

WHO Office Bearers for 2024-2025



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 hard one to top but we had some great memories to look back on for 2025 too. As we have become accustomed to doing, we contributed to event organisation with four Sydney Summer Series events, a State League event, a Metroleague event and our annual Turkey Trot. Throw in a couple of smaller local events and it has kept us all busy.

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

- Savanna won SSS course of the year (in a three-way tie) for her Parramatta Riverbank creation.
- KBIII at Kahlis Rocks, for which WHO were responsible for Day 1. Challenging weather conditions but superb orienteering and excellent participation made it feel more like a national comp rather than a state one.
- Savanna representing Australia at EYOC in Czechia.
- Marcus with outstanding results in the Asian Youth Orienteering Championships in Japan.
- Our Div 3 Metroleague team won for the second year in a row. Div 5 and 6 returned to the winner's circles with shared victories with GO and BN after the final was washed out. Seth and Shay clinched individual medals for Div 1 and Div 3.
- Aus Champs in Brisbane was a hot hot hot week but terrific to see so many WHO members there and helping NSW to win both the Xanthorrhoea Trophy (relays) and the Long distance shield.
- 7 of the 20 strong NSW Schools team were WHO members (Lachlan, Savanna, Matilda, Marcus, Shay, Justine, Tiffany). This team competed at the Aus Schools Champs in Brisbane, with some great results.
- WHO once again came 2nd in the NSW Interclub challenge and remain the 3rd largest club in NSW.

Thank you so much for participating in our events and to those that pitched in to make those events happen – bravo. Here's to great memories from 2025 and the promise of more in 2026.

James McQuillan
President
Western & Hills Orienteers
15/11/2025

Treasurer's Report

This report covers the full year period 1st October, 2024 to 31st September, 2025.

1. Event Summary

During the year there were 12 events. Financial details for each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report 2024-2025. Highlights include:

- Over 1610 entries across 12 events
- Minor event income for 2024/25 events totalled \$10,381. Which was \$1,200 higher than for the 2023/24 events. We ran 2 MapRun events for the first time.
- We ran 2 major event, the Xmas 5 Day event at Pennant Hills High School and KBIII event at Kahli's Rock. Income from major events totalled \$6,762 .

2. Financial Results

The Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet are attached. Key highlights are:

- Available starting funds as of 1st October 2024 were \$25,198. At the end of the period, total funds were \$30,480.
- Club member development was assisted with a total of \$2,050.
- ONSW sanctioning fees were the greatest expense item at a total of \$7,353.
- The club purchased a new computer and new control flags.
- WHO clothing was purchased resulting in a subsidy to club members' of \$437
- In summary WHO finances remain very healthy.

Karen Langan
WHO Treasurer
17/11/202

Club Captain's Report

2025 - another great season of Metro League and another year of success for WHO! This season had everything, from the fast track of Centennial Park to the more challenging bush navigation of Yerambah Lagoon, Kentlyn, and Darks Common, and of course the highlight being WHO's own event at Western Sydney Regional Park. Sadly, the final at Mitchell Park was cancelled due to flooding, however Metro League organisers decided to award prizes for Division 1, 2, and 3 based on the team that was on the top of the ladder at the end of Round 5, and for Divisions 4, 5, and 6 the two teams at the top of the ladder at the end of Round 5 would share the honours. So, what did that mean for WHO?

Division 3 - We were Division 3 champions for the second year in a row!!! What an awesome effort from a team chock full of talent. With 4 wins and 1 draw out of 5 rounds we were the team to beat, just finishing in front of nearest rival SHOO-IKO. Congratulations to all those who were part of our Div 3 team during the year including: Shay Sweeney, Saffron Sweeney, Paul Sweeney, Tim Perry, Emmanuelle Convert, Justine de Remy de Courcelles, Matilda Saunders, Tiffany Palmer, Charlotte Palmer, Ho Lam Marcus Cheung, Belinda Kinneally, and Josh Braidwood.

Division 5 - We are joint winners along with Garingal (both clubs achieving 3 out of 5 wins for the season) - an outstanding effort from all those who have been part of our Div 5 team during the year including Linda Chan, Janet Morris, Martin Mansfield, Maria Stankova, Aiden McQuillan, Jacinta Braidwood, Levi Coady, Barry Hanlon, Michelle Ashton, Nerise McQuillan, Rachel Merton and Thomas Spencer.

Division 6 - We are joint winners along with Bennelong (both sides achieving 3 out of 4 wins for the season) - a pretty outstanding effort given that our team largely consisted of juniors who started the year relatively new to orienteering. Well done to all Div 6 team members including Hamilton Kinneally, Elliott McQuillan, Janet Morris, Blake Read, Toby Said, Nathan Cheung, Levi Said, and Yvonne Fillery.

Honourable mention to our Div 1 team who, while not quite able to replicate last year's massive achievement of holding up the Frank Assenza trophy, were nonetheless highly competitive all season, coming second on the ladder with 3 wins out of 5 rounds. Just not quite enough to tip over Garingal who took out the crown.

Kudos also to our Div 2 team who also finished the year second on the ladder - with 3 out of 4 wins. Again, highly competitive all season, just not quite enough to get there against SHOO-IKO.

A valiant effort also from our Div 4 team, who, while they picked up one win for the season, clearly missed the young talent they had cultivated the previous year who had progressed to Division 3 this season. But definitely plenty of hope for next year!

But it's not just about the outstanding team efforts - there were also some pretty impressive individual performances at Metro League for WHO. In particular, congratulations to Seth Sweeney (43 points) and Shay Sweeney (47 points) for picking up the individual medals for Division 1 and Division 3 respectively. And for those curious about who our highest point scorers were for the other divisions:

Div 2 - Lee Coady with 33 points

Div 4 - Paul Sweeney with 23 points

Div 5 - Aiden McQuillan with 25 points

Div 6 - Blake Read with 25 points

Well done all! We can expect another great Metro League Season in 2026, so make sure you mark the dates in your calendar when they become available. In the meantime, if you haven't tried Metro League before and are curious reach out to have a chat. Remember there is something suitable for everyone at Metro League, whether you are a complete novice or an elite runner.

Josh Braidwood
WHO Club Captain
22/11/2025

Mapping Officer's Report

WHO has approximately 50 current master maps, many with more than one event area. Looking at current event series, we have 24 possible SSS maps. This year we added Holroyd Gardens. For interest, over the last 14 years the most frequently used SSS maps were Watsons Bay, Brush Farm, the Sanctuary and Vineyard Creek.

We have 8 possible Metro maps. The old Cecil Hills RP map is being brought up to date for a Metro as it now has facilities for an assembly at the Wylde Bike Park.

For State League, we have two large areas at Roseberg SF and Mt Piper and a small area at Wyangala Waters. There is potential at Wyangala for more maps (using parts of the old Giant map) such as the north end of the lake.

It would be good to have more bush maps for SL and Metro and some areas have been visited at Rylstone, Cattai NP and Glenbrook to check for current suitability.

We continue to lend local maps to SOS for their events which might encourage participation in local areas.

Janet Morris
WHO Mapping Officer
15/10/2025

Equipment Officer's Report

My thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear.

Generally, we have two types of equipment, that associated with the course – control units, flags & stands, and the event arena – registration, start, finish. The former need to be collected from the computer team and myself in advance of the event, to allow the controls to be put out.

I'm happy to help bring arena gear if I'm available. Please check with me in advance of events to ensure all the gear needed for your event is available and how it will be delivered to the event and returned. A particular issue, especially in the heat and if rain expected, is whether we need gazebos / and who will erect same at event.

If there is any gear people consider would be useful just let me know and we'll have a look at it, not averse to spending the Club's money.

Steve Dunlop
WHO Equipment Officer
18/11/2025

WHO Statistics

a) WHO Club Championships 2025

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

This year 89 members entered 1 to 59 events.

Over 228639 points were distributed to the 1484 eligible entries.

Ages ranged from 5+ to 80+ and there was a good mix of male and female participants.

This year I severely weighted some of the participants but note that their names are still near the top of the results.

I am still concerned that many members results were affected by officiating or assisting activities at events but, to date, have not been able to establish suitable compensation.

Barry Pearce
WHO Statistician
01/12/2025

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	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Janet Morris
2024	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Maria Stankova
2025	??	??	??