



**Orienteering ACT
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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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President's Report – Phil Walker

2019 was another very successful year for Orienteering ACT.

Descriptions of events held, coaching and development programs provided, membership numbers, participation numbers, OACT's financial position and the valued contributions from our members, are highlighted through this Annual Report. It shows an impressive list of achievements and shows that Orienteering ACT is in good health.

2019 did present several challenges and opportunities, and Orienteering ACT responded well to those circumstances. Foremost was the hugely successful Oceania Carnival, requiring the co-ordination of effort across Orienteering NSW, Orienteering VIC and Orienteering ACT in locations three or more hours from Canberra. Orienteering ACT had the lead to deliver the Oceania Carnival in conjunction with the Australian Championships and the Australian Schools Orienteering Carnival. Thank you to Stephen Goggs for all his time and effort orchestrating the Carnival. Stephen's report is including in this Annual Report.

Pleasingly 2019 saw a resurgence of Mountain Bike Orienteering thanks to the personal drive of Marina Iskhakova and the Orienteering ACT's MTB community.

Another welcome development was the increasing involvement of junior orienteers in course setting, mapping, promotional activities and support of their peers and novice orienteers. This bodes well for the future.

Behind the scenes, members of the Orienteering ACT Board and Council have continued to deliver with a range of governance, relationship and administrative functions. We continue to have good working relations with ACT Government for access to Namadgi National Park, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and the Canberra Nature Parks and we have been an active contributor to the development of the draft Canberra Nature Park Management Plan.

Orienteering ACT is continuing to strengthen our relationship with Orienteering Australia and the States to share ideas and in the case of Orienteering NSW to

hold double-header events in locations attractive to members of both Orienteering ACT and Orienteering NSW. This serves to reduce the course setting and organisation effort on our members whilst offering greater competition for our members.

In the last months of 2019, Orienteering ACT lead by Tate Needham established a new series of events for Sprint orienteering that has proven to be popular and serves as a test bed to deliver orienteering with simplified technology and organisation effort. This program will be evaluated in early 2020 to determine whether the initiatives introduced in the sprint series can be used in any of the other event series provided by Orienteering ACT. The aim is to reduce the complexity for event organisation to make it easier for our members who volunteer to organise events.

2019 ended with everyone's thoughts on the bushfire crisis in our orienteering backyard. Several Orienteering ACT members were directly affected by the fires through loss of property, events were cancelled due to hazardous air quality, one event replanned due to a total fire ban and it seems that some of the areas used for the 'traditional' orienteering bush events have been burnt.

Maintaining access to quality bush orienteering areas and sourcing new locations are looming to be the key challenges for orienteering across Australia. Orienteering ACT is losing some bush areas due to more restrictive access conditions, however the good news is that through the efforts of a core group of our members, Orienteering ACT has been able to secure access and map new locations for bush events in 2020 and beyond.

Orienteering ACT is managed and events delivered by our volunteer members. My personal thanks to the OACT Board members, the OACT Council members, Paul de Jongh (OACT Office Administration) who continues to provide exceptional service and Geoff Wood (OACT Executive Officer) for putting together this Annual Report.

Finally, thank you to all the members who have taken on roles for the delivery of activities, programs and individual events.

Executive Officer's Report- Geoff Wood

During the year, OACT conducted 103 local orienteering events that were open to all the public, plus the Oceania events. These events were made possible by our members who volunteered to organize them, and by our members and members of the public who participated in them.

We keep a record of our volunteers who are the course planners, event organisers and controllers for events. In addition there are many other volunteer roles of which unfortunately we do not keep a full record. These roles

include setting up before the event, manning the registration table and computer table, packing up after the event and collecting the controls. To all the volunteers, OACT thanks you.

The tables below list the organisers and course planners for each of our League, Twilight, Saturday, MTBO, Ski and Mid-Week events and in the case of the League program the controller.

Please see separate report on Accredited Controllers.
Please see separate report for our Street orienteering organisers and Oceania volunteers

	League Program	Organiser	Course Planner	Controller (* accredited)	
16-Mar-19	Deakin West Sprint Champs AL1	Ann Scown	Shannon Jones	Grant McDonald *	AO-A
17-Mar-19	The Gib (AL2)	Matt Stocks	Andrew Barnett	Hugh Moore *	BS-A
07-Apr-19	Badja (AL3)	Sue Garr	Jon Glanville	Andrew Cumming Thom	PO-A
18-May-19	Wyangala Dam (AL4)	James McQuillan	Robert Bradley	Robert Vincent*	ONSW
19-May-19	Roseburg State Forest (AL5)	James McQuillan	Stephen Dunlop	Robert Vincent *	ONSW
02-Jun-19	Mt Jerrabomberra (AL6)	Bob Mouatt	Jonathan Ricks	Bob Allison *	RR-A
23-Jun-19	Kowen (AL7)	Silke Spiere, Greg Terrill	Ross Stewart	Toni Brown *	BS-A
21-Jul-19	Tidbinbilla AL8	Jill Walker	Nathan Guinness	Phil Walker *	PO-A
04-Aug-19	Awoonga AL9	Bil Jones	Hugh Moore	Darryl Erbacher *	RR-A
31-Aug-19	Wee Jasper MD Champs	Peter Miller, Allison Inglis	Darryl Erbacher	David Hogg *	BS-A
01-Sep-19	Slap Up Creek LD Champs	Bryant Allen	Rohan Hyslop	Keith Fifield *	PO-A

Oceania Carnival (Events involving Orienteering ACT)				
		Organiser	Course Planner	Controller
29 Sep 19	Australian LD Champs (Winona)	Allison Inglis, Peter Miller	Ross Stewart	Jon Sutcliffe, Paul Prudhoe, Graham Teahan
30 Sep 19	Oceania / Australian Relay (Winona)	Allison Inglis, Peter Miller	David Shepherd	(as above), Bill Jones
1 Oct 19	School Sprint (Kildare College)	Michael Burt	Briohny Seaman	Michael Burt
2 Oct 19	School LD Champs (Connorton)	Alex Davey	Phil Walker	Alex Davey
3 Oct 19	School Relay (Pomingalama)	Sue Garr, David Hogg	Ann Scown, John Scown	Grant McDoanld
1,2,3 Oct 19	Oceania Mid Week Public Events (same maps as above)	Michael Burt, Alex Davey, Grant McDonald	Ann Scown, John Scown, Briohny Seaman, Phil Walker	Michael Burt, Alex Davey, Grant McDonald

	Saturday Program	Organiser	Course Planner
04-May-19	Weston Park BS-A	Valerie Barker	Toby Lang
11-May-19	Cottermouth RR-A	Tate Needham	Mark Gregson
18-May-19	Mt Ainslie North BS-A	Susan Hallissy	Silke Speier
25-May-19	Campbell Park PO-A	Tim Cox	Jon Glanville
01-Jun-19	Aranda Snow Gums AO-A	Ann Scown	Shannon Jones
15-Jun-19	Farrer Ridge WE-A	Andrew Cheffers	John Suominen
22-Jun-19	Black Mountain RR-A	Bill Jones, Kerryne Jones	Eoin Rothery, Cath Chalmers
29-Jun-19	Narrabundah Hill PO-A	Elizabeth Dunbar	Tim Cox
06-Jul-19	Stromlo West PO-A	Michael Radajewski	Owen Radajewski
27-Jul-19	Uni of Canberra BS-A	Andrew Johnson	David Stocks
03-Aug-19	The Pinnacle BS-A	Nicola Plunkett-Cole	Peter Antcliff
10-Aug-19	Girls Grammar PO-A	David Hogg	Ella Cuthbert
17-Aug-19	Red Hill RR-A	Aaron Kooymans	Rebecca Minty, Len Minty
24-Aug-19	Isaac Ridge PO-A	Ana Herceg	Tara Melhuish

	Twilight Program		
30-Jan-19	Black Mountain RR-A	Jonathan Ricks, Alex Ricks	Martin Dent
06-Feb-19	Majura West PO-A	Bill Monaghan	James Heyes
13-Feb-19	Mt Ainslie North BS-A	Jo Hobson	Noah Poland
20-Feb-19	Aranda Bushlds BS-A	Susanne Harrysson	Greg Wilson
27-Feb-19	Black Mtn Pen PO-A	Pat Miethke	Ian Elz
23-Oct-19	Stirling Ridge RR-A	(not recorded)	
30-Oct-19	Ginninderra Creek PO-A	Geoff Wood	Bryant Allen
06-Nov-19	Remembrance Park BS-A	Susanne Harrysson	Ivy Prosser
13-Nov-19	Campbell Park RR-A	(not recorded)	
20-Nov-19	Mt Taylor BS-A	Jesse Piironen	Ari Piironen
27-Nov-19	Yarramundi Reach PO-A	Colleen Mock	Makhara Hogg, Cathy Hogg
04-Dec-19	Campbell Parklands BS-A	Jo Hobson	Justine Hobson
11-Dec-19	Aranda Snowgums AO-A	Ann Scown	Ingrid Shelton Agar, John Shelton Agar

	MTBO, Other Events	Organiser	Couse Planner	Controller
03-Mar-19	Sparrow Hill MTBO #1	Marina Iskhakova	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov
24-Mar-10	Haig Park Pento PO-A	David Hogg	Tommi Haipola, Luca Hogg, Makhara Hogg, Owen Radajewski, Ingrid Shelton Agar	
12-May-19	Narranundah Hill (Teams) AO-A	Ann Scown	Ian Prosser	John Scown
26-May-19	Bruce Ridge MTBO #2	Cath Chalmers	Eoin Rothery	Cath Chalmers
11-Aug-19	Ski Champs	Marina Iskhakova	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov
18-Oct-19	MTBO Aboretum	Marina Iskhakova	Jim Anderson	Andrew Slattery
19-Oct-19	MTBO Kowen Forrest MD Champs	Marina Iskhakova	Fedor Iskhakov	Marina Iskhakova
20-Oct-19	MTBO Kowen Forrest LD Champs	Marina Iskhakova	Jim Anderson	

MID WEEK					
08-May-19	Aranda Bushlands	Geoff Wood	17-Jul-19	Black Mountain Sth	Bryant Allen
15-May-19	Remembrance Park	Peter Antcliff	24-Jul-19	Lyneham North	Bill Jones
22-May-19	Wanniassa Hill	Tony Garr	31-Jul-19	Red Hill	Geoff Wood
29-May-19	The Pinnacle	Jonathan Miller	07-Aug-19	Mt Painter	David Hogg
05-Jun-19	Farrer Ridge	Geoff Wood	14-Aug-19	Mt Taylor	Michael Burt
12-Jun-19	Bruce Ridge	Darryl Erbacher	21-Aug-19	Mt Ainslie North	Bryant Allen
19-Jun-19	Majura West	Morten Pedersen	28-Aug-19	Campbell Park	David Jenkins
26-Jun-19	Mulligans Flat	Morten Pedersen	04-Sep-19	Campbell Parklands	Toni Brown
03-Jul-19	Mt Rogers	Bill Monaghan	11-Sep-19	Black Mountain Nth	Peter Antcliff
10-Jul-19	Isaacs Ridge	John Scown			

Membership.

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

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

Full Active Members – Club Members

	family member- ships	persons in family m' ships	Junior individua	Individual memberships	Total memberships	Total persons in member- ships		Last year (2018)	The year before (2017)
AO-A	13	42	1	12	26	55		54	50
BS-A	37	138	11	28	76	177		148	164
PO-A	29	97	4	32	65	133		131	137
RR-A	26	91	3	22	51	116		105	107
WE-A	1	3	0	10	11	13		15	20
Total	106	371	19	104	229	494		453	478
GS-A	0	0	28	3	31	31			
GJ-A	0	0	31	1	32	32			
Total	106	371	78	108	292	557			

Table 1 Club Membership and Members 2018

Orienteering ACT provides for the following types of club memberships for which different membership fees apply: Single Adult Member \$60 pa; Single Junior Member \$50 pa; Family Memberships \$80; and Life Member. In terms of numbers we refer to Members and Memberships. A family Membership is one Membership consisting of a number of members. A single (or junior or life) Membership is one Membership consisting of one member.

The Orienteering Australia state registration fee is based on Memberships. This will be changed in 2020 and will be based on the number of all adult members.

Table 2 shows breakdown of membership: males, females, juniors (20 years and younger, ie born after 1998), Seniors (21 to 34 years, ie born in 1985 to 1998 incl), Masters (35 to 55 years, ie born in 1965 to 1984 incl) and Super Masters (over 55 years of age ie born in 1964 and before). Super Masters is not an official age classification but I have included it here to track the ageing of the membership.

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	100	20.2%	88	17.8%	188	38.1%
Senior	13	2.6%	10	2.0%	23	4.7%
Master	79	16.0%	79	16.0%	158	32.0%
Super Master	81	16.4%	44	8.9%	125	25.3%
Total	273	55.3%	221	44.7%	494	100.0%

Table 2 – Breakdown of Members ages 2019

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

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Junior	38.1%	37.3%	37%	37%	35%
Senior	4.7%	6.4%	6%	7%	9%
Master	32.0%	31.6%	34%	34%	33%
Super Master	25.3%	24.7%	24%	22%	24%

Table 3 – Historical trend of member age breakdown

The above 2 tables excludes Grammar students. Including them, then Table 2 appears as:

	Males		Females		Total	
Junior	150	26.9%	97	17.4%	247	44.3%
Senior	13	2.3%	10	1.8%	23	4.1%
Master	82	14.7%	80	14.4%	162	29.1%
Super Master	81	14.5%	44	7.9%	125	22.4%
Total	326	58.5%	231	41.5%	557	100.0%

Table 4

New Members 2019

The Table below show new members in 2019. New members include those who were members in previous years, but whose membership had lapsed in 2018

	New members 2019		Lapsed members 2019	
	male	female	male	female
AO-A	12	7	8	9
BS-A	18	19	14	8
PO-A	10	13	13	9
RR-A	10	12	11	7
WE-A	1	0	2	3
GS-A	7	0	4	1
GJ-A	14	7	8	2
AM	n/a	n/a	2	3
Total	72	58	62	42
Total male and females	130		104	

Table 5

Where Our Members Live

Gungahlin	3.3%
Belconnen	27.5%
Inner North	26.0%
Inner South, Woden	19.7%
Weston, Molonglo	10.2%
Tuggeranong	5.1%
Interstate (mostly nearby NSW)	8.2%

Table 6

Membership - Event participants - Day Members.

Day members in 2019 are persons who did not belong to an orienteering club in 2019 and not listed in the 2019 Member List in Eventor, and who attend orienteering events. Table 7 below shows the number of day members who did at least one event.

DAY MEMBERS 2019	Day members 2019	Their participation	Day members last year 2018	Day members 2017
Twilight Jan-Mar	93	153	129	100
Twilight Oct-Dec	188	430	174	181
Saturday	229	642	230	274
Wed Lunch	35	65	28	35
ACT League	88	106	63	41
MTBO, Ski	81	103	33	6
<i>Sub Total of Above</i>	714	1499		
Total 'Bush'	581	1499		
Street Orienteering	493	1723	526	442
<i>Sub Total Bush and Street</i>	1074			
Bush' and Street	1018	3222	1023	907
Females	460	1439	479	431

Table 7 Day Members

Referring to Table 6 above, the reason why the "sub total" is greater than the total number of day members is because some day members participated in more than one program. Many day members participated in teams (or groups) at the Easy course and the Very Easy course level.

Over half of the day members (558) participated in one event only (562 in 2018 and 482 in 2017). 70 day members participated in 10 events or more, doing 1163 participations.

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

In addition, 187 children who took part in at least one SC-ORE (school) event were day members who did not take part in any other orienteering event.

Membership – Program Participants – Associate Members

OACT has nil members in this category.

Membership – School Programs

This category is the number of children doing orienteering as a school activity. Our main activity was Sporting Schools. 2368 school children did 9453 participations in School Orienteering Programs in 2019. See Sporting Schools Report.

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. There are no other school managed orienteering programs.

Participation at Public Events conducted by OACT

Refer to Table 8 below. The difference between 'Entries' and 'Participations' is that 'Participations' counts all members of a team (or group) separately, whereas Entries counts a team as one entry.

The League events do not include the NSW events held in May conducted by ONSW but which were also OACT League events. The ACT Long Distance Championships and Middle Distance Championships were both OACT League events and ONSW State League events, hence the large numbers attending. The 2019 Oceania events are not included here as they are not regular OACT events.

Participation at Events 2019	No. events	Entries	Participations	Average	In 2018		
					No. Events	Participations	Average
Twilight Jan-Mar 2019	6	897	924	154.0	5	806	161.2
Twilight Oct - Dec 2019	8	1360	1426	178.3	9	1477	164.1
Saturday	14	2681	2830	202.1	14	2513	179.5
Wed lunch	19	562	577	30.4	20	584	29.2
League EOD	8	853	884	110.5	7	817	116.7
ACT Champs LD	1	251	251	251.0	1	189	189.0
ACT Champs MD	1	266	266	266.0			
ACT Champs Sprint	1	169	169	169.0	2	559	279.5
MTBO	5	443	448	89.6	5	240	48.0
Ski	1	37	37	37.0	1	59	59.0
Total 'Bush' events	64	7519	7812		64	7244	
Street Jan-Mar 2019	13	892	1149	88.4	12	981	81.8
Street Winter (incl WOD)	11	455	598	54.4	12	471	39.3
Street Spring 2019	15	835	1067	71.1	14	1107	79.1
Total Street	39	2182	2814	72.2	38	2559	67.3
Total Bush and Street	103	9,701	10,626		102	9,803	
SC-ORE 2019	8	296	1144				
Primary Schools 2019	1	140	140				

Table 8

Breakdown of Participant Types

	Twilight Jan-Mar	Saturday	Wed MW	League, other Sunday	MTBO, Ski	Twilight Oct-Dec	Street	
2019 Club Members	722	1749	493	1164	153	913	1063	6257
GS-A, GJ-A	39	406	0	6	2	60	22	535
Interstate members	12	33	19	294	227	23	7	615
Day Members	153	642	65	106	103	430	1722	3221
Total	926	2830	577	1570	485	1426	2814	10626

Table 9: Breakdown of participations

The table above (Table 9) analyses participation by club members, Grammar School clubs, interstate members and day members. 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. The Grammar School clubs attended overwhelmingly the Saturday program. Because of the joint NSW State League and OACT League events, the ACT League program had a high uptake by interstate members. Club members consisted of about 60% of all participations.

Referring Table 9 above, OACT Club members had 6,257 participations. Dividing that figure by the number of club members (494), the average participation per club member was 12.7 events. This compares to 12.4 events in 2018, 12.8 events in 2017, 13.3 in 2016 and 14.4 in 2015.

Some 104 of club members did not participate at all. (106 in 2018, 92 in 2017). They fall mostly into the following categories: member of a family membership where other family members are active; members who have left town, and (unfortunately) some new members who disappear as soon as they become members.

Street Orienteering

39 Street orienteering events were held in 2019.

In 2019 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. Only about 12% of street orienteering day members tried bush orienteering events.

Organisers for street orienteering during 2019 were:

07-Jan-19	Curtin	John Spooner	03-Jun-19	Lyneham	Pat Miethke
14-Jan-19	Turner	Geoff Stacey	17-Jun-19	Campbell	John Harding
21-Jan-19	Jerrabomberra	Alex Ricks	24-Jun-19	Griffith-N'bundah	Tony Slatyer
28-Jan-19	Googong	Matthew Purcell	01-Jul-19	Watson	Matt Berrington
04-Feb-19	Forrest	James Swann	02-Sep-19	Curtin	Jonathan Miller
11-Feb-19	Amaroo	Peter Antcliff	09-Sep-19	Hackett	Chris Andersen
18-Feb-19	Ainslie	Brad Valette	16-Sep-19	Chifley	Michelle Cochrane
25-Feb-19	Duffy	Ed Towner, Shona Prince	23-Sep-19	Florey	Liz Dunbar, Ian Elz
04-Mar-19	Monash	Michelle Cochrane	07-Oct-19	Duffy	Michael Tedeschi
11-Mar-19	Hawker	Bryant Allen	14-Oct-19	Downer	John Harding
18-Mar-19	Giralang	Pat Miethke	21-Oct-19	Kingston Barton	John Harding
25-Mar-19	Garran	Michael Tedeschi, Rebecca Tedeschi	28-Oct-19	Deakin	Jon Glanville
01-Apr-19	Downer	John Harding	04-Nov-19	Weetangera	Colleen Mock
08-Apr-19	Kingston	John Harding	11-Nov-19	Yarralumla	John Spooner
15-Apr-19	Stirling	Rosemarie Edwards	18-Nov-19	Scullin - Page	Mary Bullock
29-Apr-19	Farrer	Alex,Jonathan Ricks	25-Nov-19	Lyneham	Bruce Barnett
06-May-19	Cook-Macquarie	John Harding	02-Dec-19	Macquarie Cook	Shannon Jones
13-May-19	Kambah West	Josh Cockerill	09-Dec-19	Hawker	Peter Antcliff
20-May-19	Isaacs	Josh Cockerill	16-Dec-19	Parkes	Zac Zaharias
27-May-19	Weetangera	Bryant Allen			

Permanent Orienteering Courses

A new permanent course at Goulburn was established in 2019 funded by NSW Dept of Health. Persons download a map from the OACT website, in the process they provide information such as proposed numbers in the group. The Table below shows number of map downloads and group numbers when these are given. Obviously just because a person downloads a map does not mean they will complete the course or even attempt it.

Permanent Course	Downloads	total of numbers in groups
Eddison Park	67	417
Fadden Pines	89	490
Haig Park	58	214
John Knight Memorial Park	155	688
Tidbinbilla	65	254
Weston Park	140	3670
Goulburn	32	252

Participation by Individuals, 2019

The following members attended the most OACT public events in 2019. Column A is the attendance out of all possible OACT events plus the NSW weekend in May 2019 which was part of the ACT League, and also Oceania events. Column B is Column A minus the Wednesday midweek program and Street orienteering (when many members are at work). These figures include dnf's, mp's and dns's (pre-entry events). These figures do not include attendance at interstate events (except Oceania and the NSW May weekend). The figures also do not count officials – eg if you were present at the event but did not compete because you were course planner or controller.

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

Bushflyers	A	B	Abominable	A	B	Red Roos	A	B
Peter Antcliff	72	29	Ingrid Shelton Agar	33	33	Tate Needham	88	45
David Jenkins	63	35	Patrick Shelton Agar	33	33	Keith Fifield	87	38
Carol Harding	52	29	Edith Gray	29	29	Michael Burt	79	34
Jane Barnett	51	36	Jennifer Webb	26	26	Martin Dent	59	45
Silke Speier	49	40	John Shelton Agar	25	25	Jonathan Ricks	55	23
Chris Andersen	45	31	Grace Crane	21	20	Bill Jones	51	35
Tenzing Johnson	45	24				Kathie Dent	50	46
Andrew Johnson	44	26				Eric Wainwright	50	28
Zoe Terrill	44	35	Parawanga			Hayden Dent	49	45
Andrew Hobson	43	34	John Harding	90	42	Elye Dent	46	42
Ellen Johnson	43	27	Bryant Allen	77	34	Robert Mouatt	46	33
David Stocks	43	42	Jon Glanville	65	38	Hind Needham	44	36
Valerie Barker	41	41	Pat Miethke	65	31	Eoin Rothery	42	29
Matt Stocks	40	40	Geoff Wood	57	30	Andrew Slattery	41	41
Greg Wilson	39	39	David Hogg	49	31	John Sutton	40	24
Ryan Stocks	39	39	Narasimha Rao Bandi	48	21	Bob Allison	38	35
Toby Lang	37	37	Bill Monaghan	44	29	Judy Allison	38	36
Jesse Piironen	37	36	Tony Slatyer	42	21	Cath Chalmers	38	26
David Poland	37	33	Owen Radajewski	39	35	Connor Dent	37	35
Joseph Wilson	37	37	Ella Cuthbert	36	36	Ariadna Iskhakov	36	36
Tristan Miller	36	36	Ann Ingwersen	36	29	Layla Dent	34	32
Toni Brown	36	31	Phil Walker	36	29	Kerryne Jones	34	34
Brendan Wilson	36	36	Morten Pedersen	33	21	Marina Iskhakov	31	31
Ivy Prosser	35	34	Darryl Erbacher	32	24	Phoebe Dent	26	26
Joshua Mansell	34	27	Martin Etherington	32	27	Fedor Iskhakov	25	25
Natalie Miller	34	34	Cathy Hogg	32	32	Aoife Rothery	25	25
Chris Stocks	34	34	Tony Garr	31	27	Mark Gregson	24	24
Paul de Jongh	33	30	Ana Herceg	31	31	Amy Ting	24	24
Ari Piironen	33	33	Tara Sutherland	28	28	Mace Neve	21	21
Greg Terrill	32	25	Robert Fisher	27	27			
Josh Robards	31	31	Michael Guthrie	26	26	Weston Emus		
Justine Hobson	30	28	James Heyes	26	26	John Suominen	76	23
Ben Mansell	30	27	Layla Goshti	26	25	Andrew Cheffers	31	20
Susan Hallissy	30	30	Barbara Martin	26	20			
Caitlin Young	30	30	Thomas Fisher	25	25			
Alison Inglis	28	28	Makhaya (m) Hogg	23	23			
Peter Miller	28	28	Tara Melhuish	23	23			
Bodie Terrill	26	26	Michael Radajewski	23	22			
Jo Hobson	25	25	Shannon Forrest	21	20			
Hannu Mannering	25	24	Sue Garr	20	20			
Chloe Miller	24	24	Luca Hogg	20	20			
Ken Young	22	20	Zoe Melhuish	20	20			
			Alice Radajewski	20	20			
			Tessa Radajewski	20	20			
			Daniel Ross	20	20			

Officiating and Coaching Accreditation

Controllers work with event organizers and course setters in ensuring that events are run correctly with no errors and things are not overlooked. It is OACT's policy that all events at Group C2 (that is, League events) level and above (such as championship events) should have an accredited controller.

A controller workshop was held on Saturday 10 November 2018 at the OACT Office. The presenters were David Hogg, Ann Scown and John Scown. The attendees were Phil Walker, Jon Glanville, Tony Garr, Paul de Jongh and Michael Burt. The previous workshop was held on Saturday 12 November 2016 and no workshop was held in 2019.

At the end of 2019, accredited Level 1 Controllers were: Bryant Allen, Valerie Barker, Toni Brown, Ian Elz, Tony Garr, Jon Glanville, Marina Iskhakova, Tate Needham, and Anita Scherrer.

Level 2 controllers were: Michael Burt, Cath Chalmers, Keith Fifield, Jenny Hawkins, Grant McDonald, Hugh Moore, Ross Stewart, Eric Wainwright, Phil Walker and Geoff Wood.

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

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

Coaches

At the end of 2019, OACT had 7 accredited Level 1 and above coaches: six at Level 1 (Toni Brown, Paul de Jongh, Shannan Forrest, David Poland, Tate Needham and Anita Scherrer), and one at level 3 level (Gareth Candy). There was no change to the accredited coach list as at end of 2018.

Communications

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

The Annual Report is distributed electronically with printed copies available to those who attended the annual general meeting or specifically requested it.

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

As at 31 December 2019, the weekly e-bulletin email (Mail-chimp) List was 1,461 contacts which includes 1,068 subscribers. The membership List was 342.

OACT maintained Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Grants and Sponsorships

ACT Government Sport and Recreation Services (Active Canberra)

OACT was supported by the ACT Government Sport and Recreational Services (Active Canberra). During 2019, OACT received an annual Operational Assistance grant of \$26,000. This grant was for the third year of the current three year program that will expire at end of 2019. This grant does come with conditions in that OACT is required to be forward looking, is adaptive and innovative. A consequence of the grant is that it places OACT in regular contact with the Canberra sporting community.

OACT also was granted funding of \$15,000 from Sport and Recreation Services to support our elite orienteering team, the Canberra Cockatoos in the National Orienteering League (NOL). This support will be mostly in the form of travel, accommodation and uniforms for the relevant months in the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 financial years.

Runners Shop

OACT acknowledges the ongoing support of the Runners Shop, 76 Dundas Court Phillip through its sponsorship of the summer twilight series and through its discount scheme for members who purchase items from the Runners Shop.

2019 OA Awards Citations

THE MIKE CASSELLS AWARD FOR SERVICES TO ORIENTEERING

The Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering in the ACT was introduced in 1991 in memory of Mike Cassells who died following a car accident en route home after the 1990 Australian Relay Championships. Mike had been involved with Orienteering in the ACT since the beginning of 1974 as a competitor, fieldworker, organiser, course planner, controller and administrator. He was secretary of the ACT Orienteering Association during 1975-77, won a number of Championships in various veteran age classes and represented Australia against New Zealand. His death was a great loss to Orienteering and to his family, wife Judy and sons David, Andrew and Graham, who crafted the memento that is presented annually to the recipient of the award to remind us of the significant contribution that Mike made to Orienteering, and that others have made since his untimely death.

The 2019 recipient is

Matthew Purcell

Citation

Matt has been involved in orienteering since he was a student at Canberra Grammar. Upon leaving school, he went to ANU from 2002 and as a student at ANU he maintained contact with CGS in coaching in orienteering two afternoons per week. He has continued to coach continuously at CGS for 20 years and conservatively he must have coached 200 young orienteers over the years.

Matt has also set and organised many foot orienteering events over the last two decades, including the Australian

Sprint Championships in 2013 (he also mapped CGS for that event.)

Matt has also managed the IT at the MTBO championships 2016-2018, which included full SI Air in 2018; as well as being the OACT championships, the last event of this championship was also the final round of the World Masters World Cup.

One of the spurs to nominate Matt for the Mike Cassells Award this year was, of course, his management of the IT at the recent Oceania/Australian Champs carnival. However, Matt's contribution to orienteering software in OACT also goes back two decades. He wrote "Event Director" software which was used by OACT for Saturday and Twilight events for the first half of the 2000s.

At Oceania, his implementation and management of the Grammar Code Cadet team of MeOS and all the surrounding physical IT was amazing. Anyone who attended the carnival knows how much fun it was having the big screen tracking runners and also the bank of TVs with results. In addition, the fact that Matt and his team fronted up for 8 massive orienteering events over 9 days was inspiring. In talking to various day organisers it was obvious that they all had warm words for Matt; nothing was too much trouble and he never seemed to be stressed about anything – well, almost never.

Interestingly, Matt was also the recipient of an Audun Fristad Award in 2001. Almost 20 years on he has definitely lived up to "the promising junior" appellation in so many aspects of the sport.

THE JIM SAWKINS AWARD FOR EVENT MANAGEMENT

The Jim Sawkins Award for Services to Event Management in the ACT was introduced in 2006 in memory of Jim Sawkins who died while orienteering on Sunday 5 June 2006 at Goorooyaroo, after being the organiser/course planner at Farrer Ridge on the previous day. Jim had been involved with Orienteering in the ACT since around 1980 as a competitor, organiser, course planner and controller. He was noted for his attention to detail and his willingness to put in the extra work essential to ensuring that any event with which he was involved was as good as it could possibly be. And he was always willing to take on extra tasks. Jim was the epitome of what an orienteering event official should be.

The 2019 recipient is:

Cathy Hogg

Citation

Cathy Hogg has been the key person behind the success of the ACT Primary Schools Orienteering Championships over the past six years. In 2014 she was the course planner for the

event (at Mount Ainslie North) and, for the next four years, was both course planner and organiser. She is again organising the Championships in 2019 – to be held this coming Wednesday, although this year she has handed over the task of course planning to her son, Makhaya.

Organising the Primary Schools Championships involves many extra tasks beyond those normally involved in a championship event. Many competitors may be experiencing their first orienteering in an unfamiliar bush environment and, to assist in their safe and timely return, it is prudent to organise a team of experienced orienteers to act as boundary riders and ensure that nobody wanders off the map. The boundary riders are supplied with water and jelly snakes to sustain children who have been out for a long time.

So that all participants gain a sense of achievement from finishing, Cathy designs and prepares special personalised certificates for everyone who enters. Publicising the event,

(Jim Sawkins Award Cont.)

retrieving from schools the perpetual trophies won in the previous year, and coping with last-minute floods of entries and entry changes or withdrawals are all extra tasks which need to be managed.

While Cathy gets a lot of help from parents and other orienteers in running the event, she provides the 'glue' that makes everything come together and devotes many hours to detailed planning to ensure that the event is a success. She has announced that 2019 will be her last Primary Schools Championships and is no doubt looking forward to a well-earned break.

COACHING AWARD

This was not awarded in 2019

ORIENTEERING PERFORMANCE

Wehner Cup – The Orienteer of the Year Award for 2019.

Matthew Crane

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

This was presented to Matt Crane for 2019

Orienteer of the Year Placings.

The 25 top placings in the Wehner Cup for the 2019 ACT Orienteer of the Year. These are based on performance in the Hard Navigation courses at ACT League events.

1	Matt Crane	AO-A	804
2	Ella Cuthbert	BS-A	795
3	David Stocks	BS-A	790
4	Matt Doyle	AO-A	784
5	Martin Dent	RR-A	783
6	Patrick Miller	BS-A	779
7	Grace Crane	AO-A	774
8	Ana Herceg	PO-A	772
9	Caitlin Young	BS-A	768
10	Ryan Stocks	BS-A	752
11	Tara Melhuish	PO-A	738
12	Toby Lang	BS-A	736
13	Toni Brown	BS-A	732
14	Zoe Melhuish	PO-A	728
15	Judy Allison	RR-A	723
16	Allison Inglis	BS-A	706
16	John Scown	AO-A	706
18	Tristan Miller	BS-A	702
19	Bruce Bowen	PO-A	698
20	Cath Chalmers	RR-A	684
21	Mark Gregson	RR-A	678
21	Bill Jones	RR-A	678
23	Paul de Jongh	BS-A	657
24	Ari Piironen	BS-A	656
25	Sue Garr	PO-A	650

Age Based Awards 2019.

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

Sub Junior Woman	Ellen Johnson
Junior Woman	Ella Cuthbert
Elite Woman	Grace Crane
Masters Woman	Kathie Dent
Super Masters Woman	Ana Herceg
Sub Junior Man	David Stocks
Junior Man	Patrick Miller
Elite Man	Matt Crane
Masters Man	Martin Dent
Super Masters Man	John Scown
Improvers Award	Natalie Miller
	Judy Allison
	Ryan Stocks
	Bruce Bowen
Mountain Bike	Marina Iskhakova

Audun Fristad Junior Encouragement Awards, 2019.

Lauren Charles, Katherine Hinchcliffe, Annette Lescinsky, Chloe Miller, Aoife Rothery, Alex Derlacki, Lachlan Ho, Makhaya Hogg, Connor Lineen, Owen Radajewski, Josh Robards, Bodie Terrill

These awards were presented at the Annual OACT dinner.

Junior League Competition 2019.

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

W10	Elizabeth Denney, Naomi Penton, Rose Biboudis
W12	Aoife Rothery, Mika Moor, Emily Hinchcliff
W14	Ingrid Shelton Agar, Lauren Charles, Chloe Miller
W16	Ellen Johnson, Natalie Miller, Justine Hobson
W18	Ella Cuthbert, Caitlin Young, Ivy Prosser

M10	Hayden Dent, Samuel Strange, Ben Mansell
M12	Elye Dent, Joshua Mansell, Charlie Feld
M14	Alex Derlacki, Connor Lineen, Charlie Seddon
M16	David Stocks, Toby Lang, Joseph Wilson
M18	Tristan Miller, Tenzing Johnson, Brendan Wilson
M20	Ryan Stocks

NATIONAL EVENTS 2019

Australian Three-Days

OACT place getters in the various classes at the Australian 3-Days (Easter) held in Western Australia during Easter 2019.

Easter Sprint 2019

Class		
W12A	3	Luca Hogg
W16A	2	Justine Hobson
W20E	1	Zoe Melhuish
	2	Caitlin Young
W40A	3	Cathy Hogg
W55A	2	Toni Brown
M45AS	3	Andrew Hobson
M60A	2	David Poland
M65A	3	Bruce Bowen

Easter Long 2019

W12A	1	Luca Hogg
W14A	3	Ingrid Shelton Agar
W16A	1	Justine Hobson
W20E	1	Tara Melhuish
W21E	2	Belinda Lawford
W40A	3	Cathy Hogg
W45AS	2	Jo Hobson
W55A	3	Ana Herceg
W55AS	2	Jill Walker
M16A	1	David Stocks
M20E	1	Patrick Miller
M21AS	3	Andrew Slattery
M65A	3	John Scown
M75A	2	Darryl Erbacher

Easter Middle 2019

W12A	1	Luca Hogg
W20E	1	Tara Melhuish
W21E	2	Belinda Lawford
W55AS	2	Jill Walker
M16A	1	David Stocks
M20E	2	Patrick Miller
M21E	3	Matt Doyle
M21AS	2	Andrew Slattery
M60A	3	Phil Walker
M65A	3	Bruce Bowen
M75A	1	Darryl Erbacher

Australian Sprint Championships 26 Apr 2019 WA

W12A	2	Luca Hogg
W20E	1	Tara Melhuish
	2	Zoe Melhuish
W21E	3	Belinda Lawford
W40A	2	Kathy Hogg
W50A	2	Tara Sutherland
W55A	1	Toni Brown
	2	Ana Herceg
M16A	1	David Stocks
M45A	3	Matthew Stocks
M55A	3	Ian Prosser
M75A	2	Darryl Erbacher

Australian MD Champs 27 April 2019
Narrogin 2.5 hours south east of Perth

W12A	1	Luca Hogg
W14A	3	Ingrid Shelton Agar
W16A	2	Justine Hobson
W20A	1	Tara Melhuish
W21E	2	Belinda Lawford
W55A	1	Ana Herceg
M16A	1	David Stocks
M21E	1	Matt Doyle
M45A	3	Matthew Stocks
M45AS	3	Andrew Hobson
M50A	3	John Shelton Agar
M55A	2	Ian Prosser
M75A	2	Darryl Erbacher

Oceania Sprint Champs 28 Sep 2019 CSU Wagga

M20E	1	Ryan Stocks
W20E	1	Ella Cuthbert
	2	Zoe Melhuish
	3	Tara Melhuish
W21E	3	Belinda Lawford
M10	1	Hayden Dent
M12	2	Elye Dent
W12	1	Aoife Rothery
	3	Luca Hogg
M21A	2	Andrew Slattery
W21A	3	Amy Ting
W40A	1	Allison Jones
	3	Marina Iskhakova
W50A	2	Cath Chalmers
M60A	3	David Poland
M75A	1	Darryl Erbacher
W75A	2	Ann Ingwersen
M85A	1	Eino Meuronen
M95A	1	Hermann Wehner

AUST LD Championships 29 Sep 19 at Winona
Cootamundra NSW

M20E	1	Patrick Miller
W20E	2	Zoe Melhuish
	3	Ella Cuthbert
M21E	2	Matt Doyle
M/W10	3	Tessa Radajewski
M10A	2	Hayden Dent
W10A	2	Ariadna Iskhakova
M12A	2	Elye Dent
W12A	2	Luca Hogg
M16A	2	David Stocks
	3	Toby Lang
M21AS	1	Andrew Slattery
W35A	1	Mace Neve
W35AS	1	Phoebe Dent
M40A	2	Ben Rattray
M40A	1	Jo Allison
	2	Kathie Dent
	3	Allison Jones
W45AS	1	Edith Gray
W50A	3	Cath Chalmers
M55A	2	Anthony Scott
W55A	1	Ana Herceg
M55AS	2	David Jenkins
W55AS	1	Jane Barnett
M60A	2	Eoin Rothery
M75A	1	Darryl Erbacher
M85A	1	Eino Meuronen
M95A	1	Hermann Wehner

Oceania LD Champs Sat 5 October 2019 Kangaroo
Crossing Vic

M20E	1	Patrick Miller
W20E	2	Zoe Melhuish
M21E	3	Matthew Crane
W21E	3	Grace Crane
M10A	1	Hayden Dent
W10A	3	Ariadna Iskhakova
W12A	2	Aoife Rothery
M14A	3	Bodie Terrill
M21AS	1	Andrew Slattery
W35A	1	Mace Neve
M35AS	1	Jose Zapata
W35AS	1	Phoebe Dent
W45AS	2	Edith Gray
W50A	2	Cath Chalmers
W55AS	3	Jane Barnett
W65AS	3	Robyn D'Ascenzo
M75A	1	Darryl Erbacher
M85A	1	Eino Meuronen

Oceania MD Champs Sun 6 Oct 2019 Racecourse Creek Victoria

M20E	2	Patrick Miller
W20E	1	Zoe Melhuish
	2	Caitlin Young
	3	Tara Melhuish
W21E	3	Belinda Lawford
M10A	2	Hayden Dent
W35AS	1	Phoebe Dent
W40A	2	Marina Iskhakova
M45AS	2	Andrew Hobson
W50A	2	Cath Chalmers
	3	Alison Inglis
W55AS	1	Jane Barnett
M60A	3	Eoin Rothery
W65AS	3	Robyn D'Ascenzo
W75A	2	Ann Ingwersen
M85A	1	Eino Meuronen
M95A	1	Hermann Wehner

School Sprint Champs 2019

SG	1	Zoe Melhuish
	2	Caitlin Young
	3	Ella Cuthbert

School LD Champs 2 Oct 2019

SB	2	Tristan Miller
SG	1	Ella Cuthbert
	2	Zoe Melhuish
	3	Caitlin Young

High Performance - Canberra Cockatoos 2019

Senior Men	
1. Cockatoos	138
2. Victoria	100
3. WA Nomads	58
Senior Women	
1. Victoria	113
2. Cockatoos	104
3. SA Arrows	98
Junior Men	
1. Cockatoos	77
2. NSW Stingers	72
3. SA Arrows	54
Junior Women	
1. Cockatoos	81
2. Tas. Foresters	59
3. SA Arrows	53

Individual Performance	
Senior Men (best 8 races)	
1. Simon Uppill (SA)	219
2. Matt Doyle	207
4. Matthew Crane	167
6. Jarrah Day	153
9. Andrew Barnett	132
11. Martin Dent	116
(out of 68)	
Senior Women (best 8 races)	
1. Bridget Anderson (SA)	219
3. Belinda Lawford	200
5. Grace Crane	190

(out of 48)

(14 races in 2019)

Individual Performance	
Junior Men (best 6 races)	
1. Patrick Miller	180
6. Ryan Stocks	137
8. Noah Poland	124
9. Tristan Miller	114
(out of 41)	
Junior Women (best 6 races)	
1. Tara Melhuish	180
2. Zoe Melhuish	171
3. Ella Cuthbert	152
5. Caitlin Young	148
(out of 39)	

Bushrangers Team for Oceania Carnival in 2019

This Australian team included OACT members:

W21: Belinda Lawford, Grace Crane (w21) (6 member team)

M21: Matt Doyle, Matt Crane, Martin Dent (6 member team)

W20: Zoe Melhuish, Tara Melhuish, Ella Cuthbert, Caitlin Young (7 member team)

M20: Patrick Miller (6 member team)

World Cup China

Belinda Lawford (6 member team)

Jarrah Day, Martin Dent, Matt Doyle (6 member team)

WOC 2019 (Norway)

Belinda Lawford (5 member team)

Matt Doyle, (5 member team)

JWOC Denmark in July 2019

Ella Cuthbert. Tara Melhuish, Caitlin Young (6 person team)

Noah Poland (6 person team)

Sporting Schools 2019 – Stephen Goggs

With the Sporting Schools and associated primary school coaching programs having been in full swing for three full years now, it is pertinent to make some comparisons between years and therefore about the ongoing robustness of the program.

While 2018 was a comparable year to 2017, there has been a decrease of approximately one third in all facets of schools' activity in 2019 (jobs, participants, encounters, mapping and fees collected) – see data **table attached**. A consistent trend has been that term 1 attracts fewest jobs, followed by term 4. Schools report that this is mainly due to a focus for them on other sports in those terms, especially athletics and swimming carnivals. The decrease for the year is possibly attributable to two other major factors:

- the Sporting Schools funding program has become quite competitive, with the result that a) the application period remains open for a shorter time each term, and there is a greater chance applicants will be unsuccessful.
- the schools coordinator was preoccupied with duties as the carnival director for Australia's major international orienteering competition, Oceania 2019.

Conversely, an emerging experience is that a number of schools are returning for repeat coaching (incl St Monica's, Trinity Christian School, Forrest, Curtin, Holy Family PS), with

a number of them being Catholic schools, who tend to fund their programs from internal resources rather than relying on the Sporting Schools program. There has been less uptake from secondary schools in 2019, but a change of staff at Radford College has been positive for the program there, and students from CGS have been very active in their support for orienteering generally throughout the year.

Coaching: Our scholar 'coaches-in-residence' have again assisted in providing excellent coverage for Sporting Schools jobs. 2018-19 overseas coaches Fredo and Saara were very busy from the time they arrive. This year Polish coach Fryderyk and his partner Maria were also able to commence coaching from the week after they arrived in October 2019.

Funding: The adjustment to billing practices in 2018 (10% withholding to OACT across the board) allowed us to offer a small discount to secure repeat business from three government schools during this year without seeking additional subsidy from the association in order to ensure coaches were still paid in full for their work. New flags are being ordered to ensure that all coaching kits are fully stocked with presentable equipment. All SI units used for schools coaching (and SC-ORE) were reviewed by Bill Jones this year, with many requiring replacement batteries for the first time after several years of consistent use.

Next: A planned focus for 2019 on working with outdoor education providers has not progressed, but remains a priority for 2020.

Term	Year	Participants	Encounters	Coaching \$	Maps \$	Fees collected	Jobs	maps and Updates	Coaches
1		425	730	4,275	475	4,750	4	2	10
2		1,036	3,344	14,770	1,925	16,695	11	6	10
3		911	3,276	10,270	1,350	11,620	9	4	9
4		713	2,777	9,855	1,350	11,205	7	4	4
	2017	3,085	10,127	39,170	5,100	44,270	31	16	
1		401	1,484	4,000	480	4,480	4	1	5
2		1,067	3,867	12,300	1,625	13,925	8	5	7
3		1,105	4,513	15,400	1,200	16,600	10	4	9
4		819	3,156	12,050	800	12,850	11	3	8
	2018	3,392	13,020	43,750	4,105	47,855	33	15	
1		200	800	1,800	0	1,800	1	0	2
2		1,011	3,977	13,970	1,540	15,510	8	4	9
3		614	2,642	4,700	850	5,550	6	3	7
4		543	2,034	7,400	1,000	8,400	8	3	5
	2019	2,368	9,453	27,870	3,390	31,260	23	10	

Blue Lightning Report 2019 - Susan Hallissy

This year saw lots of changes to Blue Lightning with a change in the coaching team. Toni Brown who has done such a wonderful job the last few years coaching Blue Lightning decided to step down. We were very fortunate to have Ken Mansell, an experienced triathlon and running coach join with Mark Gregson an experienced orienteer to run Wednesday afternoon training.

With the new coaches came lots of new and less experienced kids into the squad. We had about 15 new faces regularly attending. Many of these kids were either late primary school or early high school aged, a younger group than previous years. Ken and Mark were great at introducing this next generation of orienteers to the sport and developing their skills.

Blue Lightning training was scheduled for Wednesday afternoons which was also the training day for Radford College orienteers. A lot of our senior experienced Blue Lightning members also attend Radford which meant it was impossible for these kids to attend both sessions. Fortunately

Ken and Mark often worked with the Radford coach Jarrah Day. The sessions would run concurrently, the courses could be shared and the Radford Blue Lightning members still had contact with the Blue Lightning squad. It was an arrangement that worked very well.

We were very lucky this year that Cathy Hogg stepped in as Cake Stall manager to take over from the wonderful Jane Barnett. This year saw the introduction of some savoury items to the cake stall menu. The hot soup option was very appreciated on some of those cold League events. We were successful in raising a \$348 subsidy each for those attending Australian School Championships.

Orienteering ACT was very generous in providing a \$25 subsidy for some new Blue Lightning shirts. We had orders for 29 Byzos shirts from AussieOgear and were fortunate to get them just before the Oceania Carnival. It was great to get some of our newer members some shirts for the carnival.

After two years of being the Blue Lightning Manager, I will be passing the Manager's job to Ken Mansell and some new coaches will be joining the team for 2020.

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 2019 to encourage girls aged 10 years and older and their parents, to gain greater enjoyment both social and technical, through orienteering participation. In 2019 periodic training sessions were held as two separate series.

Series 1 – February/March

Coaching provided by Toni Brown and Saara Norrgrann.

This training series delivered to junior girls and other interested women

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

Date	Where	Female	Adults	Total
8 Feb	Remembrance Park	12	4	16
15 Feb	ANU	11	6	17
22 Feb	Black Mountain	13	5	18
1 Mar	Lennox Gardens	14	10	24

An additional 2 sessions were held on 11 May at Cottermouth and 25 May at Campbell Park.

At least one girl from Series 1 joined a club for the first time,
At least 3 girls joined up with their school squad (Canberra Girls Grammar Junior and Radford).

At least 2 participated at regular Saturday events and went on to attend some events at the Australian Championships.

Series 2 – November/December

Coaching provided by Toni Brown, supported by Maria Deptulska.

Sessions were held on Thursday afternoons (moved from Friday to avoid a clash with coach in residence sessions).

Sessions were 4-5.30pm at the following venues:

Registration for the FOG sessions was done through Register Now with a \$10 registration fee to cover costs of maps and afternoon tea.

Date	Where	Girls	Adults	Total
21 Nov	Remembrance Park	11	4	15
28 Nov	Remembrance Park	11	6	17
5 Dec	Campbell Parklands	12	6	18
12 Dec	Campbell Parklands	12	7	19

10 participants attended every session in full. Participants came from:

SCORE - 1

Sporting Schools - 2

Word of mouth - 4

Radford Squad - 3

At least one FOG Series 2 participant joined an orienteering club for the first time.

At least four 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 girls from Trinity Christian School and Red Hill Primary.

Development Officer Report – Susanne Harrysson

The permanent orienteering courses

Goulburn

The new permanent orienteering course in Goulburn lost one of its controls when a building was taken down! The control has now been replaced nearby. The map has been updated. The courses need to be adjusted for the new control.

John Knight Memorial Park

Three controls have been replaced (were missing or needed replacement). The rest of the controls are intact.

Fadden Pines

The park has undergone maintenance work etc and the map has been updated by Bob Allison.

Eddison Park

Controls have been checked and some have been replaced.

Weston Park, Haig Park and Tidbinbilla

These parks need minor updates or to be checked. Ongoing.

*** SC-ORE**

Spring SC-ORE 2019 had just finished. It was the biggest series so far with 180 children in 45 teams from across Canberra. It was held at St Thomas More's, Ainslie, Turner and St Joseph's Primary schools with the last event on the 14th of November.

New locations for **Autumn SC-ORE 2020** have been just been approved, the exact dates for each school have not been decided yet, but the series will be held four Thursday mornings in March 2020 (5th, 12th, 19th and 26th). St Monica, Lyneham, Majura and Maribyrnong – Belconnen/Inner North.

(Statistics Note: 218 children attended at least one SC-ORE event during the year. 77 children attended both the Autumn and Spring SC-ORE events. 18 were OACT club members and another 13 attended other (non-SCORE) OACT event as a Day

Member. This means that 187 of those children did not attend other OACT events. It is not analysed whether the 18 club members and the 13 Day members became club members / day members-at-other-events, as a result of SC-ORE or whether they attended SC-ORE as a result of previous OACT involvement as club or day members)

*** Orienteering programs to schools (Sporting Schools)**

In Stephen Goggs absence I have coordinated the delivery of our school coaching programs. The new Fadden Pines map has been used for the program delivered to Holy Family Primary School. The school had chosen to include orienteering as the options for their students in a Thursday Sport's program among other sports. They were very happy with the program, and asked for a repeat for more students the following weeks (ongoing now). Programs are now also being delivered to Holy Spirit and Forrest Primary. The latter a regular school nowadays. The 4-week-program to the Islamic school was completed last week.

*** New school maps** have been made, or are being made at the moment: Bonython, Lyneham (for autumn SC-ORE 2020), Holy Spirit Primary in Nicholls, (We are hoping to get Gold Creek Primary engaged as well, so we can combine the schools and St Paul II college as well into a bigger map.) as well as Wanniasa Junior School Campus and updates of Majura Primary.

*** Flyers**

A few generic flyers and event specific flyers have been made.

*** Promotion and participation in Fairs, School Fete's etc**

We have participated in promotion activities at

- Tidbinbilla
- Amaroo "Pick your game 2030"
- Canberra Girl's Grammar School fete
- Florey Fair 30 November

Finance Report

For the past few years Peter Miller has been our treasurer and we are lucky that Peter has been able to do this. The treasurer role is a huge task and I think many members do not fully realise this. Geoff Wood has been assisting Peter in managing the PayPal account, and also in preparing the accounts for the audit, in other words, doing what could be called an internal audit. There is nothing unusual about this; I know of other organisations that prohibit the treasurer from organising the audit.

Since 2017, we have been using an on-line accounting software (MYOB) for which we pay a monthly fee. This means we always are using the latest version of the software. One of the features of the software is the ability to attach (or paste) documents to the software thereby eliminating the need to have folders of physical paperwork. OACT needs to move in this direction. This will require those making claims for payment to do a bit more work in preparing their claims; a quick email will no longer be sufficient. The claim will need to be in an attachment to an email, so that the attachment can be pdf'ed and pasted.

Some members might say they are so busy volunteering for orienteering that they don't have time for paperwork as discussed above when preparing their claims. But they are not eliminating the paperwork, all they are doing is shifting the paperwork onto the treasurer. The only way to eliminate the paperwork is to eliminate money.

The Accounts – Goods and Services Tax (GST).

OACT is a GST registered organization. The accounts are shown on an ex-GST basis which is the reason that most of the figures are not rounded. For example, our most common event fee \$10, is not actually \$10, but rather \$9.09 plus GST and it is that \$9.09 that is reflected in the accounts. The same analogy applies to our other income. Many of our costs also include GST which the supplier has paid, and which we can claim as a GST credit. The accounts show those costs minus the GST credit.

To claim the GST credit requires paperwork, that is, a Tax Invoice. In 2019, some claims for reimbursement of costs lacked this tax invoice, meaning we were unable to claim the credit. OACT probably missed out on a few hundred dollars because of this. It is important for members claiming reimbursement of costs to provide the tax invoices.

To give an indication of the impact of GST, during 2019 we paid \$40,651 tax to the ATO. This figure does not show up as a cost because the Profit and Loss schedule is ex-GST.

There are two reports:

The Balance Sheet deals with assets, liabilities and equity.

When OACT spends funds to purchase an asset, such as major equipment or maps, we are not incurring a cost and hence this transaction does not appear on the Profit and Loss schedule. All we are doing is exchanging one asset (money) for the asset we are purchasing.

In 2019, OACT purchased the following assets:

\$2913.95	Printer for the Office
\$2687.55	Arboretum map
\$2902.56	Tuggeranong Hill map
\$3252.52	Browlee Dunes map
\$8495.84	Nimmatabel map

The Profit and Loss Schedule

This is broken down into various sections:

1. Income from Sales
2. Other Income
3. Cost of Sales
4. Expenditure
5. Other expenditure

Our normal business is:

(Income from Sales) – (Cost of Sales) – (Expenditure).

This figure is our 'Operating Profit'.

In 2019, this figure was minus \$46.5K. The equivalent figure for 2018 was minus \$41.8K. This figure for our Operating Profit of about minus \$40K to minus \$45K now seems to be becoming the norm. This means we rely on grants particularly the triennial Operational Grant of \$26K and the income we derive from National events such as the Oceania and Easter every 3 years, to remain viable.

I think that the Operating Profit is the figure we should be monitoring because it represents our normal operations. In the attached schedules, the Oceania income is included in the 'Other Income' section of the accounts rather than 'Income from Sales' to reflect that Oceania is not normal in that these national events occur every 3 years.

In 2019, we did well on the grants scenario. Apart from our operational grant of \$26K, all our other grants had spending commitments. For some grants we did not achieve the spending commitments, and this underspend has been moved to the Balance Sheet.

G. Wood

ORIENTEERING ACT - PROFIT AND LOSS SCHEDULE

SALES	2019		2018	
	INCOME	COSTS	INCOME	COSTS
Membership dues	14,555.30		15,952.64	
Local Public events (incl Ask Me person)	70,161.20	11,902.94	67,456.86	31,609.62
Championship events	12,588.11	5,093.91	11,626.03	4,173.87
Primary School Champs	1,949.82	1,324.56		
MapMates	2,775.99			446.44
SC-ORE	7,637.78	370.18	5,255.73	6,174.18
Other (fog, coaching, community)	749.34	385.04		
Invitation Training Camp	-421.97			
Sporting Schools	37,441.36	31,387.50	45,825.45	35,767.64
OACT Dinner	2,403.33	6,239.87	2,200.00	4,925.00
Sale of SI sticks	2,009.09	2,712.56 (1,990.90	5,300.00
Sale of other items	1,189.77	1,393.23 (900.00
Other Income	1,809.85			
Map Printing		5,458.16		
Consumables		870.12		
Equipment repair, m'tenance,op		1,466.60		
OA fees (SRF, event, eventor, insur)		22,046.87		15,050.39
SI equipment repair, m'tenance		774.34		1,030.91
Club Tithes		5,700.00		
Camps Armidale, Ballarat			547.10	
other			977.96	
TOTAL INCOME FROM SALES	154,848.97		151,832.67	
TOTAL COST OF SALES		97,125.88		105,378.05
Gross profit from trading	57,723.09		46,454.62	
EXPENDITURE	Income	costs		
Admin Offier and super		21,598.79)	28,821.91
EO and super		7,596.00)	
Devel Officer and super		15,040.79		5,183.50
Office rental		5,640.00)	
Office costs and Admin		6,367.07)	13,586.15
running office, telephone, myob, other admin, bank fees				
Website and depreciation		2,280.00		4,454.55
AO Mag and distr		4,738.23		2,683.27
event support (trailer, shed, sat phone)		1,463.72		1,441.58
Trophies, badges		1,370.66		31.45
Equipment, SI coaching depreciation		8,636.73		6,835.97
Mapping upgrades		6,676.10		2,131.00
Map depreciation		9,464.92		6,117.91
Minor equipment, score minor equip		1,473.24		1,366.18
Promotion		400.32		
School maps		1,405.00		4,120.00
Scholar program		2,902.13		3,396.64
Support Schools team		4,193.06		2,616.12
Support for Cockatoos		-100.00		-550.00
Support Elites in Int'l comp		3,000.00		4,000.00
Elites - Transferred from a pre existing liability account		-349.01		
Travel - not event related		207.16		252.00

Blue Sparks, mapmates				
IPFP grant expenditure			1,369.49	
Other Costs	252.17		388.58	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	104,257.08		88,246.30	
Operating Profit (a Loss)	-46,533.99		-41,791.68	
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OTHER INCOME AND COSTS				
	Income	Costs		
Operational Grant	26,000.00		26,000.00	
National League Funding	22,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	26,768.55
OA Grant MTBO	2,500.00	2,500.00		
OA Grant Sprint Series	10,010.00	10,186.81		
ACT Haig Park Grant (map cost in 2018)	2,727.27	200.00		
NSW Health Goulburn Fixed course Grants	11,050.00	11,050.00	10,050.00	3,050.00
Oceania Distribution (& map cost)	32,061.97			
Income from Interest & Invest	4,063.92		5,082.21	
Donations	614.15			
Australian Sports Foundation	3,657.50	3,300.00		
	115,184.81	57,236.81	71,132.21	29,818.55
Other Income and Costs - Surplus	57,948.00		41,313.66	
Net Surplus	11,414.01		-478.02	

Other Income and Costs

\$818.18 of MTBO grant actually spent - unspent portion moved to Balance Sheet (liabilities)

\$4457.44 of HealthGoulburn grant actually spent - unspent portion moved to Balance Sheet (liabilities)

ORIENTEERING ACT - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DEC 19

ASSETS

Cash	215,330.46	
Oceania account	88,203.38	
Invoices outstanding	5,593.74	<i>mostly unpaid Sporting schools</i>
ATO Client Account	3,553.00	
Property and equipment	47,515.45	
Mapwork	37,859.67	

ASSETS **398,055.70**

LIABILITIES

Payables		
Other Creditors	6,782.13	<i>OA eventor and insurance levy, & a correction</i>
Unpaid salary	2,712.50	
Super payable	1,265.25	

2020 memberships paid in 2019	2,173.36	
Advance Deposits (NL, MTBO grants)	10,000.00	
Unexpended MTBO and NSW Health	8,274.38	
Blue Lightning (cake stall)	245.34	
Blue Sparks	797.84	

Cockatoos	167.65	
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			Tithes 2019
AO-A	616.99	include tithes	600.00
BS-A	3,846.62		1,800.00
PO-A	3,300.00		1,950.00
RR-A	4,204.67		1,200.00
WE-A	2,428.17		150.00

Oceania Account	38,917.14	<i>to be distributed mostly to ONSW, OVic</i>
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Total Liabilities **85,732.04**

Net Assets **312,323.66**

EQUITY

Retained Earnings	169,814.20	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	11,414.01	
Asset Revaluation Reserve	131,095.45	
Total Equity	312,323.66	