

# Western and Hills Orienteers 2019 Annual Report (Abridged)



## Office Bearers for 2018-2019

### Executive Officers

<b>President</b>	Ian Miller
<b>Vice President/Event Coordinator</b>	Steve Dunlop
<b>Secretary/Public Officer</b>	Maureen Fitzpatrick
<b>Treasurer</b>	Matt Hackett

### Other Roles

<b>Club Captain</b>	Josh Braidwood
<b>Mapping Officer</b>	Janet Morris
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Steve Dunlop
<b>Development Officer</b>	James McQuillan
<b>Statistician</b>	Barry Pearce
<b>Delegates To ONSW</b>	James McQuillan, Steve Dunlop, Ian Miller
<b>Web Master</b>	Barry Hanlon
<b>IT Support</b>	Tim Perry
<b>Public Officer</b>	Maureen Fitzpatrick

<b>WHO Life Members</b>	Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon
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## President's Report 2018

WHO had an excellent 2019. WHO members successfully delivered events locally and nationally. Thank you for your contributions. WHO has a great culture of helping and organising quality events and this reputation is a reflection of the contribution from club members.

In May, WHO took on a considerable challenge with the NSW Middle Distance and Long Distance Championships that were also rounds of the National Orienteering League and selection trials for the Australian team. Special praise is justly deserved for the large team that delivered the Wyangala and Roseberg events. This was a multi-year contribution starting when Graeme Hill updated the Wyangala map onto OCAD software. Rob Vincent did the fieldwork to bring the Wyangala map up to date, as it had not been used for around 20 years. Rob also updated the Roseberg map so we had two excellent areas. The course setters were Robert Bradley for Wyangala and Steve Dunlop for Roseberg. James McQuillan was the organiser with Rob Vincent from Newcastle the overall controller. Tim Perry led the computer team. This was the first time WHO had organised National Orienteering League events with another first being the Roseberg ultra-long of 24kms with a mass start and map changes.

Another notable 2019 achievement was recorded by the WHO juniors, with three selected for the NSW Carabines team. They participated at the Oceania/Australian Championships in the NSW Riverina and contributed to NSW winning the Australian Schools Championships Trophy. Congratulations to Niamh Cassar, Martine Valais and Selwyn Sweeney.

At this time last year WHO membership was 108. It is now 121. Our growth pattern continues.

In the WHO club championship it was a close fought contest between Janet Morris, Niamh Cassar and James McQuillan with the results from the Oceania events deciding the order of our three worthy candidates. The full table is later in this report.

Bold Horizons continued the Hills District SOS in Terms 2 and 3 and WHO was pleased to assist. The SOS provides an excellent introduction to orienteering and an opportunity to guide and advise participants. The June Sydney West Schools events had record entries and expanded to three days. Ted Mulherin set the courses and a number of club members provided coaching and officials for the events. The Turkey Trot broke new ground with a move west to the tracks and creeks of the The Ponds / Stanhope Gardens / Rouse Hill area. On a cool July morning the trotters found they got their feet and a bit more wet as they crossed the creeks on Dmitry Stukov's courses.

WHO tried hard but didn't win a 2019 Metro League title. We had a lot of fun doing our best and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2020.

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

The club was well supported by the committee and role holders. Thank you to the Executive team of Maureen Fitzpatrick (Secretary), Matt Hackett (Treasurer) and Steve Dunlop (Vice-President) and the office bearers for a successful year managing

the club. Some are stepping down which provides opportunities for others and helps keep the club vibrant with new ideas.

It has been an honour to serve as President. My time ends with the AGM. Thank you for all the support.

### **Looking ahead to 2020**

The signs are positive. Our WHO junior numbers are growing. We have an enthusiastic and growing membership. We organise enjoyable events and have opportunities to recruit new members with the Western Series currently underway plus the Hills District SOS events and the June school events.

Best wishes for an enjoyable year's orienteering.

**Ian Miller**  
**1 December 2019**

## Minutes of the 2018 AGM

- Date:** 17 November 2018
- Venue:** Sydney West Regional Park – Cnr Horsley Drive and Cowpastures Rd, Abbotsbury
- Present:** Ian Miller (Chair), Steve Holloway, Barry Hanlon, Barry Pearce, Joshua, James, Jacinta & Petra Braidwood, Robyn & Steve Dunlop, Tim Perry, Janet Morris, Martin Mansfield, Karen Langan, James, Nerise, Aiden & Elliott McQuillan, Martine, Sylvie & Constance Valais, Shelley, Naimh, & Joel Cassar, Denise, Joah and Ezra Osterhoff,
- Apologies:** Ted Mulherin, Graeme Hill, Maureen Fitzpatrick, The Sweeney Family, Kevin Williams, Maria Stankova, Malcolm and Marion Gledhill, Matt Hackett
- Start time :** Meeting opened at 11.50 am
- Agenda:** Welcome by President, Minutes of last year's AGM, Features of Annual General Report, Election of the Executive and Committee for the forthcoming period and General Business.
- Annual Report:** Emailed to all members on 15 November 2018.
- Welcome:** The President welcomed the members.
- Minutes of last year's AGM:** The minutes of last year's AGM were agreed. Barry Hanlon moved and Martin Mansfield seconded. It was unanimously accepted by the meeting.
- Reports:** The president provided a brief account highlighting of the club's efforts over the past twelve months including:

- A further 18.5% in the growth membership. Now at 109.
- WHO being named as NSW Club of the year
- Successes at every level most importantly wins by Niamh Cassar and Lyn Dabbs at the Australian Championships
- At the State League WHO has moved from 7<sup>th</sup> in the rankings last year to 4<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Hills District Summer Orienteering Series has been a success and believe our support has been invaluable. The series will be back in 2019
- Turkey Trot – James McQuillan's event was awesome
- Our Metro League Division 5 success
- We have ambitious plans next year principally focusing on:
  - Our Juniors
  - Delivering great NSW Middle & Long Distance championship events.

The President also encouraged reading fully reading the reports found in the Annual Report from the Equipment Officer, Mapping Officer, Club Captain, Statisticians Report.

### **Financial Report:**

In the absence Treasurer of Graeme Hill, Ian Miller provided the commentary, highlighting the following:

- Our unbudgeted surplus for this year (we aimed to have a small deficit)

- The balance in all bank accounts stood at \$22,389.38 being \$449.95 more than last year.

Again Ian encouraged us to refer to the published reports for full details.

Ian Miller moved that Financial Report be accepted. It was seconded by Joshua Braidwood and unanimously passed by the meeting.

### **New Executive and Committee:**

All positions were declared vacant. It was indicated that Steve Holloway, Secretary, Graeme Hill, Treasurer would not be available this year and James McQuillan wanted a change from the Club Captain position this year.

Invitations was made to other members for these positions. Maureen Fitzpatrick indicated she would be prepared would accept the secretarial role as would Matt Hackett fill the role of Treasurer and Joshua Braidwood be prepared to take on the role of Club Captain. James McQuillan would be prepared to take on the newly created role of Development Officer.

The outcome of the voting was as follows:

President - Ian Miller	Nominated by Barry Hanlon and Seconded by Martin Mansfield.
Vice President - Steve Dunlop	Nominated by Janet Morris and Seconded by Karen Lagan.
Treasurer - Matt Hackett	Nominated by Steve Holloway and Seconded by Tim Perry.
Secretary - Maureen Fitzpatrick	Nominated by Steve Holloway and Seconded by Tim Perry.
Captain - Joshua Braidwood	Nominated by Ian Miller and Seconded by Barry Hanlon.
Development Officer - James McQuillan	Nominated by Tim Perry and Seconded by Joshua Braidwood.

The following positions were moved and seconded in bulk by Nerise McQuillan and seconded by Martin Mansfield,

Mapping Officer - Janet Morris

Webmaster - Barry Hanlon

Equipment Officer - Steve Dunlop

Statistician - Barry Pearce

IT Support – Tim Perry

Public Officer - Maureen Fitzpatrick As part of secretarial role

ONSW Delegates – To be decided by committee

Newsletter Editor – Ian Miller accepted without any vote

**Finish time:** 12.15 pm

## **Treasurer's Report 2019**

This report covers the full year period from 1st October, 2018 to 30th September, 2019.

### **Event Summary**

During the year there were 13 events, same as the previous period. The details of each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report. Highlights include:

- Over 2,000 entries across the 13 events,
- Total event income was more than the previous year due to the NOL/State League income from two days at Wyangala,
- Of the 13 events, all produced a surplus except for a deficit at the Metro League Final at Mulgoa due to additional costs for amenities. ,
- The surplus for the State League event does not include all mapping costs. In total costs for mapping the event in this period was over \$8,500.

### **Financial Results**

The Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance sheet are available on request.

- NSW sanctioning fees was the greatest expense item followed by mapping expenses and map printing,
- Despite a reasonable surplus for events conducted, all key costs have increased, notably increased NSW sanction fees and access fees which will place pressure on the ability to build funds in the future for significant investments such as creating and updating maps as evidenced at Wyangala.

**Matt Hackett.**  
**WHO Treasurer**

## Club Captain's Report 2019

Metro League gave us plenty of great orienteering in 2019 culminating in WHO hosting one of the highest standard finals we have seen in years at Mulgoa. The season got off to a false start with Round 1 at Boronia Park being postponed to make way for a food & wine festival – with hindsight I'm sure we could have found a way to combine the two, although it could have seen some variable results. The maps we encountered during the season were diverse and each with their own unique challenges, from the exposed rock and thick bush of Allambie Heights, to the fast open running parkland of Nurranginy Reserve, deceptively challenging bushland at Galston Reserve, and the unique, if tiger pear-infested, munitions testing landscape of Wianamatta.

WHO again fielded a team in each division, although in the higher divisions we weren't able to consistently field a full complement, which impacted our results notwithstanding some great performances. Division 5 was easily our best performing team, continuing a tradition of the past few seasons of fielding some highly competitive Div 5 teams. Our Div 5 team was the only WHO team to be in finals contention, although Knox managed to take the honours at Mulgoa. Strong performances came from a number of people during the season, including Maria Stankova (top personal score of 33), Will Kay, Sylvie Lamborelle, Kathryn Vaughan, and Martine and Aurelie Valais.

Our consistently understrength Div 1 team still finished the season with heads held high, achieving the second highest number of points for the season albeit well behind title holders Big Foot. James McQuillan was our most consistent Div 1 runner, finishing with an individual tally of 40 points, although special mention should go to Dan Smith who had been promoted from Div 2 the previous year and proved his worth with a tally of 34 points and some great results.

Div 2 did not have a great year, again understrength in most rounds and not picking up a single win. But the shining light was Niamh Cassar who had been promoted from Div 3 the previous year and was our best Div 2 performer for the season with 32 points.

Div 3 did a little better picking up one win but again was hampered by lack of numbers in some rounds. Belinda Kinnealy was by far the stand out picking up 43 points over all including a few 10 point rounds.

Div 4 did somewhat better picking up three wins for the season, and benefited from a mix of experience and new blood with the Valais sisters being promoted to Div 4 early in the season. Annete Larsson picked up the highest personal score of 32 points, but strong performances came from a number of quarters, including Karen Langan, Martine Valais, Aurelie Valais and Kathryn Vaughan.

It was especially pleasing to welcome a few Metro League debutants this season, some of whom quickly rose up the ranks to higher divisions. Metro League is a great way to give beginners a taste of bush orienteering in an accessible way, and it was great to see some new names in Metro League teams such as Sylvie Lamborelle, Kathryn Vaughan, Will Kay, Jacinta Braidwood, and the Sweeney family.

Changes are in store for the 2020 season, with ONSW currently contemplating the introduction of a 6<sup>th</sup> division. I'd strongly encourage all members to come along and try out Metro League – it's a great day out with plenty of team camaraderie. Contact club captain Josh Braidwood if you are interested in finding out more about Metro League – we would love to welcome some new team members in 2020.

**Josh Braidwood**  
**WHO Club Captain**

## **Mapping Officer's Report 2019**

WHO has had sufficient maps for events in 2019 without too frequent reuse of maps.

### **Country Maps**

Remapping of Wyangala and Roseberg areas were completed by Rob Vincent and successfully used in our major event. Our only other current country map is Mt Piper Hills so we should follow up on possibly making an extension to the west of that map. Also a remap of part of the Timberlight map could be done. With no plans for a SL event in 2020 one of these could be used in 2022. The Rocky Creek / Pinnacles area at Newnes Plateau was visited and found to be still unsuitable for a map.

### **Sydney Maps**

A wide range of maps are needed for Metro League, SSS, WSOS, SOS, MM, TT and sprints, of up to 15 per year. We have about 48 options for maps, though some overlap in areas such as Crestwood or Rouse Hill. So it is possible to use many areas no more than once every three years. I do not consider our city maps usually suitable for State League events. If we are to host a SL Sprint in 2021 it would be good to have a new major sprint map.

This year maps were completed at Plumpton Park and Tarrawarra Reserve. Both are small areas and will have limited use only in WSOS events.

The area of Mulgoa affected by a fire was extensive and was remapped for use in our Metro event.

The new Caddies Creek Sports field at Beaumont Hills (Caddies Creek) was mapped and used.

Ted Horwood Reserve has been mapped as a sprint map to be used first for the WHO Cup. Fieldwork at Coups Creek (Wahroonga) is under way.

NSW have requested that clubs annually map a local sandstone area. We have nominated an area of Bidjigal Reserve (Excelsior map) around Eric Mobbs Reserve as our first sandstone initiative to be completed in 2020. Maroota Ridge SCA would be suitable but NP refused permission to map.

Areas at Rouse Hill, Beaumont Hills and the Ponds were mapped or remapped for the Turkey Trot.

Permission has been given by Uringa for WHO to remap Duck River (Auburn) in 2020.

Paul Prudhoe is pursuing our request to make a map at Newington. Fieldwork was done and a map was prepared to show to the local authority (SOPA).

A visit was made with a ranger to Wianamatta Park (west, at Jordan Springs). Will be suitable to be mapped when permitted by NP.

Visits were made to Buxton SRA and Porters Road, Kenthurst but neither was suitable to map.

### **Thanks**

Thanks to Karen Langdon, Steve Holloway and Ian Miller for fieldwork done.

Thanks especially to Barry Hanlon for his detailed background maps and his knowledge and use of the latest OCAD in producing them from available Lidar and other free data.

A list of current maps follows.



## **CURRENT MAP LIST, NOVEMBER 2019**

### **Common and adjacent areas maps listed together with some alternative names and map numbers**

Brush Farm (2 with Rolly Polly Hill), Denistone

Bushrangers Reserve, Killara

Upjohn Park (2 with Cowells Lane), Dundas

Vineyard Creek, Telopea

Rydalmere (2 with Ermington)

Pymble

Watsons Bay (2 with Vaucluse)

Meadowbank

Excelsior (many with West Pennant Hills, Darling Mills, Ted Horwood and Eric Mobbs), Castle Hill

Winston Hills (2 as East, West)

Crestwood (many as North, East, West, Bella Vista and Balcombe Heights Sprint)

Rogans Hill, Heritage Park, North Castle Hill

Glenwood

Rouse Hill (many as Regional Park, Beaumont Hills, Caddies Creek, The Ponds)

Lower Darling Mills (with Lake Parramatta), North Parramatta

Riflerange Creek, North Rocks

James Ruse, North Parramatta

Fred Caterson (many as Sprint, Graveyard, Cattai Creek, Knightsbridge), Castle Hill

WSU Richmond

Nirimba, Quakers Hill

Wianamatta NP (East), Ropes Crossing

Mulgoa

Knapsack Gully, Glenbrook

Western Sydney Regional Park, Horsley Park

Roseberg SF (2 or more, Old Woman's Ck, Willagalong), Garland

Mt Piper Hills, Wallerawang

Parramatta River and Park

Plumpton Park, Plumpton

Tarrawarra Reserve, West Guildford

Ropes Creek, Whalan

Wyangala

There are many other maps not currently used, not suitable for events, mostly because they are not suitable for our current range of event series. Country maps need re-evaluation for use or remapping.

**Janet Morris**  
**WHO Mapping Officer**

## **Equipment Officer's Report 2019**

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.

For event Organisers / Event Directors we have a system of logging gear out and back in for events which is working well. 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.

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

**Steve Dunlop**  
**WHO Equipment Officer**

## WHO Cup Winners 1994 - 2018

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

## 2019 WHO Statistics

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's results include the Oceania Carnival. WHO members participate across a wide range of events and it is challenging to find the results. This year Barry Pearce entered a record 1400 plus results! Thank you for your diligence in tracking them down.

Once again to lead the WHO most events list requires an average of more than one event per week. WHO had 17 members who competed in 30 or more events.

The 2019 the top 5 are:

1. Janet Morris 65 events
2. James McQuillan 59 events
3. Vivien de Remy de Courcelles 46 events
4. Niamh Cassar 44 events
5. Selwyn Sweeney + Ian Miller 43 events

## Club Championships 2019

			No Events	Total Points
1	Niamh	Cassar	44	9200
2	James	McQuillan	59	8547
3	Janet	Morris	65	7840
4	Vivien	de Remy de Courcelles	46	7480
5	Saffron	Sweeney	34	7380
6	Karen	Langan	36	7309
7	Paul	Sweeney	38	7032
8	Linda	Chan	20	6975
9	Malcolm	Gledhill	34	6860
10	Dan	Smith	32	6700
11	Selwyn	Sweeney	43	6622
12	John	Murray	24	6180
13	Joshua	Braidwood	28	6156
14	Barry	Hanlon	39	6090
15	Steve	Dunlop	38	5680
16	Aurelie	Valais	24	5310
17	David	Noble	26	5260
18	Savanna	Sweeney	34	5160
19	Ian	Miller	43	5121
20	Graeme	Hill	28	5076
21	Seth	Sweeney	29	4880

			<b>No Events</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>22</b>	Tim	Perry	27	4540
<b>23</b>	Emmanuelle	Convert	34	4373
<b>24</b>	Martine	Valais	23	4180
<b>25</b>	Will	Kay	22	4175
<b>26</b>	Ted	Mulherin	33	4009
<b>27</b>	Justine	de Remy de Courcelles	20	3813
<b>28</b>	Steve	Holloway	32	3740
<b>29</b>	Andy	Vesey-Wells	12	3733
<b>29</b>	Jacinta	Braidwood	20	3733
<b>31</b>	Belinda	Kinneally	15	3546
<b>32</b>	Stephanie	Chan	13	3520
<b>33</b>	Shay	Sweeney	28	3433
<b>34</b>	Barry	Pearce	25	3373
<b>35</b>	Maria	Stankova	7	3300
<b>36</b>	Dmitry	Stukov	29	3280
<b>37</b>	Martin	Mansfield	25	2856
<b>38</b>	Helen	Parker	9	2616
<b>39</b>	Constance	Valais	16	2540
<b>40</b>	Janice	Seeho	5	2160
<b>41</b>	Nerise	McQuillan	14	2133
<b>42</b>	Marion	Gledhill	28	2120
<b>43</b>	Ezra	Oosterhoff	14	2040
<b>44</b>	Anette	Larsson	4	2020
<b>45</b>	Kathryn	Vaughan	5	1820
<b>46</b>	Jay	Seeho	6	1700
<b>47</b>	Matt	Hackett	9	1512
<b>48</b>	Benny	Holmgren	5	1280
<b>49</b>	Aiden	McQuillan	16	1160
<b>50</b>	Lachlan	Coady	7	1120
<b>50</b>	Robert	Bradley	11	1120
<b>52</b>	Madelynne	Chan	5	1080
<b>52</b>	Gill	Springer	5	1080
<b>54</b>	Thomas	Olbrich	7	1067

			<b>No Events</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>55</b>	Justin	Murray	3	980
<b>56</b>	George	Kinneally	7	920
<b>57</b>	Karl	Bicevskis	2	860
<b>57</b>	Sylvie	Lamborelle	7	860
<b>59</b>	Maureen	Fitzpatrick	11	858
<b>60</b>	Joel	Springer	5	840
<b>61</b>	Sylvie	Valais	3	800
<b>62</b>	Lynn	Dabbs	8	795
<b>63</b>	Robyn	Dunlop	8	720
<b>64</b>	Lee	Coady	4	640
<b>65</b>	Elliott	McQuillan	7	625
<b>66</b>	Gary	Farebrother	2	600
<b>66</b>	Katya	Stukov	3	600
<b>68</b>	Reinaldo	Hora	1	550
<b>69</b>	Kevin	Williams	7	522
<b>70</b>	Ambre	Van Raalte	4	520
<b>71</b>	Jeremy	Chan	2	420
<b>72</b>	Levi	Coady	6	380
<b>73</b>	Yvonne	Fillery	3	360
<b>73</b>	Chelsea	Olbrich	6	360
<b>75</b>	Andrew	Hill	2	336
<b>76</b>	Cameron	Chan	1	300
<b>76</b>	Hamilton	Kinneally	3	300
<b>78</b>	Mark	Wigley	5	280
<b>79</b>	Taine	Cassar	3	240
<b>79</b>	Joah	Oosterhoff	3	240
<b>79</b>	Ivan	Stukov	5	240
<b>82</b>	Annabelle	Di Bari	2	120
<b>83</b>	Simeon	Oosterhoff	1	40

*Note. The Club Championships run from the start of the summer series to the end of the Australian Championships of the following year.*

*The total number of results entered for 2018-2019 was over 1400.*