

## **Athletics Fiji Lautoka Time Trials**

**Venue:** Churchill Park, Lautoka



**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017

### **Stakeholders:**

1. Athletics Fiji
2. Lautoka Secondary Schools
3. Lautoka City Council
4. Coca Cola
5. Oceania Athletics PSP Program

### **Schools and clubs represented:**

1. Natabua High School (Lautoka)
2. Sigatoka Methodist College (Sigatoka)
3. Cuvu College (Sigatoka)
4. Votualevu College (Nadi)
5. Ratu Navula College (Nadi)
6. Magodro Secondary School (Ba Highlands)
7. Jasper Williams High School (Lautoka)
8. Tilak High School (Lautoka)
9. St. Thomas High School (Lautoka)
10. Ba Provincial (Ba)
11. Nilsen College (Vatukoula)
12. Nadi Sangam (Nadi)
13. Veiuto Club (Suva)
14. Pacific Sports Academy (Suva)
15. Laucala Club (Suva)

16. Nadi Muslim College (Nadi)
17. Nadroga Arya College (Sigatoka)

**Attendees:**

1. Athletes – 200
2. Spectators – 500
3. Officials – 30





**Photo finish and electronic timing:**



**Media Reports:**

**Athletics Fiji organises time trials for Western schools**

By SHAYAL DEVI

NATIONAL triple jump rep Eugene Vollmer was one of the many athletes who were present during time trials organised by Athletics Fiji at the newly refurbished Churchill Park last weekend.

Vollmer told *Kailai* the new tracks were timely and much needed for athletes in the Western Division.

"The new tracks are awesome, especially for the West and schools from Rakiraki to Sigatoka," he said.

He said it was great to see athletes coming out and making use of the tracks.

"We came down and met some athletes from Natabua who were part of the team during the Melanesian Games last year and they love the feel of the track.

"I feel this is great exposure for the athletes because they'll not only better their times but they'll know what synthetic tracks are like."

Vollmer said in terms of logistics and finances, schools and athletes would save a lot of money.

"Before, they used to leave for Suva at least two to three weeks before the Coca-Cola Games just to get a feel of the track. They don't have to anymore as they can experience the tracks similar to Suva."

According to Vollmer, the new tracks were "softer" compared with the tracks in Suva.

He participated in the open men's triple jump and recorded a jump of 15.35m.

Vollmer said this was in the range of his latest tries.

His personal best stands at 18.08m.

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Athletes compete in the girls 800m final in the open grade during the Western Secondary Schools time trials at Churchill Park in Lautoka.  
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Jemima Ferguson of Natabua High School has a go at the high jump during the time trials in Lautoka.  
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Karalaini Talvalu of Jasper Williams High School competes in the inter girls discus throw.  
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