PAKURANGA ATHLETIC CLUB TIMELINE

1967 TO 1994

1967 Public meeting held – Club formed with a Childrens' Track & Field section. Meetings held at Ti Rakau Park.

1970 Donna Franklin becomes club's first Auckland Championships' winner. 9 year old girls – 50 yards.

1977 Harrier section formed incorporating Juniors & Seniors.

Senior Track & Field section formed.

1979 Fundraising (for clubrooms) committee formed.

Club holds NZ's first Half Marathon – Prize pool totals $1,000. Sunfresh Juices as sponsor.

Moved at a committee meeting that: *the men would not smoke if the women refrained from knitting during a meeting.*

1980 Move from Ti Rakau Park to newly formed Lloyd Elsmore Park's 10 lane grass track.

"Buy a brick" Campaign held to help fund clubrooms. $20,000 raised from a door to door collection and members' contributions.

Building committee is formed.

1981 Club causes much controversy from its local and national bodies, when it becomes the first sponsored athletic club in NZ, with Sunfresh Juices as sponsor.

Lloyd Elsmore Park officially opened by Sir Robert Muldoon.

1982 Joggers' Section formed as part of the Harrier Committee.

Leslie Croxton becomes our first National Champion winning the 800m.

1983 Work begins on clubrooms' construction in November.

Club structure changed to form a Management Committee and Sectional Committees.

1984 Joggers' Section becomes independent committee.

Clubrooms opened in May. Cost $245,000.

Pakuranga Rotary "Light the Park" campaign to floodlight the track.

1987 Tropicana becomes sponsor of the Half Marathon.

1988 Continental Airlines becomes sponsor of the Half Marathon.

Magness Fisher & Paykel becomes Club Sponsor.

1993 Masters' Men 50 team win National Road Relay title, Takahe to Akaroa.

We hold the North Island Masters' Championship at Pakuranga.

Joe Jones becomes our first Masters' World Champion, winning the 2000m Steeplechase at World Masters' Athletic Championships, Myazaki – Japan.

1994 Masters' Men 50 team win National Road Relay title, Masterton.

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1995 to 2017

1996 Masters' Men 50 team win National Road Relay title, Palmerston North.

We hold the inaugural Sir Barry Curtis 10k event.

1997 Masters' Men 50 team win National Road Relay title, Takahe to Akaroa.

1998 Masters' Men 50 team win National Road Relay title, Kumeu.

2002 Ron Johnson is World Masters' Champion Pole Vault & 300m Hurdles, 70-74, Melbourne, Australia.

Trevor Cowley is World Masters' Champion Pentathlon, 65-69, Melbourne, Australia.

2005 Valerie Vili (Adams) joins club along with coach Kirsten Hellier.

Ron Johnson is World Masters' Champion Pentathlon, 200m Steeplechase, Edmonton, Canada.

2006 Pakuranga and Howick Realty becomes club sponsor.

Commonwealth Games Melbourne – Valerie Vili (Adams) – Gold in the Shot Put.

2007 Junior Cross Country & Road becomes separate committee.

Joggers' Section changes name to Joggers & Walkers.

Senior Womens' Relay team win National Road Relay title, Timaru.

Pakuranga Athletics' Charitable Trust (PACT) is formed, to source funding for an all-weather track and support building.

Valerie Adams is World Champion in the Shot Put, Osaka, Japan.

Ron Johnson is World Masters' Champion in the Decathlon, 75+, Riccione, Italy (Record)

2008 Our first Gold Olympic Medal. Beijing – Valerie Adams – Gold in the Shot Put.

Senior Womens' Relay team win National Road Relay title, Mosgiel.

2009 February – Work begins on the all-weather track and support building (stage 1).

2010 March – All-weather track completed.

April – All-weather track is officially opened.

Commonwealth Games Delhi – Valerie Adams – Gold in the Shot Put.

2011 We organise National Road Relay Championships, held at Hunua.
First and only time this event has been organised by a club, not a centre.

2012 London Olympics – Valerie Adams – Gold in the Shot Put.

2014 Commonwealth Games Glasgow – Valerie Adams – Gold in the Shot Put.

2016 Rio Olympics – Valerie Adams – Silver in the Shot Put.

2017 50 years of athletics in Pakuranga is celebrated on October 28th with a reunion of members' past and present.