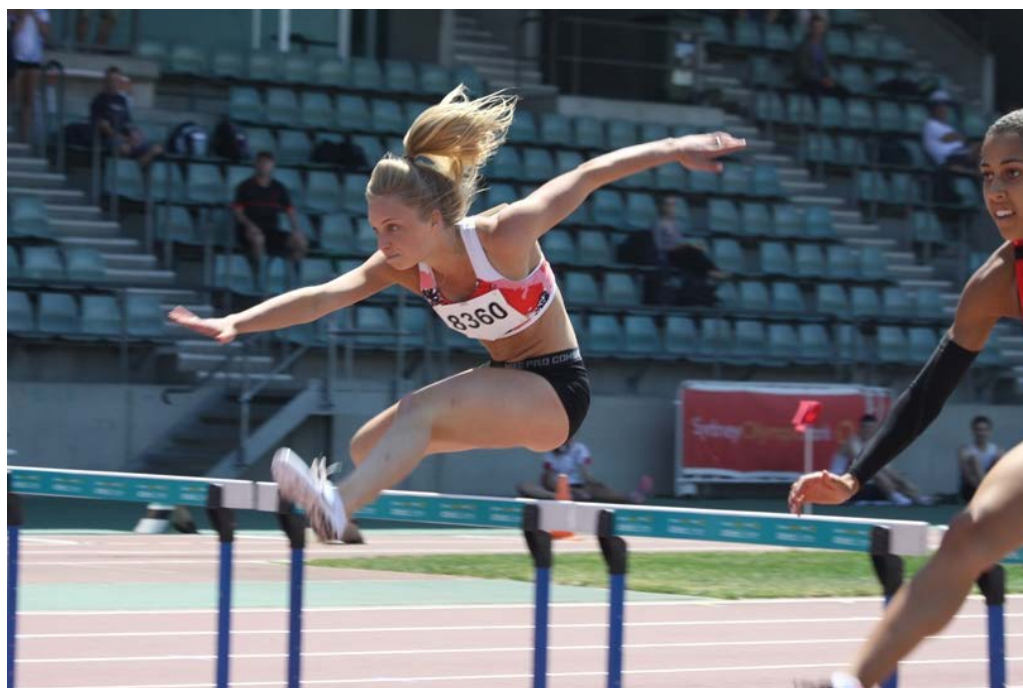


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Juniors make their mark

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It was a big day at SOPAC on Saturday in round 4 competition of the Treloar Shield with six athletes reaching seven World Junior Championships qualifying standards – three in one race. Another five athletes were tantalisingly close to their World Junior marks while two others recording Commonwealth Games A qualifiers.

In a remarkable open women's 100m hurdles race (wind +0.3), three UTS Norths athletes easily beat the World Junior qualifying mark of 13.94s.

Katrina Hunt won the race in 13.69s, pushed all the way by her training partner **Liz Clay** (13.82s) with **Madison Gipson** (13.87s) a close-up third.

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It was a pb and a UTS Norths club record for Hunt, while Clay brought her personal best down from 14.04s and equalled the old club record.

Less than an hour later Hunt notched up her second World Juniors qualifier, winning the open women's 100m (wind +1.0) in a personal best time of 11.84s, beating the World Juniors standard by 0.02s. Another of her training partner's **Bella O'Grady** (also UTS Norths) was second in 12.13s, just edging out Mr Pritchard's **Christine Wearne** who was given the same time.

Macquarie Hunter's **Ben Fitzgerald** easily beat the World Junior qualifying standard of 55m when he took out the under 20 years men's discus with a mighty throw of 56.84s.

The other two athletes to score World Junior qualifiers were **Kate Spencer** (9:16.49) and **Jessica Hull** (9:20.52s) who easily surpassed the 9:30.00 standard. (See separate report: *Delaney crowned NSW 3000m champion.*)

UTS Norths' **Bryce Collins** ran a courageous 400m hurdles to smash his pb and just miss the World Junior mark by 0.32s in taking out the open men's race from national open medallist **James Roff** (Randwick Botany).

Angus Armstrong (Asics Wests) was doubly unlucky when he cleared 4.90 to win the under 17 years boys pole vault. He missed 5.00m which would have been a new NSW under-18 record, raising the old mark of 4.95m. He was also within reach of the world junior pole vault standard of 5.05m.

Others to go close to the world junior marks were **Alex Hulley** (Hills) in the hammer who threw 54.84 (WJ qualifier 57.00m); **Molly Blakey** (Randwick Botany) who won the open women's 400m in 55.02 (WJ qualifier 54.53s); and **Jack Hiscox** (Sydney Uni) who won the open men's 400m in 47.98 (WJ qualifier 47.25).

The 2009 World Champion **Dani Samuels** easily won the open women's discus throwing 61.35m to beat her training partner Christie Chamberlain (51.43m) by almost 10m. Samuels smashed the Commonwealth Games A qualifier of 59.50m.

Athlete with a disability **Jodi Elkington** (Hills) also beat the Commonwealth Games T37 class long jump A qualifying mark of 3.85 when she cleared 4.14m to finish third in the open women's event.

UTS Norths' **Maren Schuermann**, the 2010 NSW champion, won the long jump with a personal best leap of 6.11m, just ahead of **Talissa Scott** (IBS) who leapt 6.10m. **Bronwyn Poole** (Trinity) also leapt well, clearing 5.98m in the under-20 event.

Scots College's **Jarrold Cullen** (Illawarra) claimed an impressive hurdles double taking the under-17 age. Cullen won the 110m hurdles in 15.35 and was even more impressive in the 400m hurdles running 56.02. Going one better was **Rachel Pace** (Cherrybrook) taking a treble in the under-17s. She won the 100m (12.90), 90m hurdles (13.46) and 200m hurdles (29.97).

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The following athletes, who achieved personal bests, moved up the Australian junior all time list.

- Katrina Hunt 100m hurdles 7th
- Ben Fitzgerald discus 8th
- Liz Clay 100m hurdles 12th
- Kate Spencer 3000m 14th
- Jessica Hull 3000m 19th
- Jenny Blundell 3000m 21st (9:21.02)

David Tarbotton and Ron Bendall for Athletics NSW

Image: World Juniors qualifier Liz Clay (courtesy of David Tarbotton)



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