# 2023 Annual OQ Awards

The annual Orienteering Queensland awards took place after the Club Relays at Hardings Paddock, Sunday 22 October 2023, won by Range Runners.



#### Orienteer of the Year (OY) Awards

Eleven OY events counted towards the 2023 competition with an average of 109 participants at each. **Nine orienteers participated in all 11 events:** 

Fiona Caristo Eric Smyth
Thomas Caristo Franklin Smyth
Eric Lovell Henry Smyth
Maxine Lovell Taria Smyth
Robin Spriggs

Tony Bryant celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> consecutive OY event – a stretch of participation as athlete or organizer from February 2014 to May 2023 without missing an event.

#### The winners of the 2023 OY Awards are:

| Most improved (relative to highest score in last 5 years) | Elliot Hassall - Improvement of 328 points |                      |
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| Most improved runner up                                   | Dave Edwards - Improvement of 292 points   |                      |
|   | Male                                       | Female               |
| Best Very Easy course results                             | Franklin Smyth                             |                      |
| Best Easy course results                                  | Daniel Fowler                              |                      |
| Best Moderate course results                              | Alex Vanzella                              | <b>Grace Jardine</b> |
| Best Junior (up to 20 yrs)                                | Alex Vanzella (977)                        | Mikaela Gray (902)   |
| Best Senior (21-34)                                       | Ryan Gray (952)                            |                      |
| Best Vet (35-59)  | Ben Schulz (980)                           | Anna Sheldon (1000)  |
| Best Super Vet (60+)                                      | Tim McIntyre (910)                         | Jacquie Rand (875)   |

Perpetual Trophy for best Junior result

Perpetual Trophy for best male result

Ben Schulz

Perpetual Trophy for best female result and overall Orienteer of the Year: Anna Sheldon

## **Elite Recognition**

Mikaela Gray JWOC Team 2023, Romania

**Junior Award** 

Mikaela Gray Most Outstanding Junior 2023

## **Queensland Long Distance Championships**

**David Stocks (ACT)** James Sheldon Memorial Trophy M21A Champion

Anna Sheldon Alex Vanzella Perpetual Trophy W21A Champion

Best performance by a junior at the Queensland Championships

(373 OY points)

### **Coaching Award**

**Ryan Gray** 

Perpetual Trophy for services to Coaching. In 2023 Ryan has actively organised training for aspiring juniors and Queensland Schools team members following selection races/OY events. This was highly motivating and helped to create enthusiasm and camaderie. Ryan assisted with Junior Camp and this year coached the Queensland Schools Team, who enjoyed one of the most successful Australian Schools Champs (2nd Australian State) in recent years.

#### **President's Award**

Su Yan Tay

Perpetual Trophy for services to Orienteering. For many years, Su Yan has inspired Queensland orienteers with her coaching and her orienteering achievements. She is very generous in sharing her expertise and has been particularly active in 2023, coaching at the Women's camp, organizing as well as coaching at Junior Camp in Maryborough, and coaching the Queensland Schools Team in Western Australia. She helped the juniors stay calm and focused and worked to bring out the best in each individual, to achieve an excellent team result.

# Congratulations to all the award winners!



Elliot Hassall Most improved

> Dave Edwards Runner-up most improved





Franklin Smyth Best on Very Easy courses



Daniel Fowler Best on Easy courses

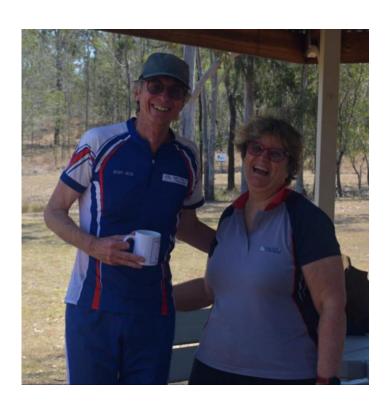


Alex Vanzella & Grace Jardine Best on Moderate courses



Ryan Gray Best Senior

Tim McIntyre Best Super Veteran

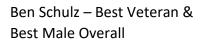


Alex Vanzella – Best Junior





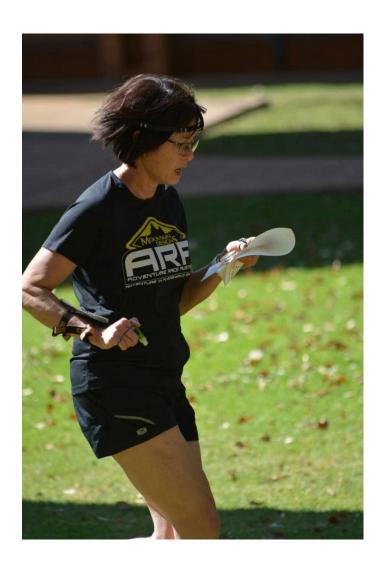
Anna Sheldon – Best Veteran, Best Female Overall, & ORIENTEER OF THE YEAR







Ryan Gray 2023 Coaching Award



Su Yan Tay 2023 President's Award

Range Runners – winners of Club Relay Trophy 2023

