



# Orienteering ACT Incorporated

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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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Geoff Wood, Executive Director

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## President's Report –

### David Poland

2017 has been a very fruitful year for Orienteering ACT thanks to the dedicated work of a large number of volunteers. Our four year Strategic Plan developed in 2016 looks set to have most of its objectives completed on time. Here is a summary of where we are up to.

#### Planning for the major September 2019 Oceania carnival –

Only about 18 months to go. Stephen Goggs is coordinating the planning for this exciting event to be held in some great complex granite country near Wagga and at some favourite gold mining terrain near Beechworth. With many competitors expected to arrive from New Zealand, New Caledonia and Europe this will be a great opportunity for newcomers to experience a big world ranking event close at hand. Please be prepared to volunteer to help.

We have secured some funding from Wagga and Wangaratta councils and publicity postcards were distributed in NZ and at major Australian events. There will be some terrific schools accommodation. Thanks too to Dave Shepherd and Valerie Barker.

#### Equipment Shed

Thank you to John Scown who continues as the equipment officer. We have experienced some break-ins at the shed so please report any suspicious activities.

#### Mapping

An online Map Library has been established and members are welcome to access this by contacting the mapping officer Bryant Allen. This handles version control and map use. We are pleased that an international mapper from France Marian Cotirta will be visiting to assist with some high quality mapping tasks in April. Anyone interested in learning how to map is encouraged to let us know as he is keen to assist new mappers.

#### Workshops

David Shepherd has developed an online resource for course setting - on the new events management page: <http://act.orienteering.asn.au/gfolder/event-management/OACTCoursePlanningGuideforTwilightandSaturdayMetroRaces.pdf>

#### Sporting Schools

As predicted Government funding for this programme is starting to become harder to obtain but the momentum continues with several private schools seeing the value in the services we are able to offer. New coaches, particularly young people, are still required so please consider this as a rewarding way to contribute to the development of orienteering.

#### Scholars

Tamsin Moran arrived in late September 2017 for six months. We are looking for a new mentor to handle the scholarship programme for 2018 and to choose the next applicant. Thank you to Edith Gray for coordinating the scholar accommodation and to all the families who have enjoyed hosting a scholar. If you would like to be a host in 2018 please let us know.

#### Insurance and Financial reserves

The council agreed to a specified amount be kept in reserve for unforeseen circumstances and that this money be used to "self-insure" our assets rather than fork out an annual premium of \$2,500. Ironically some items have been stolen recently from the Equipment Shed but their total value has been not much more than the annual premium anyway.

#### Event management

Documents to help volunteers are now loaded on the event management page. Valerie Barker was the first to use it and reported that it was easy to use and helpful. We now await comments from less experienced organisers as to how they find it- we are keen to get feedback!

#### Map Mates

Nathan Guinness, Shannan Forrest, Kristen Walker and Jill Walker have provided great service in this introductory programme for primary school aged children.

#### MTBO Program

Thanks to Marina and Fedor Iskhakova who have agreed to coordinate these programs The MTB O is a sorely missed feature of our calendar so we are all looking forward to the resumption of this exciting sport.

#### SC-ORE School Orienteering

A short movie of SC-ORE was made and published on the web. It has had 350 views.

<https://www.facebook.com/scoreACT/videos/vb.926608364116518/1104952186282134/?type=2&theater>

SC-ORE continues to grow in size with numbers now around 140 for this before school activity on Thursday mornings. Thanks to Toni Brown for her excellent networking and coordination in this area.

### **Permanent Courses**

Eddison Park, John Knight Park, Weston Park and Fadden Pines are all operational and proving popular. A "virtual" course using a virtual map is also now available for smart phone users at Lotus Bay Yarralumla thanks to Peter Effenev in Queensland. We monitor usage and feedback (e.g. if a control is missing) by an electronic feedback form. It is very popular with a satisfaction rating above 97%. About half of the users have never done orienteering before. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate the construction of more courses and for a volunteer to set up more virtual smart phone courses.

Our records show that in the last four months alone (since Sep 2017) there have been 270 downloads of the maps with up to 1370 people intending to participate

### **Series Director / Access issues / Events program**

As has become more common in recent years access and permission issues continue to present hurdles for us. In addition volunteer resources need to be managed carefully so as not to overburden people who are busy with careers and other commitments.

For example the Awoonga Map (near Collector) although vacant crown land has had access bogged down in red tape issues as local councils ask for increasingly complex details about our events. This can be extremely frustrating. A family of five can walk or run around the area with a map without any restriction at all but when 80 people want to do it individually all on the same day somehow it is different.

David Hogg kindly agreed to be the Saturday Coordinator for last winter. This proved very successful and eliminated many hiccups.

We still very much need a Sundays coordinator and a Twilight Wednesdays Coordinator. This person does not need to be very experienced but be prepared to ring each organiser at least three and also one week before each event. Many of the hiccups we experience would be eliminated if these series coordinator positions were filled. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

### **Coffee Cart**

Marie from Heres the Coffee committed to attend all 16 Saturday Winter events. This made our events even more social for parents and spectators. I would like to thank everyone involved and particularly the Blue Lightning people for agreeing to "give it a go".

### **New website**

Tate Needham has developed, with assistance and input from many members, a comprehensive fresh new website. There is a feedback form on the website if you have any comments and a very useful 'search' bar if you can't find something.

### **Haig Park**

We obtained promise of a \$3,000 grant from ACT Government to map Haig Park and to hold at least one event there. Possibly we can use it for a Twilight Event. Thanks to Toni Brown for coming up with this initiative and attending the Haig Park consultative meeting. This was the reason we won the grant. Members are encouraged to take any opportunity to promote orienteering in their local community. You do not need to be an experienced orienteer to be an ambassador for the sport

### **Sundays review**

The committee to review Sundays met and will hopefully soon produce a report on how to make Sundays more attractive to the wider orienteering community.

### **First aid courses**

We encourage members to attend St Johns first aid courses. OACT will reimburse members. Please enquire at the office for details.

### **World Orienteering Day**

This will be held in May 2018. We are looking for a new coordinator for this promotion event.

### **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. 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.

The board currently comprises 33% female representation and we are very keen to have another female member join the team. Thanks too to Jill Walker who provided such great office support over the last few years and to Paul de Jongh who has taken over so ably. I would also like to thank the many coaches, controllers, organisers, course planners, and mappers who have made all our (almost 100) events this year possible

Together we have achieved so much. Thank you.

David Poland Jan 2018



## Executive Director's Report – Geoff Wood

Table 2 below shows breakdown of membership: males, females, juniors (20 years and younger, ie born after 1996), Seniors (21 to 34 years, ie born in 1983 to 1996 incl), Masters (35 to 55 years, ie born in 1963 to 1982 incl) and Super Masters (over 55 years of age ie born in 1962 and before). Super Masters is not an official age classification but I have included it here to track the ageing of the membership.

### Membership.

The membership report uses definitions developed by Australian Sports Commission and also adopted by ACT Government Active Canberra:

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

### Full Active Members – Club Members

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

	family member- ships	persons in family m'ships	Single memberships	Total memberships	Total persons in memberships	Last year 2016 (equiv)
AO-A	12	41	9	21	50	60
BS-A	38	132	32	70	164	179
PO-A	33	111	26	59	137	127
RR-A	25	85	22	47	107	82
WE-A	4	11	9	13	20	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>474</b>

Table 1 Club Membership and Members 2017

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	104	21.8%	72	15.1%	176	36.8%
Senior	16	3.3%	12	2.5%	28	5.9%
Master	85	17.8%	76	15.9%	161	33.7%
Super Master	72	15.1%	41	8.6%	113	23.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>57.9%</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>42.1%</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 2 – Breakdown of Members ages 2017

Compared to 2016, there has been an increase in Super Masters members and a fall in Senior members numbers. The Table below shows the trend since 2015.

	2015	2016	2017
Junior	35%	37%	37%
Senior	9%	7%	6%
Master	33%	34%	34%
Super Master	24%	22%	24%

Table 2a – Historical trend of member age breakdown

### Where our Members live (2017)

Outside ACT, including Queanbeyan	56
Belconnen	125
Gungahlin	26
North Canberra	102
Woden, Sth Canberra	102
Weston	39
Tuggeranong	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>

Table 3: where our members live

Compared to 2016, there has been a slight shift from North Canberra to Woden /South Canberra.

## 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.

<b>DAY MEMBERS 2017</b>	Day members	Their participation	Day members last year 2016
Twilight Jan - Mar	100	167	144
Twilight Oct - Dec	181	514	198
Saturday	274	751	324
Wed lunch	35	61	46
ACT League	41	53	46
MTBO, Ski or 'Other'	6	7	18
Street Orienteering	442	1346	444
<i>(sub total)</i>	<i>1079</i>	<i>2899</i>	<i>1220</i>
<b>Total Day Members</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>2899</b>	<b>1068</b>
<b>Total Female Day Members</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1288</b>	<b>466</b>

Table 4 Day Members

Referring to Table 4 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 (482) participated in one event only (616 in 2016). 69 day members participated in 10 events or more doing 1007 participations.

## Membership – Program Participants – Associate Members

These groups were not recognized as Clubs at the 2017 OACT AGM. Nevertheless they have some of the characteristics of an OACT affiliated club and receive some benefits. These groups were: Canberra Grammar Senior School (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	47	(incl 6 females)
GS-A	37	(incl 2 females)
AM-A	7	(incl 4 females)
total	88	

Table 5 Associate Members 2017

## Membership – School Programs

	Individuals	Their participation
In-School Programs	3,085	10,127
Primary Schools Championships	230	230
SC-ORE participations March17	80	320
SC-ORE October17	140	560
Total	3,535	11,237

Table 6 – School Programs Membership 2017 update

## 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 - Participation by Individuals

The following members attended the most OACT public events in 2017. This includes the NOL events.

Maximum possible		108		Maximum possible		44	
Geoff Wood	94	David Jenkins	53	David Stocks	38	Jane Barnett	32
John Suominen	87	Jon Glanville	51	Zoe Melhuish	37	Jo Hobson	32
Peter Antcliff	82	Bob Mouatt	49	Geoff Wood	36	Mark Glanville	32
Bryant Allen	71	Jonathan Ricks	47	John Suominen	36	Nick Melhuish	32
Michael Burt	71	Bill Monaghan	46	Stephen Still	35	Tara Melhuish	32
Jonathan Miller	65	Michael Tedeschi	44	Bryant Allen	35	Brendan Wilson	31
Keith Fifield	62	Shannon Jones	43	Toby Lang	34	Joseph Wilson	31
Tate Needham	60	David Poland	43	Greg Wilson	34	Jon Glanville	31
Susanne Harrysson	59	Geoffrey Dabb	42	Ana Herceg	34	Alex Ricks	31
Elizabeth Dunbar	59	Zac Needham	42	Ella Cuthbert	33	Jonathan Ricks	31
John Harding	59	Mark Glanville	41	Peter Antcliff	32	Bob Mouatt	30
Martin Dent	55	Eric Wainwright	41				
Pat Miethke	54	David Stocks	40				
Carol Masters	54						

Table 7: Top Participants

In Table 7, the left hand side columns lists those members who attended 40 or more events of the 108 events that OACT conducted. The right hand columns recognizes the top participants in the Twilight, Saturday, League, Easter and other events and these made up 44 events (street orienteering and winter mid-week series not counted).

There was a close contest for top participating family with the Dent family achieving 152 participations, followed by the Needhams with 149 and the Melhuish/Herceg family with 148 participations.

## PARTICIPATION - 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.

Participation at Events 2017	No. events	Entries	Participations	Average	In 2016		
					No. Events	Participations	Average
Twilight Jan-Mar 2017	6	815	885	147.5	6	980	163.3
Twilight Oct - Dec 2017	9	1445	1546	171.8	10	1788	178.8
Saturday	15	2904	3197	213.1	16	3115	194.7
Wed lunch	22	573	595	27.0	20	483	24.2
League EOD	6	516	542	90.3	3	325	108.3
ACT Champs LD *	1	134	134	134.0	1	130	130.0
ACT Champs MD, Sprint (NOL) *	2	749	749	374.5	2	281	140.5
Ultra Long NOL *	2	381	381	190.5			
MTBO *	2	84	84	42.0	0	0	
Ski	1	41	42	42.0	2 ('other')	96	48.0
<b>Total 'Bush' events</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7642</b>	<b>8155</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>7198</b>	
Street Jan-Mar 2017	14	821	988	70.6	10	748	74.8
Street Winter	11	359	421	38.3	15	785	52.3
Street Spring	17	830	1098	64.6	14	1083	77.4
<b>Total Street</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2507</b>	<b>59.7</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2616</b>	<b>67.1</b>
<b>Total Bush and Street</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>9652</b>	<b>10662</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>9814</b>	
Jun. SC-ORE and Prim Champs	9	1110	1110		9	770	

Table 8

## Breakdown of Participant Types

	Club Members	GS, GJ	AM	Inter-state	Day Members	Total
Twilight Jan - Mar	628	45	10	35	167	885
Twilight Oct - Dec	930	55	9	38	514	1546
Saturday	1758	622	6	58	751	3195
Wed lunch	489	2	0	43	61	595
ACT League	1137	39	1	576	53	1806
MTBO, Ski	51	0	0	68	7	126
Street	1114	11	14	19	1346	2504
Total	6107	774	40	837	2899	10657

Table 9: Breakdown of participations

The table (Table 9) analyses participation by club members, day members, interstate members and associates (AM-A, GS-A and GJ-A. Based on the above figures, 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 two NOL (National League) events held in 2017, the ACT League program had a high uptake by interstate members. Club members consisted of about 60% of all participations.

Referring Table 9, OACT Club members had 6107 participations. Dividing that figure by the number of club members (478), the average participation per club member was 12.8 events. This compares to 13.3 in 2016 and 14.4 in 2015.

Of the 6107 club member participations, 2109 or 34.5% were female club participations. (35.5% in 2016)

Some 92 of club members did not participate at all. They fall mostly into the following categories: member of a family membership where other family members are active; members who have left town, and (unfortunately) some new members who disappear as soon as they become members.

(The difference in total participation numbers (10657 in Table 9 and 10662 in Table 8) is caused by some manual processing in producing the data and cases such as double counting persons with names spelt differently even though checks were in place to eliminate errors as much as possible.)

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

### First Time Event Organizers and Course Planners

OACT needs new people to do the roles of course planner, event organizer and controller.

Our goal is that there should be at least 12 new organizers or course planners in a year. The numbers were down compared to 2016 but that year was a somewhat exceptional year for first-time organisers and planners. The following persons did those roles for the first time at an OACT local public event:

BS-A	Organizer:	Andrew and Jo Hobson 17 Jun Chris Andersen 13 Dec
	Course planner:	Peter and Joshua Daffern 15 Feb
PO-A	Course planner:	Jill Walker 22 Feb Ian Elz 27 May
	Controller	Phil Walker 23 Jul
RR-A	Organizer:	Fedor Iskhakova 13 Aug (ski-O)
	Planner:	Marina Iskhakova 13 Aug (ski-O)

Table 10: First time course setters and event organizers in 2017.

Orienteering relies upon members to conduct and assist at events. The main leadership jobs at events are: Event Organizer, Course Planner, and Controller. Members commit themselves weeks or months before the event in doing these roles.

**In addition, members assist at events in manning the registration and computer tables, setting up, packing up and collecting controls afterwards. Thank you to them. Unfortunately we do not record who those members are.**

These main leadership jobs (above) are recorded in the results and so this enables an analysis. In order to have an objective method of measurement from year to year, each Saturday, MTBO, and twilight event has 2 credits (for organizer and course planner), each League and Championship event has 3 or 4 credits (the third credit for the controller when there is one and the 4<sup>th</sup> for the L3 controller for a NOL event) and each Wednesday lunch time event 1 credit (the organizer and planner as a combined role). In 2017 there was a maximum possible credit of 125 representing 125 leadership jobs of event organizer, course planner, controller or Wednesday lunch organizer. (2 were not filled or identified – a controller and an organiser otherwise there would have been 127) In 2017, 81 members did those 125 leadership jobs at least once, that is, those 81 leaders did on average 1.54 jobs each. Ideally we want more leaders with each leader only doing one job.

This analysis does not include street orienteering organizers who are recognized separately.



*(Our Marvelous Volunteers Cont.)*

In 2017, of the 81 members who did the 125 jobs of course planner, event organizer, controller or Wednesday lunch, 57 were men who did 91 main jobs and 24 were women who did 34 main jobs.

The table (Table 11) below shows the record for past years showing a small trend towards fewer jobs per leader which is what we want.

Year	Number jobs	Number volunteer leaders	Jobs per leader
2017	125	81	1.54
2016	116	79	1.48
2015	127	78	1.64
2014	118	73	1.62
2013	144	84	1.71
2012	128	64	2.00
2011	133	79	1.68
2010	153	82	1.87

Table 11 Main jobs per leader

In addition to our course planners, event organisers, controllers and club volunteers, the following volunteers played an important part in events:

Bob Mouatt in particular and Bill Jones in computer support; Bill Jones in Sport-Indent and hardware support; Bob Allison in map support; Ann Scown and John Scown in equipment support; Bob Mouatt in pre-entry and software support for the championship pre-entry events; Bob Moautt, Bill Jones and Geoff Wood who were the main persons who checked and published results.

**Our Amazing Volunteers – Those listed below were Event Organiser, Course Planner or Controller at least once during the year:**

Bryant Allen	5	Sue Garr	1	Grant McDonald	1	John Scown	3
Jo Allison	1	Tony Garr	1	Zoe Melhuish	1	David Shepherd	1
Chris Andersen	1	Jon Glanville	1	Pat Miethke	1	Nat Smith	1
Peter Antcliff	3	Stephen Goggs	1	Jonathan Miller	1	Ross Stewart	2
Valerie Barker	2	Mark Gregson	2	Peter Miller	1	Chris, Matt Stocks	2
Toni Brown	2	Nathan Guinness	2	Tristan, Patrick Miller	1	David Stocks	1
Michael Burt	1	Susanne Harrysson	1	Colin Mock	1	Ryan Stocks	1
Andrew Cheffers	4	Andrew, Jo Hobson	1	Bill Monaghan	1	Julie, Sean Sunley	2
Tim Cox	1	Andy Hogg	1	Hugh Moore	2	John Suominen	2
Matthew Crane	1	Cathy Hogg	1	Tate Needham	2	John, Ann Sutton	1
Andrew CumingThom	1	David Hogg	5	Zac Needham	1	Dennis Trewin	1
Peter, Josh Daffern	1	Fedor Iskhakova	1	Mace Neve	1	Jill Walker	1
Paul deJongh	1	Marina Iskhakova	1	Mark Parsons	1	Phil Walker	2
Daniel delDot	1	Andrew Johnson	1	Morten Pedersen	2	Rob Walter	1
Coral Dow	1	Allison Jones	1	Ari Piironen	2	Charlotte Watson	1
Liz Dunbar	1	Bill Jones	5	Jesse Piironen	2	Brendan Wilson	1
Ian Elz	1	Kerryne Jones	2	David Poland	1	Geoff Wood	3
Darryl Erbacher	2	Hugh Jorgensen	1	Noah Poland	1	Caitlin Young	1
Davin Fifield	1	Tomas Krajca	2	Alan Sargeant	1	Kelly Young	1
John Foster	1	Belinda, Ian Lawford	1	Anita Scherrer	2		
		Jason McCrea	1	Ann Scown	6		

Table 12: Our volunteers

**We recognize here Ann Scown as our top Event Volunteer (6). She was followed by Bryant Allen, David Hogg and Bill Jones (5 each).**

## Street Orienteering

42 Street orienteering events were held in 2017. This includes the World Orienteering Day event at Parkes and also the OA Conference event at Bruce.

In 2017 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.

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

Organisers for street orienteering during the year were:

Chris Andersen	Pat Miethke (3)
Peter Antcliff	Jonathan Miller
Bruce Barnett	Colleen Mock
Josh Cockerill (2)	Tate Needham
Elizabeth Dunbar	Zac Needham
Sarah Duncan	Shona Prince with Ed Towner
Rosemarie Edwards	Matthew Purcell
Keith Fifield	Jonathan Ricks
John Harding (4)	Jessica Schmitt, Amelia Walton
Susanne Harrysson	Natalie Shadwell, Alistair Smith
Andrew Johnson	Richard Smyth
Shannon Jones	Mark Sparshott (2)
Beth Lonergan	John Spooner (2)
Clare Lonergan	Geoff Stacey
Aaron Marshall	Michael Tedeschi, Rebecca
Carol Masters	Zac Zaharias (2)
Scott McTaggart	

Table 13: Street orienteering organisers

## 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 C1 (that is, League events) level and above (such as championship events) should have an accredited controller.

A controller workshop was last held on Saturday 12 November 2016. A workshop should be held in 2018.

At the end of 2017, accredited

Level 1 Controllers were: Bryant Allen, Toni Brown, Valerie Barker, Tate Needham, Anita Scherrer, Phil Walker.

Level 2 controllers were: Liz Abbott, Keith Fifield, Rohan Hyslop, Grant McDonald, Hugh Moore, Mace Neve, Ross Stewart, Dennis Trewin, Eric Wainwright, and Geoff Wood. (Also interstate club members resident in ACT: Phoebe Dent and Ben Rattray)

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

During 2017, the following League and higher events had controllers:

25 Mar 17	AL1 Sprint Champs CGGS	Grant McDonald
26 Mar 17	AL2 MD Champs, Isaacs R.	Bill Jones
25-26 Mar	NOL weekend L3	Ann Scown
2 Apr 17	AL3 Foxlow	Ross Stewart
21 May 17	AL4 Yankee Jacks	Hugh Moore
28 May 17	AL5 Castle Hill	(v)
4 Jun 17	AL6 Ratal Creek	Bill Jones
23 Jul 17	AL7 Kowen Forest	Phil Walker

6 Aug 17	AL8 Mt Taylor	Anita Scherrer
26 Aug 17	AL9 The Gib	Dennis Trewin
27 Aug 17	AL10 Glenlock	Mace Neve
26, 27 Aug	NOL weekend L3	David Hogg
17 Sep 17	AL11 LD Champs Glendale	Hugh Moore
14 Oct 17	MTBO MD Champs	John Scown
15 Oct 17	MTBO LD Champs	Ann Scown

Table 14: Accredited controllers at League and MTBO events

Phil Walker and Anita Scherrer did their first controlling of a League event since they were accredited..

Vetting. Group C2 events (which are the majority of our events) do not need controllers although they can. Some clubs have appointed veters to check over the course setting.

## Coaches

As at 2017, OACT had 8 accredited Level 1 and above coaches: seven at Level 1 (Toni Brown, Paul de Jongh, Shannan Forrest, Anna Hyslop, Tate Needham, Anita Scherrer and David Poland), one at Level 2 (Rohan Hyslop), one at level 3 level (Gareth Candy).

## Communications

During 2017, OACT Quarterly newsletter 'News' was electronically distributed to members. The newsletter is kept in a pdf file on the members' section of the OACT website. Anita Scherrer took on the role of Editor as from the April 2017 edition. (The last printed edition of the newsletter was September 2013).

The previous (2016) Annual Report was distributed electronically with printed copies available to those who attended the annual general meeting or specifically requested it.

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

As at 31 December 2017, the weekly e-bulletin email Mailchimp List was 890. The membership List (which is used for the quarterly newsletter and other emails only to members was 364.

OACT maintained Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The website was rebuilt by Tate Needham, moving to Word Press platform. See separate report.

## Grants and Sponsorships

### ACT Government Active Canberra (formerly Sport and Recreation Services)

OACT was supported by the ACT Government Active Canberra.

During 2017, 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 the end of 2019. This grant does come with conditions in that Active Canberra requires OACT to be forward looking, adaptive and innovative. A consequence of the grant is that it places OACT in regular contact with Active Canberra 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 was granted funding of \$30,000 from Active Canberra 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 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 financial years.

### Runners Shop

OACT acknowledges the ongoing support of the Runners Shop 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 - 2017



### **Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering**

**Tate Needham**

Since returning to Orienteering a few years ago, Tate has been heavily involved in a broad range of OACT activities, providing valuable assistance to OACT in many ways.

As a professional photographer he has provided OACT with many quality images that have been used extensively in advertising our activities. Many of you will be familiar with the much issued photos of the primary school champs teams running (with smiles) in bright sunlight across bare paddocks.

Bringing his considerable IT skills and knowledge of website construction and management to orienteering, Tate set up and maintained the Easter 2016 website, and contributed greatly to the revamp of the Juniors and Coaching pages on the OACT website, and he has worked with David Poland to set up and promote the very successful Scholar website. Tate has been particularly generous in his giving of time and advice over IT and design issues, often at short notice, and his graphics have been used on the Permanent Orienteering course signs. He has arranged for training of OACT members in the use of Lidar data for mapping and has run training sessions to teach members how to use the new website to upload stories and volunteer information.

Tate has been active in producing promotional material and more recently in mapping and exploring new areas for mapping in the Eurobodalla Shire as well as starting up the new electronic map library. He has made some new street orienteering maps and has researched and mapped new areas, such as Jerrabomberra. Tate has learnt new mapping technologies to increase the range of maps we have access to, and has liaised with an overseas mapper who will assist OACT early in 2018.

In 2017 Tate took on the formidable task of redesigning a new website for OACT. Although this was a paid role he has performed this role in a distinguished manner, willingly putting in many voluntary hours as well as patiently responding to the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of emails he received during the development of the site.

Tate is an active member of the OACT Board and Council; he has served as a coach to Canberra Grammar and at Sporting Schools activities, particularly in Jerrabomberra; and he has set and organised a variety of orienteering events.



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

**Stephen Goggs**

Stephen accepted the position to coordinate and organise Easter 2016 here in the ACT quite late in the process after some long time when no one was willing to accept what some considered a 'poisoned chalice'. In a very short lead time, Stephen very successfully led the team - he encouraged great team work and enthusiasm amongst all team players, exemplifying all the skills of an excellent organiser.

Stephen has been a qualified Orienteering coach for some time and has willingly taken on the role of Sporting Schools Coordinator and Development Officer for OACT since late 2016. He responds to the many requests that come in from schools and teachers for orienteering training that links to key curriculum areas, and coordinates our team of coaches to cover all these requests. Many thousands of ACT school children have had access to orienteering by this team, leading to a greater understanding of our sport across the community.

Stephen willingly fulfils many community requests for Orienteering activities at various events around Canberra, including at birthday parties and ACT government 'Parties in the Park' events, to name just a couple.

Most recently, Stephen has taken on the role of Event Director for the ACT events which will be part of the Australian & Oceania Championships in 2019. This major ten-day event, which will also include the 2019 Australian Schools Championships, draws upon the expertise of the ACT, NSW and Victorian orienteering communities. Planning and preparation for the carnival has been underway since 2016; this is a major commitment and exercise in coordination by Stephen.



## Coaching Services Award

**Toni Brown**

It is a very lengthy list of achievements that represent Toni's enthusiastic commitment to **coaching in the ACT since 2007**.

She has a particular interest in growing the broad base of participation and has especially focused on increasing the opportunities for girls and those who need extra support. She firmly believes that by doing this she will also increase the number and quality of those who progress to elite level. Following are a number of examples of how Toni has contributed to increasing the participation rate of athletes in ACT orienteering:

**Blue Sparks Coaching Camp:** For many years Toni has continued her support for young orienteers through running a weekend camp for Blue Sparks members and their families on their property near Braidwood. Parental support during junior years is a key feature common to the success of many of our elite orienteers. Toni has recognised this and actively encourages participation in this camp by both new and existing families.

**FOG coaching group:** As part of her commitment to increasing the participation of girls in orienteering, Toni established a "Focus on Girls" training program in 2013. This program targets any interested girls (from 7 –16 currently) and provides an opportunity for training and the building of a team spirit. Many of the current sub junior and junior female orienteers in ACT have extensively used this program to improve their orienteering skills.

**Primary Schools Championships:** Toni was part of a small group that re-established this competition after it ceased to operate some years ago.

**Blue Lightning Coach:** Toni has been an assistant coach to the BL squad in 2016 and the primary coach in 2017. The ACT Schools team went on to win the 2017 School Championships.

**Toni has been a passionate advocate for broader coaching and training opportunities such as:** delivering the Body & Brain Workouts at a few of our independent schools; coordinating the training of a number of Level 0 coaches; providing international competition exposure to emerging

ACT juniors; working with ACT juniors in the development of invitational training squads for aspiring athletes; coaching and mentoring new coaches at Radford College; mentoring other coaches and establishing new opportunities for coaches to develop their skills; and creating physical coaching kits.

Of course, many of us are very well aware of the significant leadership and management role Toni has played in the establishment and ongoing development of the Sporting Schools program, and the SC-ORE program, both involving a significant level of coaching and support to participants, parents, and teachers.

Toni is currently about to complete her **Level 2 coaching accreditation** and will become one of only two ACT coaches with this accreditation status. She was the only ACT coach to attend the recent Level 2 coaching accreditation course in Bathurst, the first such course to be held in Australia for several years.

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

## President's Awards – Presented at the OACT Annual Dinner.

### Marina Iskhakova

As a recent arrival to the ACT Marina took on the role of organising the first official ACT Ski Orienteering Championships. She combined this with a family snow hunt and snow rogaine to attract a record number of participants. Marina's enthusiasm managed to produce a small profit for OACT even after paying for most of the organiser's expenses. The event also exposed the sport of orienteering to a new section of the public and gave Australian Orienteering a new face overseas. Marina has also agreed to take on the role of MTBO coordinator for 2018 and we look forward to the planned series of four MTBO events next year.

### Jane Barnett

Jane has been an enthusiastic coordinator of the Blue Lightning Cake Stall and a manager of the successful ACT Schools Team. She was also the paid Participation Coordinator for most of 2016, a position she has successfully handed over to Tara Melhuish.

### **Tom de Jongh**

Tom has been a frequent photographer at many events providing promotional material for free to Orienteering ACT and giving users the opportunity to obtain quality photographs via the OACT Facebook page and his “photosbytom” website. Tom also volunteered to accompany the ACT schools team this year as a third person. He provided valuable support and management experience in this capacity.

### **Lil Bryant-Johnson**

Lil and her family are relative newcomers to the sport of orienteering. Lil volunteered to manage the Blue Lightning Squad during the winter season in the lead up to the Australian Schools Sports Carnival in September. Under her capable direction the squad numbers swelled to the point that we had more applications for the ACT Schools teams than positions. Indeed next year there are plans to develop an invitational squad along the lines of the successful NZ model.

### **Ian Elz and Liz Dunbar**

Ian Elz and Liz Dunbar are relatively new Parawanga members. Shortly after joining they began volunteering at events and within a year were organising events together. Their first joint event at the northern end of Bruce Ridge was marked by a downpour which lasted most of the day, but which failed to dampen their spirits, both on the day, or to organize subsequent events. Ian has a degree in computing so has found himself managing the computer all day, for Parawanga and for other clubs. Ian and Liz also invite members to their home for club meetings. It is great to see Ian and Liz volunteering so enthusiastically so early in their orienteering career.

And the winner of this year’s **Young Persons President’s Award** is ....

### **Zac Needham**

Zac has been an ardent mapper over the last two years producing 11 maps so far – 6 street and 5 school maps. He has also been active helping his father Tate update the Orienteering ACT new Electronic Map Library that is visible on the new website. (If you have not visited this page yet you are encouraged to do so).

## **Audun Fristad Junior Encouragement Awards, 2017.**

Elise Northcote, Natalie Miller, Ryan Turner, Damian Camilleri, Tenzing Johnson, Thomas Charles, Flynn Hopkins, Jack Carey, Patrick Shelton Agar.

These awards were presented at the Annual OACT dinner.

## **Junior League Competition 2017.**

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 and second place getters in each age category were:

M10	Darcy Busch, Lucas Hodgens
M12	Connor Lineen, Lachlan Ho
M14	David Stocks, Toby Lang
M16	Tenzing Johnson, Thomas Charles
M18	Mark Glanville, Braeden Jaugietis.
W10	Zoe McCrae, Aoife Rothery
W12	Celeste Hodgens, Lauren Charles
W14	Ellen Johnson, Justine Hobson
W16	Zoe Melhuish, Ella Cuthbert
W18	Tara Melhuish, Carys Connick

## **SC-ORE (School Orienteering)**

SC-ORE is an orienteering relay competition for primary-school aged students in teams of 4. Each competition consisted of 4 events, held over adjacent weeks, on Thursday morning before school, at a school.

Two competitions were held during 2017, one in Term 1 and the other in Term 4. The Term 1 competition attracted 20 teams of 4 children each, i.e. 80 children, resulting in 320 participations. The Term 4 competition attracted 35 teams of 4 children, i.e. 140 children, resulting in 560 participations.

## ORIENTEERING PERFORMANCE

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



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

This was presented to **Zoe Melhuish** for 2017

### Orienteer of the Year Placings.

The 20 top placings in the Wehner Cup for the 2017 ACT Orienteer of the Year. These are based on performance in the Red courses (hard navigation) at ACT League events.

1	Zoe Melhuish	814
2	Ella Cuthbert	805
3	Tristan Miller	785
4	Tara Melhuish	777
5	Rob Walter	761
5	Tomas Krajca	761
7	Ana Herceg	754
8	Andrew Kerr	750
8	Anita Scherrer	750
10	Patrick Miller	749
11	Noh Poland	730
12	John Scown	728
13	David Stocks	725
14	Mark Gregson	706
14	Ann Ingwersen	706
16	Darryl Erbacher	694
17	Paul de Jongh	683
18	Matthew Stocks	662
19	Phil Walker	655
20	Nathan Guinness	648

### Age Based Awards 2017.

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

Sub Junior Woman	Ella Cuthbert
Junior Woman	Tara Melhuish
Elite Woman	Belinda Lawford
Masters Woman	Allison Jones
Super Masters Woman	Ana Herceg
Sub Junior Man	David Stocks
Junior Man	Tristan Miller
Elite Man	Tomas Krajca
Masters Man	Matt Stocks
Super Masters Man	Darryl Erbacher
Most Improved	Ella Cuthbert
	Ann Ingwersen
	Graham Atkins

### NATIONAL EVENTS

#### Australian Three-Days

OACT first and second place getters in the various classes at the Australian 3-Days (Easter) held in Wagga Wagga and adjacent NSW during the June long weekend, 2017:

<i>Class</i>	
M21E	Matthew Crane 2 <sup>nd</sup>
M21AS	Paul de Jongh 1 <sup>st</sup>
M14A	Andrew Kerr 1 <sup>st</sup> , David Stocks 2 <sup>nd</sup>
M16A	Tristan Miller 1 <sup>st</sup> , Patrick Miller 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Noah Poland 3 <sup>rd</sup>
M80A	Pauli Piironen 2 <sup>nd</sup>
M85A	Kevin Paine 1 <sup>st</sup>
M90A	Hermann Wehner 1 <sup>st</sup>
M35AS	Alan Kuffer 1 <sup>st</sup>
M55AS	Tom de Jongh 2 <sup>nd</sup>
M65AS	Alan Sargeant 2 <sup>nd</sup>
MOpenB	Daniel del Dot 1 <sup>st</sup> , Mark Jillard 2 <sup>nd</sup>
W21E	Jo Allison 1 <sup>st</sup>
W21AS	Jasmine Elson 2 <sup>nd</sup>
W14A	Ella Cuthbert 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Zoe Melhuish 3 <sup>rd</sup>
W40A	Allison Jones 1 <sup>st</sup>
W70A	Jenny Hawkins 1 <sup>st</sup>
W JunB	Pia Cunningham 2 <sup>nd</sup>
W OpenB	Jane Barnett 1 <sup>st</sup>

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Australian Schools Championships

Held with the Australian Championships in Central West NSW during late September 2017. The ACT Schools team came first of the competing states in Australia.

Jun. Girls Sprint	Zoe Melhuish 1st
Sen. Girls Sprint	Tara Melhuish 1st
Sen Boys Indiv	Tristan Miller 2nd
Sen Girls Indiv	Tara Melhuish 1st
Jun. Girls Indiv	Ella Cuthbert 2nd

Sen. Boys Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Noah Poland Tristan Miller Patrick Miller
Sen. Girls Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Caitlin Young Miho Yamazaki Tara Melhuish
Jun, Girls Relay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ella Cuthbert Ellen Johnson Zoe Melhuish
Overall Placing	First

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### Australian Championships.

Held in Central West NSW in late September – October 2017. OACT members who achieved first and second places in their various classes are:

AUSTRALIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS		AUSTRALIAN SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS		AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS	
W14A	Justine Hobson 2nd	W16A	Zoe Melhuish 1st	W16A	Ella Cuthbert 1st
W20E	Tara Melhuish 1st	W20E	Tara Melhuish 1st	W21AS	Jenna Linehan 2nd
W21E	Belinda Lawford 1st	W21E	Belinda Lawford 2nd	W35A	Kathie Dent 1st
W21AS	Silke Speier 1st	W35A	Kathie Dent 1st Kelly Candy 2nd	W55AS	Jane Barnett 1st Jill Walker 2nd
W35A	Kathie Dent 1st	W40A	Allison Jones 1st	W75A	Ann Ingwersen 1st
W40A	Allison Jones 1st, Belinda Allsion 2nd	W70A	Jenny Hawkins 1st	M10A	Elye Dent 1st
W55A	Toni Brown 2nd	W75A	Ann Ingwersen 1st	M14A	David Stocks 1st
W75A	Ann Ingwersen 1st	W45AS	Jo Hobson 1st	M21A	Hamish Prosser 1st
W JunB	Pia Cunningham 1st Emily Li 2nd	W55AS	Jane Barnett 2nd	M35AS	Stephen Still 2nd
M10A	Elye Dent 1st	M14A	David Stocks 1st	M55A	Ian Prosser 2nd
M14A	Toby Lang 2nd	M16A	Noah Poland 2nd	M75A	Darryl Erbacher 1st
M16A	Noah Poland 1st	M45A	Jason McCrae 2nd	M80A	Pauli Piironen 2nd
M21A	Andrew Slattery 2nd	M21A	Daniel Del Dot 1st	M85A	Kevin Paine 1st
M21AS	Greg Terrill 2nd	M45AS	Andrew Hobson 2nd	M90A	Hermann Wehner 1st
M35A	Fedor Iskhakova 2nd	M85A	Kevin Paine 1st		
M45A	Jason McCrae 1st	M90A	Hermann Wehner 1st		
		OpenVE	Bodie Terrill 1st		
M45AS	Andrew Hobson 1st	<b>AUSTRALIAN RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
M50A	Graham Atkins 2nd	W16A	1st – Zoe Melhuish Caitlin Young Ella Cuthbert	W35A	2nd Alison Inglis, Anita Scherrer Kathie Dent
M75A	Darryl Erbacher 1st	W21E	1st Belinda Lawford Jo Allison Charlotte Watson	W55A	2nd Ana Herceg Toni Brown Liz Abbott
M80A	Pauli Piironen 2nd	W21AS	2nd Tamsin Moran Tara Sutherland Shannan Forrest	M21E	2nd Tomas Krajca Andrew Barnett Rob Walter
M85A	Kevin Paine 2nd			MOpen B	1st Ben Hobson Andrew Hobson Teagan Guinness
M90A	Hermann Wehner 1st				
OpenVE	Bodie Terrill 1st				



## CANBERRA COCKATOOS

### FIRST IN 2017

The Cockatoos is OACT's elite team of orienteers, who take part on the National Orienteering League (NOL). The NOL was conducted at the following locations in 2017:

11,12 March	Hobart (Round 1, 2 races)
25,26 March	Canberra (Round 2 2 races)
14-17 April	Auckland NZ (Round 3, 3 races)
10-12 June	Wagga. Round 4, 3 races
26,27 August	Canberra (Round 5, 2 races)
23 Sep-1 Oct	Bathurst –Hill End, NSW Round 6, 4 races.

The Cockatoos consist of: Senior Men (M21E), Senior Women (W21E), Junior Men (M20E) and Junior Women (W20E). The competition is based on team performance and also individual performance. Seven teams compete in the NOL

one from each state, plus OACT. The Manager of Canberra Cockatoos was David Shepherd. The Coach was Tomas Krajca

The Cockatoos Senior Men came first in the competition with 149 points ahead of second place getter Victorian Nuggets with 103. The Cockatoos Senior Women came first in the competition with 141 points ahead of Victorian Nuggets with 103 points. The Cockatoos Junior Men came second with 67 points, following NSW Stingers with 71 points. The Cockatoos Junior Women came in at 5<sup>th</sup> place.

In the individual competition, the following Cockatoos received points as tabled. Points were awarded for the best performance in 8 of the overall 16 races. It was not possible for most Cockatoos members to get to all rounds. Tabled below are those Cockatoos who did well and competed in at least 2 rounds.

SENIOR MEN			SENIOR WOMEN			JUNIOR MEN		
place	Team member	points	place	Team member	points	place	Team member	points
2	Matthew Crane	216	1	Jo Allison	219	7	Patrick Miller	165
3	Tomas Krajca	200	3	Charlotte Watson	215	10	Noah Poland	152
5	Andrew Barnett	165	4	Belinda Lawford	208	12	Tristan Miller	143
6	Rob Walter	143	12	Shannon Jones	134	16	Mark Glanville	117
7	Martin Dent	141	13	Marina Iskhakova	126	18	Ewan Barnett	105
10	Ian Lawford	126	19	Katie Reynolds	78	19	Ciaran Lane	94
12	David Shepherd	107				21	Stephen Melhuish	76
15	Jacob Lindstam	96	JUNIOR WOMEN			22	Jesse Piironen	72
22	Mark Gregson	69	1	Tara Melhuish	240	25	Zac Needham	55
28	Grant Bluett	58	11	Miho Yamazaki	113	27	Ryan Stocks	52
						33	Oliver Mill	44

*Canberra Cockatoos – individual placings*

## Mountain Bike Orienteering, Ski Orienteering Marina Iskhakov

### MTBO

ACT MTBO had two quality events in 2017 held on the weekend of 14-15 October 2017. These were the MTBO Middle Distance Championships, at AIS/Bruce Ridge. This attracted 46 participants. The MTBO Long Distance Championships at Uriarra Forest map - 38 participants).

Ann and John Scown were event organisers and controllers for the weekend. Julie and Sean Sunley were course planners and Andrew Slattery had prepared the MTBO maps.

### SKI-O

ACT Ski-O had one quality event, held on 13 August 2017. ACT & NSW Ski-O Champ at Perisher, Nordic Shelter with 50 participants, the largest event so far in the modern Australian Ski-Orienteering history.

Marina and Fedor Iskhakov were event organisers and course planners. There was perfect weather and ski conditions.)

## Focus on Girls Training

### Toni Brown

A girl focused series of training sessions was first run in this format in May 2014.

The series continued in 2017 to encourage girls aged 10 years and older and their parents, to gain greater enjoyment both social and technical, through orienteering participation.

In 2017 again periodic training sessions were held as two separate series.

#### *Series 1 – February/March*

Coaching provided by the visiting scholars.

This training series delivered to a broader audience by offering training to adults and junior boys concurrently. As such it was not so much of a focus on girls training but was marketed as a “futures” training.

Sessions were held on Friday afternoons from 5-6.30pm.

Date	Female	Male	Adults	Total
Fri 10 Feb	5	4	7	9
Fri 17 Feb	9	9	11	18
Fri 24 Feb	8	11	9	19
Fri 3 Mar	9	15	10	24

#### *Series 2 – October/November*

Coaching provided by Toni Brown.

The spring training series was focused on girls, though flexibility did apply for interested siblings.

30 separate participants including 12 adults.

At least 6 participants attended every session in full, the remainder attended at least 2 of the 4 sessions.

Sessions were held on Friday afternoons from 4-5.30pm at the following venues: Stirling Ridge; Remembrance Park; Mt Ainslie North; Campbell Parklands.

Date	Girls	Supporting Adults	Total
Fri 3 Nov	11	7	18
Fri 10 Nov	11	6	17
Fri 17 Nov	13	4	17
Fri 24 Nov	5	4	9

Of the new 2017 FOG/Future attendees, there was some flow into other public and schools focused orienteering activities including Saturday, Twilight Primary Schools Championships and SC-ORE.

Six Series 2 participants were drawn from SC-ORE and were keen for more skill development.

At least one FOG participant joined an orienteering club for the first time. At least six participants attended ‘cold’ ie they had heard about girls training from friends or on the website/bulletin and were keen to give it a try. This includes two from Macgregor Primary, two from Alfred Deakin High and one school unknown.

## Blue Lightning Report 2017

### Toni Brown

The Blue Lightning Squad continues to appeal to our junior orienteers. Throughout 2017 Blue Lightning Squad continued to develop and support new and continuing high school aged junior orienteers.

While a number of Blue Lightning Squad members “graduated” from Blue Lightning to the Canberra Cockatoos this year, interest in the Blue Lightning Training program remains strong. New families were welcomed, with the squad remaining around 35 strong. Fifty-five percent of participants continue to be female. The squad was coached by Toni Brown and Andrew Cumming-Thom. The squad manager was Lil Bryant-Johnson, 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. Canberra Cockatoos coach Tomas Krajca shared with BL squad much of the CC training enabling BL members to extend while still having the social benefits of Squad meets with friends.

A number of Blue Lightning members contributed substantially to the coaching of the squad this year. Sessions were presented by Caitlin Young, Tristan Miller, Ella Cuthbert (the great salmon fishing warm-up), Zac Needham, Noah Poland and each selected their own area of interest to share with the Squad.

The Blue Lightning training camp was held at across the weekend of 9-10 September. Former Blue Lightning (and now Canberra Cockatoos) members Ciaran Lane and Shannon Jones provided excellent sessions for our weekend camp which complimented the regular weekly training which took place throughout the season. Belinda Lawford provided a valuable evening of wisdom on orienteering in mining terrain in the lead up to the Australian Championships in September.

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 in the Invitation group and members of the ACT Schools Orienteering Team.

Blue Lightning ran one event at Stromlo West on 19 August (a huge thanks to Darryl Erbacher and David Hogg for assisting to make this event happen). Patrick and Tristan Miller, and the Miller family took on the mammoth task of course

(Blue Lightning – Cont.)

planning and organising the National League Ultra-Long-Distance event on 26 August at Bungendore. It seems this event is now a regular fixture on the Australian orienteering calendar. This was the first time that the ACT has hosted this event and orienteers travelled from all over the country to compete. A number of Blue Lightning members contributed to their clubs by way of course planning for Twilight, Saturday and League events.

Some Blue Lightning members were seen travelling further afield to compete this year. New Zealand in April and June. Sightings were also made in Finland, Iceland, and Scotland.

Twenty Blue Lightning members represented the ACT at the Australian Orienteering Championships and the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships. The schools team comprised of Andrew Kerr, Caitlin Young, David Stocks, Ella Cuthbert, Ellen Johnson, Justine Hobson, Natalie Miller, Miho Yamazaki, Noah Poland, Pia Cunningham, Ryan Stocks, Tara Melhuish, Tristan Miller, Zac Needham, Zoe Melhuish, Tenzing Johnson, Toby Lang, Brendan Wilson, Ben Hobson along with the team captains Patrick Miller and Tara Melhuish. Patrick and Tara provided the leadership required to engage and motivate the team to perform at their best. A consecutive victory at the Australian Schools Championships was hard earned and well deserved.

Seven Blue Lightning members were selected as part of the ANZ Challenge team who competed for Australia at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand in April – Tara Melhuish, Caitlin Young, Ella Cuthbert, Zoe Melhuish, Patrick Miller, Noah Poland and Tristan Miller.

Tara Melhuish was selected and competed for Australia at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Finland with Patrick Miller selected as reserve.

Along with all the hard training the squad enjoyed plenty of social “downtime”. With pizza nights following some trainings, a post-selection race party, an end of year BBQ at Lennox Gardens (where they put to the test the smart phone based app - [MyOMaps.com](http://MyOMaps.com)), and more!

## Schools and other development activity

### Stephen Goggs

Primary school orienteering coaching activity fluctuated somewhat during 2017, but in general continues to have a strong following in the ACT, exposing the orienteers of tomorrow to our sport.

In term 1 uptake was initially slow, apparently as schools tended to focus their sports commitments on swimming and athletics carnivals, but by term 4 the Commonwealth Government-funded Sporting Schools program had become so heavily subscribed across all sports, that funding was exhausted early in the term. This meant that in terms 1 and 4 in particular the majority of coaching jobs could be completed by our overseas scholars Charlotte, Katie and Jacob (T1) and Tamsin (T4).

Terms 2 and 3 again proved to be fertile seasons for schools coaching, with an ever increasing number of schools seeking to have their campuses mapped for coaching purposes. By the end of 2017 approximately half of the Territory's 100 primary schools have been mapped.

It was great to be able to work with students from as young as year 2, and right through to year 6 – as well as a small number of high school classes this year. It is always nice to go back to previous customers, and this year we were back at St Thomas More's Primary School (also a SC-ORE host), Holy Family Primary School and Sts Peter & Paul Primary School, Garran.

We were also able to demonstrate the versatility of our services by delivering programs across the border at Dalton Primary School (using a map of Gunning Showgrounds OACT had previously prepared) and Goulburn Primary School NSW (using a map started remotely by Bryant and completed with field work by the multi-talented Tamsin).

For Holy Family, and for two year 10 classes from Trinity Christian School, it was great to be able to take advantage of the permanent courses now established at Fadden Pines. While it is flat terrain on this map, the pine forest still makes it tricky, and students young and old have enjoyed the challenge of navigating to coded checkpoints and comparing their times with schoolmates.

We couldn't give students these experiences if it wasn't for the valuable contribution by our volunteers and coaches, so big thanks to you all again this year. Thanks also for the continuing work of our mappers, especially including Zac Needham who is gradually covering the Ginninderra Creek precinct and recently added St Clare's College to the map he made of St Edmund's last year. Taking over the world one map at a time!

## SCHOOLS COACHING – Statistical summary 2017

Term	Participants	Encounters	Income Total \$
Term 4	713	2777	\$12,216
T3	911	3276	\$12,177
T2	1036	3344	\$18,365
T1	425	730	\$5,225
<b>YTD</b>	<b>3085</b>	<b>10127</b>	<b>\$47,982</b>

	Jobs <sup>^</sup>	Maps <sup>*</sup>	Coaches	Hours coached	Coach payments \$
Term 4	8	4	5	105	\$8,781
T3	9	4	7	100	\$9,566
T2	11	6	10	209	\$11,821
T1	4	2	9	76	\$4,015
<b>YTD</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>\$34,183</b>

<sup>^</sup> Some jobs mapping only

<sup>\*</sup> Includes map updates

## 2017 Mapping Report Bryant Allen

Mapping activities in 2017 were fewer than in 2016 for a number of reasons. The Association's main resident mapper Bob Allison was unable to do fieldwork for most of the year because of injury. Hugh Moore, the other resident mapper, left Canberra for the South Coast, and so was less active in the local area. The large number of schools mapped during 2016 meant new maps of those schools were not required in 2017.

In March Tate Needham hosted Stefano Raus, an Italian mapper who was visiting Australia, to run a course over two evenings for 12 people at his home, on the use of LiDAR for Orienteering mapping. The course included field work on Jerrabomberra Hill. Tate can now provide LiDAR derived imagery for ACT sites (dated 2017) and for parts of NSW. Tate produced a map of Jerrabomberra Hill which was used in a mid-week event and then for the 2017 Secondary School Championships. The ACT was also digitally photographed from the air early in 2017 and the georeferenced imagery is available from ACT Mapi.

Other mapping during 2017 included: the mapping of Canberra Girls Grammar School used for a National Orienteering League (NOL) event and a revision of Snow Gums (Bob Allison); updates to Orroral Crossing, Tharwa Tor

and Mt Majura East following the road realignment (Hugh Moore); maps for permanent courses within Canberra urban area (Bob Allison, Zac Needham and Patrick Miller); and new maps of Covenant Christian School, Latham Primary, Canberra Islamic School, Macquarie Primary, Ainslie Primary, Orana Steiner, Goulburn Primary, Wee Jasper Primary, Miles Franklin Primary, Garran Primary, and St Clare's College, (Patrick Miller, Tristan Miller, Zac Needham, Matthew Stocks, David Stocks, Ryan Stocks, Tamsin Lewis, Tate Needham, Jon Glanville and Bryant Allen).

Patrick Miller's map of Orana Steiner School was used during the January 2017 Canberra sprint weekend, evidence of the quality of mapping being carried out by the younger mappers.

The Board, through President David Poland, began exploring invitations to overseas mappers and in late 2017, Marion Cotirta from France agreed to come to Canberra during March 2018 to advise on mapping new areas at Wee Jasper (limestone rock), Tidbinbilla (eucalypt covered ridge and valley) and Broulee on the South Coast (sand hills).

Tate Needham set up a map library on Google Drive where the latest versions of maps are available for course planners to download. Bob Allison maintains a complete set of maps in OCAD format and a complete set are also maintained on the office computer. Tate Needham and Bryant Allen also maintain copies of all digital maps.

## New Website – Tate Needham

The OACT website has been hosted for many years using the SocialFX platform. SocialFX notified OACT that it was retiring the service, so OACT embarked on creating a new website.

The cornerstones of the new website were that:

- it was developed using a modern Content Management System (Wordpress was selected),
- all content will be revised and updated instead of simply being copied across,
- use a completely fresh, modern, neat and easily navigable design,
- include search, analytics and social integrations, and
- integrate with Eventor for upcoming events and results (the old website required all events and results be added to the website as well as Eventor).

The website was launched in October 2017 after extensive feedback and suggestions from many people.

Some further benefits of the new website:

- images are now not restricted to being postage stamp size
- it's much easier to post news articles

- it's much easier to edit existing content and create new pages/content
- feedback forms.

Additionally, the website features a way to record and display the various people who volunteer at events. One of the objectives of the OACT 2017-2020 strategic plan is to increase support to the volunteer workforce. The initiatives include:

- Provide recognition and reward for volunteers undertaking key roles for event management, and
- Review and enhance online resources for use by the volunteer workforce.

The new volunteer roster functionality on the new website enables:

- easy management of volunteer efforts
- a quick and easy way to record volunteers
- a master list of upcoming events with the volunteers who will be helping out
- a list of upcoming events by club with volunteers
- a historical listing of volunteers at events
- a centralised way to record and manage all our volunteers.

All the data can be sorted, filtered and displayed in various formats.

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## NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (refer Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure statement on pages 23, 24)

The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure figures are provisional and are the figures submitted to the Auditor. She will no doubt find changes and these will be included in figures presented to the AGM and hopefully included in the print edition of this Report if there is time.

Tithes were distributed as follows:

	No. Local events	NOL, Champ events	Tithes
Abominable	1	1	\$300
Bushflyers	14.5	1	\$2,325
Parawanga	8.5	1	\$1,425
Red Roos	9	2	\$1,650
Weston Emus	2		\$300
Blue Lightning	1		\$150
			<b>\$6,150</b>

The Executive Director made an executive decision that tithes should also be paid to clubs organising the NOL and LD championships events. (I believe the reason why these events were excluded dates back to the time when tithes actually meant 10% of takings rather than \$150 per event).

The event at Yankee Jacks Hill on 21 May 2017 was shared between Bushflyers (course planners) and Parawanga (organisers), hence the 0.5 club.

In the Income and Expenditure Statement, the negative figure in General Equipment Mtnc and Operation results from unclaimed expenditure in 2016 and which was not reimbursed until 2017 and then that reimbursement recorded in another account.

### The Balance Sheet:

In Current Assets:

Invoices Outstanding: (\$5,211.80). This is outstanding sporting schools invoices.

Other Current Assets: (\$26,699.60). This is mostly a deposit paid by OACT for school teams accommodation for 2019 Oceania carnival.

In Liabilities:

Advance Deposits: This is the share of the national league funding grant attributable to Jan – Jun 2018 (\$15,000) as well as some advance registrations for SC\_ ORE in 2018.

Figures in the Income and Expenditure Statement exclude GST, hence the reason why many figures that one would expect to be round-dollar values are not.

## Finance Report

In 2017 OACT produced a surplus of \$25,564.83. This sounds good, but it is not because OACT is efficient in commercial terms; rather OACT is a very strong community with members who are prepared to contribute voluntarily.

Factors contributing to this surplus are:

We received grants totaling \$17,505.46 from the Australian Sports Commission participation funding via Orienteering Australia to support Sporting Schools and SC-ORE. These are once-only grants and are not normal. Without those, our surplus becomes \$8K. During the year we conducted two National Orienteering League (NOL) weekends. These are not a regular annual events for OACT and together they produced a surplus of about \$9,000. Without them, our surplus now gone. Our 'Development' activities (that is, Sporting Schools and SC-ORE) together produced a nice surplus of about \$10K, assuming those schools still owing us, pay up. Whether this is sustainable remains to be seen, however at the present time schools receive sporting schools funding from the Australian Government and they have to spend it.

Contributing to the surplus are our annual grants from the ACT Government to support our operations and the Cockatoos. A reason why we receive these grants is because of the profile that orienteering has in the community. This profile is enhanced with our 'mum and dad' grass-roots events, i.e. street orienteering and our Saturday and Twilight programs.

Interesting figures to look at are our income from local events (i.e. our normal events) and the costs directly incurred as a result. These include: cost of printer toners and map paper for map printing in the office (\$6,120), club tithes (\$5,400), OA event levies (\$3,783), and event computer operator (\$2,483). Other costs included land use fees at Stromlo West and Innabaanya (Majura East) and also hire toilet costs. Toilets cost \$160 including GST if one is prepared to collect and tow them from Fyshwick and then return them, or can cost in excess of \$400 to include delivery and collection - leaves little left from Sunday takings.

The only items of expenditure recorded as purchasing an asset rather than a cost was the purchase of a petrol driven electric generator (\$1,902) on 6 August, a purchase of a

computer for mapping on 1 March (\$1,622) and the purchase of our new website on 26 November (\$10,000). All other items of equipment which were of smaller value were recorded as costs – including various SI and computer items, the monitor, a second set of street-O control plates, and replacement items from the burglary at the Giralang shed. Many of these were recorded in the item 'Minor Equipment for Events' cost account (\$2,604).

The above brings out the subjective nature of determining surpluses. If we had allocated all equipment purchases no matter how small as purchasing assets rather than a cost, then the surplus (\$34K) would have been higher. Similarly, vice versa. Similar arguments apply to grants. For example it could be argued that the grant of \$17.5K for SC-ORE and Sporting Schools will support those programs over the next few years, and hence the grant should be proportionally allocated as income over the next few years rather than only in 2017. However these grants are meant to cover start-up costs only and not to be a general subsidy to operations.

The OACT Constitution states that the annual report, balance sheet and financial statement shall be submitted to members at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. Fortunately it does not specify that these must be the audited versions. If the members wish to see the audited statements 14 days before the AGM, the members will need to consider changing the constitution so as to allow a later date for the AGM. As things are, many people are on holidays in January including the auditor.

During 2017, OACT went on-line with our accounting software MYOB. This involves a monthly fee of \$47 compared to the one-off price of the CD that we were using previously over the last few years. The on-line subscription means we always have the latest version of myob, which is quite nice to use compared to earlier versions. The on-line version facilitates management of employees, invoices, BAS, and also paying people directly through MYOB. It also means a number of persons can be granted access to MYOB, opening the prospect that the demanding role of treasurer can be shared amongst a number of persons.

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	2017	2016	(Actual)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Total Cash On Hand	237,440.98	210,823.45	
Invoices Outstanding	5,211.80	8,580.00	
Total Other Current Assets	26,699.60	13,207.62	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>269,352.38</b>		<b>232,611.07</b>
Non-Current Assets			
Total Property & Equipment	49,530.25	42,177.97	
Mapwork - all maps	20,795.78	25,994.75	
SI equipment	6,367.04	8,489.39	
<b>Total ASSETS</b>	<b>346,045.45</b>		<b>309,273.18</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors	1,111.41	8,027.18	
GST Liabilities	3,409.90	3,773.67	
Total Payroll Liabilities	6,089.23	3,102.30	
Advance Deposits - Memberships	2,337.60	3,554.54	
Advance Deposits - Other	15,163.64	0.00	
Managed Funds:Club, Team			
JWOC	349.01	349.01	
ACT junr squad (Blue L'ning)	1,707.73	1,454.63	
ACT Blue Sparks	797.84	797.84	
ACT team (C. Cockatoos)	167.65	167.65	
club funds AO-A	537.18	1,274.99	
club funds BS-A	5,563.39	4,275.39	
club funds PO-A	2,875.00	2,450.00	
club funds RR-A	1,674.53	1,619.47	
club funds WE-A	1,978.17	1,708.17	
club funds CFR (MTBO)	895.50	895.50	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>44,657.78</b>		<b>33,450.34</b>
<b>Total LIABILITIES</b>	<b>44,657.78</b>		<b>33,450.34</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>301,387.67</b>		<b>275,822.84</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Members Funds			
Retained profits			
Retained Earnings	144,727.39	141,915.50	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	25,564.83	2,811.89	
Asset revaluation reserve	131,095.45	131,095.45	
<b>Total EQUITY</b>	<b>301,387.67</b>		<b>275,822.84</b>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	2017		2016
<b>Trading Income</b>			
Members Subs and Donations	\$20,709.52		\$20,848.46
Events Entry Fees			
Local Event entry Fees	\$64,172.05		\$59,448.23
NOL and ACT Champs	\$23,038.56		\$101,283.43
<b>Trading Income</b>	<b>\$107,920.13</b>		<b>\$181,580.12</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>			
Local events			
Local events	\$25,417.37		\$21,103.26
NOL and ACT Champs	\$10,983.65		\$2,059.08
Easter 2016	\$105.45		\$66,255.75
Direct Cost of Events		\$36,506.47	\$89,418.09
Indirect Costs of Running Events			
Mapping (\$2965.58)			\$6,498.69
Mapwork amortisation	\$5,198.97		)
SI repair & maintenance	\$2,407.77		\$1,463.51
SI equipment amortisation	\$4,180.56		)
Gen equip usage (internal)	\$27.86		\$7,072.75
Gen equip mtce & operation	-\$2,155.27		)
General equip amortisation	\$2,461.05		)
Minor Equipment for Events	\$2,673.84		)
Indirect Costs of Running Events - total		\$14,794.78	\$15,034.95
<b>Total Cost of Events</b>	<b>\$51,301.25</b>		<b>\$104,453.04</b>
<b>Gross Profit from Trading</b>	<b>\$56,618.88</b>		<b>\$77,127.08</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Gross profit from Trading	\$56,618.88		\$77,127.08
ACT Govt Operational Grant	\$26,000.00		\$50,454.00
ACT Govt National League	\$31,000.00		)
Runners Shop Sponsorship	\$268.00		\$278.00
Orienteering Aust (mostly SC-ORE)	\$17,505.46		
Sporting Schools, SC_ORE income	\$48,789.64		\$77,291.41
Annual Dinner Income	\$1,990.91		)
Revenue from Sales and Other	\$2,119.08		\$3,518.27
Interest from Term Deposits	\$2,085.38		\$3,592.47
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$186,377.35</b>		<b>\$212,261.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Staff Salary etc	\$27,720.31		\$29,945.50
Administration	\$16,371.01		\$21,197.38
Giralang Shed rental	\$677.74		)
Orienteering Australia			
OA State registration fee	\$9,006.36		\$11,414.79
Eventor Licence Fee	\$3,195.04		)
OA Public liability insurance	\$1,538.24		)
Disburse Grants & Sponsorship			
IPFP Expenditure (Permanent courses)	\$2,553.18		\$10,406.67
Development and Marketing			
Schools & community dev't incl SCORE	\$38,006.36		\$87,617.48
Annual Dinner and Awards	\$4,519.41		)
Support for competitors JWOC, School team	\$1,203.27		
High Performance - Canberra Cockatoos	\$32,836.28		\$30,635.59
Amortisation of coaching equip	\$791.40		
Other Paid Positions (Ask Me Person)	\$2,004.97		
Scholarships (Overseas Scholars)	\$2,846.54		
Staff & volunteer development (LIDAR w'shop)	\$289.02		\$192.50
Australian Orienteer Mag and Distribution	\$5,453.96		\$6,732.68
Other Expenses			\$9,813.38
SI Sticks for Sale Cost of purchase	\$3,681.81		)
Compasses for Sale purchase cost	\$1,227.27		)
WebSite Costs	\$3,000.00		)
Travel not event related	\$90.00		)
Trailer Registration, Insuranc	\$207.05		)
First Aid Kits	\$31.10		)
Satellite Phone	\$763.68		)
Other Expenses	\$1,609.92		)
Financial charges (Bank and Merchant fees)	\$1,188.60		\$1,493.38
<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$160,812.52</b>		<b>\$209,449.35</b>
<b>Surplus (Income - Cost of Events - Expenses)</b>	<b>\$25,564.83</b>		<b>\$2,811.88</b>