Hi Clubs, I hope this finds you well. It’s hard to believe the end of the winter season is here and the start of summer Track & Field is just around the corner. For winter clubs I hope you’ve had a great season and for summer clubs, I hope the planning is going well to kick into some exciting programmes in the next month or so. It’s been a busy few months here at Athletics NZ with our AGM, Cross Country & Road Champs, Club Connect Conference and the World Champs all happening since the last Club Chat Newsletter.

Club Connect this year was held in Christchurch where we had twenty six clubs and fifty five people attend. We had a great programme filled with heaps of quality speakers and insightful information. Thanks to all the clubs that attended. For all those who couldn’t make it, check out the presentations on our website. We hope to see you all at next year’s conference in Auckland.

In this newsletter learn about Athletics NZ member benefits, a few awesome best practice case studies happening around New Zealand and some great coach development opportunities for your club coaches/volunteers. There are also a couple of important notices regarding the new process for membership fees and a reminder about updating club details in Club Finder.

All the best for the start of the summer season. If you have any questions or need help with anything please don’t hesitate to contact us at Athletics NZ. We are here to help.

Cat O’Sullivan

Case Studies – Sharing great ideas

Case Studies are a great way to share good new stories in our sport, best practice models that others can learn from and a great way to promote your club. It’s our aim to share as many of your stories as possible so we can all learn from each other. See below the links to the three most recent case studies

Growing Junior Participation: Wellington Kids Cross Country Series

Engaging the Adult Runner: TempoFit

Reinventing a Club: Hibiscus Coast Athletics Club

We would love to share your story. We have a $100 Sports Distributors voucher to give away each month to the best case study submitted. The case study will also be published on our website and given to you to post on your website and share with stakeholders. All you need to do is fill in the Case Study form and email it to Catherine@athletics.org.nz before the 20th of each month. The winning case study will be published at the start of the following month.

Attention ALL Summer Only Clubs: New Process for Membership Fees

Athletics NZ encourages clubs to set up online membership to eliminate administration tasks from volunteers. However if your club still wants to do manual payments click here for the process for the 2015/16 season.
Athletics NZ Insurance for Affiliated Clubs

We have recently had a number of questions regarding insurance cover for affiliated Athletics Clubs. As such we have sought clarification from our insurer and can confirm that:

- Any athletics related event delivered by a club that is currently affiliated with Athletics New Zealand will be covered under ANZ group cover insurance.
- If a club delivers an event that is open to both members and non-members, all participants will be covered under ANZ group cover insurance provided the club is currently affiliated with Athletics New Zealand.

Coach Development opportunities:

Throws Conference

Athletics NZ are holding a Throws Conference in Auckland from 13-15 November. The conference features key note speakers Koji Murofushi and Don Babbit. The conference will include a mix of practical, theory and event-specific sessions. Athletes should come prepared to throw! For more information click [here](#).

Relays Camp

There will be a Relays Camp held in Tauranga from 9 -11 October. This camp begins to outline our new relay methods to be employed by the national teams for all grades. Youth and children’s sections are also strongly advised to be developing modern best practise in the following skills: Baton passing, Baton receiving, starting stance. For more information click [here](#).

Find your local Club

We often promote athletics clubs to wider communities including events and schools. We generally send people to the Athletics NZ Find your Local club page (otherwise known as Club Finder). It gives everyone the ability to search for a club using a suburb or postcode and specific characteristics they are after in an Athletics Club e.g. A club that caters to children under 7

Please make sure you have added your club to Club Finder and have got all the details up to date so that prospective members can find you. Instructions on how to do this can be found [here](#).

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