

**New Zealand Secondary School Athletics Association  
Track and Field & Road Race Championships  
Dunedin  
7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

### **Newsletter Number 2**

The organising committee have continued to make pleasing progress to ensure that everything will be in place for this wonderful event.

### **Accommodation**

A number of schools have taken up the offer of accommodation in the Halls of Residence which are associated with the University of Otago. These accommodation arrangements are not only for athletes, but also for teachers, parents and supporters. All halls have superb facilities and are within walking distance of the Caledonian Ground as well as the Road Race venue. The halls are Knox College, Salmond College, Arana College, University College and Studholme College. As stated before, this is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain experience of a University lifestyle.

The rate for accommodation and meals per day is as follows:

Bed and breakfast, packed lunch, dinner (2 course) - a total of \$77 per person per day

All accommodation is in single rooms and there are common rooms available for meetings or just to relax.

The booking contact is: [visitor.ossaa@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:visitor.ossaa@dcc.govt.nz)

### **Dunedin Event**

This will be a Dunedin event, as we are looking at a number of 'extras' that will make your visit even more enjoyable. While some arrangements have yet to be finalised, we have had discussions with both the University of Otago and the Otago Polytechnic on ways they can be involved to give students who are interested, the opportunity to find out more about these educational institutes. The new University Sport and Recreation Centre (Unipol), which is part of the Forsyth Barr Stadium, will be available for tours, as will the new High Performance Centre which houses the Highlanders and the NZ Academy of Sport.

There will also be tours available of the Forsyth Barr Stadium which I know many of you will wish to see, while Cadburys World Tours, Moana Pool and Subway will be offering discount prices over the weekend.

Finally a very generous discount package for travellers arriving thru Dunedin Airport with Dunedin Taxi Airport Shuttles has been arranged. Details of all these will be posted on the NZSSAA web site.

### **Championship T-Shirt**

We are planning to have a souvenir T-Shirt available for purchase – Details will be included in our next newsletter

### **The Programme**

Due to a local bylaw restricting the track events while the hammer throwing events are taking place, we are holding the hammer throw on the Friday afternoon. We are currently working on the programme for the 3 days and will send a draft out to all schools once it has been completed and approved.

### **Road Race**

We have gained the approval from the Forsyth Barr Stadium operators to run the road race on a course that surrounds the stadium. It is a flat course that will be interesting for the athletes and will have many vantage points for the spectators. The course is around 400m from the Caledonian Ground where the Track & Field events will be held.

### **Time Table of Events**

A time table of events will be posted on the web and sent to Regional Sports Directors in the near future.

## Age Groups

<b>Note</b>	Competition is open to students currently enrolled in Years 9-13 who are 13 years and above on 31 December 2012 and attending an NZ Secondary School. Students from overseas schools may compete by applying through their school to the NZSSAA via <a href="mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz">oe@nzssaa.org.nz</a>
<b>Junior</b>	Under 16 years on 31 December 2012
<b>Senior</b>	Under 19 and a half years on 31 December 2012
<b>Year 9</b>	For the Road Race only, there is a Year 9 grade. Competitors must be a Year 9 student, over 13 years and under 15 years on 31 December 2012
<b>AWD</b>	Under 22 on 31 December 2012

### Communication

In conjunction with the University we are currently setting up a Face Book page to allow all those interested to communicate with us and their friends on a more regular basis regarding the event and any other points of interest. We are also working on having both radio and TV on board to assist in promoting the event.

Should you have any questions you can contact me as detailed below.

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