



## Newsletter #4

Results and news from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018

The Cross Country and Road selectors have announced the team that will represent Athletics Manawatu Wanganui at the Athletics NZ Road Running Championships which are being held in Cambridge on 2 September.

Stephanie Walker (Feilding Moa) will compete in the Women under 18 event.

The Men under 18 race will have a very strong representation and we are expecting to figure prominently in the four person teams competition. Feilding Moa's Benjamin Wall, Andre Le Pine-Day, Samuel Phillips and Liam Wall will be joined by Noah Macdermid (PNAHC) and Joseph Sinclair (Wanganui HC) in making up a very competitive team.

William Sinclair (Wanganui HC) is the sole representative in the Men under 20 race, as is Kara Macdermid (PNAHC) in the senior women's race

The senior men's race will see Liam Woolford (PNAHC), David Lovelock (PNAHC), Nick Johnston (Feilding Moa), Will O'Connor (Feilding Moa) and Josh Dunstan-Brown (Feilding Moa), as the centre representatives.

With centres needing four members finishing to qualify for the teams competition, it is good to see that the centre will be represented in both the Men's and Women's Masters events.

Feilding Moa's Juanita Paterson, Jo Speary and Rosie McIntyre plus Wanganui Harriers Paula Conder make up the Masters Women's team with Shane Reed (Feilding Moa), Scott Whitley (Feilding Moa), Mark Hudson (Feilding Moa) and Rob Conder (Wanganui HC) representing the men.

Andrew Davenport (PNAHC) and Darren Parlato (Feilding Moa) will compete in the Masters Men 50-54 race with Paul Duxfield (Wanganui HC) in the 60-64 race.

\* \* \* \* \*

The Athletics Manawatu Wanganui road championships were held at Beaconsfield Valley Rd, Feilding last weekend with titles going to:

Boys 8: Aidan Billing, Wanganui HC  
Girls 8: Greer Robinson, Manawatu Striders  
Boys 10: Lucas Taylor, Feilding Moa  
Girls 10: Tayla Cornwall, Feilding Moa



Andrew Davenport (front), winner of the Men's 50-64 race. (Photo courtesy of Jonesy's Photography)

Boys 12: Reuben Duker, Feilding Moa  
 Girls 12: Hayley Cornwall, Feilding Moa  
 Boys 14: Nelson Doolan, Feilding Moa  
 Girls 14: Lucy Evans, Feilding Moa  
 Women U18: Stephanie Walker, Feilding Moa  
 Men U18: Andre Le Pine-Day, Feilding Moa  
 Senior Men: Nick Johnston, Feilding Moa  
 Men 35-49: Shane Reed, Feilding Moa  
 Men 50-64: Andrew Davenport PNAHC  
 Men 65+: Kevin Rolls, Feilding Moa  
 Women 35+: Juanita Paterson, Feilding Moa

Priorities have obviously changed from my days of competition when centre championships ranked second to national championships in order of importance. It was therefore quite disappointing to see some local athletes electing to compete in the other centres championships in preference to their own championships. There may well be circumstances that see athletes unable to compete locally and I also understand the temptation to seek better competition elsewhere, but centre championships should be a priority especially if you wanted to receive the benefits of representing the centre at National Championships. Perhaps I'm showing my age.

\* \* \* \* \*

I was not aware of the plans to restructure Athletics New Zealand's Head Office so the news that some positions had been disestablished and the current position holders had left or were about to leave the sport certainly came as a surprise. The news that Brett Addison was one of those affected by this decision certainly has come as a shock to me and judging by the more than 150 Facebook comments I am not alone in this feeling. Brett was the Communication Manager and perhaps the hardest working and most visible Athletic NZ staff member at most of the meetings that I have attended. His efforts in ensuring results and reports from meetings were promptly available on line was just one of his many achievements. Personally, Brett was my go to

man at Athletics NZ always ensuring any enquiries were handled efficiently.

\* \* \* \* \*

Don't forget the third round of the Winter Track and Field Series are being held in Masterton on Sunday. The meeting held in Palmerston North last month saw several of the country's most promising sprinters line up with some very positive feedback on how enjoyable the competition was. Hopefully we can build on this success and see the meeting grow in popularity.

### Star of the week

This week's star of the week goes to Angela Jukes.



*Angela at the MWA Road Championships over the weekend (Photo courtesy of Jonesy's Photography)*

Angela was the only female from the club to compete at the MWA Road Championships over the weekend and came third in the G14 race. As a young athlete, she is setting a great example for others in the club. Keep it up, Angela!