

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

Perpetual Trophy for best Junior result

**Alex Vanzella**

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 camaraderie. 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



Ben Schulz – Best Veteran &  
Best Male Overall



Ryan Gray  
2023 Coaching Award



Su Yan Tay  
2023 President's Award

Range Runners – winners of Club Relay Trophy 2023

