



# CALLIOPE CAPERS

21 MARCH 2018

## TONIGHT Club Champs

The 60m Backwards Debacle followed by the Wobbly Boot Battle of the Ages followed by the 1500m Handicap Run/Walk. Backwards running, more appropriately known as retro running (for Calliope competitors it will be very retro) has a distinguished history which is unlikely to be enhanced on the night as none of our athletes feature in the list of famous backwards runners. The wobbly boot contest is courtesy of the Barkers. Rod will supply a large ugly gumboot straight from the pigpen and Chris an elegant pampered perfumed and tapered one specially for the Women. The 1500m Handicap is not an age-related event but will be based on performances to date this season. Early favourite Bill will be back to defend his title which he won by a mere one second over Chris. "That was easy" he was heard to mutter as he lay prostrate on the finish line.

All members are encouraged to enter the Fun Night above. There are no alternative runs. There will be pizzas in the clubrooms after the event.

## GRAEME WELLS BUSH BASH, Saturday 24 March at 2pm

The Graeme Wells Bush Bash will be held on Saturday 24 March at 2pm from the Clubrooms. This race started in 2014 in memory of Graeme Wells, a keen bush runner and life member of Calliope. The course changes slightly each year but takes place in our local bush, Birkenhead War Memorial Park. Runners estimate their time over one or two laps and the runner home closest their estimated time wins. Timing devices cannot be worn and club singlets do not need to be worn.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALTERNATIVE RUNS

### March 28<sup>th</sup> (last week of Day Light Savings)

Road – ParkHill – Balmain - Porritt

Bush – Eskdale Bush

### April 4<sup>th</sup>

Road – Twin Peaks

### April 11<sup>th</sup>

Road – Birkdale – Glenfield Mall

### April 18<sup>th</sup>

Road – Twin View (aka The Kiwi)

### April 25<sup>th</sup>

Road – Sylvan – Oceanview - Coronation

## BIRKENHEAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

The War Memorial Redevelopment has been put forward as the number 1 item for the Kaipatiki board/region. The Mayors 10 year budget is now open for **submissions** until 28 March 2018. Here is the link to the AK Have your Say page, where you can make submission to the Auckland Council 2018-2028 Long-Term Plan.

<https://engage.ubiquity.co.nz/surveys/mom8LOQAZkiKnAjVaiCmfQ>

It is **important** that **each** and **every member** accesses this site and supports the Kaipatiki Board submission to the Auckland Council 10 year plan/budget.

As we have previously advised the greater the community support the greater the likelihood the Kaipatiki Board will receive the funding they need, and in turn Calliope will get the outcomes they are looking for.

The Birkenhead War Memorial Park is the most significant multi-use sporting and community facility in our region bare none and has been woefully under funded. We must take this opportunity to get in behind it.

There is a **drop-in session** for members of park user groups for the Birkenhead War Memorial Park Master Plan on Thursday 22 March 2018, 4pm to 7pm at the Leisure Centre 'classroom'. Come and **provide feedback** on the work the park user group representatives have done over the last few weeks and share your ideas.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a drop in session, so you can come in when and for how long you like.

### **NATIONAL ROAD RELAY CHAMPS**

The date for this event is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It is a road relay that runs from Takahe to Akaroa. This is a fantastic event with wonderful views along the way. Start thinking about whether you want to be part of this event as we need to put a team or two together and people can start looking for cheap flights to Christchurch. This is always a FUN weekend! The Club pays for the race entry, van and \$100 towards accommodation.

### **RESULTS 14 March 2018**

The final night of the Club Champs saw somewhat of a sensation with Chris unexpectedly heading off Jill on the age adjusted basis in the Triple Jump, this after Jill had easily won the Long Jump a month earlier. This result meant a tie for first place in the Championship which actually turned out to be a fitting result as neither deserved to lose. Allan was a clear winner in the Men's Championship with Bill literally leaping into second equal place with 10 points in the Triple Jump, extraordinary really as he was not sure if he could actually make the pit. Mike who tied with Bill could well have challenged Allan if he had participated on the last two nights. The final tally of points showed how important it is to take part in as many events as possible because foregoing events can often gift significant points to the opposition.

Final points were:

<b>Women</b>		<b>Men</b>	
Chris Barker and Jill Peate-Hall	74	Allan Lamb	66
Daniela Rourke	52	Bill Fell and Mike Parker	51
Sara Arnold	5	Bruce McLean	38
Sandra Haynes	3	Paul Rourke	33
<b>Under 17 Women</b>		Malcolm Fisher	21
Natasha Gordon	80	James Clendon	20
		Garth Barfoot and Werner Schmidt	8
		Murray Stevens	7
		Bevan Lynch	5
		Nick Hall	3

### Calliope Club Championships – day seven 14 March 2018

Percentages are taken from the WMA age-factors for ages as at 31/1/2018, using the Grubb calculator. 10 points awarded for the highest percentage, 7 for second, 5 for third, 3 for fourth, 1 point for others. The best percentage scores over eight events of which two events must be field events are counted for the overall championship

Points	400m			Points	Triple Jump		
		Age %				Age %	
10	Jill Peate-Hall	85.03	70.50%	10	Chris Barker	4.18	49.23%
10	Natasha Gordon	73.42	68.47%	10	Natasha Gordon	6.77	48.32%
10	Bill Fell	135.59	52.63%	7	Jill Peate-Hall	5.17	45.15%
7	Chris Barker	149.95	49.22%	10	Bill Fell	3.77	41.84%
7	Bruce McLean	149.19	45.44%	7	Bruce McLean	2.57	26.88%
5	Allan Lamb	227.89	22.50%				

### AUCKLAND MASTERS ATHLETICS

Last Sunday was the final **Auckland Masters Athletics** meeting of the season. Bruce competed – in the Shot Put with 4.47 metres for 3<sup>rd</sup> out of three in his age group and in the 3000m walk 24:34.10 for 2<sup>nd</sup> from three of all walkers and only one in his age group. This was 25 seconds slower than what he had hoped to do which he puts down the four Shot Put throws 15 minutes before hand. The winning male and female running times were 9:55.83 and 12:18.53 and in the 800m 2:13.34 and 2:35.64. However the 3000m was the final race in the Ernie Haskell trophy series judged on age-gender percentages and requiring completion of three 3000m races from four meetings to be eligible. Bruce was one of only three walkers and one runner who qualified with the required three events and his average percentage of 66.55% gained him 2<sup>nd</sup> place although well behind the sole qualifying runner 83.89%. This was very pleasing but Bruce recalls earlier days in this trophy series when there were a few more athletes chasing the trophy, including John Dwyer and Roy Davis besides Bruce himself, and it was impossible to place just by achieving the required three events which effectively he has done this year. A dozen other competitors this season achieved percentages above 75% with one over 90% but only did either one or two races therefore could not qualify. Perseverance counts!

### **KAURI DIE BACK MEETING, 7pm Monday 26 March, Kauri Park School Hall, 16 McGlashan Place, Beachhaven. Guest Speaker Dr Nick Waipara**

On Monday, 26 March Pest Free Kaipatiki are holding a public meeting on how we can keep kauri dieback out of Kaipatiki. Kauri dieback is an issue that affects all users of the bush areas we are lucky enough to have in abundance around here and we believe that if we are proactive we may be able to avoid complete closure as has happened in the Waitakere region.

### COATESVILLE CLASSIC HALF MARATHON

Saturday was the Coatesville half Marathon and 2 Calliopeons took part and 1 soon to be Calliopeon. The weather was perfect and the hills soon rolled past as each km was completed. The support crew (Sandra) then headed out for the 8km loop after the 21k was finished with "Bumble" after he has already completed the 21k. Good time was had by all.

**21k**

Steve G - 01:41:00 (new PB, first half marathon)

Mike S - 01:50.59

Sarah M - 01:52:14

**21k** - Known Associates

Michael (Bumble) - 02:02:39 (new PB)

Sarah completing the 4th out of 5th from the half marathon series,  
14th /705 overall female and 6th /163 for the age group.

