

# Orienteering ACT Incorporated

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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# ORIENTEERING ACT INCORPORATED 2015

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## Goal:

To enhance and enrich the lives of people living in the ACT and surrounding region through participation in orienteering events.

## Vision:

ACT orienteering will be a well-managed, inclusive and growing sport and recreation activity which provides wide opportunities for participation by people of all ages and abilities, from the recreational to excellence in elite performance.

## Objectives:

- To conduct orienteering events in the ACT and surrounding areas.
- To get people to attend orienteering events.

## Affiliated Clubs

**Abominable O-Men (AO-A)**

**Bushflyers (BS-A)**

**Parawanga Orienteers (PO-A)**

**Red Roos (RR-A)**

**Weston Emus (WE-A)**

## The Board 2015

President	Michael Burt
Secretary	John Scown
Treasurer	Ann Scown
Directors	Bryant Allen (Mapping) Valerie Barker Peter Miller (Ass. Treasurer) Tate Needham (Media) David Poland (Coaching and Development) David Shepherd (Elite rep.)
Executive Director	Geoff Wood

## Officers 2015

Bob Allison	Mapping Officer
Valerie Barker	Member Protection and Information officer
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Toni Brown	Schools coordinator
Stephen Goggs	Easter 2016 Coordinator
John Harding	Street orienteering coordinator
Ana Herceg	Blue Lightning squad manager
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John Scown	Newsletter Editor
Ann & John Scown	Equipment Officers
David Shepherd	Canberra Cockatoos Manager
Julie Sunley	Mountain Bike Orienteering Co-ordinator
John Sutton	Public Officer

## Staff 2015

Executive Director	Geoff Wood
Administration	Tate Needham (Jan – May) Jill Walker (June – Dec)
Computer at events Participation Officer	Ewan Barnett Jane Barnett

Orienteering ACT Annual Report 2015 compiled by Geoff Wood, Executive Director

## President's Report – Michael Burt



The last year was one of gradual progress for Orienteering ACT. The orienteering highlight of the year was the successful joint ACT championships and National Orienteering League (NOL) events at the Sandhills. We also had our usual regular full program of local events and I thank all of the organizers, course setters, controllers and helpers who made these events happen. I encourage all members to volunteer to help at events so that we can continue to provide a full and varied orienteering program. Full details of membership and participation levels can be found in the Executive Director's report.

The year saw a number of innovations and initiatives. These include:

- The holding of the first joint Saturday series and ACT League events. The first event at Mt Arawang/Coleman Ridge saw a record Saturday series event attendance.
- The introduction of a paid computer operator role for Wednesday twilight and Saturday events. This has made the organizer's role easier.
- The introduction of a paid Welcome person to help new orienteers for some Wednesday twilight and Saturday events.
- The street orienteering season was extended and new areas were mapped. My thanks to John Harding for this.
- Schools orienteering was extended and the SCORE series of event introduced. My thanks to Toni Brown for this.
- OACT now has two EFTPOS machines, one of which can be used at events for things like new memberships.
- Course setters can now put on an Orange 3 course rather than be limited to the previous two Orange courses.
- The return of the OWL (Orienteers with Lights) night series.
- Plans are underway to purchase a second satellite phone. Course setters and mappers are encouraged to borrow a satellite phone from the office when visiting areas that don't have mobile phone coverage.

January saw the successful completion relocation of the storage shed from Curtin to Giralang. Many thanks to all those involved in the move. The other relocation during the year was moving the OACT office from its old small office to its current large office in Jamison. Many thanks to John and Ann Scown, Maurice Patten and Geoff Wood for the move.

OACT members continue to be keen orienteering tourists to both interstate and overseas events. We have had representatives in the World Championship and World Cup teams and entrants in the World Masters Orienteering Championships and Oceania Championships. Geoff Lawford won gold in the M60A World Masters Championships sprint.

The Canberra Cockatoos senior men's team successfully defended their National Orienteering League title and Matt Crane won the individual men's title.

In the Australian Schools competition, ACT finished a very close second overall with the Junior Boys and Junior Girls winning their categories. Thanks to Rohan Hyslop, Peter Miller and Tara Sutherland for looking after the team.

The year saw the first use of a new map of ANU South for the 2015 sprint championships prepared by Bob Allison.

Jill Walker has taken over the role of looking after the Orienteering ACT office following the retirement of John Suominen in 2014.

The sponsorship of overseas orienteers to provide coaching and other services over a 6 month period continued in 2015 with Lukas Frei (from Switzerland) being replaced by Emil Granqvist (Sweden) and Theo Fleurent (France).

The big event for 2016 will be the hosting of the national Easter 3-days competition. Planning for this is already well underway. The events will be held at the University of Canberra, Isaacs Ridge and Primrose Valley.

As President, I want to thank the other members of the Board; Ann Scown and Peter Miller (joint Treasurer), John Scown (Secretary), Geoff Wood (Executive Director), Bryant Allen, David Shepherd, Valerie Barker, Tate Needham and David Poland for their support this year

I also want to thank all the other office holders mentioned in the Executive Director's report who play a key role in Orienteering ACT.

Michael Burt

## Executive Director's Report – Geoff Wood



### Membership.

During 2015, I became aware of membership definitions developed by Australian Sports Commission and also adopted by ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services. The definitions, as in 2015, are:

- Full Active – which (to me) means full club members
- Event Participants – meaning, in our case, day members
- Program Participants – meaning associate members such as school and university groups
- School Delivered Programs – meaning programs delivered by Orienteering in schools
- School Managed Programs – meaning orienteering that schools themselves organize.

### Full Active Members – Club Members

Orienteering ACT provides for the following types of club memberships for which different membership fees apply: Single (or individual) memberships; Junior memberships; Family memberships; and Life memberships. In terms of numbers we refer to Members and Memberships. A family membership is one Membership consisting of a number of Members. A single (or junior or life) membership is one Membership consisting of one Member.

Club	family Memberships	persons in family Memberships	Individual Memberships	Total Memberships	Total Members (persons in memberships)	Last year (equiv)
AO-A	13	45	12	25	57	57
BS-A	34	117	36	70	153	143
PO-A	25	81	34	59	115	103
RR-A	23	71	22	45	93	78
WE-A	4	15	9	13	24	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>411</b>

Table 1 Club Membership and Members

Table 2 shows breakdown of membership: males, females, juniors, Seniors (21 to 34 years), Masters (35 to 55 years) and Super Masters (over 55 years of age).

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	83	19%	72	16%	155	35%
Senior	23	5%	15	3%	38	9%
Master	78	18%	66	15%	144	33%
Super Master	68	15%	37	8%	105	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 2 – Breakdown of Members ages

### Where our Members live

Outside ACT	49
Belconnen	110
Gungahlin	24
North Canberra	119
South Canberra, Woden	82
Weston Creek	29
Tuggeranong	29
	442

Table 3: where our members live

### Membership Churn

92 of the 411 members in 2014 did not renew their membership in 2015. Of those 92, 42 were new members in 2014. This is actually an improvement from previous years where a majority of new members did not renew the following year.

Some 123 members took out new membership in 2015. Of those I recognize about 30 were former members but did not have membership in 2014.

	Non renewals	New members	Net gain
AO	9	9	0
BS	32	42	10
PO	29	41	12
RR	14	29	15
WE	8	2	-6
	92	123	31

Table 4 Non renewals and new members in 2015

Men Junior	39
Men Senior	9
Men Master	19
Men Super Master	4
Women Junior	15
Women Senior	7
Women Master	21
Women Super Master	9
	123

Table 5 New members – Age breakdown

### Membership - Event participants - Day Members.

Day members are persons who do not belong to an orienteering club and who attend orienteering events. Sometimes the term 'casual member' is used to describe day member.

Table 6 below shows the number of day members who did at least one event. Many day members participated in teams (or groups) at the easy (Green) course and the very easy (Blue) course level. The reason why the "Sum of above" is greater than the total number of day members is because some day members participated in more than one program.

Over half of the day members (573) participated in one event only. Fifty two day members participated in 10 events or more. The 1102 day members who did 3410 participations in 2015 corresponds to 850 day members doing 2335 participations in 2014. Day member numbers is a direct function of the number of events we hold – the more events, the more day members.

234 of the 1102 day members who participated in 2015 had also participated as a day member or club member in 2014.

<b>DAY MEMBERS 2015</b>			
Program	Day members in 2015	Their participation in 2015	Day members in 2014
Jan-Mar Twilight	106	212	131
Saturday	314	888	226
Wed lunch	55	110	52
Classic (Sunday)	46	56	116
Championship	37	46	*
Oct-Dec Twilight	288	811	232
Other (night owls)	20	25	n/a
MTBO	6	8	17
Street	433	1271	260
Sum of above	1305		1034
<b>Total</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>850</b>
<b>Female total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1101</b>	<b>378</b>
<b>Male total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>2309</b>	<b>472</b>

Table 6 Day Members

\* included in classic events

### Membership – Program participants – Associate Members

These groups were not recognized as Clubs at the 2015 OACT AGM. Nevertheless they have some of the characteristics of an OACT affiliated club and receive some benefits. These groups were: Canberra Grammar School Senior (GS-A), Canberra Grammar Junior School (GJ-A). Towards the end of 2015, the ANU Mountaineering Club formed an orienteering group (MC-A). At the end of the year, the memberships of these groups are:

	(As per eventor)
GJ-A	39
GS-A	24
MC-A	6
total	69

Table 7 Associate Members

### Membership – School Programs

Please see report on **School Programs** on page 16.

Student contacts in School programs (Body and Brain)	2,815
Sporting School Programs - contacts	3,720
Primary Schools Championships	186
SC-ORE participations	352
Total	7,073

Table 8 – School Programs Membership

OACT does not keep names of school children participating in these school programs therefore it is not possible to further analyze the figures as to those children who attended a number of school events.

### Membership – School managed programs

Canberra Grammar School and Radford College provide orienteering training on school day afternoons from within their own resources. The Radford students joined various OACT Clubs and their memberships are recorded as such. . The membership numbers associated with Canberra Grammar are listed under Associate Membership. There are no other school managed programs that OACT knows about.

## Participation at Public Events conducted by OACT

Refer to Table 9 below. The difference between 'Entries' and 'Participations' is that Participations counts all members of a team (or group) separately, whereas Entries counts a team as one entry.

	No. Events	Entries	Participations	Average per event	IN 2014		
					No Events	Participations	Average
Twilight Jan-Mar 15	6	911	1037	173	7	826	118
Twilight Oct-Dec 15	10	1738	1984	198	10	1742	174
Saturday 2015	15	2730	3168	211	13	2210	170
Wed Lunch 215	21	536	579	28	21	596	28
Classic League EOD	7	608	655	94	8	872	109
ACT Champs LD	1	264	241	241	1	147	147
ACT Champs, MD Sprint	2	409	385	193	2	358	179
MTBO	3	166	154	55	2	91	46
Other Night owls, OA Conf.	5	206	219	44	3	89	30
<b>Total 'Bush' Events</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7568</b>	<b>8422</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>6931</b>	<b>103</b>
Street Jan-Mar 2015	12	815	988	82			
Street Winter (dark)	22	711	846	38			
Street Oct-Dec 2015	10	656	790	79			
Street Total	44	2182	2624	60	27	1626	60
<b>Total Bush and Street</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>9750</b>	<b>11046</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>8557</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Plus school programs</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>7073</b>					

Table 9: Participation

In addition to the above participations at public events were 7,073 school program participations in 103 events as reported in Memberships- School Programs above and also in School Programs report on Page 16.

The number of public events (114) conducted by OACT in 2015 and the participation (11,046) at those events were an all-time record. The average participation at the Saturday program (211) was the highest ever and about 35 above the average Saturday participation in recent years.

Factors contributing to this were:

(a) Twilight 2014-2015 Season Pass. 63 members took out season pass, they did 704 participations, average 11.35 events. As the cost of the season pass was equivalent to 10 events of 16 actual events, those members did well.

(b) Winter 2015 Season Pass. This included 15 Saturday events and 4 Sunday League events. The season pass holders were: 58 club members who did 671 participations, average 11.57 events; 14 Radford students who did 134 participations, average 9.57 events; 36 Grammar Junior students who did 320 participations average 8.9 events; and 16 Map Mates and others who did 122 participations average 7.6 events. As the cost of the season pass was approximately equivalent to 13 events, OACT did well, and 38 season pass holders also did well. The winter season pass also included entry to 4 Sunday League events, as a measure to encourage 'Saturday' people to try League events. However the season pass had zero effect in achieving this. Those season pass holders who attended those League events were sufficiently experienced orienteers and would have done so anyway.

(c) Twilight 2015-2016 Season Pass. 42 map mates, 14 Grammar students and 90 club members took out season passes.

(d) Two of the Saturday events (Coleman Ridge on 9 May 2015 and Mt Majura West on 25 July) were also League events offering hard (red) courses and therefore attracted extra participants. I have included those events in the Saturday statistics and not in the Classic EOD league events statistics, as I consider those events had more of the characteristics of a Saturday event.

(e) Map Mates program where the Map Mates youngsters were encouraged to participate as individuals rather than in teams and also take out season pass.

I compare the above with the figures presented in the OACT Annual Report of 10 years ago, the 2005 OACT Annual Report. In that year there was no street orienteering which started in 2011. In 2005, there were 21 League, championship and minor (mostly Sunday) events, 17 Saturday events in those days considered junior events, 16 Twilight events, 21 Wednesday lunch events, 4 MTBO events, 2 school and one 'other' event. Total 82 events with a total participation of 7889 at those events. (Also in that year OACT staged Easter Three Days and the Christmas 5-Days.) It was noted in that report that the most popular events were the 'simple' events in 'easier' areas and close to home. That trend has continued in the following 10 years with record numbers now at the Saturday and twilight events, and with street orienteering topping off the numbers.

The table below (Table 10) analyses participation by club members, day members, interstate members and associates. 'Local events' (for want of a better word) are the twilight, Saturday, Wednesday lunch, night owls and similar events. League events are the classic (mostly Sunday) events and championship events. Participations by club members made up 6,368 (or 58%) of all participations. Day members made up 3,410 (or 31%) of all participations. Day members tended to avoid league events, but liked street orienteering. Interstate members came mostly to attend the NOL (the May championship events) and MTBO championship events. Associate members, being the two Grammar School groups, attended overwhelmingly the Saturday program.

	Participation	Local	League	Street	
Club Members	6,368	64%	15%	21%	100%
Day Members	3,410	60%	3%	37%	100%
Interstate	489	23%	76%	1%	100%
Associates	779	96%	0.6%	3.7%	100%
	11,046				

Table 10: Breakdown of participations

Club members had 6368 participations. Dividing that figure by the number of club members (442), the average participation per club member was 14.4. The table below shows participations per club.

Club	Participations	Members	Partic./member
AO	482	57	8.5
BS	2,397	153	15.7
PO	1,833	115	15.9
RR	1,316	63	14.2
WE	340	24	14.2
Total Club	6,368	442	14.4

Table 11: Club participations

Some 69 of club members did not participate at all. They fall mostly into the following categories: member of a family membership where other family members are active; members who have left town, and (unfortunately) some new members who disappear as soon as they become members.

## Participation by Individuals

The following members attended the most OACT public events in 2015.

	No. events 2015	2014
Geoff Wood	100	77
Peter Antcliff	86	34
Michel Burt	84	73
Keith Fifield	82	43
Bryant Allen	80	60
John Suominen	79	61
Tate Needham	77	66
John Harding	74	64
Chris Andersen	73	17
Carol Harding	70	60
Zac Needham	64	36
James Heyes	63	64
Pat Miethke	61	62
David Jenkins	59	36
Bruce Barnett	58	38
Jack Palmer	55	71
Ewan Barnett	54	16
Hermann Wehner	53	49

Table 12: Top participants

The figures do not include those events where the member attended but did not compete because they were event organizer, course setter or controller. The main reason for the above members' ability to attend so many events was because they could come to street orienteering or Wednesday lunchtimes which together numbered 65 events. Many members are not in that fortunate position. Top participants at events not including street orienteering or Wednesday lunch events were:

Tara Melhuish	42
Geoff Wood	41
Ewan Barnett	40
Bryant Allen	40
Ciaran Lane	40
Ana Herceg	40
Peter Antcliff	38
Ella Cuthbert	38
Stephen Melhuish	38
Ari Piironen	37
John Suominen	36
Zoe Melhuish	35
Jon Glanville	34
John Harding	34
Zac Needham	34

(Maximum possible is 49 events)

Table 13: Top participants at bush events

The Needham family had the most participations at 202, and with 112 not counting Street and Wednesday lunch. The Melhuish/Herceg family had 185 participations total and 182 participations not counting street and Wednesday lunch.

## Our Volunteers - Event Organizers/ Course Setters/ Controllers

Orienteering relies upon members to conduct and assist at events. The main leadership jobs at events are: Event Organizer, Course Setter, and Controller. Members commit themselves weeks or months before the event in doing these roles. **In addition, members assist at events in manning the registration and computer tables, setting up, packing up and collecting controls afterwards. Thank you to them.**

The main leadership jobs (above) are recorded in the results and so this enables an analysis. In order to have an objective method of measurement from year to year, each Saturday, MTBO, Night Owls and twilight event has 2 credits (for organizer and course setter), each League and Championship event has 3 credits (the third credit for the controller when there is one) and each Wednesday lunch time event 1 credit (the organizer and setter as a combined role). In 2015 there was a maximum possible credit of 128 representing 128 leadership jobs of event organizer, course setter, controller or Wednesday lunch organizer. In 2015, 78 members did those 128 leadership jobs at least once, that is, those 78 leaders did on average 1.64 jobs each. Ideally we want more leaders with each leader only doing one job. This analysis does not include street orienteering organizers who are recognized separately.

In 2015, of the 78 members who did the 128 jobs of course setter, event organizer, controller or Wednesday lunch, 61 were men who did 97 main jobs and 17 were women who did 31 main jobs

The table (Table 13) below shows the record for past years showing a small trend towards fewer jobs per leader which is what we want.

Year	Number jobs	Number volunteer leaders	Jobs per leader
2015	127	78	1.64
2014	118	73	1.62
2013	144	84	1.71
2012	128	64	2.00
2011	133	79	1.68
2010	153	82	1.87

Table 14 Main jobs per leader

## Our Heroes in 2015

We recognize here our members who volunteered to do these leadership roles (organizer, course setter, and controller) at events and who are listed in the results as such.

Also our heroes also include our many members who volunteered at events at the registration table, setting up and packing up and collecting controls.

Liz Abbott (3), Bryant Allen (5), Belinda Allison, Bob Allison (2), Peter Antcliff (3), Valerie Barker (3), Bruce Barnett, Grant Battersby, Kate and Peter Bond, Bruce Bowen (2), Toni Brown, Michael Burt, Canberra Grammar School, Andrew Cheffers, Tim Cox (3), Nick Dent (NSW), Phoebe Dent (NSW), Coral Dow, Seb Dunne, Daryl Erbacher, Davin Fifield, Keith Fifield (2), John Foster (2), Lukas Frei, Tony Garr, Jon Glanville (2), Mark Glanville, Kay Grzadka (3), Ana Herceg (2), David Hogg (2), Rohan Hyslop (3), Ann Ingwersen, David Jenkins, Rob Jessop, Bill Jones (4), Hugh Jorgensen, Aaron Kooymans (2), Tomas Krajca, Ciaran Lane, Geoff Lawford, Barbara Martin, Grant McDonald (2), Tara Melhuish, Dave Meyer, Tristan Miller, Michael Mitchell, Colleen Mock (3), Bill Mongahan, Hugh Moore, Bob Mouatt (3), Tate Needham, Zac Needham, Mark Parsons, Morten Pedersen (2), Ari Piironen, Jesse and Christian Piironen, Noah Poland (2), Dane Roberts, Anita Scherrer, Ann Scown (5), John Scown (4), Murray Scown, David Shepherd (2), Ross Stewart (2), Ryan and David Stocks (2), Julie Sunley (3), Sean Sunley, John Suominen, John Sutton, Dennis Trewin, Eric Wainwright, Jill Walker, Phil Walker, Rob Walter with Allison Jones, Greg Wilson, Geoff Wood (5), Caitlin Young with Ella Cuthbert, and (an unknown).

## First Time Event Organizers and Course Setters

OACT needs new people to do the roles of course setter, event organizer and controller. The 2015 year was a reasonably good for this. Our goal is that there should be at least 12 new organizers or course setters in a year. The following persons did those roles for the first time at an OACT event:

BS-A	Organizer:	Dane Roberts (4 Mar) Kate and Peter Bond (27 Jun)
	Setter:	Ryan and David Stocks (4 Mar) Caitlin Young and Ella Cuthbert (27 Jun) Tristan Miller (28 Oct)
	Setter:	Mark Glanville (22 Aug)
RR-A	Organizer:	Hugh Jorgensen (13 Sep)
	Controller:	Eric Wainwright (13 Sep)
	Setter:	Zac Needham (5 Sep) Tomas Krajca (16 Dec)

Table 15: First time course setter, organizers, controllers



## Street Orienteering

Street orienteering is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year since starting at Curtin on 31 January 2011. Since that first event OACT has conducted 143 street orienteering events with 8830 participations. In 2015 we had 44 events attended by 2624 participants. In 2015 John Harding was the street orienteering coordinator and his important function was to seek volunteer organizers for the actual events. To facilitate the task of the organizer, John Harding prepared and printed the maps based on the hand-drawn courses by most organizers while Geoff Wood prepared the results. These two tasks had previously been done by the organizer when they were paid in previous years.

Even so, in 2015, John Harding organized 5 events. He was followed by Rosemarie Edwards who organized 4 events, Shona Prince/Ed Towner and Pat Miethke who organized 3 each.

A number of members organized their first street orienteering event and in doing so their first orienteering event. According to my records they were: Chris Andersen (2), Daniel Del Dot, Monica Short and James Swann Also a number of non-club members organized events: they were Ray Ellett, Emma Ellett, Craig George, Giles Lamb (2), Peter Madew, Shona Prince/Ed Towner (3) and Mark Sparshott.

Other members who organized a street orienteering event were: Bryant Allen (2), Peter Antcliff (2), Kate Bond, Bronwyn Calver, Garry Fry, Jonathan Miller, Colleen Mock (2), Tate Needham, Zac Needham, Julie Sunley, John Spooner (2), Geoff Stacey, and Geoff Wood. In total, the 44 events held in 2016 were organized by 27 separate persons.

The records for street orienteering were: The coldest event at Forrest on 1 June organized by Peter Antcliff where the temperature had already dropped to zero by 6pm. The wettest event was at Bruce, organized by Craig George on 24 August when the rain was bucketing down and 8 persons managed to complete their course.

## Officiating and Coaching Accreditation

Controllers work with event organizers and course setters in ensuring that events are run correctly with no errors and things are not overlooked. It is OACT's policy that all events at Group C2 (that is, League events) level and above (such as championship events) should have an accredited controller.

A controller workshop was not conducted in 2015. The last workshop was held in 2013. Several ACT controllers have attended interstate Controller Workshops during 2014 and 2015.

At the end of 2015, accredited Level 1 Controllers were: Bryant Allen, Jo Allison, Rohan Hyslop, and Ross Stewart. Level 2 controllers were: Liz Abbott, Michael Burt, Keith Fifield, David Jenkins, Grant McDonald, Hugh Moore, Mace Neve, John Sutton, Dennis Trewin, Eric Wainwright, and Geoff Wood.

Level 3 Controllers were: Bob Allison, Bruce Bowen, David Hogg, Bill Jones, Ann Scown, and John Scown. Some accreditations expired during the year.

During 2015, the following League events had controllers:

22 March	Stromlo West	John Scown
25 April	Glenbrook	Lukas Frei ( <i>vetter</i> )
26 April	Buckenderra	Lukas Frei ( <i>vetter</i> )
9 May	Cooleman Ridge	Michael Burt
23 May	Sandhills MD Champs	Nick Dent
24 May	Sandhills LD Champs	Phoebe Dent
17 June	Red Hill (Jim Sawkins)	Bob Moautt
25 July	Mt Majura West	Bill Jones
9 August	Gudgenby	Keith Fifield
23 August	Kowen Teams event	(nil)
12 Sep	ANU Sprint Champs	Bruce Bowen
13 Sep	Mulloon Creek	Eric Wainwright

Table 16: Accredited controllers at League events

Vetting. Group 3C events (which are the majority of our events) do not need controllers although they can. Some clubs have appointed veters to check over the course setting.

Coaching. As at 2015, OACT had 5 accredited Level 1 and above coaches: three at Level 1 (Toni Brown, Anna Hyslop, and David Poland), one at Level 2 (Rohan Hyslop), one at level 3 level (Gareth Candy). In addition

OACT had 6 Level 0 coaches (Anita Scherrer, Jane Barnett, Vicky Newman, Theo Fleurent, Liam Whyte, Kelly Young, and Emil Granqvist). These coaches work in schools and this is discussed further in the **School Programs** report below.

## Communications

During 2015, OACT Quarterly newsletter 'News' was electronically distributed to members. The newsletter is kept in a pdf file on the members' section of the OACT website. John Scown continued as the acting editor. (The last printed edition of the newsletter was September 2013).

The 2014 Annual Report was distributed electronically with printed copies available to those who attended the annual general meeting or specifically requested it.

The weekly e-bulletin continues to be distributed by email from the OACT Office.

At the start of 2015 a Mail-chimp account was established to email the e-bulletin and other items. This enables better management of the email address lists. As at 31 December, the weekly e-bulletin email Mail-chimp List was 612. The membership List (which is used for the quarterly newsletter and other emails only to members was 344.

OACT maintained Facebook and Twitter accounts.

## Grants and Sponsorships

### ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services

OACT was supported by the ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services. During 2015, OACT received an annual Operational Assistance grant of \$26,000. This grant was for the second year of the current three year program that will expire at end of 2016. This grant does come with conditions in that Sport and Recreation requires OACT to be forward

looking, is adaptive and innovative. A consequence of the grant is that it places OACT in regular contact with Sport and Recreation Services who, amongst other things, arrange education in sport administration and also has occasional functions at which all the sports are invited providing networking opportunities with the other sports.

OACT also received funding of \$24,000 from Sport and Recreation Services to support our elite orienteering team, the Canberra Cockatoos in the National Orienteering League (NOL). This support was mostly in the form of travel, accommodation and uniforms for the relevant months in the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 financial years.

### Australian Sports Commission via Orienteering Australia

OACT received \$4,500 from the ASC Participation funding grant for the production of more Street Orienteering maps.

OACT received \$8,037.50 from the ASC Sporting Schools funding grant. This was used to purchase SportIdent training kits for use in school activities.

### Runners Shop

OACT acknowledges the ongoing support of the Runners Shop, 76 Dundas Court Phillip through its sponsorship of the summer twilight series and through its discount scheme for members who purchase their running shoes from the Runners Shop.

*Picture below: Map Mates – Blue Sparks*



## Awards - 2015

### The Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering



Awarded to **Toni Brown and David Poland**. Toni and David have worked together as a team, but importantly have done many things for orienteering on her or his own initiative. Toni Brown has done a huge amount of work in developing school orienteering in Sporting Schools and previously Active-After-School programs, SC-ORE school competitions, training coaches for school work, Focus on Girls program, supporting school orienteering carnivals, amongst other things. An important role she has provided is in providing leadership to her club Bushflyers.

David Poland's initiatives under Family Pathways include the Map mates program which has had a positive effect on participations in the Saturday and Twilight programs, the visiting scholar program and the associated training opportunities for members, and continuing support for the Blue Lightning program and its annual camp. Just about the entire report on Development elsewhere in this Annual Report can be accredited to Toni Brown and David Poland who were the main drivers for many of the initiatives.

**Services to Coaching.** Not awarded in 2015

**Southern Cross Inter Club Challenge.** Awarded based on club performance in the ACT League competition. Awarded to Bushflyers.

### Wehner Cup – The Orienteer of the Year Award.



This is awarded to the person achieving the highest number of points in the ACT League competition.

This was presented to **Jo Allison** for 2015

### Jim Sawkins Award for Services to Event Management.



Awarded to **Julie Sunley and Sean Sunley**. In recent years they have been the stalwarts in Mountain Bike Orienteering (MTBO) and have organized major parts of the MTBO championships since arriving in Canberra in 2011.

They have continued with the complete event organization, from obtaining permissions to producing results over the past 5 years. Sean has identified possible new areas for MTBO, organized mapping/remapping of MTBO areas, set up the entry process and manned the computers on the day of events. In between all this he has set courses, from Sprint Distance to Long Distance.

Julie has obtained permissions, set courses, organized presentation dinners and awards for the championships. This year, Sean and Julie organized a 2 day, 3 event program which included Middle distance on Saturday morning, Sprint Distance on Saturday afternoon, dinner on Saturday night and Long Distance on Sunday. Without the efforts of Sean and Julie over the last 5 years, MTBO would not have continued within the ACT.

### Age Based Awards.

These awards are presented based on orienteering performance in the ACT League Competition and / or outstanding performance in national orienteering events.

Sub Junior Woman	Ella Cuthbert
Junior Woman	Tara Melhuish
Elite Woman	Jo Allison
Masters Woman	Ana Herceg
Super Masters Woman	Carol Harding
Most Improved Woman	Zoe Melhuish
Sub Junior Man	Patrick Miller
Junior Man	Stephen Melhuish
Elite Man	Matthew Crane
Masters Man	Ari Piironen
Super Masters Man	Ian Prosser
Most Improved Man	Ryan Stocks

### Audun Fristad Junior Encouragement Awards.

Justine Hobson, Tamara Needham, Jennifer Kerr, Riley Lane , David Stocks, Braeden Jaugietis, Joseph Wilson, Toby Lang, Ben Hobson, Brendan Wilson

### Junior League Competition.

The Junior League competition was not held during 2015.

### Orienteer of the Year Placings.

The 20 top placings in the Wehner Cup for the 2015 ACT Orienteer of the Year. These are based on performance in the Red courses (hard navigation) at ACT League events.

1	Jo Allison	697
2	Matt Crane	676
3	Rob Walter	675
4	Tara Melhuish	644
5	Patrick Miller	617
6	Anita Scherrer	615
7	Ian Prosser	602
8	Ella Cuthbert	601
9	Zoe Melhuish	598
10	Tomas Krajca	590
11	Ewan Barnett	572
12	Tristan Miller	571
13	Stephen Melhuish	558
14	Lachlan Dow	553
15	Oliver Mill	549
16	Ryan Stocks	532
17	Ana Herceg	528
18	Ari Piironen	527
19	Ciaran Lane	525
20	John Shelton Agar	523

### NATIONAL EVENTS

#### Australian Three-Days (Easter, South Australia)

OACT first and second place getters in the various classes at the Australian 3-Days (Easter) held in South Australia:

Class	Winner
M21E	Matthew Crane
M80A	Pauli Piironen
M85A	Kevin Paine
M90A	Hermann Wehner
M65AS	Dennis Trewin
M Easy	Thomas Hyslop
W45B	Jane Barnett
W35AS	Anna Hyslop (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
W65A	Judy Allison (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
W70A	Jenny Hawkins (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
M75A	John Sutton (2 <sup>nd</sup> )

#### Australian Championships.

Held at Ballarat Victoria in September – October 2015. OACT members who achieved first place in their various classes are:

Australian Middle Distance	
Class	Winner
W40A	Belinda Allison
W Jun B	Emily Alder
M12A	David Stocks
M14A	Noah Poland
M45A	Rob Jessop
M75A	John Sutton
M80A	Pauli Piironen
M90A	Hermann Wehner
MOpenB	Daniel Del Dot
Australian Sprint Distance	
W17-20A	Emily Alder
W65A	Judy Allison
M45A	Rob Jessop
M80A	Pauli Piironen
M85A	Kevin Paine
M90A	Hermann Wehner
MOpenB	Daniel Del Dot
Australian Long Distance	
W14A	Zoe Melhuish
W21E	Jo Allison
W21AS	Jenna Linehan
M45A	Rob Jessop
M80A	Eino Meurollen
M85A	Kevin Paine
M90A	Hermann Wehner
MOpenB	Daniel Del Dot
Australian Relays	
	<i>(Results not on Eventor)</i>
Australian Schools Championships	
Jun. Girls	Zoe Melhuish (1 <sup>st</sup> place)

## National Orienteering League (NOL) –

### Canberra Cockatoos

David Shepherd

The 2015 NOL had 16 races spread over 5 rounds held in Sydney, Jamestown (SA), Canberra and Ballarat. The NOL included the Australian 3-days (Round 2) at Jamestown SA and the Australian Championships (Round 5) Ballarat. The NOL is the focus for OACT's elite team, the Canberra Cockatoos. The results below are based on the Cockatoos' performance in the NOL.

The men's teams had a good year, the senior men won the competition and the juniors finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, both with strong individual performances. Matthew Crane won the senior men's competition and the Canberra Cockatoos filled 4 and 3 of the top 10 positions in the senior and junior divisions respectively.

The women's teams were unfortunately low on numbers this year and finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the senior and junior divisions respectively. However, there were also some strong individual performances, Tara Melhuish finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the junior women's division and Belinda Lawford and Jo Allison were both top 10 in the senior women's division.

Canberra Cockatoos Lachlan Dow and Ian Lawford were both selected in the national team for the 2015 World Orienteering Championships in Scotland in August 2015. No OACT members were selected for the 2015 Junior World Orienteering Championships in Norway in July 2015

Following their performances in the 2015 NOL, a number of Canberra Cockatoos were selected in the 2016 National Squads: Lachlan Dow and Ian Lawford were selected in the Australian High Performance Squad; Andrew Barnett and Mark Gregson were picked in the National Development Squad; Ewan Barnett, Ciaran Lane, Tara Melhuish, Stephen Melhuish and Oliver Mill were selected in the Australian Junior Development Squad.

<b>Canberra Cockatoos Senior Men's team</b>		
<i>Place</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	Canberra Cockatoos	89
2	Victorian Nuggets	75
3	Southern Arrows	67
<b>Canberra Cockatoos Senior Women's team</b>		
1	Victorian Nuggets	97
2	Queensland Cyclones	95
3	NSW Stingers	60
5	Canberra Cockatoos	39
<b>Individual Scores Senior OACT Men - top 10</b>		
1	Matthew Crane AO-A	205
3	Ian Lawford AO-A	196
5	Lachlan Dow BS-A	163
8	Andrew Barnett BS-A	123
<b>Individual Scores Senior OACT Women - top 10</b>		
7	Belinda Lawford AO-A	134
10	Jo Allison RR-A	132

<b>Canberra Cockatoos Junior Men's team</b>		
1	Victorian Nuggets	57
2	Tassie Foresters	53
3	Canberra Cockatoos	45
<b>Canberra Cockatoos Junior Women's team</b>		
1	Tassie Foresters Canberra	63
2	Victorian Nuggets	53
3	Queensland Cyclones	42
6	Cockatoos	24
<b>Individual Scores Junior OACT Men - top 10</b>		
7	Stephen Melhuish PO-A	140
9	Oliver Mill RR-A	124
10	Ciaran Lane PO-A	114
15	Ewan Barnett BS-A	86
<b>Individual Scores Junior OACT Women - top 10</b>		
4	Tara Melhuish PO-A	162

## BLUE LIGHTNING SQUAD 2015

Ana Herceg

Over 2015 around 33 students from 25 families were involved in the Blue Lightning squad. The squad coach was Rohan Hyslop and squad manager was Ana Herceg. Guest coaches included Chris Helliwell, Rob Walter and Lukas Frei.

Blue Lightning training was held every Saturday morning over the winter season, prior to the Saturday program events. The annual training Blue Lightning training camp was held at Buckenderra on 23-25 April. The camp was attended by 13 juniors and 8 adults who braved cold and wet weather for some excellent granite training.

Blue Lightning ran two events during the year, at Commonwealth Park and Mt Ainslie North. All events had excellent volunteer participation from Blue Lightning members and their families. The Blue Lightning cake stall was run by Blue Lightning families at all Saturday events and Sunday ACT League events, with an additional BBQ at larger events. These continue to be popular and the support of ACT orienteers is greatly appreciated. Fundraising from the cake stall, BBQs and event tithes were used to support members of the ACT Schools Orienteering Team to travel to the Australian Championships.

Nineteen members of Blue Lightning represented the ACT at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. Members of the team were Caitlin Young, Ciaran Lane, David Stocks, Ella Cuthbert, Emily Alder, Ewan Barnett, Jesse Piironen, Lucy Barton, Mark Glanville, Miho Yamazaki, Noah Poland, Oliver Mill, Patrick Miller, Ryan Stocks, Stephen Melhuish, Tara Melhuish, Tristan Miller, Zac Needham and Zoe Melhuish (reserve Christian Piironen).

## Schools National Championships

Tara Sutherland

The Australian School Orienteering Championships were held on 25 Sept to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Ballarat, Vic. Nineteen athletes from ACT were selected to participate across three events: sprint, individual and relay. The team comprised 6 junior boys, 4 junior girls, 6 senior boys and 3 senior girls. The Team Manager was Tara Sutherland, Coach Rohan Hyslop and Assistant Coach Peter Miller.

Overall ACT came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the carnival; the Junior boys team came 1<sup>st</sup> in both the sprint and individual events and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the team relay; the junior girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the sprint, individual event and relay.

Top 4 placings achieved by individuals were:  
Patrick Miller: 2<sup>nd</sup> Individual event; 4<sup>th</sup> in the sprint  
Tristan Miller: 4<sup>th</sup> Individual event  
Zoe Melhuish: 1<sup>st</sup> Individual event; 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sprint  
Ella Cuthbert: 4<sup>th</sup> Individual event; 4<sup>th</sup> in the sprint  
Caitlin Young: 3<sup>rd</sup> Individual event

Six athletes were selected into the All Australian Team: Patrick Miller, Tristan Miller, Zoe Melhuish, Ella Cuthbert, Caitlin Young and Tara Melhuish.



## DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

### **The Scholarship Program.**

This is an outstanding initiative by David Poland and commenced in the summer of 2013-2014 with the presence of Swiss orienteer Lukas Funk. For the last 2 months of 2014 and the first 6 months of 2015 we had scholar Lukas Frei also from Switzerland. In September 2015, Theo Fleurent from France arrived and he was followed in late October 2015 by Emil Granqvist from Sweden. They will be staying in Australia until after the 2016 Australian 3-days.

The activities of the scholars included competing in as many Australian orienteering events as possible and hence build up their own experience. Also they were involved in coaching and training activities for the OACT membership, mapping, and school work, and for which payment was often available.

### **Map Mates**

An initiative by David Poland, the map mates program was further developed in 2015. Map Mates commenced at the Twilight program in November 2011. Children are encouraged to bring their friends to the first 4 Saturday or twilight orienteering events and compete as a team in the easy (green) or very easy (blue) courses and for which a special discounted fee applied. In 2015, Map Mates program was expanded and involved purchasing a season pass for either the Saturday or Summer twilight programs, and competing as an individual although many 'map mates' still stayed together with a friend while competing. This was successful with many map mates continuing past the initial 4 events. Also many map mates were thrilled that each one had their own SI chip and could punch at each control.

### **Blue Sparks**

The Blue Sparks program commenced in 2007 and involved orienteering activities for primary school aged children at the Saturday program events. This extended into the summer twilight program and some championship events. In recent times these special activities have largely dissipated, and to a certain extent replaced by the Map Mates program. However, the Blue Sparks network of families with primary school aged children was maintained with Bec McKinney sending out regular communications to the Blue Sparks families. An important Blue Sparks activity that continued in 2015 was the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Sparks camp held during the weekend of 21-22 November at a property north of Braidwood.

### **Permanent Orienteering Course**

In 2014 OACT received funding from ACT Government to establish permanent orienteering course in local Canberra parks. A considerable time was spent in the permission process with parks management in part because it seemed unclear in permission terms whether this was an 'event' or a 'development'. However progress was made during 2015.

### **Coaching and Training.**

An activity of our scholars Lukas Frei, Theo Fleurent and Emil Granqvist has been to provide coaching and training to members. This has taken the form of:

#### Training Events.

Pre-Easter training events were held before Easter on Wednesday evenings and 28 March at Timbertops. In-the-field map reading sessions and other training were held on Saturday 24 October, and the weekends of 31 Oct/1 Nov at Namadgi, 7/8 November and 14/15 November at Remembrance Park and Kowen Forest. Sprint training was held on Saturday 28 Nov at ANU and 5 Dec at Capital Hill.

#### Provision of Training Maps at the summer twilight program.

These maps would typically have features deleted from the maps used for the twilight program thereby placing greater challenge on the navigation. Competitors could choose whether to use these maps or the ordinary maps.

#### Armchair Training.

These sessions covered sprint and school maps, course setting, use of course setting software and aspects of officiating. (5 Nov, 12 Nov, 19 Nov, 26 Nov)

Navigation Workshops. These were generally held immediately prior to a Saturday or Twilight event for interested members. Scholar Lukas Frei conducted these while he was in Australia in the first 6 months of 2015.

### **Girls only training ("Focus on Girls")**

A girls-only training group was continued in 2015 to encourage girls aged 10-15 years, to gain greater enjoyment both social and technical, in participating in orienteering. Periodic training sessions were held as three separate series over 2015. Series 1 in Feb/March had 15 participants, Series 2 in June/July had 20 participants, and Series 3 in December had 21 participants. Coaching was provided by Anita Scherrer and Toni Brown, with assistance of Grace Crane and Georgia Parsons as well as Theo Fleurent and Emil Granqvist as visiting coaches.

### **Come and Try It Events.**

- Florienteering. Orienteering activities were held at Floriade on the weekend of 10/11 October – promotion and direct contact with more than 200 attendees
- Connect and Participate Expo – Bus Depot Markets March 2015 – direct contact with more than around 150 attendees
- School Sport ACT 'Just Play' Gala Day on Friday 20 November, North side - Lyneham Oval 350 participants and Friday 11 November – South Side, Woden Athletics Oval 250 participants.

## SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The year 2015 started with the Government funded Active-After-School program in wind down.

In 2015 OACT continued “in-school” Body and Brain Orienteering programs, the purpose of which was to provide orienteering activities to primary and secondary school students in school time in line with requirements set by teachers. The development of the Australian Curriculum over recent years has influenced the requirements and expectations for delivery of orienteering.

Concurrently, from July 2015 the Australian Government funded ‘Sporting Schools’ program commenced.

From July schools were eligible to receive funding to purchase structured sports programs from sports organizations including orienteering. So from July onwards this resulted in a significant expansion in the number of sessions requested and the number delivered to primary school students across schools in the ACT (and nearby NSW).

From August 2015 Toni Brown was appointed OACT’s volunteer Sporting School Coordinator. This position provided a *key contact* for all matters pertaining to the Australian Government’s Sporting Schools program, including administration and reporting, liaison with OA, marketing orienteering to ACT school and developing and coordinating the *coaching workforce* to ensure delivery was achieved.

In anticipation of the introduction of the Sporting Schools program in March 2015, as a trial to both test primary schools’ interest in having orienteering brought to the school yard, and to raise the profile of orienteering at the primary school level, OACT has piloted a team based relay challenge modelled on the Swedish Skol Sprinten program – **SC-ORE** (see below)

### Delivery in Schools

During 2015, OACT conducted 94 in-school orienteering activities for the following schools: Covenant College, St Francis Xavier College, Gowrie Primary School, Radford College, St Clare’s College, Theodore Primary School, Campbell Primary School, Jerrabomberra Primary School, North Ainslie Primary School, St Thomas Aquinas School, Narrabundah Early childhood and Emmaus Christian School. The number of student contacts at those schools doing the various orienteering activities was 6,535 of which 3,720 contacts were associated with Sporting Schools that had received funds through Sporting Schools program.

To provide the orienteering services to those schools and other community groups, the following OACT members have been accredited as coaches: Toni Brown (level 1), Anita Scherrer, Jane Barnett, Vicky Newman, Theo Fleurent, Liam Whyte, Kelly Young, (all at Level 0) with the following working towards Level 1 coaching: Anita Scherrer and Tate Needham. To be noted here is that our Scholar Theo Fleurent is Level 0 while Emil Granqvist is working towards Level 0 and they both contributed to the schools program. Associated with this coaching was the development of a suitable Level 0 curriculum. Two Level 0 coaching 2-hour workshops were held attended by 12 prospective community coaches.

These school programs are done at nil net cost to OACT. A scale of fees that the school pays to OACT has been developed, and the OACT coaches providing the services to schools are paid. To provide the services to schools, a number of Sport-ident training kits were purchased.

### SC-ORE (SCore ORiEnteering)

SC-ORE is an orienteering relay competition between primary schools. It was held on a week day before school at 8am. Two competitions each consisting of four sessions were held with a presentation on the 4<sup>th</sup> session. The dates were: 4, 11, 20, 25 March 2015 with 9 teams and 36 children; and 12, 19, 26 November and 2 December with 13 teams and 52 children.

Aranda PS, Campbell PS, Gowrie PS, North Ainslie PS, Majura PS, Turner PS, and home schooled students were involved in 2015. The venues were either at one of the schools or local parks. Organizers, course setters and controllers were Toni Brown, Lukas Frei, Theo Fleurent, Emil Granqvist and Darryl Erbacher.

The SC-ORE Pilot has been deemed successful in its format acceptability to schools and students

**Primary Schools Championships.** This was held at Bruce Ridge on Wednesday 18 November 2015. The courses set became the green and blue courses at the evening twilight session held the same day at the same location. Cathy Hogg was the organizer and course setter while Darryl Erbacher was the controller. There were 186 entries. The following schools were represented: Aranda Primary School (PS), Grammar Junior, Radford College, Majura PS, Campbell PS, Amaroo PS, Weetangera PS, Turner PS, Gowrie PS, North Ainslie PS, Hughes PS, Curtin PS, and Home School.

**Secondary School and Colleges Championships.** This was held in conjunction with the OACT Sprint Championships at South ANU on Saturday 12 September. There were 41 competitors in the M/W12, M/W14, M/W16 and M/W18 age groups. As the sprint championships was a public event, these figures are included in the public events statistics.



## **MAPPING – Bob Allison, Mapping Officer**

The primary mapping tasks for 2015 were focussed on preparation for the 2016 Australian 3-Days with a revision of *University of Canberra*, extension of *Isaacs Ridge* and extension and updating of *Foxlow Flats* to include the area of the *Primrose Valley South* map from the 1980s.

Other projects included the revision of *The Sandhills* for the 2015 ACT Long and Middle Distance Championships and the extension of *ANU* to include the area on Hospital Peninsula for the 2015 ACT Sprint Distance Championships.

The revision of *Lake Ginninderra* and the previously unmapped Karabar schools campus were both scheduled for a first use in the 2015-26 summer series.

*Mt Majura West, Weston Park, Mulloon Creek and Red Hill* were all updated to varying degrees.

## **School and Street Mapping – Bryant Allen**

Five new school maps were completed in 2015: Theodore, Amaroo, Jerrabomberra, St Thomas Aquinas, and Emmaus Christian. The schools have provided great learning opportunities for learner mappers. At the time of reporting a further four schools are being mapped: Narrabundah Early Childhood, Curtin, Red Hill, and Queanbeyan Public. Patrick and Tristan Miler, Ryan Stocks, Zac Needham and Noah

Poland mapped schools. Theo Fleurent, Visiting Coach who has a lot of experience mapping sprint sites, mapped one school that was required urgently and is presently urgently mapping another. Theo introduced and adapted a template for school maps based on one used in Switzerland.

The school mapping was funded from grants to schools from the ACT and Federal governments to encourage greater physical activity among students. The schools have been mapped in collaboration with Toni Brown who is OACT's Sporting Schools coordinator. The Association received \$1,750 from schools to make the maps and paid mappers \$1,350. The difference will be used to map school which do not have funds but which request Orienteering classes.

Four new Street Orienteering maps were completed in 2015: Jerrabomberra (Tate Needham); Florey and Scullin-Page (Zac Needham) and West Kambah (Bob Allison). Another four maps are in the final stages of completion: Gungahlin (Noah Poland), Wanniasa (Tate Needham), Amaroo (Noah Poland) and Ngunnawal (Tristan and Patrick Miller). These maps were funded from Australian Sports Commission participation funding through Orienteering Australia. Most of the school and Street O maps have been drawn using *Open Orienteering*, an Orienteering mapping software package available free on the Internet. The O-Map files can be saved as OCAD files. All the new maps have been converted to OCAD and saved in OCAD format. No problems have been encountered with this procedure.

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## **2015 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ann Scown, Treasurer

The information contained in this report is based upon the MYOB accounting system maintained by the Treasurer of Orienteering ACT.

This information is subject to audit and a full financial statement and Auditor's report will be available for the AGM.

Figures for 2014 have been modified to reflect those of the audited 2014 statements.

2015 has been another successful year for OACT. We have recorded a surplus of just over \$22,000 which is in line with previous budget projections. Due to increased commitments elsewhere within the organisation, there has been no development of the budget beyond 2017.

OACT advertised for people to fill a number of paid and voluntary positions early in 2015. As a result of this, the Administrative Officer position was filled and the Executive

Director continued in his role. Two casual paid positions were created during 2015, one for Computer Operations and one for Participation Co-ordination. OACT continues to reimburse members for expenses incurred in running events and other approved activities.

The Board and Council also approved the introduction of EFTPOS terminals for use in both the office and at events. This acquisition has made recording Credit Card payments in the office much simpler. There are currently 2 units available, however this number may be reviewed during 2016.

Income still comes into the organisation by way of several different methods. It is strongly recommended that in the future all online registrations will be via Eventor.

2015 saw a greater use of EFT payments via COMMBIZ with respect to accounts payable and reimbursements requested. This eased the load on the Treasurer to some extent but does require more diligence with respect to lodging these claims for reimbursement.

## ASSETS

The Balance Sheet shows cash on hand of \$231,470.16. This is made up of \$52,892.29 in the Cheque Account, \$93,670.19 in the Business Online Saver and \$84,907.68 in a CBA Term Deposit, due to mature on May 6th 2016.

Our property (including intellectual) and equipment has had annual depreciation applied and is now deemed to have a value of \$83,123.18. Once again this is an increase on the previous year due in part to the purchase of a new printer, Olynx event hardware and further expansion of our available coaching equipment. Total Assets of the Association are \$314,593.34.

## LIABILITIES

Liabilities are slightly up on 2014.

With the introduction of a defined payment of \$150 per event, rather than calculation of tithes based on a percentage of event income, Club managed funds show a marked increase in some cases. As usual PAYG and GST payments for the last quarter of 2014 are still to be paid and will require an adjustment due to incorrect calculation in the previous period payment. Prepaid memberships and Grants will be allocated to income accounts in the actual year in which they apply. Total Liabilities are \$39,835.84.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

As stated, the statement of income and expenditure shows a surplus of \$22,010.02. OACT continues to receive an Operational Grant of \$26,000 and support for the National Orienteering League team of \$24,000.

Administrative expenses are down on 2014 due to the office position not being permanently filled until mid year. Some income and expenditure relating to events and other activities in 2015 have been carried forward to 2016 as they were not received during the 2015 financial year.

## TITHES PAID TO CLUBS

As previously explained, Club tithes are now no longer related to event income but paid at a fixed rate of \$150 per event.

This rate has been applied for events from Jan 1st 2015. The rate is to be reviewed in 2016 to determine if it is sustainable. Managed funds held for each Club at the end of 2015 are shown here.

Blue Sparks	\$862.01
Blue Lightning	\$1,085.22
Cockatoos	\$5,802.77
Abominables	\$919.99
Bushflyers	\$2,711.03
Parawanga	\$1,350.00
Red Roos	\$2,434.53
Weston Emus	\$1,600.37

## MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT FEES

The Council Meeting of August 2015 agreed to continue with membership fees for 2016 as they were in 2015.

Family	\$110
Adult	\$90
Junior	\$50

## SUMMARY

OACT is moving into a diverse and uncharted environment with respect to paid positions, volunteer reimbursement and schools activity. To continue to be a viable operation, there will need to be reviews of how we manage our income and expenditure with diligent application of recording and categorising these activities.

I would like to thank Peter Miller, who took over the reins of the treasury during my prolonged absence during the middle of the year.

Thanks as usual to the Board and Council members for their perseverance and understanding and to you, the members of the Association, who continue to volunteer to assist in all manner of ways. I am standing down from the position of Honorary Treasurer at the AGM and wish the incoming Treasurer all the best.



**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2015**

	2015	Actual 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash On Hand	231,470.16	210,558.86
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>231,470.16</b>	<b>210,558.86</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<i>Note 1</i> <b>Property &amp; Equipment</b>		
General equipment for events	20,792.11	19,926.30
Coaching equipment	8,793.31	4,465.18
Computing equipment	6,965.09	3,605.00
Office equipment	5,755.69	1,295.21
Mapwork	30,205.24	33,271.53
SportIdent (SI) equipment	10,611.74	13,040.13
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>83,123.18</b>	<b>75,603.35</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>314,593.34</b>	<b>286,162.21</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
GST Liabilities	5,021.17	4,437.30
Payroll Liabilities	2,880.00	2,850.00
Prepaid Membership/Grants	13,923.64	13,228.19
Managed Funds: Club, Team		
JWOC	349.01	349.01
Blue Lightning	1,085.22	1,215.22
Blue Sparks	862.01	831.01
ACT Team – C. Cockatoos	5,802.77	3,580.07
Club funds AO-A	919.99	469.99
Club funds BS-A	2,711.03	1,523.21
Club funds PO-A	1,350.00	1,634.72
Club funds RR-A	2,434.53	1,099.53
Club funds WE-A	1,600.97	1,300.97
Club funds CFR-A	895.50	895.50
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>39,835.84</b>	<b>33,414.72</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>39,835.84</b>	<b>33,414.72</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>274,757.50</b>	<b>252,747.49</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Members Funds</b>		
Retained earnings	121,652.03	133,242.09
Current year surplus/deficit	22,010.02	-11,590.05
Asset revaluation reserve	131,095.45	131,095.45
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>274,757.50</b>	<b>252,747.49</b>

Notes for Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement:

- 1 Property and equipment depreciated by formula and charged to events and expenses.
- 2 Entry fees plus other items, all net of GST.
- 3 Does not include events which were fundraisers for National reps.
- 4 ACT Champs 2015 entry fees included in Other Events – NOL Weekend . 2015 Sprint entry here.
- 5 Sales of SI-cards, maps. Hire of SI-cards and compasses and unidentified income.
- 6 Includes OA levies for local events. Levies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2015 still to be applied.
- 7 Depreciation of maps and SI equipment is charged directly on a per event basis since 2009.  
The cost of printing maps at the Office has been charged to local events, balanced by an adjustment to Administration Expenses reflected in Stationery and Office Supplies to cover printer toner.
- 8 Depreciation of general and office equipment items is not charged to individual events.

## Provisional Financial Report

### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FULL YEAR

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	
Members Subs and Donations	19,024.26	14,310.04	
N. 2, 3 Local Events Entry Fees	69,361.39	54,489.34	
Note 4 Regular National Events(ACT Champs)	1,332.46	7376.84	
Note 4 Other Events - NOL Weekend	11,810.26		
Easter 2016	103.64		
SC-ORE	1,109.28		
Sprint Canberra		4,923.30	
ACT Government grants			
ACT Operational grant	26,000.00	26,000.00	
ACT National League	24,000.00	24,000.00	
IPFP Act Govt Grant		8,000.00	
All other grants and sponsorships	150.00	174.00	
OA/ASC Participation	4,500.00		
OA/ASC Sporting Schools	8,037.50		
Development & Marketing	2,390.00	1,615.48	
Schools Activities	9,790.91	11,930.70	
Sporting Schools	9,125.00		
Coaching and Training		74.55	
Note 5 Other sources of revenue	2,679.31	7,968.55	
Interest and Tax credits	3,060.10	4,128.13	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>192,274.11</b>	<b>164,990.93</b>
<b>COST OF RUNNING EVENTS</b>			
Note 6 Local Events	19,556.22	25,074.63	
Regular national events – ACT Champs	3,182.65	3,202.55	
Other Events – NOL Weekend	9,873.99		
Easter 2016	4,662.40	200.00	
Aust Champs Carnival		11,770.64	
Note 7 Unallocated cost of maps	7,551.31	8,317.88	
Unallocated cost of SI usage	4,394.21	4,223.47	
Note 8 Unallocated costs of gen equip	2,487.68	2,186.40	
Unallocated costs, other			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>51,708.46</b>	<b>54,975.57</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		<b>140,565.65</b>	<b>110,015.36</b>
<i>EXPENSES</i>			
Administrative Staff	17,035.06	29,356.52	
Administration	16,244.12	11,538.95	
Paid Positions	2,670.30		
Orienteering Australia			
State Registration	12,390.00	11,414.54	
Insurance (PL and Directors)	1,578.18	2,311.82	
Disburse Grants & Sponsorship		1,360.00	
Development and Marketing	5,069.81 }	10,993.95 }	
Schools Activities	9,998.50 }	11,826.25 }	<b>22,820.20</b>
Sporting Schools	10466.14 }		
Other expenses	605.20 }		
	<b>26,139.65</b>		
High Performance			
Canberra Cockatoos	24,064.81	23,463.00	
Coaching and Training	4,548.68	3,158.31	
Staff & volunteer development	373.18	748.63	
Publications	6,642.70	6,901.87	
Other expenses	6,118.64	8,054.20	
Financial charges & taxes	750.31	477.37	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>118,555.63</b>	<b>121605.41</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>		<b>22,010.02</b>	<b>(11,590.05)</b>