

Citation

Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering

The 2020 Mike Cassells Award for Services to Orienteering is presented to someone who has been instrumental in keeping orienteering happening in 2020.

2020 has thrown up uncertainties as a result of the bushfires early in the year and the ups and downs responding to COVID restrictions, preventive controls to deal with COVID and the subsequent rapid implementation of technology and event organisation initiatives.

The winner of this award has been involved in orienteering for about half their life. Early days as a competitor, then as a coach and course setter. Recent years has seen this person develop into a top athlete within their age group and if it wasn't for COVID restrictions causing cancellations of championship events, this person would have not been out of place on the top step of the podium.

Everyone who has been involved in the last couple of years in setting courses, organising events, coaching and keeping orienteering functioning, knows all too well what a great service this person has provided to orienteering.

This person has risen to every challenge that 2020 has provided. This person has far exceeded the normal duties of their role administering orienteering. For that, the 2020 Mike Cassells award for Services to Orienteering is presented to Paul de Jongh.

Congratulations