

BATHURST ATHLETICS CLUB

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ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

What a weekend we had and how incredibly lucky we were with the weather. A big congratulations to all of the athletes who competed your sportsmanship and effort is to be commended. We had 95 athletes register for the carnival and 68 have qualified for Regionals which are to be held in Kiama in February. Three of our athletes broke Zone records, Sam Callan in Discus, Liam McArthur in 90M hurdles and Kieran Ball in the 200M hurdles. Well done lads. The junior girls and boys relay teams also made it through, congratulations to Elaine Cosgrove, Amy Belfanti, Jakaya Whitfield, Caitlin Reeves, Joshua Belfanti, Jack Lynch, Ethan Ivory and Lachlan Pearce.

Congratulations to Desiree Pearson who is now an accredited starter.

Thank you to all of the helpers over the weekend it is thanks to your assistance that the running of the carnival was so successful. I would like to thank especially the hard work put in by the McGrath family, Donna and Joshua worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the carnival and Donna had Peter labouring all weekend ensuring everything was where it was meant to be! Others deserving of a special mention are Sharon Roberts, Sue Reeves (feeding and watering of officials) Belinda Toubia, Karen and Terry Nicholson (setting up and running of canteen), Felicity Leroy (organising sound system Greg Pearce, Mark Dean (BBQ), Brian Corse, Wal Brien, Edmund Belfanti, Cheyne Donges (setting up and dismantling of marquees) and Carol Prosser (no. 1 seller of raffle tickets!). Thank you to those people who baked cakes and biscuits they were a big hit with the crowd and finally to those of you who did extra duties in the canteen to cover the gaps. I'd like to also acknowledge the work of David Adams who took on the role of chief timekeeper over the 2 days.

Photos from the professional photographer can be viewed and ordered online at <http://digipix.zenfolio.com/>. Photos from the very amateur photographer can be viewed on our lap top and we would be only too happy to forward on any photos you may wish to have.

It was a good article in the paper though I must say I can't recall making all of the statements I was quoted as saying! We certainly have not put up our hands for Regionals in 2013.....yet.

RECENT PURCHASES

The arrival of 40 new hurdles and trolley was a most welcome sight. At a total cost of \$5,400 they should last the club many years. We have had a number of sponsors though are hoping to get many more. Sponsorship is \$100 a hurdle and in return your name will be emblazoned across the hurdle. We hope to get the labelling done for current sponsors soon.

The club has also bought 6 new stop watches.

The construction of the new synthetic triple jump/ long jump was thanks to a \$20000 grant from council. It is a vast improvement on what we had and hopefully in the not so distant future we can add two more run ups. We will be applying for a grant through LANSW for this to be done.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec. 19th is our last meet for 2011 and we will recommence on Feb. 6 2012. Please refer to our website for news updates and details of what's on across athletics (www.bathurstathletics.org.au). Don't forget you can also join us on Facebook.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all a safe and restful time over the Christmas break and hope you return with as much enthusiasm and sportsmanship as you have shown thus far.

Melissa Flood