

# Lovelock *Relays* 2024

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**27<sup>th</sup> April**



## Patron's Welcome

Welcome to the 87th Annual Lovelock Relay, where we celebrate the successes of Jack Lovelock.

91 years ago, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1933, Jack Lovelock competed in the Oxford and Cambridge versus Princeton and Cornell one mile at Palmer Stadium, Princeton.

The photo attached shows Lovelock easily beating his former rival Bill Bonthron.

Lovelock not only won in 4:07.6 (1500 3:50) but also created a new world record.

This was the real starting point of Lovelock's road to Olympic Gold Glory in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Enjoy the relay in honour of our former Otago University athlete.

Dave Richmond,  
Hill City-University 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 an 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 2024

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
- 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

Team captains to collect money and return with race numbers (unless the Club is being billed).

## 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 to make the event more successful.



## Races/ Teams:

### Race 1 Social Mixed

Team name	Bib				
<b>Ariki Social 1</b>	48	Alan Nicholls	Kirsty Nicholls	Dalise Sanderson	Angela Button
<b>Ariki Social Alice &amp; Walkers</b>	34	Jen Walker	Alice Gee	Xaviour Walker	Jen Walker
<b>Cavy UN</b>	35	Leon Miyahara	Jono Ryan	Esther Sibbald	Ken McDonald
<b>Cavy Deux</b>	37	Alistair McAlevey	Linda van der Kroef	Lynne Kerr	Kerry Rowley
<b>Cavy Trois</b>	38	Celia Lie	Samantha Bell	Neville Scott	Rebecca Webster
<b>Cavy Quatre</b>	40	Nick Heng	Cheryl Kelly	Sara de la Harpe	Claire Anderton
<b>Leith Social</b>	39	Rachel Olsen	Susan Craig	Donna Tumaru	Jade Lee
<b>HCU Social</b>	47	Reuben Beard	George Fisher	Rebecca Allnutt	Lili Owendale
<b>The possums</b>	36	Bianca Green	Sophie Waddell	Oliver Simcock-Smith	Damon Sheneman

### Race 2 Under 12 Mixed

Team name	Bib				
<b>HCU Red</b>	52	Santiago Fernandez Perez	Sullivan Haig	Max McLean	Lewis Anglemyer
<b>Athletics Taieri</b>	54	Gria Crossan	Arnelle Hamman	Gria Crossan	Arnelle Hamman
<b>Cavy U12 White</b>	55	Cameron Bell	Sammy Cotter	Alena Elder	Cameron Bell
<b>Cavy U12 Black</b>	56	Lauchie Keogh	Toby Keogh	Tillie Anderton	Lauchie Keogh
<b>Leith Children 1</b>	57	Frank Marr	Oliver Armstrong	Henry McKay	Thomas Clark
<b>Leith Children 2</b>	58	Jack Lusk	Ailish O'Neil	Rosie Stott	Scarlett Stott
<b>Leith Children 3</b>	59	Harriet Liddell	Olive Stott	Ellie Pattillo	Adaline Abbott
<b>Leith Children 4</b>	na	Eli Bathgate	Zoe Bathgate	Bonnie O Kane	Albie O Kane

### Race 2 Under 14 Mixed

Team name	Bib				
<b>Ariki Lads</b>	60	Hugh Walker	Sammy Walker	Xaviour Walker	Luke Smith
<b>Cavy U14</b>	61	Nate Crawford	Calum Starkey	Elyanah Evans-Tobata	Josh Keogh
<b>Leith U14</b>	62	Paddy Marr	Ben Clark	James O'Neil	Dominic O'Byne
<b>HCU GOATs</b>	50	George Solomon	Zac Broom	Connor Broom	Luie Broom
<b>HCU Yellow</b>	51	Eva McLean	Ava Goodman	Samuel Riley	Sylvie Haig
<b>HCU/Ariki</b>	64	Maisie Scoles	Eva Horne	Pippa McLean	Isobel Sinclair



## Race 3 Otago University Residential College Mixed

Team name	Bib				
Flying Flamingos (Caroline Freeman)	42	Maia Grosser	Daniel McNatty	Liam O'Donell Mackenzie	Ayla Davie Connor
Mond Salmon	44	Toby Rossato	Lillian Brown	Napier	Haywood
Mond Kahu	45	Jackson Brown	Niamh Paterson	TBC	Alex Parks
Mond Barracouta	49	Alistair Paterson-Clark	Abbey Peters	Caitlin Walters	Johan Lokman
St. Margaret's Mile Makers	43	Shelby Thomson	Katrin Visser	Lucy Robinson	Ethan Lambeth
Lovelock and load (Studholme)	46	Matt Bolter	Alex Macdonald	Liliana Chapman-Myhill	Sophie Matehaere

## Race 3 Under 16 Mixed

Team name	Bib				
Ariki Mixed	63	Riley Horne	Connor Horne	Taylor Martin	Niamh Porter
Leith U16	53	Lewis Marr	Toby Buchan	Rowan Hamilton	Arlo Abbott

## Race 3 Under 18 Mixed

Team name	Bib				
Ariki High School Girls	41	Lola Saunders	Annabelle Dobson	Kotomiyo Cowell	Melanie Button

## Race 4 Masters Men (35+)

Team name	Bib				
Ariki Young Guns	32	Eddi Smith	Bryce Saunders	Hamish Dobson	Aaron Porter
HCU MM35	18	Mark Lokman	Dave Mackle	Tim Bolter	Mark Geddes
Leith MM35+ 1	19	Steven Morrison	Aaron Eyles Raul Martin	Ben Pigou George	Nic Bathgate
Leith MM2	21	Andrew Lonie	Gomez James	Armstrong	Mark O'Neill
Leith MM3	22	Danny Ballie	Pemberton	Chris Bisley	John Bain Neale
Leith MM4	23	Chris Clark	Jamie Ward	Colin Tocher	Mclanachan
Leith MM5	24	Jacques Brown	Wayne Porteous	Luke McKinlay	Mark O'Donnell Gallien
Leith MM6	25	Ian Morison	Adam Clark	Malcolm Gordon	Chanalet-Quercy



## Race 4 Masters Men (50+)

Team name	Bib				
<b>Ariki &amp; Rob, Older guns</b>	31	Phil Napper	Rob Homan	Brent Halley	Russell Lund Alistair McAlevy
<b>Cavy MM60+</b>	33	Gordon Wong	Ross Gatenby	Neville Shanks Wayne	
<b>Leith MM7</b>	26	Steve Stewart	Pete Murray	Stephenson	Jamie Sinclair
<b>Leith MM60+</b>	30	Chris Sole	Peter Hughes	Marc Boule	Dave McLean

## Race 4 Masters Women (35+)

Team name	Bib				
<b>HCU MW35</b>	14	Aly Craigie	Leia Silby	Georgy Pakeho Agnetha	Jo Hare
<b>Leith MW1</b>	15	Tess Molloy	Lydia Pattillo	Korevaar	Mel Aitken
<b>Leith MW2</b>	16	Anna O Bryne	Sue Hendry Gaya	Orlaith Heron	Chantal Whitby Siobhan McKinlay
<b>Leith MW3</b>	17	Lucy Marr	Gnanalingam	Emily Harris	

## Race 5 Senior Women

Team name	Bib				
HCU SW1	6	Becky Aitkenhead	Erin McKevitt	Taryn McLean	Zara Geddes
HCU SW2	9	Esther Fogarty	Orla Dunlop	Maddy Clarke	Lisa Lokman
Leith SW1	11	Kristy Eyles Nina Sarah	Laura Bungard	Claudia Sole	Alice Cuthbert Olivia
Leith SW2	20	Batucan	Brooke Bowen	Caitlin O'Donnell	Sutherland
Leith SW3	27	Adelaide Roper	Sabine Lapointe	Megan Mulder	Claudia Cooke
Leith SW4	28	Kate Roberts	Emma Wylie Imogen	Kelly Toth	Erin O'Brien Antonio
Leith SW5	29	Riley Lewis	Holmstead-Scott	Clare Charleton	Radlwimmer



## Race 6 Senior Men

Team name	Bib						
HCU SM1	5	Jake Owen	Nico Alvarez	Alex Witt	Josh Hou	Matt Bolter	Ollie O'Sullivan
HCU SM2	7	Luke Geddes	Rey-Virag	William Bolter	Finn Molloy	Sam Doherty	Brad Trebilcock
Leith SM1	8	Janus Staufenberg	Lucas Huia	Dan Shanks	Grayson Westgate	Sandor Toth	Stephen Johnson
Leith SM2	10	Anouk Herrington	Rocky Allan	Marcus Hurst	Tadhg Ryan-Charlton	Liam Turk	Theo Nicolson
Leith SM3	12	Bryan Staunton	Hamish McKinlay	Anouk Herrington	Ryan Whitburn	McKay Watson	Harjinder Singh Chander
Leith SM4	13	Casey Pearce	Isaac Tripp	David Liddell	Calan McDermott	Ashim GC	William Liddell

## 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 85th year the event has taken place. Each year the steel pins set in the ground that set out the track are 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 they are found electronically by a complex 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

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

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

## 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

## 2023 Winners

Senior Men: Whippets

Senior Women: Hill City-University

Masters Men: Hill City-University

Masters Women: Hill City-University

High School Boys: N/A

High School Girls: Ariki

High School Mixed: Caversham

Social: Caversham



## The following rules shall apply.

### Competition Format

- The race is run on grass and is suitably marked. Each lap is 375 meters.
- Race distances:
  - Social/ mixed- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - U12, U14- 4×375m (1×375m lap per runner).
  - U16, U18, RC, SW, MW, MM- 4×1500m (4×375m laps per runner).
  - SM- 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

- Participating U12, U14, U16, and U18 athletes can compete up grade(s), but not down. MW and MM athletes can compete in the Social/ mixed, SW, or SM grades.
- Athletes may participate in the MW or MM grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., SW or SM). Athletes may participate in the RC grade and/ or another eligible grade (e.g., 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 a single centre.
- 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 and any sponsor's name must be wholly visible.
- All runners should compete in their club or organisation's (team's) official uniform.
- Relay batons will be used that get passed between team members throughout the four legs. 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 prior to 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:	Timothy Dawbin
PA Announcements:	Bruce Cowan, Dave Richmond
Start/Finish Timing:	Greg Johnson, Laurie Hill, Belinda Leckie, Dave Richmond
Results:	Richard Barker, Mark Peters, Timothy Dawbin
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 Infront of the Grandstand.

Toilet and changing facilities: These are available under 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, club volunteers, and sponsors in making this event possible.



## Timing sheet and runner's notes:

Team Name:	Name:	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Total time:
1 <sup>st</sup> runner						
2 <sup>nd</sup> runner						
3 <sup>rd</sup> runner						
4 <sup>th</sup> runner						

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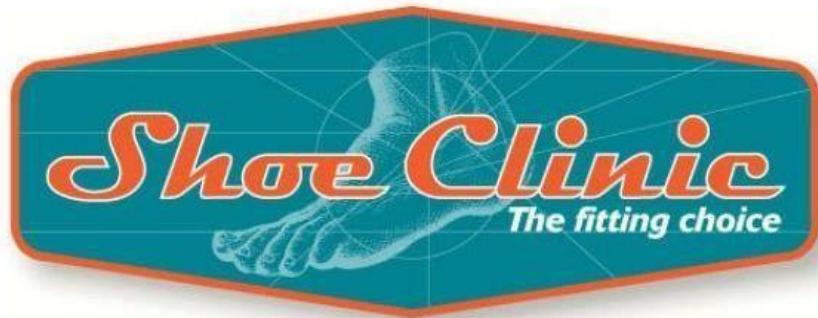
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5 <sup>th</sup> runner						
6 <sup>th</sup> runner						



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