

## 2010 Athletics Season Nears End.

The clubs athletics season is almost finished for this year with only a few more weeks before our presentation day.

The club has had another successful year despite the late start due to the wet weather set upon us in March and a Cyclone mixed in there as well.

At the beginning of the year, one of the committee's aims was to put into place a development program for both its members and volunteers. To be able to achieve that goal, a series of grant applications were made to various Government bodies to help fund the costs. Unfortunately, those grant applications were rejected mainly because the sheer number of other applications the departments had received. The Queensland Government Department of Sport and Recreation had stopped funding club development programs for almost a year and a half whilst it was restructuring its funding system. Of course when funding became available again, probably every sporting club in Queensland applied in what normally would be available twice a year. Despite this, the club did have Athletics North Queensland's Development Manager, Cameron Clayton come through and do some sessions at our club. We also replaced a club competition day with a development day run by Cheryl Dixon. We are reapplying in the next funding round to bring development programs to the region in 2011.



**On the volunteer side, the committee believes it can no longer wait for grant funding for an Athletics officiating course. This level 'C' course will be run by Athletics North Qld and is to be held in Mackay on the weekend of 30/31 October. The course will explain the rules of each event and what to look for in fouls/fails and how to record the results. It is a classroom session that goes over two days (Saturday and Sunday). The club will pay for those persons interested in participating from our club; however, we will need a commitment from the participants that they will assist in these duties during 2011, which is essentially the roll of an Age Marshall. As places are limited, please let me know ASAP if you are interested. A separate email will be sent shortly in relation to this course.**

This year we offered training sessions twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. This will be reviewed again in the New Year but a decision was made at a recent committee meeting to split the group into eight years and over, and under eights. This will enable more focussed training in the groups. **During the year, Tasha Pinfold, who was training our Monday Afternoon sessions, retired from training duties. The club wishes to thank Tasha for the many years of service she gave as a coach for the club and we wish her well in her future endeavours.**

Once again, the club hosted a fantastic Interclub Meet late July. Well done to all the athletes with most gaining a place medallion. Many thanks also to the committee and parent volunteers on the day. More details and photos follow.

Cheers

James Grech  
Club President

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## MAC EVENT CALENDAR

### What's on in the MAC & ANQ region?

Day	Month	Dates	Event	More information available from
Sat	August	28	MAC Club Comp Day	
Sat	Sept	4	MAC Fun & Family Activity Day	
Sat	Sept	11	MAC Break Up & Award Presentation Day	
Sat-Sun	Oct	2-3	ANQ Championships	<a href="http://www.athleticsnorthqld.org.au">www.athleticsnorthqld.org.au</a>
Sat-Sun	Oct	30-31	Level 'C' Athletics Officials Course	Joscelyn Grech – ph 0419 66 11 91

## RELAY FUN & FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY



**Saturday 4 September.** We are putting together a great day of fun activities for our last weekend before our presentation day. Events will include Bin Lid Discus, Rubber Boot Throwing, Newspaper Relay Baton, Egg & Spoon Races, Sack Races, and new to this year's fun day 'Toilet Roll Shot Put'! And parents you won't be left out of the activities. We invite all members including those who only made it along a few times during the year, to come along and have some fun. Points will not be earned on this day. Normal start time of 12.50pm and finish approx 4pm.

## PRESENTATION DAY 2010



**Saturday 11 September.** Mackay Botanical Gardens (Playground End), 11am - 2pm. Awards to be presented are:- Harrup Park Country Club Champion 2010 (Male & Female), Don & Colleen Wilson Sportsman or Sportswoman 2010, and Age Champions for each age group (Male & Female) and participation medals. Bring your chairs, picnic rug, hats and sunscreen. Sausage Sizzle and Burgers are available (Free for Athletes) and soft-drinks will be for sale also. Please advise of any special dietary requirements. This event is smoke and alcohol free and neither will be permitted near the event area. **To help us cater for this event we appreciate an RSVP. Do this at a club event over the next couple of weeks or by calling James Grech on 0431 973 129.**



## ERGON ENERGY ANQ CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMBINED EVENTS



**1 - 2 - 3 October 2010.** This annual event is held at the Townsville Sports Reserve and all members are welcome to participate. Nomination forms and a draft timetable will be available on our website soon [www.mackayathletics.com.au](http://www.mackayathletics.com.au) If you are planning on going, please consider your accommodation options now as this event is during school holidays. **Nominations close Friday 24 September.**



**THERE IS NO TIME / DISTANCE PRE-REQUISITE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT AND IT IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB IN ALL AGE GROUPS.**

## **WHITSUNDAY PENTATHLON WELL SUPPORTED BY MAC**

We had 19 MAC members travel to Proserpine for their annual pentathlon on the 14 August. Just under 100 athletes took part in the day's events. Other clubs that participated were Sarina, North Mackay Little Athletics, Bowen, Whitsunday, and Townsville North Star. Recipients from our club for 2010 Age Champions were Monique Wilson (8), Nicholas Armstrong (10) and Emma Newton (16), congratulations.



## **PUSH FOR SYNTHETIC SURFACE TRACK IN MACKAY CONTINUES**

The push for Mackay to have its own synthetic surface track will be ramped up over the next few months as we believe it is time the athletic clubs of Mackay form a progress committee to make a plan and meet with all levels of Government. The issue was raised with the local federal candidates recently but no commitment was given apart from 'If I get in – come and talk then'. In October 2009, the Mackay Regional Council started to take public comments for its development of an Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. Members of our club and of other athletics clubs in the region took part in these talks and strong support was shown from other individuals also at the meetings. The findings of this study were due for release for further public comment in May 2010 but still no material has become available. The latest from the MRC is now that the report will be made available in September or October, almost a year after it was commissioned. It is hoped that the report will highlight this facility as one that requires priority. Our push for a synthetic surface track will be done as a combined effort with members from the other athletics clubs in our region. A petition kit will also be made available.

## **MACKAY INTERCLUB MEET – SATURDAY 31 JULY**

This year's Interclub Meet hosted by our club was the most successful yet with 84 participants from the clubs of Mackay, Slade Point, Sarina and Whitsunday competing in a five event program. New to this year's meet was the place medallions rather than ribbons. I am pleased to say that all clubs performed equally well on the day and most athletes walked away with a place medallion. Also the registration process allowed us to enter the athlete's names onto the Meet Manager software to produce the results sheets. Many thanks to the canteen crew for doing a great job on the day. Also to all volunteer age marshalls and those who helped at the events, and those who helped set up and pack up. We also thank our raffle sponsors; Porters, AFS Friendly Care Pharmacy and AMART All Sports.



## **AGM - BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Our AGM will be coming up sometime soon and we would extend an invitation for other members to serve on the committee also. The committee requires up to eight people with a minimum of five. Becoming a committee member does not mean you will necessarily be given an office duty. This year the committee has struggled with only five active members. Please consider whether you can contribute one to two hours a month during the club season, to bring some ideas and comments to our meetings. A strong focussed committee will help keep the club moving forward and have a succession plan for the future. More details on the AGM will be available soon.

## GRANT AND DONATION THANKS

THE CLUB HAS RECEIVED GRANT FUNDING, DONATIONS AND DISCOUNTED GOODS AND SERVICES FROM THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS UNITS OVER THE PAST YEAR. WITHOUT THIS GENEROSITY, FUNDING NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE CLUBS ACTIVITIES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.



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