



December 2023 Newsletter

Thanks for the feedback regarding our first GameDay Newsletter. The goal is to provide information to all our members, whanau and volunteers. If you have material to submit we would welcome this. You can email submissions to **board@athleticswbop.org.nz**

We are sending out four newsletters a year - it's a chance to show what we are doing as a centre and the variety of events happening in our region. Also please note we now have an instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/athleticswbop/>

The Porritt Stadium work is progressing well and is on track for reopening in 2024. We are very much looking forward to this .

Officials - crisis point

Our region is critically short of officials. The results of this are starting to be felt:

Meets are being cut short due to a lack of officials.

1. Records are unable to be ratified due to a lack of appropriately qualified officials.
2. It is stressful for existing officials and volunteers to staff events.

Solutions

1. If you are an athlete or whanau of an athlete please consider training as a C Grade official to help meets run more smoothly.
2. If you are a C Grade Official please consider upskilling to become a B Grade official.
3. We are looking at ways of running events for tamariki and rangatahi with less officials.

If you are interested in either online or in person training please contact Barrie on **barriej@athleticswbop.org.nz** and he will coordinate training for you. We have trainers from ANZ who are available - we will be having a big push on this early in 2024.

Update from Development and Events Coordinator

Barrie has hit the ground running - and has been involved at club and school events over the last six weeks. He has been focussing on coaching and officials pathways as well as running

a Teams Style Athletics event in Matamata. It is great to have an additional resource in our region.

Additional Ribbon Day Lake City Rotorua 23rd December- upcoming event

Lake City are going to hold a Pre-Colgate Comp afternoon for those kids aged 7-14 who are attending Colgate Games. This is an opportunity to compete in a competition type setting, but with no ribbons/medals etc. This is a great way to keep some momentum going. Clubs attending will need to help pitch in and assist on the day.

This starts at 2pm and will have music.....

Tauranga Twilight Meet - upcoming event

Athletics Tauranga is hosting this meet on the 2nd of January. This event caters for children, seniors and masters and is held in the Tauranga Domain. What a good way to start 2024!



The poster features a central image of a runner in mid-stride against a light blue background. To the left is a stylized, multi-colored runner. At the top left are logos for 'smiths sports shoes TAURANGA' and 'PLANWISE simply passionate'. The main title 'TAURANGA TWILIGHT MEET' is in large, bold, white letters with a yellow glow. Below the title is the slogan 'Ignite your passion! Rise to glory!'. The date '2 January 2024' is prominently displayed, followed by the location 'Tauranga Domain, 91 Cameron Road, Tauranga'. Event start times are listed: 'Children's event commences at 10:00am U18 & Open (Inc Masters) commences @ 2:00PM'. Entry information includes 'Enter online: Children 8 - 14 years \$20 entry fee only' and 'U18 - Seniors - Including Masters \$20 for entry and one event + \$5.00 per event'. Contact details for registration are provided at the bottom, including the website 'www.athleticstauranga.co.nz', Facebook and Instagram handles, and an email address. The Athletics Tauranga logo is at the bottom right, and a photo of athletes is at the very bottom.

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For more information and register:
www.athleticstauranga.co.nz
FACEBOOK: Tauranga Ramblers/Athletics Tauranga Inc
INSTAGRAM: @athletics_tauranga
EMAIL: athletics.tauranga@gmail.com

ATHLETICS TAURANGA

Porritt Classic- upcoming 2024 event

This event will be on 10th February 2024 from 2pm at the newly refurbished Porritt Stadium. Come along and see some top quality athletics in action. Entries are now open and as part of the programme we are hosting the NZU20 3000m Championships for Men and Women.



Saturday FEBRUARY 10th 2024 – PORRITT STADIUM – Crosby Road, Hamilton

20 24 PORRITT Classic

16 PERMIT event * 6 PARA events * 10 YOUTH events * 12 OPEN events * 2 NZ 3k champs.
ENTRIES on-line (Athletics Waikato-BOP) from December 1st Supported by Hamilton City Council

We would love clubs to come along as spectators.

This year we will be having a school's event for the 13+ aged athletes, targeting high school age athletes. Competitors must be aged 13 to 18 on 31 December 2024. This will be held prior to the Porritt Classic event from 11am till 1pm.

NZ Secondary School Champs - Report

One of the marquee events in the calendar - held in Christchurch from the 8th-10th December. There were notable performances by athletes from our region .

Of note, of the six athletes of the meet, three were from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty

Senior Girls Athlete of the Meet Boh Ritchie St Peter's School Cambridge

Para Athlete of the Meet Jaxon Woolley Papamoa College

Multi Athlete of the Meet Mia de Jager Rototuna High School

Please click [here](#) for the Selected team featuring ten WBOP Athletes

Please click [here](#) for the full results from the weekend

Childrens Relay Champs - link to results

Held on the 2nd December another successful Childrens Relay Champs. Full results are available [here](#)

NZMA North Island Championships Palmerston North - report

The NZMA North Island Champs were held on the 1st to 3rd of December in Palmerston North. The WBOP masters team made up one of the biggest teams at the event with 13 athletes, we also had a good team of officials, supporters and a photographer. Our athletes had entered into 50 events over the 3 days of competition, unfortunately overall entries seemed quite low and a number of entrants didn't show up over the weekend, mainly due to early season injuries, welcome to the masters!

Over the course of the weekend and a variety of weather conditions, the WBOP team secured 34 championship tiles, well done team! A full round of results can be found here: <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/518175/results>

A more comprehensive champs report will be published with results in the next edition of the masters UP-Front magazine, which can be found here with other masters publications: <https://athleticswaikatobayofplenty.org.nz/get-involved/masters-athletics/>

Camille French Debut Marathon result

Camille runs an Olympic qualifier in Debut Marathon in Valencia, Spain in 2:26:08! That's the second fastest by an NZ women (behind Kim Smith's NZ record of 2:25:21). It also beats the World Athletics Paris Olympic Games Entry Standard of 2:26.50.

Awesome result Camille!

Lloyd CHRISTIE (JP (Rtd)) Obituary

Lloyd Christie, a past President of Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty 2008-09 and Patron of Athletics Tauranga Inc passed away in Tauranga, 6th December, aged 93 years. He began his athletic career in Matamata winning a Junior Waikato Steeplechase title in the late 1940's and placing second in the Mount Maunganui King of the Mountain race in 1953 representing Matamata.

The Christie Family Trust was one of the major contributors to the Tauranga All Weather Athletics Track being the initial construction of the facility and the resurfacing of the same at Tauranga Domain.

For the full obituary please check out this [link](#)

Wishing you all a safe happy Christmas and Holiday Season. All the best to our members competing at the Colgate Games or Tauranga Twilight meet. Have a wonderful late December and early January!