming Foundation Ltd	15,000	20,000
Milestone Foundation	7,500	10,000
NZ Community Trust	160,000	60,000
One Foundation	50,000	-
Paralympics New Zealand	3,750	8,500
Pelorus Trust	8,445	-
Phillip Verry Charitable Foundation	15,000	12,000
Pub Charity Ltd	50,000	31,150
Rano Community Trust Ltd	10,000	3,200
Rotorua Trust	25,000	-
The Lion Foundation	4,687	70,313
The North and South Trust Ltd	-	12,000
The Trusts Charitable Foundation	10,000	-
Trillian Trust Ltd	-	34,500
	731,555	423,154

Also refer to Notes 6, 9, 10 and 12 for further grants recorded as income during the year.

4 Value In Kind

In addition to the cash sponsorship received by the Society as detailed in the Statement of Profit or Loss, there was also value in kind from sponsors during the year, at the Society's best estimate, of \$649,593 (2024: \$552,813).

5 Sport New Zealand Group Investments

The following investments were recorded as income during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Administration & Integrity	53,882	50,055
Club Development	-	31,111
Community & Participation	349,587	369,386
Commercial Strategy	25,000	51,000
High Performance	4,262,265	4,477,743
Officials Development	15,000	7,684
Prime Minister's Scholarships	79,551	39,690
	4,785,285	5,026,670

Contributions to the HP Programme include non-HPSNZ funding received and athlete recharges for High Performance tours and initiatives.

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6 National Events

On the face of the profit and loss, the amount for national events is gross and the following surpluses / (deficits) by championship/event were made during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
2024 Cross Country	2,479	2,956
2024 Half Marathon	(1,072)	568
2024 Marathon	(255)	482
2024 & 2023 Mountain and Trail	(1,247)	(403)
2024 Road	(4,010)	6,157
2024 Road Relays	266	9,843
2024 Rotorua Marathon	88,925	177,357
2025 Track & Field Specialty Meetings	48,027	4,119
2025 Track & Field Championship Series Meetings	264	(2,553)
2025 Track & Field Championships	25,143	(7,819)
Generic Income (Expenses)	47,686	(8,222)
	206,206	182,485

The above amounts include direct income and costs per event and exclude Society overheads and employee expenses.

The following grants were recorded as income for competitions and events during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Air Rescue	-	9,500
Auckland Council	6,000	6,000
CT of Mid & South Canterbury	-	-
Kiwi Gaming	-	9,675
Mainland	-	5,000
Napier City Council	10,000	-
NZ Community Trust	-	100,000
Pelorus	-	18,400
Pub Charity	-	2,100
Rotorua District Council	20,000	40,000
Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust	-	15,000
Sports Heritage Trust	-	326
TAB	-	14,663
Taupo District Council	8,000	12,000
The Allan & Sylvia Potts Trust, U20 Mile	743	339
The Trusts Community Foundation	-	8,925
Wellington City Council	-	30,000
	44,743	271,928

7 National Programmes - Community & Participation

The key areas of net surplus / (deficit) were incurred during the year under the Development sport unit

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Club Development	(77,099)	2,072
Coach Development	(12,723)	(20,815)
Officials Development	(19,375)	(3,717)
Programme Management	(46,101)	28,284
Youth Athletics	29,997	91,823
	(125,301)	97,647

The above amounts include direct income and expenses per division but exclude Sport NZ funding and society salaries and overheads.

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8 Grant Subsidised Expenses

Admin/Finance/IT Salaries (Rano, Blue Sky, Constellation, Grassroots

Communications (Dragon, Milestone) Equipment & Salary

Development Team Salaries (Grassroots Trust, NZCT, The Lion Foundation, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Kiwi Gaming, Four Winds Foundation, Grassroots Central)

Equipment (Auckland Airport)

Event Team Salaries (Pub Charity NZCT, Fourwinds)

Events (Rotorua Trust, Pelorus Trust, Taupo District Council, Kiwi Gaming Foundation, Pub Charity Ltd, Mainland Foundation, Constellation Communities Trust Ltd, Auckland City Council, NZCT, Kiwi Gaming Foundation Ltd, The Trusts Community Foundation, Trillian Trust, Air Rescue Services, Wellington City Council, TAB NZ)

IT Support (The Lion Foundation,Pub Charity, Rano)

Office Lease/Opex (Four Winds Foundation, Pub Charity, Akarana Community Trust)

Refer to Note 3.

9 High Performance

The following key areas of expenditure were incurred during the year:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Athlete Support	1,859,505	1,974,275
Programme Coaches	1,316,151	1,279,197
Programme Management	1,329,762	1,272,761
	<u>4,505,418</u>	<u>4,526,234</u>

Auckland Road Runners & Cross Country Trust and Olympic Solidarity grants of \$5,000 (2024: \$3,000) were offset directly against expenses for high performance activities during the year at their request.

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10 Exceptional Items

During 2019/20 the Society assisted in securing grant funding in relation to two projects to develop throwing facilities in Auckland and Christchurch. As part of the arrangement, the Society entered into peppercorn leases with the respective landowners to lease the land on which these throwing facilities were to be constructed. In return for assisting in securing the grant funding, the Society obtained non-exclusive rights to use the throwing facilities over the term of the peppercorn leases. At 31 March 2023, stage 1 of the Bruce Pulman Park development was complete and Nga Puna Wai facility is complete and fully operational.

Details in respect of each throwing facility are provided below:

Bruce Pulman Park - Auckland

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Grant Revenue:		
Grassroots Trust Central	-	-
High Performance Sport New Zealand Investment	50,000	10,712
Total Revenue	<u>50,000</u>	<u>10,712</u>
Less: Expenditure Incurred	<u>(108,130)</u>	<u>(10,712)</u>
Net Grant Revenue / (Costs)	<u>(58,130)</u>	<u>-</u>

The Society entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bruce Pulman Park Trust on 11 February 2020. Under this MoU the Society has a non-exclusive right to use the land on which the throwing facility is based on a rent-free basis until 31 July 2034. The development of the throwing facility at Bruce Pulman Park has been divided into 2 stages. Stage 1, development of the throwing facility, has now been completed and the javelin runway has been installed. Stage 2, the building of ablutions, gym, office and internal throwing area, has not yet been funded and as such has not yet commenced. The Society has committed to provide best efforts to secure further grant funding for the construction of Stage 2.

Nga Puna Wai - Christchurch

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Grant Revenue:		
High Performance Sport New Zealand Investment	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Less: Expenditure Incurred	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Grant Revenue / (Costs)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Society entered into a Funding and Allocation Agreement with Christchurch City Council. Under this agreement the Society has agreed to assist the Council in securing grant funding for an indoor throwing facility and an outdoor practice throw zone. Council is required to provide project management to oversee the project and to return any surplus funds to the Society. The Society is required to meet the costs of operating the indoor throwing facility. The Society has a preferential non-exclusive right to use the facility until 31 August 2052, unless earlier terminated. Cost overruns incurred are covered with funds from the High Performance Sport New Zealand general programme funding.

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11 Intangible and Fixed Assets

Cost, accumulated amortisation, impairment and book value of intangible assets as at balance date were:

	2025		2024	
	\$		\$	
	Accum. Amort.	Book Value	Book Value	
	Cost	Impairment	This Year	Last Year
Intellectual Property			-	15,216
Website	24,226	2,423	21,803	10,133
	24,226	2,423	21,803	25,349

Cost, accumulated depreciation and book value of fixed assets as at balance date were:

	2025		2024	
	\$		\$	
	Accum.	Book Value	Book Value	
	Cost	Depreciation	This Year	Last Year
Athletic Equipment	362,734	308,429	54,305	76,129
Computer Equipment	51,166	20,134	31,032	28,599
Office Equipment	18,554	3,924	14,630	2,238
Office Furniture	6,273	(371)	6,644	864
	438,727	332,116	106,611	107,830

12 Events In Progress

The \$166,557 (2024: \$214,416) represents income less expenses incurred as at balance date in relation to the 2025 Rotorua Marathon.

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13 Grants In Advance

The following unexpended grants were held by the Society at balance date:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Douglas Pharmaceuticals Limited	50,000	50,000
Grassroots Trust	96,927	100,000
High Performance Sport New Zealand Investment	925,311	876,826
High Performance Sport New Zealand - Women in Sport	16,196	-
NZ Community Trust	-	160,000
Paralympics NZ Pilot	-	3,750
Prime Minister's Scholarships	68,354	195,098
Rano Trust	4,550	-
Rotorua Trust	20,000	25,000
Sport New Zealand CEO Development	6,000	6,000
Sport New Zealand Cost Pressures	500,000	500,000
Sport New Zealand Disability & Inclusion	120,000	147,892
Sport New Zealand Integrity	-	21,186
Sport New Zealand Strengthen & Adapt	262,044	135,794
Sport New Zealand Ways of Working	8,000	-
Sport New Zealand WHPS Te Hapaitanga Scholarship	-	3,151
The Lion Foundation	50,000	4,687
Phillip Verry Charitable Foundation	15,000	15,000
	2,142,382	2,244,384

The above funds are either tagged for specific programmes and purposes as agreed with each funder and are not available for discretionary use by the Society or have not yet been allocated.

14 Related Parties

Transactions between the Society and related parties are conducted on normal terms and conditions. There were no purchases from related parties during the year (2024: \$nil).

15 Commitments

There are operating lease commitments at year end:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
No later than one year	119,821	90,424
Later than one year and no later than five years	70,053	4,924
	189,874	95,348

16 Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at year end. (2024:Nil)

17 Subsequent Events

There were no events subsequent to the balance date. (2024:Nil)
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the board believe to be an appropriate basis.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Athletics New Zealand Incorporated ("the Society"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2025, and the statement of profit or loss and statement of movements in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2025 prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies specified in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ("ISAs (NZ)"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards)* (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Society.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared solely for the Incorporated Society's members, as a body. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Incorporated Society and the Incorporated Society's members, as a body, and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Incorporated Society or the Incorporated Society's members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Board Member's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Board are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting policies specified in Note 1 to the financial statements and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board are responsible for assessing the Incorporated Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Incorporated Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

PARTNERS: Fraser Lellman CA Janine Hellyer CA Paul Manning CA Donna Taylor CA Linda Finlay CA
Michael Lim CA

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Incorporated Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Incorporated Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Incorporated Society to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Society members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society and the Society members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



BDO Tauranga
Tauranga
New Zealand
1 August 2025

ATHLETICS NEW ZEALAND BOARD

The Board comprises four elected members, three appointed members and the President, who is a non-voting Board member. All Board members undertake their role on a voluntary basis and are not remunerated. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses are paid and the total cost for Board meetings and expenses in the year was \$31,427. Athletics NZ has a Board Appointments Panel that is responsible for the appointment of Board members and makes recommendations on the preferred candidates for election at the AGM. The Board Appointments Panel is made up of a member representative, a Board representative and an independent governance professional. The Board operates under a comprehensive set of Board governance policies, which set out the

expected standards for the Board’s performance. The policies are reviewed annually. The policies include a delegation framework for the Chief Executive to operate to.

BOARD MEMBER	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Cameron Taylor	5
Jo O’Sullivan	2
Courtney Ireland	5
Genevieve Macky	4
Ian Olan	4
Catherine Rossiter-Stead	5
Chris Tooley	4
Sharee Jones	4



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