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A bumper addition tonight to catch-up on a whole host of news and great results!

Suggested Wednesday Runs:

Aug 26: Sylvan/Raleigh

Sep 2: Kohn Cup round 3 (10k or 5k options)

Sep 9: Magical Mystery Tour (8k) / Club Meeting with Auckland Athletics

Sep 16: The Dales (Birkdale, Lauderdale, Eskdale) (~9k)

Sep 23: Twin Wharves/Kiwi (~10/12k)

Sep 30: Eskdale bush (first run of daylight savings) – Yeah!

Upcoming Events:

If you have entered or are thinking about entering an event that other members may be interested in, please drop a note to the Calliope email address below so we can include it in the Upcoming Events schedule.

With some new events added we have consolidated the list. For information on these events please visit the event website.

A list of upcoming New Zealand Athletics events can be found here…

https://athletics.org.nz/competition/events/

For a list of other upcoming events these are listed in the Calliope Calendar at the end of the Capers.

Eyres Teams

As this clashed both with the Run Nation Film Festival which many of our members went to, and a rather inclement night we will reschedule this. Watch out for announcements on a new date

When: 6:30M at the Bowling Club

Where: Birkenhead Point Course

Wed 9th Sep 2026: Club Meeting: Auckland Athletics

In June we had a special meeting to discuss the future of Calliope and its association with Auckland and New Zealand athletics. We are proposing to have Mike Haliday from Auckland Athletics come and talk to the club to get feedback and share with us what Auckland Athletics goals are for the future, particularly in relation to club development. Although this date is yet to be confirmed we wanted to flag it early to allow as many people as possible to attend.

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Sat 12th Sep 2026: Blue Lake Replay

Only 2 ½ weeks to go! All accommodation is booked. As per the communications if people who have not booked yet wish to attend you will need to find alternative accommodation as Aura is fully booked.

To make things easier on the day we want to get teams and times finalised in advance of the weekend. We will begin reaching out to individuals to confirm a recent 5km time, or for those who have done it previously whether you would like to use a same time.

As per usual we will be looking for volunteers to help organise things so if you're able to help let us know.

Sat 21st Nov 2026: Rage Against Riverhead

Fiona is keen for a Calliope team to participate in the Rage Against Riverhead event, an event her and Martin have enjoyed in the past. If you are keen to be involved let us know, either by speaking with Fiona or emailing us at calliope.birkenhead@gmail.com.

https://www.runningcalendar.co.nz/event/rage-against-riverhead/

Calliope News:

Wed 19th Aug: AGM

Last week the Calliope AGM was held. Thank you to all those who attended and made their voices heard. We will circulate a copy of the minutes and the Presidents report to all members.

We welcome our new committee and thank them for coming on board. We also thank outgoing members Chris Mathey and Sara Arnold who choose not to stand again this year for their contribution over the last 12 months.

The new committee is:

President: Peter Jonkers

Secretary: Sandra Haynes

Treasurer: Murray Stevens

Captain: Sara Duggan

Committee members: Carl Roberts, Bev Steward (welcome back!), Pete Cordes (we knew we'd get you eventually)

As always there are some key focus areas for the new committee and the club over the next 12 months, most notably decisions in regard to Auckland and New Zealand Athletics, and Calliope's hundredth anniversary in 2030.

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A Checky 50K

A bit of a shout out to Lionel and Chris M, who along with their friend Coralie knocked out a 'checky 50k' as they put it last weekend. Their run took them from Devonport to Massey via the Upper Harbour and into the city. That's a rather an extreme way to get a beer!

Keep knocking it out guys.

Calliope Website: Strava Routes

A big shout out to Chris who has continued to make some changes to the Calliope website, the most significant of which is to add various Calliope runs submitted by members through Strava. Chris always seeks more runs to add.

If you are on Strava (as Chris will tell you if it's not on Strava it didn't happen) and would like to submit a route you think others might enjoy, speak to Chris on how to share these with him and he will add them to the website.

Fees:

Note: If you are not a paid-up member you cannot vote at the AGM or be nominated for a committee position (the author of the Capers has been known to pay on his mobile during the AGM). We will shortly start chasing people for these.

The Club has set the following subs for the coming year (1 June 2026 to 30 May 2027).

Age as of 31 December 2026

New members will need to fill in the Calliope Membership form to ensure we get all required information.

All fees include Birkenhead Bowling Club membership.

Competitive:

Registration and Fees to be paid online to Athletics NZ Ltd – Sign In, Athletes, Registration.

https://regoform.mygameday.app/#/wNpaU5vHOThsTC7D0D/3SJmoUW2oEMsIu5FIl

This link goes straight to the Gameday website for registering with Calliope. We have only set up details for one category at this stage. Active (Competitive) Member 20-years and over. If we have any 15- to 19-year-olds wanting to register, we will set that age group up then. Any under 20's will have to pay Athletics organisation fees which Calliope will then reimburse, as Under 20's membership is free for Calliope.

Grade	Fees
Under 20s	Nil (paid by Calliope)
20 and over	$160.00

Non-competitive:

Please pay fees directly to Calliope's bank account:

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Payee: Calliope Athletic and Harrier Club Incorporated

A/C No.: 12 3011 0801739 00

Ref: Your Surname, Code: Sub

Please be aware, changes to banking anti-fraud rules now require that the Payee name you enter, matches that held for the recipient account. We have found however, that depending on your bank and the rules imposed during transfer you may get a message that the Payee name does not match. You should get an option to continue (or not) with the payment. So long as you have confirmed the account number is correct, it is ok to proceed.

If you have concerns, please speak to Murray on Wednesday or email Calliope at: calliope.birkenhead@gmail.com.

Grade	Fees
Social	$95.00
Under 20s	Nil
Volunteers	Nil

5K Time for Handicapping

Although we are now in summer don't forget to keep track of your 5K times for next season. Please email an estimated 5km time to the Calliope email address so we can ensure handicapping is up-to-date and does not delay us on the day as it has in the past.

Please send 5km times to calliope.birkenhead@gmail.com

In Other News

23rd Aug 2026: Media Martón Ciudad de Buenos Aries, Argentina. World Half Marathon Record

Many of you will have seen that Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha regained his world half marathon record running 56 minutes 51 seconds. Yes, that's right. I thought it was worth putting that into context.

Distance	Split Time	KM Pace	1 Mile Pace	1,500M Pace	Total Time	Comment
5K	0:13:44	0:02:44	0:04:25	0:04:07	0:13:44	
10K	0:13:34	0:02:43	0:04:22	0:04:04	0:27:18	
15K	0:13:21	0:02:40	0:04:18	0:04:00	0:40:39	
20K	0:13:23	0:02:41	0:04:18	0:04:01	0:54:02	
21.2K		0:02:48			0:56:51	last 1.097 km

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May
- Sat 2 — Rotorua Marathon
- Sat 16 — Hawkes Bay Marathon
- Sun 17 — Huntly Half Marathon
- Sun 17 — Auckland Trail Series – Tawharanui
- Sun 24 — Run Auckland – Ambury Park

June
- Sun 7 — Auckland Trail Series – Hunua
- Sun 14 — Run Auckland - Onepoto
- Sun 28 — Auckland Trail Series – Shakespeare Regional Park
- Sun 28 — Wellington Marathon

July
- **Sat 4 — AMBLER SHIELD**
- Sat 4 — North Island Cross Country Champs - Taupo
- Sun 5 — Run Auckland – Te Atatu North
- **Wed 8 — PIE & JUG**
- Sun 19 — Auckland Trail Series – Totara Park
- Sun 26 — Run Auckland – Western Springs
- **Wed 29 — HERITAGE 18kms**

August
- Sat 1 — NZ Cross Country Champs – Christchurch
- Sat 1 — Taupo Marathon
- Sun 9 — Auckland Trail Series - Riverhead
- **Wed 12 — EYRES Teams Race**
- Sun 16 — Run Auckland – Farm Cove Pakuranga
- **Wed 19 — AGM**
- Sun 30 — Auckland Trail Series – Waitawa Regional Park

September
- Sun 6 — North Shore Marathon/Half Marathon
- **Sat 12 — Calliope Blue Lakes Relay**
- Sun 13 — Run Auckland – Millwater Half Marathon
- Sat ?? — Auckland Road Relay Champs
- Sun 27 — Daylight Savings begins
- Mon 28 — Northcote Tavern Pub Run Summer Course begins

October
- Sun 4 — Devonport Half Marathon
- TBC — NZ Road Relay Champs
- **Wed 7 — KING/QUEEN of the MOUNTAIN**
- **Wed 14 — BATHHURST CUP**
- Sat 17 — Taupo Ultra/Relay
- Sun 18 — NSRS - Orewa
- **Wed 28 — Graeme Wells Bush Bash**
- Mon 26 — Labour Day

November
- Sun 1 — Auckland Marathon/Half Marathon
- **Wed 4 — CLAYWORTH PAIRS**
- Sat 14 — Queenstown Marathon/Half Marathon
- Sat 21 — Kerikeri Half Marathon
- Sun 22 — NSRS – Hobsonville Point
- Sun 29 — Omaha Half Marathon
- **Prizegiving**

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