

Hi Clubs, I hope the start to the summer season is going well for you all. Over the last couple of months members of the Athletics NZ Community Team have spent time out in the regions. We were stoked to see so many positive things happening at club level. We've been out there doing a variety of things to upskill clubs and coaches... including Get Set Go courses, Run Jump Throw courses, Strategic Planning workshops, ClubNet database training sessions and even the introduction of IAAF Kids Athletics on the beach in Gisborne. If any regions or clubs are interested in any of the above please get in touch with us at Athletics NZ.

I wanted to thank all those awesome volunteers out there that have delivered athletics to their communities in 2015. You all do such an amazing job and we are so lucky to have you in our Sport. A great way to acknowledge your awesome club volunteers is through the Sport New Zealand ['Thank a Volunteer' campaign](#).

I hope you are all excited about the busy summer of athletics ahead. We sure are! Athletics NZ staff will be at both the North and South Island Colgate Games as well as the Classics events so make sure you come have a chat. I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and an enjoyable summer break.

Cat O'Sullivan

Positive Change in ClubNet

Athletics NZ has recently renewed their contract with database provider Sports Technology Group (formerly IMG Sports Technology Group) for another five years. One benefit for clubs in the new agreement is that the service fee charged for online transactions will reduce from 6% to 4%. Yay! This includes all transactions in Memberdesq (Membership portal), Eventdesq (Event and Competitions Portal) and Shopdesq (Online Shop). All of these portals are available for clubs to use and the only fees incurred will be the 4% fee for online Credit Card payments. Manual payment options are of course still available.

Sports Technology Group have recently rolled out an updated version of their database system with some great new features, we hope to offer this updated version to some clubs to trial in 2016.

We encourage clubs to look at online registration as an option and hope that this reduction in fees will make it more attractive. Many clubs who have taken this on have reported the benefits included reduction of workload for club administrators and easy communication with members. Many members have also liked the option to sign up and pay quickly and efficiently online.



Get Set Go Wellington Festival Day

Wellington clubs have been delivering Get Set Go for the last couple of seasons. This year as a celebration of Get Set Go Athletics Wellington held a Get Set Go Festival. 120 kids attended the event at Newtown Park in November. Club volunteer coaches and youth athletes were pulled in to run the stations and provide support for the kids. Every child received a bright Get Set Go T-shirt. The event went really well and everyone had a great time!! Athletics Wellington aim to make this an annual event to promote and celebrate Get Set Go.

Get Set Go Resource

After a couple of seasons of piloting the Get Set Go programme in a variety of clubs we have taken all our learnings and feedback from coaches and participants and have come up with a brand new resource to help clubs implement the Get Set Go programme. The resource contains 72 activities covering 12 fundamental skills across three development levels. The Get Set Go programme for clubs is designed for children 3 – 6 years old. Over the last couple of months Athletics NZ has been working with our 'Endorsed' Clubs to introduce Get Set Go using this resource. The feedback has been fantastic so far. Thanks to all those that have attended training sessions and put the time into incorporating Get Set Go into their club structure. If you are interested in Get Set Go in your club please contact Catherine@athletics.org.nz.

[Buy the resource](#)



Exciting news for Mountain Runners

2016 NZ Mountain Running Champs, Ben Lomond, Queenstown. 14 May 2016. Course details will be announced soon, entries open early 2016.



Athletics on the Moe Show

Athletics New Zealand and Hibiscus Coast Athletics Club recently featured on the Moe Show. Check out [Moe](#) as he learns how to Jump.



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CLUB CHAT

