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Suggested Wednesday Runs:

- **Aug 5** - Balmain/Chelsea View (plus optional Porritt)
- **Aug 12** - Eyres Cup (*we need to make sure we have people willing and able to do the admin*)
- **Aug 19** - Mt Mc Donalds (down Birkdale, up Kaipatiki, and back along Glenfield/Birkenhead)
- **Aug 26** - Sylvan/Raleigh

AGM – Wednesday 19th August

Please prioritise attending this meeting following the run. Consider any nominations you have, or if you would like to help the club by serving on the committee. Check with the nominee that they are willing. Remember any nominations for named officer roles must be lodged two weeks prior to the meeting.

If you have any items of business you think should be discussed, these must be flagged to a committee member well prior to the meeting, unless they are very minor and can be dealt with under general business.

Also note further in these Capers, any further nominations for the Bill Fell prize must come to the attention of the committee very promptly, as time is of the essence.

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.

27th Sept 2026 Devonport Half Marathon

A few of us have already entered and Carl has created a team so it would be great to have good numbers. Team name is ‘Calliope Birkenhead’. Passcode to join is ‘Calliope’. It fits in well for anyone training for Auckland Marathon.

https://ahms.werun.nz/

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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 Calendar

The Calliope Calendar has been published and attached to the Capers. It can also be found on the Calliope website here… https://www.calliopeahc.org/calendar.html

Recent Achievements by Calliope regulars and family:

- The Possum Night Trail 21km - **Zach Skill** first in age group 2:01:36
- Onehunga Half Marathon - **Brigid Du Burgess** - PB and second place overall female 1:29
- Auckland Trail Series Totara Park - **Jamie Linehan**: Mid Course Run 10th male and 3rd in age group; **Murray Stevens**: Mid Course Walk 6th male and 2nd in age group
- Run Auckland Western Springs 10km – **Bryn Harvey** - Overall 34/531, M 26/247, M12-14 1/5

Well done to all. Some great results in there!!

Calliope Away trips

As previously published, being the adventurous bunch you are, the committee led by Chris have been discussing potential trips for interested members, friends and family. These could be local, or overnight and further afield. We welcome other suggestions.

Having provided a list, we are keen for people to indicate if there is one or more, they would like to try. The Rangitoto trip (noted below) will definitely go ahead, we will seek interest for longer options further afield on a case-by-case basis. Those include the Tongariro Northern Circuit, The Timber Trail and trips to Tekapo and Taupo.

Please let us know is you are interested. For more detail on the other options please refer to earlier Capers or speak to a member of the committee.

Rangitoto:

- Private boats to Rangitoto
- 25 Pax (2 boat loads)
- 17km run to the top of the hill, then over to home bay for a picnic.
- Alternative distances:
- There is an option to run out and back up to 5 KMs from Home Bay.
- Includes a BBQ and drinks at Home bay

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Calliope News:

Bill Fell Award Nominations:

Our Bill. Forever in our thoughts and hearts

Once again, we welcome nominations for the Bill Fell Award, presented in honour of 'Mr Calliope', Life Member, Bill Fell, who sadly passed way in 2022.

Ever the larger-than-life character, Bill was synonymous with Calliope. Bill's values represented the best of friendship, commitment, loyalty, and dedication to our Club, and to the sport of harriers and athletics. This award goes to somebody who reflects those values.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Bill Fell award, please let a member of the committee know.

The award will be presented at the AGM on 19th August 2026.

5K Time for Handicapping

With the Blue Lake relay approaching, it's important to keep track of your 5K times. Please email an actual 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. It's important to note that **actual data from Monday Underground or a Parkrun (or similar)** run at a strong effort (for runners or walkers) is best. Preferably several from the previous few months. This will assist the handicapper to create a meaningful handicap and a fairer race.

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

Calliope Website: Strava Routes

A big shout out to Chris who has been making 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.

Calliope Merchandise:

As our previous screen printer has moved to Silverdale, Cam has found a company that will provide a smart iron on transfer that can be applied at home to a garment of your choice. There is a minimum order of 10 transfers, so if you're interested in this option, please speak to a committee member or email us at the Calliope email address in the footer of the Capers.

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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).

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/3SJmoUW2oEMsIu5FII

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	$140.00

Non-competitive:

Please pay fees directly to Calliope's bank account:

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

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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 19th – Calliope 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
- Sun 27 — Devonport Half Marathon
- Mon 28 — Northcote Tavern Pub Run Summer Course begins

October
- 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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