

Western and Hills Orienteers Incorporated (WHO) 2024 Annual Report



WHO Office Bearers for 2023-2024 Executive Officers

President	James McQuillan
Vice President	Dan Smith
Secretary and Public Officer	Emmanuelle Convert
Treasurer	Karen Langan

Other Roles

Club Captain	Joshua Braidwood
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
Development Officer	Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Delegates To ONSW	James McQuillan, Dan Smith, Emmanuelle Convert
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
Newsletter Editor	Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles
Social Media – Facebook	Charlotte Palmer
IT Support	James McQuillan
Public Officer	Emmanuelle Convert
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

2024 was a successful year for WHO. We again contributed to event organisation with four Sydney Summer Series events, the first State League and the final of the Metro League. Club members also helped out with other non-WHO events at KBIII and Aus Champs and NSW MTBO Champs. With the club growing, it isn't unusual to bump into members at Parkruns, Rogaines or the many other orienteering events all over Sydney and NSW. It's excellent to see.

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

- New faces enjoying orienteering
- WHO is now the 3rd largest club in NSW
- We had a particularly successful Metro League season, with outstanding participation and were rewarded with winning Div 1, 3 and 4.
- The Turkey Trot – always a highlight - had a novel remote finish which required a ferry to return to the assembly.
- Aus Champs in NSW meant we had excellent representation at the premier orienteering event for the year. Amazing bush, fun sprint maps and some podium positions added up to a great week.
- Fresh new O-shirts and pants were unveiled at Aus Champs, with quite a few nods of approval!
- 25% of the NSW Schools team were WHO members (Savanna, Matilda, Shay, Justine, Tiffany). This team competed at the Aus Schools Champs in Armidale and retained the shield which they have now held since 2019.
- WHO came 2nd in the NSW Interclub challenge, improving on our 3rd in the past few years.

Thank you to all club members that contributed to make 2024 a great year. I'm looking forward to 2025, which promises to be just as good.

James McQuillan

**President
Western & Hills Orienteers
23/11/2024**

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Treasurer's Report (abridged)

This report covers the full year period 1st October 2023 to 31st September 2024.

Event Summary

During the year there were 9 events. Financial details for each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report 2023-2024. Highlights include:

- Over 1274 entries across 9 events, we ran 2 less Western Summer Series Events compared to the previous year.
- Minor event income was a decrease from the previous year.
- We ran 1 major event, the State League at Roseberg .

Financial Results

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

- WHO received a Volunteers Grant from the Department of Social Services.
- In summary WHO finances remain stable.

Karen Langan
WHO Treasurer
25/11/2024

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Club Captain's Report

What a Metro League season to remember for WHO!

It is no exaggeration to say that WHO dominated Metro League in 2024, with consistent performances each round culminating in finals success.

WHO/UR held up the Frank Assenza trophy for the first time since 2008 taking out the coveted Division 1 title. That's 16 years ago - some of our club members weren't even born then! After years of domination by clubs like Big Foot and Garingal, this was a sweet victory indeed. Consistent performance from WHO members like Seth Sweeney, Selwyn Sweeney, James McQuillan and Vivien de Remy de Courcelles was the key to this success. And congratulations to Seth on taking out the individual medal for the season!

WHO also came out in Divisions 3 and 4 in 2024, an incredible achievement. Again, consistent turnout from WHO members and consistent performances was the key. Well done to all who contributed to our success - Matthew, Emmanuelle, Paul, Saffron, Charlotte, Stan, Silvia, Matilda and Josh in Div 3, and Shay, Tahlia, Tiffany, Justine, Stan, Anthony and Matilda in Div 4. I'm particularly pleased about the success of our Div 4 team which consisted almost entirely of juniors.

Let's not forget our Division 5 team who also made the final, but agonisingly fell short against Bennelong. Division 5 has been one of consistently well performing teams over several years, and they certainly earned their place in the final again in 2024 - well done team. Thanks to Aiden, Nerise, Barry, Janet, Kelly, Ted, Maria, Jacinta, Levi, Alex, Micaela, Stan, Karen and Elliott who all contributed to this success over the season.

And finally, thanks to our Div 2 and Div 6 teams who, while they didn't make the finals, pulled out some great performances throughout the season. Thanks to Lee, Lachlan, Savanna, Paul, Dan, Matthew and Nicholas who represented WHO proudly in the WHO-UR Div 2 team. And thanks to Toby, Hamilton, Elliott, Janet and Blake for flying the WHO flag in Div 6.

Most importantly of all, we had heaps of fun! What a great range of locations we visited for Metro League this year - from the inner-city park-scape of Sydney Park to the diverse bush landscape of Appin. And of course, the final proudly hosted by WHO in our own backyard in Castle Hill. Thanks to all those who gave Metro League a go for the first time this year - and if you are new to club and curious I recommend coming along next year and giving it a go. You don't need any experience - just a desire to lace on your shoes and explore a new area - and meet your club mates.

See you in 2025!

Josh Braidwood
WHO Club Captain
23/11/2024

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Mapping Officer's Report

Map preparation and updating continues. Barry Hanlon continues to provide base maps and updated information such as recent aerial photos as needed. We have sufficient maps for our number of scheduled events though regular updating is needed and has been done.

State League

Mt Piper, Wyangala Waters and Roseberg SF continue to be our only distant bush maps. Other identified areas need further investigation.

Sydney Area Line Course Maps

Bungaribee Park is a new area and has been mapped. Other maps have been updated as needed.

SSS

We have sufficient SSS maps. An extension at West Epping to the Sanctuary map has been made.

Sprints and SOS

Most use of WHO sprint maps has been by SOS.

Turkey Trot

A map of the area from Putney to Concord was prepared and used.

Janet Morris
WHO Mapping Officer
7/11/2024

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Equipment Officer's Report

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

My thanks to organisers and team members for their management of the gear at events. 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.

Thanks again

Steve Dunlop
WHO Equipment Officer
21/11/2024

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WHO Statistics

a) WHO Club Championships 2024

This is the eighth year that “Participation and Performance” statistics have been used to decide the WHO Championship.

This year 86 members entered 1 to 55 events.

Over 167,000 points were distributed to the 1345 eligible entries.

Ages ranged from 4+ to 80+ and there was a good mix of male and female participants.

Whilst I am again surprised by the results they can be easily justified.

The actual WHO Club Championship winner will be announced at the WHO AGM on 08/12/2024 but in the meantime, here are the ‘Top 20’ attenders, in alphabetical order, who attended between 15-55 events between the start of Sydney Summer Series in October 2023 and the end of September 2024:

- Chapman Tahlia
- Convert Emmanuelle
- de Remy de Courcelles Justine
- de Remy de Courcelles Vivien
- Hanlon Barry
- Hill Graeme
- McQuillan Aiden
- McQuillan James
- McQuillan Nerise
- Morris Janet
- Palmer Charlotte
- Palmer Mathew
- Palmer Tiffany
- Perry Tim
- Sweeney Saffron
- Sweeney Savanna
- Sweeney Seth
- Sweeney Shay

Barry Pearce
WHO Statistician
25/11/2024

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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
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		S t e v e
	Holloway		
2010	Andrew Hill		Jon
	Paul Baker		Paul Baker
	Adrian White		Adrian
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	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Janet Morris
2024	??	??	??