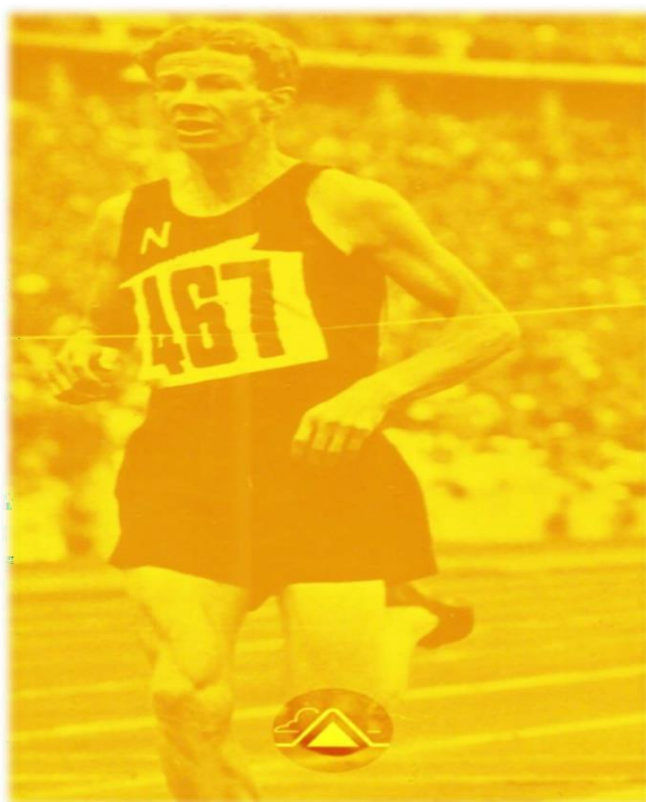




# Lovelock *Relays* 2025

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3rd May

## Patron's Welcome

Welcome to the 88th running of the Lovelock Relays the first event on the winter calendar.

Today is an opportunity to remember Jack Lovelock and his amazing achievement of Olympic Glory in the 1500 meters at the Berlin Games in 1936. We can look up to Signal Hill to the north & see where Jack lived in Warden Street and imagine his involvement here with the Otago University Athlete Club before heading to Oxford University to take up a prestigious Rhodes scholarship and compete on the world stage with amazing success.

Relay running is a great opportunity to join with fellow club members and pit yourselves against other clubs in a unique format. Lifelong friends are created by competing together in support of club victories.

Enjoy your day and strive for perfection and personal improvement with your fellow athletes as Jack Lovelock did before us.

Lindsay Dey  
Hill City University Club Patron



Welcome to Mark Geddes, President of Hill City – University Athletic Club to award the trophies and prizes at this year's event.



## The Man Behind the Race – Jack Lovelock

He was born in the town of Crushington (near Reefton) as the son of English immigrants. From his early days at school Lovelock participated and excelled in fields beyond athletics. At Fairlie School (1919–23) he was dux of the primary school, represented the school in rugby, competed in swimming and athletics, and was a prefect. At Timaru Boys' High School, which he attended as a boarder from 1924, he set school athletics records but was also involved in nearly every area of school life. In 1928, his final year, Lovelock was school dux, head prefect, and won the school's boxing championship cup. The following year he went to University of Otago to study medicine. Lovelock showed a talent for sports while at the University, and competed for the university team in the New Zealand 1-mile (1.6 km) championships. In 1931 he became a Rhodes Scholar at Exeter College, Oxford from 1931 to 1934. He graduated as a medical practitioner.

In 1932—by then holder of the British Empire record for the mile—Lovelock competed in the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, and placed 7th in the final of the 1500 meters event. The following year, he set a world record of 4:07.6 in the mile when running at Princeton against its emerging champion Bill Bonthron. Later, in September, he represented New Zealand in the first World Student Games where he renewed his rivalry with the 1500m champion from Los Angeles in 1932, Luigi Beccali. Beccali edged Lovelock in the final and equaled the world record for the event. In 1934 Lovelock won the gold medal in the mile at the British Empire Games. He also lost some races, and believed that he could only make one supreme effort in a season.

The highlight of Lovelock's career came in 1936, when he won the gold medal in the 1500 m at the Berlin Olympics, setting a world record in the final (3:47.8). Lovelock had plotted ever since his defeat at Los Angeles and developed a revolutionary tactic. The race is regarded as one of the finest 1500 m Olympic finals and included one of the finest fields assembled. The final was a culmination of the first great era of mile running from 1932–36 in which the world records for the 1500m and mile were broken several times. Apart from Lovelock and the American mile world record holder Glenn Cunningham who broke Lovelock's record a year later in 1934, also at Princeton, Bonthron, the 1932 Olympic Games 1500m champion at Los Angeles, Luigi Beccali and the emerging English champion Sydney Wooderson raced in Berlin. Bonthron, who held the world 1500m record, failed to make the US team, while Wooderson was found to have a fracture in his ankle and missed the final. The silver medalist in Los Angeles, John 'Jerry' Cornes also raced in Berlin along with the Swedish champion Erik Ny and the outstanding Canadian athlete Phil Edwards and another American Gene Venzke, who had been regarded as the favourite for the 1932 title until injury denied him a place in the US team. In the final, Lovelock beat Glenn Cunningham, who came in second, by making the unprecedented break from 300 m out. Lovelock had been regarded as a sprinter in the home straight but cleverly disguised his plan and caught his opponents napping with a brilliantly-timed move. Cunningham, who also broke the world record in the race, was considered by many to be the greatest American miler of all time. Beccali was third.

Lovelock, who was the captain of the New Zealand Olympic team, raced once more for the British Commonwealth after Berlin and his last race was back at Princeton en route to a Government-sponsored trip to New Zealand where he was beaten by another of the Olympic finalists Archie San Romani. Lovelock maintained his interest in athletics until at least the outbreak of the Second World War. Lovelock was a Major in the R.A.M.C. during World War II.

He married Cynthia James in 1945 and had two daughters. A year later, he began working at Manhattan Hospital in New York. On 28 December 1949, he had telephoned his wife from work to inform her that he was coming home early because he was not feeling well. He was waiting at the Church Avenue train station in Brooklyn when he fell onto the tracks, probably as a result of one of the dizziness attacks to which he was subject after being thrown from a horse in 1940. He was then killed by an oncoming train. (Wikipedia)



## **Programme 2025**

Race 1: 1:00 pm – Social/ Mixed

Race 2: 1:40 pm – Under 12 Mixed, Under 14 Mixed

Race 3: 1:55 pm – Mixed Otago University Residential College,  
Under 16 Mixed, Under 18 Mixed

Race 4: 2:25 pm – Masters Men (35+), Masters Women (35+)

Race 5: 2:55 pm – Senior Women

Race 6: 3:20 pm – Senior Men

## **Prize Giving**

- Children's Prizegiving will be held at the conclusion of the Children's race
- The residential colleges prize-giving will also take place after the race
- General Prizegiving will be held by the Start/ Finish line at the conclusion of the event.
- Trophies are to be presented to the winning teams in the Men's and Women's A grades.
- Spot prizes are available and will be presented at the prize giving. Winners must be present at the prize giving to claim the spot prize.

## **Team Changes**

Must be done on the Team Change sheets provided & handed to the computer operators not less than 30 mins prior to the race start.

## **Lap Stewards**

Please notify officials when your runners are about to change/team is finishing.

Fill in the Lap Steward cards provided & return them along with ALL race numbers ASAP after each race. Clubs will be charged \$10 for missing race numbers.

## **Entry Fees**

Invoices will be sent to teams for payment.

## **Results**

Will be emailed to clubs and posted on our website: [www.hillcity.org.nz](http://www.hillcity.org.nz) Results will be displayed at Prize Giving.

## **Feedback**

Please email [hcyharriers@gmail.com](mailto:hcyharriers@gmail.com). We are always looking for ideas.



## Races/ Teams:

### Race 1 Social Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
1	Ariki Social Green	Bryce Saunders	Niamh Porter	Dalise Sanderson	Caleb Porter
2	Ariki Social White	Glen McSkimming	Hugh Walker	Kirsty Nicholls	Tim Dobier
3	Caversham Leopards	Bart de Greef	Amy McMullan	Kerry Rowley	Erin Prince
4	Caversham Tigers	Michael van der Loon	Jo Little	Celia Lie	Hideo Yoshihamam
5	HCU Speedy genes: ACTN3	Jordyn Fogarty	Tracey Bransgrove	Anita Dunbier	TBC
6	HCU Speedy genes: ACE	Connor Haywood	Steve Pinker	Cathy Weatherston	Zoe Carman

### Race 2 Under 12 Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
12	Ariki kids - Green	Sammy Walker	Xaviour Walker	Henry Sutherland	Thomas Sutherland
13	Ariki kids - White	Henry Dobson	George Dobson	Luke Smith	TBC Thomas
14	Leith Kids Team 1	Ailish O'Neill	Jordan O'Byrne	Scarlett Stott	Oscar Bishop
15	Leith Kids Team 2	James O'Neill	Huia Edmond-Smaill	John Garvey	Fleur Giudicelli
16	Leith Kids Team 3	Ellie Pattillo	Alex Scorrings	Harriet Liddel	Archer Hendry
17	Leith Kids Team 4	Dominic O'Byrne	Olive Stott	Espen Lorenz	Callum Scorrings
18	Leith Kids Team 5	Isaiah Chin	TBC	TBC	TBC
19	HCU Dey	Pippa McLean	Holly Pellowe	Brooke Duncan	Genevieve Hodgson
20	HCU Beath	Alba Ritchie	Walter Smith	Fred Ritchie	Annabelle Smith



## Race 2 Under 14 Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
21	Caversham Ruthe	Perry Saker	Amelia Reynolds	Lucy Ross	Perry Saker
22	Caversham Tanner	Lauchie Keogh	Quinn Reynolds	Tillie Anderton	Lauchie Keogh
23	Caversham Willis	Annemijn Kelderman	Nicholas Duncan	Jonathan Duncan	Sammy Cotter
24	HCU Chignell	Santiago Fernandez-Perez	Aaron Horwood	William Shen	Jesse Pellowe
25	HCU Crumpton	Patrick Scholten	Harry Winterbourne	Jack Scholten	Eric Shen
26	HCU Team Broom	Luie Broom	Lottie Winterbourne	Zac Broom	Luie Broom

## Race 3 Otago University Residential College Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
30	Margs	Caleb Speedy	Richard Mwanzia	Rochell Uys	Jade Lin
32	Salmond Sprinters	Sandy Lamjuan	Mackenzie Napier	Daniel McClune	James Catto
33	Salmond Bolters	Meg Regnault	Hannah Hickey	Noah Lovelock	Kodi Knights
34	Salmond Skedaddlers	Emalise Alding	Alex Parks	Carter Bastion	Hannah Hogan
36	Studholme College	Kieran Robinson	Eve Tonascia	Sophie Whiteman	Lyon Rogers
37	Locals'	Bradley	Joshua Yelavich	Annie Jiang	Ela Kos
38	CFC	Nick Pittwood	Chloe Luo	Finn Maskill	Liz Audus





### Race 3 Under 16 Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
40	Caversham Lions	Henry Hodgson	Nate Crawford	Josh Keogh	Leo Young
41	HCU Aitkenhead	William Bolter	Julia Hodgson	Eva McLean	Caleb Dobier
42	HCU O'Sullivan	George Solomon	Sylvie Haig	Penelope Hodgson	Lewis Anglemyer
43	HCU Cowan	Connor Broom	Fergus Lloyd	Travis Winterbourne	Robert Lloyd

### Race 3 Under 18 Mixed

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
44	Ariki High School girls	Lola Saunders	Annabelle Dobson	Kotomiyo Cowell	Melanie Button

### Race 4 Masters Women (35+)

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
50	Ariki Masters women	Jen Walker	Tracy Thomas	Angela Button	Emma Sutherland
51	Leith MW1	Mel Aitken	Anna O'Byrne	Ange Bishop	Katie Smith
52	Leith MW2	Sue Hendry	Gaya Gnanalingam	Siobhan McKinlay	Chantal Whitby
53	Caversham Cougars	Sara de la Harpe	Evelyn Armstrong	Linda van der Kroef	Claire Anderton
54	HCU Pacemakers	Aly Craigie	Georgy Pakeho	Lia Bezett	Taryn McLean
55	Leith MW3	Donna Tumaru	Jade Lee	Glenda Norris	Lucy Marr

### Race 4 Masters Men (35+)

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
60	Ariki Masters 40+	Hamish Dobson	Xaviour Walker	Eddie Smith	Aaron Porter
61	Leith MM 1	Phil Petersen	Hayden Scorrige	Mark O'Neil	David Liddell
62	Leith MM 3	Chris Bisley	Colin Tocher	Christopher Tipper	Adam Clarke
63	Caversham Cheetahs	Andrew McCaig	Richard Young	Gordon Wong	Ian McDonald
64	HCU Forever Young	Oliver O'Sullivan	Mark Geddes	Jeff Leckie	Neil Broom
69	Leith MM5	Michael Hoogeveen	Mark O'Donnell	Nolan Hill	Ben Pigou



## Race 4 Masters Men (50+)

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4	
65	Ariki Civil 60+	Phil Napper	Rob Homan	Brent Halley	Russell Lund	MM50
66	Leith MM 2	Marc Boule	Chris Sole	Dave Mclean	Pete Murray	MM50
67	Leith MM 4	Allan Carmen	Luke McKinlay	Steve Aitken	Ian Morison	MM50
68	HCU Not Over The Hill City Yet	Richard Fogarty	Mark Howard	Paul Ferro	Eric Scharpf	MM50

## Race 5 Senior Women

Bib	Team Name	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4
70	Leith SW1	Stephanie Wilson	Caitlin O'Donnell	Claudia Sole	Alice Cuthbert
71	Leith SW2	Jessica Bray	Izzy Macdonald	Martha Vickers	Laura Bungard
72	Leith SW3	Nina Batucan	Jennifer Duffy	Olivia Sutherland	Jess Sebelin
73	Leith SW4	Imogen Holmstead-Scott	Grace Perry	Hope Duncan	Antonia Radlwimmer
74	Caversham Panthers	Becky de la Harpe	Menzie Saker	Abby Theobald	Eve Kelleher
75	HCU Black	Maddy Clarke	Rebecca Allnutt	Liliana Chapman-Myhill	Sophie Matehaere
76	HCU Yellow	Kate Perkins	Carly Smith	TBC	Leah MacNamara

## Race 6 Senior Men

Bib	Team	Athlete 1	Athlete 2	Athlete 3	Athlete 4	Athlete 5	Athlete 6
80	Leith Senior 1	Stephen Johnson	Graham Fisher	Nathan Hill	Finbar Chesney	James Davies	Jude Deaker
81	Leith Senior 2	Theo Nicholson	Rocky Allan	Theo Atkinson	Mckay Watson	Sean Galdeman	Fraser Bailey
82	Leith Senior 3	Sean Burtenshaw	Sandor Toth	Calan McDermott	Gurjeet Baidwan	Amarjeet Singh	Harjinder Chander
83	Leith Senior 4	Liam Turk	Nathan Shanks	Mica Goldsmith-Lonie	Corey Lewis	Sam Bradbury-Leather	Paddy Ou
84	HCU Yellow	Matt Bolter	Harry Witt	Alex Witt	Giles Witt	Ruie Hyslop	Jake Owen
85	HCU Black	Cristian Nita	Adrien Auvray Matyn	Cormac Chesney	Alistair Paterson-Clark	Jed Thompson-Fawcett	Jack McNeil
86	HCU Gold	Tim Adler	Brayden Foote	Vincent Walters	Timothy Dawbin	Narayan Shastri	Bruno Hare
87	HCU Sky Blue	Samuel Doherty	Luke Geddes	Dom Edmond	George Fisher	Leon Miyahara	Alexander West





## The Event

Dr. Jack Lovelock produced New Zealand's first athletics gold medal when he powered away to victory in the 1500m at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Lovelock's time, of 3:47.08 was a world record on its day and caused commentator, and friend, Harold Abrahams, to famously lose his BBC poise, breaking every broadcasting rule: "Lovelock leads!

Lovelock! Lovelock! Cunningham second, Beccali third. Come on, Jack! A hundred yards to go! Come on, Jack!! My God, he's done it. Jack, come on! ... Lovelock wins. Five yards, six yards, he wins. He's won. Hooray!!"

Lovelock Relays was first run the year after in honour of our Jack Lovelock, this year marking the 88th year the event has taken place. Each year the steel pins set in the ground that set out the track were found, and the track measured accordingly. These had been placed by John Mackie, the Professor of Surveying and long-time member of the Otago University Harrier Club. Today the positions are found electronically using survey standard GPS to create an accurate circuit.



# **Lovelock Relay Records**

## **Otago**

Women: Otago University, 2010 (H. Newbould, A.Peat, G. Fursdon, B. Roy). Time 19:24.0

Men: Otago University, 1971. (S. Melville, A. Stewart, K. Darling, B. Beath, L. Dey, T. Sutherland). Time 24:12.6

Mixed Otago University Residential College: Studholme, 2024 (Alex Macdonald, Liliana Chapman-Myhill, Sophie Matehaere, Matt Bolter) 20:26

Individual woman: Rebekah Greene (Hill City University), 2023. Time 4:32.0

Individual man: Andrew Stark (Canterbury University), 1980. Time 3:52

Residential College Female: Sophie Matehaere (Studholme), 2024, 5:19

Residential College Male: Matt Bolter (Studholme), 2024, 4:31

## **All-comers**

Women: Otago University, 2010 (H. Newbould, A.Peat, G. Fursdon, B. Roy). Time 19:24.0

Men: Whippets Running Project. (R.Codyre, C.Melton, W.Little, D.Lee, J.Paine, R.Green). Time 23:53

Individual woman: Rebekah Greene (Hill City University), 2023. Time 4:32.0

Individual man: Andrew Stark (Canterbury University), 1980. Time 3:52

## **2024 Winners**

Senior Women: Hill City-University

Senior Men: Hill City-University

Masters Women: Leith

Masters Men: Leith

High School Girls: Ariki

High School Boys: Leith

High School Mixed: Ariki

Social: Hill City-University



## **The following rules shall apply.**

### **Competition Format.**

- The race is run on grass and is suitably marked. Each lap is 375 metres.
- Race distances:
  - Social/ mixed- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - Under 12, Under 14- 4×375m (1×375m lap per runner).
  - Under 16, Under 18, Otago University Residential College, Senior Women, Masters Women, Masters Men- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - Senior Men- 6×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
- Events for multiple grades may be held simultaneously.

### **Grades and Team Composition.**

- Grades/ entry categories are: Social/ mixed, Under 12 (U12), Under 14 (U14), Under 16 (U16), Under 18 (U18), Otago University Residential Colleges (RC), Senior Women (SW), Senior Men (SM), Masters Women (MW), and Masters Men (MM).
  - The Social/ mixed grade is 'open' to any aged athlete.
  - For U12, U14, U16, and U18, athletes must be under (not equal to) the age grade on 31 December 2024- i.e., to enter U16, an athlete must be 15 or younger on 31 December and so on.
  - For the RC grade, athletes must live at the Otago University Residential College they are representing in 2024.
  - The SW and SM grades are 'open' to any aged athlete.
  - For MW and MM, athletes must be aged 35 or over on the day of the race (27 April 2024).
- Relay team gender composition:
  - U12, U14, U16, and U18 grades are mixed events- teams can include boys and girls.
  - The Otago University Residential College event must include at least two females per team.
  - SW, SM, MW, and MM grades are single-sex- teams must be all male or all female per grading.
- The Senior Men's teams will consist of six different athletes. All other grades will consist of four different athletes.

### **Competition Eligibility.**

- Competing up or down competition grades.
  - Participating U12, U14, U16, and U18 athletes can compete up grade(s), but not down.



- Participating 35+ year-old athletes can compete in eligible Masters, Senior, or Social/ mixed grades, but not U18 or below.
- Athletes can compete in multiple events/ grades so long as they are eligible for each as above- e.g.:
  - Masters athletes may participate in the appropriate MW or MM grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed, SW, or SM).
  - Senior-grade athletes may participate in the appropriate SW or SM grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed).
  - RC athletes may participate in the RC grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., Social/ mixed, SW, or SM).
- Composite teams may be formed by event organisers when two or more clubs or residential colleges have insufficient runners to form a complete team from their individual groups. Composite teams will be ineligible to claim team awards, but individual lap times will be recognized in the respective general grades.
- All registered runners in club teams must be registered to, or based within, a single centre that the club they are running for is from, or be permitted to run at the race director's discretion.
- There is no limit on the number of teams a club can enter in a grade within the event.
- Teams may replace athletes or re-arrange their running order without penalty, by submitting the Team Changes form provided by the organisers, at least 30 minutes before that team's starting time.

### **Competition Rules.**

- The event will be run under World Athletics rules; in particular, CR18.5 (unsporting manner/ improper conduct).
- All runners must wear their team's assigned number bib on the front of their competition uniform so that it is clearly visible to race officials. The number bib may not be cut, defaced or folded in any way.
- All runners should compete in their club or organisation's (team's) official uniform, if applicable.
- Relay batons will be used that get passed between team members throughout each relay. The relay baton must be carried in the hand by each team member through the duration of their lap before being passed onto the next team member.
- Baton changes must take place within the defined changeover zone. Race officials reserve the right to disqualify teams that do not comply with baton-changing rules.
- Athletes must follow the prescribed 375m loop.
- Each team must complete a timing sheet recording the overall time from their event's start as a backup to the official timing.



- Each team must notify official timers before the end of each athlete's leg (i.e., prior to changeovers and the finish).
- In the event of an injury suffered by a team member, the next team member needs to go to the point where their team member has become injured and resume from that point. They may complete that leg for the injured member as well as their own leg.

## Officials

Race Organiser:	Hill City-University Athletic Club
Race Director:	Richard Fogarty
Race Entries:	Tim Dawbin & Luke Geddes
PA Announcements:	Bruce Cowan
Start/Finish Timing:	Greg Johnson, Laurie Hill, Belinda Leckie, Dave Richmond
Results:	Mark Peters, Howden Finnie
Finish Place	Merrilee Williams and Lydia Patillo
Coordinaters:	
Track Marking:	Otago University Survey Dept, Howden Finnie

## Facilities

Race Packs: Please collect and return your teams' race numbers and entry money at the University Oval, Table in front of the Grandstand.

Toilet and changing facilities: These are available beside the grandstand, and under the Hill City University Athletic Clubrooms.



**"The most beautifully executed race of my career"** Jack Lovelock wins gold at Berlin. Behind him are his two great rivals, the American Glenn Cunningham, the world mile record-holder, and the Italian Luigi Beccali, the reigning Olympic champion.

- Alexander Turnbull Library

Thank you to the hard work of the Hill City-University Harriers Committee, Lovelocks Sub-Committee, club volunteers and sponsors in making this event possible.



## Timing sheet and runner's notes:

Team	Name:	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Total time:
1st runner						
2nd runner						
3rd runner						
4th runner						

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5th runner						
6th runner						





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