

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

These citations support the nomination of John Scown, John Sutton and Ann Ingwersen for Life Membership of Orienteering ACT in recognition of their long and sustained contribution to promoting the interests and objects of the Association.

John Scown

John Scown has been an active member of Orienteering ACT (and its predecessor ACT Orienteering Assn) for at least 40 years. Among his first events was an event at Mt Ainslie on 23 April 1978 and records suggest he attended his first AGM in 1981. His first club was WASCO (Woden and South Canberra Orienteers) and he remained a member of that club until the Abominable O-men (AO-A) club was formed in the early 1990s. As a foundation member of that club, along with his wife Ann, he became more active in the business of the Association. He shared a number of tasks with Ann and both became accredited controllers. Both are still accredited Level 3 controllers. In 2008, they were joint recipients of the Jim Sawkins Award for Services to Event Management. John was elected Secretary of OACT in 2013, a position he held for three years. John and Ann were appointed Equipment Officers in 2013, and continue in that position. In 2016, John was presented with the Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering ACT. He has been an active participant in the business of the Association through the OACT Council, as an AO-A club rep (when not Secretary) for many years.

John Sutton

John Sutton has been a member of Orienteering ACT (and its predecessor ACT Orienteering Assn) for nearly 40 years. Among his first events was an event at Mt Ainslie on 7 September 1980 and we know he attended an AGM as long ago as 1983. His first club was WASCO and remained a member of that club until the club disbanded in 1996, when he joined the Red Roos. He was an active participant in the business of the Association through the OACT Council, as a Red Roos club rep (when not on the OACT Board), for many years. He was on the OACT Board for nine consecutive years (Treasurer 1997-2000; Secretary 2001 & 2005; President 2002-04), and is still the Association's Public Officer, a role he has filled for many years. In 2006, he was a recipient of the Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering ACT. He is still an active participant in the sport and a regular official at Red Roos events.

Ann Ingwersen

Ann Ingwersen has been a member of Orienteering ACT (and its predecessor ACT Orienteering Assn) for over 30 years. Among her first events was an event at Stony Creek (Stromlo West) on 12 July 1987. Her daughter Rachel had attended a few events before her in 1986 and early 1987, and the family joined Parawanga as a family membership before Ann's first event. When Ann made the fateful decision to attend the AGM in 1998 she was prompted elected Secretary, a position she held for three years during a very significant period for the Association, when it staged two World Cup races and introduced SportIdent. One of her little known, but significant contributions to the World Cup was she designed and handcrafted 24 pottery plates (with a lyrebird motif) which were presented to top six female and male placegetters in both World Cup races. Ann has been an active participant in the business of the OACT Council for many years as a Parawanga club representative. She is still an active official, course planner, organiser and vetter. Her indefatigable continued active involvement in events is a testament to her energy and passion for the sport, even earning her the title of Australia's SILVA Orienteer of the Year in 2017.

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