

Western And Hills Orienteers

2016 Annual Report



Office Bearers for 2016

Executive Officers

President	Ian Miller
Vice President/Club Captain	Steve Dunlop
Secretary	Chris Crane
Treasurer	Graeme Hill

Other Roles

Club Captain	James McQuillan
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
E-News Letter	Ian Miller
Statistician	Chris Crane
Delegates To ONSW	James McQuillan, Steve Dunlop, Ian Miller
Coach Co-ordinator	James McQuillan
Web Master	Barry Hanlon
Promotions Officer	Steve Holloway
IT Support	Tim Perry
Public Officer	Chris Crane

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President's Annual Report

Thank you for contributing to a successful 2016. Our club's success comes directly from the time and enthusiasm provided by our members and many hours were readily given. Thank you to those who took on club roles.

Collectively WHO did a lot last year. We delivered a State League at Mt Piper, the Turkey Trot, a Metro on a new map at Mulgoa, 4 SSS events, 3 Western Summer Series (WSS) events, the WHO Cup, a sprint, a moonlight and 3 local events plus a training day and supported the Sydney West Schools event. The enthusiastic support we get from members at each event helps spread the work load and allows almost everyone to run at each event, increasing the enjoyment for all.

We increased the emphasis on growing the WSS series in preference to the Wednesday evening (SSS) summer series. The Western Summer Series had a great year, growing participation by 22% and owning the Sunday morning time slot from October to December. WSS is delivered by WHO, Garingal and Bennelong and the other two clubs participation is greatly appreciated.

On the down side, in November we lost our long standing Secretary, Chris Crane to cancer. Chris was the WHO Secretary for 27 years.

Looking ahead in 2017

2017 will be challenging as a number of our most experienced people are involved in the Australian Orienteering Carnival. Their absence creates opportunities, so please don't be shy in volunteering to be an organiser, setter or event director.

We are working on guidance documents for our organisers, setters, map makers and event directors. The aim is to pass on the club's collected experience to help others in these roles. Our local events program known as "Cunning Running" needs tuning and we will relaunch it for 2017. Our membership will grow as we attract newcomers to our local and WSS events where we have the time to talk to them about orienteering.

The Western Summer Series will continue to expand and will over time, become our major activity. SHOO will join the clubs delivering WSS events for 2017. With Graeme's financial guidance we are in good shape and Barry Hanlon and Janet Morris have ensured we have maps available for upcoming events. One area where we could do better is our performance. We lack depth but I am optimistic this will be resolved as we grow the membership and junior numbers. The September Australian Orienteering Carnival events around Bathurst are an ideal opportunity for success on a larger stage so get started on your training !

A special thank you to Graeme Hill for his work on this report. Graeme contributed the Treasurers Report plus entered all 1069 individual results into the Club Championship calculator.

Best wishes for a successful year's orienteering. May you run directly to the centre of the control circles at all your events.

Ian Miller

MINUTES OF WESTERN & HILLS ORIENTEERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Date:- 13th February 2016

Venue: - Steve Dunlop's home at 47 George Mobbs Drive, Castle Hill.

Present: Steve Dunlop (Chair), Ted Mulherin, Chris Crane, Ian Miller, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, James McQuillan, Matt Hackett, Dmitry Stukov, Karen Langan, Tim Perry, Graeme Hill, Steve Holloway.

Apologies: - John Murray, Rob Bradley, Lynn Dabbs, Kevin Williams, Nerise McQuillan

Time: - Meeting opened 2:15pm

Welcoming speech was presented by the President followed by his written report. As on page 2 of annual report commenting it could be an interesting three years ahead.

Last year's minutes were taken as read. Moved by Ian Miller and seconded by Ted Mulherin.

Matters arising from Previous Minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report: See written report on page 7 of annual report followed by the other financial reports, the Event reports on pages 10 &11, the balance sheet on page 8 , and the Income and Expenditure Report on page 9 which were explained to the meeting. The Treasurer pointed out the report doesn't cover equipment and maps as they are written off. The 2015 figures are inflated as they include fees collected at the Christmas Five Days which was held at the end of 2014 but we didn't receive monies until 2015. He thanked Janet and Barry for all the mapping they do which saves us heaps.

Club Captains Report James explained his report as per page 12 and commented we nearly filled all teams at every event. Unfortunately we lose Darius in 2015 as he moves to Brisbane.

Mapping Officers Report: Janet explained her report on page 12 commenting she is still looking for a new area although she has produced a new map at Kellyville. She was hoping to fly Capertee but has been unable to find another club to share the costs. President thanked her for all her efforts in mapping.

Equipment Officers Report: Steve Dunlop made a few comments on the equipment advising we didn't purchase anything huge except for a new printer.

Club Statistician Report: See written report on pages 15 -17. Commented that the club during the year changed the cut off date for the Club Championship to the 30 September rather than 31 December. This enables us to have a Presentation Day where we run the WHO Cup as well as present the Club Champion Shield and the Hank Van Oost Trophy.

Presentation of Awards: 2015 WHO Club Champion and the Hank Van Oost Trophy were presented to Janet Morris at the Presentation day on 12th December along with the WHO Cup Trophies.

Election of 2016 Office Bearers.

All 2015 office bearers stood down for the election of the 2016 Office Bearers. The Secretary informed the meeting he had not received any nominations for any position so we had to receive nominations from the floor.

Executive Officers

Position	Nominated	Nominator	Seconder	Elected
President	Ian Miller	Barry Hanlon	Graeme Hill	Ian Miller
Vice President	Steve Dunlop	Ian Miller	Ted Mulherin	Steve Dunlop
Secretary	Chris Crane	Ted Mulherin	Steve Holloway	Chris Crane
Treasurer	Graeme Hill	Ian Miller	Ted Mulherin	Graeme Hill

Other Roles within the Club

Position	Nominated	Nominator	Seconder	Elected
Club Captain	James McQuillan	Barry Hanlon	Matt Hackett	James McQuillan
Coach Co-ordinator	James McQuillan	Steve Dunlop	Ian Miller	James McQuillan
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop	Tim Perry	Dmitry Stukov	Steve Dunlop
IT Support	Tim Perry	Steve Dunlop	Steve Holloway	Tim Perry
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris	Ted Mulherin	Tim Perry	Janet Morris
Newsletter E-News	Vacant			
Promotions / New Members Officer	Steve Holloway	Barry Hanlon	Tim Perry	Steve Holloway
Statistician	Chris Crane	Steve Holloway	Karen Langan	Chris Crane
Web-Master	Barry Hanlon	Ian Miller	Graeme Hill	Barry Hanlon
Delegates to OANSW	Held Over			
The delegates were appointed after the meeting.	President, Vice-President and Club Captain			

Notes:- The Secretary was appointed as the Public Officer .

General Business

There was no General Business

Meeting Adjourned 4.15 pm.

VALE – Chris Crane

With great sadness we advise that WHO member Chris Crane passed away in the SAN Hospital on Thursday 17th November after a long hard fought battle with bone cancer.

Chris was the Secretary for Western and Hills Orienteers from 1989. His 27 consecutive years of service is unequalled in the orienteering community. Chris was the consummate organiser and revelled in the complexities of major orienteering events. His unflappable nature made him an invaluable member of the Western and Hills event organising team where he often steadied the ship when unforeseen circumstances occurred.

For many years, Chris has been a rock on which the Western and Hills Club has depended. His impeccable record keeping has created an extremely reliable resource and his organising experience has guided the club through its growth.

We will miss him greatly.

Our condolences go to Chris's wife, Trisha and son and daughter, Ashley and Adele.

WHO has made a \$200 donation to the Salvation Army in Chris's name.

Trisha Crane sent an email passing on "our family's appreciation of the members attendance at the service for Chris". I spoke to Trisha and she thanked the club for the donation to the Salvation Army.

Ian Miller - WHO President



Treasurer's Annual Report (abridged)

I am pleased to present the financial results for the year ended 31st December, 2016.

During the year we ran 16 events, which is 5 fewer than we ran in 2015. The details of each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report. Of the 15 events in 2016, 12 produced a surplus for which the major contributors were the 4 Sydney Summer Series events,, the State League event and the Turkey Trot.

The average attendance at the three Western Sydney Summer Series events that WHO ran in 2016 was 55 compared to an average attendance at the four events in 2015 of 45, an increase of 22%. The average attendance at the four SSS events that WHO ran in 2016 was 177, with the event at East Killara in January attracting a record 212 entrants.

Financial Results

The details of our income and expenditure with 2015 comparisons are available to members on request. In summary, we remain in a very healthy financial position and will be able to pay our accounts as and when they fall due.

Final Remarks

There are many instances where members have not claimed for out of pocket expenses or for the time they have spent in the field or at events or travelling. I'd be bound to miss someone if I tried to list everyone, but it shows the true spirit of the club and helps the club remain in its healthy financial position.

... But I would like to express my appreciation to Steve Dunlop for banking the takings on many occasions and to Tim Perry and his team for their computer work and resulting statistics which aided the reconciliation of funds at each event.

Graeme Hill

Club Captain's Report 2016

WHO contributed four teams to the MetroLeague competition for 2016. These teams were WHO Roos (Div 1), WHO Rays (Div 2), WHO RaHS (Div 4) and WHO HaHS (Div 5). There was no change from the previous year (2015) in this regard.

The traditional head to head scoring system was reinstated for Division 1 and maintained for all other divisions. We consistently struggled to fill Div 1 and often ran people 'up' to try and fill the holes. However, this really does a disservice to everyone. Running up often doesn't help the higher team and certainly reduces the lower team's chances.

WHO Roos (Div1) finished 3rd (out of 4). Were never strong enough to trouble BF and GO despite Andy Hill winning the Individual Medal for best runner. We need another two runners to be competitive.

WHO Rays (Div 2) – wooden spoon! (out of 6). Were promoted in 2015 after winning Div 3 in 2014 but have struggled since. They could be more competitive if runners weren't required to move up to fill holes in Div 1.

WHO RaHS (Div 4) finished 5th (out of 7). Some consistent performers mixed with inconsistent results due to lack of fitness and injuries contributed to this year's result.

WHO HaHS (Div 5) – Premiers! (out of 7). They were easily the strongest of our teams. We have too many Div 5 runners, which makes us competitive. Potential to consider fielding two Div 5 teams in the future.

Belinda introduced snacks to our MetroLeague endeavors. Some fruit or cake encourages team members to hang around and have a chat. This was a great initiative and I would like to thank Belinda for starting it. We will ensure it continues for 2017.

I had attempted to create a formal tutoring/coaching roster but this didn't really work and the informal opportunity created by the 'snacks' serves much the same purpose. I'm hopeful that team/club unity will continue to improve and results come as knowledge and information is shared in the post-race discussions.

James McQuillan

Club Captain

Equipment Officer's Report 2016

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. This is expected to be the same for 2017 as we deliver similar events and adapt to changes to event recording and management.

My thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear. It continues to work well that Tim's team manages the equipment directly related to computing and SI.

During this year we will look to have a more rigorous control on who takes equipment to ensure it is readily available for the next event. This will be particularly needed as I expect to be away several times during the year.

Steve Dunlop

Mapping Officer's Annual Report

Mapping Officer's Annual Report for 2016

January 14th 2017

The club had sufficient maps for events in 2016 and for events planned for 2017. We are also looking ahead for new areas and continuing to update older maps. Event maps were produced as required.

Summer Maps

Summer Series both North and West

We have over 30 options for Summer Series maps, some being part of large maps which can be divided into smaller event areas. This is not too many as we have to find at least nine per season.

For WSSS parts of two older maps were joined together and field worked to create Parramatta Riverside. Updates and additions were done on Bella Vista, Crestwood Reserve, Rogan's Hill, Knightsbridge and Lake Parramatta (BN) and MINI maps were made for six WSSS events. Additions are planned to be mapped and used this year for Watsons Bay, Rouse Hill and Brush Farm .

Sprints

The Westmead Hospitals area has been lost to development. A map of Balcombe Heights has been completed. Fred Caterson will be updated before reuse. A map of part of Rookwood Cemetery was completed, but permission to hold an event there was withdrawn.

Winter Maps

Country Maps

Part of the Willagalong section of Roseberg SF was sent to Australian Championship Carnival 2017 organisers. They have plans to update it if necessary.

Graeme Hill is redrawing an area at Wyangala Dam (the Giant map). It must be visited for this year for updating of vegetation and features but could be used in 2018. If successfully updated, the Rocky Creek map redrawn by Barry Hanlon could also be evaluated for suitability for field working.

Club members were shown, by Mt Piper power station personnel, an area west of Mt Piper Hills suitable for addition to that map. However, we await contours to become available for this area and other possible areas at Capertee NP and Portland. These contours have been foreshadowed to become available in 2018.

Urban Bush and Park for Metro, Minor and Cunning Running

Mulgoa was completed and used. The NW corner of Western Sydney Regional Park was updated and used. Darling Mills map has been updated for use in 2017. Wianamatta Regional Park, to be used as a Metro map this year, is being mapped and is almost complete. Bungaribee Regional Park and the Whalan and Tregear Reserves have been reserved and will be mapped for 2018.

Other Comments

A meeting has been arranged shortly with the Western Sydney Parklands Trust to discuss access to their parks following problems with course setting at Western Sydney Regional Park.

Barry Hanlon is now able to produce contours in NSW from the Geoscience Australia database for areas covered by LiDAR. This data is not yet available for our country areas of interest.

Copies of our club Master map file have been given to Ted Mulherin and Ian Miller as backups.

Thanks to Barry, Ian and Graeme for mapping assistance this year and to Ted Mulherin and Steve Holloway for printing event maps.

Report Prepared by Janet Morris, Mapping Officer

2016 WHO Statistics

The Club's Championship Point Score year runs from 1st October to 30th September (or the end of the Australian Championships). It was changed from the calendar year in 2015 so last year's report had only 9 month's numbers. In the last two full years there were 555 and 832 results included in the spreadsheet. This year Graeme Hill entered 1069 results !

Participation by WHO members smashed our previous record ! The highest number of events by a club member in 2014 was Andy Hill's 44 events. Andy also led with 48 in 2013. 48 would put you 5th on this year's tragics list. We had 16 members who competed in more than 25 events and three who averaged more than one event per week ! Special thanks to Ashley Crane for updating the Club Championship spreadsheet.

The 2016 tragics list is:

1. Janet Morris 58 events
2. Ian Miller 57 events
3. Lee Coady 56 events
4. James McQuillan 51 events
5. Andy Hill 46 events
6. Graeme Hill 41 events

2016 WHO Cup

Long Course – km			Short Course – km		
	Name	Time		Name	Time
1	Andy Hill	39:19	1	Steve Holloway	52:13
2	Dan Smith	47:19	2	Maria Stankova	55:05
3	Belinda Kinneally	53:22	3	James Langan	57:09
4	Helen Parker	54:22	4	Karen Langan	58:17
5	Josh Braidwood	55:29	5	Malcolm Gledhill	59:18
6	Steve Dunlop	61:40	6	Andy Vesey-Wells	65:24
7	Graeme Hill	61:49	7	Janet Morris	69:30
			8	Amy Harmer	71:00
			9	Marion Gledhill	DNF

2016 WHO Cup Handicap Event

	Name
1	James Langan
2	Andy Vesey-Wells
3	Malcolm Gledhill
4	Maria Stankova
5	Helen Parker

Previous Winners

WHO Cup	Handicap Event	WHO Cup	Handicap Event
1994 Paul Baker	Pat Baker	2005 Chris Sanderson	Paul Baker
1995 Paul Baker	Andrew Hill	2006 Robert Chapman	Robert Chapman
1996 Graeme Hill	Alexandra Christopher	2007 Jon Bailey	Steve Holloway
1997 Matt Hely	Maryanne Brooking	2008 Paul Baker	Paul Baker
1998 Graeme Hill	Tim Bartsch	2009 Adrian White	Adrian White

1999	Andrew Hill	Barry Gill	2010	Andrew Hill	Jon Bailey
2000	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2011	Andrew Hill	Ian Christopher
2001	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2012	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2002	Paul Baker	Janet Morris	2013	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2003	Andrew Hill	Janet Morris	2014	James McQuillan	Nerise McQuillan
2004	Graeme Hill	Steve Holloway	2015	Lee Coady	Lee Coady

Club Championships 2016

			No Events	Total Points	Best 15
1	Barry	Hanlon	38	3486	1830
2	Andrew	Hill	46	5000	1775
3	Ted	Mulherin	39	3944	1756
4	Janet	Morris	58	5216	1750
5	James	McQuillan	51	5138	1665
6	Steve	Dunlop	36	3474	1650
7	Lee	Coady	56	5175	1629
8	Graeme	Hill	41	4031	1612
9	Robert	Bradley	18	1792	1589
10	Lynn	Dabbs	14	1570	1570
11	Ian	Miller	57	4830	1568
12	Helen	Parker	24	2299	1567
13	Tim	Perry	32	2866	1564
14	Malcolm	Gledhill	26	2388	1507
15	Belinda	Kinneally	17	1632	1492
16	Dan	Smith	19	1767	1452
17	Dmitry	Stukov	28	2264	1436
18=	Karen	Langan	22	1878	1432
18=	Ivan	Stukov	15	1432	1432
20	John	Murray	27	2253	1379
21	Matt	Hackett	26	2218	1378
22	Maureen	Fitzpatrick	17	1488	1377
23	Joshua	Braidwood	23	1889	1315
24	Andy	Vesey-Wells	21	1604	1313
25	Katya	Stukova	15	1299	1299
26	Stephannie	Chan	15	1281	1281
27	Lachlan	Coady	32	2168	1272
28	Madylenne	Chan	17	1345	1237

29	Linda	Chan	15	1226	1226
30	Stephen	Holloway	33	2351	1201
31	Martin	Mansfield	18	1344	1171
32	Kevin	Williams	13	1138	1138
33	Cameron	Chan	16	1173	1115
34	Marie	Ringer	10	1041	1041
35	Marion	Gledhill	12	970	970
36	Barry	Pearce	14	882	882
37	Jan	Seeho	9	814	814
38	Anette	Larsson	9	781	781
39	Jay	Seeho	8	708	708
40	Greg	Jolley	8	684	684
41	Amy	Harmer	7	538	538
42	Maria	Stankova	6	524	524
43	Elena	Williams	6	420	420
44	Alex	Stukov	6	398	398
45	Robyn	Dunlop	6	395	395
46	Philip	Ringer	3	348	348
47	Benny	Holmgren	4	343	343
48	James	Langan	5	336	336
49	Zachary	Farebrother	3	311	311
50	Peter	Tutty	4	298	298
51	Jacinta	Braidwood	5	274	274
52	Petra	Braidwood	3	273	273
53	James	Dunlop	3	233	233
54	Sofia	Nilsson	2	206	206
55	Nerise	McQuillan	2	164	164
56	Sue	Coady	3	156	156
57	Gary	Farebrother	2	139	139
58=	Alan	Tilley	1	110	110
58=	Jenny	Perry	1	110	110
58=	Aidan	Hackett	1	110	110
61	Aiden	McQuillan	1	77	77

*Note that the Club Championships run from 1st October to the end of September each year.
The total number of results entered last year was 1069.*