

Orienteering ACT Incorporated

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ORIENTEERING ACT INCORPORATED 2014

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Goal:

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

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

OACT Clubs

Abominable O-Men (AO-A)

Bushflyers (BS-A)

Parawanga Orienteers (PO-A)

Red Roos (RR-A)

Weston Emus (WE-A)

The Board 2014

President	Mary McDonald (Jan-Nov) Michael Burt (Nov, Dec)
Secretary	John Scown
Treasurer	Ann Scown
Directors	Rohan Hyslop Peter Miller Rob Jessop David Poland Michael Burt
Executive Director	Geoff Wood

Officers 2014

Bob Allison	Mapping Officer
Andrew Blakers	ACT League and Twilight program rankings
Rohan Hyslop	ACT Schools Team manager
Ana Herceg	Blue Lightning Squad Manager
Rob Jessop	Anti-doping Officer
Rohan Hyslop	Blue Lightning Squad Coach
Lizzie Ingham	Blue Lightning Squad Assistant Coach
Bill Jones	IT systems
Aaron Kooymans	Equipment key holder
Grant McDonald	Cockatoos Manager
Bob Mouatt	IT Systems (OE2010)
Maurice Patten	Easter 2016 Coordinator
David Poland	Family Pathways
Bec McKinney	Blue Sparks email secretary
John Scown	Newsletter Editor
Ann Scown John Scown	Equipment Officers
Julie Sunley	Mountain Bike Orienteering Co-ordinator
John Sutton	Public Officer
David Poland	OA Councillor

Staff 2014

Executive Director	Geoff Wood
Administration	John Suominen (Jan-Nov) Julie Sunley (Nov, Dec)

President's Report – Michael Burt

I became President late in 2014 following the resignation of Mary McDonald. I thank Mary for her work as President of Orienteering ACT during the year.

2014 was a fairly quiet year for Orienteering ACT as we did not host a major carnival or a National Orienteering League event. We did have our usual regular full program of local events and I thank all of the organisers, 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.

OACT members continue to be keen orienteering tourists to both interstate and overseas events. We have had representatives in both the Junior World Championship and the World Championship teams and entrants in the World Masters Orienteering Championships.

The Canberra Cockatoos men's team successfully defended their National Orienteering League title and the women's team also achieved first place. The Cockatoos were also finalists in the ACTsports team of the year category.

2014 saw the first use of two new maps, Coleman Ridge and Isaacs Ridge, prepared by Hugh Moore and Bob Allison. It is intended to use Isaacs Ridge as part of

the 2016 Easter Three Days which Orienteering ACT will be hosting.

This year also saw the retirement of John Suominen who has looked after the Orienteering ACT office for a very long time. I thank John for his long service and wish him a happy retirement. Julie Sunley has temporarily taken over John's role. The Orienteering ACT Board is currently considering the issue of paid positions given that a number of volunteers who have previously looked after key administration roles have indicated their intention to withdraw from those roles.

The sponsorship of an overseas orienteer to provide coaching and other services over a 6 month period continued in 2014 with Lukas Funk being replaced by Lukas Frei (both from Switzerland).

As President, I particularly want to thank Mary McDonald, who was President for most of 2014, and the other members of the Board; Ann Scown (Treasurer), John Scown (Secretary), Geoff Wood (Executive Director), Rohan Hyslop, Rob Jessop, Peter Miller and David Poland for their support this year.

I also want to thank all the other office holders mentioned in the previous page who play a key role in Orienteering ACT.

Michael Burt

Executive Director's Report – Geoff Wood

In 2014, the OACT Board consisted of: President Mary McDonald, Secretary John Scown, Treasurer Ann Scown, Directors: Rohan Hyslop, Michael Burt, David Poland, Rob Jessop and Peter Miller, and Executive Director Geoff Wood. In November 2014, President Mary McDonald resigned as president and also as board member due to personal reasons not related to orienteering. Michael Burt took over as president.

During the year, the Board spent much time looking at the strategic direction of OACT, paid positions and specific responsibilities for directors. The annual financial report for 2014 shows costs exceeded income, showing we are limited as to how much we can expand paid positions and hence rely less on volunteers, unless we can increase income or curtail costs.

Orienteering relies enormously on volunteers to keep our sport going. The Board thanks those members who

volunteered their time in the administrative aspects of OACT, and those officers are listed in the previous page. The Board also thanks those members who volunteered their time in organizing events. This includes course setters, event organisers, controllers, and those many members who assist at events, such as setting up before the event, manning the registration and computer tables, packing up afterwards, collecting controls and the various other activities. To those members, thank you.

Membership.

The year 2014 was the first year OACT used Eventor for our master membership list. The access database that we had used and which could only be accessed from the OACT office at Jamison is now no longer used and contains historical data only. Table 1 below shows breakdown of members: males, females, juniors, seniors (21 to 34 years) and Masters (over 34 years).

Exec. Dir Report (Cont.)

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	72	18%	62	15%	134	33%
Senior	25	6%	16	4%	41	10%
Master	137	33%	99	24%	236	57%
Total	234	57%	177	43%	411	100%

Table 1: breakdown of members

Table 2 shows final club membership for 2014. Clubs are AO-A Abominable, BS-A Bushflyers, PO-A Parawanga, RR-A Red Roos and WE-A Weston Emus. The school club is GS-A Canberra Grammar.

Table 2

	family member-ships	persons in family m'ships	Individual memberships	Total memberships	Total persons in memberships	Last year (equiv)
AO-A	15	48	9	24	57	56
BS-A	33	108	35	68	143	174
PO-A	23	73	30	53	103	110
RR-A	19	60	18	37	78	109
WE-A	7	24	6	13	30	22
Total	97	313	98	195	411	471
GS-A			91			95

Table 2: Membership by clubs

Table 3 shows where our members live.

Outside ACT	43
Belconnen	103
Gungahlin	19
North Canberra	107
South Canberra, Woden	73
Weston	26
Tuggeranong	40
	411

Table 3: Where the members live

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 4 below shows the number of day members who did at least one event. Many day members participated in teams (or groups) at the Green and Blue 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 participated in one event only. Forty eight day members participated in 10 events or more. The 850 day members in 2014 corresponds to 1090 day members doing 3080 participations in 2013. Day member numbers are a direct function of the number of events we hold – the more events, the more day members.

DAY MEMBERS	number	participation
Program		
Twilight Jan-Mar	131	203
Saturday	226	484
Wednesday lunch	52	111
League	116	140
Twilight Oct-Dec	232	600
MTBO	17	26
Street	260	771
Sum of above	1034	
Total Individual Day Members	850	2335

Table 4: Day Members

Participation at OACT Events

Refer to Table 5 below. The difference between 'Entries' and 'Participations' is that Participation counts all members of a team (or group) separately, whereas Entries count a team as one entry.

The 6931 participation figure for our local 'bush' events is down compared to previous years largely due to fewer events. We lost two Saturday events due to kangaroos and lack of an organizer. The Twilight January-March 2014 program was marred by very hot weather or very wet weather. The 2013 championship events were National Orienteering League (NOL) events, attracting interstate competitors. Also the very high average participation at the Twilight Oct-Dec 2013 program was probably unusual, and the 174 average participation for the Twilight Oct-Dec 2014 is more in line with longer term averages.

Participation at Events 2014	No events	Entries	Participation	Average Participation per event		No. events previous year	Participation previous year	Average previous year
Twilight Jan-Mar14	7	737	826	118		8	1293	162
Twilight Oct-Dec 14	10	1486	1742	174		9	1821	202
Saturday	13	1869	2210	170		15	2689	179
Wed Lunch	21	576	596	28		22	704	32
League EOD	8	823	872	109		8	863	108
ACT Champs LD	1	159	147	147		1	268	268
ACT Champs MD, Sprint	2	382	358	179		2	514	257
MTBO	2	100	91	46		4	256	64
'Other'	3	82	89	30		1	29	29
Total 'Bush' events	67	6214	6931	103		70	8437	121
Street	27	1384	1626	60		35	2109	60
Total Bush and Street	94		8557	91		105	10546	100
Primary Schools Champs	1	134	174	174				

Other: Floriade, OA Conf, LukasFrei Sprint

Table 5 Participation

Top Participants – Events participated

Year:	2014	2013
Geoff Wood	77	88
Michael Burt	73	83
Jack Palmer	71	81
Tate Needham	66	94
John Harding	64	86
James Heyes	64	50
Pat Miethke	62	61
John Suominen	61	71
Carol Harding	60	51
Bryant Allen	60	
Ciaran Lane	55	56
Geoffrey Dabb	51	
Tim Cox	50	
Herman Wehner	49	59
Ana Herceg	46	63
Stephen Melhuish	46	59
Bob Mouatt	45	67

Table 6 – Top Participants

Table 6 lists those members who participated in 45 OACT events or more during the year. It does not count those events where the member was the course setter, controller or organizer and as such did not participate although was present at that event. OACT thanks them for their contributions to the OACT coffers. The top participating family was the Melhuish/ Herceg family with 182 participations amongst them. Some 195 members participated in 10 OACT events or more; 96 participated in 20 events or more.

Street Orienteering

Since regular street orienteering commenced in January 2011, the organisers had been paid. This was incompatible with the general volunteer ethos in orienteering. The OACT Council at its August 2014 meeting decided that street orienteering should be organised on a voluntary basis as is the case with other orienteering events. For a while it seemed this could mean the end of street orienteering. Fortunately John Harding's leadership and enthusiasm came into play, with the development of a roster of volunteer organisers. The good news is that a number of members who had not previously organised events have volunteered to organise street events, and hopefully this will give them the confidence to organise bush events in the future. The members who volunteered to organise in the period November and December 2014 were: John Harding, Pat Miethke, Olle Poland, Bruce Barnett, Colleen Mock, Jonathan Miller, Janet Street and Gail Sutton.

In 2014, 27 street orienteering events were held. Midwinter events were not held, hence the reduction in numbers compared to 2013.

Event Organisers/ Course Setters/ Controllers

Orienteering relies upon members to conduct and assist at events. The main jobs are: Event Organiser, 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 and packing up at events.

The main 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 and twilight event has 2 credits (for organiser and course setter), each league event has 3 credits (the third credit for the controller when there is one) and each Wednesday lunch time event 1 credit (the organiser and setter as a combined role). In 2014 there was a maximum possible credit of 118 representing 118 jobs of event organiser, course setter, controller or Wednesday lunch organiser. In 2014, 73 members did those 118 main jobs at least once. This compares to 2013 when 84 members did the 144 main jobs; and in 2012 when 64 members did the 128 main jobs. Ideally we want to have as many members as possible doing those jobs so that these jobs are not concentrated amongst too few a members who may then burn out.

In 2014, of the 73 members who did the 118 jobs of course setter, event organizer, controller or Wednesday lunch, 54 were men who did 90 main jobs and 19 were women who did 28 main jobs.

First Time Event Organisers and Course Setters

OACT needs new people to do the roles of course setter and event organiser. The 2014 year was a good for this. The Strategic Plan sets a goal that there should be at least 12 new organisers or course setters in a year. The following persons did those roles for the first time at an OACT event:

AO-A	Setter:	Jacqui Doyle (27 Jul)
BS-A	Organiser:	Kieren McDonnell/Clare Lonergan (29 Jul), Greg Wilson (6 Sep)
	Setter:	Paul Archer (10 May), Ari Piironen (22 Jun)
	Controller:	Toni Brown (7 Sep)
PO-A	Organiser:	Ciaran Lane/Jodie Evans (21 Jun)
	Setter:	Ana Herceg (22 Jan), Tim Cox (16 Jul), Morten Pedersen (11 Jun), Janet Street (MTBO 18 Oct) Nick Melhuish (12 Nov)
RR-A	Setter:	Tate Needham (18 Jun)
WE-A	Setter:	Rosemarie Edwards (24 Sep)

Table 7 - Above: Street orienteering not analysed

Officiating and Coaching Accreditation

Controllers work with event organisers 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 level, that is, League events, and above, such as championship events, should have an accredited controller.

A controller workshop was not conducted in 2014. (The most recent was in 2013). A number of OACT members attended the Level 3 controller workshop organized by Orienteering Australia following the Easter carnival.

As at 31 December 2014, OACT had nine level 1 accredited controllers, thirteen level 2 controllers (with another 3 controllers living in Canberra but not members of OACT) and seven level 3 controllers.

During 2014, all OACT League events conducted had controllers:

16 Mar	Castle Hill	Dennis Trewin
6 April	Picaree Hill	Bryant Allen
24 May	Bruce CIT (Sprint champs)	Jo Allison
25 May	Orroral (MD champs)	Geoff Wood
1 June	Isaac Ridge	John Sutton
22 June	Yankee Jack	Rohan Hyslop
6 July	Mt Arawang	Anthony Scott
27 July	Foxlow Flats	Ann Scown
10 Aug	Kowen Forest teams	Bob Mouatt
24 Aug	Gibraltar Rocks (LD champs)	Grant McDonald
7 Sep	Sandhills	Toni Brown

Table 8

Coaching. As at 2014, OACT had 7 accredited coaches: four at Level 1 level, two at Level 2 level and one at level 3 level. Rohan Hyslop was the coach for Blue Lightning and Grant McDonald the coach for Cockatoos.

Communications

The year 2014 was the first full year during which the OACT Quarterly newsletter 'News' was electronically distributed to members. John Scown was the acting editor. The newsletter is kept in pdf file on the members' section of the OACT website. (The last printed edition of the newsletter was September 2013). The 2013 Annual Report which was distributed in early February 2014 was distributed electronically for the first time, with printed copies available to those who attended the annual general meeting or specifically requested it.

Grants and Sponsorships

ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services

OACT was supported by the ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services. During 2014, OACT received an annual Operational Assistance grant of \$26,000. This grant was for the first 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 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 financial years.

OACT also received a grant of \$8000 as part of ACT Sport and Recreation Services Inclusive Participation program to construct permanent orienteering courses.

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 - 2014

The Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering

Awarded to Geoff Wood. Geoff was president of OACT 2008 to 2010, and Executive Director since. He has also managed controller accreditation and also is statistician. He was the driving force behind the establishment of street orienteering in 2010-2011. Geoff also processes a lot of event results.

Jim Sawkins Award for Services to Event Management.

Awarded to Toni Brown and Natalie Smith. They have been the organisers for the Primary Schools Championships usually held in November each year. This includes liaising with the ACT Schools system, promotion and organizing pre-entries and prizes.

Services to Coaching.

Awarded to Rohan Hyslop. Rohan is an accredited coach, has been coach of Blue Lightning squad for the past 3 years. Rohan was a well-deserved recipient of the OACT Services to Coaching award.

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 Lizzie Ingham for 2014.

Southern Cross Inter Club Challenge.

Awarded based on club performance in the ACT League competition. Awarded to Bush Flyers.

Orienteer of the Year Placings.

The 20 top placings in the Wehner Cup for the 2014 ACT Orienteer of the Year. These are based on performance in the Red courses (hard navigation) at ACT League events which are mostly held on Sundays.

1	Lizzie Ingham	721
2	Matt Crane	704
3	Allison Jones	680
4	Liz Abbott	664
5	David Shepherd	637
6	Stephen Melhuish	629
7	Tara Melhuish	597
8	Hugh Moore	563
9	Anita Scherrer	552
10	Ari Piironen	545
11	Ann Ingwersen	532
11	Valerie Barker	532
13	Carol Harding	525
14	John Scown	524
15	Ana Herceg	523
16	Ciaran Lane	522
17	Bruce Bowen	517
18	David Poland	514
19	Paul de Jongh	507
19	Robert Allison	507

Audun Fristad Junior Encouragement Awards.

Mark Glanville, Christian Piironen, Ryan Stocks, James Phillips, Ella Cuthbert, Caitlin Young, Lucy Barton

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	Zoe Melhuish
Junior Woman	Tara Melhuish
Elite Woman	Lizzie Ingham
Masters Woman	Anita Scherrer
Super Masters Woman	Liz Abbott
Most Improved Woman	Coral Dow
Sub Junior Man	Tristan Miller
Junior Man	Stephen Melhuish
Elite Man	Matthew Crane
Masters Man	Ari Piironen
Super Masters Man	Hugh Moore
Most Improved Man	Peter Miller

Junior League Competition.

The Junior League competition was held during the Saturday morning program. The following are the winners in each of the age classes.

W16	Tara Melhuish
W14	Caitlin Young
W12	Zoe Melhuish
W10	Rose Phillips
M18	Stephen Melhuish
M16	Jessie Piironen
M14	Noah Poland
M12	Andrew Kerr
M10	Will Madl

NATIONAL EVENTS

Australian Three-Days (Easter).

OACT first place getters in the various classes at the 2014 Australian 3-Days (Easter) held at Rylstone-Kandos NSW area:

Class	
M12A	Andrew Kerr
M14A	Patrick Miller
M16A	Ewan Barnett
M80A	Eino Meuronen
M85A	Kevin Paine
W12A	Riley Lane
W21A	Moira Kuffer
W35A	Cathy Hogg
W40A	Anna Hyslop
W55A	Liz Abbott

Australian Championships.

Held in Western Australia in September – October 2014. OACT members who achieved first place in their various classes are:

Australian Long Distance	
Class	Winner
W21E	Lizzie Ingham
W55A	Liz Abbott
M90A	Herman Wehner
WJunB	Lucy Barton
Australian Middle Distance	
W12A	Ella Cuthbert
W21E	Lizzie Ingham
W35A	Cathy Hogg
W55A	Liz Abbott
M21E	Ian Lawford
M90A	Hermann Wehner
Australian Sprint	
W21E	Lizzie Ingham
W55A	Liz Abbott
M90A	Hermann Wehner
Australian Relays	
W21AS	Heather Lane Pat Miethke Kelly Young
MopenB	Mark Glanville Ryan Stocks Christian Piironen
Australian Schools	
Jun. girls individual	Tara Melhuish
Junior Girls relay	ACT: Zoe Melhuish, Caitlin Young, Tara Melhuish

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Executive Director

NATIONAL ORIENTEERING LEAGUE (NOL) – CANBERRA COCKATOOS

The NOL had six rounds in 2014, held in Brisbane, Victoria, NSW, and Western Australia. The NOL included the Australian 3-days at Easter (round 3) and the Australian Championships (round 6). 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 senior teams had a good year, with the men's team coming first coming in the competition and the women's team coming third out of a total field of seven state/territory teams. At the individual level, Cockatoo members occupied 7 of the top 20 places.

Canberra Cockatoos Senior Men's team		
<i>Place</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	Canberra Cockatoos	117
2	Victorian Nuggets	109
3	NSW Stingers	89
Canberra Cockatoos Senior Women's team		
1	Victorian Nuggets	106
2	Queensland Cyclone	102
3	Canberra Cockatoos	101
Senior OACT Men individual		
2	Ian Lawford AO-A	201
3	David Shepherd RR-A	193
4	Lachlan Dow BS-A	180
7	Matthew Crane AO-A <i>(size of field 80)</i>	134
Senior OACT Women individual		
2	Lizzie Ingham AO-A	195
4	Jo Allison RR-A	182
10	Belinda Lawford AO-A <i>(Size of field 59)</i>	140

Canberra Cockatoos Junior Men's team		
<i>Place</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	Tassie Foresters	72
4	Canberra Cockatoos	42
Canberra Cockatoos Junior Women's team		
1	Tassie Foresters	72
6	Canberra Cockatoos	21
Junior OACT Men individual		
5	Oliver Poland BS-A	126
7	Stephen Melhuish PO-A <i>(Size of field 42)</i>	123
Junior OACT Women individual		
6	Jacqui Doyle AO-A <i>(Size of field 32)</i>	124

(NOL Canberra Cockatoos - Cont.)

Of the Cockatoos members, Lachlan Dow was selected for Australia's national team at the World Orienteering Championships in Italy in July 2014.

Oliver Poland was selected as part of the junior team at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Bulgaria in July 2014.

Belinda Lawford, Andrew Barnett and Murray Scown were selected part of the Australian team at the World University Orienteering Championships in the Czech Republic in August 2014.

MAJOR EVENTS – EASTER 2016 - Maurice Patten.

OACT will be conducting the Australian 3-Days Carnival in 2016. Easter 2016 will be in 25-28 March 2016. Going on past Carnivals we should expect 600-800 participants.

Concept planning for the event has already begun, instigated by myself and Rohan Hyslop. Issues such as: the type of terrain we may want to use, driving distances for competitors and organisers, any availability/preclusion issues of areas, logistic support effort required over past carnivals that OACT has conducted plus a number of other factors have also been considered.

A number of event areas have been considered and site visits have been conducted. A basic event plan has been agreed upon and landholder/owner permission negotiations for use has commenced. Extra mapping has been programmed to ensure we have up-to-date and good quality maps for the Carnival.

The current big picture event plan is:
 25 March 2016: Prologue Day - University Of Canberra
 26 March: Day 1- Isaacs Ridge (Assembly area to be eastern side of the ridge)
 27 March: Day 2 - Foxlow Flats
 28 March: Day 3 - Foxlow Flats

As with every Carnival we have conducted in the past, full OACT member support will be vital to the success. Organising clubs for individual event days have not been allocated yet. Some course setters & controllers have expressed interest already but a general request for Carnival position volunteers has not gone out yet but will be made shortly.

OACT has a great history of running high quality orienteering carnivals and we intend to continue that trend.

BLUE LIGHTNING SQUAD

– Ana Herceg, Blue Lightning Manager

Over the year around 36 students from 24 families were involved in the Blue Lightning squad in 2014. The squad coach was Rohan Hyslop with assistant coach Lizzie Ingham. The squad manager was Ana Herceg.

Blue Lightning training was held every Saturday morning over the winter season, prior to the Saturday Junior League events. Training involved a specific focus each week, covering the technical, physical and mental aspects of the sport. This aimed to assist each squad member's development as an orienteer while needing to work within the constraints of the terrain available at each event. As the Blue Lightning Squad has grown it has attracted students from a diverse age range (11-18) with skill levels from almost beginner to those trialling for Australian Junior Team selection. This has presented a range of challenges to the coaches.

A highlight of the year was the annual training camp, held at Belanglo over the weekend of 29-30 March 2014. Based at the ONSW House at Belanglo, 22 juniors and 9 adults attended the camp coached by Rohan Hyslop, Lizzie Ingham and Lukas Funk. The camp included orienteering theory sessions, training exercises and camp championships. The training exercises included contours, line-O, compass bearings, night-O and relocation. The coaches provided great advice on training, skills development, analysing what works best for you and learning from your mistakes.

Blue Lightning ran three events during the year, at Commonwealth Park, Tharwa Tor and The Pinnacle. All events had fantastic volunteer participation from Blue Lightning members and their families and ran very smoothly. Many of the families involved in planning, organising and running these events also do substantial work for their own orienteering clubs and for Blue Lightning fundraising. Nevertheless everyone cheerfully joined in and got things done.

The Blue Lightning cake stall was expertly organised by Jodie Evans and was run by Blue Lightning families. Cake stalls were held at all Saturday Junior League 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 subsidise Blue Lightning squad orienteering shirts, purchase a new BBQ and support

members of the ACT Schools Orienteering Team to travel to Western Australia (\$500 per team member).

Eighteen members of Blue Lightning represented the ACT at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Western Australia. Members of the team were Caitlin Young, Christian Piiroinen, Ciaran Lane, Ella Cuthbert, Heather Lane, Ian de Jongh, Jesse Piiroinen, Lucy Barton, Mark Glanville, Miho Yamazaki, Noah Poland, Oliver Mill, Patrick Miller, Ryan Stocks, Stephen Melhuish, Tara Melhuish, Tristan Miller and Zoe Melhuish.

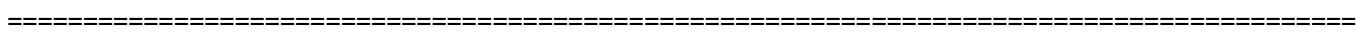
Rohan Hyslop was both Blue Lightning coach and the Coach of the ACT Schools Orienteering Team. In addition to group training sessions Rohan provided individual training plans and advice to a number of Blue Lightning members, and escorted some of the group to events further afield, including NSW State League events at Belanglo and the Wildfire Sports Australian Ultra Long at Bendigo. Rohan was a well-deserved recipient of the OACT Services to Coaching award.

MAPPING – Bob Allison, Mapping Officer

With the 2013 Australian Championships behind us and our next major carnival two years away, the mapping focus in 2014 was on local areas.

Two projects long on the "To Do" list *Isaacs Ridge* and *Coolleman Ridge* were prepared by Red Roo Maps (Hugh Moore and Bob Allison) and made their debuts in ACT League events.

Picaree Hill, Yarralumla Bays, ANU, Bruce CIT, Castle Hill and Red Hill were all updated to varying degrees by Red Roo Maps while Olle Poland undertook some revision of *Black Mountain*.



Family Pathways Development - David Poland

KEY Achievements for 2014 were:

- 1572 encounters at in-school body-and-brain orienteering programs
- Maintaining a record of OACT endorsed School based encounters.
- Around 2500 encountersⁱ with school aged children and their parents through 2014.
- Continuation and expansion of all aspect of the Family Pathways program.
- Significant pro-active preparation in advance of Sporting Schools commencement.

Challenges Ahead

- Expanding the ACT coaching workforce to meet emerging school-based work including Sporting Schools demands.
- Continued support and appropriate recognition for volunteers in all aspects of this activity.
- Efficient administration including payments processes for coaches delivering sessions.

Family Pathways – An overview:

OACT Council approved the Family pathways approach in early 2013. Family Pathways is a coordinated strategy to encourage development from the beginner stage through to the moderately advanced orienteer.

A multi- pronged approach has been adopted known as the Family Pathway and many ACT members continue to volunteer their time in one or more aspects of the program.

The Family Pathways Program has its focus on attracting and supporting parents and their children to enjoy orienteering. This is done mainly through four avenues:

- Primary School children (Blue Sparks BS)
- High School children (Blue Lightning BL)
- Schools and youth training (Schools and squad based activities) and
- Navigation Workshops (for parents, families and adults) – part of the coach in residence activity from 2014

In 2014 the program expanded to include:

- Active After Schools Program (AASC – an Australian Government program for primary school children in after school care programs).
- Coach-in-Residence Scholarship, supported by OACT.
- Girls only training (“Focus on Girls” squad for girls 10 to 15 years).

From 2015 the program will further expand to include:

- SC-ORE! School Orienteering (a 4 week interschool relay in March and November).
- Sporting Schools (Australian Government Program to build on success of AASC program and inspire primary students to develop a lifelong interest in sport).

Blue Sparks

The Blue Sparks Squad which targets families of primary school aged kids around 5 and 12 years, had yet another supremely successful year. With a new co-ordinator Bec McKinney appointed in early 2014, this ensured that communications and connections were maintained with the broader family networks which numbered 150 families.

The 8th annual camp was held in late November and again attracted a number of new families interested in understanding a bit more on how the sport can fit as a family focused sport of choice. Thirty attended the 2 days of focused training. The quality of the coaching was again very high and included visiting coaches Lukas Frei, Lizzy Ingham and Paula Shingler (NSW). A new camp convener is sought for 2015.

Map Mates

The very popular Map Mates four-week series is a way to introduce children and their parents to the sport. Map Mates was conducted during the early events of the Saturday and Twilight programs, in May and October 2014. Enrolments continue to remain strong and are now through an on-line registrations process. In the Saturday program, 9 teams consisting of 22 persons were involved. Figures for the Twilight program were 10 and 26 respectively. Overall encounters were 192.

The challenge for this arm of the pathway is managing the “competition” aspect. It is likely that from 2015 Map Mates will be a “Challenge” rather than a competition and while all the same principles will apply, it will be without separate scoring. A Map Mates manager is being sought for 2015. This would suit someone currently undertaking coaching qualifications, looking for experience working with novices, events management and with a passion to support new families into the sport.

Blue Lightning Squad

This Squad is open for all High School Students and continues to be ably guided by Ana Herceg as manager, Rohan Hyslop coach, with Lizzie Ingham complementing this training with advanced training options. Please see separate report.

Scholarship Coach –in-Residence

A second Coach also commenced in October 2014. Within a week of arrival from overseas, the coach Lukas

(Family Pathways – Cont.)

Frei was conducting regular training and coaching support for a wide range of OACT members with variable skills, delivering a seven week program to a local primary school and delivering sessions to compliment a private secondary college PE curricular. All member training/coaching activities have been advertised through e-bulletins, social media and have used a range of electronic booking systems to allow for accurate production of maps and other resources. Lukas has volunteered an enormous amount of time in supporting Blue Sparks, the Primary School Championships and other OACT training groups.

Thank you to the families who have generously opened their homes to Lukas.

OACT has approved the continuation of the scholarship coach scheme for 2015.

Key Stats

Number of training maps at regular events: 9 Twilight event maps,

Number of training sessions for OACT Members: 17 (4 beginner workshop maps, 8 moderate workshop maps, 1 sprint special training map, 4 elite training maps) plus Blue Sparks training Camp.

Total number of encounters: (around) 70.

For other ACT community/schools: 42 (21 Active after sport sessions, 21 Body and Brain (Radford and St P&P) – encounters included in other sections.

In-School Body and Brain Workshops

These workshops are conducted during school time at the request of schools. We continue to receive more requests for this than we can fill and usually the schools pay for these services. We have five instructors but we would like more.

A total of 164 workshops (or sessions) were delivered at 24 schools by 15 different people. This totals some 3,500 encounters and has had a turnover of about \$15,000. This has been a great publicity exercise for the sport of Orienteering. As a result nearly 20 schools have been remapped and now have up to date colour maps.

Schools Championships.

The Primary School Orienteering Championships was held on 19 November 2014 at Mt Ainslie North. Some 174 students from 17 schools participated. The courses used became the green and blue courses at the Twilight event that same evening at the same location.

The Secondary Schools and Colleges Championships was held in conjunction with the OACT sprint

championships on 24 May 2014 at Bruce CIT. Some 53 students from 10 schools attended. These events provided excellent opportunities for the students to participate in formal competition conditions.

Girls only training (“Focus on Girls”)

A girls-only training group was commenced in May 2014 to encourage girls aged 10-15 years, new and current to prepare them to compete in the ACT Secondary Schools and Colleges Championships as well as to gain greater enjoyment both social and technical, in participating in orienteering. Sixteen girls attended the first series of 3 sequential training sessions in early May. Numbers in the group have grown over the year, with some regular attendees and occasional orienteers attending sessions.

Key Stats

Number of FOG series conducted in the year - 4

Average number of attendee approx. - 12

Total number of encounters: 48

SC-ORE! (School Orienteering!)

In August 2014 the OACT Council approved SC-ORE! This is a four week interschool orienteering competition in a mixed relay format for primary school students. It was initially hoped to conduct this in Term 4 2014 involving at least 4 primary schools. The schools responded in a most positive way however due to schools requiring more lead time, this project has been deferred to Term 1 2015. A “model” SC-ORE! was conducted in December 2014 as a trial, involving 95 students at one primary school.

Sporting Schools

OACT has commenced its preparation to enable it to optimise opportunities that may emerge as part of the Australian Government’s Sporting Schools program. Information has been updated to reflect OACT capabilities. Further work is underway in the area of coaching developments.

Rolling summary

Since June 2013 when the program started, for active after school and in-school programs, 17 schools were visited involving 109 events, 14 new school maps and around 2000 encounters.

In 2014, For the Active After School Program, 4 schools were visited at which 28 events were held, involving 735 encounters.

In 2014, for In-school programs (Body and Brain), the table (next page) below summarises achievements:

(Family Pathways cont.)	Charged	Pro-bono – no charge	No. students per session (approx.)	Total no. encounters
School Delivered				
Dickson	1		12	12
Trinity	5		18	90
Radford College	31		20	620
St Clair's	6		20	120
St Peter and Paul	28	1	25	700
Aranda		2	25	0
Macgregor (Gala Day)		1	25	0
Other (Gala Day)		1	25	0
St Francis Xavier	3		10	30
Majura (pre champs)		1	10	0
Bonython		6	25	0
Amaroo (pre champs)		3	25	0
	53	15	240	1572

COACHING

Rob Jessop and David Poland

Significant work was done in 2014 in developing a coaching pathway. This has resulted in the various coaching positions as indicated in the table below, for 2015.

Coaching directors on OACT Board	Rob Jessop David Poland
Elite coach coordinator	Rob Jessop
Visiting coach coordinator	Lizzie Ingham
Women's coach coordinator	Anita Scherrer
Men's coach coordinator	vacant
Blue Lightning coach coordinator	Rohan Hysop Anna Hyslop
Blue Lightning assistant coach	Lizzie Ingham
Blue Lightning manager	Ana Herceg
Blue Sparks coaching coordinator	vacant
Blue Sparks manager	vacant
Blue Sparks email secretary	Bec McKinney
Girls 10 and up coaching coordinator	Toni Brown
Boys 10 and up coaching coordinator	David Poland
Individual schools coach coordinator	Andrew Cumming Thom
Body and Brain Sporting Schools Coordinator	Toni Brown
Coaching scholar in residence	Lukas Frei
Disabled coaching coordinators	Anita Scherrer
Coaching scholar	David Poland

2014 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 2013 have been modified to reflect those of the audited 2013 statements.

2014 was a relatively stable year for OACT albeit our accounts show a deficit of \$11,590.05. This is in line with budget projections of a \$9,000 deficit.

As with past years, there is still a problem reconciling local event takings with the number of entries. This has been compounded by the resignation of John Suominen late in the year. As a result, the full amount for Club Tithes is still to be determined. In addition, the introduction of the Twilight Season pass has meant some revision of allocating Tithes. The total income has been allocated per event and thence to each Club as appropriate.

Posting of income to the correct account has also been difficult due to "5 points of entry" into the bank. These are deposits via the Office, pay-pal or direct credit via Eventor, direct credit as a result of invoicing and Register Now. In the case of the latter, identification of separate payments is not always possible due to the reporting system available. I would suggest that all future pre-paid activities and events use Eventor for registration purposes. This will also provide an easy means of collecting participation data for orienteering activities. I do believe, however, that there is still a need for paper memberships to be processed through the Office.

ASSETS

The Balance Sheet shows Cash on Hand as \$210,558.86.

This is made up of Cheque Account of \$35,024.13, Business Online Saver of \$92,105.01 and a CBA Term Deposit of \$83,429.72 due to mature in May 2015.

Our property (including intellectual) and equipment has had annual depreciation applied and is now deemed to have a value of \$75,603.35. This is slightly up on last year due to the purchase of a new office computer and more coaching equipment.

Total Assets of the association are \$286,162.21.

LIABILITIES

Liabilities remain similar to previous years.

A reduction in managed funds shows that club income is heading back to members.

As usual PAYG and GST payments for the last quarter of 2014 are still to be paid.

Prepaid memberships and Grants will be allocated to income accounts in the actual year in which they apply.

Total Liabilities are \$33,414.73

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

As stated, the statement of income and expenditure shows a deficit of \$11,590.05.

In 2014, OACT was lucky enough to receive an increase in our Operational Grant to \$26,000.

Increases in administrative expenses have been brought about by the resignation of John Suominen. This necessitated payments in lieu of long service leave and leave loading.

There is also a marked increase in Other Expenses. This includes funding provided to ACT athletes selected in Australian Representative teams and support to our school aged athletes to attend the championships in WA. Support was also made to Officials travelling with the schools team.

Increases in Schools Activity payments is offset by an equivalent increase in income from these activities.

The cost of running events is similar to a year in which there were no major carnivals.

TITHES PAID TO CLUBS

As previously explained, there are still some outstanding amounts to be paid to some clubs. This will be done as soon as reconciliation is available.

Managed funds held for each Club at the end of 2014 are shown here.

Blue Sparks	\$831.01
Blue Lightning	\$1,215.22
Cockatoos	\$3,580.07
Abominables	\$469.99
Bushflyers	\$1,523.21
Parawanga	\$1,634.72
Red Roos	\$1,099.53
Weston Emus	\$1,300.97

MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT FEES

The Council Meeting of August 2014 approved an increase in Annual Membership fees for 2015 to the following

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

There was no change to enter on the day event fees.

SUMMARY

The usual stable and longstanding liquidity of the Association is once again reflected in this year's accounts. We do need to be careful, however, that our accumulated funds are not over allocated and that they remain capable of meeting the aims of the Association in the foreseeable future.

Once again I would like to thank John Suominen for his assistance over the past several years. It has been of great benefit to me and I will miss his valuable support.

Thanks also to Anna Hyslop, who took over the reins of the treasury during my prolonged absence.

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.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2014

	2014	Actual 2013
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash On Hand	210,558.86	225,689.49
Total Current Assets	210,558.86	225,689.49
Non-Current Assets		
<i>Note 1</i> Property & Equipment		
General equipment for events	19,677.56	18,141.47
Coaching equipment	4,465.18	1,381.45
Computing equipment	3,853.74	2,668.45
Office equipment	1,295.21	1,439.12
Mapwork	33,271.53	38,298.80
SportIdent (SI) equipment	13,040.13	13,445.62
Total Non-Current Assets	75,603.35	75,374.91
TOTAL ASSETS	286,162.21	301,064.40
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities	4,307.31	4,869.79
Payroll Liabilities	2,980.00	1,834.00
Prepaid Membership/Grants	13,228.19	13,245.46
Managed Funds: Club, Team		
JWOC	349.01	349.01
Blue Lightning	1,215.22	4,411.76
Blue Sparks	831.01	831.01
ACT Team – C. Cockatoos	3,580.07	3,580.07
Club funds AO-A	469.99	1,727.14
Club funds BS-A	1,523.21	1,175.01
Club funds PO-A	1,634.72	1,225.02
Club funds RR-A	1,099.53	1,210.42
Club funds WE-A	1,300.97	1,372.67
Club funds CFR-A	895.50	895.50
Total Current Liabilities	33,414.73	36,726.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES	33,414.73	36,726.86
NET ASSETS	252,747.48	264,337.54
EQUITY		
Members Funds		
Retained earnings	133,242.08	73,887.33
Current year surplus/deficit	-11,590.05	59,354.76
Asset revaluation reserve	131,095.45	131,095.45
TOTAL EQUITY	252,747.48	264,337.54

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 2013 entry fees included in Other Events – NOL Weekend in 2013
- 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 2nd half of 2012 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.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FULL YEAR

INCOME	2014	Actual 2013	
Members Subs and Donations	14,310.04	15,705.56	
<i>N. 2, 3</i> Local Events Entry Fees	55,243.90	63,445.47	
<i>Note 4</i> Regular National Events(ACT Champs)	7,376.84		
<i>Note 4</i> Other Events - NOL Weekend		12,929.71	
ASOC		134,291.82	
Aust Champs Carnival		94,233.00	
Sprint Canberra	4,923.30	45.45	
ACT Government grants			
ACT Operational grant	26,000.00	22,000.00	
ACT National League	24,000.00	24,000.00	
CCIF Grant (Capital O)		5,000.00	
IPFP Act Govt Grant	8,000		
All other grants and sponsorships	174.00	7,225.73	
Development & Marketing	1,615.48	2,056.00	
Schools Activities	11,930.70	5,594.99	
Coaching and Training	74.55		
<i>Note 5</i> Other sources of revenue	7,213.99	3,382.18	
Interest and Tax credits	4,128.13	1,845.13	
TOTAL INCOME		164,990.93	391,755.04
COST OF RUNNING EVENTS			
<i>Note 6</i> Local Events	25,074.63	23,519.08	
Regular national events – ACT Champs	3,202.55	1,214.09	
Other Events – NOL Weekend		7,602.46 }	
ASOC		135,828.99 }	
Aust Champs Carnival	11,770.64	48,661.69 }	192,093.14
Easter 2016	200.00		
<i>Note 7</i> Unallocated cost of maps	8,317.88	9,574.70	
Unallocated cost of SI usage	4,223.47	4,091.43	
<i>Note 8</i> Unallocated costs of gen equip	2,186.40	1,989.45	
Unallocated costs, other			
TOTAL		54,975.57	232,482.29
GROSS PROFIT		110,015.36	159,272.75
EXPENSES			
Administrative Staff	29,356.52	24,253.03	
Administration	11,538.95	10,023.38	
Orienteering Australia			
State Registration	11,414.54	10,935.45	
Insurance (PL and Directors)	2,311.82	2,314.55	
Disburse Grants & Sponsorship	1,360.00	5,277.75	
Development and Marketing	10,993.95 }	6,737.52 }	
Schools Activities	11,826.25 }	3,375.11 }	10,112.63
High Performance			
Canberra Cockatoos	23,463.00	23,413.21	
High Performance			
OACT			
Coaching and Training	3,158.31	2,046.37	
Staff & volunteer development	748.63	592.68	
Publications	6,901.87	8,319.33	
Other expenses	8,054.20	1,757.38	
Financial charges & taxes	477.37	872.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES		121,605.41	99,917.99
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT		(11,590.05)	59,354.76