

Cherrybrook Athletics

Little Athletics State Championships 23-25 March 2012

Congratulations to Matthew Eaton on his selection in the NSW State Team to compete in Hobart in the Australian Little Athletics Championships on 21 April. Matthew has been selected in the 400m and 800m. He won both these events at the State Championships and created a new record in the 800m.

Jordan Shelley also created a new state record in the 14 boys 100m. Congratulations to both Matthew and Jordan for their records.

Quite a few things were different at the State Championships in 2012 - for a start it was fine and cool! Secondly there were 24 competitors in each event which meant heats and finals in the 800m for the first time.

54 Cherrybrook athletes gained selection to the State Championship - certainly the highest number in the time I have been involved in the club and represents 18% of our 9-17s membership. An amazing figure.

There were 17 individual medalists. Dual medalists for the club - Matthew Eaton (as above), Amie Bowrey (gold in LJ, Silver in Discus), Ben Bishop (Gold in 1500, Silver 800), Kristina Moore (Gold in Discus, Silver in shot), Clayton Anstee (Gold in Discus, Silver in Javelin), Rachel Pace (Silver in 80H, Silver in 200H).

The Junior Boys Relay won GOLD in spectacular fashion and produced a very excited team (and parents). For Oliver Jacquot and Ben Kinash this was their 2nd medal of the carnival.

I am very pleased to report that Cherrybrook has won the first ever Walks Gold medal! Bayden Little in the 9 Boys 700m walk! Perhaps we should thank the Kuring-gai walks coach for this one!!

Full result table is also on the website.

2012/2013 Season Changes to Championships Pathway

As the structure of the zones and regions are changing - there is an impact on our athletes.

ALL FINALISTS at Zone Championships will proceed through to region. This is an exciting change and will allow a lot more of our athletes to progress further.

FIRST AND SECOND are automatic qualifiers to State Championships from each region, with the **NEXT BEST eight** from all the regions making 24 per event in the State Championships.

The reason it is first and second only next season is that there will be 8 regions instead of the current 5.