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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.

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)



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Ski-O Coordinator	Marina Iskhakova
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Equipment Shed key holder	Pat Miethke, Anita Scherrer

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This year as mandated by the constitution I conclude 3 years as President of Orienteering ACT. Together with previous time on the Board, these 5 years have been a great opportunity to be part of a dynamic and enthusiastic team. For me, my primary focus has been to concentrate on participation. In any sport participation is the prerequisite for performance. To this end I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board, Council and significant other members of OACT who have travelled with me on this journey. Much has been achieved. It is time now to move on and give other, younger members an opportunity to develop the organisation further.

Implementing a Pathway

In November 2012 a detailed proposal for a Pathway (then named the Family Development Pathway) was submitted to the OACT council for consideration. Six years later it would be fair to say the Pathway is now complete thanks to the many volunteers who have established it. There is now a clear path for every beginner who turns up at an event to progress and maximise their personal potential.

An example of a personal pathway

Exposure may begin with an orienteering activity in the school. Parents who hear of this may then choose to engage in SC-ORE on Thursday mornings receiving exposure themselves in this four week exciting mini series. A next step could be to try one of the seven Permanent courses – a great way to practice skills in a safe urban park at a quiet pace and outside of a competitive environment. Map Mates is the next logical step, combined with the new Keep UP With the Kids programme for parents and the Focus on Girls groups. The New Comers Welcoming Officer plays a valuable role at events and acts as a step towards the training squads = Blue Sparks, Blue Lightning and Cockatoos as well as the Adult Navigation Workshops assisted by the Coach in Residence Programme. With almost 100 local events every year (all of which are suitable for beginners) and access to major carnivals and several regular training camps the Pathway is now complete

In summary here are some of the Board's other achievements

Youth: Juniors programs have gone from strength to strength through initiatives such as Map Mates, SC-ORE, Sporting Schools, Blue Lightning, and growth in club

engagement with families. A flow-on benefit has been the junior's contribution to the map development program and the ACT impetus to establish the Annual OA Development Camp as well as an excellent result (first place) in the National Schools Carnival. The introduction of the 'scholars program' has also contributed by providing increased access for our juniors to the knowledge hub of the international high performance scene.

Infrastructure: Our 'equipment home' has moved from Curtin to Giralang, we have built a new website, and we have created an online map library which we continuously fed with quality maps of all shapes and sizes for many intents and purposes. New maps with new terrain have been made by an international mapper. These include Tidbinbilla granite, Wee Jasper karst, Moruya sand dunes, and the Kingston Foreshores urban sprint.

We have built permanent courses around Canberra giving OACT a real presence in our city and surrounds: Eddison Park, John Knight Park, Weston Park, and Fadden Pines, are now joined by Tidbinbilla, Haig Park, and Lotus Bay (virtual). Over a thousand people do these courses each year with a reported satisfaction rate of 97%. After a funded request from the local council we are reaching out to install another one in Goulburn.

A defibrillator is now part of our standard kit at Sat/Twilight and Classic events bringing OACT into line with community expectations. The ability to use SI Air units at all local major events has been introduced.

Planning: Quality programs that meet the needs of *all* members are a highlight of OACT – Monday Street, Wednesday Twilight, Wednesday Middy, Saturday Metro, Classic, Ski O and the rebirth of the MTBO program means there's never a dull map moment! Almost 100 events per year!

A detailed manual on how to organise and course set has been updated and is available on our webpage. This will assist volunteers. Another innovation has been to make one NSW League weekend and one ACT league weekend part of the other jurisdiction's League programme. This has meant more high quality events with less volunteer work and more participants.

Then there's the upcoming Oceania planning - in some great complex granite country near Wagga Wagga and at some favourite gold mining terrain near Beechworth. This has generated interest internationally with many competitors expected from New Zealand, New Caledonia and possibly China and Europe. The OACT planning team is well prepared to have us shine!

People: OACT is its people - many with a wealth of knowledge, technical and practical. This detailed experience ensures OACT runs top notch programs. The willingness to share and teach skills to newcomers is second to none, with course planning, controlling, coaching and other technical knowledge sharing activities always happening in the background. Without the contributions of the OACT family, who are always willingly to share their knowledge, continued growth in participation (and thus ultimately performance) would be impossible.

The office has been ably managed by Jill Walker and then Paul de Jongh. Paul's diligence, efficiency and friendly nature has been one major reason so much has been achieved. Susan Harrysson's new role as Development officer is valuable and currently she is working on a permanent course and access to the Arboretum. She has set up a tax deductible fund for donations via the ASF and is organising OACT shirts.

Special thanks go to the following volunteers – just a few of the many

Youth: Nic Plunkett-Cole, Toni Bown, Edith Gray, Stephen Goggs, Jill Walker, Kirsten Walker, Shannon Forrest, Cathy Hogg, Susan Hallissy, Lil Bryant-Johnson, Andrew Cumming Thom, Jane Barnett, Nathan Guinness.

Infrastructure: John Scown, David Hogg, Phil Walker, Tate Needham, Ana Herceg, Paul de Jongh, Kelly Young, Bruce Barnett, Bill Jones, Bob Allison, Ann Scown,

Planning: Matt Stocks, Geoff Wood, Stephen Goggs, Andrew Hobson
People: Marina Iskhakova, Fedor Iskhakov, Susan Hallissy, Paul de Jongh, Bob Mouatt, Tomas Krajca, John Harding

Unfinished Business

On reflection there are a few areas that we could still improve. These include:

- Greater female representation on the Board
- Lowering the average age of the board membership
- Reducing our environmental footprint – return to recyclable paper maps
- Reducing our need to rely on those aged over 70 to volunteer for major tasks
- Recognising and publicly acknowledging volunteers on our website
- Simplifying and implementing a new self-serve entry system
- Adopting a “two year rule” not to reuse an urban map within two years
- Expanding the number of local businesses that sponsor maps

Thank You

Finally thank you to everyone for your dedication and enthusiasm to continue to make orienteering such a vibrant and active sport in the ACT region.

Canberra, it is said, is Australia's Orienteering Playground and not surprisingly nationally Orienteering ACT punches well above its weight.

In particular I would like to thank the board members who have been so supportive over the last year. Thank you to Phil Walker for his excellent and reliable secretarial skills, to Peter Miller for working hard as the treasurer and Geoff Wood for his dedication as Executive Officer. Anita Scherrer, Valerie Barker and Jo Hobson have been invaluable contributors providing management, accounting and governance advice and services. David Shepherd and Tate Needham as always have provided some great IT input and Bryant Allen has coordinated the mapping strategy. Recently Jane Barnett joined the team and has provided valuable insight.

Thanks too to Jill Walker and then to Paul de Jongh who provided such great office support over the last few years. Susan Harrysson has been very successful in her role as Development Officer. I would also like to thank the many coaches, controllers, organisers, course planners, and mappers who have made all our events this year possible.

Together we have achieved so much. Thank you.

David Poland, February 2019



Executive Director's Report – Geoff Wood

In addition there are many other volunteer roles of which unfortunately we do not keep a full record. These roles include setting up before the event, manning the registration table and computer table, packing up after the event and collecting the controls. To all the volunteers, OACT thanks you.

During the year, OACT conducted 102 orienteering events that were open to the public. These events were made possible by our members who volunteered to organize them, and by our members and members of the public who participated in them.

We keep a record of our volunteers who are the course planners, event organisers and controllers for events. In

The tables below list the organisers and course planners for each of our League, Twilight, Saturday, mtbo, Ski and Mid-Week events and in the case of the League program the controller. Please see separate report on Accredited Controllers.

Please see separate report for our street orienteering organisers.

	League Program	Organiser	Planner	Controller
17-Mar	Collector Hill	Valerie Barker	Patrick Miller	Ross Stewart
15-Apr	Orroral Tracking	Bill, Kerryne Jones	Tomas Krajca	Bob Mouatt
6-May	Stromlo West	Ann Scown	Ian Prosser	John Scown
12-May	Grammar (Sprint Champs)	Anita Scherrer	Matthew, David Stocks	Keith Fifield
13-May	Orroral Crossing (MD Champs)	Andrew CummingThom	Nathan Guinness	Rohan Hyslop, Bryant Allen
3-Jun	Wild Deer Sands	Bill Jones	Bob Allison	Hugh Moore
24-Jun	Wild Cattle Creek	Valerie Barker	Ross Stewart	Geoff Wood
22-Jul	Jerrabomberra	Phil Walker	Ian Elz	Tate Needham
25-Aug	Cooleman Ridge (also Sat.)	Jonathan Ricks	Michael Burt	Bob Mouatt
26-Aug	Picaree Hill	Chris Andersen	Ella Cuthbert	Bryant Allen
16-Sep	Sandhills (LD Champs)	Stephen Goggs	Hugh Moore	Darryl Erbacher

	Saturday	Organiser	Planner
5-May	WestonPark	Silke Speier	Craig Cowan
19-May	Campbell Park	Bob Mouatt	Martin Dent, Kathie Dent
26-May	Farrer Ridge	Michael Mitchell	Hannu Mannering
2-Jun	Bruce CIT	Mary McDonald	Shannon Jones
16-Jun	Black Mountain	Elizabeth Dunbar, Ian Elz	John Glanville
23-Jun	Mt Ainslie North	Andrew Johnson	Susan Hallissy
30-Jun	Pinnacle	Bill Monaghan	Bryant Allen
7-Jul	Mt Taylor	John Sutton	Jo Allison
28-Jul	Mt Majura West	Allison Jones, Rob Walter	Allison Jones, Rob Walter
4-Aug	Remembrance Pk	Toni Brown	David Jenkins
11-Aug	Wanniassa Hills	John Foster	John Foster
18-Aug	Aranda Bushlands	Bryant Allen	Jon Glanville
1-Sep	Stromlo West	Ana Herceg	Zoe Melhuish

	Summer Twilight	Organiser	Planner
31-Jan	Farrer Ridge	Jane Saye	Ann Scown
7-Feb	Mt Ainslie North	Pat Miethke	Tony Garr
21-Feb	Lake Ginninderra	Bryant Allen	Andrew Kerr
28-Feb	Radford College	Susan Hallissy	Joshua Daffern
7-Mar	Black Mtn Peninsula	Ann Scown	Shannon Jones
17-Oct	Weston Park	Andrew Cheffers	John Suominen
24-Oct	The Pinnacle	David Hogg	Makhaya Hogg
31-Oct	Campbell Park	Bruce Barnett	David Poland
7-Nov	Mt Taylor	John Ann Scown	Matt Crane
14-Nov	Remembrance Pk	Mark Parsons	Zoe Terrill
21-Nov	Stromlo Park	Ana Herceg	Tara Melhuish, Cathy Hogg
28-Nov	Gossan Hill	Susan Hallissy	David Stocks
5-Dec	Bruce Ridge	Kerryne Jones	Bill Jones
12-Dec	Red Hill	Stephen Goggs	Keith Fifield

		Organiser	Planner	Controller
3-Mar	Majura MTBO	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov	
27-May	Sparrow Hill MTBO	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	
12-Aug	Perishor Ski	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov	
2-Sep	Sparrow Hill MTBO	Cath Chalmers	Eoin Rothery	Cath Chalmers
13-Oct	MTBO MD Champs	Ann Scown	Jim Anderson	Ann Scown
14-Oct	MTBO LD Champs	Fedor Iskhakov	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov

	Mid Week	Organiser
09-May	Aranda Bushlds	Chris Andersen
16-May	Remembrance	Geoff Wood
23-May	Wanniassa Hills	John Scown
30-May	Goorooyaroo	Peter Antcliff
06-Jun	Red Hill	Jonathan Miller
13-Jun	Bruce Ridge	John Sutton
20-Jun	Mt Majura West	Peter Antcliff

27-Jun	Black Mtn Nth	Bill Jones
04-Jul	Mt Rogers	Bill Monaghan
11-Jul	Farrer Ridge	Geoff Wood
18-Jul	Black Mtn Sth	Tim Cox
25-Jul	Lynham North	Geoff Wood
01-Aug	The Pinnacle	Bryant Allen
08-Aug	Mt Ainslie Nth	Morten Pedersen

15-Aug	Mt Taylor	Morten Pedersen
22-Aug	Campbell Park	Keith Fifield
29-Aug	Jerrabomberra	Tate Needham
05-Sep	Bluetts West	Andrew Cheffers
12-Sep	Mulligans Flat	David Hogg
19-Sep	Weston Park	Michael Burt

Membership.

The membership report uses definitions adopted by ACT Government Sport and Recreation:

- 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 ACT in schools
- School Managed Programs – meaning orienteering that schools themselves organize.

Full Active Members – Club Members

	family member-ships	persons in family m'ships	Junior individua	Individual memberships	Total memberships	Total persons in member-ships	Last year (2017)
AO-A	13	44	2	8	23	54	50
BS-A	33	117	8	23	64	148	164
PO-A	33	106	1	24	58	131	137
RR-A	23	80	3	22	48	105	107
WE-A	3	8	0	7	10	15	20
Total	105	355	14	84	203	453	478

Table 1 Club Membership and Members 2018

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.

Table 2 shows breakdown of membership: males, females, juniors (20 years and younger, ie born after 1997), Seniors (21 to 34 years, ie born in 1984 to 1997 incl), Masters (35 to 55 years, ie born in 1964 to 1983 incl) and Super Masters (over 55 years of age ie born in 1963 and before). Super Masters is not an official age classification but I have included it here to track the ageing of the membership.

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	97	21.4%	72	15.9%	169	37.3%
Senior	18	4.0%	11	2.4%	29	6.4%
Master	69	15.2%	74	16.3%	143	31.6%
Super Master	76	16.8%	36	7.9%	112	24.7%
Total	260	57.4%	193	42.6%	453	100.0%

Table 2 – Breakdown of Members ages 2018

The Table below shows relative changes in the age breakdowns since 2015.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Junior	35%	37%	37%	37.3%
Senior	9%	7%	6%	6.4%
Master	33%	34%	34%	31.6%
Super Master	24%	22%	24%	24.7%

Table 3 – Historical trend of member age breakdown

New Members 2018

The Tables below show new members in 2018

	junior	senior	master	super master	Total
male	19	2	9	5	35
female	17	4	15	1	37
	36	6	24	6	72

New families	15
New Indiv Juniors	19
New Indiv adults	13

Table 4 – New Members

Where our Members live (2018)

	2018	2017
Outside ACT	62	56
Belconnen	135	125
Gungahlin	24	26
North Canberra	103	102
Woden, Sth Canberra	74	102
Weston	39	39
Tuggeranong	18	28
	455	478

Table 5 – Where our members live

Membership - Event participants - Day Members.

Day members are persons who do not belong to an orienteering club and who attend orienteering events. Table 4 below shows the number of day members who did at least one event.

DAY MEMBERS 2018	Day members 2018	Their participation	Day members last year 2017	Day members last year 2016
Twilight Jan - Mar	129	217	100	144
Twilight Oct - Dec	174	428	181	198
Saturday	230	625	274	324
Wed lunch	28	72	35	46
ACT League	63	78	41	46
MTBO, Ski or 'Other'	33	39	6	18
Street Orienteering	526	1522	442	444
(sub total)	1183	2981	1079	1220
Total Day Members	1023	2981	907	1068
Total Female Day Members	479	1227	431	466

Table 6 – Day Members

Referring to Table 6 above, the reason why the “sub total” is greater than the total number of day members is because some day members participated in more than one program.

Many day members participated in teams (or groups) at the easy (Green) course and the very easy (Blue) course level. Over half of the day members (562) participated in one event only (482 in 2017 and 616 in 2016). 60 day members participated in 10 events or more, doing 1002 participations.

The Day Member figure is important because when we apply for grants from the ACT Government, a figure they want is the number of persons who do orienteering in Canberra.

In addition, 155 children who took part in at least one SC-ORE (school) event were day members who did not take part in any other orienteering event.

Membership – Program Participants – Associate Members

These groups were not recognized as Clubs at the 2018 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) and ANU Mountaineering Club (AM-A). At the end of the year, the memberships of these groups are as in Table 5 below:

	(As per eventor)
GJ-A	20 (incl 5 females)
GS-A	25 (incl 1 female)
MC-A	5 (incl 3 females)
total	50

Table 7 Associate Members 2018

Membership – School Programs

This category is the number of children doing orienteering as a school activity. Our main activity was Sporting Schools. 3,258 school children did 12,484 participations in School Orienteering Programs.

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 orienteering programs.

Participation at Public Events conducted by OACT

Refer to Table 8 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.

The League events include the Collector Hill event in March, conducted by Bushflyers, which was a joint OACT-ONSW League event thereby attracting about 200 ONSW members – hence the big increase in participations for the League events. However the League events do not include the Snow Hill event, conducted by ONSW but part of our OACT League program and which 95 OACT members attended.

The ACT Sprint Championships and Middle Distance Championships were both OACT League events and ONSW State league events, hence the large numbers attending.

Participation at Events 2018	No. events	Entries	Participations	Average	In 2017		
					No. Events	Participations	Average
Twilight Jan-Mar 2018	5	770	806	161.2	6	885	147.5
Twilight Oct - Dec 2018	9	1389	1477	164.1	9	1546	171.8
Saturday (incl Cooleman Ridge)	14	2356	2513	179.5	15	3197	213.1
Wed lunch	20	574	584	29.2	22	595	27.0
League (mostly EOD)	7	809	817	116.7	6	542	90.3
ACT Champs LD	1	189	189	189.0	1	134	134.0
ACT Champs MD, Sprint (NOL in 2017)	2	559	559	279.5	2	749	374.5
Ultra Long NOL	0	0	0		2	381	190.5
MTBO	5	239	240	48.0	2	84	42.0
Ski	1	59	59	59.0	1	42	42.0
Total 'Bush' events	64	6944	7244		66	8155	
Street Jan-Mar 2018	12	779	981	81.8	14	988	70.6
Street Winter (incl WOD)	12	377	471	39.3	11	421	38.3
Street Spring 2018	14	828	1107	79.1	17	1098	64.6
Total Street	38	1984	2559	67.3	42	2507	59.7
Total Bush and Street	102	8928	9803		108	10662	

Table 8 Participation

	No. events	Entries	2018	2017
			Participations	Participations
Junior - Prim Champs	1	156	231	1
Junior - SC-ORE March	4		528	8
Junior - SC-ORE Oct Nov	4		576	
Total			1335	1340

Table 8a Participation

Breakdown of Participant Types

	Twilight Jan Mar	Saturday	Wed MW	ACT League	MTBO, Ski	Twilight Oct Dec	Street	Total	Snow Hill
Club Members	555	1487	499	1004	125	938	1018	5626	95
GS A/GJ A	6	338	0	24	0	70	18	456	0
ANU AM A group	10	21	0	0	0	14	0	45	0
Interstate members	18	42	13	459	135	27	1	695	n/a
Day members	217	625	72	78	39	428	1522	2981	n/a
Total	806	2513	584	1565	299	1477	2559	9803	n/a

Table 9: Breakdown of participations

The table above (Table 9) analyses participation by club members, day members, interstate members and associates (AM-A, GS-A and GJ-A). Day members tended to like street orienteering and also the Twilight and Saturday program in which they had a tendency to take part in teams. Associate members, being the two Grammar School groups, attended overwhelmingly the Saturday program. Because of the joint NSW State League and OACT League events at Collector in March 2018 and the Championships weekend in May 2018, the ACT League program had a high uptake by interstate members. Club members consisted of about 60% of all participations.

Referring Table 9 above, OACT Club members had 5,626 participations. Dividing that figure by the number of club

members (453), the average participation per club member was 12.4 events. This compares to 12.8 events in 2017, 13.3 in 2016 and 14.4 in 2015.

Of the 5,626 club member participations, 1,940 or 34.5% were female club participants. This compares with 34.5% in 2017 and 35.5% in 2016.)

Some 106 of club members did not participate at all. (92 in 2017). 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 2018. Column A is the attendance out of all possible 102 OACT events plus the ONSW Snow Hill event in March 2018 which was an AL event. Column B is attendance out of a possible 44 OACT events plus the Snow Hill event, but does not count street-o and Wednesday Mid-Week events (when many members are at work). These figures include dnf's, mp's and dns's (pre-entry events). These figures do not include attendance at interstate events (except Snow Hill) including Easter 3-Days and the Australian Championships.

Also does not include Canberra Sprint, organized by Orienteering Australia in January 2018. The figures also do not count officials – eg if you were present at the event but did not compete because you were course planner or controller. I wish I could have included these exceptions but the additional work would have been huge.

To make it onto the list you need to have attended at least 40 column A events or at least 20 column B events.

Abominables	A	B
Shannon Jones	44	14
Ingrid Shelton Agar	20	20
John Shelton Agar	31	31
Patrick Shelton Agar	20	20
Stephen Still	22	20
Jennifer Webb	29	24
Bushflyers	A	B
Chris Andersen	40	27
Peter Antcliff	66	23
Valerie Barker	27	20
Bruce Barnett	30	16
Jane Barnett	40	29
Toni Brown	33	25
Geoffrey Dabb	38	23
Paul de Jongh	31	31
Tom de Jongh	25	23
Jo Hobson	22	21
Justine Hobson	22	22
David Jenkins	55	29
Andrew Johnson	35	18
Ellen Johnson	31	19
Toby Lang	39	37

	A	B
Henry Lhuede	20	20
Jonathan Miller	62	13
Peter Miller	21	20
Tristan Miller	23	22
Michael Mitchell	26	20
Ari Piironen	34	33
David Poland	35	25
Noah Poland	33	29
Ivy Prosser	31	25
Silke Speier	29	27
David Stocks	37	35
Matt Stocks	30	30
Ryan Stocks	22	22
Bodie Terrill	23	22
Zoe Terrill	26	23
Brendan Wilson	25	24
Greg Wilson	34	34
Joseph Wilson	35	34
Justine Wilson	20	20
Caitlin Young	23	20

Parawanga	A	B
Bryant Allen	84	33
Ian Crellin	22	22
Ella Cuthbert	31	29
Elizabeth Dunbar	60	27
Martin Etherington	36	22
Sue Garr	23	20
Tony Garr	33	18
Jon Glanville	52	33
Michael Guthrie	23	23
John Harding	82	34
Ana Herceg	31	30
Cathy Hogg	21	21
David Hogg	27	20
Ann Ingwersen	36	26
Andrew Kerr	21	21
Zoe Melhuish	24	24
Pat Miethke	51	23
Bill Monaghan	42	26
Owen Radajewski	22	20
Daniel Ross	22	22
Darren Ross	21	21
Tony Slatyer	37	14
Tara Sutherland	22	22
Phil Walker	34	26
Geoff Wood	76	29

Red Roos	A	B
Bob Allison	25	25
Judy Allison	26	26
Michael Burt	66	27
Cath Chalmers	28	21
Kathie Dent	29	21
Martin Dent	44	25
Keith Fifield	72	30
Garry Fry	37	10
Mark Gregson	25	23
Marina Iskakova	23	23
Bill Jones	41	23
Kerryne Jones	23	21
Bob Mouatt	49	33
Hind Needham	41	23
Tamara Needham	42	25
Tate Needham	77	36
Zac Needham	40	22
Alex Ricks	30	18
Jonathan Ricks	59	28
Andrew Slattery	41	41
John Sutton	32	22
Michael Tedeschi	40	22
Eric Wainwright	32	12
Weston Emus	A	B
John Suominen	83	32

Table 10 – Top participants



In 2018 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 and administered the takings.

Street Orienteering

38 Street orienteering events were held in 2018. This includes the World Orienteering Day event at Yarralumla on 23 May.

Day members made up the majority of street-O participations and Day Members contributed to organizing events.

Organisers for street orienteering during 2018 were:

8-Jan	Jerrabomberra	Alex, Jonathan Ricks
15-Jan	Aranda Bruce	Shannon Jones
22-Jan	Kaleen	Pat Miethke
29-Jan	Weetangera	Bryant Allen
5-Feb	Ainslie	Jon Harding
12-Feb	Florey	Liz Dunbar
19-Feb	Googong	Matthew Purcell
26-Feb	Hackett	John Harding
5-Mar	Kambah	Michelle Cochrane
12-Mar	Deakin	Mark Sparshott
19-Mar	Hughes	Michael, Rebecca Tedeschi
26-Mar	Parkes	Zac Zaharias

16-Apr	Watson	Jack Palmer
23-Apr	Amaroo	Siqi Wu
30-Apr	Isaacs	John Harding
7-May	Aranda	Shannon Jones
14-May	Griffith	John Harding
21-May	Hackett	John Harding
23-May	Y'lumla WOD	John Harding
28-May	Campbell	Zac Zaharias
4-Jun	Wanniassa	Michelle, Tim Cochrane
18-Jun	Weston	Rosemarie Edwards
25-Jun	Deakin	Amelia Walton
2-Jul	Jerra-bomberra	Alex, Jonathan Ricks

3-Sep	Watson	Chris Andersen
10-Sep	Florey	Liz Dunbar, Ian Elz
17-Sep	Kaleen	Pat Miethke
24-Sep	Yarralumla	John Harding
15-Oct	W Kambah	Michelle Cochrane
22-Oct	Chapman	Michael, Rebecca Tedeschi
29-Oct	Downer	John Harding
5-Nov	Red Hill	Tony Slatyer
12-Nov	Wanniassa	John Suominen
19-Nov	Aranda	Shannon Jones
26-Nov	Griffith	John Harding
3-Dec	Nicholls	Peter Antcliff
10-Dec	E Kambah	Garry Fry
17-Dec	Parkes	Zac Zaharias

Table 11: Street orienteering organisers

Permanent Orienteering Courses

Permanent course exist at Eddison Park, Fadden Pines, Haig Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Weston Park and Tidbinbilla. Tidbinbilla and Haig Park were established in 2018, the others in second half of 2017. Funding for the establishment of these courses has been provided by ACT Government funding and some Orienteering Australia participation funding. Persons download a map from the OACT website, in the process they provide information such as proposed numbers in the group. The Table below shows number of map downloads and group numbers when these are given. Obviously just because a person downloads a map does not mean they will complete the course or even attempt it.

	Downloads	total of numbers in groups
Eddison Park	69	316
Fadden Pines	88	468
Haig Park	35	33
John Knight Memorial Park	132	941
Tidbinbilla	16	33
Weston Park	166	1077
	506	2868

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 held on Saturday 10 November at the OACT Office. The presenters were David Hogg, Ann Scown and John Scown. The attendees were Phil Walker, Jon Glanville, Tony Garr, Paul de Jongh and Michael Burt. (The previous was held on Saturday 12 November 2016.)

At the end of 2018, accredited Level 1 Controllers were: Bryant Allen, Toni Brown, Valerie Barker, Ian Elz, Tate Needham, and Anita Scherrer, with Jon Glanville, Tony Garr, and Paul de Jongh near accreditation.

Level 2 controllers were: Michael Burt, Keith Fifield, Rohan Hyslop, Grant McDonald, Hugh Moore, Ross Stewart, Dennis Trewin, Eric Wainwright, Phil Walker and Geoff Wood.

Level 3 Controllers were: Bob Allison, Bruce Bowen, David Hogg, Bill Jones, Ann Scown, and John Scown.

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

Coaches

As at 17 November 2018, OACT had 7 accredited Level 1 and above coaches: six at Level 1 (Toni Brown, Paul de Jongh, Shannan Forrest, David Poland, Tate Needham and Anita Scherrer), and one at level 3 level (Gareth Candy).

Communications

During 2017 a decision was made to no longer produce the OACT Quarterly newsletter 'News'. The last printed edition of the newsletter was September 2013, after which it was electronically distributed to members with the final edition

dated September 2017. Consequently in 2018, no quarterly newsletter was produced.

The Annual Report is 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.

As at 31 December 2018, the weekly e-bulletin email (Mailchimp) List was 947. The membership List was 343.

OACT maintained Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Grants and Sponsorships

ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services (Active Canberra)

OACT was supported by the ACT Government Sport and Recreational Services (Active Canberra). During 2018, 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 2019. This grant does come with conditions in that OACT is required to be forward looking, is adaptive and innovative. A consequence of the grant is that it places OACT in regular contact with the Canberra sporting community.

OACT also was granted funding of \$30,000 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 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 financial years.

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.

Awards - 2018

Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering: Bryant Allen

Bryant has for many years been a highly active member of OACT across all facets of the sport. He is a member of the OACT Board, President of Parawanga Orienteers and a regular organiser and course setter for events. He participates in events from street orienteering through to ACT Championships. As a member of the OACT Board he has undertaken a key role in co-ordinating mapping, especially for the programs delivered in the schools.

He leads Parawanga extremely well, ensuring that events for which Parawanga is responsible are well resourced with helpers and are well organised. His approach to the leadership of Parawanga is consultative and friendly, yet with the right amount of direction to enable the club to be prepared to honour the club's commitments to event management. Bryant is always one of the first people in OACT to step forward when volunteers are sought.

He is a worthy recipient of this award – as a competitor, fieldworker, organiser, course planner, controller and administrator.

Coaching Services Award: Shannan Forrest

Shannan and her husband Nathan have previously been recognised for the outstanding work they have done with the development and delivery of the very successful Map Mates program.

This award, however, goes to Shannan in her own right, and is explicitly for her contribution to the **Keep up with the Kids Program**, which has targeted beginner adults, often those who, like so many of us, began orienteering only when (or after!) our own children became interested in the sport. Keep-Up was primarily aimed at parents of children participating in the Map Mates and/or SCORE programs as well as other beginner adults.

Shannan delivered a well-developed, progression based series of training opportunities to this group of adults keen to learn. Her commitment extended beyond this by spending significant time out on maps with members of the group, working with them, shadowing them and supporting them right through the process. As such it provided a perfect introductory program –and, we note, in providing this support, Shannan effectively gave up a period of her own competition in the Saturday program.

Jim Sawkins Award for Services to Event Management: Marina Iskhakova and Fedor Iskhakov

Marina and Fedor arrived in the ACT from Russia via Sydney and possibly many other places in July 2016. They immediately became immersed in orienteering in the ACT, so much so that in August of 2016 they organised the ACT/NSW Ski Orienteering in Perisher Valley.

Later in 2016, Marina convened a meeting of interested parties to plan and develop an extended MTBO program for 2017. This meeting resulted in a series of MTBO events being held in the ACT for the first time in many years. Whilst Marina and Fedor were responsible for only one event in the series, they were the driving force behind selecting areas, organisers and course setters for the series. They also provided much needed assistance with the running of the ACT MTBO championships in 2017.

It was their initiative that saw the NSW Scholar come to the ACT to provide a coaching weekend for ACT MTBO riders. This involved both practical exercises in terrain and also a theory evening at their home. By this time, Marina and Fedor had taken on full responsibility for the development and promotion of MTBO in the ACT.

They once again held planning and organisational meetings for 2018, which saw an increase in MTBO participation in the ACT. 2018 finished with a highly successful ACT MTBO Championship weekend which was also the final round of the Australian MTBO NL races and the first round of the 2019 World Masters MTBO Series. Marina and Fedor were responsible for planning and organisation of the Long Distance race and were heavily involved in the overall organisation of the weekend.

In his spare time, Fedor has also designed some new MTBO controls which should make running the 2019 series of events much simpler.

Both Fedor and Marina also organised and ran the Ski-O championships in both 2017 and 2018 in conjunction with Big Foot Orienteers from NSW. These events continue to attract bigger crowds each year.

The enthusiasm and attention to detail that Marina and Fedor have put into both MTBO and Ski-O since arriving in the ACT certainly exemplifies the skills and expertise that Jim Sawkins brought to event management.

Presidents Awards 2018 – Presented at the OACT Annual Dinner.

Sabrina Sontag first volunteered when as a new parent of a Map Mates participant, she answered the call for someone to help calculate the scores each week. She resurfaced years later when she engaged with Shannan Forrest's successful Keep Up with the Kids program. When South Australia sought volunteers for the Invitation Camp she enthusiastically ran the Come and try it sessions in the caravan park there. And whilst still a new orienteer (my guess is that she has done less than twenty events) she has agreed to coordinate the list of attendees at the Orienteering Australia December Development Camp

Cathy Hogg has almost single handedly organised and course-set the Primary School Champs for the last few years. She has also been on the ACT Schools Team selection panel for several years, has presented guest coaching sessions to the Blue Lightning squad, and delivered an Injury prevention talk to a packed audience at the SA Invitation Camp during the

Australian Championships. She has also taken under her wing the coaching of a couple of fledgling cockatoos.

Susan Hallissy is the Blue Lightning Squad manager. Under her capable direction the squad numbers swelled to the point where we had more applications for the ACT Schools teams than positions. She has provided great leadership in this position and in addition she initiated a mail chip RSVP arrangement that enabled easier car-pooling for those attending training sessions.

Andrew Hobson may not be obsessed with Orienteering but he has enthusiastically undertaken to help plan the budget for Oceania 2019. His projections, forecasts and excel sheets are impressive to say the least and his assistance to the board in this regard has been very much appreciated.

The Young Persons Volunteer Award for 2018: David Stocks who has taken time off from school to attend Trophy Presentations at SCORE, mentored new Radford Juniors and provided leadership on the ACT Schools Team. He has shown a genuine commitment to the development of others and has completed several mapping projects from Year 7 onwards.

Mapping

During 2018, the following map work was achieved:

Mapper	Map
Marian Cortina	Narrabundah Hill, Wee Jasper, Tidbinbilla
Bob Allison	Updates to Stromlo Forest Park, Tuggeranong Hill (new map), Cooleman Ridge, Bruce Ridge, Black Mountain, Campbell Park, Mulligans Flat

SCHOOL MAPPING In 2018

Tamsin Moran	Goulburn PS, St Thomas, Amaroo update
Patrick Miller	John Paul College, Harrison School
Ryan Stocks	Update Amaroo
Zac Needham	Palmerson School
Patrick Miller	Mt Rogers PS
David Stocks	Southern Cross Early Childhood
Zac Needham	Queanbeyan PS
Patrick Miller	St Michaels PS
Ryan Stocks	Good Shepherd

Future maps include Urambi Hills, McQuoids Hill and Yarramundi Reach

ORIENTEERING PERFORMANCE

Wehner Cup – The Orienteer of the Year Award.

Matthew Crane

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

This was presented to Matt Crane for 2018

Orienteer of the Year Placings.

The 25 top placings in the Wehner Cup for the 2018 ACT Orienteer of the Year. These are based on performance in the Red courses (hard navigation) at ACT League events.

1	Matt Crane	788
2	Patrick Miller	781
3	Andrew Kerr	780
4	Ian Prosser	778
5	Martin Dent	775
6	David Stocks	771
7	Ella Cuthbert	765
8	Ann Ingwersen	763
9	Ana Herceg	762
10	Toni Brown	748
11	Tristan Miller	739
12	Mark Gregson	736
13	Caitlin Young	735
14	Toby Lang	729
15	Zoe Melhuish	725
16	Allison Inglis	721
17	Cath Chalmers	713
18=	Eoin Rothery	708
18=	Matthew Stocks	708
20	Marina Iskhakova	701
21	Ari Piironen	699
22	Ryan Stocks	694
23	Judy Allison	669
24	Valerie Barker	662
25	David Hogg	656

Age Based Awards 2017.

These awards are presented based on orienteering performance in the ACT League Competition.

Sub Junior Woman	Ella Cuthbert
Junior Woman	Caitlin Young
Open Woman	(no winner)
Masters Woman	Allison Inglis
Super Masters Woman	Ann Ingwersen
Sub Junior Man	Andrew Kerr
Junior Man	Patrick Miller
Open Man	Paul de Jongh
Masters Man	Matthew Crane
Super Masters Man	Ian Prosser
Most Improved	Caitlin Young
	Toby Lang

Audun Fristad Junior Encouragement Awards, 2018.

Ivy Prosser, Zoe Terrill, Tyra Kuan, Ingrid Shelton-Agar, Michael Guthrie, Nicolas Brennan, Will Madl, Toby Wilson, Jordi Canadell, Roy Prosser.

These awards were presented at the Annual OACT dinner.

Junior League Competition 2018.

The JL competition was held during the Saturday program; all juniors participating in the Saturday program received points as part of the JL competition. The competition was coordinated by Matthew Stocks who maintained the scoring. The first, second and third place getters in each age category were:

W10	Zoe McCrae, Astrid Evans, Naomi Penton
W12	Ingrid Shelton Agar, Celest Hodgens, Alicia Maniti
W14	Justin Hobson, Lauren Charles, Rosie Waddell-Wood.
W16	Ella Cuthbert, Ellen Johnson, Tamara Needham
W18	Miho Yamazaki

M10	Charlie Feld, Oliver Gotzinger, Joshua Maniti
M12	Connor Lineen, Sandy Wilkinson, Samuel Michaelis
M14	Patrick Shelton Agar, Will Madl, Lachlan Ho
M16	David Stocks, Toby Lang, Zack Noyes
M18	Ryan Stocks, Patrick Miller, Tristan Miller

NATIONAL EVENTS

Australian Three-Days

OACT place getters in the various classes at the Australian 3-Days (Easter) held in Tasmania during Easter 2018.

<i>Class</i>	
M21E	Matthew Crane 2 nd
M20E	Patrick Miller 4 th
M10A	Elye Dent 1 st
M12A	Makhara Hogg 1 st
M16A	Andrew Kerr 1 st
M55A	Ian Prosser 3 rd
M65A	John Scown 1 st
M75A	David Hogg 3 rd
M21AS	Andrew Slattery 3 rd
W21E	Belinda Lawford 1 st
W20E	Tara Melhuish 3 rd Zoe Melhuish 4 th
W10A	Ariadna Iskhakova 1 st , Luca Hogg 2 nd
W40A	Cathy Hogg 3 rd
W55A	Toni Brown 1 st Ana Herceg 2 nd
W60A	Liz Abbott 3 rd
W70A	Jenny Hawkins 1 st
W75A	Ann Sutton 2 nd
W45AS	Nic Plunkett-Cole 1 st

Australian Championships.

Held in South Australia late September – October 2018. OACT members who achieved places in their various classes are:

Australian Middle Distance Championships	
<i>Class</i>	<i>Winner</i>
W10A	Luca Hogg 1 st
W14A	Natalie Miller 3 rd
W20E	Zoe Melhuish 2 nd
W21E	Belinda Lawford 3 rd
W35A	Kathie Dent 3 rd
W40A	Marina Iskhakova 1 st
W45B	Jane Barnett 2 nd
W60A	Mary McDonald 3 rd
W65A	Judy Allison 2 nd
W75A	Ann Ingwersen 1 st
M10A	Elye Dent 3 rd
M12A	Bodie Terrill 3 rd
M16A	David Stocks 3 rd
M20E	Noah Poland 3 rd
M21E	Matthew Crane 1 st
M21A	Daniel Del Dot 1 st
M21AS	Andrew Slattery 2 nd
M45AS	Andrew Hobson 1 st
M65A	Bruce Bowen 3 rd
M85A	Kevin Paine 1 st
M90A	Hermann Wehner 1 st

Australian Sprint Distance 2018	
W10A	Luca Hogg 2 nd
W20E	Tara Melhuish 1 st
W21E	Belinda Lawford 1 st
W40A	Marina Iskhakova 3 rd
W65A	Judy Allison 2 nd
W75A	Ann Ingwersen 2 nd
M10A	Elye Dent 1 st
M21A	Andrew Slattery 1 st
M45A	Matthew Stocks 3 rd
M85A	Kevin Paine 1 st
M90A	Hermann Wehner 1 st

Australian Long Distance 2018	
W10A	Luca Hogg 1 st
W20E	Tara Melhuish 1 st
W35A	Kathy Dent 2 nd
W40A	Marin Iskhakova 1 st , Cathy Hogg 2 nd
W45AS	Edith Gray 3 rd
W55A	Ana Herceg 2 nd , Toni Brown 3 rd
W55AS	Robyn D'Ascenzo 3 rd
W75A	Ann Ingwersen 2 nd
M10A	Elye Dent 2 nd
M12A	Bodie Terrill 3 rd
M21E	Matthew Crane 2 nd Martin Dent 3 rd
M21AS	Andrew Slattery 3 rd
MOpenB	Jordi Canadell 1 st
M35A	Fedor Iskhakov 2 nd
M45A	Matthew Stocks 2 nd
M55AS	Tom de Jongh 2 nd
M85A	Kevin Paine 1 st
M90A	Hermann Wehner 1 st

Australian Relays 2018	
M/W12	3. Owen Radajewski, Makhara Hogg, Elye Dent
W14	3. Natalie Miller, Zoe Terrill, Justine Hobson
W20E	1. Zoe Melhuish, Ella Cuthbert, Tara Melhuish
W35	1. Marina Iskhakova, Cathy Hogg, Kathie Dent.
W45	3. Cath Chalmers, Silke Speier, Alison Inglis.
W55	3. Ana Herceg, Toni Brown, Mary McDonald.
M16	2. David Stocks, Toby Lang, Andrew Kerr
M21E	1. Martin Dent, Andrew Barnett, Matthew Crane
M55	3. Ian Prosser, David Poland, Eoin Rothery
M65	2. Bill Jones, Bruce Bowen, John Scown
Mixed	3. Tommi Haipola, Patrick Shelton Agar, Ellen Johnson

Australian Schools Championships 2018	
Jun. Boys Sprint	David Stocks 1 st
Sen. Girls LD	Ella Cuthbert 3 rd
Sen. Boys LD	Noah Poland 3 rd
Jun. Boys LD	David Stocks 3 rd
Sen. Girls Relay	2. Ella Cuthbert, Caitlin Young, Zoe Melhuish

Sen. Boys Relay	1. Noah Poland, Andrew Kerr, Patrick Miller
Jun. Girls Relay	2. Ellen Johnson, Natalie Miller, Justine Hobson
Jun. Boys Relay	1. David Stocks, Joseph Wilson, Toby Lang
Overall Placing:	First

High Performance - Canberra Cockatoos

Senior Men	
1. Cockatoos	124
2. Victoria	123
3. NSW Stingers	80
Senior Women	
1. Victoria	143
3. Cockatoos	85
Junior Men	
1. Victoria	81
2. Cockatoos	76
3. Qld Cyclones	61
Junior Women	
1. Cockatoos	90
2. SA Arrows	70
3. Tas. Foresters	67

Individual Performance	
Senior Men	
1. Simon Uppill (SA)	222
2. Matthew Crane	219
4. Matt Doyle	185
5. Martin Dent	160
12. Andrew Barnett	120
(out of 72)	
Senior Women	
1. Natasha Key (Vic)	240
3. Belinda Lawford	222
6. Tamsin Moran	165
(out of 48)	

Individual Performance	
Junior Men	
1. Aston Key (Vic)	243
4. Patrick Miller	181
8. Robin Mennet	158
12. Noah Poland	137
(out of 58)	
Junior Women	
1. Tara Melhuish	237
5. Zoe Melhuish	192
9. Ella Cuthbert	154
12. Caitlin Young	131
(out of 46)	

Overseas Competition

Cockatoos member Belinda Lawford was a member of the 4-person Australian women's team taking part in the World Orienteering Championships (WOC) in Latvia in July 2018.

Cockatoos members Matt Crane and Matt Doyle were members of the 6-person Australian men's team taking part in the WOC in Latvia.

Cockatoos members Tara Melhuish and Zoe Melhuish were part of the 6-person Australian women's team taking part in the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) in Hungary in July 2018.

Cockatoos member Patrick Miler was part of the 6-person Australian men's team taking part in the JWOC in Hungary in July 2018.

Sporting Schools 2018 – Stephen Goggs

Overall 2018 was a comparable year to 2017 – see data **table attached**: slow start in term 1 (while schools focus on athletics and swimming carnivals), lots of work in terms 2 and 3, a nervous start to term 4, but finished with a wet sail in the end.

Again it was pleasing that a number of schools are repeat customers (St Monica's, Trinity Christian School, Forrest, Curtin, Theodore PS), who have discovered the benefits of laminating and reusing the maps our increasingly talented young mappers have been creating. New schools include Gordon, Mt Rogers, Palmerston, Good Shepherd and Queanbeyan East. We also continue to have high schools enlisting our services for year 9/10 outdoor ed activities in 2019: John Paul II College, Trinity Christian School.

Coaching: Our scholars have again assisted in providing excellent coverage for Sporting Schools jobs. Tamsin Moran agreed to stay on until June, and our 2018-19 scholars Fredo and Saara dived straight into numerous jobs in the week of their arrival in October.

This year I would like to draw attention to a very rewarding concept initiated successfully by Oliver Mill at Mt Rogers, which we have since deployed elsewhere – **MicroO**. The Micro-orienteeing courses make for a fun, frantic session, with route choice and navigation skills to the fore under the gaze of the coach who can see almost all participants at all times.

A concept increasing in popularity in schools is the 'passion project'. Similar to elective sports, and typically held on a Friday afternoon, students can choose an activity often for up to 7 weeks. Curtin did it this year using our coaches, and an orienteeing option was offered at JP II College based on our earlier coaching.

Experiences: Other promising initiatives for the year emanated from:

- Canberra Girls Grammar – a 5-week 'adventure' program for year 3, where we utilised permanent courses and existing maps (eg Lennox Gardens) to expose the girls to a range of course types. The school is very excited to include orienteeing as a formal part of their curriculum from 2019.
- Curtin PS – also year 3. As part of their spatial awareness program I provided some professional development to instruct the teacher how to introduce students to theoretical components using our basic cone activities, then followed up with a coach-led session on the school map.
- Southern Cross Early Childhood School – we successfully delivered a PD session to 15 staff followed by a 4-week program for children in years K-2. They invited us back to run MazeO at their Sunday community day.
- 3 school holiday programs.

Sundry other repeat activities, but this time utilising permanent course resources include:

- End of year orienteeing fun day – we will provide 3 hours for 2 year 6 classes at Fadden Pines
- Birthday party – 1.5 hours for 13 13y.o.s at Eddison Park

Funding: From term 3 on, OACT Board authorised me to make coach payments within the general revenue framework of the program. To date this has resulted in 10% withheld from all coaching and mapping jobs (compared to previous 20% coaching and 0 for mapping) with minimal expenses.

Next: A focus for 2019 will include working with outdoor education providers to try to ensure the quality of any orienteeing experience they offer properly introduces participants to our sport.

Sporting Schools (Cont.)

2018	Participants	Encounters	Cost \$ Paid by Schools	Maps \$ Paid by Schools	Fee \$ collected
Term 4	685	2,620	10,450	700	11,150
T3	1,105	4,513	15,400	1,200	16,600
T2	1,017	3,817	12,300	1,625	13,925
T1	401	1,484	4,080	480	4,480
YTD	3,258	12,484	42,150	4,005	\$46,155

2018	Jobs	Maps*	Coaches	Maps \$ paid by schools	Fees \$ collected
T4	10	2	8	74	9,980
T3	10	4	8	133	14,940
T2	8	6	8	100	11,465
T1	4	1	5	33	3,680
YTD	32	13	29	340	\$40,065

INCOME: Sporting Schools income, paid by schools for coaching and maps. GST was also charged but not shown here.

COSTS: Sporting School costs. This was paid to orienteering coaches in schools and members who made maps of schools. In addition there was some administration cost – not included here.

Sporting Schools Income and Costs

Blue Lightning Report 2018 - Toni Brown

Throughout 2018 Blue Lightning Squad continued to develop and support new and continuing high school aged junior orienteers. Interest in the Blue Lightning Training program remains strong.

New families were welcomed, with the squad now at around 42 members, 16 of these are girls – fewer than would we would like.

The squad was coached by Toni Brown. The squad manager was Susan Hallissy, and Jane Barnett providing Cake Stall management.

Coaching sessions included armchair as well as technical and tactical sessions. Blue Lightning training was held regularly throughout the season. Sessions were predominately weekday afternoon sessions and offered a range of training levels to cater for the divers needs of members.

In March, some focused training was provided in preparation for a trip to Tasmania, by the “coach in residence”. This was for a selected group trialling for JWOC.

Blue Lightning training started in earnest the April school holidays with a collaborative training camp with NSW junior squad in Armidale. Around 20 Blue Lightning members attended this training camp and took the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming ACT selection trials. Training then continued every Friday afternoon 4-5.30pm throughout Terms 2 and 3. From mid-June to mid-August the training moved to night time OWLS training 7-8.30pm.

On average around 16 members attended each of the training sessions. Junior boys and junior girls were the most regular attendees at training. Some senior boys attended

regularly. Only one senior girl committed to BL training this season.

Upper Primary school juniors (ie year 6) were encouraged to attend training, conditional on a parent remaining present. This proved a great learning process for some of the new parents as well as an opportunity to start building relationships for those younger orienteers wanting to learn more and at the higher level than Blue Sparks can offer.

Several Blue Lightning members contributed to the coaching of the squad on a Friday afternoon. Presenters were Caitlin Young, Tristan Miller, Noah Poland, Ivy Prosser. Each selected their own area of interest to share.

A second training camp was conducted on over the weekend 1st/2nd September at Orroral Valley.

While training was targeted in preparation for the Australian Championships Carnival, activities were structured to cater for newcomers to bush navigation. David P, Tomas K, Tara M, Andrew CT and Patrick M all contributed to the setting and running of activities.

BL Manager Susan Hallissy, instituted an excellent new system to register for training session this season. It was well received and made it much easier for the coach and others to know who would be attending. This information helped with carpooling.

The Blue Lightning Cake Stall was run by Blue Lightning families at all Saturday Junior League events and Sunday ACT League events, with an additional BBQ at larger events including the Primary Schools Championships. Fundraising from the cake stall and BBQs was used to subsidise the training weekend, to support Blue Lightning and the Invitation group and members of the ACT Schools Orienteering Team.

Given the lack of interest from BL squad families to take on any more responsibilities and given that a significant number of squad members help run events for their clubs, it seems reasonable that BL does not take on any additional events. Many Blue Lightning members contributed to their clubs by way of course planning for Twilight, Saturday and League events.

Twenty Blue Lightning members represented the ACT at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. The team comprised of Andrew Kerr, Caitlin Young, David Stocks, Ella Cuthbert, Ellen Johnson, Justine Hobson, Natalie Miller, Patrick Shelton-Agar, Patrick Miller, Ryan Stocks, Tristan Miller, Zac Needham, Zoe Terrill, Zoe Melhuish, Toby Lang, Joseph Wilson, Ingrid Shelton-Agar, Ivy Prosser, along with the team captains Noah Poland, and Miho Yamazaki. Noah and Miho again provided the leadership required to engage and motivate the team to perform their best.

For the third year in a row the ACT team was again victorious at the Australian Schools Championship. This was hard earned and well deserved. Four members of the ACT team (active members of the Blue Lighting Squad were selected

into the All Australian Schools Team. They were Justine Hobson (Radford College), David Stocks (Radford College), Noah Poland (Radford College) and Patrick Miller (Dickson College)

Some Blue Lightning members were seen travelling further afield to compete this year. Tasmania in April and New Zealand in June.

Blue Lightning member Caitlin Young was selected as part of the Bushrangers team who competed for Australia at the Queen's Birthday weekend of events in New Zealand in June. Blue Lightning members Caitlin, Noah, Patrick, Ella and Zoe M were all part of the Bushrangers team at the Australian Championships.

Patrick Miller and Zoe Melhuish were selected and competed for Australia at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Hungary.

Along with all the hard training, the squad enjoyed plenty of social "downtime". With pizza nights following some night trainings through winter months.



ACT MTBO REPORT

MTBO Coordinator Marina Iskhakova

2018 turned in a very successful year for ACT Mountain Bike Orienteering (MTBO).

Main results of the year:

- 5 MTBO events were organised, including
- 3 MTBO Series, local minor events (25, 28, 21) = **74 participants in total**
- 2 MTBO events – ACT MTBO Champ level, at the status of World Master MTBO Series (84; 82) = **166 participants in total**
- 2 days MTBO Training (3 sessions) with Finish elite MTBOer Konsta Vanhanen has been delivered: **26 participants in total**
- **6 Locations** have been used
- **5 ACT MTBO Course Setters** set courses
- **6 maps have been updated (2018)** by ACT MTBO mapper Andrew Slattery

Date	Event	Format	Location	Organisers
17-18 March	ACT MTBO Training Weekend, Coach: Konsta Vanhanen	Training	Bruce Ridge/Indoor workshop/ Sparrow Hill	Marina & Fedor Iskhakov
03-Mar	ACT MTBO Series, #1	Middle	Majura	Marina & Fedor Iskhakov
27 May	ACT MTBO Series, #2	Middle	Sparrow Hill	Jim Anderson/ Ann & John Scown
02-Sep	ACT MTBO Series, #3	Middle	Sparrow Hill	Cath Chalmers & Eoin Rothery
13-Oct	ACT MTBO Champ	Middle	Kowen	Jim Anderson/ Ann & John Scown
14-Oct	ACT MTBO Champ	Long	Pierces Creek	Marina and Fedor Iskhakov/ Ann & John Scown

Development - Susanne Harrysson

Key Achievements

- * Made and sold a new map of/to Arboretum Arboretum also wants a permanent orienteering course and is awaiting funding.
- * Recipient of Grant from Southern NSW Local Health District in Goulburn to set up a permanent orienteering course in one of the parks in Goulburn. The physical work will start as soon as we get approval from the Council to set up the course.

- * Set up of site for tax-free Donations to Orienteering ACT at Australian Sports Foundation
- * Updates and production of several flyers and promotion brochures, e.g. SC-ORE, Map Mate, FoG, Street orienteering
- * External advertisement in and through different media E.g. Nature Play, PE-Newsletter, schools, facebook and Sports Fair

Finance Report

In 2018 OACT made a small deficit which was expected following the profitable 2017 which had a number of NOL events. The main cost increases in 2018 was sporting schools / development / SC-ORE areas, as well as OACT supporting our elites at overseas championship events. Some of the expenditure in the schools /SC-ORE was in response to grants that had been received in earlier years.

OACT also incurred expenditure of a capital nature, and hence these do not show in the Income and Expenditure Schedule.

These are: New marquee \$1,627, medical equipment – 2 defibrillators \$5,800, and map-work \$15,308.

In the Balance Sheet, Assets include \$6,751.50 for Oceania 2019 prepayments and \$26,664.55 for Schools Team accommodation deposit. These will be accounted for in 2019 and so far have not been accounted as a cost. In the Liabilities, 'Other Creditors' are 2018 costs that were not paid by end of 2018 (but still show as a cost for 2018). 'Advance Deposits' are 2019 memberships paid in 2018 and 'Advance Deposits (other)' is mostly the 2019 share of the \$30,000 national league funding grant received in 2018.

Our financial transactions are extensive when compared to other state orienteering associations where many

transactions are done at the Club level in Club bank accounts such as transactions dealing with events, mapping, and equipment. We expect a lot of our OACT Treasurer.

Some transactions in our bank account had no description of purpose, or even name of person. Most are POLi transaction and OACT strongly discourages members from using POLi when paying through Eventor. Indeed we would like to stop POLi because it creates work. The advantage of PayPal is that its activity reports include names and purpose of transactions. Also we transfer PayPal payments from the PayPal account into our own bank account periodically so that only one transaction shows up in our bank account whereas hundreds of persons may have paid through PayPal in the period. Fewer transactions in the bank account mean less work.

OACT sells SI sticks and compasses. We are not good at selling merchandise. We have a high unaccountability rate. We are not suggesting these items are stolen; we just cannot account for them. The main cause appear to be that at some events, sales of items are not recorded or the record is lost and all takings are accounted as Event Income. Clubs that require OACT to sell merchandise such as uniforms on behalf of the club (i.e. OACT providing banking and payment services) need to be aware of this and act with caution.

ORIENTEERING ACT Inc. Financial Report
BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
Assets		
Current Assets		
Total Cash	229,402.78	237,440.98
Prepayments Oceania 2019	6,751.50	
Deposits paid 2019 Schools Accom	26,664.55	26,664.55
Pledges Receivable (Invit. Camp)	1,834.00	
Other Invoices outstanding	35.05	5,246.85
Non Current Assets		
Total Property and Equipment	49,424.60	49,530.25
Mapwork - all maps	29,986.12	20,795.78
SI equipment	5,093.63	6,367.04
TOTAL ASSETS	349,192.23	346,045.45
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Other Creditors	4,044.49	1,111.41
GST Liabilities	4,910.92	3,409.90
Total Payroll Liabilities	4,295.36	6,089.23
Advance Deposits (m'ships)	2,191.24	2,337.60
Advance Deposits (other)	15,101.82	15,163.64
Managed Funds - Clubs		
JWOC	349.01	349.01
ACT Junior Squad	1,119.17	1,110.75
ACT Blue Sparks	797.84	657.01
ACT Team - Canberra Cockatoos	167.65	167.65
Club Funds AO-A	887.18	1,274.99
Club Funds BS-A	5,008.39	5,563.39
Club Funds PO-A	2,700.00	2,875.00
Club Funds RR-A	3,536.67	1,674.53
Club Funds WE-A	2,278.17	1,978.17
Club Funds CFR (MTBO)	895.50	895.50
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	48,283.41	44,657.78
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Net Assets	300,908.82	301,387.67
EQUITY		
Members funds		
Retained Profits		
Retained earnings	170,292.22	144,727.39
Current Rear Surplus / Deficit	-478.02	25,564.83
Asset Revaluation Reserve	131,095.45	131,095.45
TOTAL EQUITY	300,909.65	301,387.67

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2018

1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
Trading Income		
Members subs and donations	15,952.64	20,709.52
Events Entry Fees		
Local Events	67,456.86	64,172.05
Championship Events	11,626.03	23,038.56
Schools and Community Events		
SC-ORE	5,255.73)
Sporting Schools	45,825.45) 48,789.64
Trading Income	146,116.71	156,709.77
Cost of Sales		
Local Events		
Local events	29,404.54	25,417.37
Championship Events	4,173.87	11,089.10
Schools and Community Events		
Sporting Schools	35,767.64	38,006.36
Indirect Costs of Running Events		
NOL chests (last year)	-8.52	
Mapwork depreciation	6,117.91	5,198.97
SI repair and maintenance	0.00	2,407.77
SI equipment depreciation	2,792.63	4,180.56
Gen Equip usage and mtce	1,030.91	-2,127.41
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Minor equipment	1,366.18	2,673.84
	83,878.06	89,307.61
Gross Profit from Trading	62,238.65	67,402.16
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Annual Dinner Income	2,200.00	1,990.91
Camps armidale, Invitation, Ballarat	547.10	0.00
Schools Team Aust Champs	-2,616.12	-1,203.27
Revenue from Sales	1,990.90	2,119.08
Other Income	977.96	268.00
Total Income (of Above)	3,099.84	3,174.72
	65,338.49	70,576.88

	2018		2017
EXPENSES			
Administrative Staff Salaries	28,821.91		27,720.31
Administration	12,390.20		16,371.01
Giralang Shed Rental	603.63		677.74
Orienteering Australia			
OA State Registration Fee	9,577.27		9,006.36
Eventor licence fee	3,716.11		3,195.04
OA Public Liability	1,757.01		1,538.24
IPFP Grant Expenditure	1,369.49		2,553.18
S&DC Salary	5,183.50		
Schools mapping	4,120.00		
SC-ORE services and equipment	6,174.18		
Support National Team	4,000.00		
ACT Blue Sparks and mapmates	446.44		
Annual Dinner	4,925.00		4,519.41
Some awards	31.45		
Cockatoos (refunds 2018)	-550.00		1,836.28
Event 'Ask Me' person	2,205.08		2,004.97
Coaching Scholarship	3,396.64		2,846.54
Coaching depreciation and Other	810.44		791.40
First Aid and Other Training	100.00		289.02
Other	288.01		
Mapping	2,131.00		
AO Mag and distribution	2,683.27		5,453.96
Other Expenses			
SI sticks for sale	5,300.00		3,681.81
Compasses for sale	900.00		1,227.27
Website costs	4,454.55		3,000.00
Travel not event related	252.00		90.00
Trailer registration, insur	74.27		207.05
Satellite phones	763.68		763.68
other	9.09		1,641.02
Financial charges incl merchant fees	1,195.95		1,188.60
Total	107,130.17		90,602.89
Operating Profit	-41,791.68		-20,026.01
Other Income			
Operational Grant	26,000.00		26,000.00
National League funding	30,000.00		31,000.00
OA and Sport Aust Grants	7,000.00		17,505.46
Other Grants	3,050.00		
Interest Income	5,082.21	71,132.21	2,085.38
Expenditure re Tied Grants			
National League	26,768.55		31,000.00
Other Grants	3,050.00	29,818.55	31,000.00
Nett Profit	-478.02		25,564.83