

2013 Cherrybrook Little Athletics Zone Report

The 2013 Zone Carnival was a wonderful weekend of athletics in excellent weather at Barton Park, Parramatta. This year we had over 200 Cherrybrook athletes competing at Zone – our biggest team ever. As always, the standard of competition was high, which brought out the best in many of our athletes, with numerous personal bests recorded at the championships. The weekend was conducted in an excellent spirit with a great sense of team pride which was great to see. Special congratulations to the 102 Athletes who finished in the top 6 in their event/s and achieved automatic qualification to the Regional Championships to be held in February at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. No doubt a number of others will also make it to Regional as next fastest qualifiers after the other zones are completed in late January, so stay tuned for those results.

The Zone carnival gives a first taste of higher level competition to our U7 athletes, who performed very well. This year Cherrybrook had 8 girls and 8 boys from the U7's competing at Zone. Hopefully these athletes will return to Zone again next year when they will have their first chance to proceed through to the Regional championships.

This year an amazing 9 Cherrybrook athletes broke Zone records, with special congratulations to 2 of those athletes who each broke 2 records: Jordan Shelly in the U17B 100m and 200m, and Kristina Moore in the 14G javelin and discus. Our other record breakers were Joshua Baddock in the 15B high jump, Ben Bishop in the 13B 1500m, Amy Bowrey in the 12G Javelin, Kate Collett in the 13G Javelin, Emily Crawford in the 9G 200m, Liam McKenzie in the 10B high jump and Alex Moore in the 17B 400m.

Our 4x100 relay teams also performed particularly well this year, with Cherrybrook winning Junior Girls, Senior Girls, and Senior Boys relays, with our Junior Boys placing 5th.

Last but not least, a massive thank-you to the many officials and helpers from both Cherrybrook and fellow clubs, a number of whom worked on both days of the championships to ensure a great carnival for our children to enjoy. Particular mention to our own Cathy Eaton who put in many weeks of work leading up to Zone, and did a wonderful job in her first year as Zone Co-ordinator. And thank you also to the many parents who volunteered their time on various rosters – all those contributions are integral to ensuring a successful weekend of athletics for all.

Don't forget to have a look at the official photographs from Zone on the Quarrie Sports Photography website which you can order online – see link below.

www.quarriephotography.com.au/qspdescription

If you enjoyed Zone, then consider entering the LANSW State Multi Event Championships in Shellharbour on the weekend of 1 & 2 March 2014, for U7-U17 age groups. Details on the Cherrybrook Website or LANSW website. This event is online entry only, with entries closing Wed 12th Feb 2014. If you attending, consider pre-ordering T-shirts soon as the cut-off date for T-shirts is 14th of Jan. [Click here for State Multi Polo Shirt order form](#)

We wish all of our successful competitors the best of luck in the regional Championships in February.

Jenny Bishop
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