



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Western and Hills Orienteers Inc.

Office Bearers for 2018

Executive Officers

President	Ian Miller
Vice President/Event Coordinator	Steve Dunlop
Secretary/Public Officer	Steve Holloway
Treasurer	Graeme Hill

Other Roles

Club Captain	James McQuillan
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
E-Newsletter	Ian Miller
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Delegates to ONSW	J McQuillan, S Dunlop, I Miller
Coaching Co-ordinator	James McQuillan
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
IT Support	Tim Perry

WHO Life Members	Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon
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President's report 2018

By all measures WHO had a great 2018. In my report for the AGM last year I mentioned WHO should be successful in 2018 but we exceeded expectations and capped it off by **winning the Orienteering NSW 2018 Club of the Year.**

A quick review demonstrates the extensive list of 2018 highlights. WHO reached and passed the 100 members and is now at 108 members (50% growth in 18 months and 17% over the last 12 months). WHO is the fourth largest club in NSW. WHO members delivered numerous local events and assisted with even more.

WHO members had success at the biggest events in 2018. At the Australian Championships at Adelaide in September, Lynn Dabbs won the Australian Long Distance W65A class and was a member of the winning W65 relay team. Niamh Cassar was first Australian at the Australian Schools Sprint Championships in the Junior Girls class.

At the 2018 NSW Sprint Championships success was achieved by six members (Karen Langan, Savannah Sweeney, Jacinta Braidwood, Paul Sweeney, Niamh Cassar and James McQuillan), while at the NSW Long and Middle Distance Championships, Savannah Sweeney and Lachlan Coady won their age groups in both events. Niamh Cassar, Belinda Kinneally, Robert Bradley won their middle distance events and Lynn Dabbs, Nerise McQuillan and James McQuillan won their long distance events. On the State League (SL) inter-club table WHO leapt from 7th last year to 4th this year with six members winning their SL classes. Supporting this is an extensive list of WHO members with individual 2018 State League achievements. This success is mirrored by the WHO juniors who collected eight 2018 ONSW Awards at the ONSW presentations.

Bold Horizons launched the Hills District SOS in Term 2 and WHO was pleased to support this innovation. A new high for SOS participation of 106 was achieved at the North Rocks PS event. The June Sydney West Schools events had record entries. The Turkey Trot had over 100 entries in the awesome Refuge Rocks area and our **Division 5 team won the MetroLeague !**

Congratulations to everyone on a set of outstanding achievements.

Celebrations were not limited to orienteering events. Earlier this year, WHO had its 35th birthday, Marion Gledhill was recognised in the National Honours list and Janet Morris and Barry Hanlon received WHO Life Membership.

WHO is known for delivering quality events. Our reputation is the result of the efforts of our organising teams. An example was the 2018 NSW Schools Championships at Wianamatta, with excellent courses and a seamless delivery. Volunteers are the lifeblood of orienteering and your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

In the back office area WHO achievements continued. Our governance improved, we budgeted for a loss and made a surplus, and we updated our processes to improve the quality of our events. We produced five newsletters (with one more to come).

Today heralds the annual running of the WHO Cup with the three prestigious trophies on offer. The Chris Crane Cup for the winner of the handicap event and outright winners receive cups for fastest female and fastest male orienteers.

A special thank you to the Executive, Committee, role and office holders for your guidance of the WHO.

All WHO members contributed to a successful 2018. These highlights are only achieved by the time and enthusiastic efforts provided by WHO members.

Looking ahead to 2019

WHO has taken on a significant challenge next May to deliver the 2019 NSW Middle Distance and Long Distance Championships, which are also rounds of the National Orienteering League. We look forward to hosting the Australian orienteering community at Roseberg and Wyangala.

Next year should see an increased focus on juniors. Continued growth in the WHO membership can be achieved by attracting newcomers to our events where we can talk to them about orienteering.

We need help to manage the club. A number of our office bearers are stepping down after serving for significant periods. It is essential that we maintain the energy and enthusiasm driving the club by adding new volunteers to the management team. Please consider how you can assist.

WHO plan to again field MetroLeague teams in each division. The MetroLeague is an opportunity for increased social interaction where we WHO members can get together.

Enjoyable events are our aim. We have nominated to host a MetroLeague in September and the Turkey Trot at The Ponds on the first Sunday in July. The SOS will return to the Hills area for Terms 2 and 3 and we anticipate further growth in the June schools events.

A busy year awaits. WHO is well placed to continue our successes in 2019.

Best wishes for an enjoyable year's orienteering.

Ian Miller

17 November 2018



Minutes of the Special General Meeting 25/11/17

Date: 25 November 2017

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

Present: Ian Miller (Chair), Steve and James Dunlop, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, James McQuillan, Graeme Hill, Karen Langan, Barry Pearce, Malcolm and Marion Gledhill, Martin Mansfield, Paul and Saffron Sweeney

Apologies: Ted Mulherin.

Start time: Meeting opened at 6.25 pm

Purpose: After the President welcomed members, he explained that the purpose of the meeting was to change the constitution for the following reasons:

- Address the new provisions of the latest Associations Act,
- Alter the End of Financial Year to 30 Sept allowing the club to bring forward the Annual General Meeting where necessary to coincide with WHO cup our end of year social event.
- Correct and improve wording.

In relation to the change the timing of the Annual General Meeting, the chairman explained that it also seemed more appropriate in times gone by our sport was a winter sport, which started after the traditional meeting held in early February now that was no longer the case so the option to hold the meeting at the time indicated seemed appropriate.

Results: The motion was proposed by the Chair, accepted by Barry Hanlon and seconded by Graeme Hill and was unanimously passed by the members present at the meeting.

Finish time: The meeting was closed at 6.30 pm

Minutes of the Previous AGM 25/11/17

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Present: Ian Miller (Chair), Steve and James Dunlop, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, James McQuillan, Graeme Hill, Karen Langan, Barry Pearce, Malcolm and Marion Gledhill, Martin Mansfield, Paul and Saffron Sweeney

Apologies: Ted Mulherin.

Start time : Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Agenda: Features of Annual General Report, Election of the Executive and Committee for the forthcoming period

Annual Report:

The president provided a brief account providing highlights of our efforts over the past twelve months being:

- Our Increased membership.
- Great participation at all levels
- Our regular club newsletters
- Our new O Suits
- Our financial management improvements with a budget being introduced.
- Changes to our WHO Cup acknowledging three categories being the champion male, female and junior.
- Altering our Constitution to better comply with the office of fair trading requirements and allowing greater flexibility as to when we hold our annual general meeting.
- Our main emphasis next year will be placed on working with and developing our juniors.
- Finally there was acknowledgement of Barry Pearce who completed a full review of the club championship point system.

The President also encouraged reading the other reports found in the Annual Report from the Equipment Officer, Mapping officer and Club Captain.

Financial Report:

Graeme Hill our treasurer also spoke of our financial position. His commentary highlighted the following:

- Our figures only took into account nine months this year due to changes in our calendar year, which was moved from 31 December to 30th September.
- The results were within budgetary expectations.
- All events ran at a profit.
- A significant investment was made in mapping,

A motion was tendered by Graeme Hill that Financials that he tendered be accepted

It was seconded by Martin Mansfield and unanimously passed by the floor.

New Executive and Committee:

All positions were declared vacant. It was indicated that all members of the executive and committee would be prepared to stand again also an invitation was made to other members to stand for election for any of the positions. There were no further nominations and Malcolm Gledhill suggested that current committee be re-elected unopposed this had unanimous

agreement so it was declared the following positions would stand for the forthcoming 12 months.

President:	Ian Miller
Vice President	Steve Dunlop
Treasurer	Graeme Hill
Secretary	Steve Holloway
Captain	James McQuillan
Coaching Coordinator	James McQuillan
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Public officer	Steve Holloway
Promotions Officer	Steve Holloway
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
ONSW Delegates	Ian Miller, Steve Dunlop, James McQuillan
Newsletter Editor	Ian Miller

Finish time: The meeting was closed at 7.00 pm

Treasurer's Report 2018 With emendations

I am pleased to present the financial results for the year ended 30th September, 2018.

Please note that this report covers the full year period from 1st October, 2017 to 30th September, 2018. As a result, comparative figures with the nine months ending 30th September, 2017 may be misleading.

During the year we ran 13 events, which is four events more than we ran during the nine month period to 30th September, 2017. The details of each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report. Of the 13 events in 2018, all produced a surplus except for a small deficit at one of the Western Sydney Summer Series events.

Total event income was ahead of budget, mainly due to the NSW Schools Championships on the new Wianamatta mapt. The surplus on this event was offset by one Northern Sydney Summer Series event budgeted for Meadowbank on 8th November, 2017 not proceeding.

The Club ran three Western Sydney Summer Series events, three Northern Sydney Summer Series events, one Moonlight Madness event, one Sydney Sprint event, one MetroLeague event, the Turkey Trot, the NSW Schools Championships plus the WHO Cup, and a Club Training event during the financial year. The average attendance at the three SSS events that WHO ran in 2018 was 173 (2017 175), while the average attendance at the three Western Sydney Summer Series events was 38, slightly lower than in 2017 (no WSS events were conducted during the nine month financial year period in 2017).

Financial Results

The difference between our opening and closing funds position represents the surplus we generated during the financial year ended 30th September, 2018.

During the year, we invested in mapping expenditure, cartography, etc, part of which was paid to Rob Vincent for his travel and accommodation expenses so far in preparation for the 2019 NSW Championships at Roseberg and Wyangala in Central West NSW and to Janet Morris for the completion of the very successful Wianamatta map.

The details of all other expenditure are itemised in the Income and Expenditure report which is available to club members on request. The report also shows comparisons against budget and against the 2017 actual income and expenditure.

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

Again this year, 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. We are indebted to you all. Your dedication and generosity has helped to keep our finances in the strong position they are in.

Graeme Hill

Hon. Treasurer

Club Captain's Report 2018

2018, like the previous year, was a very pleasing year from a participation perspective in the MetroLeague. WHO again fielded five teams - one in each division. WHO Evers (Div 1) had a challenging year, losing Andy Hill to QLD and Ondrej Pavlu (UR) back to Czech but the recruitment of Karl Bicevskis (ALT) went some way to compensating for this. We had one new face in Div 5 but it would be good to see a few more for next year given our recent surge in members. WHO consistently had the second largest contingent, behind only GO, at each Metro Event.

WHO Evers (Div 1) were competitive but needed one more strong runner to really challenge BF. WHO Doos (Div 3) missed the final by a whisker but consolidated that with a victory in the third place play off. WHO Rays and Rahs (Div 2 and 4) struggled and ended up near the bottom of their respective ladders. WHO Hahs (Div 5) became PREMIERS for the second time in three years and a number of runners should be considered for Div 4 in 2019. Best performer goes to Josh Braidwood, who only narrowly missed the Individual Medal in Div3. Most improved orienteer goes to Martine Valais, who in her debut season just kept getting better with each round and became integral to the WHO Hahs success.

We still need a few more runners across all divisions to cover any absences. Recommend we continue to field a team in each division and encourage some of our newer members to participate.

At the State level, WHO performed better than in recent years and had a record attendance at the 2018 State Championships in Armidale. This created a great atmosphere and spirit among the attending members. Hopefully this bodes well for future major events and WHO's participation in them.

James McQuillan

Equipment Officer's Report 2018

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, mainly to enhance our IT capability. Tim and his team continue to look at better ways to deliver the critical SI.

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

Our system of logging gear out and back in for events is working and hopefully ensuring all the gear needed for an event is available.

If there is any gear people consider would be useful just let us know and we'll consider, more than happy to spend the Club's money.

Steve Dunlop

Mapping Officer's Report 2018

Country Maps

A major remapping of Roseberg SF and part of the old Giant map at Wyangala is being undertaken by Rob Vincent. This follows redrawing of the Giant map by Graeme Hill, a major undertaking, which will leave us with high quality maps to be used next year and into the future. So, many thanks to Graeme.

We need to keep in mind we may need other country areas to be mapped or updated so should look into possibilities next year.

Sydney Maps

There has been an increase in events (for SOS and WSOS), which are using off street line courses and so far we have been able to create new maps or modify old maps to allow for this type of course. Eric Mobbs Sprint was a new map used for SOS.

Currently, we have an adequate number of maps for the MetroLeague and Sprint, and just enough for the SSS, but we should keep looking for new suitable areas, particularly close in, as we have not been using some suburban maps which are too far west for club members.

A new map was created at Whalan/Tregear (Ropes Creek) and it was used for a MetroLeague.

Maps, which have been visited, updated and / or modified, were Crestwood Park, Western Sydney Regional Park, Upjohn Park, Pymble, Balcombe Heights, Heritage Park, Nirimba, Rydalmere and Winston Hills.

School maps prepared for SOS (on our areas) were Samuel Gilbert PS, Crestwood PS and North Rocks PS.

Event course maps have been prepared as required.

Fieldwork has been commenced at Caddies Creek Reserve (Beaumont Hills) and Ted Horwood Reserve.

The Mulgoa map has been visited and the southern half of the map has been burnt out. This will greatly improve runability but extensive remapping will be needed in areas that were previously too thick to enter.

Areas visited and identified as probably suitable to map in the future are at Jordan Springs, Plumpton Park, Holroyd Gardens, Merrylands Park and perhaps a country area north of Clandulla. Newington suburb could be mapped if permission could be granted through ONSW.

Areas visited and found to be unsuitable were Campbell Cr Reserve at Glenorie, Blacktown Park and Showground, Mamre Estate and the Old Katoomba Golf course.

Mapping Support

Barry Hanlon has researched ways to access and use publicly available LiDAR data, aerial photos and cadastral information to produce detailed, accurate and georeferenced base maps. The club has subscribed to OCAD 2018, and this will assist in making this process easier.

Janet Morris

9th November 2018

Summary of WHO Events

Date	Name of Event	Location
29 Oct 2017	Western Sydney Summer Series	Rydalmere
8 Nov 2017	Northern Sydney Summer Series	Meadowbank
25 Nov 2017	WHO Cup	Castle Hill
3 Dec 2017	Western Sydney Summer Series	Glenwood
17 Dec 2017	Western Sydney Summer Series	Rouse Hill
3 Jan 2018	Northern Sydney Summer Series	Vaucluse
14 Jan 2018	Sydney Sprint	Balcombe Heights
7 Feb 2018	Northern Sydney Summer Series	Vineyard Creek
14 Mar 2018	Northern Sydney Summer Series	Denistone
24 Mar 2018	Training Day	
2 May 2018	Moonlight Madness	Winston Hills
27 May 2018	MetroLeague	Whalan / Tregear
1 Jul 2018	Turkey Trot	The Ponds
2 Sep 2018	NSW Schools Championships	Wianamatta

WHO Statistics 2018

The Club's Championship Point Score year runs from 1st October to 30th September (this year we omitted the Australian Championships. WHO members participate across a wide range of events and it is challenging to find the results. This year Barry Pearce entered a record 1247 results! Thank you for your diligence in tracking them down.

Once again to lead the WHO Tragics' Table requires more than one event per week. WHO had 14 members who competed in 30 or more events.

The 2017-2018 tragics' list is:

1. Janet Morris 66 events
2. James McQuillan 60 events
3. Ted Mulherin 41 events
4. Niamh Cassar & Steve Dunlop 39 events

WHO Club Championships 2018

			No Events	Total Points
1	James	McQuillan	60	8160
2	Josh	Braidwood	25	7940
3	Karen	Langan	29	7392
4	Ted	Mulherin	41	6660
5	Steve	Holloway	33	6308
6	Steve	Dunlop	39	5988
7	Malcolm	Gledhill	32	5814
8	Linda	Chan	21	5776
9	Niamh	Cassar	39	5560
10	Tim	Perry	29	5480
11	Matt	Hackett	31	5460
12	Janet	Morris	66	5300
13	Vivien	de Remy de Courcelles	24	5292
14	Nerise	McQuillan	27	4992
15	Graeme	Hill	29	4815
16	Selwyn	Sweeney	36	4722
17	Andy	Hill	37	4584
18	Emmanuelle	Convert	24	4410
19	Martin	Mansfield	30	4176
20	Ian	Miller	39	4140
21	Shay	Sweeney	26	3902
22	Paul	Sweeney	34	3836
23	Amy	Harmer	7	3510
24	Dan	Smith	18	3400
25	Seth	Sweeney	34	3222
26	Barry	Hanlon	36	3000
26	Saffron	Sweeney	27	3000
28	Jacinta	Braidwood	16	2960
29	Martine	Valais	11	2940
30	Helen	Parker	20	2904
31	John	Murray	14	2900
32	Maria	Stankova	6	2610

			No Events	Total Points
33	Belinda	Kinneally	14	2268
34	Anette	Larsson	4	2240
35	Stephanie	Chan	15	2180
36	Lee	Coady	10	2140
37	Dmitry	Stukov	7	2100
38	Savannah	Sweeney	27	2060
39	Gary	Farebrother	4	1820
40	Marion	Gledhill	26	1760
41	Kevin	Williams	13	1674
42	Sylvie	Valais	9	1560
43	Lachlan	Coady	9	1536
44	Robert	Bradley	22	1520
45	Barry	Pearce	22	1480
46	Jay	Seeho	5	1360
47	Reinaldo	Hora	3	1230
48	Andy	Vesey-Wells	10	1200
49	David	Noble	4	1060
50	Justine	Convert	6	1040
51	Lynn	Dabbs	13	990
52	James	Dunlop	5	900
53	Maureen	Fitzpatrick	21	860
54	Taine	Cassar	5	760
55	James	Braidwood	3	720
56	Aurilie	Valais	3	680
57	Benny	Holmgren	4	620
57	Aiden	McQuillan	6	620
57	Elliott	McQuillan	7	620
60	Benjamin	Fehlberg	4	480
61	Janice	Seeho	1	320
62	Paul	Cassar	1	280
63	Zachary	Farebrother	4	260
64	Madelynne	Chan	2	240
65	Ivan	Stukov	2	220
66	Robyn	Dunlop	3	160

			No Events	Total Points
67	James	Langan	3	108
68	Cameron	Chan	3	70
69	Katya	Stukov	1	60
70	Joel	Cassar	1	40
71	Emily	Farebrother	1	40
72	Yekatrina	Stukov	1	40
73	Jodie	Farebrother	1	20

Note. The Club Championships run from 1st October to 30th September of the following year. The total number of results entered for 2017-2018 was 1247.

WHO Cup Winners

WHO Cup		Handicap Event	Chris Crane Cup		Handicap Event
1994	Paul Baker	Pat Baker	2007	Jon Bailey	Steve Holloway
1995	Paul Baker	Andrew Hill	2008	Paul Baker	Paul Baker
1996	Graeme Hill	Alexandra Christopher	2009	Adrian White	Adrian White
1997	Matt Hely	Maryanne Brooking	2010	Andrew Hill	Jon Bailey
1998	Graeme Hill	Tim Bartsch	2011	Andrew Hill	Ian Christopher
1999	Andrew Hill	Barry Gill	2012	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2000	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2013	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2001	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2014	James McQuillan	Nerise McQuillan
2002	Paul Baker	Janet Morris	2015	Lee Coady	Lee Coady
2003	Andrew Hill	Janet Morris	2016	Andy Hill	James Langan
2004	Graeme Hill	Steve Holloway	2017	Karen Langan (F)	
2005	Chris Sanderson	Paul Baker	2017	James Dunlop (M))	
2006	Robert Chapman	Robert Chapman	2018	tba	