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Let the Sun shine.

The return of sunshine this week has certainly lifted the spirits of many sporting clubs in the Mackay region.

With the right amount of sunshine and breeze (and no rain), the grounds should start to dry up enough to hold a club competition day after the Easter break.

The cancellation of the first five weeks of club competition at the Mackay Athletics Club due to it either raining or the grounds being too wet to be on, certainly was a blow to the club and it's members.

A lot of work had gone into preparing the grounds for the start of the season and now all that preparation has to be done all over again. At this point I would like to thank those who came and assisted with that preparation. The committee will work closely with the school groundsman to make an effort in the preparation of the track & field before we return after Easter.

If you are able to assist in some mowing or whipper snipping duties during the school holidays, please call me to arrange a time and area.

I would also like to thank those who came along to our Sign-on and Orientation Day and to those who assisted on the day. This was a very successful sign-on day and a great time was had by all especially the athletes. We hope the orientation gave everyone an insight into the various events the athletes are involved in.

Regards

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SIGN-ONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

Trial membership sign-ons have been extended as normally trial membership is only accepted until the end of April however due to the cancellation of club days at the start of the season, we will allow new members to sign up as a trial member up to Saturday 14 May. After this date, new members must sign on as a full member.



The trial membership fee is \$10.00. [See our website F.A.Q](#) for details.

Members returning from last year and new members can sign on prior to 12.30pm before the start of a club competition day. Our next club competition is scheduled for Saturday 30 April. As previously advised, trial periods for trial members will commence from our first actual club comp day. **Please note: Athletes wishing participate at Carnivals (interclub meets excepted), must be a fully paid member of the club.**

For a quick registration process, download the 2011 ANQ Registration Form from our website, complete it, print it and bring it along with you. For new members, a copy of the athletes Birth Certificate will be required for viewing. The minimum age for membership is 4 at the start of the season. Trial members are asked to produce a copy of their birth certificate if they have not already done so.

The 2011 membership fee of Mackay Athletics Club for the year is \$90.00 per athlete. Additional members from the same family are \$80.00 per athlete. Payment methods are Cash or Cheque and must be paid on registration.

CAN YOU HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN?

Parts of the track and field are in desperate need of work with a compaction roller. This was done to the track at the start of last year with great results but the wet weather this year again sees the need for this to happen again, but on a much larger scale. The largest compaction roller that can be hired without the need for a special operation ticket is approx 1.1 tonne. The club may be in a position to hire a larger roller to cover more area quicker but does not have an operator nor can we afford one. Since March 2010, many applications to fund this project through various state and local government grants including disaster relief funding have been unsuccessful. If you know someone who is willing to assist the club over a weekend with this task, please have them call James Grech on 0431 973 129. Also if you think the business you work for may be able to assist with funds for this project, please also contact me with the contact details. We will enlist them as a sponsor of the club.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER ON ARRIVAL

At each and every club competition day, Athletes must register their attendance at the desk by 12.30pm. This helps us prepare the clipboards ready for the Age Marshalls.

MAC EVENT CALENDAR

What's on in the MAC & ANQ region during April & May?

Month	Dates	Event	More information available from
April	30	MAC Club Comp Day – Programme B	
May	7	Mackay Interclub Meet	Our website
May	14	MAC Club Comp Day – Programme C	
May	21	MAC Club Comp Day – Programme D	
May	28-29	Bowen Track & Field Carnival	Our Website

* Details will be published on our website when available.

MACKAY INTERCLUB MEET – SATURDAY 7 MAY



The first Interclub meet takes place on Saturday 7 May to be hosted by our club. Athletes from Slade Point Athletics Club and Sarina Athletics Club have been invited to join us for an afternoon of events with our club.

The program consists of four events with place ribbons awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd male & female place getters in each age group. A small fee of \$2.00 per athlete is payable at the start of the events. Please note, as per usual, parent assistance will be required at events. [More details are now available on our website or click here.](#) **Club uniform optional.**

BOWEN TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL – 28-29 MAY

Many members from our club attend this carnival each year. It is one of the major ANQ meets for the year. Details and the [nomination forms can now be downloaded from our website](#). If you are thinking of attending, consider your accommodation options now. Participation points are earned at this event. Nomination forms with full payment must be given to James, Jos or Rhonda at the club house prior to Saturday 14 May which is close of registration. Parent assistance will be required at some events.

NOTE: Participants are required to wear the club uniform at this event.



NORTH MACKAY LITTLE ATHLETICS PENTATHLON – SUNDAY 5 JUNE

ANQ members are invited to attend the annual NMLA Pentathlon held at Pioneer State High School, Bedford Road, Andergrove on Sunday 5 June from 9.30am to 2pm. Nominations are open from under 6 to under 17. Nominations close Sunday 6th June and no late nominations will be accepted on the day. Fees and nomination forms are to be posted direct to NMLA. [Information and the nomination form is available on our website](#).

NOTE: Participants are required to wear the club uniform at this event.

ANQ STUDENT GAMES – ALL COMERS – TOWNSVILLE 10-12 JUNE



This event is open to all students 5 years and over and is held at Townsville Sports Reserve which has a synthetic surface track. Athletes do not need to be a member of an athletic club as they represent their school. **Athletes are required to wear their school sports uniform.** [Details are now available on our website](#). So tell your school friends about it. Participation points are earned at this event.

SLADE POINT INTERCLUB MEET – SATURDAY 18 JUNE

Just like a normal club day but instead of turning up at our club grounds, go to the Slade Point Athletics Club located at Cathy Freeman Athletic Park, Wren Street, Slade point. This meet is open to our club and Sarina. More details available closer to the date. **Club Uniform optional.**

MACKAY TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL – SATURDAY 23 JULY



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This will be the first carnival to be hosted by our club since 2006 when the club hosted the North Queensland Games and each year before that, a track and field carnival. The carnival will held over the one day with a medley of track and field events to participate in. We look forward to a great day with athletes from all clubs able to take part. The event program and nomination form will be available during May. **Note: The club uniform will be required for this event.**

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SARINA INTERCLUB MEET – SUNDAY 31 JULY

Sarina & District Amateur Athletics Club have invited Mackay & Slade Point members to their annual Interclub Meet to be held Sunday 31 July from 12pm. This is a great little carnival to participate in offering a 4 event program. This event is well supported by our members and participation points can be earned. A small fee per athlete applies. Register on the day at the Sarina Athletics Club Grounds, Johnston Street, Sarina. So come on down and make a fun afternoon for the family. Remember to bring your chairs and picnic rug. A BBQ and Canteen are available at the grounds. Look out for the event program on our website soon. Again, parent assistance will be required at events. **Club uniform optional.**

REMEMBER. ALL OF THE ABOVE CARNIVALS DO NOT REQUIRE PREREQUISITE QUALIFYING TIMES, DISTANCES OR HEIGHTS. IT'S A GREAT WAY TO LET THE KIDS EXPERIENCE A SPORTS CARNIVAL.