

## Newsletter One

### NZSSAA 53<sup>rd</sup> TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS and ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS December Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at Cooks Gardens, Whanganui

## Welcome

### Vital Information

- Venue Track and Field Cooks Gardens, Whanganui
- Sessions Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December pm; Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December am and pm; Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December am and pm
- Road Race at Whanganui Collegiate School Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December am (see later notes)

### Key dates:

- Introductory Newsletter Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Newsletter 1. 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Entry portal opens Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Newsletter 2. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Entries close at midnight Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Newsletter 3 after close of entry

**Accommodation** is tight in Whanganui, but it is worth noting that Marton and Bulls are only 30 minutes to Cooks Gardens and Palmerston North is one hour. We urge you to secure accommodation early.

**The Road Race** is being held on campus at Whanganui Collegiate School over a 1km lap. Please note the following changes for this year.

- Year 9's will be running in the Junior race over 4km. Yr 9's, Junior Boys and Girls both run 4 laps of 1 km. There will be individual medals for Under 14, Under 15, and Under 16. There will be Team medals for 3 and 6 to score for the combined race.
- Senior boys and Senior girls will have individual medals at Under 17 and Under 20 and team medals for the combined race. Senior boys will race 5 laps of one kilometre, and senior girls will race 4 laps of 1 kilometre.

**Ages taken from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.**

### Warm-up track

The warm-up track will be at Whanganui City College and is 300m from the Cooks Gardens Cook Street Gate and 340m from the Call Room. There is a large all-weather tennis courts at Whanganui City College where hurdles will be provided and a grass 300m track on the adjacent field. There will be concrete for throwing but throws warm-up athletes require an adult supervisor.

### Stadium

Cooks Gardens has covered seating in Grandstands on both straights with over 4,000 seats available

### Corporate Boxes

We can offer corporate boxes with reserve seating in front of box. Cost \$350 (GST exclusive)

Please apply to Yasmin Christenhusz | Secretary | Athletics Whanganui Inc.

Mobile 027 484 7146 [yasminjc2003@gmail.com](mailto:yasminjc2003@gmail.com)

### Travel/ Transfers

**Take it Easy Tours** can offer a variety of vehicles from a small mini-bus to a large bus if transport is required from either Palmerston North Airport or Wellington Airport.

Phone 06 344 7465. Website <https://www.takeiteasytours.nz> . Phone 021669515

### Local Organising Committee

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