

Western and Hills Orienteers Incorporated (WHO) 2023 Annual Report



WHO Office Bearers for 2022-2023

Executive Officers

President	James McQuillan
Vice President	Dan Smith
Secretary	Maureen Fitzpatrick
Treasurer	Karen Langan

Other Roles

Club Captain	Joshua Braidwood
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
Development Officer	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Delegates To ONSW	James McQuillan, Karen Langan, Dan Smith
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
Newsletter Editor	Ian Miller
IT Support	Dmitry Stukov
Public Officer	Maureen Fitzpatrick
Child Safety Officer	Saffron Sweeney

WHO Life Members	Bruce Cooper, Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, Steve Dunlop
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President's Report

I've been focused on three main things this year. I set the courses for the final of the Sydney Sprint Weekend at Western Sydney University – Macarthur. This was a big event with representatives from all states present and was exceptionally satisfying to watch it unfold. The second focus was liaising with The King's School for our event in August. This took a lot of time but once again, was tremendous to see others enjoyment of the resultant event. The third but maybe the most pleasing of all was organising our club's 40th birthday celebrations, which turned out to be a wonderful evening for all that attended.

The following are my highlights for our club for the past year:

- WHO reached the 40 year milestone.
- Steve Dunlop was named as the club's 6th Life Member. As a founding member it seemed fitting to make this announcement at the 40th Birthday celebration.
- WHO members stepping up. We've had people contributing for the first time, trying new roles or the same roles at a higher level. Really pleasing to see.
- Unveiling of a new Metroleague map at Jordan Springs – thanks Janet.
- WHO hosted the NSW Schools Championships. This required extensive liaising with The King's School for access, mapping and the actual event. It resulted in a new sprint map and maybe, just maybe, the start of an orienteering relationship with the school. The bush event at Mulgoa the following day stretched our resources and despite some of the longer courses being a bit long, the junior kid's courses were spot on.
- The Turkey Trot ventured into South West Sydney.
- Savanna Sweeney was again selected in the Australian Schools Honours Team and was one of four juniors representing NSW at the Australian Schools Champs in Western Australia (Savanna, Matilda, Lachlan, Shay).
- WHO came third in the NSW Interclub challenge. Once again, with only Garingal and Newcastle in front of us.

Thank you to all club members that contributed to make 2023 a great year. I'm looking forward to 2024, where I hope we will continue to grow.

James McQuillan
WHO President

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Treasurer's Report (abridged)

This report covers the full year period 1st October, 2022 to 31st September, 2023.

Event Summary

During the year there were 13 events. Financial details for each event are show in the accompanying Annual Event Report 2022-2023 on page 6.

Highlights include:

- Over 1800 entries across 13 events.
- Minor event income totaling increased compared to the previous year but not back up to pre COVID minor event incomes.
- We ran two major events, one of the Xmas 5 days at Mt Piper and the NSW Schools Championships, with a combined major event income
- Western Summer Series ran at a loss but most other events achieved a healthy surplus.

Financial Results

The Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet are available on request to the Secretary.

Key highlights are:

- The year ended with a small surpluse of income over expenditure.
- WHO celebrated its 40th Birthday this year and the club subsidized the event.
- Club member development was assisted.
- ONSW sanctioning fees were the greatest expense item, followed by costs related to venue and amenities hire.
- In summary, WHO finances are stable.

Karen Langan
WHO Treasurer

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Mapping Officer's Report

The club has sufficient maps for the coming year, though we must continue to update our maps and look for new areas. Barry continues to provide base maps and to look at new areas using publicly available data.

Our maps can be grouped depending on their suitability for different types of event.

State League Bush Maps

We would benefit from new or revived areas for country State League events.

Markhams Creek Camping Area at Wyangala dam was identified as a suitable area to map. It should be followed up when needed

A western extension to our Mt Piper Hills map for use in 2025 has been proposed and a visit to Mt Piper to discuss access was scheduled. Unfortunately the meeting could not take place as Blue Mountains highways were closed on the day due to an accident. Will be followed up later as we have a contact there willing to talk to us.

Barry has been identifying suitable farm areas which welcome visitors and has been talking to owners. So far with no success. It is important that we continue to search for bush areas.

Sydney and District Line Course Maps

Used for MetroLeagues and Western Sydney Orienteering Series (WSOS) events, and sometimes lent to Saturday Orienteering Series (SOS), these maps are important for new comers to learn basic line orienteering. We have enough, particularly now that our number of WSOS events has been reduced, though areas continue to change. Wianamatta Regional Park West at Jordan Springs, was successfully used for the first time at our Metro this year and will be improved when planned wetland areas are complete - hopefully with some visitor facilities. Two other maps (Fred Caterson/Cattai Creek and Caddies Creek) still have sporting field changes impending so will need updates. Currently Bungaribee Park is being mapped and should be suitable for a Metro. Kings School also has potential as a Metro map using its bush areas.

Sydney Summer Series (SSS) Maps

A map (Dual Creeks) between Dural and Cherrybrook has been completed by Ian Miller and Graeme Hill and was used this summer. Our West Pennant Hills map has been extended by adding East Castlewood and will also be used this summer. We have a sufficient number of SSS maps though new or upgraded maps could continue to be added.

Sprints

Kings School was completed and used for a State League event but generally we have no club use for sprint maps though some can be lent to SOS. For example, Western Sydney University at Richmond was used very successfully by SOS.

Turkey Trot

Various creeks and parks in the Fairfield area were mapped and used for Turkey Trot 2023 but it is unlikely they will be used again. An area including Concord and Putney is proposed for the Turkey Trot 2024 and a base map has been prepared by Barry.

Janet Morris
WHO Mapping Officer

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Equipment Officer's Report

Our equipment has served us well again in the past year, with some minor replacements and a few items to keep pace with the technological changes in event management.

My thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear. If something does break during an event, which is to be expected, please let me know so it can be repaired prior to its next use.

With the anniversary this year I was reminded of our debt to some of the earlier members, eg Ted Mulherin, who spent a lot of time making equipment for the club. We are still using the control stands made over 20 years ago. Toilets, styes to go over wire fences and lighting systems were all knocked up to make events happen.

Thanks

Steve Dunlop
WHO Equipment Officer

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WHO Statistics

a) WHO Club Championships 2023

The club's Championship Point Score year runs from the start of the summer series in October to the end of the Australian Championships.

This year 79 WHO members participated in a total of 1,291 events across urban and bush settings and Barry Pearce, Club Statistician, entered all those results to make the 2023 WHO Club Championships tally. WHO members attended an average of 16 events and a median of 10 events, ranging from 1-58, as follows:

No. of events 2022-2023		
50-58	Sweeney Savanna	de Remy de Courcelles Justine
	Sweeney Saffron	Convert Emmanuelle
40-49	de Remy de Courcelles Vivien	McQuillan James
	Morris Janet	Sweeney Shay
	Sweeney Seth	Sweeney Selwyn
30-39	Sweeney Paul	Miller Ian
	Coady Lee	Coady Levi
	McQuillan Aiden	Hanlon Barry
20-29	Coady Lachlan	Teoh Silvia
	Mansfield Martin	Kay Will
	McQuillan Elliott	Murray John
	Dunlop Stephen	Farebrother Gary
	Hill Graeme	Gledhill Marion
	Gledhill Malcolm	Saunders Matilda
	Mulherin Ted	Walsham Debbie
10-19	Henderson Scott	Braidwood Joshua
	Langan Karen	Smith Dan
	Noble David	Pearce Barry
	McQuillan Nerise	Bradley Robert
	Saunders Anthony	Kinneally Belinda
	Braidwood Jacinta	
0-9	Bax Warren	Bax Karen
	Kinneally George	Valais Aurelle
	Kinneally Hamilton	Stukov Dimitry
	Fillery Yvonne	Porritt Tim
	Seeho Jay	Olbrich Thomas
	Wong Kit	Olbrich Chelsea
	Valais Constance	Chan Chris
	Teoh Samantha	Palmer Tiffany
	Teoh Harvey	Palmer Charlotte
	Stankova Maria	Murray Justin
	Spencer Thomas	Moore Sue
	Dabbs Lynn	McQuillian Finn
	Coady Lucas	Inglis Emma
	Ashton Micaela	Hackett Matt
	Merton Rachel	Fuller Zoe
	Hill Andrew	Fuller Jake
	Fitzpatrick Maureen	Fuller Amelia
	Spencer Blake	Friend Michael
	Perry Tim	Chan Linda

The WHO Club Championship 2023 winner will be announced at the WHO AGM on 10/12/2023 and full results distributed afterwards.

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b) WHO Cup Winners

	WHO Cup		Handicap Event
1994	Paul Baker		Pat Baker
1995	Paul Baker		Pat Baker
1996	Graeme Hill		Alexander Christopher
1997	Matt Hely		Maryanne Brooking
1998	Graeme Hill		Tim Bartsch
1999	Andrew Hill		Barry Gill
2000	Andrew Hill		Pat Baker
2001	Andrew Hill		Pat Baker
2002	Paul Baker		Janet Morris
2003	Andrew Hill		Janet Morris
2004	Graeme Hill		Steve Holloway
2005	Chris Sanderson		Paul Baker
2006	Robert Chapman		Robert Chapman
2007	Jon Bailey		Steve Holloway
2008	Paul Baker		Paul Baker
2009	Adrian White		Adrian White
2010	Andrew Hill		Jon Bailey
2011	Andrew Hill		Ian Christopher
2012	Andrew Hill		Lee Coady
2013	Andrew Hill		Lee Coady
2014	James McQuillan		Nerise McQuillan
2015	Lee Coady		Lee Coady
2016	Andrew Hill		James Langan
	WHO Cup Fastest Female	WHO Cup Fastest Male	Chris Crane Cup
2017	Karen Langan	James Dunlop	Selwyn Sweeney
2018	Niamh Cassar	James McQuillan	Tim Perry
2019	Niamh Cassar	James McQuillan	Lee Coady
2020	Belinda Kinneally	James McQuillan	Barry Hanlon
2021	Belinda Kinneally	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles
2022	Belinda Kinneally	Seth Sweeney	Tim Perry
2023	??	??	??