

OACT Newsletter

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Editorial

Please note that this newsletter is a combined issue of the March & June releases. I have included (unchanged) all articles that were submitted for either issue. Apologies if some of the items are a little dated.

The first 6 months of the year have seen OACT members travelling to the Oceania Championships (Tasmania), Easter Carnival (SA), NSW Long Championships (Orange/Molong), ACT Middle and Long distance Championships and QBIII at Lithgow. All these events provided different but well planned competitions and reinforced why many people are 'addicted' to travelling to these competitions. Congratulations to all those who competed, completed & placed.

John Scown

Interim OACT Newsletter Editor

Remember – this position remains vacant. Please contact the Secretary or one of the OACT Board members if you are interested in this role.

Injured Competitors

At the recent ACT Long Distance Championship at Sandhills on Sunday 24th May, a competitor was injured while on the course. Two other competitors on their courses assisted the injured person back to further aid. Another person later drove the injured competitor to hospital. These people know who they are and that their selfless actions on the day were appreciated. This demonstrates one of the key spirits of our sport and reflects well on the sport.

The Orienteering Australia Foot Competition Rules (under para 26.2) at

<http://www.orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/OAFootCompetitionRules01062015.pdf> state

that

“It is the duty of all competitors to help injured runners.”

If you think this is only for the rules and not practical, then think again and read the brief story of the final leg of the Men's Relay at the 2009 World Championships at

<http://news.worldofoc.com/2009/08/22/woc-2009-relay-map-and-results/>

or for a longer version see

<http://news.worldofoc.com/2009/08/28/wrap-up-woc-2009-relay/>

Remember, one day it might be you needing assistance and blowing the whistle.

New OACT staff

Following recruitment action earlier this year, the following people have taken up paid positions with OACT:

- Ewan Barnett has taken on the role of Computer Operations Manager under the tutelage of Bob Mouatt. Functions include loading event data, operation of the computers on Saturday mornings and other follow up activities. This appointment is for the duration of the Saturday Program.
- Bonnie Haiblen has taken on the role of Participation Coordinator under the initial guidance of David Poland. Functions include meet and greet newcomers at Saturday morning events and follow up with them after the event. This appointment is for the duration of the Saturday Program.
- Jill Walker has been permanently appointed to the role of the Administrative Officer. Various people have been providing assistance, training and advice as Jill finds her feet in the role.

Additionally, Toni Brown has agreed to take on the voluntary position as OACT Sporting Schools Coordinator.

OACT Office access

Until the end of August, the OACT office will only be open intermittently.

Please phone or email the Office (orienteeing.act@webone.com.au or 02-61623422) to make an arrangement to visit.

OACT Office has relocated

The OACT Office has been located on the 1st floor of the Bank Building at Jamison for longer than many people can remember. Earlier this year, OACT had set up a small subcommittee to investigate accommodation options. A set of circumstances arose which the Board saw as a valuable opportunity and made a decision to relocate 'across the corridor' to the open space in David Hogg's office area. The conditions applied to the decision are that OACT:

- will move out of its long standing location by end June;
- will lease this new space for a minimum of 6 months;
- if the Board agrees to a further relocation (based on the investigations of the accommodation subcommittee) then OACT will give a minimum 2 months notice of the intention to vacate the lease.

Following a tremendous effort over 2 days by a group including Maurice Patten, Geoff Wood, Rob Jessop, Bill Jones and his friend, Ann Scown & John Scown the office is now set up in its new home. Several vehicle loads of recycling, e-waste and rubbish have been disposed of thoughtfully.



The "old" office from the chair.



The "new" office before the move.



The "new" office after the move (except computer and printer)

O Shed Access update

Late last year, OACT had to relocate its equipment store from Curtin where it had been for a long time. The new location is a similar compound in Coree Place (off Tucana St), Giralang. ACT Rogaining Association has also put a grey shipping container in the compound for their equipment.

OACT access locks (& keys) have been rationalised.

As was the case in Curtin, there is no lighting or power in the compound.

A set of keys can be obtained from;

- the Orienteering Office (orienteering.act@webone.com.au or 02-61623422)
- Anita Scherrer (0457 584459)
- Pat Miethke (02-62412798, pat.miethke@live.com.au)

Thank you to those who volunteered to hold a set of keys.

The details of the new location and where keys can be obtained is listed on the OACT website under the EVENT Management tab at <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/event-management/> and also in the OACT Board and Office Holders tab at <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/about/officers/>.



This photo is taken from inside the shed with the tilt-a-door closed & locked correctly. In order to ensure the best available security for the shed, please note the position of the locking flap, lock & tilt-a-door bar.

Orienteering Australia (OA) Foot Competition Rules update

An update of the Orienteering Australia (OA) Foot Competition Rules has just been released. The updated version is now on the OA website at

<http://www.orienteeing.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/OAFootCompetitionRules01062015-v2.pdf>

The BOARD for 2015

At the 1st OACT Board meeting after the AGM, the following roles were allocated/volunteered for:

Club Liaison	vacant
Coach (Elite)	Dave Shepherd
Coaching (non- elite)	David Poland
Development	vacant
Easter 2016	Tate Needham
Events	Michael Burt
IT	Peter Miller
Mapping	Bryant Allen, Michael Burt & Dave Shepherd
Media, Promotion	Tate Needham
Technical	Dave Shepherd
<u>Other Positions</u> – After some discussion on the roles, education etc	
Anti Doping Officer	Dave Shepherd
Member Protection Officer	Valerie Barker

President (Michael Burt), Secretary (John Scown) & Treasurer (Ann Scown) were elected at the AGM.

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The Chronicle

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY

Scholarship continues volunteer's green work

By Kimberley Granger

The Capital Region Landkeepers Trust has announced the first recipient of the new Christine Fifield scholarship fund.

In collaboration with Greening Australia, the scholarship was set up to fund innovative environmental research. Keith Fifield donated money as a legacy of his late wife Christine, who was an "enthusiastic volunteer" with Greening Australia.

"She really loved the Australian landscape and she did her bit to restoring it," Mr Fifield said.

"I made a donation to set up this trust in her memory."

Mr Fifield said his wife, as a teacher, valued quality education.

"The education of young people was an important part of her life ... The fund will use some money to offer possibilities to younger people," he said.

The top-up scholarship was awarded to Lilian Pearce, a PhD student at the Fenner School of Environment and Society at ANU, to assist with her research in conservation and restoration.

Ms Pearce said she was enthusiastic to start work on her project with the help of the fund.



Lilian Pearce, who is the first recipient of a Capital Region Landkeepers Trust scholarship, with Keith Fifield at Greening Australia, Aranda.

Photo: Matt Bedford

"I'm interested in looking at restoration ecology in particular in Australia from a range of perspectives, and really exploring the cultural and social aspects of restoration ecology," she said.

"My intention is to do a broad environmental history and reflection to understand restoration in the past, and then through a series of case studies to explore really locally based experiences of restoration; and I'm hoping to do those in a range of landscapes."

With a background in ecology and geography, Ms Pearce said she wanted to do research in restoration to find a way forward in the field.

"Doing more social research work in conservation and volunteer work in Indigenous communities, through those different perspectives I've realised that there are a whole lot of tensions and contested ideas around restoration," she said. "Those ideas, or the lack of a clear way forward for restoration, is something that might be hindering its adoption."

Mr Fifield said he was proud to enable research which otherwise would not be carried out.

"There should be enough money in the fund to be able to do the same thing again for a second scholar in the next couple of years," he said.

New issue of Inside Orienteering has been published

Direct link: <http://orienteering.org/edocker/inside-orienteering/2015-2/>

Inside Orienteering page: <http://orienteering.org/resources/publications/inside-orienteering/>

SC-ORE School Orienteering a resounding success! *(Report submitted in March)*

Wednesdays mornings, in March around 40 kids have started their day with a serious body and brain workout as part of the SC-ORE School Orienteering interschool relay.

SC-ORE (School Orienteering 2015) is a 4 week interschool competition conducted as a 4 person relay. It has been well supported by those parents and teachers who have taken the time out of their busy days to bring their children along to an early morning, pre-school challenge.



The focus of SC-ORE School Orienteering series is participation, and the results and photographs <http://www.t8photography.com/score-orienteering-2015> show high levels of engagement and participation. (If you click on the link to more photos you can then click "<< Back to Gallery>>" link on top left hand corner, from there you can "Buy" photos... cost is \$0 for digitals.)



1. A huge thank you to T8 photography for support in providing these great photos.
2. And a huge thanks to all the volunteers, to St Francis Xavier College (thanks Kelly Candy) and Campbell Primary School (thanks Libby Gerner) for taking this forward through your schools and allowing children from around the ACT to run on orienteering on your school grounds.
3. All SC-ORE results will be published on OACT website in due course.
4. A second SC-ORE competition will be conducted in Term 4 2015 and will be advertised widely through school networks and associated interest groups including PE Pulse.

Control Flags for Visually Impaired Orienteers

(From Eric Andrews – Chair of OA Technical Committee)

Here is one type of control flag with a blue marking which is designed to assist visually impaired orienteers. OACT will consider purchasing these when the next order is placed for control flags.



Mapping Comments

(From Adrian Uppill – Chair of OA Mapping Committee)

1. As some of you already know I sent two versions of printed Print Tech 'test' sheets to the IOF Map Commissioner (MC) for examination and in particular if the print quality from the new printer at Snap Hilton would meet the standard required for a World Ranking Event (WRE). I also sent him maps from the recent 2015 Easter Carnival.

The MC has responded favourably to the 'SNAP preset SPOT colour' test sheet sample saying:

'Depending to some extent on the terrain, this map printing ("SNAP preset SPOT colour") should be suitable for WREs for the map scale 1:15000'.

So that is excellent news as we now know that a map printed on Snap Hilton's new printer (specially saved from OCAD as a PDF and using pre-set colours and other print shop settings) will more than likely be suitable hence approved by the MC for use at a WRE.

I will now prepare another PDF map file incorporating the MC suggestions and make hard map copies available for distribution.

This should also be brought to the attention of all controllers and particularly Event Advisors for WREs in Australia.

2. The minutes from the 2015 Easter Mapping Meeting have been place on the OA website at <http://www.orienteering.asn.au/administration/mapping/mapping-committee/>

Red Roo Noos March 2015

Congratulations to Shannon and Grant on the birth of their 3rd child, a beautiful dark haired daughter named Rui Liis, born on 2nd February. Yes Shannon and Grant are not Red Roo members but with Red Roo Grandparents it is a good news story for the Red Roo Club. Also it appears the Abominable Club still has not paid a signing fee for Shannon!!

Dave Shepherd is recovering slowly after yet another operation on his foot which was badly injured in January at the World Cup races in Tasmania. Not sure how long Dave will be in the moon boot but it is hoped he recovers well enough to run in the World Masters races in Sweden this year.

Belinda Allison was re-elected as President for 2015. As Aaron Kooymans has left the event organiser position after many years of efficient work the position still needs to be filled. This position needs someone to arrange Red Roo members to help organise the equipment set up, getting controls in and putting away equipment at the end of the event or organise course setters for the Red Roo events in 2015. There is a list of current Red Roo members available to assist in these tasks.

Program For Red Roo Events 2015. The 2015 winter/spring program has been decided – all members are needed to help the organiser and course setter where required please.

Date	Event	Organiser/s	Course setter
09/05/15	Coolamon Ridge	Bob and Judy Allison	Hugh Moore
14/06/15	Jim Sawkins Memorial Handicap, Red Hill	Anita Scherrer	Michael Burt
04/07/15	The Pinnacle	STILL REQUIRED	Dave Shepherd
25/07/15	Mt Majura West	Belinda Allison	Rob Walter
13/09/15	Mulloon Creek	STILL REQUIRED	John Sutton

Twilight Events

Thanks to the quiet unassuming work of Michael Tadeschi who volunteered to help at the Black Mt Sth event in December and the ANU event in January. Michael was very generous with his time in helping set up the equipment and bring in controls at the Black Mt event in atrocious weather. Michael then aided Bill Jones with the computer results at the ANU event. For the Black Mountain event Aaron Kooymans did a great job organising - putting up two tents in wet weather. Davin Fifield was the course setter having a challenging array of courses which people enjoyed.

Lukas Frei, OACT's resident Swiss coach set the interesting ANU sprint courses with Bill Jones as organiser as well as being in charge of the finish results. A record number of 208 participants meant for a frantic registration desk. Thanks to the popular pre-printed Orange 1 course, maps ran out and some had to be recycled.

The Weston Park sprint event was also popular, with Tate Needham setting interesting, fast courses over the open park terrain. The weather was cool which made perfect conditions for sprint orienteering. Thanks to Aaron Kooymans and family (his son and wife helping with the equipment set up and also in registration) as well as Bob Mouatt in charge of the computer and results. The Needham family also worked overtime helping to pack up and bring in controls.

Easter – Good luck to the 16 Red Roos travelling to Jamestown in South Australia for the ever popular Australian 3 Days Carnival.

Kerryne Jones

Red Roo Noos - June 2015

Good luck to the Red Roo members competing in the Queen's Birthday 3 Day Orienteering (QB111) event being held as this newsletter goes to print. Let's hope the Allisons, Mill/Scherrer, Jones, Needham families and Hugh Moore orienteer well in the tough rock and steep terrain in the Lithgow area. Not sure if we'll need snow shoes!!

Some Red Roo members will be soon checking their “O” gear, flight plans, tour options and more importantly their wet weather footwear as they prepare to travel, in July, to the World Masters Championships being held in Goteborg Sweden. Happy travels to all and lets hope we hear good tales of being lost in the bogs and dark forests!

It has also been busy times for orienteers in Australia the last few months, with three major orienteering events being held in South Australia, NSW and ACT, plus Red Roos organising the Saturday Coolamon Ridge event.

Coolamon Ridge 9 May: Many thanks to Bob and Judy Allison (organisers), Hugh Moore (the important course setter) and Michael Burt (controller) for time spent to make the event run smoothly. A large number of 280 participants made Red Roo members very busy at the start and finish areas. Good to see Anita Scherrer, Rob Walter, Allison Jones, Stephen and Rosemary Goggs (teams), Jo Allison and Tamara Needham all orienteering well to win their event.

EASTER: This year the popular 3 Day Orienteering Event was centred around the Jamestown area, South Australia. Bull dust, bull dust and Antarctic winds and what felt like sleet were experienced on the 3 orienteering days. The terrain was spur/gully with open flat areas interspersed with rocky outcrops and very deep erosion gullies.

Red Roos were well represented with 16 orienteers competing from the 17 years age group up to 75 years age group. John Sutton was delighted with his placing, Tate Needham, Judy Allison and Anita Scherrer also ran well to be in the top 3. It is always great to catch up with interstate friends at dinner or at the popular “beer o'clock” at the Paxton cottages at Burra.

NSW Championship 16/17 May was centred around the Orange/Molong area. Easter was spur gully with dust, dust and cold whereas the “Gumble” map near Molong could be best described as rocks, rocks, clearings, thickish vegetation and beautiful sunny days. Relocation was a major problem as there were no tracks and just a few creeks. Longish winning times, particularly in the older age groups, reflected the difficulty, with times of 90 minutes plus (and many over 2 hours), being winners and place getters.

Red Roos had a trifecta in the M65 class with Bill Jones, Bob Allison and Hugh Moore (even with gammy calf muscle) filling the placings. Bill's win was his first championship since 2003 so well done. Jo Allison easily won the W21 making a mockery of the difficult terrain and the quick time showed that after her knee problems Jo's confidence and speed is returning. The Suttons both had success with John adding to his Easter placing but this time winning the M75 whereas Ann was 3rd in W70.

ACT Championships and National Orienteering League, Sandhills – 23 and 24 May

First a big thank you for the enormous effort Bob Mouatt spent setting up the computer and creating the start lists for the 2 day event. Bob's time was rewarded with the event running smoothly.

It was good to see the pre-junior children Abby, Max, Zoe and Mira competing on the Blue course, all good practise for the future. Tate Needham did well winning both days in the M40's and Anita Scherrer ran a quick time to win the ACT title in W45. Samuel Wilson was also a winner in M21AS, Jo Allison again proved too good winning the W21E and madam president Belinda Allison did well being 2nd in W40A. The sometimes orienteer Ann Baylis again navigated well to be 2nd behind the experienced Val Hodgson (NSW). Ann also navigated well at Easter, winning Day 1. I'm thinking if Ann competed more often her navigational skills would place her near the top in most events.

Future Red Roo Events.

14 June, Jim Sawkins Classic (ACT League 7). Thanks to the Anita, Bob Allison and Bob Mouatt plus helpers for volunteering to run the Jim Sawkins Classic at Red Hill. If needed could club members add help on the day.

4 July The Pinnacle; 25 July Mt Majura West (ACT League 8); 13 September Mulloon Creek . (ACT

League 12). Red Roos need extra volunteers to help the organisers and course setter at the first 2 events. At this stage the Mulloon Creek event needs an Organiser and Controller. Please put your name forward if you have the time. Help is available to newer members who are unsure of the procedures.

Kerryne Jones

BUSHFLYERS BUGLE (March Issue)

The Bush Orienteering will soon be starting although there have been plenty of nature park and street events in or close to Canberra over summer. If you haven't tried a Sunday bush event, please do. It is great experience and you will get to experience some of the beautiful bush around Canberra. Start times are from 10.00 to 12.30.

With many thanks to the Stocks Family we held a Swarm on Friday 20 February. It was a great crowd – may have had something to do with the swimming pool at the Stocks residence and a hot summer night. We also made a few awards on the night – Carol Harding won the Ian Booth Award for the most improved Master (recovering from a serious leg injury in the previous year), Jane Barnett won the Fly Swat award for something a bit daft during the year, and club stalwart Jack Palmer and Dennis Trewin won the Fly Swat award for club services.

This is an extract of what Carol said in accepting her award. It brings back memories of what a fine person Ian was.

“At the recent Bushflyers get-together and award presentation evening I was very surprised but delighted to hear Dennis announce that I had won the Ian Booth award for the Masters Improver for the 2014 season. As Dennis explained this award is based on points awarded for ACT League events, usually held on Sundays during the winter season. I have many fond memories of Ian Booth, having joined Bushflyers in 1997 with our young family at a time when Ian was very much involved in club activities, until his untimely passing during a training run. I was very much in awe of Ian in my early days of orienteering. Not only did he run some very fast times but often emerged from the bush at the end of an event with many holes in his orienteering clothes and be bleeding from cuts and scratches he had gained along the way. I soon got to know Ian as a warm-hearted and caring person who took an interest in all of his fellow orienteers. He was also a keen club person and took on a lot of tasks relating to orienteering. Thank you to Bushflyers for keeping the memory of Ian Booth alive by presenting this annual award.”

Jane's story goes like this “I hate orienteering!” Being a relative newcomer to the sport, Jane has continued to strive and improve and like a number of us, takes the advice and coaching offered by her children to heart. So when young Andrew said, whatever you do mum don't give up, that left Jane no option but to spend HOURS and HOURS exasperated in the bush, returning in tears and saying never again! Good advice from Andrew and it wasn't too long before Jane had a podium finish at Easter.

We also handed out quite a few OA Badges. A few Bushies were not there so if you won a badge, please approach me if I don't see you first. There were a total of 46 badges. This was the second most of any club in Australia and topped off a great year for the club who also won the Southern Cross Challenge.

The program for next year's winter program has been decided. The Bushflyers will be responsible for Glenbrook (25 April), Buckenderra (26 April), Weston Park (2 May), Campbell Park (16 May), Remembrance Park (13 June), Bruce Ridge (27 June), Gorooyaroo (8 August) and Aranda Bushlands (15 August). Toni has prepared already started the roster and we have organisers and course planners for all events. Toni has also allocated the 'helpers' for each event. It is on the Bushflyers page on the OACT web site. If you can't make your allocated event please arrange a swap with someone else.

One date to keep in mind is the event is the ANZAC weekend on 25/26 April. The Bushies are organising the events on the Saturday and Sunday in the Buckenderra region. Both are excellent maps and there will be some junior activities in the lead up and plenty of social activities on Saturday night. It is a great time to be in the Snowy Mountains but you may want to book accommodation early, either at the Buckenderra Holiday Village or the nearby towns of Cooma and Berridale.

The Bushies are well represented on the OACT Board with David Poland, Valerie Barker and Peter Miller were all elected at the recent AGM. Toni is our Council representative but there is room for another Bushie. If you are interested, please let Toni or me know.

The course planner for the recent Radford event was Ryan Stocks. Good Sprint courses are hard to design

but Ryan did an excellent job. There was a lot of positive feedback.

We will probably be ordering another round of Bushie O uniforms especially for newcomers. If you are interested, please let Toni know.

The first round of the 2015 National Orienteering League was recently held in Sydney. It was Sprint Format on tricky maps. Andrew Barnett and Lachlan Dow did very well to qualify for the final where they came 5th and 6th respectively. Our international Bushie, Lukas Frei, did not miss out by much.

For those venturing to Jamestown, SA for Easter safe travels and enjoyable orienteering.

Dennis Trewin

ABOMINABLE NEWS – JUNE 2015

After the hectic start to the year with many Abominables heading off to the Apple Isle things have finally settled down.

Welcome to all our new members, including the youngest Rui Liis Bluett-Jones born 2nd February.

February - lifelong member Murray Scown took off to the US to finally take up a “paid” position as an ORISE Participant in the Office of Research and Development with the US Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is probably a fancy name for a Post Doc position! He arrived in time for the US championships which were held “just down the road” but was put off by a late snow fall and decided not to run. Apparently cycling in -15 is not to be recommended either – what a wimp.

March - the one and only Lizzie Ingham, who has been a great Abominable member since taking up a PhD position at ANU, took flight back to NZ for a few weeks before heading to Norway to become a member of Halden O club. She reported in early May that.....

the weather so far, and for the next week, is remarkably similar to Autumn in Canberra! About 12 during the day and cold at night. Just as well I didn't just pack summer clothes!

And just a few days later.....

After a couple of beautiful fine days (even lay in the sun in just t-shirt and shorts yesterday!) it's typical Norwegian cloud and rain today. Lucky they know how to insulate houses here though, so it's nice and snug inside :) Bit different from most Canberra houses!

Lizzie has been having some great runs since hitting the forests of Scandinavia and we wish her all the best for the World Champs.

March also saw the biggest first birthday party ever for Leo Mottershead, celebrated in style by Uncle Matt while Florence and her mum were away in Tasmania.

April - Abominables were out in force in the dust and eventually rain of the lower Flinders Ranges at Burra, South Australia. There were some great performances by Matt Crane (M21E 1st) and Ian Lawford (M21E 5th) and his parents (albeit the latter are members of a certain Victorian club as well and were running under that banner). Overall Abominables had 4 top 10 finishers with John S just missing the “cut” finishing 12th overall after a disastrous Day 2 result.



May - another busy month with both events in NSW and the ACT Champs weekend which were well supported by Abominables. Once again there were the usual outstanding “culprits” but in previously unreached efforts Ann and John did the “double/double” in taking out both the NSW and ACT Long Distance Championships, Ann even managing an ACT double for the first time. Some racing was a little lucky but as always it is the time at the finish that counts. Making a rare appearance in his Abominable colours, Ian

Prosser also won both ACT titles in M55.

June - perhaps best left “unmentioned” although many had a fantastic long weekend at QBIII near Lithgow and fun times at the Jim Sawkins Handicap. With European trips in the pipeline for many it was time for final “training” hit outs. Unfortunately for John, he managed to impale his right hand on a stick on QBIII Day 2. A visit to Lithgow Base Hospital and then emergency department at Canberra Hospital on Monday evening, has seen him out of action for most of the month. No running, no riding and no swimming caused by this

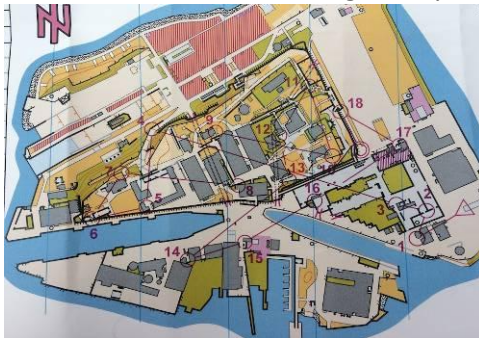


July - will find Lawfords, Scowns and Cranes galavanting overseas while others are left planning and organising for forthcoming Abominable events in the ACT. Thanks to those remaining in Canberra to do all the hard yakka.

Ann Scown

Parawanga Newsletter (February)

The Sydney Xmas 5 Days was held between Xmas and New Year and a few members went up for some of the events. One interesting race was held at Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour. They had 350 or so runners on the day and the courses enjoyed the choice of stairs, tunnels etc to get from the lower to the upper levels of the island with lots of interesting history.



Twenty or so PO members travelled to NE Tasmania in the first week or so of January to enjoy the World Cup Carnival. PO members got together for dinners at 2 locations during the 10 days and plenty of touring was enjoyed between races.



Parawangans are obviously enjoying their summer orienteering with 41 members participating in the Runner's Shop Summer Twilight Competition (210 runners overall), impressive given the rain at the last 2 events.

PO is placed second club in the competition with 10751 points, Bushflyers are in front with 16148. We have 6 runners in the top 20 with Ana most consistent:

Phil Walker 8th
 Stephen Melhuish 14th
 Tara Melhuish 16th
 Arthur Watson 17th
 Morten Pederson 19th
 Ana Herceg 20th.

Check the OACT Website for further results.

PO holds its first Twilight event for 2015 on 18th Feb and we're looking for help with organization. Jon Glanville has the courses in hand, thank you Jon.

Don't forget our AGM and BBQ 6.30pm Friday 20th Feb at Wal & Gay Pywell's 6 Key's Cres, Wanniasa.

Liz Abbott

Summary of Council meeting #66 held 28 May 2015

- David Hogg spoke to the meeting about the 2 papers he is developing on Event Management.
- Executive Director's Report
 Strategic Plan needs updating. He sees two objectives – conducting events and people attending events. ACTION – Geoff Wood to draft something for the next Council meeting.
ACTION – Geoff Wood to provide each Club President with a list of members not renewing and a brief survey (to be developed by David Shepherd) about non renewal.
- Easter 2016
 While there was no official report, the following points were noted:
 - Mapping – still to update UC and to complete the Isaacs Ridge area
 - Permissions – still needed for at least Isaacs Ridge
 - Monday event – course setter organised
 - Robert Mouatt strongly recommended that a small committee of 3 people were need to manage the preparations for the Carnival, however it was noted that no such organisation yet exists and the role of Carnival Director is unfilled.
 - Previous reports from Easter 2010 should be reviewed.
- 2015/16 Twilight & 2016 Main Programs
 The program meeting to develop these programs was scheduled for Thu 25th Jun at Geoff Wood's. The proposed program would be presented to the next Council meeting on Thu 27th Aug. (This

meeting was held as scheduled).

- Season Pass – Twilight Program 2015/16

It was agreed there will be a Season Pass for Twilight 2015/16. The Board is to decide the price and present a proposal; to the 27th Aug Council meeting.

- Sporting Schools Coordinator

An update was given. Toni Brown was offered the position. ACTION – John Scown to contact Toni Brown in order for the position to be discussed at the next Board meeting 15th Jun. (*Later note – Toni Brown has agreed to take on the role*).

- Eventor feedback proposal (from David Poland)

A series of actions were agreed from the discussion:

ACTION – David Shepherd to develop a “How to with Eventor” with the goal of putting it on the OACT website when finalised.

ACTION – Events requiring Eventor entry should have the contact details of the Organiser for entry enquiries.

ACTION – David Shepherd to set up a generic email address for Eventor enquiries.

- The following reports had all been circulated before the meeting. Council noted each of the reports individually. There were no questions.

- Body And Brain report to Council
- Update on PE Pulse for noting
- Update on SC-ORE for noting
- Report to Council on Interschool. David Poland noted that there had been three unsolicited comments (all positive) on this and it had resulted in some increase in participation on Saturday mornings (this was not quantified).

- Payments to ACTSSA officials.

The Council meeting 29th Nov agreed to 100% fund a third person to travel with the ACT Schools team (for the 2014 Schools Championships), without precedent. Bryant Allen had emailed before the meeting that a Parawanga member had requested whether this would be an ongoing decision. He stated that with up to 20 children aged 12-18years that it made sense to increase the number of accompanying adults. David Poland stated that he believed, that while it has merits, to make a decision needed a written proposal with a detailed background paper considering all the issues, many of which he listed. Phil Walker suggested that ACT School Sports should be asked for a list of the responsibilities for these adults to perform. Council agreed to defer the matter to the Board.