

## **Report on UTS Norths athletes at the 2009 NSW Masters Championships, Bankstown**

Robyn Suttor and Clay Tompkins led UTS Northern Suburbs' medal charge at this year's NSW Masters Athletics Championships at Bankstown on the weekend, each winning four gold medals.

Competing in her first NSW Masters Championships, Suttor dominated the over 50 years sprint events winning the 60m, 100m, 200m and 400m and finishing second in the 800m.

Her next assignment is the Australian Masters Championships in Adelaide over the Easter long weekend.

Tompkins, who was Australia's leading decathlete in the late 1970s, dominated the over 55 years field events, taking out the long, high and triple jumps and the discus. He also picked up a bronze medal in the shot put.

UTS Norths athletes won 27 gold, 15 silver and 20 bronze medals on the weekend.

Evergreen Mary Fien, lived up to the good form she had been showing in training, taking out the over 35 years 2000m steeplechase and 1500m double. Fien will be a member of UTS Norths women's team which will tackle the Australian Club Championship in Adelaide on Sunday where she will run in the 3000m. A former Australian representative at orienteering, Fien has had a distinguished track and field career. She studied in the US on an athletics scholarship and at one stage held the NSW Open 3000m steeplechase record.

Newcomer Adam Parsonage also won a double, taking out the over 40 years triple and long jumps in his first outing for the club.

Charles Hobden, who gave up cricket to take up athletics five years ago, was in fine form on the weekend winning the over 70 years 400m and 800m while Melissa Bonser won the over 35 years shot put and hammer throw double.