

CHERRYBROOK ATHLETE LAUNCHES INTO RECORD BOOKS

Cherrybrook athlete Julie Charlton has launched herself into the Australian athletics record books in the F57 women's secured discus event to claim gold at the 2021 Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney last week.

The 21-year-old threw 15.35 metres to set a new standard in F57 discus and in the process collected \$1,000 for herself and a further \$1,000 for Cherrybrook Little Athletics from the Coles Australian Record Challenge.

The rising Para-athletics star and coach also took home a silver medal in the women's secured javelin and came fifth in the shot put.

Julie said she was extremely pleased with her results and was delighted to be able to give back to Cherrybrook Athletics where she has competed since she was 10 years old.

"It's been an amazing season and I've broken the Australian record a few times already, but I'm so happy I can do it at Nationals," she said.

"Cherrybrook Athletics has given me so much and has helped me to get to where I am, so nominating them to receive \$1,000 from the Coles Australian Record Challenge was the least I can do."

Cherrybrook Athletics President Martin Lubrano said the club was extremely proud of Julie and the \$1,000 will be used to support all athletes at the club, including several Para athletes coming through its ranks.

"Julie is not only a tremendous athlete, but a great role model, especially for Para athletes. She has been an extremely successful competitor and has already given so much back to our club as a coach and mentor," he said.

"We're grateful for Julie to nominate us to receive the Coles gift card. The money will enable us to buy food for our canteen which will help us to redirect funds to support our athletes in other ways."

A total of \$22,000 worth of Coles gift cards were donated to Aussie athletes and Little Athletics Centres from the inaugural Coles Australian Record Challenge, which recognised the record-breaking feats of athletes and their community clubs at the 2021 Australian Track and Field Championships.



Julie Charlton launches the discus to a new National Record