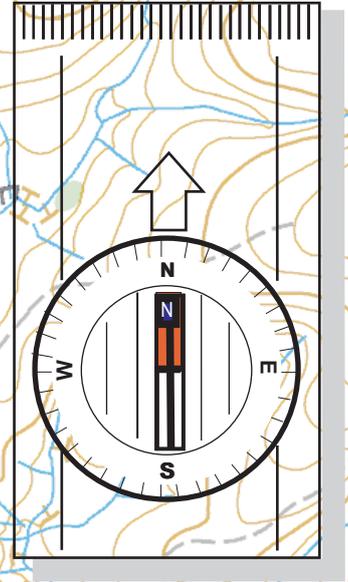
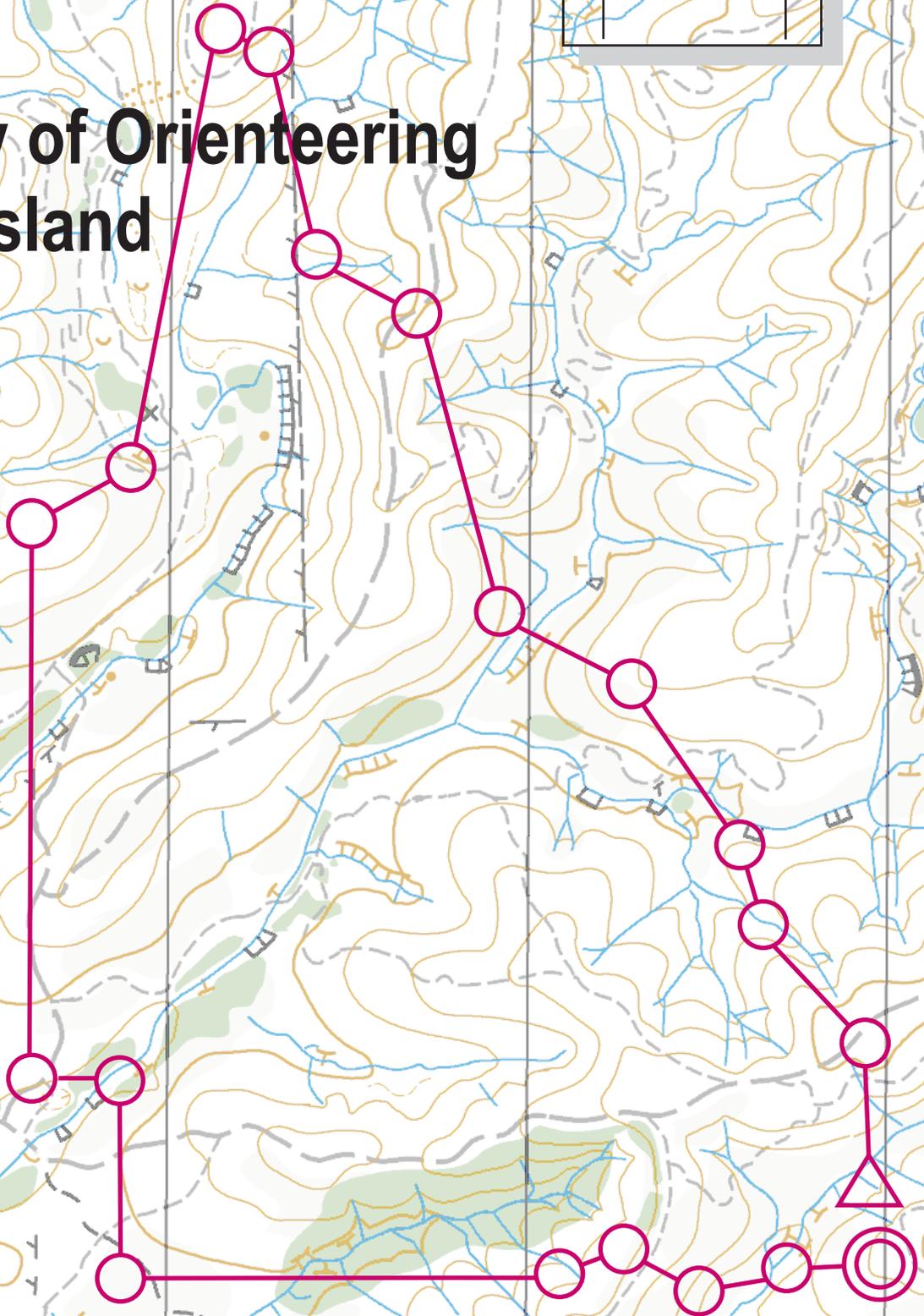


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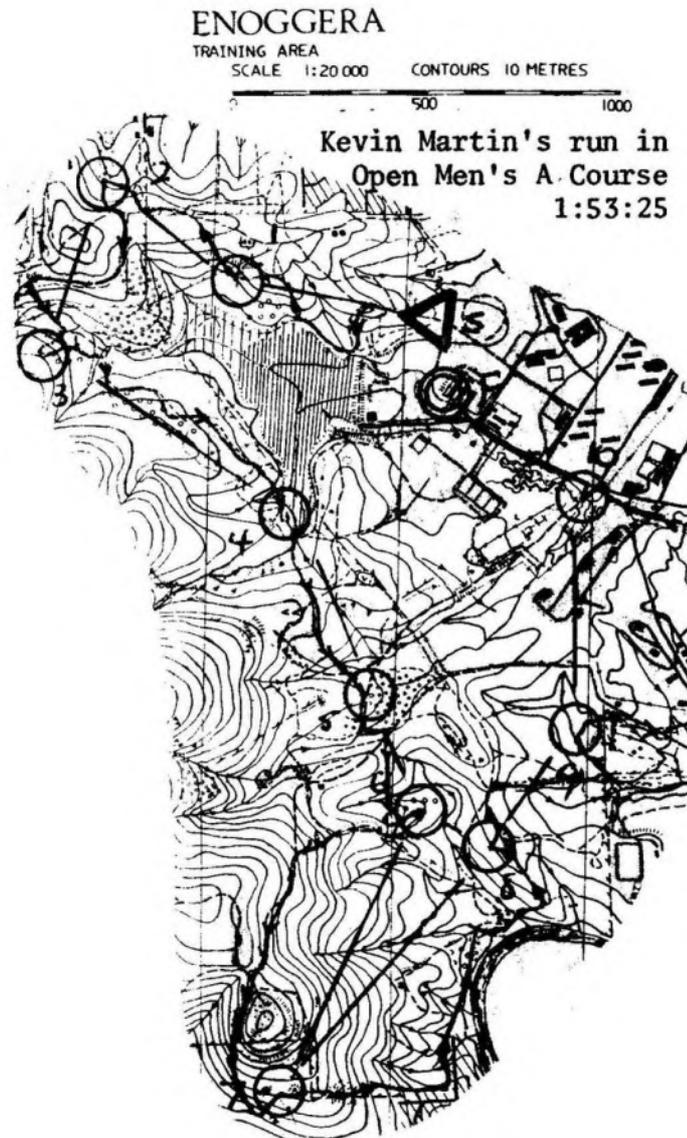
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It's Good To Remember

My first event, a rainy day, my glasses were foggy, the crayons wouldn't mark on the damp paper, I poked a hole in the square instead, the ink was smudged on the black and white map, one of the ice-cream bucket control markers became hidden when the branch it was tied to broke off, it took me three hours to cover three kilometres, that stupid power pole, someone ran way off the map, everyone was packed up when I got back ... and yet somehow I became hooked. (an unknown orienteer)



Section of the map used for the Queensland event on 27 October 1974 at Enoggera Army Base
with the course and winning route for the Open Men's Course
as published in *QOA Newsletter*, vol. 1, no. 1, page 6
[this map was used the day that the Queensland Orienteering Association was formed]

Abbreviations

APOC	Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships
BOA	Brisbane Orienteering Association
CAE	College of Advanced Education
CATI	Come and Try It
IOF	International Orienteering Federation
JNOL	Junior National Orienteering League
JWOC	Junior World Orienteering Championships
MTBO	Mountain Bike Orienteering
NOL	National Orienteering League
O	Orienteering (as used in Street O, Park O, Sprint O, Night O and O suit)
OA	Orienteering Australia
OCAD	Orienteering Computer Assisted Drawing
OFA	Orienteering Federation of Australia
OQ	Orienteering Queensland
OY	Orienteer of the Year
QJOS	Queensland Junior Orienteering Squad
QOA	Queensland Orienteering Association
QSO	Queensland School Orienteering
QSOA	Queensland School Orienteering Association
QUT	Queensland University of Technology
ROY	Rider of the Year
SDC	State Director of Coaching
SI	SPORTident
WC	World Cup
WOC	World Orienteering Championships

Orienteering Queensland Club Abbreviations

BBB	Bullecourt Boulder Bounders
BUSH	Bundaberg United Scrub Harriers
EN	Enoggeroos
FROG	Fraser Region Orienteering Group
MTB	Multi Terrain Bike
NR	Northern Rivers (NSW)
PL	Paradise Lost
QUOC	Queensland University Orienteering Club (Quokkas)
RROC	Range Runners Orienteering Club
SO	Sunshine Orienteers
TF	Toohey Forest
TTOC	Totally Tropical Orienteering Club (TROPPOs)
UG	Ugly Gully

Note: The results lists in this book use only the first two letters of these abbreviations.

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Our Mission

To provide the challenge and enjoyment of orienteering for all within Queensland

Our Vision for the Future

Orienteering Queensland looks towards a better future through:

- promoting healthy and active lifestyles;
- continuing family orientation;
- building participation;
- training our participants, members and volunteers;
- providing quality competitions, events and maps; and
- building a broad and increasing membership and participation base.

Foreword

Greg Chatfield

Many members have contributed information in compiling this history and now through the resourcefulness, dedication and hard work of Barbara Pope and Pam Cox we see it completed.

Haven't the years flown. I've no doubt many older Orienteers will see decades literally 'flash' before their eyes when reading this and many younger members will be made more aware of our sporting roots.

We all have shared so much together locally and with trips to interstate and overseas events. What would many of us have done without our weekly 'O' fix, and the socializing that goes with it.

Each member can feel pride in their own contribution to the sport, whether mentioned herein as a major contributor or in assisting with the organizing and conduct of events, etc. You have all been a part of our success.

Also contributing to our well being has been our State Government through Sport and Recreation Queensland. With their financial support we have been better able to address key areas including promotion, development and athlete development with all areas generating positive outcomes.

Acknowledgement

Barbara Pope

Putting together the story of orienteering in our state has been a lot of fun but it was only made possible by the contribution and skills of so many willing friends. I feel sure that some of them have discovered how to make a day longer than twenty four hours.

Particular thanks to Pam Cox who I discovered has professional knowledge and experience perfectly suited to writing this history. We became a good team.

To those reading or browsing through this book, my only hope is that you find I am a better writer than I am an orienteer.

EMERGENCE OF ORIENTEERING AS A SPORT

Orienteering could be defined as a sport which involves crossing unknown territory using a map and a compass. The sport began in Sweden in the late 1800s as an army exercise for training military personnel and four years later the first public event was held in Norway.

In the early 1900s several orienteering clubs formed in the Scandinavian countries and events were held but it was not until 1919 that the Father of Orienteering, Major Ernst Killander, organised the first national competition and established the principles of competitive orienteering.

Although compasses were considered part of orienteering they were not used widely until the Silva compass system was devised and developed by Gunnar Tillander in 1933.

In the 1940s orienteering gradually spread to other European countries and to the United States. It is interesting to note that during the war Hitler banned orienteering in Norway fearing the skills and knowledge it encompassed could be used by the Resistance Movement against his troops.

Following the war orienteering tended to spread to new places when experienced and keen orienteers migrated overseas or when their careers took them to different countries. Such was the case with Australia.

Orienteering Reaches Australia

In 1954 Estonian sports scientist Lembit (Jess) Jarver and his wife who were war refugees migrated to South Australia. Jarver soon gained the position of field officer with the National Fitness Council in Adelaide. He was a top class runner and orienteer (nicknamed Jess after Jesse Owens the great American sprinter) and his responsibilities also included coaching track and field athletes.

Orienteering activities were part of the training program for his athletes and this led to the first orienteering event in Australia held at Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills on 9 July 1955.

From 1955 to 1961 an organised program of orienteering was run by the South Australian Orienteering Club but unfortunately the club ceased activities.

However in the following decade word about orienteering gradually spread and casual events were held in Victoria, NSW and the ACT as have been described by David Hogg in his article '25 Years of Progress' (*Australian Orienteer*, July 1994).

The re-start of official orienteering in Australia took place in 1969 with the formation of the Richmond Orienteering Club (later known as Red Kangaroos) in Victoria.

State Bodies Created

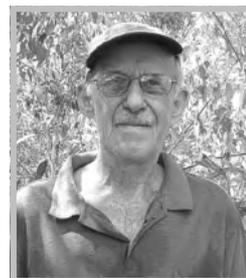
Soon new clubs began to develop in different states and it became necessary to form state associations and an official Australian body.

- 1970 Victorian Orienteering Association
Orienteering Federation of Australia
- 1971 New South Wales Orienteering Association
Australian Capital Territory Orienteering Association
- 1973 Orienteering Association of Tasmania
- 1974 Orienteering Association of South Australia (re-formed)
Orienteering Association of Western Australia
Queensland Orienteering Association
- 1978 Top End Orienteers (Darwin)

These associations formed the basis for club development throughout Australia and in 1979 clubs were formed in Queensland.

Guess Who?

Can you guess which Queensland has been orienteering since the 1940s? He began in Sweden at the age of sixteen and is now in his late seventies and still competing regularly. There was a spell in the middle when he first migrated to Australia which had no orienteering at the time. His son's proud and affectionate description was 'He's a wily, tough old bugger'.



Tom Tollbring

QUEENSLAND ORIENTEERING

Beginnings

In the early 1970s a few casual orienteering events were held in Queensland. These were run by people who had gleaned some knowledge from contacts with orienteers in other states and tried their hand at organising an event here. These tended to be isolated events and part of some other program, for example, a score event held at the Physical Education Conference in 1972.

When Gerry Wilson was the National Fitness officer for the Warwick District he made a black and white map of the Leslie Dam National Fitness Camp which was used by camp groups and for holiday programs. Efforts were made to form an orienteering club in Warwick but it never eventuated.

Around that time Barry Nielsen was the Queensland Executive Officer of the National Fitness Council (NFC) and he and Gerry decided to try to get a club going in Brisbane. The knowledge and enthusiasm of these early stalwarts was added to by another National Fitness officer Ray Mekala who was from Finland and an experienced orienteer.

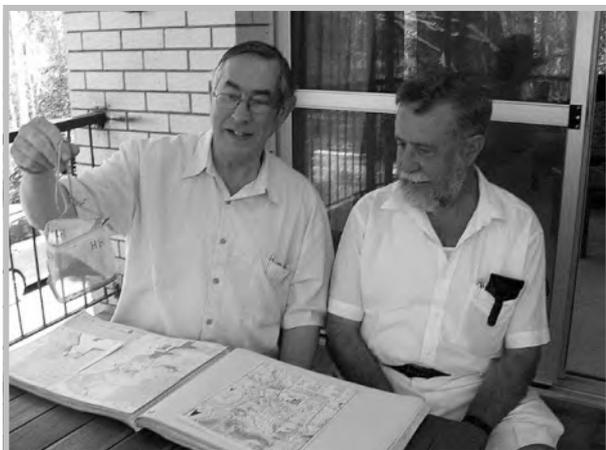
In 1974 Army Captain Tony McLennan was transferred to the Enoggera Army Base in Brisbane.

We Warned You

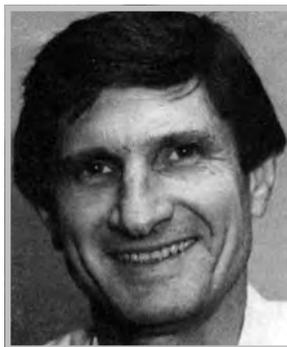
Handy information given out at Queensland's first official orienteering event:

There is a remote possibility of a competitor encountering unexploded ammunition. All competitors are to leave any such material well alone.

The distress signal is six loud COOEEES at alternate minute intervals.



Gerry Wilson and Bill Fisher reminiscing over maps 2007



Alf and Anne May were active members in the early days

He had been a keen member of the Kareelah orienteering club in Sydney and was disappointed to find that Queensland was the only state in Australia without an official orienteering association. He quickly linked up with Barry Nielsen and Gerry Wilson and together they got orienteering moving.

Thus it was the NFC of Queensland together with the army who provided much of the impetus to form an official association.

Using his organisational and mapping skills and with major help from the army, Tony McLennan soon stirred enough interest amongst his army colleagues in Brisbane and the outdoor recreation fraternity to hold the first official orienteering event in Brisbane on 27 October 1974 at the Enoggera Army Base. The army was also responsible for television coverage of the first event and a radio interview about Queensland's newest sport.

The president of the OFA, Peter Nicholls, came to Queensland for the occasion and thirty seven individuals or groups entered the event running on a black and white map of the army base.

Following the event, the inaugural meeting of the Queensland Orienteering Association (QOA) was held on 27 October 1974 with Tony McLennan elected as the first president, Barry Nielsen (Executive Officer of the National Fitness Council) as secretary and Ron Brennan as treasurer.

An Understatement

Perhaps Capt. Ray Pearson overestimated the orienteers when he set the courses at one of the early orienteering events at East Enoggera. Times of over four hours were the order of the day.



Debbie Gale and Helen Sheriff in the 1980s



Stuart Mead and Liz Jarvis in 1983

Liz is still active particularly at major carnivals

In 1975, the first full year of orienteering, there were forty memberships with well known Trevor and Meredyth Sauer and Helen Sherriff still being members in 2007. (*QOA Newsletter*, vol. 1, no. 1, January 1975).

The minutes of the first Annual General Meeting of the QOA make interesting reading.

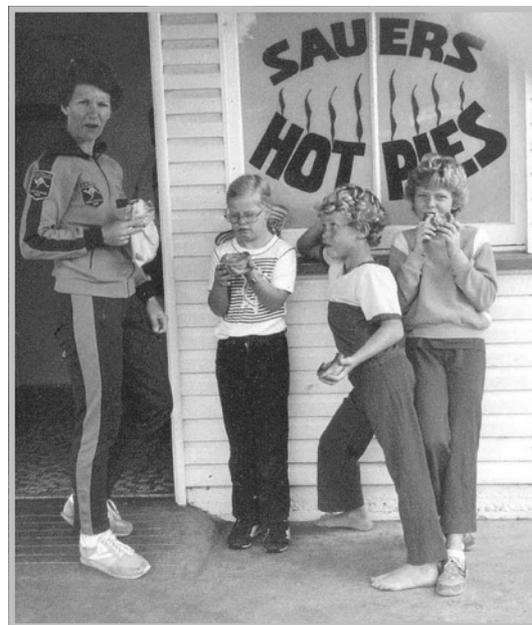
The initial people to show interest and join orienteering tended to come from outdoor groups such as YMCA, scouts, high schools, national fitness organisations, field naturalists, bush walkers and cross country runners.

However it should be noted that in the early days of orienteering when equipment, expertise and manpower were in short supply major assistance was given by the army and that this liaison proved very valuable for many years. It also provided us with stalwarts like Bryan Coolahan, David Gratwick, Don Bajenoff and the inestimable Eric Andrews.

On occasions army communications were even used to radio times back from selected control sites although, on reflection, the inexperienced, floundering attempts of orienteers in those days may well have been better kept quiet!

A Journalist's View

A 1979 article in the *Sunday Mail* by Bronwyn Menkens described orienteering as 'the fun way to jog, like a car rally where the individual is the driver, navigator and power supply.'



Sauer family - Meredyth, Diane, Warwick and Heidi - eating pies outside Sauers Hot Pies in the 1980s

Eventually a regular Wednesday orienteering event was organised by the army but open to outsiders as well.

In 1994 the army withdrew from this responsibility and Bryan Coolahan took over as coordinator. The Mid Week Orienteering day changed to Thursday and a casual, low key event with minimum organisation has been popular ever since.

A Problem

What do you do with a featureless map? Build rock cairns, begin a termite mound rehabilitation program and a tree painting spree.



Peter Lumley, Greg Chatfield and Russell Creed form a relay team at QBIII at Lithgow, NSW in the 1986

Our First Championships in 1975

It was fitting that the state's first coloured map (three colours) was produced in time for the inaugural Queensland State Championships at Bunyaville on 31 May 1975. The course planners and controllers Ron Green and Captain Tony McLennan owed much to the 6th Infantry Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment for the willing assistance that they gave to the organisers. Sixty competitors in the first major event was a feather in the cap for such a new sport.

The winner of the Senior Men's course was Bryan Coolahan from Uringa NSW who must have enjoyed the course because before long he moved to Queensland. Second place went to Ian Hassall from Kareelah NSW and third place to resident Queenslander Major Jim Campbell from Oakey.

Helen Sherriff won the Senior Women's course. The fact that she was the only finisher must not detract from her victory! Similarly Veteran Men's winner Ron Blomley was not only the sole competitor in his course, but it was also his first ever orienteering event. (Full results in *QOA Newsletter*, 1975, vol. 1, no. 5)

The newsletter also comments that the NSW competitors suffered from 'expecting too much from the map' which was presumably a gentle way of alluding to the mapping standard. Also Dave Lotty had the bad luck of mis-marking his map. Marking your own map in the state championships ... those were the days!



Meredyth Sauer running up the finish chute in the 1970s

Permission Granted

Leslie Dam was the site of one of our earliest Queensland Championships in 1977.

In 2007 a largish slice of the land was bought by one of the Pope daughters. Any access problem might result in word getting around amongst some of the students at the local high school where Tracey teaches about some of her childhood misdemeanors.

This should ensure we continue to get permission to orienteer on the Leslie Dam map outside Warwick.

In 1978 Queensland began the tradition of holding two day state championships which was then unique in Australia. This greatly enhances the prestige and enjoyment of the event and acts as a magnet to interstate entries.

Top That

We all know of pregnant women who keep active, but to go out on a course when you are several days overdue with your first baby ... that is really something (Jacquie Rand). And another keen mum was out orienteering when her newborn was less than a week old (Meredyth Sauer).

Issues Relevant to Queensland

The climate, the distance to interstate events and the large size of Queensland are all issues which impact considerably on orienteering in Queensland.

Most of Queensland has mild and relatively dry winters which make for perfect orienteering conditions in the cooler months. However, high summer temperatures tend to discourage some participants in the hotter months. Attempts are made to schedule events away from the hottest part of the day but our climate is sometimes not conducive to extreme exercise. In 2004 QOA passed a motion recommending events be cancelled if the temperature gets beyond 35°C although this guideline has rarely if ever been implemented.

The distance for Queenslanders to travel to major interstate events is both time consuming and expensive. In the early years of orienteering car pooling and hiring of buses to travel interstate were common. Just think how many friendships could be made and the hours available for informal discussion of orienteering techniques on a three day trip south.

Today with cheaper air fares being available the tendency is now towards plane travel and hiring and sharing transport at the airport, although a number of older participants still make a holiday of interstate orienteering events and travel in cars or vans.

Unfortunately the size of Queensland means that clubs in areas like Bundaberg and Townsville are isolated and competitors generally have little opportunity to attend events other than their own. This also puts a lot of pressure on the few experienced orienteers in those clubs as they generally are responsible for more than their share of event organisation and administration.

Most Queenslanders would agree that we have benefited enormously from visits and contact with key people from interstate and from billeting orienteers from overseas.

A Bird's Eye View

The model of a crow sitting beside its nest seemed the ideal way to welcome orienteers to the Australian Three Days at Crows Nest in 1995. So John Bourne got busy and hand built a nest using all the same materials that a crow would use. 'I'm very pleased I'm not a crow' was his comment at the completion of his task 'it was really hard'. He then cut a crow out of galvanized iron and attached it to a rod so that it would swivel in the wind. Trust John.

Beware

They'd been warned about the jumping cactus at Leslie Dam and when a runner felt something attached to his gaiter he bent down to brush it off. Jumping cactus would have been preferable to the snake which had wrapped around his leg.

The highly professional approach of many of our key people plus the time they have been prepared to put into orienteering has been an inspiration to many.

This pride has been added to by that extra touch at events which has become a Queensland tradition. The 'Eleventh Commandment' Competition at the Promised Land State Championships near Bundaberg in 1989 was won by Dawn Beck with 'thou shall not kill the course setter, he knows not what he does'. The Cheshire cat grinned at us at Amiens in 1992, the control flag toilet seats provided for our comfort over the years and the crow in the crow's nest over-saw the event at the 1995 Australian Three Days.

While technical expertise, the standard of orienteers and the quality of events has steadily grown over the years, the problem of attracting and keeping newcomers to orienteering is always an issue in Queensland as it is in all states.

Some people have occasionally remarked that they find some ardent competitors a bit overwhelming and that a comfortable balance needs to be found between serious and social orienteering. This is being addressed to some degree by more club and park events.

These days more people seem to have heard about orienteering, and have a hazy idea of what it is, so the word is spreading. Orienteering is often part of the training for student teachers and many schools have a unit of orienteering in their physical education program.

Unfortunately orienteering has to compete with more recognised and prestigious sports in schools but the School Orienteering Association is running an enthusiastic program with great team spirit amongst the students. This has contributed to the successes of the Queensland Schools team in winning the Australian Schools Championships in 2005 and being equal winners in 2006. Not surprisingly the profile of orienteering in schools has risen. No wonder Queensland orienteers are inordinately proud of their youngsters.

FORMATION OF CLUBS

As orienteering gradually grew it became obvious that smaller more localized clubs could aid further development. Thus in 1979 the QOA constitution was amended and clubs were formed to service loose geographical areas or special interest groups with key people assisting in the early days of these clubs.

City Clubs

Toohy Forest ... February 1979 ... southern suburbs
(Simson and Bourne families and Debbie Gale)

Enoggeroos ... May 1979 ... northern suburbs
(Graham Buckley)

Ugly Gully ... July 1979 ... western suburbs (Fisher, May, Johnston and Crockart families)

Queensland University ... 1980 ... (Doug Brunner, Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson)

These Brisbane based clubs initially operated a cooperative centralized system under the aegis of BOA which was wound up in April 1987.

Mid Week group... January 1980 ... military
(Don Bajenoff and Eric Andrews)

Multi Terrain Bike ... 2007 ... (Craig Steffens, Craig Flintoft and Sandra Pearce)

Country Clubs

Meantime country clubs were starting to appear as avid orienteering individuals or families moved to new areas. Hence the development of ...

Bundaberg United Scrub Harriers ... 1980 ...
(Gerry Wilson)

Bullecourt Boulder Bounders ... 1983 ... southern downs (Christine Gregg, Anne and Doug Wilson)

Range Runners ... 1986 ... northern downs
(Hank and Judy Deucker)

Northern Rivers ... 1988 ... north coast NSW
(Morris family, Judy Benson and Tony McAtee)

Paradise Lost ... 1991 ... Gold Coast
(Nev and Margaret de Mestre and Judy Benson)

Totally Tropical ... 1993 ... North Queensland
(Brian Wale and Robin and Adrian Uppill)

Sunshine Orienteers ... 1998 ... Sunshine Coast
(Cath and Gordon Howitt, John and Angela Earls and Greg and Geraldine Chatfield)

Fraser Region Orienteering Group ... 2006 ...
Maryborough district
(Adrian and Glenda Pitman)

QOA is well aware of the special difficulties faced by country clubs and does all it can to support them by holding major events in their areas and in helping with equipment.

Some of the smaller clubs have had extra struggles when key people move away and clubs are forced in time to disband, for example, Northern Rivers which barely got off the ground and the Queensland University club.

Club Spirit

Every effort is made in Queensland to support club spirit and friendly rivalry. Striking club uniforms abound, a distinctive logo identifies each club and banners indicate a gathering place for members at events. Clubs also organise their own training sessions and social occasions to which visitors and members from other clubs are always welcome.

One of the highlights of the year is always the club relays when clubs vie for the famous Golden O Shoe trophy. The rules of this event tend to be flexible with the emphasis on the fact that the size of the club does not matter. It is participation that counts.

Accusations of club stacking and bending the rules may even be valid!



Ugly Gully win the Champion Club Trophy at the 3 Days 2008

Key Person ... Gerry Wilson

In 1972 Gerry Wilson was the National Fitness Officer for the Warwick area. Prior to that he had worked for the Australian Outward Bound School based in NSW and obviously had plenty of experience and knowledge about outdoor recreation.

Even before there was an official QOA Gerry tried to start an orienteering club in Warwick and made a black and white map of the Leslie Dam National Fitness Camp area which was used by camp groups and for holiday programs.

He also made other basic black and white maps of parks in the City of Warwick for 'Come and Try It' programs and for training juniors.

In 1974 Gerry met with Barry Nielsen and army officer Captain Tony McLennan and together they planned the orienteering event which was held in October in Brisbane at the Enoggera Army Base. This event was followed by a meeting which led to the formation of the QOA.

Gerry continued to organise events in the Warwick area and attended Brisbane events regularly. He was also organiser and mapper for the 1977 State Championships at Leslie Dam.

In 1979 Gerry was transferred to Bundaberg where he was instrumental in the development of BUSH.

A Friend in Need

Gerry Wilson was totally confused during one of his earliest orienteering events.

'The marker's just up there', a friend called as he ran past. But it didn't help Gerry one bit. In fact it just made matters worse.

'You led me way off', Gerry later complained to his mate who was quite unabashed.

The answer 'But I did you a favour. I taught you one of the basic rules of orienteering. Never take notice of anyone else'.



Gerry Wilson with a boot full of memorabilia

Once again he helped with the task of making maps of parks, school grounds and bushland in the Bundaberg/Bargara area.

Gerry's knee problems limited his active participation in events but he continued to fight doggedly for country clubs. He attended some QOA meetings and strongly opposed, unsuccessfully, the handing over of ownership of QOA maps to Brisbane clubs. He argued that the maps were state assets and as such were needed to generate funds for the development of the sport state-wide. He believed that QOA needed a wider vision and to be more proactive in developing the sport outside Brisbane.

Gerry was transferred back to Brisbane in 1985 and three years later to Toowoomba where he has completed maps at the Crows Nest State School and at Lake Perseverance Recreation Lodge.

In recent years an occasional visit to an event to have a stroll in the bush, catch up with old friends and watch young people take up the challenge that is orienteering, still gives him considerable pleasure.

I Couldn't Believe My Eyes

A nun in full regalia racing around the course at a night event! No wonder she caused a stir. But then Libby Crockett was always up to something.

METROPOLITAN CLUBS



Toohey Forest Orienteers

Pam Cox and Robin Simson

An Island in Suburbia

Toohey Forest is an island of forest land about six square kilometres in area that dominates the skyline of the southern suburbs of Brisbane. It is the home of many Xanthorrhoea, the unusual and strangely attractive native grass trees that flourish in the well drained sandstone soils.

The forest area is also the home of Griffith University, the Mount Gravatt lookout and communications towers, the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, the Mount Gravatt Technology Research Park and the Cemetery.

The forest is also cut by two major roads, one being Toohey Road and the other the South East Freeway.



Tim Apelt and Neil Simson at World Masters in 2002

'Who am I?'

Some will surely know me well;
In many places I reside;
I could be found in a forest glade
Or high on a mountainside.

With wayward hair and rough, dark skin,
I often lean all awry;
And when I know the season's right
I thrust a spear towards the sky.

I live a very peaceful life;
Disturbances are few;
Save for the chatter of the birds,
Or the noise of a bounding 'roo.

But sometimes the peace is shattered
By a strange human invasion;
They run about like beings possessed,
And peer at maps on occasion.

They consult a little plastic thing
Showing north, south, east and west;
And some among this motley crew
Wear my image on their chest.

Perhaps by now you've guessed my name;
If not, I will make it clear;
I am the ancient Aussie grass tree;
My name is Xanthorrhoea.

Source: *TF News* in 1985

Yet despite all this the forest offers excellent orienteering challenges with ample sandstone rock features and interesting spur-gully terrain right in the heart of Brisbane's southside.

The forest areas on the southside have always been a focus of the club and, when threatened, the club has been involved in lobbying for their survival and this continues to this day particularly through the efforts of Rob Simson who served for many years on the Toohey Forest Protection Society.

Meetings and Annual Social Days

No club can coordinate its efforts without meetings. During the first year the meetings were held at the Simson home in Sunnybank. This was followed by meetings held at the homes of the Feeneys, Bournes, Wiggans and Creaghs until in 1983 we commenced many years meeting at the home of Jock and Eleanor Feeny. Six months after the accidental death of Eleanor at the end of 1989 the meetings were again held at the Simson home for many years until 2007 when the introduction of a new secretary saw us move to a new meeting venue.

It has become a club tradition to hold the first meeting of the year on Australia Day. This event was for many years at the Simson home until one very hot Australia Day the pool at the Simson house proved too small for



TF Juniors in the Tavner-Corner Spa

a proper cool-off so this meeting is now held at either the Tavner-Corner or Dougall residence in conjunction with a BBQ.

The club has always met for a social at the end of the year. One of the first of these occasions was held on 13 December 1981 at the Bourne residence at Scarborough. By 1984 the date for our break up event was the last weekend in November when a picnic was held at Pub Lane advertised as 'The Termite Mound Rocky Horror Special' and organised by Brad Ahern. Other November break-up days were held at Coochiemudlo Island, Daisy Hill, Cades County Water Park (Wet and Wild), Woolshed at Ferny Hills and Flanagan's Reserve. Nowadays we usually opt for a swim in a home pool followed by a BBQ.

Membership

Those who know the orienteering potential of Toohey Forest will easily understand that it has been the breeding ground for many an outstanding Queensland orienteer. Foundation members of the Toohey Forest Club include the Simson and Bourne families, names synonymous with high quality orienteering mapping, event organisation and performance for the past thirty years.

For the first ten years the club had five treasurers but in 1989 Jennifer Woods took up the position and in 2008 still holds this office. Most of us take a break from time to time but not Jen!

Over the years there have been many members prominent in not only competition but in coordinating our activities. The more we delve into club records the more we find.

Many of our families have grown over the years with one recent addition being Christopher Nemeth who is showing a great interest in the sport especially punching that card.

Then there is Roy, yes Roy Kalecinski, a Toohey Forest institution. Roy, a retired Olympic style



John and Roger Bourne with Arnold Simson
in TF O suits pre 1982

wrestler and martial arts expert, turned orienteer, has covered more orienteering miles or kilometres than practically any other orienteer in Australia. I don't think we can remember Roy recording a DNF, but sure if he did, it only shows that those who wear the running Xanthorrhoea symbol are also sometimes human. Roy's motto is 'Never give in'!

First QOA Club

The Toohey Forest club was officially born on 4 April 1979 when the club constitution was adopted at a meeting at the Simson's home in Sunnybank, Brisbane. This was the first separate club to form within the structure of the QOA and pre-dates the two other Brisbane clubs by several months.

Arnold Simson was elected President and Roger Bourne, then a national junior champion in M19 class, was elected Technical Officer. The club had a membership list of 16 in its first year including 13 family memberships. Soon after the club was established, a friend of the Bourne's designed our very special logo, the running grass tree. It has adorned Toohey Forest flags, banners and O suits ever since.



Roy Kalecinski
Keen member since 1980



Jennifer Woods
Long Time TF Treasurer

Oops Factor

When Malcolm Milner was out mapping he realized that a new track being constructed would be on his map. To save time and in the pursuit of accuracy he borrowed the council map and carefully marked the track on his map.

You guessed it the new track was nowhere near the surveyed path marked on the council map. Moral of the story ... 'Council workers need lessons in map reading'.

The first banner was produced by the Creaghs in 1982 and in 1996 this was replaced by a banner produced by Donnita Dougall. Also in the 1990s Lois Olive started making 'design your own club O suits' and Johanna Tavner-Corner has carried on this tradition. The club ruling was anything goes as long as the design includes green in the colour scheme .

In 1980, the year after its establishment, the club took on the organisation of the 1980 two day Queensland Orienteering Championships. Rob Simson and Bruce Stoff did most of the mapping at Gaven Forest behind the Gold Coast. John Bourne was the event organiser and among other things began the tradition of establishing the fine quality bush toilets with separate private cubicles and fancy seats which have been a feature of every Queensland Championship held since. This was also the first championships at which a social dinner was held during the weekend.

Also in 1980 the club organised a night championships reported as the first to take place in Queensland.

In 1995 the Queensland Orienteering League was suggested by Scott Simson and was dominated by Toohey Forest teams, but this competition ceased in 2000.

TF was the first club to organise a full season of Street O in 1997. It is of interest to note that orienteering in the streets was mentioned in the notice at the foundation of the club in 1979. Rob Simson has set about producing maps so that, these days, the club has a large collection of street maps to use for the annual Street O season that has now grown to 9 or 10 weeks leading up to Christmas.

The club also led the way by becoming incorporated in 1995 and this has aided the procurement of grants for events and mapping to further the activities of the club.

Quality Mapping

In 1982 Arnold Simson and Roger Bourne brought further credit to the club with the detailed mapping of the granite terrain of Passchendaele State Forest for the first Australian Orienteering Championships to be held in Queensland. Indeed the club has always had an excellent reputation for quality mapping with contributions over the years by the Bournes and the Simsons, Bruce Stoff, Jim Reay, Brad Ahern, Henk Prins and Malcolm Milner. Henk, a fireman by occupation, was the official club cartographer for many years.

Henk had a break from membership for a while but is now back again and retaining his interest in mapping though now the pen and paper has been replaced by computers. In all mapping activities Rob Simson has been prolific, not only as a mapper but in overseeing orienteering mapping in Queensland and in stressing its importance to our sport.

Crèche Experts

If you ever need to know how to set up a crèche, then contact Toohey Forest. Our long term members Jenny Woods and Karen Hamlet, have set up their exclusive child minding centres at many big Queensland events including Easter 1987 and the Australian Championships in 1991. They believe in providing lots of games, activity equipment, books and toys to help keep the young children happy and occupied. It is a lot of trouble but it really does work. Karen is no longer a member but Jenny Woods continues this role and again organised the crèche at the 2008 Carnival.

Club Identities Move On

Toohey Forest is famous for the Club identities that have moved on to other territory.

Foundation president Arnold Simson who has done the rounds of clubs in Eastern Australia is no longer a



Big Badja Trophy presented at Big Badja, Easter 2000 - Neil and Rob Simson, Cavanagh family, Ken Moore and Reid Moran

regular orienteer but has been known to come out of retirement when the Simson family is gathered at an event. The Bournes (Senior) and Creaghs retired to Stanthorpe and Helidon respectively. The Bournes along with daughter Liz who has more recently shifted to the area continue to be active in the small granite belt club, Bullecourt Boulder Bounders.

Debbie Gale, the author of several good coaching packages for juniors, left us for the more spectacular mountains and forests of Tasmania and in 2004 was the recipient of a Silva Award for Services to Orienteering Coaching. Christine Gregg began with TF and then was instrumental in forming BBB.

Fiona Calabro was introduced to the sport by her sons but her brother Jim Dougall had been a long time member of the club. Fiona has been active in Administration and Coaching at a state level and received a National Coaching Award in 1998.

Then there is Alison Fraser, the bard of Toohey Forest, lost to orienteering forever, except for her poetry.

Big Badja Trophy

Following on the 1985 World Championships a sister club relationship was established with the Victorian club, Tuckonie. Each Easter since Big Badja in 1989 Toohey Forest has taken on a challenge against Tuckonie. The two clubs share the same green and

'A Sport for Life'

An orienteer's sporting life
May start while a babe in arms;
Carried high by mum or dad.
Safe from the forest's harms.

During the years of childhood
The basic skills are taught,
And these can then be practised
On courses simple and short.

From teens through to the thirties,
With physical prowess at its best,
Skills are honed to a fine degree
And keenly put to the test.

Comes the forties and the fifties:
No need to approach with dread;
Orienteering's a marvellous way
To stave of middle-age spread.

And finally, advancing years
Dull the speed but not the will,
'Cause old orienteers never die,
They just run downhill.

Source: Allison Fraser,
Toohey Forest Orienteers



Coaching Day at Daisy Hill in the 1990s

Back: Alison Winning, Jim Dougall, Tara Dougall, Barry and Jane Winning, Paul and Alan Cox, Neil Simson, Tomasina Calabro,
Front: Scott Simson, Alitia Dougall, Glen Winning, Jamie Dougall, Pam Cox, Dorothy Simson

white colours and the same enthusiasm for family-based orienteering.

The Big Badja trophy was originally just a piece of granite rock, but is now a beautifully crafted wooden trophy designed and made by Henk Prins featuring the original micro-sized Big Badja Boulder. This challenge still takes place most years but is often held at an event other than Easter so that both clubs can be well represented.

Coaching

For many years club coaching was a feature of the Toohey Forest scene though in recent times this has been largely replaced by the establishment of OQ squads. Coordination of coaching over the years has been ably carried on by Arnold Simson, Roger Bourne, Debbie Gale, Fiona Calabro, Lois Olive and the other Simsons have always been on hand to give support.

Awards

Encouragement in the form of awards to those who work hard for the club were established in 1984 and continue to this day.

A club championship has been held most years since 1993 and is a handicap event. This was originally a score event but recently has been based on the results from an existing cross country event. This event rewards those who perform to the best of their ability when their level of experience, age and other factors are taken into account.

As far back as 1990 Stephen Hamlet commenced keeping a record of club members' badge credits and this has been carried on by Dorothy Simson until the Orienteering Australia Badge Secretary took up the idea and sends clubs a list of members who qualify.



Tara, Donnita and Jim Dougall in 2008

As a further encouragement to juniors the club pays for the badges that they qualify for.

Juniors

Encouragement of juniors is a critical part of the Toohey Forest club philosophy. Since the 1980s all juniors who complete three or more courses during the year received some recognition at the end of the year picnic and trophy day. In more recent times these trophies have been replaced by monetary assistance to those who excel and represent their state or country.

A junior fund for this purpose was established in the 1990s. It is argued that if we are to hold our junior members together we must reward their efforts in the same way that they or their friends experience in swimming clubs, little athletics and other sports.

Successes

Scott Simson, who became one of our youngest executive members and president for a number of years, was the first Queenslander to represent Australia at a World Championship when he was selected to go to JWOC in Sweden in 1990.

Club members who have represented Australia are: Kerrie Lesko, Lorenzo Calabro, Ben and Ruth Schulz



QOA Awards to Neil Simson (Rob Simson's Coaching Award), Ainsley and Dane Cavanagh and Mark Nemeth

Lost

If you are in Melbourne and can't find the ferry terminal to take you to Tasmania a simple way is to take the advice of umpteen family members in the car and drive up the West Gate Bridge. It was a high vantage point and it was easy to get your bearings from there. The minor difficulty was that unbeknown to the car occupants the bridge was under construction at the time and it necessitated turning a car and caravan round in a restricted space or plunging into the river below. We all know Rob S is up to all challenges.

and David Moran. Many of our active female members have been recipients of the Zonta Awards.

Simson Family

No history of the club would be complete without mentioning the large contribution made by the Simsons. I have already outlined their many contributions above but as well as this Dorothy managed an O Gear Shop, the only one that has ever existed in Queensland, and this shop at events was for many years the contact point for our club. All members of the family have held positions on the club executive sometimes for many years and Rob has made a considerable contribution to Schools Orienteering.

They, like all club members, continue to wear the running grass tree with pride. It is the sign of a fast and competent orienteer at home in the forest.

Source: Based on an *Australian Orienteer* article published in 1993 and written by Rob Simson with further information from Toohey Forest Orienteers Minutes, Correspondence and TF and QOA Newsletters.



Julie and Tom Leung with Tony and Johanna Tavner-Corner at an event north of Brisbane in 2006



Enoggeroos

Our Roots

Enoggeroos began in 1979 when BOA became the umbrella organisation for several smaller Brisbane clubs. It was Enoggeroos' responsibility to organise the north side events on the event calendar created by the central administration in BOA. Equipment and maps were provided by BOA, the club was to provide the manpower.

The Brisbane suburb of Enoggera is geographically the middle of our catchment, so a club name based on that name was adopted. Our club name was suggested by Graham Buckley and the famous Enoggeroo symbol combining a compass and kangaroo was suggested by Mike Keane who later moved to Rockhampton.

Members

Graham Buckley convened the first Enoggeroo meeting at his house. In addition to Graham, Ron Green, Bob Phillips, Alan West, Stuart and Sandra Mead, Wendy and George Tracey and Max Read were very active in the club in those early years and later, but all have moved on to other exploits.

Others like Gordon Howitt, Eric Andrews and Liz Bourne (after 15 years with the club) went on to develop clubs on the Sunshine Coast and in the Stanthorpe areas respectively. Jim Bowling was an early active member from Enoggera who has returned and is now offering coaching to all comers. Through the nineties, people who contributed strongly to running the club were David Firman, Esther Townsend, Dawn Beck (originally from UG), Rob and Lynda Rapkins. Lynda sat on the committee in various positions for over twenty years.



Lynda and Rob Rapkins

Lynda Rapkins with help from others

Just Making a Point

Years ago Pat Rolley came to an event at Nudgee dressed to suit the weather. He was quite a sight running around the course wearing a wet suit, flippers, a snorkel and goggles.

[Pat was a member in the 1970s and a foundation member of the Enoggeroos.]

During the late nineties the Enoggeroos membership had dropped to almost non-viable numbers. The idea of disbanding the club was floated. It was at this time that two new members, Nola McIntyre and Tony Zandegiacomo started attending club meetings. Their enthusiasm roused the existing long-standing members into a united effort for increasing memberships.

The club put up banners and posters, paid for ads in local newspapers, left handouts in public places, lobbied radio stations and conducted letter-box drops before club events. Combined with a reduced cost for first year membership introduced by OQ, these actions sharply increased Enoggeroos numbers. Nola kept the promotion momentum going and lobbied for Street O, while Tony built up a stock of club equipment that gave our club events a corporate appearance. In addition, we no longer wore our torn shirts and O suits. Tony made sure that we all had club T-shirts. The culmination of Tony's efforts came in 2005 when he purchased a club trailer.

During this time the Neumann family joined our ranks. At first brothers David and Mark and their families came along to events. More recently another brother, Paul and his family have joined us. All three families have talented youngsters who are reaching national standard. The Cavanagh family (including JWOC representative, Ainsley) also joined our ranks during this time, immediately contributing to the running of the club. Craig Steffens and Russell Hoelzl and their partners have also been valuable members in the 2000s. Moving into the present, Steve Doyle has taken a proactive approach to the presidency.

In the last few years, the club promotion efforts have seen ups and downs. Enoggeroos has combined its Park O with the BCC's 'Active and Healthy Parks' events with the promotion generated by BCC. This has allowed the club to tap into other demographic groups. Coverage in the Courier Mail has been better than the



Tony Zandegiacomo and Nola McIntyre

previous decade, though sporadic. Membership has again climbed to more healthy numbers.

O Suit

For the first 25 years, Enoggeroo members proudly wore the light blue and royal blue club O suit. At the time it was considered dashing because it was designed when brown and green were considered the best colours to wear in the bush so you could blend in to the surroundings. However, times had changed. Sport had taken on a new face of colour and flamboyance. In 2005, a small working party was set up to conduct a competition for the new club O suit. Rob Rapkins' entry won by including the old colours but introducing a bright green and white in an attractive combination. Vicki Neumann coordinated the making of these suits with a local manufacturer at a price affordable to all.

State Association

Enoggeroos has filled many state association positions from its ranks over the years. Among others in the early years were Craig Loosemore, Alan West, Max Read and Trevor Sauer. Later, Richard Robinson, Jenny Brown, Eric Andrews and Liz Bourne sat at the table in Ann Street. Meredyth Sauer was the first female on the OFA committee.

All through the eighties Trevor Sauer produced the state newsletter 'single handedly' on his typewriter. To this day Trevor also maintains all map stock for dispersal to clubs and for sale to schools and others. When all colour maps were produced by the offset printing method, Trevor maintained quality control for all print runs by standing over the printer during the run.

Hard to Beat

She belonged to Ugly Gully and Enoggeroos, she won the Queensland Championships sixteen times, a place in the Aussie Championships seven times, and a place in the Easter Three Days sixteen times. (the name ... Dawn Beck)

More recently, there have been times when the State Executive has been dominated by Enoggeroos. Nola McIntyre, Tony Zandegiacomo, Lynda Rapkins and Stephen Cantwell (now with UG) have spent varying lengths of time on the executive, sometimes simultaneously.

Maps

Trevor Sauer did a great deal of the north side mapping in the early years, often able to visit maps close to home during extended lunch hours. Trevor's work built up a stock of maps in Enoggeroos' territory and we became one of the largest Brisbane clubs through the eighties.

Enoggeroos' responsibility for the 1981 annual state event calendar consisted of these north side maps: Strathpine 1 (steep), Strathpine 4 (steep), Closeburn (mostly steep), One Mile Creek (steep), Bergin Creek (very steep). These days, events on the remaining parts of One Mile Creek draw small numbers because of its steep reputation although, in 1979, it had been a Queensland Championships map. Orienteers were definitely made of tough stuff in those days!

The advent of OCAD computer software has made map updates and small print runs quite within the capacity of clubs. This has enabled clubs to create smaller maps for Park O and Street O events although the state association still owns most bush maps. Russell Hoelzl, Rob Rapkins, Nola McIntyre, and Dane Cavanagh have developed their mapping skills, so that the club currently owns a total of 28 assorted maps.

Money Making Ventures

Early Brisbane orienteering events offered beer for sale! In addition, a motion put forward at a 1980 club meeting to have smoking banned at events was defeated. This is at odds with our current 'healthy



Daniel and Vicki Neumann
(above)
and David Neumann (right)





Krystal and Kurt Neumann, Anna Sheldon
and Wendy and Mark Neumann

lifestyle' image. At most of the events in the eighties, cups of fruit salad were offered for sale. This was prepared at a working bee the day before. Along with merchandising sold at the Queensland Championships (club opportunity once every 5 years), this was the only source of income for clubs. Eventually the manpower for fruit salad dried up and in 1990 club finances were dismal.

John Harvey was our club coach at the time, so he and his wife, Shirley, started selling food at events on behalf of Enoggeroos to help fund our juniors. Also, at this time, the club started conducting Saturday car washes at the Aspley Hypermarket. Raffles were held at events. For several years these avenues produced a small, but regular income for the club. Cold drinks were always offered for sale at events so we all hoped for hot weather which, of course, increases sales. David Firman, as drinks convener, has continued this cash flow for many years.

In the 2000s, Brisbane orienteering clubs have run paid Park O events on behalf of the BCC. Enoggeroos' bank account has grown healthy under this scheme and the club is currently looking at ways to ensure our members benefit in both the short and long term from this injection of funds.

Meantime, the state orienteering association has decided to give clubs a 'small' proportion of the returns gained from the state events they run. Clubs, in turn, are financed to make more maps for local events and improve the range of activities offered to the public.

Socials

Social events attracting a big turnout in the early days were nights analysing route choices of recent events. This might even be combined with the Annual General Meeting. Gordon Howitt's silly games were always a hit, especially when they had an orienteering flavour.

Sometimes the social event was combined with a bring-your-own shirt screen-printing night ... a cheap way to get a club T-shirt. The progressive dinner fad of the 1980s was modified to 'everyone brings a dish'. This was later extended in the 1990s to 'Host A Murder' dress-up dinners. All of these social events occurred before e-mail and had to be achieved via the phone tree.

And of course, pre-Christmas would not be complete without the annual open house for all Queensland orienteers at the Sauer's. Their pool was a major attraction.

In the 2000s, the last Street O of the year has become a Christmas break-up event with a sausage sizzle, prize presentation and other silly nonsense.

Major Events

Enoggeroos conducted the Queensland Championships in the following years:

1983	Beerburrum: Trevor Sauer
1987	Woodlands: Eric Andrews
1991	Esk: Lynda Rapkins (Part of the Australian Championships Carnival organised by Eric Andrews)
1995	Crows Nest : Lynda Rapkins
2000	Goomburra: Trevor Sauer
2006	Hunters Hut (Fraser Coast): Terry Cavanagh

In 1983, a Beerburrum landowner on the Queensland Championship map donated a tongue-in-cheek award for a competitor who showed grit. This jam tin with welded on handle became the perpetual trophy known as the Perseverance Cup. It has now been upgraded by Toohey Forest members to an attractive pewter mug.

Soon after the concept of an annual club relay competition was established, another perpetual trophy appeared, thanks to Enoggeroos. This was the first 'Golden O Shoe' trophy. It consisted of a worn-out O shoe used by one of the Tracey family that had been painted gold and ceremoniously screwed to a board. It too, was later upgraded to its current, more respectable form.

In 2000, Queensland hosted the APOC Carnival. A large number of Enoggeroos helped with this event, but specifically, Rob Rapkins set courses and Tony Zandegiacomo secured sponsorships for this event and the Australian Three Days in 2004. Both sponsorships were lucrative for OQ.

Achievers

Regular Enoggeroo achievers at the national level (past and present): Trevor Sauer, Meredyth Sauer,

Metropolitan Clubs

Max Read, Lance Read, Eric Andrews, Liz Bourne, Lynda Rapkins, Dawn Beck, David Firman, Krystal and Laurina Neumann (both in JWOC team 2008), Ainsley Cavanagh (JWOC team 2005 and 2006) and Kurt Neumann.

Juniors

Enoggeroos has offered encouragement awards for its juniors since the very early days and continues to offer incentives for juniors to gain selection into state and national teams. Club records show that Lance Read, now an Ugly Gully coach himself, won the Enoggeroos Junior Encouragement Award in 1982.

The structured program for juniors currently offered by OQ clearly identifies a large group of Enoggeroo juniors with potential. These Enoggeroos have been selected for Queensland Junior Cyclones Squads: Chris Firman, Katie, Jacqui and Matt Doyle, Chantelle and Cole Freebairn, Melanie, Mitchell, Max, Joshua, Daniel, Jacob and Kurt Neumann

When not long out of the Junior Cyclones, Krystal and Laurina Neumann were invited into the Cyclone adult squad. In 2008 they will represent Australia at JWOC .

This list is great insurance for the future of our club.



Enoggeroos win the Golden O Shoe in 2004

Standing: Jim Bowling, David Firman, Mark Neumann, Rod Dominish, Wendy Neumann, Kurt Neumann, Russell Hoelzl, Rob Rapkins, Krystal Neumann, Nola McIntyre, Ann-Maree Ryder, Tony Zandegiacomo, Neil Ryder
Kneeling: Chris Firman, Laurina Neumann, Matt Ryder, Lynda Rapkins, Meredyth Sauer, Trevor Sauer

S.O.S.

A well known orienteer was driving her husband to the airport to catch the plane to the States when he realized he had forgotten an essential travel item - his emergency kit. No amount of reasoning could dissuade him and so his ever patient wife dropped him off at the airport and raced back home to collect the forgotten article (making a double round trip of 140km). She was not impressed to discover that the kit consisted of some low dose aspirin, a radio, some peanuts and a couple of equally unspectacular items.



Ugly Gully Orienteers

Barbara Pope

Early Days

This article about the early days of Ugly Gully that was in the *Australian Orienteer* in 1994 was written by Sue Johnston.

The first question asked by everyone is 'What is the origin of such a name?' This distinctive club with its distinctive name came into being after a reorganisation of the Queensland Orienteering Association brought the formation of clubs into its structure in 1979. With Toohey Forest Club servicing the southern suburbs of Brisbane and Enoggeroos catering for the north side, orienteers resident in the western suburbs were keen to get on the bandwagon and form their own club. The meeting to decide the club name is memorable.

We gathered at the Fishers' home and, with butcher's paper on the walls, we brainstormed possible names. Early in the meeting, Alf May jokingly contributed 'Ugly Gully' as a suggestion because he was considering mapping an area of State Forest near Moggill which included a landmark called Ugly Gully. Many other suggestions were given serious and lengthy consideration. After some hours we found ourselves returning to 'Ugly Gully' and yes, it has stuck ever since. It did seem appropriate to those early foundation members because, after all, it was the name of a real place in the vicinity of our club territory. Perhaps more importantly, as orienteers used to traditional Queensland spur-gully terrain, we could readily identify with many 'ugly gullies' in our orienteering experience. Those of us who have orienteered interstate or overseas have found the club name a really useful conversation starter and have answered many curious inquiries about its origins.

A couple of years after the formation of the club, another problem provided several hours of debate - choosing the club colours. Bill Fisher and Dawn Beck preferred camouflage colours because 'the idea is not to be seen in the bush'; Rod Crockart didn't want any colours because he didn't believe in O suits; Clive Pope stirred and disagreed with all the suggestions; Mike Johnston wanted flamboyant red, white and blue. Those who witnessed the launching of the new club O suits at the 1983 QBIII event in Newcastle will know who won the argument and our colourful red, white and blue suits still remain distinctive.

Ugly Gully Club has been notable in terms of the organisation of orienteering in Queensland. The club has organized the 1982, 1985 and 1990 Queensland Championships - Gap Creek, Changing Mountain and Opossum Creek, respectively - with each event being marked by a very popular, fashion trendsetting T-shirt design. In 1987, the club was responsible for the finish procedures at the Easter Three Days event at Cherrabah. Computer whiz, Alf May, developed a process whereby results were posted in record time - often before runners had finished their drinks at the end of the chute.

Club members contribute in many ways to orienteering in the State. Currently, QOA President (Alf May), Treasurer (Sue Johnston) and Secretary (Andrew Thomas) are all from Ugly Gully. For a number of years, Barbara Pope has undertaken the mammoth task of embroidering name tags for orienteers from all clubs. The club holds regular coaching, post-mortem evenings and social activities which are open to members of other clubs. Gordon Howitt is always an imaginative games master.

Perhaps the only identifiable weakness in Ugly Gully is that we have few juniors in our ranks. Pleas from the President to remedy this problem have not been fully heeded! Fortunately though, some of our newer members do have young children and the club should reap the benefits in the years to come. By then our current junior strengths, Sally May and Chris Sampson, will have moved into the elite ranks. Until then, we will continue to be a strong force in the senior classes, with Don Bajenoff and Gordon Howitt (M55), Clive Pope (M50) and Dawn Beck (W50) all proving to be top competitors in their classes at the national level.

He Also Ran

Back in the staid old days when Mike Johnston wore shocking pink tights to an event he put up with the ribbing manfully. It was tougher though when his dip in the nearby creek resulted in the water turning a similarly colourful shade.



Dawn Beck, one of Ugly Gully's champion veterans



W80s Elizabeth Baxter and Lois Cherry in 2004 on the day of Elizabeth's 80th birthday celebration

This article about the early days is a great introduction to our club of which we are inordinately proud. The writer Sue Johnston was a highly renowned mover and shaker in Queensland orienteering and also in Australian circles for many years.

Into the New Millennium

Since 1994, when Sue wrote the article, there has been steady growth in membership numbers, a vigorous climb in orienteering standards, some impressive talent nurtured, top quality administrative personnel giving years of hard labour to UG and to OQ and most importantly a continuation of affection and that special pride that goes with belonging to the best club in Australia. False modesty is something we are not known for.

However it was sad that Hurtle didn't get a mention in the earlier article although most people would probably recognize him. He is that mixture between a tortoise and a hare that features on our logo racing along, map in hand, obviously knowing exactly where he is going. He was the invention of Peter Beresford in the early days with pushing from Mike Johnston and has travelled all over Australia and to many overseas events as well.



Ben Schulz, Michelle, Judy and Phil Scott in 2008



Olly and James Mitchell at Dubbo in 2008

I love the story of Chris and Robin Spriggs wearing their Ugly Gully T-shirts in a guest house in Italy where they didn't speak the language and knew no-one. But someone knew Hurtle. He was recognized and enthusiastically welcomed by a European orienteer who had spent some time in Australia and was also the proud owner of an Ugly Gully T-shirt, and she even produced one out of her own baggage. Hurtle is a real ice breaker wherever he goes.

Hurtle also features on a trophy which is presented each year to a member or family of Ugly Gully who has contributed in some significant way to the club. That winner then has the honour and the responsibility of choosing the winner for the following year. It is a great tradition.

Ugly Gully's Christmas party each year usually takes the form of a novelty event (River O, crazy games, Cryptic O, water bombs, Tricky O, Survive O, etc.) followed by fun prizes, awards for the children and a festive brunch. This end of year tradition sets the scene for a light hearted Annual General Meeting which



Linda and Michael Burridge with children Isabella, Heather and Nicholas in 2008



Stephanie, Chris and Jacqueline Wood in 1991

follows. Positions are usually filled comparatively easily because it is hard to say 'No' in such an atmosphere.

Membership

Now comes the hard part in writing the Ugly Gully notes ... listing the key people in our club over the years.

The problem is of course, that there are so many of them. So I devised a plan. They are listed here under seven headings with about five names (or couples) in each heading and no one could appear in more than one category.

Administration Gems

... Sue Johnston, Chris and Robin Spriggs, Ian and Miriam Holmes, Dave Erbacher, Phil and Judy Scott

Running Stars ...

Hot Shots ... Anna Sheldon, Thorlene Egerton, Wendy Read, Bridget Anderson, Rachel Effeney, Oliver Mitchell, Su Yan Tay

Veterans ... Gordon Howitt, Clive Pope, Dawn Beck, Robin Uppill, Ray Kelly

Special Contributions

... Bill Fisher (mapping), Tim McIntyre (technology), Jay Mair (newsletter), Steve and Sandy Cantwell (juniors), Elizabeth Baxter (inspiration), Lee Smith and Greg Chatfield (new ideas), Nev Cobbold (treasurership)



Fiona and Tim McIntyre in 2008



Bron and Pat Walsh with children Robyn and Erin in 2008

Original or Long time Ugly Gullians

... Helen Sherriff, Rod Crockart (first ever UG president), Peter Reynolds, Anne and Alf May, Peter Beresford, Mike Johnston, Piet Filet, Doug and Bev Brunner

Energetic UG Families

... Sheldon (Joan, Anna, Helen, James, Peter), Anderson (John, Noelene, Ian, Bridget), McIntyre (Tim, Fiona, Tom, Morgan, Lachlan), Read (Max, Heidi, Lance, Wendy), Mitchell (James, Jeanette, Alexandra, Oliver, Luke), Wood (Chris, Robyn, Stephanie, Jacqueline), Walsh (Bronwyn, Pat, Erin, Robyn), Dodsworth (Jill and Ashley)

Classy Imports

... Geoff Peck, Jon Sutcliffe, Clare Leung

Kids to Watch

... Lachlan McIntyre, David and Aidan Tay, Heather, Nicholas and Isabella Burrige, David, Patrick, Stephanie and Emily Cantwell, Erin and Robyn Walsh

It is interesting to reflect on Sue Johnston's comment in her 1994 article ... 'The only identifiable weakness in Ugly Gully club is that we have few juniors in our ranks'.



Alicia Ng, Jodie Chia and David and Su Yan Tay in 2007

Metropolitan Clubs



Bridget Anderson with proud parents Noelene and John

So much has changed since then because now, in 2008, Ugly Gully has approximately fifty-five junior members and many of them are in the Cyclones, Junior Cyclones and Mini Cyclones.

Ugly Gully can also boast of having four members of top level Australian teams who have represented their country in international competition ... Anna Sheldon, Thorlene Egerton, Bridget Anderson, Rachel Effeney and Oliver Mitchell.

The delight of the Ugly Club contingent knew no bounds when it won the Top Club trophy at the 2008 Australian Three Days at Dubbo. It was good to have our belief in ourselves confirmed.

Tragedy Draws Our Close Knit Orienteering Family Together

Our hearts went out to a tireless orienteering couple Ian and Miriam Holmes when their long awaited baby daughter Maria Anne died on 13 August 1996. At the funeral Ian asked us to remember her, to talk about her and to always think of her as part of their family.



Anna Sheldon and Ian Anderson hold the Top Club Trophy

Ugly Gully has come a long way. But most of all I like to think of the club as rather like an extended family ... celebrating each others successes, supporting those who are down and simply enjoying being together.



Seven of the nine members of the Cantwell Family
 Standing: Michelle, Patrick, Stephen
 Sitting: Emily, Sandy, Stephanie, David
 Absent: Lyndsey and Robyn



Left: Miriam, Robin and Simon Uppill in the 1980s



Mat McGuire in 2007



Ray Kelly and Nev Cobbold in 2008

Queensland University Orienteers

This club, alternately known as QUOC or the Quokkas, was formed in 1980. Doug Brunner who was on the University staff was like a father figure and anchor to the young students who made up the small but enthusiastic group.

Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson of mapping fame were some of the keen members as were Tony Howes, Kylie Pope and Kristine Tracey most of whom came from staunch orienteering families. They all worked hard and well together but, as is the case with students, after a few years they graduated and moved on. There were numerous casual and short term club members but they had limited experience which made it difficult for Doug Brunner the mainstay of the group.

The club continued for several years but found that without a core of older members organising events was difficult. The club eventually disbanded in the mid 1980s.



Doug and Bev Brunner at the 2007 club relays
are now members of TF club

In 1995 QUOC was re-formed as there was another band of keen and experienced orienteers who were now attending the university. They needed twenty members to form a viable club and to be eligible for university funding and support. A decision was made by QOA to allow them to hold joint membership with the club of their origin as most of them had grown up in other clubs.

QUOC got off to a flying start and on Orientation Days in both 1996 and 1997 they received first prize of \$250 for best stall presentation. The secret of success may have been the colourful display of photos, maps and equipment or perhaps the jellies in club



1994 Queensland Senior Boys Team who came first in
Schools Relays and Teams Event
Back: Scott Williamson and Ben Schulz
Front: Glen Winning, Lorenzo Calabro

colours which possibly had some influence on the judges.

Some well known Quokkas in this era included Glen Winning, Nino and Lorenzo Calabro, Ben Schulz and Anna Sheldon.

Unfortunately the old problem of the changing population of university students reared its head again and the club folded in 2002 although OQ usually has an information stand at each orientation day due largely to the efforts of Tim McIntyre.

Other clubs hold some park events at the university campus so orienteering still attracts notice. Suffice it to say that Rachel Effenev and her family joined as a result of an event there.



Tim, Peter, Katelyn and Madonna Effenev
at Dubbo in 2007

Mid Week Orienteers

Military Origins

For many years the army kept its association with orienteering which was included in the military sporting program. They organised events each Wednesday afternoon but later changed to Thursdays and some civilians attended. These were low key events, with only one person responsible for the day by creating a long and short course with the length depending on the terrain and the putting out of only twelve to fifteen controls.

These events were conducted primarily as training for the various personnel in the three services but with the majority of participants being from the army.

In more recent years as military units became more mobile to meet national commitments and exercises, army numbers at O events declined and civilian orienteers were invited to assist in organising events. As time went on the army involvement decreased even further and civilians became the main organisers and participants although we still have some gear with military markings and some of our stalwarts are ex-army (Jim Bowling). The last founding member Don Bajenoff still turns up from time to time.



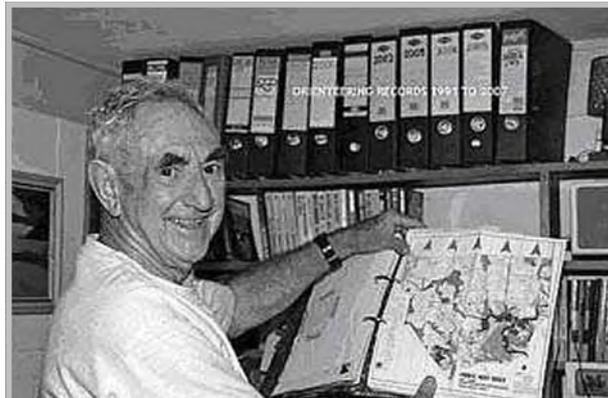
Jim and Rhonda Bowling rugged up in Dubbo in 2007

Tradition Continues

In 1994 the army withdrew officially from orienteering and Bryan Coolahan took over as organiser of the Thursday Club until he went overseas. Clive Pope carried on until 2003 with Chris and Robin Spriggs the current organisers.

During this period the name was changed to the Mid Week Orienteers.

Brisbane mid week events happen every Thursday of the year from February to mid-December. During summer the starts are between 9:00 and 10:30 am with



When he started orienteering in 1991 Ray Kelly put all maps and correspondence into folders each year (These folders contain a history of Queensland and Australian orienteering as well as his involvement with the Army events that are now run by the Mid Week Orienteers)

course closure an hour later; for the rest of the year it is 12 midday till 1:00 pm.

Until 2007, two courses were set, a 3-5km course and a 2-2.5km course, both at the highest possible level of technical difficulty. To encourage more of the fit young runners who used the events as training a longer course (4-6 km) has now been added. Sometimes the organisers will choose a variation on the conventional theme, with scatter or score events.

Mid Week organisers use a variety of maps from OQ or the Brisbane clubs, mostly within or close to Brisbane.

Organisation is fairly informal, but is in keeping with high professional standards. Permission from landowners is essential to the continuation of the group. Entry fees are kept low and cover the cost of maps, permits and insurance.

There is no committee and all equipment is kept in a single box. There are two identical boxes so that the spare one can be passed to the organisers of the next event.

Each event is run by an individual or a couple, sometimes a novice is mentored by an experienced organiser. It therefore serves as a good learning experience for trainee organisers with less pressure than a normal weekend event. Nevertheless courses tend to be technically very good; course setting errors are rare and minor. Typically most Mid Week orienteers organise about two events a year.

SPORTident is not used at Thursday events and punch cards aren't checked. Your result is up to your

Mid Week Championships

Innovative and enthusiastic young Cyclone Mat McGuire assured Mid Week orienteers that the Australian Championships would be a good training event for the Prestigious Mid Week Championships which includes such awards as the slowest up the finish chute, the latest starter and the first broken hip.



Chris, David, Nicholas and Robin Spriggs
[Chris and Robin are coordinators of the Mid Week group]

honesty. Times are recorded in a book and you can check where you came if you like.

The competitive aspect is not regarded as particularly important but the top placings for male and female in each course are published in the Sunday Mail. Full results are on the OQ website.

The program is set by the coordinators Chris and Robin Spriggs six months in advance and published on line, in the OQ events booklet and via an email list to Mid Week orienteers maintained by Mark Roberts.

Most Mid Week orienteers are remarkably young looking retired folk, some are underemployed younger folk, some flex off from work or university each week and during the holidays we tend to see more families. A core of vintage orienteers turn up almost every week.

Attendance has grown substantially since 2003 when between ten and twenty was the norm. By 2008, it is not uncommon to see up to fifty people of all ages at an event. The Brisbane City Council GOLD program has been sponsoring a number of events and these

attract larger numbers and occasionally lead to new memberships. An easier green course is also offered at these events.

Mid Week O is thirty years old and runs over forty events a year. The model which has developed for these events each Thursday is one of orienteering's success stories.

Keepit Park Olive Grove

For a few years in the early 2000s the Mid Week group was invited to visit Bryan Coolahan's Olive Grove in the Laidley Valley and were promised a custom made black and white map and asked to bring a BBQ lunch. On arrival we were presented with the map and a number of coloured pencils to copy the colouring from a master map. Bryan described this event as a return to the early days of orienteering. After the BBQ lunch we were taken on a tour of Bryan's solar powered processing shed. This was an event that the group looked forward to each year.



Judy Scott in 2005



Rod Crockart in 2008



Caine Batten at UQ event 2006



Mark Roberts in 2008 wearing his APOC 2000 T-shirt



Multi Terrain Bike Orienteers

Craig Steffens

The first mountain bike orienteering event in Queensland was held at Springfield in 1998 with Leo Isaac and Lorenzo Calabro as the organisers. Over the next few years similar events were held again at Springfield and also at Gap Creek but this discipline proved easier to organise in the regional areas. Sunshine Orienteers used the energy and enthusiasm of the Howitts and Bullecourt Boulder Bounders had the drive and the skills of the Bourne and Andrews team to organise and get the sport moving.

In the early years of mountain bike orienteering in Queensland, events were conducted on modified foot orienteering maps, predominantly in exotic pine plantations. More recently new plantation areas have been found particularly in the Nanango-Yarraman forests requiring time and cost to make specific MTBO maps which usually have a smaller scale to O maps and slightly different symbols for tracks and paths to aid readability.

Liz Bourne has held the position of coordinator of mountain bike orienteering since its inception and Eric Andrews has conducted a series of workshops to teach interested people about special mapping and course setting that is needed to produce quality mountain bike events. Eric has also made numerous maps specifically for mountain bike orienteering.

Gradually interest and the standard of mountain bike orienteering in Queensland rose and Anna Sheldon was selected in the Australian representative team to attend the World Championships in Victoria in 2004 and in Slovakia in 2005.

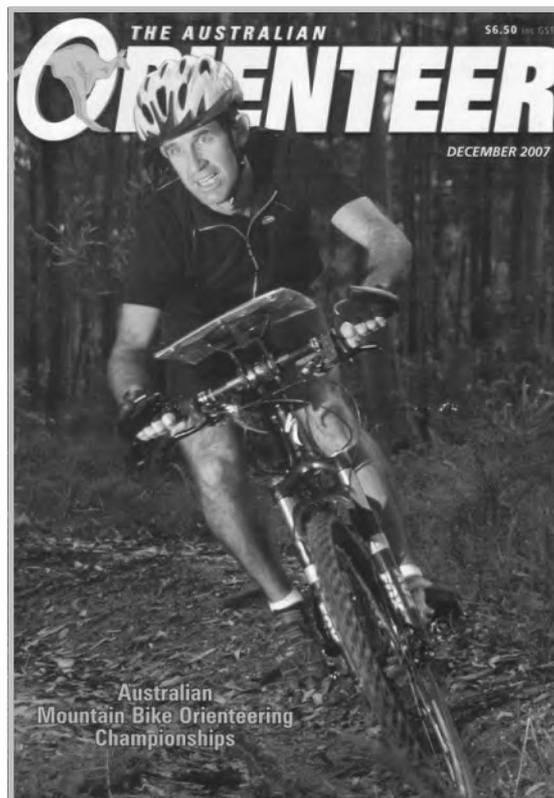


David Firman, foot orienteer, rogainer and now MTBO competitor, with son Chris at Christmas 5 days 2004

In 2006 six events and one training day were held. The inaugural Queensland MTBO Championships were originally to have been in July but had to be postponed because of rain and hazardous track conditions. This special event eventually took place in the Mt Googa State Forest near Blackbutt in September. The inaugural champions in the open classes were Anna Sheldon and Gary Sutherland.

Anna had not tried out for selection in the Australian team for the 2006 World Mountain Bike Championships in Finland in July, concentrating instead on making the team for the foot World Championships. However while in Europe she borrowed a bike to compete in the European MTBO Championships in Poland in September and came away with a silver medal in the sprint distance event, a 5th in the ultra-distance event and 15th in the middle distance event.

With adventure racing, mountain bike marathon races and regional events gaining popularity the sport was attracting an increasing number of followers so it was decided to galvanise support to start a club specifically



Craig Steffens on the cover of the *Australian Orienteer* after he won M40 at the Australian Long MTBO Champs



Riders check in at the Finish Tent at the Woodford State Forest Event in 2007

for mountain bike orienteers instead of just being a part of other O clubs.

Present at that first meeting on 7 January 2007 were Craig Steffens, Sandra Pearce, Tim Hay, Stephen Hibbert, Alan Uhlmann, Geoff Moore, Margaret Moore, Richard Robinson, Gordon Bossley and Andy Pinsent.

Committee members elected at the first meeting were:-

President - Craig Steffens

Secretary - Craig Flintoff

Treasurer - Sandra Pearce

The club name, Multi Terrain Bike Orienteers, was chosen as a take on the generic term, mountain bike orienteering.

Initial financial support was provided by Orienteering Queensland, from proceeds of successful events run on their behalf, over the previous years.

The club membership grew quickly to 78 members in the first year, showing a need had been met.

Queensland has produced numerous other MTBO stars besides Anna including David Wood and Thor Egerton



Riders discuss the course at the Woodford State Forest Event in 2007



Left:
Thor Egerton

who represented Australia in the 2007 World Championships in the Czech Republic. In 2008 Thor is the leading Australian female rider. Craig Steffens won the 2007 Australian Long Distance event in the 40-49 age category, likewise Lyn Stitchbury, with veteran Gordon Howitt and young Chris Firman winning medals also.

The new MTBO club organised two successful events in its first year at Woodford State Forest (Craig Steffens) and Esk State Forest (Jay Mair), attracting 115 and 52 entrants respectively. It also assisted at other events including one at Googa State Forest and the Queensland 2007 MTBO Championship at Beerburrum.

The Rider Of the Year (ROY), similar to foot orienteering's OY series was conceived and eight events are planned for 2008.

The club was also active in the development of the sport, obtaining a government grant to map forests at Bundaberg and Maryborough, for future events. A park based Bike-O was also run on behalf of Brisbane City Council, to encourage more family participation in the sport.

The club continues to grow and aims to mentor members to organise events and progress to higher levels in the sport.

Without doubt MTBO is the most exciting growth area in orienteering.



Jay Mair winner of Course 4
MTBO at Woodford in 2007

COUNTRY CLUBS



Bundaberg United Scrub Harriers

The following article about BUSH appeared in the *Australian Orienteer*, October 1990 and serves as a good introduction to the Bundaberg Club.

Who or what are BUSH you may well ask? We are the October acronym chosen to divulge the secrets of our past at this time as we have grown up. Any self-respecting nine-year-old will tell you they've grown up when they reach the age of 10. In October 1990 BUSH does just that.

We are from the home of Gladys Moncrieff and good old Burt H. Do you know where I mean? Perhaps the names Gerry Wilson, Peter Barnes, Murray Haines and Kylie Waters will give you a clue. They are all well known orienteers in these parts. If we let on that we staged the 1989 Queensland Orienteering Championships then of course you'll all know exactly where we are. Yes, the Australian home of rum. Now at least the alcoholics have put a pin in the map.

Bundaberg basks in subtropical splendour 400km north of Brisbane on the Central Queensland coast. We are the eastern seaboard's most tropical orienteering destination. So if you're travelling north in quest of the good life any time between February and October give us a call. We'd love to see you at an event.

We had better get down to the serious business of telling you all about ourselves. Warwick's loss became Bundaberg's gain when an enthusiastic National Fitness Officer was transferred to town in 1980. Gerry Wilson, who had orienteered regularly in Great Britain and had initiated O activities in the Warwick district mapped Bundaberg's Queens Park and successfully conducted several events.



Murray Haines a rather tall lean medico, dedicated BUSH organiser and successful orienteer, with family in tow

On 23 October 1980, a meeting was called to investigate the setting up of an orienteering club. This meeting elected an executive of five with Peter Barnes, a local teacher, as President. In February 1981 Mr Nev Ollis suggested the name: BUSH (Bundaberg United Scrub Harriers) was born.

One of the first decisions made by the club was to publish a monthly newsletter. Bundy 'O' was initially produced by Julie Pharr with 11 copies in the first year. Edition No. 1 was a very respectable five-page production and grew to include regular event reports, skills, mapping and coaching tips, profiles, cartoons, children's pages, crosswords, photos and even some advertising at one stage. While we are now affiliated with the QOA we retain our individual voice through the pages of Bundy 'O'.

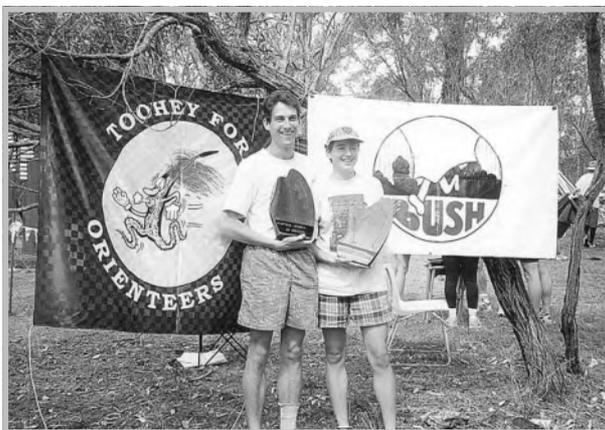
BUSH has always aimed to be a family club. This has been reflected in the range of social activities enjoyed by members. While we may not have been at the leading edge of Australian orienteering in our ten-year history, we have gained a reputation as the team to beat in the local Fun Run and have had much success in the inter-sports club bowling tournaments. Fancy dress nights, card nights and progressive dinners are often better attended than the next day's orienteering event. Camping weekends were commenced for the purpose of mapping new areas.

More recently we have taken to still going camping while someone else is paid to do the mapping.

Our first coloured map 'West Woco' resulted from the staging of the 1982 Queensland Schools Championships. The next two coloured maps 'Gregory River' and 'Cordalba North' came with the 1984 Queensland State Championships which drew over 200 orienteers to the Cordalba State Forest. 'Gin Gin' came on line in 1986 for the Schools Championships and last year we got our gem of gems 'Promised Land'. We have Gareth Prosser to



Gerry Wilson, whose move to Bundaberg saw the founding of BUSH



Scott Simson (TF) and Kylie Waters (BUSH) with the M and W21 A trophies at Kullogum in 1996

thank for the map; but Murray Haines spent months looking for the location then sacrificed his occupation for six months to organise and co-ordinate the championships.

BUSH has always had the services of a devoted one or two like Murray Haines and before him Gerry Wilson. Peter Barnes was also there for nine years as Club President, dedicated to the task of keeping BUSH alive. These three people became honorary life members of BUSH last year.

Membership of BUSH grew to an impressive 100 in its second year of existence. This was due to a team of promotion officers descending on four local primary schools to recruit juniors. As a result of this program we now have four juniors - Kylie Waters, Kurt Warhurst, Marty Cole and Kathleen Grayson - in the 1990 Queensland Schools team. Our numbers, however, have declined to a fairly stable 30 to 40. As we are isolated by distance from our South-eastern Queensland affiliates, this results in a nucleus of 8 to 10 people being responsible for organising fortnightly events to cater for a wide range of orienteering skills.

As mentioned earlier BUSH has not produced a string of high achievers for the orienteering honour board. We would probably consider ourselves what Gareth P. has called 'B' orienteers and we thank Gareth for supporting our existence. The first BUSH club champions were

You Can't Keep a Good Bloke Down

The joy went out of the state championships at Bundaberg in 1996 when one of our young lads 16 year old Andrew Vikstrom had an accident at the beach and subsequently became a paraplegic. Andrew is now 27 and what he has achieved since then is amazing as you'll see when you read further.

Joce Wilson (open women) and Trevor Price (open men) in late 1981. In 1981 David Wilson and Monica Barnes were selected to compete for Queensland in the Australian titles.

Each year BUSH sends a convoy to the Queensland State Championships and usually manages to achieve three or four placings. Our current junior stars are Kathleen Grayson, Kylie Waters, Kurt Warhurst, Chris Norris and Marty Cole. In the senior rankings Gary Walters (M35A) is our only senior who is currently state-ranked.

As we look to the future BUSH is advertising for a Gerry Wilson/Murray Haines look alike to fill the gap left by the departure of these two pillars of the club. If any of the southern readers are looking to retire to sunny Queensland, give us a call and we'll find you a State Championship or two to organise. Alternatively, if anyone is travelling north in November the BUSH social club has been active again and we're planning a BIG party. We should be recovered in time for the 1991 season. Cheers!!

Source: Article written by John Evans, Tina Price, Gerry Wilson

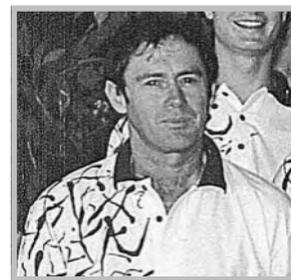
This article from the *Australian Orienteer* gives a good description of the foundation and the first ten years of the BUSH club.

In more recent years the key people in the club have included the Cole, Petrie, Grayson, Haines, Price, Barnes, Sullivan, Helmrich, and Thatcher families. Apparently Kay Cole's really excellent cakes and biscuits were a great incentive to get members along to events.

However like other isolated clubs, after an initial rush BUSH numbers declined although the core members were still keen and enjoying themselves. How many other clubs would have a medico prepared to take six months off work to organise state championships! Apparently although they produced a lot of work, the championships and other major events held in the area like a badge, OY and workshops increased interest and involvement and also added to the funds.

Notwithstanding their limited numbers BUSH club has managed to produce some very creditable performers.

Young Kieran Sullivan who was taken orienteering as a toddler and ran his first 'solo' event at the state



Keith Grayson accompanied the Queensland Schools team in 1995

championships at Kullogum in 1996 won the Junior Men's sprint at Easter in 2002, was selected in the Australian Junior Honour team that year and in 2007 won a junior NOL race in Victoria. He was selected as a reserve for JWOC in 2007.

Kieran and his sister Julia both strongly believe that it was the fun of the numerous school orienteering trips which fired their enthusiasm for orienteering. Julia too has had considerable success. She was the Queensland under ten champion, the Australian twelve year old champion, was in the schools team for four years and was second at Easter in 2006.

Both Sullivan siblings show their affection and loyalty to BUSH by remaining members of that club even though they are now studying and living in Brisbane.

The ever keen, much travelled Murray Haines was also proud to win M50 last year at the Queensland Championships at Leyburn.

It is always good to see Murray and the Sullivan family at most major events and BUSH was particularly well represented at the Australian Three Days at Burra when the Petrie and Helmrich families joined them to enjoy a reunion with ex BUSH members the Dazeley family who are now living in Tasmania.

Although BUSH is concerned about its dwindling numbers and the pressure this puts on people it is hoped that the Australian Championships Carnival held at Maryborough and a new club there may help to refresh and rejuvenate their own club. New maps



Kieran and Julia Sullivan in 2008 in Cyclones O suits

comparatively near by, extra funding in the area, publicity and local awareness about orienteering and orienteering travellers who discover the delights of the region ... anything could happen.

The LOO Q

If you want a good place for an orienteering meeting with representatives from all states just try the Loo Q at a major event. There is a captive audience and as excited voices grow louder more people become involved in animated discussion. So it was at Easter at Dubbo when ideas were being bandied about for ways to enliven and popularise annual awards dinners.

One contributor expressed regret that there was no paper to jot down notes of the discussion. Toilet paper was rejected as an alternative. But the ideas were great as you will hopefully see in the future.

Some of us were quite sad when a cubicle became empty.

An Inspiration

Andrew Moran ... 14 year old Queensland Orienteering Champion in 1996 at Kullogum, Queens Scout, Queensland Youth Alliance Excellence Award for Inspiration, ten years as a performer in the Scout Gang Show, University Degree in Electronic Commerce and employed by the Queensland Government in Disability Services.

(One could get the impression that Cerebral Palsy is a minor inconvenience to Andrew.)



Andrew with his Kullogum map in 1996



Bullecourt Boulder Bounders

John Bourne

Birth of BBB

The Bullecourt Boulder Bounders club was founded about September 1983 by Christine Gregg who lived at her parents' property 'Mossvale' in the Liston area in NSW just over the border from Stanthorpe. Christine had run in the Australian Championships at Passchendaele in 1982 where the two maps used were Passchendaele and Bullecourt and hence the name she chose for the club.

These two maps used in the championships were field worked by Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson during two university vacation periods when they lived in a caravan parked at the Passchendaele Forest Station.

Around the time of the championships there was local publicity about orienteering and Christine decided that it boded well for starting a new orienteering club in the district which would include the Warwick and Stanthorpe areas.

Christine was the first club president and did a tremendous amount of work to get the club going. She produced newsletters which ran to nine or ten pages and included all sorts of general information as well as technical tips. She also designed the club badge and made the club banner which features the southern log runner and the stylised boulders in the shape of BBB.

Early BBB members were Heather Wilmott, Glen Locke and the Collett and Wilson families.



Doug and Anne Wilson



John and Joan Bourne in 2008

1980s

In 1984 Joan and John Bourne and Bevan and Peggy Creagh became associate members of BBB and attended an event at Passchendaele on 19 February. The club had a float in the Apple and Grape festival and also became affiliated with QOA that year. Events were also held at Leslie Dam, Bullecourt and Quart Pot Creek. Chris also began mapping part of the Cherrabah property and was assisted by John Bourne when he and Joan moved to live at The Summit. Both of the Bournes and also Chris were selected in the Queensland team to compete at the Australian Championships.

1985 saw the Cherrabah map printed in colour with the cartography done by Trevor Sauer. A training camp was held at Chris's family property 'Mossvale' and was attended by thirty people including Dieter and Ursi Wolf from Switzerland. Fiona Smith took over the production of the club newsletter. In these days control markers were still ice-cream buckets.

1986 began with Bevan Creagh as the new president and Anne Wilson as secretary. Doug Collett continued as treasurer, a position he had held since the inception

John Bourne C.S.E.

That stands for Consulting Sanitary Engineer and the design of the orienteering toilets really deserves an award; maybe the No Control Award.

They consist of galvanised iron pedestals (tapered to be stackable, are fitted with plastic seats and lids, are very stable and provided with plastic garbage bag liners.

Country Clubs

of the club. Each year a Golden Boulder award is made to a club member and this year it went to John Bourne. The Toowoomba club Range Runners formed and BBB members often attended their events to show support for another small country club.

In 1987 Chris Gregg married American Jim Toevs on 24 January and went to live in the States. She still continues to be a member of BBB and returns from time to time to visit her parents.

This was the year that the Easter Three Days was held at Cherrabah with John Bourne as the controller. Joan and John's daughter Jenny Bourne won W21A.

In 1988 the club could also celebrate that year at last having proper control flags instead of ice-cream buckets. The Christmas break up was held at the Bourne's place at The Summit and good use was made of the map of the property made for the occasion. Wilsons, Deuckers, Lilhagens, Colletts, Reays, Creaghs and Peter Haselgrove were all part of the celebrations.

1989 was a big year for a small country club with five events scheduled for the year including the Cherrabah Two Days and several RROC events to support as well. John Bourne made a new map of Allora Mountain.

1990s

The BBB club took pride in their performances at the 1990 state championships obtaining three winners, one second, a third and a fourth. In that year QOA changed from numbered courses to a colour coded system.

BBB's 1991 event at Allora attracted about forty entries. The club were also heavily involved in the



Greg Wilson, Nicole Thomas (RR) and Sam Wilson winning primary school relay in 1993 at Cherry Gully

Top State Carnival and appreciated the letter of thanks from the organisers.

1992 was a year to remember. The Bourne family attended the World Veterans Championships in Tasmania and Jenny Bourne became the first Australian to become a World Champion when she won W35. The two small country clubs BBB and RROC also organised the Queensland Championships and John Dearden was first in M18A and Luke Arundel was second in M14A.

1993 saw the Cherrabah map, which John Bourne had been revising printed and Doug Wilson took over from Bevan Creagh as club president. The state championships were conducted at Springfield on a map produced by BBB member Eric Andrews.

In 1994 ever mindful of the need for publicity for orienteering the club organised a display in the Warwick City Library.

1995 saw the announcement that the APOC would be held in the Darling Downs region in 2000. The Easter Three Days was held in the Crows Nest area. BBB received \$3000 from the Gaming Fund.

In 1996 the Easter Three Days was held at Orange and the entire Bourne family gathered for the occasion with seventeen of the twenty one competing. Eric Andrews and Liz Bourne moved to live in the Granite Belt and since then have contributed in many ways to the club in the areas of mapping, technical knowledge, instructing, organising and publicity. Eric Andrews started using OCAD to produce maps. A trial was held at Amiens in May for the Australian team for WOC. Sam Wilson arranged for BBB to go on line on the web in June. Mary Jackson took over as club treasurer.

In 1997 new maps were produced of Sandy Creek and Leslie Dam by Eric Andrews and Queens Park by Clive Pope. Several club members went to Canberra for the Australian Championships.

1998 saw some local maps embargoed in preparation for the 2000 APOC Carnival. The club held its first mountain bike event with twenty-two competitors.

A group of Hong Kong orienteers visited the district in 1999 to familiarise themselves with the terrain in preparation for the APOC Carnival. They were taken on map walks by Eric Andrews and then headed to Gatton for the Queensland Championships. The Golden Boulder award that year went to Liz Bourne for her work in promotion of the sport.

APOC heralds the New Millennium

The APOC 2000 Carnival was held in the area and BBB members were delighted to see Christine Toevs



Howard Wilmott

Left: Marion And Phillip Burrill surrounded by children Alison, Lilian, Grace, Ruth and Simeon [the family won the Golden Boulder Award in 2002]

(their club founder) come from America and compete in the competition. Eric Andrews was the organiser for the carnival, Liz Bourne in charge of publicity and John Bourne the equipment coordinator. They were helped by many other club members including the Wilsons, the Jacksons, Stuart Watt, David Flood, David Bright and Howard Wilmott. John Bourne produced maps for several local schools and Albert Piper, Howard Wilmott and Liz Bourne conducted coaching.

In 2001 awards from the local community were won by Eric Andrews (Sports Administration Award from the Stanthorpe Shire Council) and Joan Bourne (Sports award from Stanthorpe Women's Achievement Awards). Brooklands and Mountain Station were the maps used for the 2001 Queensland Championships which were organised jointly by BBB and RROC. The 2001 Christmas Five Days was also held in the district and the club's founder Christine Toevs attended.

BBB entered a float in the 2002 Apple and Grape Festival parade and the club was awarded a grant to map the parklands along the Condamine River in Warwick. The 2002 Golden Boulder award went to the Burrill family.

Club members organised a display at the 2003 Stanthorpe show. Eric Andrews conducted an organisers and course setters workshop in February 2003 and events were held at Leyburn, Dalmoak, Queens Park (Warwick), Brooklands, Goomburra, Amiens, Leslie Dam, Mountain Station, Charlie's Paddock and Storm King Dam. The club acquired an equipment trailer and

John Bourne made a removable cover for it. Phillip Burrill took over as treasurer and Eric Andrews became technical officer.

In 2004 the club bought a self erect tent using a grant from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services. Several club members competed in the State Championships at Old Hidden Vale and the Burrill family did particularly well.

The 2005 Australian Rogaine Championships were held at Cherrabah and Ruth and Grace Burrill were very successful. The team to represent the state in the schools championships included many BBB members, namely Jonathan Warr, Lilian, Grace and Ruth Burrill. Liz Bourne and Eric Andrews organised a club coaching day at Leslie Dam in May.

A course setting workshop run by Eric Andrews was held on 12 February 2006 and mountain bike event was held at Passchendaele on 1 April. Club members attended the state coaching day at Cherrabah in preparation for the State Championships at Maryborough in which members did well. Grace and Lilian Burrill were selected in the Queensland schools team to compete in Western Australia. The club was incorporated in 2006. Albert Piper won the State Course Setter Award for the year.

Six members of the club were selected in the 2007 Queensland Schools team to compete at the Australian Championships at Dubbo. With the help of RROC, BBB conducted the Queensland Championships at Leyburn State Forest in August with Liz Bourne and Eric Andrews as organiser and controller.



Range Runners

Felicity Crosato

With prompting from the Queensland Recreation Council and QOA (especially Rob Simson), the Range Runners Orienteering Club was brought into being after several local events were organised to create awareness of orienteering around Toowoomba.

The first meeting of RROC was held in July 1986. The following people were interim office bearers - Stewart Hayward (president), Mark Evans (secretary), Cathy McIntosh (treasurer) and Gordon Rackley (technical officer).

Other folk involved in the earliest days included Ray Vandersee, Andrew Stevens, Lorraine Lisle, Ginny and Cathy Hayward with their sons Alistair and Stuart, Carolyn Weymouth, Jenny Berry and Hank and Judy Deucker and their family Hans, James and Elizabeth.

In 1987 the club logo with its Range Rat was accepted and designs were afoot for the first club T-shirts and uniforms using the skills and energy of Cathy Hayward.

The following year with Andrew Stevens as president and Paul Fitzhenry as secretary a very social group was developing with newcomers the Lethbridges joining the fray.

1990 was a really lucky year for RROC when the club received a wonderful boost with the arrival of Ian Taylor and the Thomas family who were stars and hard workers. Not long after very experienced orienteers Brian Wale from SA and Bryan Coolahan and Don Bajenoff from Brisbane also appeared on the RROC scene.

Range Runners have always been fortunate that despite being a small club they have always had a group of talented and outstanding orienteers plus some highly energetic members.



Melissa and Kerryn Thomas and Liz Deucker the winning junior girls relay team (Darling Downs) at Qld Schools Champs, Bigges Hill, Wivenhoe Dam, August 1992



RROC Club showing off their banner and badges at Flagstone West Queensland Championships 2005
Glennie Nottle, Danette O'Connell, Rob Crosato, Oliver Crosato, Ben Hiley, Lyn Thomas, and front Dominic

Lyn Thomas says that when her family joined RROC she remembers Judy and Hank Deucker and their children Hans, James and Elizabeth as the driving force in the club, organising information days, mapping many of the local parks, as well as course setting and event organisation. Apparently Judy organised orienteering for management courses and then donated the fees she was paid back to the club. She was also technical officer for a while.

Judy then turned her hand to writing and produced a series of ten coaching articles called 'A Guide for Greeny Orange Orienteers' which were published in the Queensland newsletter and excerpts of which were in the *Australian Orienteer*. It is not surprising that Judy won the Zonta Award in 1990.

It was the Deucker team as well who invented O Time which was a suite of computer programs written to record a competitor's time at an event, store competitor information, allocate start times for carnival entries and print out slat labels for the results board plus several other functions. [see Hank Deucker's article about O Time]

When the Deuckers left orienteering Tony Roberts took over as motivator of the club and over the years has held most club positions and responsibilities. He and Kerryn Thomas mapped the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) and the surrounding area for the evening street events which they ran.



Ben Schulz, Kerryn and Melissa Thomas and Ruth Schulz in NZ for the A-NZ Challenge 1997

The Thomas family - mother Lyn and daughters Kerryn, Melissa and Nicole with father Graeme appearing occasionally on the scene when the farm allowed it, had talent and drive to spare.

As well as helping with organising and coaching Kerryn was heavily involved with the Range Rockets who ran as a team in the Queensland O League in the smart O suits that she had designed and made with the help of her sisters.

All three of the Thomas girls ran for Australia with Kerryn winning the W20 A-NZ challenge in 1997 and Nicole the youngest being coopted into the Australian team to run in M16 (yes M16).

Melissa the middle sister also ran in the 1997 A-NZ challenge as well being part of the JWOC team in Belgium 1997, France 1998 and Bulgaria 1999. In 2003 she competed in three MTBO events in Poland, Czech Republic and Italy and the Ski Orienteering World Championships in Finland.

Lyn Thomas was a quiet willing worker for RROC at all times and it was not surprising that she also won the Zonta award in 2002. Not a bad record for one family!

Ian Taylor was RROC president in 1992 and later when he moved to Brisbane, president of QOA. Ian has been very involved with schools orienteering and as a coach on numerous occasions. Son Julian and daughter Katie are also very good runners.



RROC Club showing off a variety of orienteering gear



Glennie Nottle in Australian Merit Team track top



Ian Taylor

In 1998 the Nottle family joined RROC. Young Glennie is already very successful and is definitely one to watch in the future. In 2007 Glennie was the Australian Junior Girls Champion and the first RROC girl in the Australian Junior Honour Team. Stacy Nottle has done a great job with the Darling Downs Schools O team which won the Queensland Schools Championships in 2007. Nottle cousins Danette, Jessica and Ellie O'Connell also have great potential as orienteers but living in Thargomindah limits their opportunities to compete.

Another big find that RROC stumbled on was the Crosato family - Rob, Felicity, Victor, Oliver and Dominic in 2004. In 2005 Oliver was the first club member selected in the Junior Honour team. He was in the Queensland Schools team which won the National Championships in Tasmania in 2005 and tied in Perth in 2006. In 2007 he was third in Seniors Boys at the School Championships.

Both Glennie and Oliver were selected in the 2007 Australian Junior Honour team. Felicity too was reserve for the W45 team in the 2007 Oceania Championships last year.

Felicity Crosato is a very energetic 2008 RROC president and continues to be a driving force for orienteering in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs region.



Dominic, Felicity and Oliver Crosato looking at map and wearing their RROC O suits

Northern Rivers (NSW) Orienteers

Judy Benson

In June 1989 Allen and Jill Morris and family from Mullumbimby, Judy Benson from Kyogle and Tony McAtee from Casino decided to form an orienteering club in the Northern Rivers District of NSW. They all had an interest in orienteering and some minor experience - enough to warrant a club nearby.

Soon after, they were joined by Arthur Brown from Cobaki and set about getting maps made of Goolmangar near Lismore, the Byron Bay Academy and part of the state forest 30km south of Casino. The club ran small but enjoyable events and had help from Dave Lotty in Sydney and Rob Simson in Brisbane with some Brisbane club members travelling south to lend their support and enjoy the beautiful area and new maps.

The Morris family in particular were innovative in making equipment for their new club including punches made from toothbrushes with nails hammered into them and Corflute control 'flags'. Allen also mapped the University grounds at Lismore and the Mullumbimby village and ran several courses at high schools in the area.

One event which stands out in many memories was a map memory event where the punches were hung on out of reach branches, or were deliberately missing and where one control was in waist deep surf by the time runners reached the spot (it was a very hot day).

The distance from Sydney was a problem and the links with Brisbane became closer when experienced and hard working Toohey Forest member Malcolm Milner moved to live in the Northern Rivers district. It was always good to see how often the enthusiasm and



Allen, Kylie, Jillian and Darren Morris with Roy Kalescinski at Queensland Championships Beerburum 1983

interest brought Judy, Arthur, Tony and the Morrises to Queensland events as well as Malcolm of course.

The club continued until 1994 under the Queensland umbrella but when some core members moved from the district their numbers and the workforce declined it became unviable so they decided to combine with Paradise Lost club just over the border.

A Drink Please

In 1973 Judy Benson was watering her garden when a young man ran along her back fence adjacent to Royal National Park and asked if he could have a drink from her hose. In the minute or two of conversation she discovered that he was orienteering and that it sounded like fun.

The next week Judy went along to a nearby event and was shown the ropes by Dave Lotty. In the thirty five years since then Judy has been to countless major events all over Australia and on about seven overseas orienteering trips. As Judy says, she discovered that you don't need to be a champion to enjoy orienteering.



Malcolm Milner at a major event in the 1990s

Paradise Lost

After moving to the Gold Coast in 1989 very experienced and well known orienteering personalities Neville and Margaret de Mestre decided to form an orienteering club. Nev had been president of OFA and represented Australia on numerous occasions as had others in his family.

The de Mestres promoted the idea of a new orienteering club at the Gold Coast through the media and the first meeting was held in their home in 1990. The initial core group consisted of Herb Herbert, Peter Andrews, Andrea Harris, Glenys Bishop, Bond University colleagues and Greg McCane and family.

The club organised its first event at Gaven Forest on 22 July 1990 with Nev de Mestre and Glenys Bishop as course setter and organiser.

By 1991 they had some twenty members and proudly formed three relay teams for the Australian Championships.

For the next five years they held regular meetings and events mostly on Gaven Forest and on Nerang State Forest which Max Read mapped when he stayed with the de Mestres for six weeks.

Unfortunately in the mid 1990s the Nerang Forest was closed to all sporting groups due to damage being done by trail bike riders and the club found it increasingly difficult to find new areas to map in such a rapidly developing area as the Gold Coast.

Amalgamation with the Northern Rivers club in 1994 brought new energy and experience to the club mainly with Judy Benson, Arthur Brown and Malcolm Milner who mapped Pizzey Park at Miami. It was hoped to hold some school events and CATIs there but the surf



Margaret and Nev de Mestre

Judy Benson



Judy Benson at Dubbo, Easter 2008

won out and interest did not eventuate.

When the McCane family left to go overseas in the late 1990s and other members relocated elsewhere general interest seemed to wane and memberships dropped considerably although some club members continued to participate at state and national level.

Most notable of these was Judy Benson whose orienteering commitment and enthusiasm has taken her to most major events in Australia and overseas orienteering trips to Spain (1996), USA (1997), Denmark, Ireland, Sweden and Scotland (1999), New Zealand (2000), Canada (2002), Norway and Scotland (2003) and Italy (2004).

Judy has taken on house sitting as an interesting life style and has minded the houses and pets of many orienteers who have been travelling including the Pope, Sauer, Brunner, Cox and de Mestre families.

The other indomitable Paradise Lost character who still orienteers at big events and gives the regular stars a big fright is of course Nev de Mestre, even though his major interest now is surfing.

In 2006 Coombabah Wetlands at Arundel was mapped and used several times for most enjoyable minor events but the problem of finding other suitable areas continues to be an issue along the fast developing coastal strip. However the number of Adventure Racers including Gary Sutherland and Brett Stevens, and mountain bike enthusiasts from the coast coming to orienteering events seem to be growing so that is a positive sign for the future.

Someone Special

Who else remembers the elegant lady in the lovely big hat and sunshine yellow shirt, resting on a rock, taking time to smell the flowers, admiring the scenery, unstressed and enjoying her wander through the bush. Marg deMestre was a refreshingly different orienteer and added something delightful to the O scene.



Totally Tropical Orienteering Club

When long term experienced orienteer from South Australia Brian Wale and his wife Jo moved to Townsville in 1993 Brian immediately set about forming an orienteering club. It was originally named the Townsville Thuringowa Club in the hope that the two local councils of that name would look favourably on the club when it came to applying for permission to use land and for support for the club. Brian's enthusiasm was infectious and he very quickly signed up many new members to the club but at this stage they only had one small black and white map of Anderson Park.

Fortune smiled when a career move took other highly experienced orienteers Robin and Adrian Uppill and their children Miriam and Simon to Townsville very soon after the club had started. The club newsletter described them as a God-send.

Adrian saw the urgent need for new maps and quickly set about rectifying the situation. This was at the time when OCAD4 came out so Adrian was able to comparatively quickly produce a series of good quality maps for the club including street, park and bush areas. Mt Louisa, James Cook University, Palm Tree Creek and Maidavale were just some of the maps he made.

Brian meantime was recruiting other club members to try their hand at mapping too. As well as that he was being overwhelmed by the number of schools requesting his services in running introductory orienteering courses for them. Interest was shown by the Army too.

The new club also was lucky to have other keen experienced orienteers Rod Gray (Atherton), Rose and



Adrian Uppill, Chris Fielding and Adrian Rowland at QBIII in 1993

Andrew Campbell (Cairns) and Joan Whyte (Ravenshoe) living not too far away so there was a solid core of old timers to help the new enthusiasts and the fledgling club on its way. Other key people include the Ainscough family, Russell Jaycock, Richard Ryall, Renny Duckett, Sally Grattidge and Peter Fitzgibbon.

By its second year TTOC had 27 memberships, 22 of which were family groups, making a total of 70 members not counting umpteen little children. Not surprisingly O events became very much a social occasion as well.

They were also assisted financially by the Townsville Casino Benefit Fund and the Gaming Machine Benefit Fund which covered the cost of some mapping and allowed the club to purchase a trailer and a printer. QOA also gave a generous grant of \$2000 to be spent on mapping and travel costs.

But there was still a lot of work and a steep learning curve for a new and isolated club. QOA



Sascha Booyens, Joan Whyte and Robin Spriggs at Australian Relay Champs at Mountain Station Darling Downs in 2000 [Joan later moved to the TTOC region and is still an active member]

Food or Foe?

Pam and Alan Cox attended a badge event in Townsville in 1997 and this is a quote from Pam's diary:

It went really well for the first three controls, though I did find out why they had recommended full body cover. There were trees with the most dreadful thorns (later found out they were 'Chinee' apples when I saw a grove of them with piles of rotting fruit beneath).

Pam remembered this wild fruit [Chinee, Chonky or Chinese apples] as being a free treat during the 1950s when she lived in Townsville.



Peter, Lex, and Gillian Ainscough and granddaughter at an event at Kholo Hills in 2008

was very aware of this. Hence QOA executives Adrian Rowland, Fiona Calabro and Rob Simson all visited Townsville to lend their support and share their expertise which was greatly appreciated. TTOC delegates were encouraged to visit Brisbane to attend QOA cartography and organisers workshops. Treasurer Peter Ainscough (now TF) took advantage of this and attended the annual QOA conference in Brisbane.

Before long TTOC members decided to liven up the club's image. The name was changed to Totally Tropical Orienteering Club and the logo inspired by Sally Grattidge shows a figure running, map in hand up Castle Hill. The club colours of blue and gold were incorporated into the design with the nickname TROPPOs underneath.

1996 saw two highly successful innovative events organised by the club. One was the Brigade (Army) Orienteering Championships at Mt Louisa. Thirty-one teams of five members each, many of whom had little orienteering experience, competed in a relay event. Brian Wale provided some basic orienteering coaching to two teams prior to the event and it paid off as they took out the trophy!

The other event was the second Region Three Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships. Around seventy competitors took part including world class teams from Japan, China, Korea and New Zealand. Adrian Uppill prepared the Mt Louisa map for the event. The competitor carries direction finding equipment and visits the radio controls, which are not on any special geographical feature, in any order. It was the first time the event had been held in Australia and was another great success.

The big concern for TTOC came in later 1996 when the Uppills, Brian and Jo Wale and some other club stalwarts moved away from Townsville. Unfortunately Townsville tends to have a moving population and this continually affects the club. Suddenly the magnificent

Staking a Claim

Queensland is not backward in claiming part ownership in some of Australia's top orienteering stars. After all Simon Uppill as a toddler, used to play on a rug under a tree while his parents went orienteering during their years as members of Ugly Gully. And Jenny Bourne the 1994 W40 World Veteran Champion is the daughter of Joan and John Bourne, pioneers, tireless and highly respected workers for orienteering in Queensland.

start and the honeymoon stage of a new club had passed. The club was rescued by its small band of diehards and Russell Jaycock took over as president.

Since then the club has become small in number but with a strong core. Usually about twenty people turn up to an event run about once every three weeks. The TTOC interesting and welcoming website gives all the contacts and directions needed for club members and newcomers.

An encouraging and successful activity in 2007 has been the Army request for the club to set courses three times during the year which Linda Davis assisted with. This has proved to be a good source of income and hopefully will facilitate access to a very good orienteering area close to town.

The president Russell Jaycock writes that TTOC is made up of two main groups - one very much recreational orienteers who don't want to go too far into the scrub, and support the street, park and local bush events, and the other pack of adventure racers who want events that, as well as developing their navigational skills, are also more 'endurance' based. The president has a goal of enticing more 'in between' into the club as well.



Simon Uppill on a string course in NZ



Sunshine Coast Orienteering

Dawn Clarke

Sunshine Orienteers was formed when motivated ex Ugly Gully Orienteers Gordon and Cath Howitt moved to Peachester, in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, in late 1996.

The inaugural meeting was held on 17 December 1998 with Lynda Rapkins, Enoggeroos, acting as chair person. Elected Officers were: Gordon Howitt as President, John Earls as Vice President (a position he still holds 9 years on), Cath Howitt as Secretary and Allison Swan as Treasurer. Bruce Swan of KPMG, Mooloolaba has also been our auditor since the formation of the club. The first meeting was attended by: Gordon and Cath Howitt, Greg and Geraldine Chatfield, Vincent and Janette Eviston, Cec Peacock, Jan Murphy, John and Angela Earls, Bruce Swan, Trevor Manning, Hilary and Erin Cameron, Paul Formatti, Rob and Lynda Rapkins, Adie, David, Sarah and Tavis Read, Bob and Sandra Millen, Dianna and Dave Browne.

There were more people at the inaugural meeting than we get at some of our street events!!

The Club became an incorporated association on 8 July 1999.

The Clubs colours are blue and yellow (gold) with our logo being yellow for the sun and blue representing the ocean and points of the compass. We don't have a symbolic animal! Our uniform colours are also blue and yellow. The Sunshine Orienteers Club area takes in from Caboolture to Gympie and west to Maleny and Woodford.

John Earls applied for and received a Government Grant of \$3000 under 'Year of the Older Person' in 1999. While waiting for the grant monies to be paid club members lent us the money to purchase equipment. We also received funding of \$500 from QOA. Our trailer was purchased in 2001 and we proudly support and advertise KPMG's assistance with this purchase. We have received gaming fund equipment grants to purchase a GPS unit, an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB), a stretcher, and many other items needed for First Aid. We have currently applied for funding for a generator and a free standing finish tent.

Malcolm Milner and Fiona Calabro, both Toohy Forest Orienteers, helped Gordon and Cath to map Ben Bennett Park, Caloundra where our first



Sunshine Orienteers at 2007 Queensland Championships
Back: Hub Carter, Lyn Stitchbury, Bruce Campbell, Cath and Gordon Howitt, Dawn Clarke
Front: Claire and Gail Campbell

orienteering event was held and attracted 10 starters (we were hoping for more).

Another of our early events was held at Caloundra Parks where Gordon and Cath Howitt, John and Angela Earls spent a couple of hours sitting under a tarp in the pouring rain waiting for participants ... of which there were none!

To try to increase participation at our events Gordon Howitt and John Earls approached three walking clubs (Caloundra, The Range and Noosa) on the Sunshine Coast. The head of the Noosa club took Gordon and John to Eumundi State Forest and Gordon got permission to map the area. Sunshine Orienteers have since held a few bush events there.

As the Sunshine Coast doesn't have a lot of suitable forest areas for Foot O events, we have been battling to find areas to run a decent foot event. Then to only get five people to an event after spending many hours of mapping and organizing is very disheartening. The club struggled on for a few years with the club going backwards financially.

In June of 2003 we tried a different approach to orienteering and held our first MTBO event. It was a success and the club has grown from those humble beginnings, where we now attract up to 130 starters at our MTBO events. Looking back, this is what has kept the club financial for the last four years. We still try to hold street events each month and now attract up to 30 starters, with a broader range of participants ... runners, bikers, families and even those elite athletes doing some cross training.

The generosity of club members allowed SO to start up a Junior Development Fund in 2004 to assist our juniors with entry fees, travel and accommodation expenses when competing at state, national or school events. Our most successful junior, Daniel Stott, was chosen in the Queensland Schools team in 2005. He has also been chosen in the Australian Honours team and has competed in the JNOL on many occasions.

Through a lot of hard work the Sunshine Orienteers now have a very good reputation for producing maps and setting courses of a high quality (courtesy of Gordon and Cath Howitt) and protégés Bruce and Gail Campbell and Hub Carter and Lyn Stichbury. We are still a small club, currently have 45 members, but everyone pitches in when help is required and we try to spread the load.

We can see star qualities shining brightly in all our club members both past and present. Over the years major contributions which have moulded our club to what it is today have been made by Gordon and Cath Howitt, John and Angela Earls, Greg and

Geraldine Chatfield, Joan Whyte, Richard Robinson, Bruce and Gail Campbell, Hub Carter and Lyn Stichbury, Dawn Clarke and Joanne Rogers.

Sunshine Orienteers, in conjunction with Toohy Forest, hosted the 2002 Queensland Championships two day carnival at Neurum, have held a number of OY and ROY events over the years and hosted the 2007 Queensland two day MTBO Championships in Beerburum State Forest.

The most significant development to orienteering has been the introduction of SPORTident. Club members have had to master the programming and operating of this electronic timing system and it hasn't always been smooth sailing. SPORTident has been a major step forward for orienteering and a major nightmare for the person programming the units when waiting for them to switch on at a major event. We have received invaluable support from both Tim McIntyre (UG) and Craig Steffens (EN) during the learning phases and with the many teething problems associated with the operation of the SPORTident system.

Sunshine Orienteers club members are a very versatile mob and will usually try anything at least once with the majority of members having participated in foot orienteering, mountain bike orienteering, night orienteering, rogaining, triathlons and a few even giving the adventure racing scene a try.

Both Gordon and Cath Howitt are life members, with Cath receiving the Zonta Award in 1993.

Gordon, with Cath's support, has been the mainstay of the club since its inception. They are the rock upon which the club is founded. Not content with putting their feet up in a rest home and knitting booties for the great grand children, they spend hours/weeks walking, running, biking, driving and mapping in all weather doing the necessary field work and subsequent course setting for the majority of events held by our club. People half their age should feel inspired by them. Gordon's enthusiasm for, and dedication to, mapping has kept our club going.

Gordon hopped on a bike at age 70 and the MTBO side of our club was born. Not to be slowed by a hip replacement (at age 73), he continues to source suitable areas to map for MTBO, of which the Beerburum area has many. In his spare time Gordon, with Cath's assistance, designs and makes the fabulous trophies handed out at state events for both Orienteering and Rogaining. Cath has always been there, beside Gordon, with the same vitality working just as hard to allow the rest of us to enjoy ourselves.

Over the years Gordon has produced many maps on the Sunshine Coast including the following:

Country Clubs

School Maps

St Johns College - Nambour
Nambour State High School
Narangba State High School
Brisbane Girls Grammar School - Imbil
Beerwah High School
Beerwah State School
Coorooro School
Kuluin State School
Mountain Creek State School

The club, in the form of Gordon and Cath, also teaches orienteering to 100 Beerwah High School students each year and have taken mature age TAFE students out in the bush for coaching. Gordon and Cath both currently hold 'Blue Cards'.

Bush Maps

Eumundi
Meridan
Bells Creek
Ewan Maddock - originally mapped by Rob Simson
Caloundra Parks

Street Maps

Chancellor Park
Landsborough
Peachester
Bribie Island
Beerwah
Mountain Creek
Buderim
Mooloolaba
Kuluin

Other Maps

Many MTBO maps of Beerburrum State Forest
Glasshouse Mountains for 100 mile trail run
Duke of Edinburgh - Beerburrum
Elimbah Pine Forest
Wild Horse Mountain

Source: Written by Dawn Clarke, for SO Historian Cath Howitt, with the assistance of Lyn Stichbury, Hub Carter, Richard Robinson, Gail Campbell, Bruce Campbell, John Earls, Angela Earls.

SO Club Positions Held since 1999

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
1999	Gordon Howitt	John Earls	Cath Howitt	Allison Swann
2000	Gordon Howitt	John Earls	Cath Howitt	Dawn Clarke
2001	Gordon Howitt	John Earls	Cath Howitt	Dawn Clarke
2002	Joan Whyte	John Earls	Cath Howitt	Dawn Clarke
2003	Greg Chatfield	John Earls	Joanne Rogers	Bruce Campbell
2004	Greg Chatfield	John Earls	Dawn Clarke	Bruce Campbell
2005	Bruce Campbell	John Earls	Dawn Clarke	Gail Campbell
2006	Bruce Campbell	John Earls	Dawn Clarke	Gail Campbell
2007	Bruce Campbell	John Earls	Dawn Clarke	Gail Campbell

Fraser Region Orienteering Group

The inaugural bush event for the Fraser Coast Orienteering Group (FROG) was held in 2006. The fledgling club in the Maryborough region, got off to a great start with 26 people participating in the event at the Aldershot Scout Camp, just north of the city. This followed a successful CATI event held at Queens Park in Maryborough and quite a number of these newcomers turned up for a taste of the real thing in the bush. The event was held on a new map of the camp and adjacent forest and it also attracted six members of BUSH.

FROG encouraged locals to come along to the second day of the 2006 Queensland Championships where there were a range of enter-on-the-day courses available, so that these new people could be exposed to the action and excitement of a major event.

During 2007 OQ continued to assist the development of the orienteering club in Maryborough. The new group conducted seven events during the year on local park and bushland areas attracting reasonable numbers of participants. Through funding from a Club Development Grant and support from OQ the club acquired signage, banners and equipment so that it is more self-sufficient.

Additional orienteering activities were conducted for guides and scouting groups as well as local schools.

Key people involved in setting up the club were Adrian and Glenda Pitman with lots of help from Liz Bourne and Eric Andrews. Naturally they are hopeful that the publicity and promotion of the Australian Championships carnival in September 2008 will stir interest in the community.



Rogaine ... an Offshoot of Orienteering

Judy Scott

Rogaining often appeals to orienteers, as it is in essence a long score event, for teams. Having a partner adds a social element, and the night component provides an extra challenge.

The sport is actually an Australian invention. It started about 1976, when the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club '24 hour bushwalk' became competitive. A few Queensland orienteers (including Eric Andrews and Bryan Coolahan) started to participate regularly in rogaines interstate, and eventually, around mid-1990, it was decided that there was enough interest in the sport in South East Queensland to sustain regular events.

In October 1991 the first ever rogaine in Queensland was held at Kooralbyn, under the auspices of QOA. It was a 12 hour event organized by Eric Andrews and Bryan Coolahan. The winners of this event were our current Queensland Rogaine Association (QRA) Vice President, Dave Firman, and Peter Lumley. 1993 saw the first 24 hour Championship event in Queensland, still under the umbrella of QOA, and using their equipment.

Soon after this it was felt there was now sufficient interest for a separate rogaining association to be formed, and in April 1994, at a meeting held the morning after the Mt Brisbane 12 hour event, the QRA came into being. Eric Andrews was elected the first President. This association immediately affiliated with the Australian Rogaine Association, and came under their administrative and insurance umbrella.

Other events were added to the calendar over the years, such as metrogaines, cyclegaines, training days



Judy and Phil Scott, UG and QRA members

and mini-rogaines. The first North Queensland event was held in 1995, and the North Queensland branch of QRA continues to be extremely robust and active.

Queensland has hosted the Australian Rogaine Championships twice now, in 1998 and 2005, and they have been events of a very high standard. The Association (now incorporated) is strong and healthy, and hopefully will continue to provide rogaines for the enjoyment of all for many years to come.

Queensland Stars in Rogaining include Richard Robinson, Wendy Read, Thor Egerton, Tony Scott, Rod Gray, Paul Guard, Mark Nemeth and Dave Firman.

Robin Spriggs and her partner Sharon Crawford from the USA won the Women's Veterans and Super Veterans in the World Rogaine Championships in 2002 (Czech Republic), 2004 (Arizona) and the Super Veterans in 2006 (Warrumbungles, Australia).



Peter McCallum



Robin Spriggs

CORNERSTONES OF ORIENTEERING

Mapping

Sauer and Rapkins Families

During 1975 the founder of Queensland orienteering Captain Tony McLennan did all the mapping and most of the organizing of events. He produced numerous black and white maps including Hilliards Creek, Toohey Forest, Mt Coot-tha East and Pine Mountain. He also made the first colour map although it was limited to three colours (black, brown and blue) of Bunyaville for the first Queensland State Championships.

Tony's transfer to Townsville late in 1975 left a huge void but, in the post McLennan era, black and white maps were made by a few people who had just enough expertise to carry on. It was a case of picking up mapping skill from books, interstate phone calls and simply getting in and having a go. Trevor Sauer was a leader in this field with John and Roger Bourne, Rob and Arnold Simson, David Flewell-Smith and Helen Sherriff producing, among others, the Black Rock map for the 1976 Queensland Championships.

The only base maps available at this time were very crude government maps and, with enlarging and reducing photocopiers not yet in existence, all such work had to be done photographically. To save money, a member Gordon Howitt did the work in his back yard by sticking a base map on the wall of his house and setting up his camera tripod a short distance away. The peripheral distortions this caused were amazing but the orienteers didn't notice.

The problem of 'surplus' contours was common but was solved simply by running them into cliffs or off the edge of the paper. One state championship map even featured a creek that ran up a hill, over the top and down the other side! Another had an entire water course missing.

Although most maps were still in black and white, the next stage in mapping development was the five colour era. Special events warranted



Trevor Sauer drawing a map with pen and ink in 1983

Awesome

At the 2007 Awards Dinner Rob Simson gave an impressive talk about those who deserve the highest accolades in orienteering ... the early mappers. He then showed us some large tracings and explained the process that those mappers had to go through. First they did the field work and the drawing, then made a clean copy followed by six ink copies (one for each colour) which would overlay each other. Then they had to add the legend and supervise the printing so that it was perfect.

A previously noisy dinner was quiet as we listened awestruck at the dedication, skill and commitment of the likes of Tony McLennan, Trevor Sauer, John and Roger Bourne, David Flewell-Smith, Graham Buckley, Henk Prins, Gerry Wilson, Rob himself and his son Arnold.

Suddenly OCAD and CORPSE make mapping and course setting seem like a walk in the park (but we know of course that it is far from that).

colour maps and these included Leslie Dam (Gerry Wilson, 1977), Bergin Creek (Graham Buckley et al., 1978), One Mile Creek, (Trevor Sauer, 1979).

It was not until the Simson family made a map for the 1980 state championships at Gaven Forest that there was any resemblance to the maps of today. Gaven Forest was the first state championship map at 1:15000 scale and the first that seriously mapped point features.

Bill Fisher was another Queenslanders responsible for a mapping milestone. In 1982 he mapped the state championship area at Gap Creek by computer. This map was way ahead of its time and the technique was a world first as far as we know and not duplicated in Europe till some years later.

Most of the earliest maps in this state were of pine forest and spur-gully terrain but in the 1982 Australian Championships Queenslanders acquired their first

granite map in the Stanthorpe area. Bullecourt was the most highly complex area ever mapped in Australia and the mappers, two young University students, Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson were virtual pioneers in this field. Two ten-week periods spent in the area were only part of the effort that went into producing the map.

Another milestone in mapping in Queensland came with the advent of photogrammetry. Prior to that mappers had to buy whatever photos existed at Sunmap and use the diapositives to create the photogrammetry. Alf May was the first Queenslander to develop skills and qualifications in photogrammetry and these were used initially in making the Amiens and Promised Land maps. Mapping such highly complex areas would have been impossible without this tool.

The Eric Andrews era of mapping commenced with Beerburum in 1983. The pinnacle of Eric's prolific career in mapping was arguably Australia's best map 'Cascades' in 2000. Other major mappers during this era include Rob Simson, Trevor Sauer, Henk Prins, Neil Simson, Gordon Howitt, Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson. This era also saw the introduction of OCAD as a serious mapping tool (circa 1995) and the demise of pen drawn maps, the last being the Crows Nest series in 1995.

The lack of variety of terrain has always been an issue for Queensland. Our orienteers tend to be inexperienced in other types of maps and the navigation style needed in sand dune, swamp or glacial terrain. This naturally makes it difficult for Queenslanders when competing interstate or overseas.

Oops!

When he was making Gap Creek map in 1980 Bill Fisher was pleased to see that Gap Creek Road was being graded by the council. Bill was keen to save himself some work in marking the road accurately on his orienteering map so he asked the engineer if he could see the council plans.

The engineer was amused and said that he didn't bother much with maps but Bill could check the cadastral map if he liked.

A short time later Bill tactfully asked the engineer if he realized that he was bulldozing the road about five hundred metres away from where it should be ... on the next ridge. Oops.

Not Mapped

Dave Erbacher could hear the roar of a highway as he was racing around his course near Newcastle but it wasn't marked on the map. Confused he ran to the top of a ridge to check out the mysterious road. Stunned he found instead a beautiful view and the pounding waves of the Pacific Ocean.

In recent years there has been an emphasis on the production of park maps by clubs who use the OCAD program and home colour printers for up to date, high quality, family friendly maps. Mapping these relatively simple areas is also a great learning experience for new mappers. The advent of Sprint O has seen the evolution of yet another genre of mapping.

Since orienteering started in Queensland, mapping has moved gradually from that done by unpaid spare time mappers (for example Tony McLennan), to nominally paid spare time mappers (Arnold Simson and Roger Bourne), to mappers graded into A, B and C categories, to contract mappers from interstate and overseas and of course to the full time, top quality mapping done all over Australia by Queenslander Eric Andrews.

Most recently Jon Sutcliffe and Geoff Peck have been using their experience and talents to greatly increase the number of maps available in the Brisbane area.

OQ funds all maps developed for the state events calendar. Clubs fund local maps for low key events. Training for mappers is through field workshops at a club or state level or through national workshops.



Steve Doyle who has taken on the OQ Mapping Officer role in 2008 with his family Matt, Katie and Jacqui

Moving Forward

Trevor Sauer and John Bourne

Early Days

For the first few years orienteering equipment was so limited that it was housed in three cardboard boxes. To begin with control markers were ice-cream buckets suspended from anything near the control site and later home made red and white flags were used. Both of these created problems for any colour blind competitors who couldn't perceive the colour red. A coloured crayon was used to mark a piece of paper to show that the control had been visited. Timing was with a small wind up bedside clock.

Initially, Queensland followed the interstate practice of allotting start times at registration before walking to the start but Graham Buckley quickly perceived that it would be much more efficient to let people go to the Start whenever they liked and be started whenever a master map was free. This idea was revolutionary at the time but later was adopted by other states.

Courses were called A, B and C (all hard courses rated according to length) and D (easier) but there was no colour coding. Results were put up on a sheet of masonite.

It was many years before the association could afford to print punch cards and import proper orange and white markers, pin punches, plastic results hangers and a Silva start clock from Sweden.

The mid-eighties saw the introduction of a specially designed and built equipment trailer, courtesy of John Bourne. Courses also became colour coded (red, orange, green and blue) following the example of NSW.

Another example of John's inventiveness was his Elapsed Time Slide Rule which made simple the task of calculating the time that runners took out on the course.

Base Maps

Initially these were incredibly poor government maps (1:50000 with 20 metre contour interval, or even inch to the mile with 50 foot contours). Then 1:25000 maps with reasonable 5 metre photogrammetry became available and later 1:10000 orthophotos (aerial photos with contours superimposed) and, in Brisbane City 1:2500 orthophotos.

These were excellent but there were still plenty of possible orienteering areas with poor base maps. Eventually Alf May (UG) and Chris Wilmott (NSW) were employed to do special ad hoc contour and detail plots (photogrammetry), initially with inadequate government air photos but later with specially flown low altitude photos.

Before 1980 there were no enlarging and reducing photocopiers and all of this work was done by sticking base maps onto the wall of Gordon Howitt's house and using his tripod, camera and dark room.

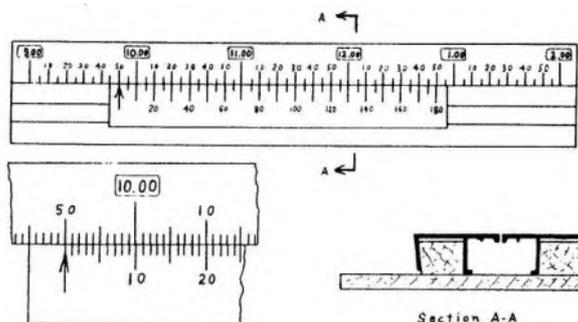
Field Work

The early field working was done mainly by Trevor Sauer, Rob and Arnold Simson, John and Roger Bourne and Gordon Howitt. The methods were very primitive and basic, essentially consisting of walking all over the area with a copy of the base map and a few coloured pencils to mark corrections and features.

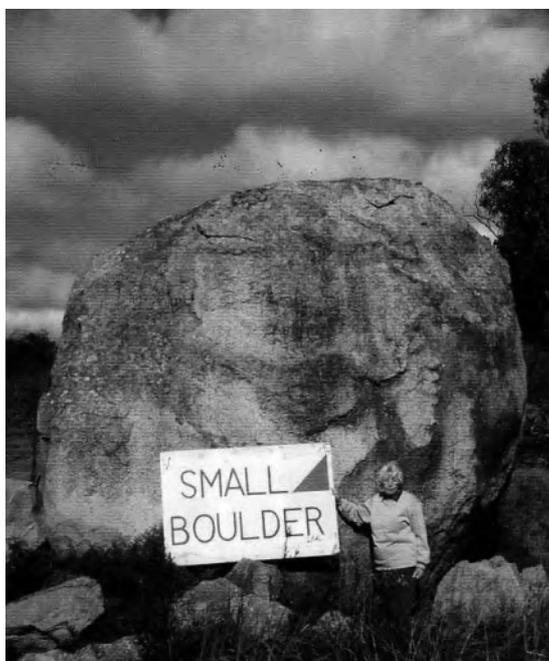
However John Bourne's inventiveness came to the fore with equipment design. The standard base board of Perspex or polystyrene was improved on when, in 1989, he built a board with a rotating circular disc (based on one seen in WA) on which the work piece is mounted. This is now used by many mappers (thirty have been made) including one exported to Cornwall.



Elapsed Time Slide Rule designed and constructed by John Bourne



Elapsed Time Slide Rule construction diagrams published in *Australian Orienteer*, June 1998 [recently Kelsey Dougall has produced a slide rule for TF]



'Small Boulder' en route to Passchendaele for the 1982 Australian Championships on Queensland's first granite map

Innovative mappers used their own techniques to increase the number of features on a fairly featureless map. They built a rock cairn or painted white rings on the trunk of some trees. The problem with this strategy was that the rings had to be repainted whenever the tree shed its bark.

Prior to 1982 field workers showed boulders as a large or small black dot. However, the 1982 Australian Championships Passchendaele map contained so much rock it was decided to ignore rock less than two metres high. Rock between two and four metres high was marked as a small dot (boulder) and the large dot represented a boulder more than four metres high.

These changes were stressed in the Championship's publicity material and to reinforce the message, a 'small boulder' beside the road into the competition area was clearly labelled. It became the subject of many a photograph.

Since that time boulders are shown as many different size dots and may be drawn in the actual shape of the larger rocks. Improved printing techniques have made this intricate detail possible.

Most recently GPS has become an increasingly useful mapping tool to fix the location of reference points.

Cartography

The first black and white maps were simply drawn with a pen on a single piece of drafting film and then photocopied. Subsequently the first colour maps were drawn by the traditional method of tracing a separate overlay for each colour and for each colour screen (lighter shade) with a pen on drafting film.



John Bourne designed circular mapping board used for field work



Dane Cavanagh who has been involved at a national level in orienteering technology

In 1982 Bill Fisher, aided by his son John, made the first computer drawn orienteering map (Gap Creek) in the world as an experiment. It was an extremely laborious and time consuming process but the map became a classic and was the indicator of what was to come. It is interesting that no more computer drawn O maps were made till the introduction of OCAD in the mid-nineties at which time computer assisted drawing totally superseded pen work.

Computer Programs

Probably the biggest step forward for orienteering in recent years came with the advent of computer programs specifically designed to suit the needs of our sport and organisers of today are able to rely heavily on these.

Queensland was very proud of the work done in the mid-1980s by Alf May who developed a computer program that meant results were posted almost immediately after the runners had finished. Prior to that, a wait of half an hour for runners to get their



SI Clear and Check Stations at MTBO in 2007



SPORTident Start at UQ Park Event 2006 with Linda Burridge and Krystal Neumann

times was not unusual and occasionally longer than that. A few years later Hank Deucker and his family team was able to follow on from Alf's work on timing and data management and extend it to cover many other aspects of organising an event.

The main software used these days are ...

SPORTident, an electronic timing system for recording total time taken on a course. The program also gives individual leg times (splits), identifies mis-punches and quickly provides results both at the event and via the Internet.

OCAD which allows a cartographer to draw and update maps by computer thereby saving time on drawing and printing. It also has course setting capabilities.

CORPSE (Course Planning and Setting), a software package which assists in the design of orienteering courses and in the preparation of event materials such as course maps and control description sheets as well as other essential data.

Control Description

6. (34) Abandoned fridge, second shelf.

[This description would not be acceptable under today's high technical standards.]



Robyn Walsh helps out in the Finish Tent in 2004



Christopher Nemeth at 2007 Relays



Tim McIntyre and Lee Smith in the Finish Tent in 2008



Gathering round the results at an event

Gap Creek ... Producing an Orienteering Map by Computer

John Cooper and Bill Fisher

Probably the earliest successful attempt, in Australia and maybe in the world, to produce an orienteering map with the assistance of a computer was the production of the Gap Creek map in July 1981 by Bill Fisher, a long time Queensland orienteer and a computer professional who was experimenting with computer mapping. This is an overview of how Bill went about the task based on the information provided in his article.

Almost every aspect of computer assisted drawing as we know it today was only just beginning to be realised in 1981; hardware was expensive and difficult to use; software was not integrated and definitely not user-friendly; what was needed was great enthusiasm and a broad range of skills in relation to both software and hardware.

In producing an orienteering map the starting point is usually some existing topographic map of the area and normal practice these days would be to scan the map and use the scanned image as a base for the orienteering map. In the 1980s scanners were prohibitively expensive so the beginning of the process was to use a digitiser on a hard copy of the base map, gradually digitising points on the map and then defining connecting lines and curves; during this procedure line thicknesses, types, colours and lines could be defined. The Ugly Gully club logo, Hugo the Hurtle, was digitised from a T-shirt image using this method.

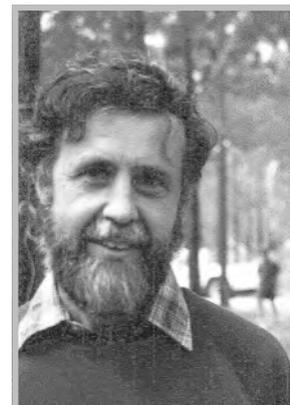
The first step in producing the map was to digitise the photogrammetry for the whole of the area and then work began on adding features obtained through field work including watercourses, tracks, fences and other symbols. The locations for these were input into the computer mathematically using bearings and distances. This work was done in stages and a special 'error line' was introduced joining distinctive points. A special computer program was developed using these error lines to ensure that additional areas on the map would fit with minimum distortion.



John Cooper who is a regular Mid Week Orienteer and knows Gap Creek well

The symbol library used for this map was created

geometrically using dimensions from the IOF Mapping Handbook of the time. Various parts of the map needed to be produced using 'FreeHand' drawing techniques; computer mice were not available at the time so most of this was carried out using thumb-wheel or joystick devices which controlled cross hairs on the screen to define ends of lines or to define points on a mathematical curve. In drawing contours it was decided to create a separate plot file for each individual contour and this allowed for later thickening of major contours when they had been identified.



Bill Fisher in 1982 created Gap Creek map using a computer

The computer which was used for this project was a Digital PDP 11/34 which was a popular compact mainframe unit found in many institutions and small companies. It had 128 Kbit memory and 10 MB of disk storage which seems ridiculously small compared with modern PCs. Plotting was done with a Benson 2222 A0 flatbed plotter which was painfully slow but very accurate and the graphic screen was a high resolution Tektronix 4014 monochrome screen, making the recognition of different colours somewhat more difficult than it would be these days. For example, if part of the plot was erased it would remain visible on the screen, flagged as erased. To actually remove it from the screen the image would need to be refreshed which slowed things down considerably.

The software used was the 'Palette' drafting system originally known as 'AutoDraft', which was developed by Dr Michael J. Maclean in Brisbane and subsequently developed in the USA as an advanced intelligent document system competing among top-selling CAD systems for large-scale professional drafting. The package used for the project had been purchased by the Queensland Institute of Technology, now Queensland University of Technology (QUT), at

A New Award

To John Cooper for constantly and patiently rescuing Barb from computer tangles.

Cornerstones of Orienteering

a cost of about \$100,000 in 1980 and employed a very flexible and comprehensive range of simple drawing commands which allowed drawing of all the various elements on the map. In some cases it was necessary to modify the program code used in this system to produce special effects which included such things as the unusual dashed line which represents a broken fence and the need to manage a dashed track so that it would cross a water course at a gap. Special strategies were needed for filling with patterns or colour; colour fill was produced by drawing a series of lines with spacing set less than pen width, thus producing a solid block of colour. Modern inkjet and laser technology has made a big difference in this area.

Using a plotter to produce the physical map was relatively straightforward but extremely time-consuming and the complete plot of all six colour separation layers for the Gap Creek map would take about one hour.

A later version of the Palette software still runs at QUT on a Digital VAX 8550 computer, about 100 times faster and with 800 times more memory than the PDP 11/34. The map image can still be loaded from the original digital files but the old plot commands are no longer compatible so conversion of that original digital orienteering map of Gap Creek might prove to be an arduous task. Furthermore the Gap Creek area is notorious for steepness and impenetrable dark green so there may be little incentive for an upgrade.

This project was an exercise in assessing the potential for employing the then new concepts of computer aided drafting to produce an orienteering map. It required a different approach to field work and involved much more time in both field work and mapping than existing manual approaches; this was probably largely due to limitations of both hardware and software at the time. Things that would take many minutes in 1981 would be instantaneous on a typical system today.

One great advantage of using computer-based orienteering maps compared with other conventional methods is that once they have been constructed, making corrections and redrawing is a simple and rapid process. Using OCAD, the task of making



Bill Fisher in the forest in the 1980s

corrections to and redrawing the Gap Creek map (second edition) involved only a few hours work .

It is reasonable to claim that the development of that computer-based Gap Creek orienteering map in 1981 was well ahead of its time and based on that experience Bill Fisher was well-placed to suggest a range of future developments in orienteering mapping which are not as fantastic as they may have seemed at the time of the project; these include such things as:

- a colour laser printer attached to a notebook computer loaded with course maps and capable of producing a map for each participant, including the correct course, control sheet and punch card with flag numbers almost instantly;
- handheld graphic computers used by orienteering mappers for immediate import of field data as they see it and survey it; and
- incorporation of GPS technology in a handheld graphic computer to allow automatic and accurate recording of each feature identified by the mapper in the field and incorporating systematic identification of the type of feature.

Most of these are now feasible and not as fantastic as they may have been when Bill first speculated about them over 20 years ago.

Source: An article written by Bill Fisher and published in the *Australian Orienteer* of October 1990 and adapted by John Cooper.



Henk Prins

Henk Prins - Master Cartographer

In the mid-1980s a Toohey Forest Club member took up field mapping and then turned his hand to cartography. In his spare time as a fireman Henk built his own drawing table based on Trevor Sauer's model and became Queensland's premier orienteering cartographer. His meticulously hand drawn maps include the four Camp Cable maps, Quinzeh Creek, Quinzeh Rocks, Plunkett Siding and Plunkett Hills, Promised Land near Childers, Opossum Creek and White Rock near Springfield and all were used for Queensland Championship events.

What is O Time?

Hank and Judy Deucker



Hank Deucker

This is a discussion of development, by Hank Deucker and family, of an early computer-based timing system for processing competitor timing at major orienteering events. It is based on reminiscences by Judy and Hank Deucker, veterans of the early days of orienteering in Queensland. It has been adapted by John Cooper from original material provided by Hank and Judy.

'O Time' is a computer package which was produced in order to record a competitor's time at an orienteering event. This software comprises a relational database for recording competitor details, a program which can allocate random start times for event entries, including the capacity to deal with seeded entries, a program to print out slat labels for event results, a program to allocate OY points for relevant events and a number of other features. It was developed during earlier times of PCs with limited hardware and using DOS (i.e. before Windows). Today's modern PCs are more powerful than the large mainframe computers of the time.

The timing program was an extension of work commenced by Alf May, written in BASIC language, and had a number of problems including inaccurate elapsed times. Obviously this was an issue which needed to be dealt with and after a great deal of discussion and head scratching several key issues were identified for further development, including:

- **Elapsed Time:** the internal system clock in computers of the time was not designed to be very accurate and could vary its time reports when other things were happening in the computer. More accurate timing would need to be incorporated in O Time.
- **Delays in Production of Results:** O Time dealt with the turnaround issue by pre-printing competitor details on labels with cardboard backing prior to the start of the event. It would then produce a time sticker label which could be used to update the competitor label within one minute of the competitor finishing.

- **Operator Friendly Interface:** O Time was designed to minimise inputs required by the operator; for example pressing the space bar would register a competitor finishing, and then typing the competitor's number would recall details, calculate elapsed time and print the result label. The only difficult task here was to match competitor numbers and finish times.
- **Other obstacles:** these included lack of a power supply, screen visibility and so on.

Solutions to these problems resulted from family teamwork with contributions according to each member's specialty; elder son Hans dealt with hardware issues, James, the younger son, handled the assembler code for critical program functions while Hank was responsible for overall computer programming using PASCAL language.

This involved rewriting the original program code and the fortuitous inclusion of hardware clocks in PCs by the mid-1980s. Some special programming in an arcane language known as assembler code was developed to allow O Time to use the internal clock without any time loss.

The final version of the package was in fact 'O Time version 8.0' and at this stage James also developed some extensions which provided event announcers with information about competitors who were still out on the course, elapsed time and kilometre rate for competitors and so on. Power supply problems were dealt with by adapting the system to run on a car battery and rapid results were produced reliably at large events usually in less than one minute of finishing time. A three day event of some 700 to 800 entrants was handled by O Time without any hitches or protests.

Sadly, O Time has had its time and modern technology has taken over. In recent times we have seen control

No Spare

'For ages our family was totally absorbed with the dreaded computer program and goodness knows how much time that soaked up. The Sunday morning chore was to load all the electronic equipment into the car then grab the battery out of the tractor on the way out.'

Can't you just picture the scene at the Deucker farm.



Evelyn Sampson and Dawn Beck in an O Time Finish Tent

based time recording systems such as SPORTident take all the hard work and the arguments about competitors' times out of the system providing immediate results and split times upon finish. Maybe it will not be long before every competitor is fitted with a GPS transmitter which feeds back critical information about the location of each competitor on the course, in real time, displayed on the organiser's handheld PC.

Stick Em Up

For a few years novelty events were held on Australia Day at the Deucker's place near Gatton and it was always a great way to start the Orienteering year. They named the map of their property Mostly Harmless and the creativity of Judy and Hank and the Mair Family in course setting knew no bounds.

One year bushrangers ambushed runners at a control and they were not allowed to proceed until they had sung Advance Australia Fair (both verses). Needless to say there were numerous DNFs and many cheats. The smell of bacon and eggs cooking which drifted from the finish area led to quality negotiation skills and bold route choices.

Developmental Stages of Mapping in Queensland

Map 1 - Enoggera 1974

The map of the Enoggera army training area used for Queensland's first official orienteering event.

Map 2 - Pine Mountain 1975

One of a series of eight early black and white maps made for the new Queensland Orienteering Association.

Map 3 - Bunyville Forest 1975

The first three colour map (black, brown and blue) made for the first Queensland Championships.

Map 4 - Leslie Dam 1977

The first five colour map, scale 1:20000, made for the 1977 Queensland Championships.

Map 5 - Bullecourt 1982

Known as the map with the hole in the middle, this was the first map of granite country in Queensland, used for the Australian Championships in 1982.

Map 6 - Gap Creek 1982

This was a world leader: the first orienteering map produced entirely by computer.

Map 7 - Cherrabah 1987

This map was the work of ten different mappers and used on the occasion of the first Easter Three Days held in Queensland.

Map 8 - Springfield 1993

One of the more complex spur-gully maps made in Queensland and used in the Queensland Championships.

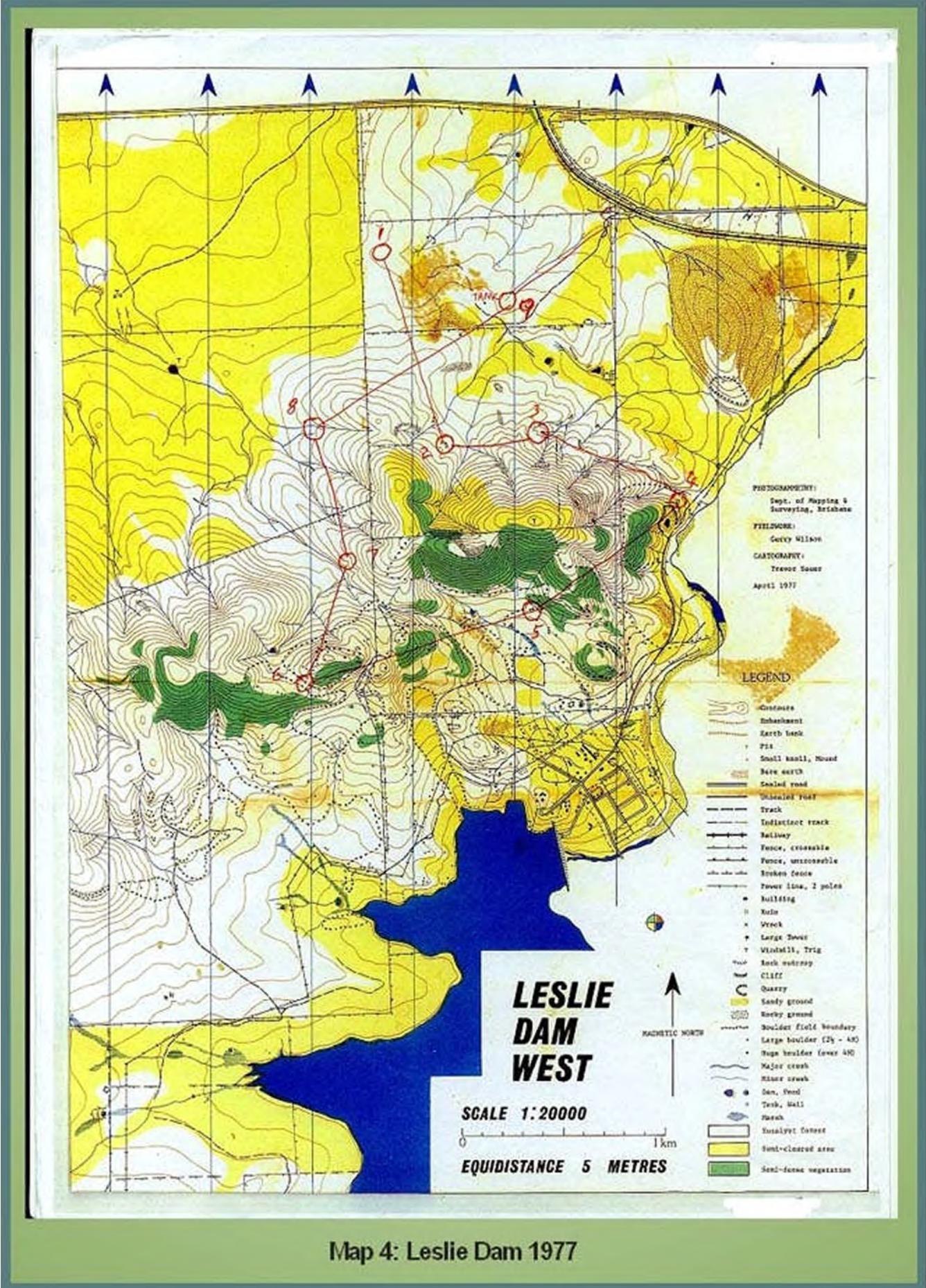
Map 9 - The Cascades 2000

A fine example of complex granite mapping, developed for APOC 2000.

A Special Name

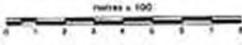
Eric has always found that taking a dog with him when he is out mapping day after day gives some degree of companionship and safety. He was understandably distraught when his much loved dog Kahli was bitten by some unknown creature while they were out mapping and died in agony a few hours later.

Kahli's Rocks must be the only map named after a dog.



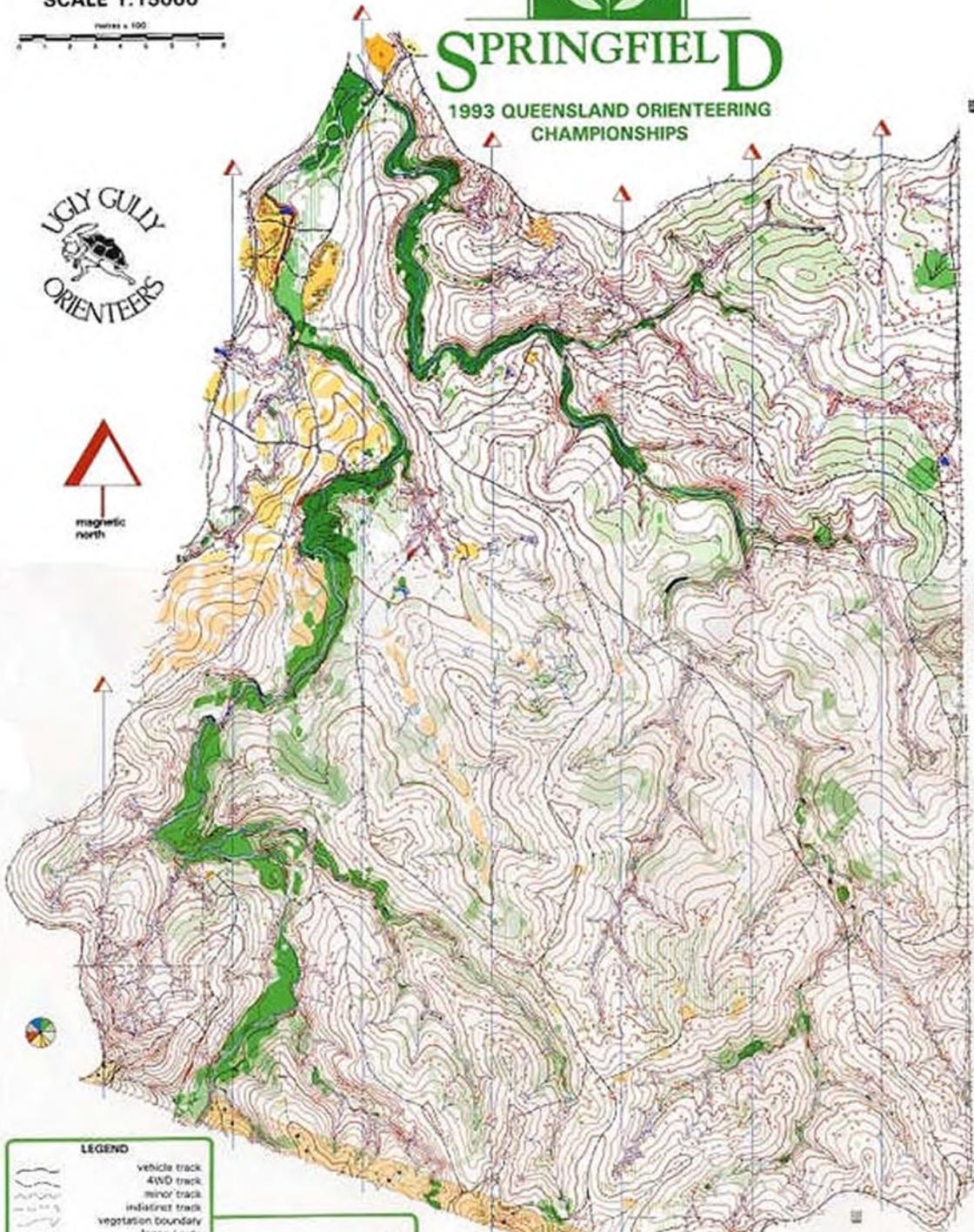
Map 4: Leslie Dam 1977

GULLY SPUR TERRAIN
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5m
SCALE 1:15000



SPRINGFIELD

1993 QUEENSLAND ORIENTEERING
CHAMPIONSHIPS



LEGEND	
	vehicle track
	4WD track
	minor track
	indistinct track
	vegetation boundary
	fence / gate
	broken fence
	wreckage / foundation
	building / run
	bridge / culvert
	boulders
	boulder cluster / fields
	rock faces / cliffs
	rocky ground
	bare rock
	watercourse
	pond / waterhole
	dam / water tank
	seasonal marsh
	contours
	ferns / looptines
	earthen bank / wall
	erosion gully
	small knoll / mound
	depressions / pit
	dry ditch / broken ground
	termite mound
	open land
	rough / semi-open forest
	slow forest / good visibility
	walk forest / good visibility
	light, curse, light



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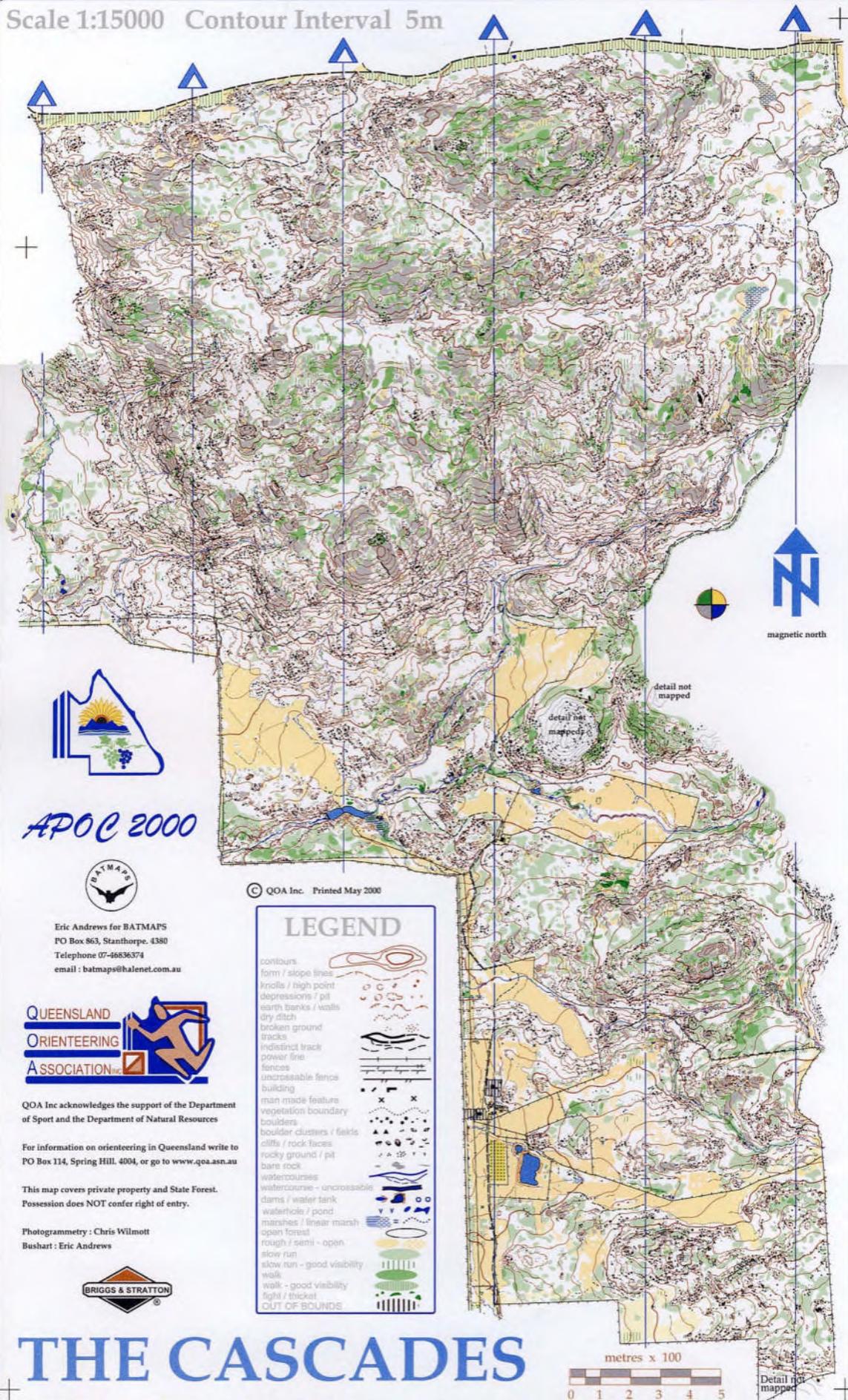
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Map 8: Springfield 1993

Scale 1:15000 Contour Interval 5m



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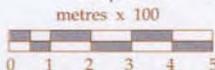


THE CASCADES

BRIGGS and STRATTON ASIA - PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000

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LEGEND	
contours	
form / slope lines	
knolls / high point	
depressions / pit	
earth banks / walls	
dry ditch	
broken ground	
tracks	
indistinct track	
power line	
fences	
uncrossable fences	
Building	
man made feature	
vegetation boundary	
boulders	
boulder clusters / fields	
cliffs / rock faces	
rocky ground / pit	
bare rock	
watercourses	
watercourse - uncrossable	
dams / water tank	
waterhole / pond	
marshes / linear marsh	
open forest	
rough / semi - open	
slow run	
slow run - good visibility	
walk	
walk - good visibility	
light / thicket	
OUT OF SOUNDS	



Map 9: Cascades 2000

Key Person ... Eric Andrews - Mapper

What do you need to become a mapper? ... self-reliance, perfectionism, patience, discipline and determination. A mapper also needs to be happy being alone in the bush for days, weeks or even months, to have good fine motor skills and be capable with technology, to have physical and mental endurance and at times to be able to live in sub standard accommodation. Not much at all really!

Eric became interested in mapping early on when he did some field checking of a map to be used for the 1983 Queensland Championships. He made his first park map in 1984 of Kalinga Park in Brisbane. This was followed by a bush map Woodlands of a spur-gully forest about one hour's drive west of Brisbane.

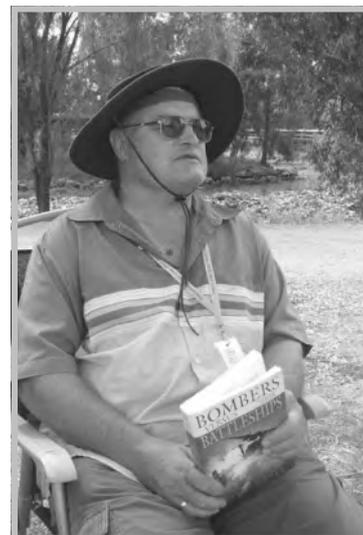
Eric started mapping professionally in 1990 and has made a total of 585 square kilometres of orienteering maps plus over 500 square kilometres of mountain bike and rogaining maps. The terrain types have varied from simple to complex spur-gully, sand dunes, gold mining, sandstone and granite in five Australian states. In Australia he is considered a specialist in rock mapping.

In fourteen years of mapping Eric has made maps for eleven Australian Championships, eleven Australian Three Day Championships, the 2000 World Cup Series in Australia and the 2000 Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships (APOC) in Queensland plus many of the state championship events.

Although now officially retired from major mapping projects, Eric came out of retirement to map for special events such as the middle distance and classic races for the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Dubbo 2007, the Australian Championships in Maryborough in 2008 and the sprint and classic final maps for the World Masters Orienteering Championships in New South Wales being held in October 2009.

Eric says he is probably proudest of his maps of Gumble in New South Wales and the Cascades outside Stanthorpe. The Cascades alone took about 600 hours of field work over five months and 200 hours of drawing. His most difficult map was Cantara Dunes because of old photogrammetry and the fact that sand dunes kept changing.

Those of us who have experienced the Cascades find it mind boggling to consider how on earth you would even start mapping that sort of area.



Eric Andrews

Well according to Eric you usually begin in an open area with fences and it takes about three to four days to get the feel of what are the essential aspects. Interestingly Eric sees an area in terms of colour - blue, black, brown and grey mainly - and then he sets about to create a picture, bush art as he calls it.

After colour he sees features, then shapes which are most fascinating and contours last of all.

But Eric makes the point that the better the photogrammetry, the better the map. In fact he says that with good photogrammetry these days you could map Cascades without taking a bearing or doing any pace counting.

Mapping has come a long way since the days when mappers had to buy diapositives (like negatives) and send them to Chris Wilmott in NSW to draw the photogrammetry. Following that era photogrammetry was bought from Sunmap but now Orienteering Queensland commissions special low level flights itself to get quality photogrammetry of the areas it is interested in.

So how does Eric prepare himself to go mapping. He wears a photographer's jacket which has masses of pockets and takes with him a green shopping bag which carries a mapping board, a PDA (mini-computer with blue tooth GPS), pens and pencils, survival gear, a whistle, water and a bit of food. His bag is loaded onto his converted postie's bike and he is off for the day ... him and his dog.

Eric feels satisfied with a map if the best orienteers are running with few mistakes. He hates the thought someone might lose an event because of an inadequacy in his mapping. Surprisingly the hardest

thing of all he says is to generalize and work out what can be left off a map.

Of course, mapping is only one area of Eric's contribution to orienteering.

He has been involved in the sport for more than twenty-five years as a competitor, administrator, national selector, technical director, event organiser and controller. In 1991 he won Australia's Silva Award for services to orienteering and in 2000 he won the Stanthorpe Shire Council's Australia Day Award for Sports Administration in recognition of his work as coordinator and technical director of the APOC carnival. In 2006 he won the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation's Outstanding Achievement

Award for his services to orienteering, rogaining and mountain bike orienteering.

And the future? Well maybe to run more courses to improve standards of mapping in Australia, perhaps to re write the OQ technical manual for the website and possibly to support isolated clubs, for example, the Northern Tablelands in Armidale and the Top End Orienteers in Northern Territory by helping them with mapping.

The most encouraging and exciting thing for the future Eric feels is the way that mountain bike orienteering has taken off. It is the real growth area and there is little doubt that Eric will be in there doing more than his share as usual.

Key Person ... Tim McIntyre - Hi Tech

Tim orienteered occasionally as a schoolboy in Canberra and then he and Fiona became keen regulars in 1985. It was lucky for orienteering in Queensland that a career move brought them to Brisbane in 1995. With their three children Thomas, Morgan and Lachlan they have been keen orienteers ever since. Tim and Fiona have held positions of president, secretary and treasurer of Ugly Gully and Tim was president of QOA in 2001 and 2002. Both Tim and Tom have had podium finishes at the Australian Championships in their age classes.

In recent years Tim's main role has been as chairman of the Hi Tech committee. He oversaw the introduction of SPORTident in Queensland and led the training of a team to assist in running the computer program at events.

Apart from often being responsible for the finish tent at events he is invariably called on for advice when glitches occur.

Tim says that there have been some great steps forward in technology recently with the introduction of electronic timing. The ability to accurately compare split times for individual legs of a course has added a new dimension to the sport. The newer equipment is also making it easier for organisers to run an event. It is now possible to compile the results and have them available on the centralised OA results web-site for all to see within hours of the event.

In the future Tim envisages that there will be more use of GPS technology. There is already the capability to compare route choices after the event but before long this might even be possible during an event. In major events it is likely that wireless communication



Tim still finds time for a run in the bush despite his Hi Tech responsibilities

methods will be used to monitor competitor's routes as they run thus making it more exciting for the audience either at the assembly area or via television and other media.

Possibilities for sharing the excitement of orienteering with others with the use of new and better technology are increasing.

PRACTICE AND KNOW HOW

Coaching

Fiona Calabro and Barbara Pope

For the first few years many orienteers enthusiastically attempted a variety of courses while knowing very little about navigation. Some were very physically fit but quickly learnt that can lead you way off course if you don't know where you are. Being out on a course for three or four hours was not uncommon.

Coaching was difficult because there were so few knowledgeable or experienced orienteers to turn to for help. Keen orienteers gradually discovered that the best way of learning was to listen to what the southerners were saying.

Numerous people began travelling to major events interstate and gleaned information from top runners in their classes or age groups. The need to get these gurus to Queensland to spread their knowledge became apparent so QOA invited prominent southern orienteers like Dick Mountstephens (NSW), Peta Whitford (Vic) and Frank Anderson (NSW) to talk either formally or informally to knowledge-thirsty Queenslanders.

As Trevor Sauer says 'we were gob smacked to hear them talk about losing two minutes here or there when we were at the stage of thinking that a twenty minute error was quite acceptable'.

In time mappers and other experienced orienteers from the southern states, or even from overseas, came to Queensland to compete, to do mapping or to holiday. They brought with them the knowledge and experience that had been in short supply in our ranks. Sometimes



Scott Simson with his young protégés Lorenzo and Nino Calabro



Clive Pope and Sue Johnston preparing for the Queensland Champs in 1988

young travellers who were keen orienteers from Norway or Sweden were looking for a place to be billeted. Having such experts staying at your house was not to be missed!

A few books, magazines and videos were circulated amongst the eager beavers and a step forward was the introduction of post mortem evenings after major events.

Queensland set about training some local coaches as well as offering coaching to other interested club members.

In 1981 when Peta Whitford conducted a weekend training camp for coaches at Maroon Dam it was hoped that thirty people could be assessed for level one of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. Unfortunately a bureaucratic bungle put that on hold for a while, despite a very informative and enjoyable weekend. Fortunately the problem was later rectified.

Several trainee coaches attended a coaching course at TAFE covering general aspects of coaching.

Also in 1981 a Junior Coaching Scheme began. It was financed by QOA and subsidised by the State Government. Debbie Gale, Meredyth Sauer and Gordon Howitt were involved in coaching both juniors

Really

A good orienteer always knows where he is when he is lost (*QOA Newsletter* February 1975)

Practice and Know How

and older orienteers. Debbie and Rob Simson produced instruction books and manuals for schools and for teachers. Mike Johnston also pushed for regular half day training sessions in Brisbane.

For two years in the early 1990s Peter Plunkett-Cole was the QOA Director of Coaching while Lois Olive was an enthusiastic coordinator of the Queensland Junior Orienteering Squad (QJOS) and Scott Simson its coach with assistance from Russell Creed and Adrian Rowland. As well as managing the squad for years Lois and her helpers sold refreshments at events which helped both the QJOS funds and team spirit. Lois was a very deserving winner of the Zonta award in 1992 and Scott, together with Fiona Calabro, received Queensland's first ever coaching award in 1995. Coaching awards are as follows:

1995	Scott Simson and Fiona Calabro
1996	Brian Wale
1997	Clive Pope
1998	Lance and Wendy Read
1999	Dawn Beck
2000	Clive Pope
2001	Liz Jarvis
2002	Jenny Schulz
2003	Reid Moran
2004	Rob Simson
2005	Joan Sheldon
2006	Geoff Peck
2007	Anna Sheldon

Judy Deucker also put much time and effort into coaching in this era and wrote a comprehensive series of ten articles for the newsletter called 'A Do It



Lois Olive in 1993 - during this time she was managing the QJOS squad



Jenny Schulz in 2002 the night she received her coaching award

Yourself Guide for Greeny Orange Orienteers' many of which were published in the *Australian Orienteer*. This also was a contributing factor in her being the recipient of the Zonta award.

Regular training camps were popular and were held at Leslie Dam, Maroon Dam and Perseverance Dam, some especially for juniors and others for all interested orienteers. Later several highly successful camps especially for women were held although there were some rumblings among the menfolk about this.

Introduction to orienteering courses were conducted for such groups as Guide leaders, Physical Education teachers, University of the Third Age and Human Movement students so word about orienteering was spreading. Clive Pope who lectured trainee physical education teachers at Brisbane College of Advanced Education (later Queensland University of Technology) introduced orienteering as a component of their outdoor education training.

1994 was a big year when QOA created a paid part time position of State Director of Coaching (SDC) and Adrian Rowland accepted the position with Fiona Calabro as his assistant. This led to a big increase in accredited coaches, trainee coaches and training programs.

The primary focus of the SDC position was stated as being responsible for organising and coordinating coaching and training throughout the state, running Level 0 and Level 1 coaching courses to train club coaches, teachers and outdoor leaders and general development of the sport, at both junior and senior level. Other responsibilities included keeping abreast of developing new policies such as those required for drugs in sport, anti-harassment or junior sport. In addition the SDC was expected to be involved in facilitating and assisting with administrative matters such as the Strategic Plan and regular government reporting.

When Adrian left to return to the UK in 1995 Fiona took over as SDC and the coaching program they set



Lance and Wendy Read who jointly received the coaching award in 1998 photographed at Dubbo in 2007

up has gone from strength to strength as the performances of Queenslanders at major interstate and national events indicate.

Whilst the pattern of organised training events each year remains similar, the content, the skills and the techniques have developed and broadened extensively.

Over the years opportunities to learn more about orienteering have grown to include coaching at club level and the formation of squads.

Club Coaching

The very successful CATI events or local club events are held once a month. The focus of these events continues to be on welcoming newcomers to the sport and encouraging those who come regularly to progress to moderate navigation courses. A number of newer members have progressed to this level over the last couple of years and proceeded to the more advanced coaching sessions provided by OQ.

Several clubs offer weekly training sessions involving both skills and fitness, on weekday afternoons or on weekends. The most notable of these are Clive Pope's sessions which he has been conducting on a Tuesday afternoon for the last ten years.

OQ offers quarterly Saturday afternoon training sessions for all orienteers at moderate to advanced levels. The sessions are held in a variety of regions on newer or more technical maps where possible. While catering for all ages, the sessions are popular with squad members, newer members wanting to progress to harder courses, keen veterans, adventure racers and rogainers.

Squads

Probably one of the most effective developments in Queensland orienteering was the formation, in 2003, of several squads.

The Queensland Cyclones (18-35+ years) consists of our top young runners with Terry Cavanagh as the manager initially and by 2007 Wendy Read. Geoff Peck was the coach and Anna Sheldon the Captain. The goal was to field Queensland's first fully representative team for the first National Orienteering League in 2004. There is an article about the Cyclones elsewhere in this book.

What was formerly QJOS, became the

Junior Cyclones (15-17 years) managed by Joan Sheldon and this was followed by the formation of the Mini Cyclones (12-14 years) managed by Rob Simson.

This structure led to a big improvement in the performance of juniors participating and increased motivation and enjoyment for all squads. New uniforms and specially run activities helped to give a better sense of identity and pride in the training squads. This helped to increase membership numbers and improve the levels of training and performance in state and interstate events.

Members had to be a certain age and standard, as well as showing a degree of commitment, before being invited to join any squad.

The Veteran squad is not a formal organisation and does not have funding as other squads do but they are a band of keen orienteers who attend many coaching sessions as helpers or participants. Many of these veterans put in a great effort to produce impressive results at national events, for example, Gordon Howitt, Clive Pope, Mark Nemeth, Meredyth Sauer, Lynda Rapkins, Fiona Calabro and Robin Spriggs.

Squad Training Weekends and Camps

As well as regular training opportunities each year a camp is held for the Cyclones and Junior Cyclones usually at the beginning of the year to provide impetus for preparation for Easter. The senior squad provide inspiration and often mentor the younger members as well as training hard themselves.

The Mini Cyclones have their own special camp in April to which parents are invited and contribute considerably.

A Junior Camp is open to all interested juniors, not just squad members, who can do a green course or higher unaided [this requirement became an orange course unaided in 2008] and is held in the first week of the June school holidays. The minimum age is twelve. Coaches are made up of many experienced orienteers who work well with children. Fiona Calabro is the overall manager and organiser of the camp.

Each year a Schools Tour takes a team of students to compete in the Australian Schools Championships which are part of the Australian Championships carnival. Rob Simson has a long history of involvement in Schools Orienteering and has outlined its development in a separate article.

Coach Education

Part of the job description for the State Director of Coaching is to organise Coach Education and every opportunity is taken to promote and conduct coaching courses.



Reid Moran who received the 2003 coaching award



Geoff Peck with family, Oliver and Iris Ip

In 2007 three coaches achieved Level 1 accreditation and nine Levels 1 and 2 coaches were re-accredited. Geoff Peck achieved accreditation at Level 3.

This means that during the year the number of accredited coaches rose to 48 with 37 Level 1 coaches, nine Level 2 and three Level 3 coaches.

OQ now insists that all coaches working with children have Suitability Cards and OQ now has a Child

Protection Risk Management Plan, in accordance with State Government requirements.

Corporate O

Since 1995, Orienteering Queensland has organised a number of corporate team building events for business and government organisations. These mainly involve orienteering, but with extra activities thrown in, such as treasure hunts, carrying burdens, solving puzzles or quizzes, constructing strange towers, etc. The idea is to involve all members of small teams in the various activities, and create a challenge and competition, while maintaining the fun and safety aspects.

After a National Development conference in about 1997, when Peta Whitford set up a sample event in Canberra for conference participants, we started to advertise these events and since then have completed about 25 corporate events. Companies who have participated (at least three more than once) include Suncorp, Colorado, engineering and information technology groups, the Army Joint Incident Response Unit (who wanted a six hour rogaine), RSL workers and car insurance sales managers from AON Warranty Group. Most of the events have been held at Slaughter Falls, but we have also been to Cherrabah, Noosa, Wivenhoe Dam and Whites Hill.

The position of State Director of Coaching reverted to being a voluntary position from 2006 onwards. The structure now led by the Chair of Coaching and Athlete Development is set out in a flow chart that follows this article along with another showing the structure of the Athlete Development Squads.

Performances by Queenslanders at National Events

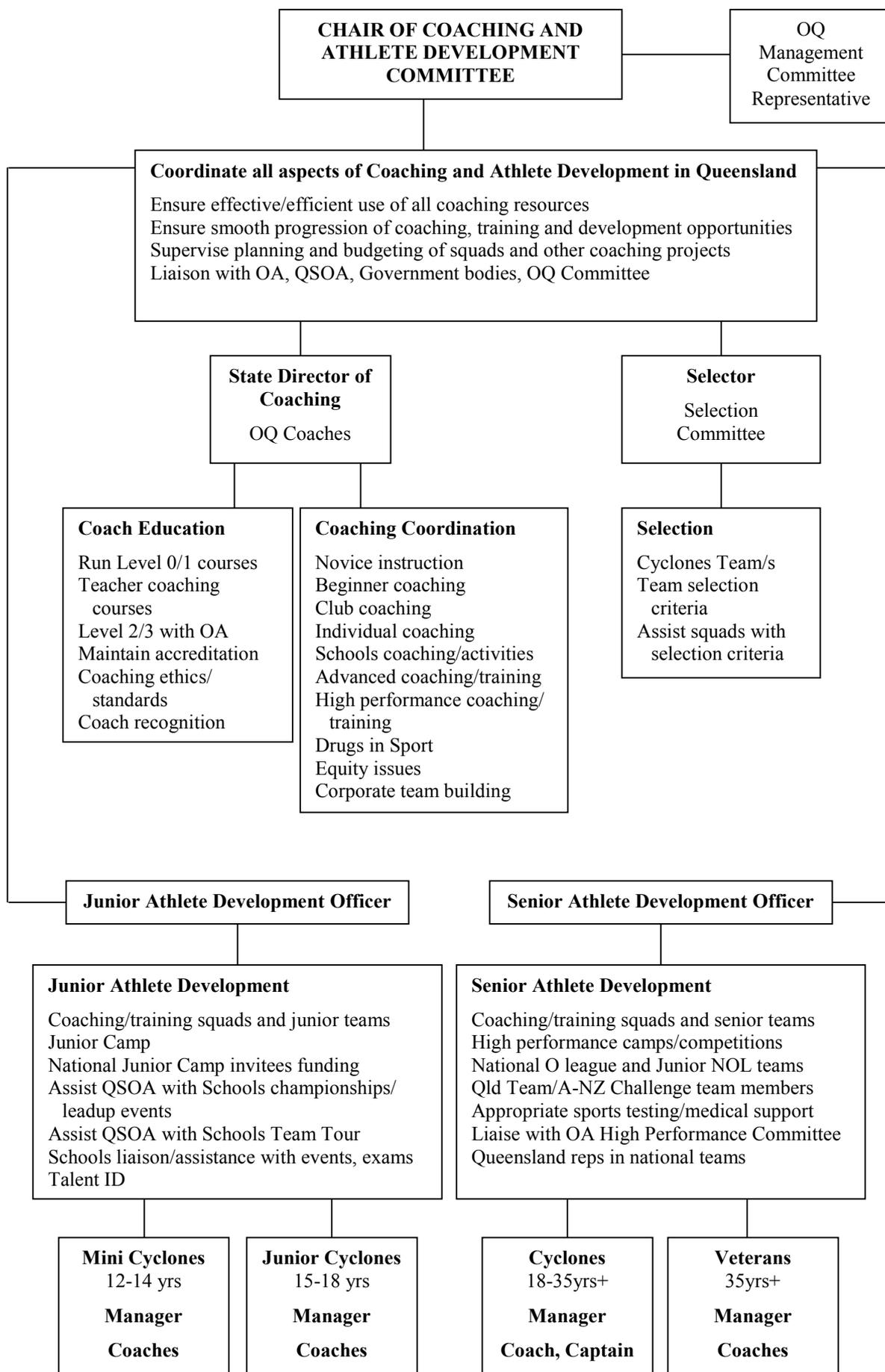
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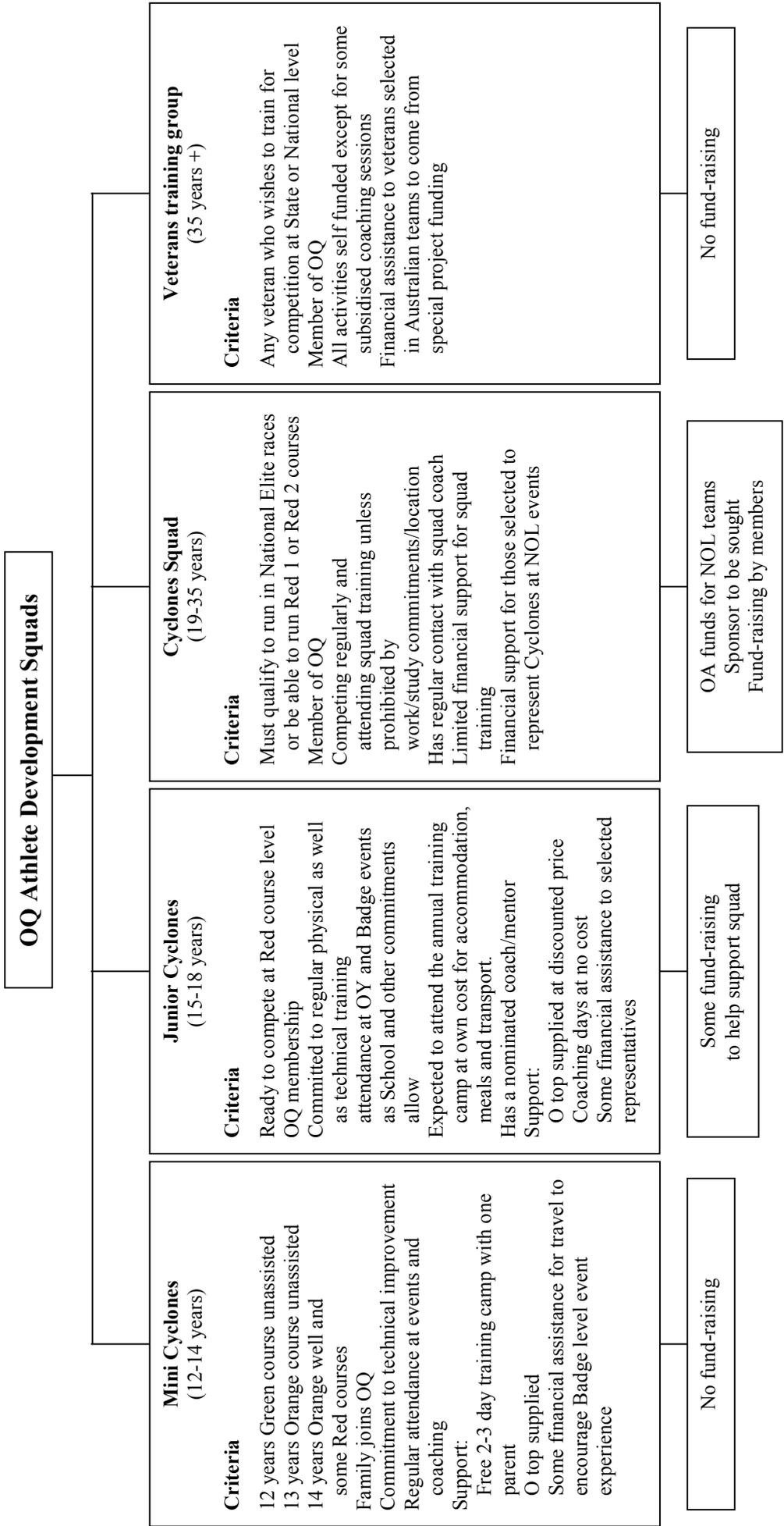
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Held in	WA	ACT	QLD	NSW	SA	VIC	TAS	ACT	VIC	NSW	WA	QLD	ACT	VIC	SA
1st place	2	2	3	6	4	3	4	3	8	1	4	13	5	3	5
2nd place	2	3	2	1	4	4	4	4	3	5	1	12	1	3	6
3rd place	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	6	1	4	0	11	7	1	9
Gold Badge		24	37	30	33	19	17	29	27	21		38	19		21
Total attending		78	209	117	81	69	40	66	62	62	18	225	78	50	67

Australian Championships

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Held in	NSW	SA	VIC	TAS	ACT	WA	NSW	QLD	ACT	SA	VIC	NSW	TAS	WA	NSW
1st place	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	6	2	3	2	4	5	7	6
2nd place	3	2	2	1	4	2	5	11	2	3	3	2	4	4	7
3rd place	2	4	3	3	1	8	3	5	8	2	6	6	4	3	8
Gold badge	21	13	24	22	30	21	34		18	17	22	24			26
Total attending	85	38	57	55	65	46	74	163	56	61	66	89	73	64	84

Note: Blank spaces in the above tables indicate that records were not available.





Queensland Championship Open Class Placings

1975 - Bunyaville State Forest

Men	1	Ron Blomley	QLD
Women	1	Helen Sherriff	QLD

1976 - Black Rock Creek

M21	1	Dave Lotty	NSW
	2	Brian Coolahan	QLD
	3	David Flewell-Smith	QLD
W19	1	Sue Fisher	QLD
	2	Joy Murphy	QLD
	No third place		

1977 - Leslie Dam

M21A	1	Alex Tarr	VIC
	2	Ian Rannard	NSW
	3	Dennis Lyons	NSW
W19	1	Jennifer Bourne	NSW
	2	Janet Tarr	VIC
	3	Sue Fisher	QLD

1978 - Bergin Creek

M21-34	1	Michael Keane	QLD
	2	Frank Anderson	NSW
	3	Dave Lotty	NSW
W21-34	1	Alison Radford	NSW
	2	Jennifer Bourne	NSW
	3	Robyn Elsley	QLD

1979 - Clear Mountain and One Mile Creek

W21-34	1	Carolyn Hooper	VIC
	2	Jennifer Bourne	NSW
	3	Robyn Elsley	QLD
M21-34	1	Rudolf Huettner	ACT
	2	Neil Hooper	VIC
	3	David Flewell-Smith	QLD

1980 - Gaven Forest, Nerang

No 21A classes listed in results			
M19E	1	Rudi Huettner	ACT
	2	Roger Bourne	QLD
	3	Robert Rankin	QLD
W19	1	Kay Haarsma	SA
	2	Meredith Sauer	QLD
	3	Christine Howitt	QLD

1981 - Gap Creek

No 21A classes listed in results			
M19A	1	Roger Bourne	QLD
	2	Peter Rose	
	3	Arnold Simson	QLD
W19A	1	Meredith Sauer	QLD
	2	Lucy Barnes	QLD
	3	Christine Howitt	QLD

1982 - Passchendaele

M21A	1	Roger Bourne	QLD
	2	Terry Farrell	NSW
	3	Ian Prosser	NSW
W21A	1	Liz Bourne	QLD
	2	Sue Johnston	QLD
	3	Val Calder	ACT

1983 - Beerburum

W21A	1	Kristine Tracey	QLD
	2	Liz Bourne	QLD
	3	Kylie Pope	QLD
M21A	1	Ian Prosser	NSW
	2	David Miller	SA
	3	Bob Daley	QLD

1984 - Cordalba State Forest

Possible results based on Queensland rankings for 1984:

Men	1	Bob Daley	QLD
	2	Piet Filet	QLD
	3	David Flewell-Smith	QLD
Women	1	Liz Bourne	QLD
	2	Chris Gregg	QLD
	3	Lynda Rapkins	QLD

1985 - Changing Mountain

M21A	1	Terry Farrell	NSW
	2	Rob Vincent	NSW
	3	Peter Rathjen	SA

W21A	1	Liz Bourne	QLD
	2	Lynda Rapkins	QLD
	3	Gail Campbell	QLD

1986 - Camp Cable

M21A	1	Lance Read	QLD
	2	Mark Wilmott	NSW
	3	D. McKenna	NSW
W21A	1	Liz Bourne	QLD
	2	Sue Johnston	QLD
	3	Lynda Rapkins	QLD

1987 - Woodlands

M21A	1	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	2	Paul Darvodelsky	NSW
	3	Piet Filet	QLD
W21A	1	Louise Fairfax	QLD
	2	Meredith Sauer	QLD
	3	Chris Howitt	QLD

1988 - Opossum Creek

M21A	1	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	2	Neil Simson	QLD
	3	Piet Filet	QLD
W21A	1	Liz Bourne	QLD
	2	Mary Fien	NSW
	3	Genny Blades	QLD

1989 - Promised Land

M21A	1	Scott Simson	QLD
	2	Rod Gray	QLD
	3	Mark Nemeth	QLD
W21A	1	Jenny Anderson	NSW
	2	Wendy Morris	QLD
	No third place		

1990 - Plunkett

M21A	1	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	2	Lance Read	QLD
	3	Adrian Rowland	QLD
W21A	1	Genny Blades	QLD
	2	Wendy Read	QLD
	No third place		

1991 - Esk

M21A	1	Lasse Valtonen	QLD
	2	Arnold Simson	ACT
	3	Blair Trewin	ACT
W21A	1	Ljubov Simson	ACT
	2	Louise Fairfax	TAS
	3	Anthea Feaver	WA

1992 - Amiens

M21A	1	Blair Trewin	ACT
	2	Scott Simson	QLD
	3	Eric Morris	NSW
W21A	1	Nic Plunkett Cole	ACT
	No second and third place		

1993 - Springfield

M21A	1	Lasse Valtonen	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Tim Marchbank	QLD
W21A	1	Anitra Dowling	NZ
	2	Rachel Nolan	QLD
	3	Karen Bryant	QLD

1994 - Cotswold

M21A	1	Mike Billinghurst	NSW
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Tim Marchbank	QLD
W21A	1	Kerrie Lesko	QLD
	2	Anna Hall	QLD
	No third place		

1995 - Crows Nest

M21A	1	Scott Simson	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Lance Read	QLD
W21A	1	Kirsten Fairfax	TAS
	2	Wendy Read	QLD
	3	Kerrie Lesko	QLD

1996 - Kullogum

M21A	1	Scott Simson	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Nino Calabro	QLD
W21A	1	Kylie Waters	QLD
	2	Wendy Read	QLD
	3	Rachel Nolan	QLD

1997 - Crows Nest

M21A	1	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
	2	Scott Simson	QLD
	3	Nino Calabro	QLD
W21A	1	Melissa Thomas	QLD
	2	Ruth Schulz	QLD
	3	Kerryn Thomas	QLD

1998 - Mundoolun

M21A	1	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
	2	Nino Calabro	QLD
	3	Mark Nemeth	QLD
W21A	1	Melissa Thomas	QLD
	2	Anna Sheldon	QLD
	3	Sheralee Bailey	NSW

1999 - Grandchester

M21A	1	Scott Simson	QLD
	2	Ben Schulz	QLD
	3	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
W21A	1	Julie Calder	QLD
	2	Melissa Thomas	QLD
	3	Anna Sheldon	QLD

2000 - Goomburra

M21A	1	Scott Simson	QLD
	2	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
	3	Lance Read	QLD
W21A	1	Melissa Thomas	QLD
	2	Orla Murray	NSW
	3	Wendy Read	QLD

2001 - Dalveen

M21A	1	Blair Trewin	VIV
	2	William Hawkins	ACT
	3	Ben Schulz	QLD
W21A	1	Sheralee Bailey	NSW
	2	Melissa Thomas	NSW
	3	Anna Sheldon	QLD

2002 - Woodford

M21A	1	Nathan Lawley	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Ben Schulz	QLD
W21A	1	Sheralee Bailey	NSW
	2	Anna Sheldon	QLD
	3	Heike Torggler	Italy

2003 - Bettong

M21A	1	Eric Morris	NSW
	2	Blair Trewin	VIC
	3	Nathan Lawley	QLD
W21A	1	Anna Sheldon	QLD
	2	Wendy Read	QLD
	3	Ainsley Cavanagh	QLD

2004 - Old Hidden Vale

M21A	1	Nathan Lawley	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Scott Simson	QLD
W21A	1	Anna Sheldon	QLD
	2	Julia Davies	QLD
	3	Ainsley Cavanagh	QLD

2005 - Flagstone West

M21A	1	Eric Morris	NSW
	2	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
	3	Nino Calabro	QLD
W21A	1	Wendy Read	QLD
	2	Julia Davies	QLD
	3	Ainsley Cavanagh	QLD

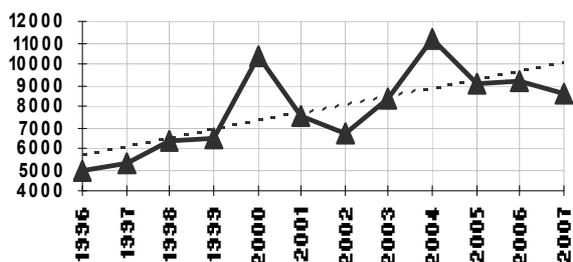
2006 - Hunter's Hut

M21E	1	Dave Shepherd	ACT
	2	Ross Morrison	NZ
	3	Adrian Jackson	VIC
W21E	1	Jo Allison	ACT
	2	Rachel Smith	NZ
	3	Suzanne Casanova	SA

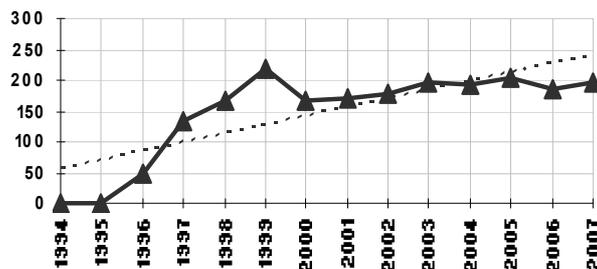
2007 - Leyburn

M21E	1	Lorenzo Calabro	QLD
	2	Mark Nemeth	QLD
	3	Dane Cavanagh	QLD
W21E	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	QLD
	2	Bridget Anderson	QLD
	3	Krystal Neumann	QLD

Participation Numbers



Total Number of Events



Lantana Lizards

You ask for a rhyme about lizards
 When already we have enough hazards!!
 They can keep their Nirvana
 Amongst the lantana
 I'd rather have help from the wizards.

What is it with lantana lizards?
 Do they have all the magic of wizards?
 I haven't seen one
 In the lantana I've run
 They're whizzers, or fizzers - the lizards. JB

Source 2005 Queensland Championships at Flagstone West Limerick Competition



Simeon Burrill, Jacob Neumann and Lachlan McIntyre at Old Hidden Vale 2004

Key Person ... Fiona Calabro - Coach



Fiona at an event in 2008

Like many other people Fiona came to orienteering through her children. In 1991 her boys Lorenzo and Nino were introduced to orienteering by their teacher Stuart Mead at school and it had immediate appeal for them. This meant that Fiona became the chauffeur to events so she and daughter Tomasina filled in their time by walking around green and then later orange courses. She was amazed to discover the compass and that it actually worked!

By 1992 Fiona was ready to tackle red courses and this was the time that more granite maps were being made and used widely. She found these very difficult. However determination is an integral part of Fiona's nature and she remembers with pride cutting her time by half an hour each Sunday event in the lead up to the championships. In the Queensland Championships in that year she took two hours on the first day and two and a half hours on the second day thereby winning the Perseverance Cup.

When the three children went to a Junior camp in 1993 Fiona went along too, became interested in coaching and attained Level 1 accreditation that year. Adrian Rowland who was the State Director of Coaching recognised Fiona's interest and skills and in 1994 she was appointed as his assistant which she says was a steep learning curve.

But learn she did. Fiona was an avid student. Through reading, listening, training and being coached by Adrian, brother Jim Dougall, Sue Johnston, Peter Plunkett-Cole and Clive Pope she progressed really quickly both as a competitor and as a coach.

By 1995 she was a Level 2 Coach (Level 3 in 2001) and represented Australia in the A-NZ Challenge. By 1998 she was the W45 Australian champion and in 1998 won the National Silva Award for excellence in coaching. Fiona's organisational skills were recognised nationally when she was selected as the manager for the Australian JWOC teams in 2001 and 2002 touring Hungary and Spain.

Fiona's other gifts are in administrative and organisational roles and she has worked tirelessly for QOA and OQ in both paid part time positions and in voluntary positions.

While assistant to the State Director of Coaching (SDC) she took on the task of organising the Junior Camp in 1994 and has done this ever since. When Adrian left in 1996 she was appointed the SDC and also assisted Malcolm Milner in his position as Administration Officer (AO). By 2000 she was AO as well as SDC. In 2003 she handed the role of AO over to Nola McIntyre and continued as SDC although she requested that it be an unpaid position since 2006.

Enough you may say ... but not so!

As a Level 3 Controller Fiona has been course setter and controller at many major events including 2000 Australian relays, Easter 2004, 2005 Queensland Championships at Mundoolun and the 2008 Queensland Championships. This does not include the numerous badge and OY events she has played a major part in organising.

In 2008 Fiona also offered to assist Sandy Cantwell who takes over as Administration Officer. And she won the OY award for veteran women in 2006.

In her spare time Fiona produces beautiful artwork.



Fiona with brother Jim Dougall
[Jim has been an orienteer since 1977 - his first major event was the Queensland Champs at Leslie Dam]

RIGHT DIRECTION

Orienteering Queensland Inc. (formerly Queensland Orienteering Association Inc.)

Since the formation of the Queensland Orienteering Association in 1974 until the present time there have been major changes in the way our sport is being run. What is most impressive is the way the association appears to have developed from a simple trial and error system to a professional body using the administrative techniques and strategies of a well run business or bureaucratic department.

What is not so evident to outsiders is that the association depends on the goodwill and hard work of the individuals who have been active in OQ (formerly QOA) for many years. Many of them will attest to sleepless nights, a feeling of overload, at times hanging in there by a thread and having to deal with what sometimes appear to be insurmountable issues.

But the association has survived and done its job amazingly well.

From the beginning new ideas and strategies were gradually developed with each step building on another. Quality, professionalism and dedication of a good team make progress possible.

The overall planning, policy and administrative developments that QOA (officially OQ Inc. since December 2007) has taken on board in the thirty plus years since it began could be daunting to a lesser association. An impressive set of manuals has been produced, it has embraced the new technologies enthusiastically and much has been learnt about running high quality events and major carnivals. That Queensland now is producing Australian elite orienteers, numerous champions in other age groups,

many enthusiastic regulars and a growing group of social and recreational orienteers is a mark of what OQ is achieving.

The Independent Audit by the State Government's Sports and Recreation Department wrote the following summary after their Performance and Financial Audit of the association in 2005.

OQ exemplifies many of the best characteristics associated with a professionally run, stable, developing sports association. It has a committed and dedicated executive group, a cohesive and inclusive approach to policy development and event/program implementation, sound financial policies and control mechanisms and an excellent set of policy manuals and operational guidelines that would be the envy of many larger organisations. That it has achieved this and more without any full time staff is a benchmark of quality for which they are justifiably proud.

The challenges that OQ faces at this time are common to all state associations ... namely participation and memberships, sponsorship and funding, maintaining a balance between recreational and competitive orienteering and attempting to keep the work load under control for all those dedicated volunteers. As a forward looking association OQ is endeavouring to put structures in place to manage these challenges.

From an historical viewpoint it is interesting to reflect on the way the low patch of the late 1990s was turned around. Although there was still a solid core, memberships and participation were down. Revitalization came about through decentralization. Responsibilities for mapping and organising some of their own events were handed over to the clubs. More people became involved and the growth since then has been gentle but steady.

Since its inception OQ (formerly QOA) has managed, supported and been responsible for all aspects of orienteering.

Technical Manuals including policies and processes have been derived and developed from the Constitution and By Laws. John Bourne, Sue Johnston, Dave Erbacher, Ian Holmes and Eric Andrews were instrumental in the compilation and refinement of these documents.



Malcolm Milner was involved in Promotion at State and National level in the 1990s



Chris Spriggs is Treasurer in 2008 and was President 2003-05

Policies, Papers and Manuals

- 1992 Tobacco and Hard Liquor; Infectious Diseases
- 1993 Gender Equity; Talent Identification
- 1998 Human Resources Development;
Risk Management; Search and Rescue Plan;
Participation in Multi Sport Games
- 2000 Anti Harassment; Anti Doping
- 2001 Policy Decisions
- 2002 Privacy; Sun Protection
- 2003 Drugs in Sport
- 2006 Codes of Behaviour; Member Protection;
Anti Doping (updated)

Administration and Technical Manual

This manual is updated regularly as decisions are made by the association and includes:

- Part 1 OQ Constitution and By Laws
- Part 2 Information Manual
- Part 3 Administration Manual
- Part 4 Technical Regulations

Other Important Developments

- 1974 formation of QOA
- 1975 badge scheme begins
- 1976 first schools event
- 1978 OY events begin; two day state championships
- 1980 Night State Championships (until 1994)
- 1981 QOA and government grants financed
Junior Coaching Scheme
- 1983 first state conference
- 1984 part time paid positions for coaching,
promotion and development;
Introducing Orienteering by Debbie Gale;
Guidelines for Teachers by Rob Simson;
CATI events begin
- 1986 computer produced control descriptions
- 1987 incorporation of QOA and winding up of BOA
- 1988 inaugural trophy for Best Junior
- 1990 committee system adopted by QOA
- 1991 new style newsletter *Orienteering on the Go*;
computer produced results
- 1992 first Five Year Development Plan;
computer managed entries and timing
- 1993 minor changes to constitution; paid part time
Administration and Development officer;
Veteran Development officer;
Schools Project officer;
changes to classes and courses for OY
- 1994 Gold Squad formed
- 1995 Annual conferences; O League begins
- 1996 APOC steering committee;
Coaching Awards introduced;
QOA Annual Awards Dinners began
- 1997 Business plan for APOC; Street O starts
- 1998 Administration and Technology Manual
distributed
- 2000 detailed event specific Search and Rescue Plan
for APOC
- 2001 Queensland Cyclones formed
- 2002 Government grant to purchase SPORTident;
paid part time Treasurer
- 2003 QOA Juniors Incentive Program;
paid Promotion and Development officer;
Queensland Forest Racing begins;
SPORTident used for OY;
Weekly Bulletin begins
- 2004 O becomes part of Brisbane City Council
(BCC) Active and Healthy Parks Program
- 2005 Queensland Schools Team wins the National
Schools Championships;
new record for memberships and participation;
glowing report from the audit by Sport and
Recreation Queensland
- 2006 Queensland team wins Junior National
Orienteering League;
Queensland Schools Team tie as winners of the
National Schools Championships;
first Queenslander (Anna Sheldon) wins W21E
at Australian Championships;
clubs receive share of OQ funds
- 2007 new constitution; amendments to by laws;
Management and Operations committees;
Night Championships revived



Nola McIntyre in 2001
Admin. Officer 2001-04



Angela Hoelzl in 2008
Admin. Officer 2006-07



Julie Irvine Webmaster and Admin. Officer 2005

Orienteering Queensland Office Bearers

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
1975	Tony McLennan		Barry Nielsen	Ron Brennan
1976	Trevor Sauer		Bob Rogerson	D. Flewell-Smith
1977	Trevor Sauer		Sue Fisher	D. Flewell-Smith
1978	Ron Green		Sue Fisher	Alan West
1979	Gordon Howitt		Peter Beresford	D. Flewell-Smith
1980	Bill Fisher		Rob Simson	Mike Keane
1981	Bill Fisher		Rob Simson	Sue Robinson
1982	Bill Fisher		Alf May	Sue Johnston
1983	Bill Fisher		Alf May	Sue Johnston
1984	Rob Simson		Alf May	Sue Johnston
1985	Rob Simson		Craig Loosemore	Sue Johnston
1986	Rob Simson		Craig Loosemore	Sue Johnston
1987	Rob Simson		Craig Loosemore	Sue Johnston
1988	Rob Simson		Andrew Thomas	Sue Johnston
1989	Alf May		Richard Robinson	Sue Johnston
1990	Sue Johnston		Chris Fielding	Ian Holmes
1991	Sue Johnston		Chris Fielding	Ian Holmes
1992	Sue Johnston		David Erbacher	Ian Holmes
1993	Ian Holmes		David Erbacher	Jenny Bryant
1994	Ian Holmes	David Erbacher	Lynda Rapkins	Jenny Bryant
1995	David Erbacher		Lynda Rapkins	Jenny Bryant
1996	David Erbacher	Lynda Rapkins	Robin Spriggs	Jenny Brown
1997	Lynda Rapkins	Stephen Cantwell	Robin Spriggs	Jenny Brown
1998	Stephen Cantwell	Neil Simson	Robin Spriggs	Jenny Brown
1999	Neil Simson	Ian Taylor	Dawn Beck	Jenny Brown
2000	Ian Taylor	Tim McIntyre	Dawn Beck	Jenny Brown
2001	Tim McIntyre		Nola McIntyre	Karen Gear
2002	Tim McIntyre	Tony Zandegiacomo	Nola McIntyre	Karen Gear
2003	Chris Spriggs	Tony Zandegiacomo	Nola McIntyre	Karen Gear
2004	Chris Spriggs	Tony Zandegiacomo	Robin Spriggs	Barbara Carter
2005	Chris Spriggs	Greg Chatfield	Julie Irvine	Barbara Carter
2006	Greg Chatfield	Michael Burridge	Angela Hoelzl	Chris Spriggs
2007	Greg Chatfield	Michael Burridge	Angela Hoelzl	Chris Spriggs
2008	Greg Chatfield	Reid Moran	Fiona Calabro	Chris Spriggs

Participation

12-Year Summary of Number of Events and Participation Numbers

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
					Incl. APOC	Incl. Xmas 5 Days			Incl. A3D			
Total No of Events	47	133	165	218	165	172	178	196	194	194	187	197
							Less 6 A3D events =		188			
Junior Male	n/a	n/a	1008	1038	1482	1217	1138	1076	1449	1447	1463	1380
Senior Male	n/a	n/a	756	774	966	527	484	546	1192	633	640	603
Veteran Male	n/a	n/a	2080	2118	3634	2920	2294	3068	3733	2713	2744	2587
Junior Female	n/a	n/a	694	715	1229	771	911	1295	1661	1628	1646	1552
Senior Female	n/a	n/a	315	327	647	324	317	488	635	452	457	432
Veteran Female	n/a	n/a	1452	1497	2363	1821	1539	1933	2474	2170	2195	2069
Total Participation	4978	5238	6305	6469	10321	7580	6683	8406	11144	9043	9145	8623
							Less 3125 A3D participants =		8019			

Sound Familiar ?

An article in another state's newsletter says that the position of state president carries little constitutional power but unlimited responsibility for everything not to someone's satisfaction.

It is sobering to reflect on the number of our best people who want very little to do with orienteering after they've done their stint in a major role. Food for thought.

Orienteering Newsletter



Jay Mair

In the early days various people held brief tenures as editor of the newsletter, then for the next twelve years the sole responsibility belonged to Trevor Sauer. In that time he produced seventy newsletters virtually unaided. Trevor's efficiency, dedication and ability to get the facts

made him even more of a legend in Queensland orienteering circles. In recognition of this and his other contributions to Queensland orienteering he and Meredyth were made our first life members in 1991.

The reins were then handed over to Miriam Holmes who gave the newsletter a new look and a new name *Orienteering on the Go*. Miriam also did a sterling job until she retired in 2000.

Since then the task has been in the capable hands of Jay Mair. Interesting articles, hints, cartoons and photos appear which make Queenslanders unwilling to give up the newsletter and resort purely to the electronic media.

Since 2000 the Weekly Bulletin has acted as an updated supplement to the newsletter and is e-mailed currently to over three hundred addresses. It has proved to be a great communication tool in advising members of last minute event changes and any special announcements, as well as normal weekly information.

The OQ website is now most important to the future development of orienteering in promoting the sport to a wider audience. In particular the events and results are kept up to date continuously and links to major events and the world orienteering scene are well used.

Two favourite articles in recent editions of *Orienteering on the Go* were those by Jim Bowling called 'How I Managed to Remain in the Bush for 236 minutes and 52 seconds' and Su Yan Tay's 'Diet of Maps' which are classics and really do need to be recorded for posterity.

An excerpt of Su Yan's article is attached here. Jim's article is in the awards section. It is great to see we have such clever amusing writers in our midst.

A Diet of Maps

I have spent six months of this year consuming maps with breakfast, maps with lunch, and digesting maps in bed. Unfortunately, maps are prohibited at dinner in

accordance with the Tay family law. Maps go particularly well with cereal or noodles, as the motor pattern, using a spoon or chopsticks travelling in a singular direction, is rather primitive in nature. One's attention can thus be totally consumed with minute details. But the best is saved for pre-bedtime rituals. Red rock deli chips with maps are to die for. That is only if I can hide it from my four scavengers for long enough. Regular injections of picnics, times outs, or peppermint Lindts are also great for positive reinforcements. What is my reward at the end of all this? I got to get my first pair of prescription glasses ...

2007 has been an amazing year for me. Since discovering the sport of orienteering at a BCC sponsored event in mid 2005, I am now well and truly 'hooked'. A love of the bush and a background of running seemed the ideal mix for orienteering.

I practiced my newly acquired (or so I thought) navigation skills on orange courses for one year. Some early memories of 2005-2006 were: Tim McIntyre (that very long legged, skinny and tall man) kindly explaining to me that in a scatter event, I didn't have to visit controls in numerical order, unlike what I had just done; worrying if I would have to wear luminescent tights at competitions; standing on a spur and realizing that it isn't at all claw-like; painfully learning that taking a 'short cut' through lantana wasn't worth the fight!

At great risk, I tried the long red at the 2006 Qld champs. Divine intervention got me back in a sensible time on Day 1. Then on Day 2, I ran myself off the map for 45 minutes, and nearly fainted with happiness when I saw a fellow human.

This year, I decided to have a go at the major carnivals. If it wasn't for Greg and Trevor, I would have pulled out of the long red for the Easter 3 days. Easter taught me the negative effects of dehydration, and that stubbornly staying in the same gully for 30 minutes was not a good idea. Needless to say, I lost that fight with the map ...



Su Yan Tay



Cartoon covers by Gordon Howitt were a feature of the newsletter when Miriam and Ian Holmes were editors. This cover was created in the long lead up to APOC 2000 (*Orienteering on the Go*, vol. 22, no. 4, August 1996)

Key Person ... Sue Johnston - Administration

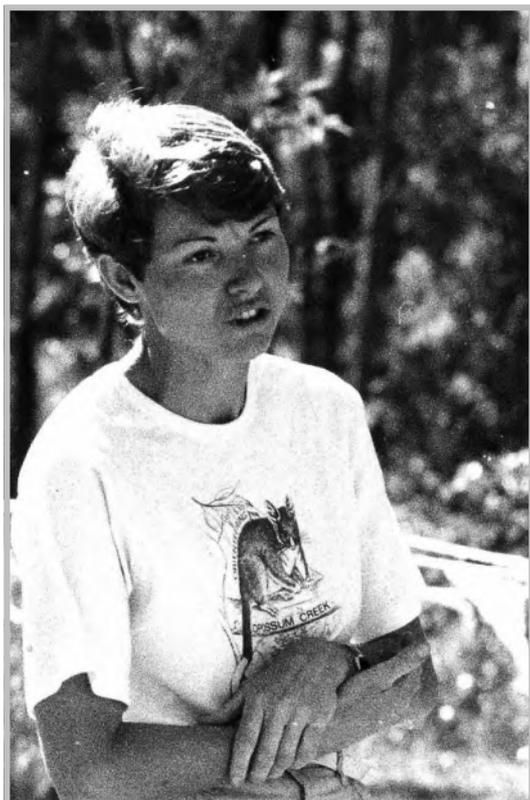
Barbara Pope

This brief profile of Sue Johnston has been taken from the *Australian Orienteer*, Winter 1997.

Sue began orienteering in 1979 and has been trying to get it right ever since. As a school teacher in 1979, she took a group of students to a camp at Leslie Dam in Queensland so that they could learn about orienteering and she got hooked herself. She took about three hours to complete her first course, but then gradually moved up the ranks from W21B to W21A courses and was relieved after several years to reach the milestones of W35 and W40. Then this year [1997] she moved to the first year of W45 and celebrated with first place at Easter. Sue has been a proud member of the Australian team for a few Australia-New Zealand Challenges and even the Captain for one successful campaign.

Although she has a couple of Easter and Australian Championship wins to her name, she considers her best overall performance was her fourth in the World Veteran Orienteering Championships in 1992.

The OFA Presidency is not the first of Sue's administrative positions in orienteering. She was one of the group which formed the Ugly Gully Club in Queensland and even admits to being at the meeting which decided on the name of the club.



Sue Johnston

She was President of Ugly Gully for some years, then Treasurer of QOA and the President before resigning at the end of 1993 because of a career move to ACT. Although she thought that the move might mean the end of her administrative roles, she was soon nominated as OFA Vice President (Development) and held that position for three years prior to becoming President. In her life other than orienteering, Sue Johnston is Director of the Centre for the Enhancement of Learning, Teaching and Scholarship at the University of Canberra.

An Update of Sue's career

At the end of 1997 Sue took up a professorial position at the University of New England at Armidale and then in 2000 she became the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) at the University of Tasmania where she spent the next five years.

With these progressive career moves, orienteering gradually eased to the back burner.

Sue and Peter had been wanting to move back towards Queensland for some time, and at the end of 2005 they built a new house on their macadamia farm south of Coffs Harbour. Sue continued working in higher education becoming Head of Coffs Harbour Campus of Southern Cross University shortly before being diagnosed with motor neurone disease which forced her retirement in July 2007.

The 2007 OQ Awards Dinner was also a reunion of life members. Sue Johnston and Peter Plunkett-Cole were unable to come and this is a copy of the speech made by Barbara Pope about Sue at the dinner.

It is really disappointing that one of the shining lights in Queensland orienteering is not able to be here tonight. Sue Johnston and her partner Peter Plunkett-Cole very much wanted to come but ill health made it impossible.

So President Greg decided that if Sue and PPC couldn't come to us we would go to them. Consequently a video is being made tonight to send to them and we hope very much that other people will send them their own special message before the evening is over.

When we talk about what people have done for orienteering Sue must be right up there near the pinnacle.

For any of you who don't know Sue, she was a foundation member of UG in 1979, treasurer of QOA from 1982 to 1989, then president from 1990 to 1992

Right Direction

On a national level Sue was vice president of the Orienteering Federation of Australia from 1994 till 1997 and then president till 2000.

As well as that Sue was a top orienteer and represented Australia on numerous occasions.

That was an impressive record but more importantly was how Sue did things.

Sue had a passion for excellence. She had a highly successful career as an academic and brought to orienteering the professionalism, the knowledge and the skills which were so much a part of her life.

Not only did Sue aim for the highest possible standards, she also knew how to get them. Many an orienteer would agree that watching Sue in action as a chairperson was stunning. No one could cut through the chaff as neatly as she did. And woe betide anyone who showed even the tiniest hint of discrimination. She saw so clearly what needed to be done and how to do it.

Sue left a wonderful legacy to orienteering for following administrators to build on.

Under her guidance and at her insistence she led orienteering into the era of ...

high quality five year strategic planning with regular reviews,
business plans for major events,
the development of an excellent set of manuals and operational guidelines .



Sue Johnston, Robin Uppill and Lynda Rapkins in the 1980s

These administrative processes and tools have been used by the auditors of the State Government's Sports and Recreation as an example to show other clubs (including some much larger than ours) how an association should be run. Just think what that did for the reputation of orienteering. It probably had a positive effect on our funding too!

Like many outstanding people Sue had the support of her husband Mike initially and in later years by her partner Peter Plunkett-Cole. PPC as he is known, also played an important role in Queensland orienteering as the first State Director of Coaching.

So we'd like to say to Sue and to PPC, that we are thinking of you especially tonight and that we are incredibly grateful for what you have done for orienteering.

Please Jim would you pan around with the camera so that when Sue and PPC see this video they can be amazed at how old, wrinkly, fit, young, bald, fat we all look.

There are so many good times and good friends to remember aren't there Sue.

President Greg Chatfield added a few words and we all sang 'For They are Jolly Good Fellows' as the photographer continued making the video to send to them.

More Drugs

The marijuana crop was real this time and a lengthy process of cutting, bagging, labelling and transporting was carried out by the police when Eric called them. In an effort to save the police the time consuming task when Eric found another crop he went through the same collecting process himself and duly delivered the bags to the police station in Canberra.

It was Liz who pointed out to him later that ...

he could have been caught with the drugs by the owners or the authorities, or

if he had continued on to Kings Cross he might have been able to retire on the proceeds.

Key Person ... Liz Bourne - Promotion

Having grown up in the Bourne family it is inevitable that Liz had a love of the outdoors and enjoyed challenges. In her student days bush walking was her first love but when she heard about orienteering through family friend Chris Wood it had appeal because running was also in the Bourne family genes.

When the bush, running and a challenge were added to the skills and experience Liz had developed in her twelve year career as coordinator of the Queensland Conservation Council it is no wonder that orienteering became a passion.

Liz became a top orienteer in her age group representing Australia in the Australian-New Zealand Challenges a number of times. She also gained places in the Australian Championships and in the Easter Three Days over many years.

Other valuable contributions Liz has made to Queensland orienteering have been through her work in promotion and development and her skills in organising. Of course being a tireless worker and having boundless energy no doubt helped.

Liz says that her career in conservation made her media savvy and also gave her the sort of communication skills, both verbal and written, that have been very useful in promoting orienteering. She learned how to handle journalists as those who have seen her on television will attest to. She has developed a network of contacts in Queensland and interstate which helps in her role of OQ promotion and development officer which she has held since 2001 after initially doing similar work on a voluntary basis in the 1980s and 1990s

As part of her job Liz has written and produced the orienteering starter pack, the new members kit, the promotion brochure and the landowners guide to orienteering.

Liz firmly believes that in this state there are endless opportunities for orienteering to expand given the right people who can lobby, advocate and debate the issues which arise. Her concerns include the absolute need to assist small clubs with both administrative and financial help and also the need to support our youngsters in every way possible.

Although the necessity for proper strategic planning forced on orienteering by the Department of Sports and Recreation as a condition of continued funding has

meant a lot of administrative work, Liz sees this as really positive because it meant that QOA (now OQ) was forced to become a professionally run organisation.

According to Liz, having Sue Johnston and other very capable administrators at the helm round that time made a big impact on the direction that the association moved. Not surprisingly she also has high regard for the breadth of knowledge and the vision of her husband Eric Andrews.

Apparently it is difficult to judge what has been most effective in raising the profile of orienteering and increasing participation but there is now greater media awareness. Local papers have always been good about reporting local events and successes but Liz is happy about the response to television segments and Courier Mail articles which are now appearing. She sees maintaining the high standard of the website as crucial.

And what does Liz want to see happening in orienteering? Firstly more volunteers to take on roles in organising and administration. And secondly a trivial one, but also important, for everyone to look, observe and adapt ideas they see, even little ones like mouse traps to hold clue descriptions. It all helps she says. What worries her most? People not aspiring to high standards.

Liz's future? To support Eric in the field and maybe even to try mapping herself although she says that she's not sure if she has the right skills and personal attributes for it.

But then Liz loves a challenge and it is obvious she can do anything she sets her mind to.



Liz Bourne in 2008

QUEENSLAND PRIDE

Awards

Orienteer of the Year

Gerry Wilson analysed the results for 1977 in the *QOA Newsletter*, vol. 4, no. 1, 1978 and came up with the idea that 'QOA should have an Orienteer of the Year Award, like other states'. Later in 1978 Gerry wrote another letter to the editor requesting an official list of all placings in the grades eligible for the OY award. For that year the OY scores were:

Men:

1. Mike Keane
2. Gordon Howitt
3. Roger Bourne

Women:

1. Sue Fisher
2. Meredyth Sauer
3. Liz Barker

An award was not made for 1977 but at the end of 1978 OY winners were Meredyth Sauer and Mike Keane. Arnold Simson also received an award for 'most improved'.

In 1979 Roger Bourne suggested:

The 1978 scheme [OY] awarded points to placegetters in the A and B courses at all events other than badge events and state championships. This scheme, due to its simplicity, made no allowance for age and in fact completely omits younger orienteers who do not venture onto the longer courses. ...

Roger then went into how an age correction factor could be applied and listed the factors for 1979 and asked those who wanted to be included in the OY scheme to ring or write to him. Later in that year more adjustments were made to the scoring system, and in 1981 Rob Simson made suggestions of adjustments, and factors for age tables were published.

This system was improved again in the early 1990s when Scott Simson introduced 'course' as well as 'age' factors allowing a runner to choose any course on the day with the top score for any event being 200. He began a computer based calculation system that is the basis of the system today. There are usually nine OY events in the yearly calendar including Badge Events and the Queensland Championships.

OY has been keenly contested though some orienteers stand out in the results. The Sauer family (Trevor, Meredyth, Warwick and Heidi) have all been winners

with Trevor and Meredyth both winning the award several times. Gordon Howitt and Eric Andrews also stand out. Many Queensland orienteers who have been members of Australian representative teams appear on the list of winners. Others of note are Dawn Beck, Lynda Rapkins, Chris Sampson, Clive Pope and Fiona Calabro.

Since the early 1990s other awards have been added to the list with B class introduced and later other classes to reward those who show improvement or succeed at their navigation level. Recently Kurt Neumann has appeared on the list of winners. This competition, that rewards high achievement, promises to continue to improve orienteering performance.

President's Award

The President's Trophy was instigated by Ian Holmes in the early 1990s. Ian thought there was plenty of recognition for successful competitors but there was little recognition of people who contribute positively to the association in a myriad of other ways.

Recipients of the President's Award

1994	Deucker family
1995	Jenny Bryant
1996	Ian Holmes
1997	Malcolm Milner
1998	Fiona Calabro
1999	Donnita Dougall
2000	Tony Zandegiacomo
2001	Eric Andrews and Liz Bourne
2002	Cavanagh family
2003	Tim McIntyre
2004	Anna Sheldon
2005	Rob Simson
2006	Nola McIntyre
2007	Chris Spriggs

Course Setter of the Year

This award was introduced by Eric Andrews and is based on the skills of course setters for all major events in a calendar year and monitored by an independent panel.

Recipients of the Course Setter's Award

2006	Albert Piper BBB
2007	Anna Sheldon UG

Zonta Award

The Zonta International is a worldwide service organisation of executives in business and professions working together to advance the status of women.

One of their aims is to encourage and support women who serve their communities at a global and a local level and they do this by offering scholarships, grants or awards to individual women who are making a special contribution to a club or association.

The late Helen Lahey was an active member of the Zonta Club for many years and also a keen orienteer since it began in Queensland. Helen, with her friend Lois Cherry, was an energetic member of Ugly Gully until the time of her sudden fatal illness in 1989.

Helen was respected and admired in orienteering circles. She was also the treasurer of Ugly Gully for several years and an imaginative fund-raiser. It was a familiar sight to see Helen selling goodies, including native plants that she had raised, at orienteering events to raise money for Zonta. When Helen died the Zonta club wanted to honour her name and decided to offer an annual award to a woman who has served orienteering which supports many similar ideas and values as the Zonta club.

When the Zonta award was established Helen's sister Elizabeth Baxter, aged sixty at the time, joined Ugly Gully feeling that she wanted to investigate orienteering and discover what had given Helen so much pleasure over the years.

Eighteen years later when Elizabeth celebrated her eightieth birthday at an orienteering event she said that



Helen Lahey



Miriam Holmes

her only regret was that she hadn't yielded to persuasion to go orienteering with Helen when she was alive.

Two exceptional women and how lucky orienteering has been to have them.

Recipients of the Zonta Award

- 1988 Barbara Pope
- 1989 Dorothy Simson
- 1990 Judy Deucker
- 1991 Esther Townsend
- 1992 Lois Olive
- 1993 Cath Howitt
- 1994 not awarded
- 1995 Kay Cole
- 1996 Pam Cox
- 1997 Miriam Holmes
- 1998 Jenny Schulz
- 1999 Jenny Brown
- 2000 Nola McIntyre
- 2001 Jay Mair
- 2002 Lyn Thomas
- 2003 Helen Sherriff
- 2004 Liz Jarvis
- 2005 Wendy Read
- 2006 Fiona Calabro
- 2007 Jenny Woods



Wendy Read



Lyn Thomas



Barbara Pope



Pam Cox (W55) and Dorothy Simson (W60), Kullogum 1996

Perseverance Cup

In 1982 an old tin mug donated by one of the landowners was cleaned up, mounted and destined to become the Perseverance Cup. Every year since then it has been awarded to the person who has stayed out for the longest time over the two days of the Queensland Championships and still successfully completed their courses.

On one occasion winning the cup was seen as an embarrassment and a reason for shame but generally it is accepted in the spirit that was intended ... a source of pride and admiration for the recipient who kept going and refused to give up. After all it would be very easy to DNF and sneak past the finish by a back route. But no, that is not good enough for a true orienteer.

Let's face it most of us have earned, but not received a perseverance award some time.

One winner on receiving the cup had a tale to tell about the bird watching he did on the way and sighting a pair of pied flycatchers that he had never seen before.

Another came home and wrote a classic article about the special planning and strategies he put into his successful bid for the coveted trophy titled 'How I managed to remain in the bush for 236 minutes and 52 seconds'. An excerpt only follows. Beauty Jim!

By the time you read this the 2007 Queensland Champs will be a fond fading memory for most of you. But for me it will still be a bright shining glorious event. It was the event where I achieved the pinnacle of my success as an orienteer. I am the proud winner of the Perseverance Cup. That much coveted prize for the orienteer who can remain in the bush longer than anyone else and still return home through the finish chute.

Some of you might say, 'It's easy to win that'. But let me tell you, it is the most difficult trophy of all to win. It takes hard work, dedication, skillful mis-reading of the map, and most of all, perseverance. You must also be able to make every mistake you've made over the years all within the time it takes to run one course. After



Jim Bowling

20 plus years of orienteering I felt that this was my year. I knew there were quite a few serious contenders who had beaten me in previous years, but this time I had a cunning plan. Here is how it went.

Not wanting to be too obvious I started my run in good form; along the watercourse, across the hillside with the dam on the right, over the saddle and along the gully on the left, then into the next saddle. This is where the first part of my plan began. Making sure no one was close by to see me I skirted down to the left instead of moving across the hillside on my right. Naturally I thumbed my map across the hillside. I was able to cross, and ignore, a gully, a hillside, and a couple of patches of green that were not on my thumbed track. I then used some boulders, which were in the wrong place to attack my control. This should have led me directly into the control; instead I sighted a major track through the bush. Now, I realized that if I went to the road I could quickly relocate and I would be on my way again. Instead I proceeded to run in a wide circle until I had returned to near where I was when I started. (Did you get that?) Running in a circle is fairly difficult and takes practice. Basically what you have to do is take a short step with your right leg and a long step with your left leg. This ensures that you will circle endlessly about until you wish to change direction. At that time you just change legs. I don't want to give away too many secrets so we will continue ...

Focus Please

During a Christmas Five Days event one senior orienteer emerged from the bush into a clearing and came across his wife who also appeared from the opposite direction. With a cheeky grin he looked around, pointed to some large rocks nearby and made an improper suggestion. His offer was sternly rejected and it must have affected his concentration because he went on to make a major mistake on the next leg.

Assembly Area Activities



The next generation, Christopher Nemeth and Oliver Peck, with Julie and Iris



An upmarket cubby at the Queensland Championships at Leyburn



Aidan and David Tay enjoyed cycling around the Dubbo Zoo while Mum, Su Yan, competed



Jessica and Kaitlin Radstaak recovering from an all night drive



Beefcake Challenge 2007: Oliver Mitchell versus Bridget Anderson while Lachlan McIntyre referees and other juniors barrack



Assembly Area at West End for a CATI event



Bridget Anderson at Dubbo 2007



Simeon Burrill found a good use for old strapping tape



Elizabeth Baxter's 80th birthday celebration

Queensland State Championships 1975 to 2008

Year	Map Name	District	Terrain	Organizing Club and Personnel
1975 - 25 July	Bunyaville State Forest 1:10 000 8 metre contours 3 colour (blue, brown and black)	Albany Creek	Spur-gully/open forest	QOA - Ron Green and Captain Tony McLennan
1976 - 30 May	Black Rock Creek 1:10 000 5 metre contours 3 colour (No longer just linear features!)	Maroon	Open grazing/undulating spur-gully	QOA - Mapped by Helen Sherriff, Rob Simson Organiser
1977 - 12 June	Leslie Dam 1:20 000 5 colour 5 metre contours	Warwick	Undulating, semi-cleared	QOA - Gerry Wilson, Trevor Sauer, Ron Green
1978 - 5-6 August	Bergin Creek	Bunyaville SF	Bush with steep spur-gully	QOA - Graham Buckley
1979 - 16-17 June	Clear Mountain and One Mile Creek	Brisbane North	Steep spur-gully	QOA - Trevor Sauer
1980 - 2-3 August	Gaven Forest 1:15 000 5 colour 6 metre contours	Coomera	Slash/hoop pine - steep	TF - Mapped by Rob Simson with entries to Bruce Risk
1981 - 1-2 August	Gap Creek 1:15 000 5 colour 5 m contours 1st computer drawn O map by Bill Fisher	Brookfield	Steep spur-gully	UG - Mike and Sue Johnston
1982 - 11-12 December	Passchendaele State Forest	Granite Belt, Stanthorpe	Granite and pine forest?	TF - Rob Simson
1983 - 30-31 July	Beerburum	Glasshouse Mountains	Pine/eucalypt forest - gently undulating	EN - Trevor Sauer, Eric Andrews and Doug Brunner
1984 - 4-5 August	Cordalba State Forest	Childers	Undulating eucalypt forest	BUSH - Peter Barnes, Gerry Wilson, David Miller, Geoff Campbell
1985 - 3-4 August	Changing Mountain	Mt Crosby	Undulating eucalypt forest	UG - Mike and Sue Johnston and Alf May
1986 - 2-3 August	Quinzeh Creek and Quinzeh Rocks	Camp Cable, Tamborine	Open pine forest/sandstone terrain	TF - Rob Simson, Henk Prins and Gordon Howitt UG (Controller)
1987 - 1-2 August	Woodlands	Gatton	Gently undulating spur-gully eucalypt	EN - Eric Andrews, Alan West, Lynda Rapkins, Hugh Barbour, Stuart Mead, Gordon Howitt UG (Controller)
1988 - 6-7 August	Opossum Creek and White Rock	Redbank Plains	Spur-gully with some steeper areas	UG - Sue Johnston and Henk Prins TF (Controller)
1989 - 5-6 August	Promised Land	Cordalba	Spur-gully/complex watercourse systems	BUSH - Murray Haines and Eric Andrews EN (Controller)

1990 - 1-2 September	Plunkett Siding and Plunkett Hills	Camp Cable	Spur-gully, sandstone in higher ground	TF - Steve Hamlet and Brian Coolahan UG (Controller)
1991 - 28-29 September	Esk State Forest	Esk	Pine forest and undulating spur-gully with some steep sections and sandstone rock detail	EN - Lynda Rapkins and Rob Rapkins EN (Controller) (Part of the Australian Championships Carnival organised by Eric Andrews)
1992 - 19-20 September	Amiens State Forest 1:15 000 and 1:10 000	Stanthorpe	Complex granite	BBB & RROC - Judy Deucker and 2 Controllers Day 1 Eric Andrews EN and Day 2 Gordon Howitt UG
1993 - 11-12 September	Springfield	Camira	Undulating spur-gully	UG - Ian Holmes and Meredyth Sauer EN (Controller)
1994 - 24-25 September	Cotswold	Rathdowney/Boonah	Spur-gully, sandstone outcrops	TF - Rob Simson and Gordon Howitt UG (Controller)
1995 - 9-10 September	Myers Lookout and Ironbark	Crows Nest	Undulating open eucalypt forest, scattered granite	EN - Lynda Rapkins and Rob Simson TF (Controller)
1996 - 24-25 August	Kullogum	Childers	Undulating to steep spur-gully	BUSH - Keith Grayson and Trevor Sauer EN (Controller)
1997 - 23-24 August	Crows Nest and Myers Lookout	Crows Nest	Undulating open eucalypt, scattered granite	RROC - Ian Taylor and James Sokoll UG (Controller)
1998 - 22-23 August	Mundoolun and Collins Creek	Mundoolun	Spur-gully	TF - Rob Simson and Rob Rapkins EN (Controller)
1999 - 28-29 August	Doonan's Run	Grandchester	Spur-gully	UG - Tim McIntyre and Neil Simson TF (Controller)
2000 - 7-8 October	Goomburra	Warwick	Steep to undulating spur-gully, open eucalypt forest	EN - Trevor Sauer
2001 - 18-19 August	Brooklands and Mountain Station	Stanthorpe	Undulating semi-open to open grazing land and forest; scattered granite	BBB & RROC - Liz Bourne, Piet Filet and Eric Andrews BBB (Controller)
2002 - 24-25 August	Neurum North and Neurum	Woodford	Forested granite hills and mountain slopes with open fast grazing land	SO - Gordon and Cath Howitt and and TF club Lynda Rapkins EN (Controller)
2003 - 23-24 August	Bettong	Cordalba	Undulating to steep spur-gully; open eucalypt forest	BUSH - Don Helmrich
2004 - 21-22 August	Old Hidden Vale North and Old Hidden Vale South	Ipswich	Undulating spur-gully	UG - Lance Read and Jonathan Sutcliffe Liz Bourne BB (Controller)
2005 - 27-28 August	Flagstone West	Jimboomba	Undulating spur-gully with complex vegetation detail	TF - Rob Simson and Tim McIntyre UG (Controller)
2006 - 19-20 August	Hunter's Hut and Graveyard Creek	Maryborough	Gentle spur-gully in open eucalypt	EN - Terry Cavanagh
2007 - 25-26 August	Leyburn Diggings and Ponderosa Road	West of Warwick	Undulating to steep spur-gully, generally open eucalypt forest	BBB - Liz Bourne, Eric Andrews
2008 - 20-21 September	Aramara	Maryborough	Spur-gully with complex creek systems	TF - Rob Simson (part of Australian Championships Carnival)

Queensland Schools Orienteers

Robin Simson

Beginnings

The first orienteering programs especially for Queensland schools were organised by Rob Simson and Helen Sherriff who were part of the newly appointed staff at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre. The program began with orienteering camps in 1976 but extended to Saturday and Sunday events around Brisbane in 1979 when the Queensland Schools Orienteering Association was officially established as a sub-association of the Queensland Secondary Schools Sports Association.

Queensland Schools Championship events have been conducted since 1977. Outstanding performers in this event were Kristine Tracey who won the open girls class in 1979, 1980 and 1981 and Neil Simson who won the Senior Boys in 1981 and 1983. Since then Ainsley Cavanagh and Nathan Lawley have each won the senior event three years in a row.

Numbers participating have invariably been over 100 with a peak of 212 at Mt Coot-tha in 1979 when we had generous sponsorship and publicity through Milo closely followed by 209 in 1980 at Toohey Forest when the sponsorship was provided by Cadbury Schweppes. The Championships have always been held over two days since 1979, the first day being a three person relay event. The original winners were Sunnybank High in Senior Boys and Beaudesert High in Senior Girls. In 1987 the relays changed to an inter-regional competition.

Australian Schools Carnivals Begin

QSOA led the push during the 1980s to have Orienteering recognised by the Australian Schools Sports Council (ASSC) as one of their official school sports. Eventually acceptance came in 1988 and the first official Queensland Schools Orienteering Team was selected to attend the inaugural ASSC Australian Schools Orienteering Carnival in the ACT in October 1989.

Queensland hosted the third ASSC Orienteering Championship in 1991 when because of certain mishaps and disqualifications the Queensland team actually won the shield. The team has continued to do well because of the excellent coaching program now established for juniors in Queensland.

In 1993 the Queensland Schools team finished a very good second to the reigning champions the ACT who had a home State advantage. In 1994 the team could only manage fifth place in a carnival that for the first time had all the states represented. The compensation was the excellent performance of our senior boys who won both the team event and the relay. As well Ben Schulz became our first Australian Schools individual Champion by winning the M16-19 class convincingly against a top field. His sister, Ruth, completed a family double by winning the W16-19 class in 1997. Nathan Lawley also won M16-19 Championship in 2000 when the event was held during the APOC carnival on the Southern Downs in Queensland.



Helen Sherriff



Joan Sheldon



Finish at Schools Championships at Daisy Hill in 1981



Met East Region Relay Teams Holts Hill 1996
 Back: Ruth Schulz, Tara Dougall, Stephanie Wood
 Front: Alitia Dougall, Tomasina Calabro and Joanne Scott



Met East Region Senior Boys
 1st place team at Relay Champs Holts Hill
 L-R: Joel Johnston, Tony Scott and Lindsay Millard

However it wasn't until 2005 that the Queensland Schools Orienteering team established its superiority over the rest of Australia with a dominant performance at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championship in Tasmania. Queensland won the senior boys team and relay competitions, the junior girls team and junior boys relay and came close to winning in most other classes. An unprecedented five of the Queensland team were selected in the national honour team ... James Sheldon, Daniel Stott, Bridget Anderson, Oliver Crosato and Krystal Neumann.

In the 2006 ASOC event in Western Australia Queensland followed the 2005 triumph by tying for first place with the ACT. In a drama filled relay day Queensland had been announced the overall winners, only to find that a late decision by a protest jury saw the Queensland senior girls team lose one place to a re-instated Tasmanian team.

2007 saw more drama with Queensland leading the ASOC points table on the first day only to drop back to fourth place with a mis-punch in the senior boys relay and a disastrous second leg in the junior boys event. Both girls teams won.

Looking back through the records of Queensland Schools Carnivals over the years it is interesting to see that although there is an overall improvement in the standard of the more serious competitors some of our early winners were excellent orienteers. For example, the 1979 Senior Boy winner was Arnold Simson (Sunnybank) who completed the 5.6 km course at Black Rock Creek, Maroon, in 39:35 min. compared with the 1993 winner, Ben Schulz (BGS), who took 39:02 min. for 5.9 km on the Cherrabah course. Similarly Sonia Evans (Sunnybank) took 39:02 min. for 4.2 km in 1979 compared with Ainsley Cavanagh's 2002 winning time of 37:11 min over 3.9 km.



In 2005 this was the first Queensland Schools Team to win the Australian Schools Trophy
 L-R Back Row: Joan Sheldon and Ian Taylor (Managers), Daniel Stott, Simon Mee, Kathryn Hansen (Res), Grace Burrill, Bridget Anderson, Julia Sullivan, Fiona Calabro (Coach) Middle Row: Oliver Crosato, Joshua Neumann (Res), Julian Taylor, Ben Freese (Res), Gary Flynn, Krystal Neumann, Jessica O'Connell (Res) Front Row: Oliver Mitchell, Jarrod Harvey, Ruth Burrill, James Sheldon, Laurina Neumann, Stephanie Strong, Brooke Pye



Queenslanders in the 2005 Schools Honour Team were Bridget Anderson, Oliver Crosato, James Sheldon, Daniel Stott and Krystal Neumann



Julian Taylor, Oliver Crosato and Gary Flynn proudly display the Queensland flag

International Representation

Queensland school orienteers who have gone on to Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC), World Cup (WC) or World Orienteering Championship (WOC) representation are Arnold Simson (WC), Scott Simson (JWOC and WC) Kerrie Lesko (JWOC), Ben Schulz (JWOC); Lorenzo Calabro (JWOC, WC and WOC), Melissa Thomas (JWOC), Ruth Schulz (JWOC), David Moran (JWOC), Nathan Lawley (JWOC), Anna Sheldon (JWOC, WOC), Ainsley Cavanagh (JWOC) and Bridget Anderson (JWOC).

Lorenzo Calabro and Anna Sheldon have gained the highest honours by being selected in Australian world championship teams - Lorenzo in the WOC team in Finland in 2001 and World Cup events in 2002, and

Anna in the World MTBO Championships in Australia in 2004, where she won a bronze medal in the relay, and Europe 2005. Anna has topped this off by being selected for WOC in foot orienteering in 2006 and 2007.

Anna Sheldon has gone on to be Queensland's most accomplished orienteer with a terrific year in 2006 when she represented Australia competing very creditably at the World Orienteering Championships in Denmark and followed it up by winning the Australian Orienteering Championship classic distance race at York, Western Australia; more recently in 2007, in the Ukraine, Anna finished 30th in the WOC classic race.



2006 Queensland Schools Team tied for first place after a drama filled relay day
 Front: Harry Mee, Julia Sullivan, Brooke Pye, Bridget Anderson, Lilian Burrill, Glennie Nottle; Middle: Kurt Neumann, Melanie Neumann, Julian Taylor, Chantelle Freebairn, Krystal Neumann, Joshua Neumann, Oliver Crosato;
 Back: Simon Mee, Erin Wallace, Grace Burrill, Ned May, Gary Flynn, Ben Freese, Kelsey Dougall.

Several of our best junior performers in recent years were contenders for places in the Australian team for the Junior World Championships held in Dubbo in July 2007. Unfortunately they all missed out except Bridget Anderson. But the year was not all

disappointment for the schools team members with Simon Mee selected in the Australian Schools Orienteering team for the second time, and Krystal Neumann, Kurt Neumann, Lilian Burrill, Katie Doyle and Melanie Neumann also gaining selection.



Queensland Schools team in 1995

Back: Ben Schulz, Andrew Vikstrom, Scott Williamson, Lachlan McCallum, Glen Winning, Lyndsay Millard, Lorenzo Calabro, Kerryn Thomas, Nino Calabro, Genny Blades; Front: Keith Grayson, Liz Deucker, Melissa Thomas, Tony Scott, Fiona Calabro; Kneeling: Janelle Tuesley, Ruth Schulz, Judith Turner, Tara Dougall



2007 Queensland Schools Team hamming it up in front of the JWOC results board

Special Mention ... Andrew Vikstrom - Not One for Sitting Around

Remember Andrew Vikstrom? He was the sixteen year old who had an accident at the beach when he was in Bundaberg for the Queensland Championships in 1996 and was left a quadriplegic.

Well since then Andrew has graduated in architecture with second class honours at Queensland University and won an award with six other graduates enabling them to establish an architectural practice. He has designed and been project manager for the renovation of part of a National Trust Property, liaised with Palm Islanders about housing design and at present is project manager for the new Springfield Technical College to name just a few of his jobs.

Oh yes, he has also played wheelchair rugby for Australia and is now into sailing and snow skiing as well as generally chilling out with his mates.

No wonder his parents are so proud of him. And most impressive of all was the comment made to me recently by his Dad.

During the tough times when everyone was falling to pieces under the strain of dealing with everything, it was Andrew who was the strong one. He held us together.

Wow! That's Andrew.



Andrew taken from a
St Edmunds College team
photo in 1998

Key Person ... Helen Sherriff - Schools Orienteering

My Personal memories

I arrived in Queensland in April 1975 and made contact with Tony McLennan. Tony was in the Army and started O in Queensland, after being transferred here, I think in 1974. Just before I left the UK he had written a letter to the British Orienteering magazine, inviting any visiting Orienteers to try O in Queensland.

My first event was at Hilliards Creek, Cleveland. A black and white map! (In the UK the ones I had run on were either proper printed colour or Fordigraph colour.) A hot day (compared with Wales it was) and an incredible sense that, if I stuffed it up I would keep on going, on and on and on ... into the great Australian outback. I can remember sandy ground, swampy areas and very strange vegetation. I still really enjoy grass trees and banksias, and learnt the lantana is not native flora.

At other early events, I had an encounter with a carpet python in a hut used as a control on Bunya Park map, learnt the hard way to drink lots of water before events, met swarms of mosquitoes on a map Dave Flewell-Smith organised at the Glasshouses which gave me lumpy arms for days, fell into a deep waterhole on Toohey Forest and actually swam, between controls on an early North Pine Dam event.

School O memories

Then, after four months in Australia and a few other orienteering outings in Queensland and Victoria I found myself transferred to the newly opened Maroon Outdoor Education Centre (MOEC) with Rob Simson as my Deputy Principal.

My previous mapping experience had been limited. Now I had Ferrar's Paddock to map, with only the 1:50000 map to use as a base map. I started from a dot in the middle of a road junction, with that spot marked by a stone on the ground. I was quite pleased with the result, and then competitors at our first Queensland Badge event came back from their courses and gave us a few more features to add to the map, including a



Helen taken from a
St Edmunds College team
photo in 1998

Talking About Rain

Imagine the shock a group of golfers received when a soaked apparition emerged from a flooded creek at Nudgee, looked around the golf course, half waved and then plunged back into the water holding a piece of paper above his head. Clive was just trying to swim back onto the map.

[Helen would probably remember the Nudgee map]

rather huge erosion gully I'd managed to miss on the wooded hillside. I remember being flattered that Dave Lotty and Ted Wester (president OFA at that time) drove all the way up from Sydney to attend that event.

We initiated the interschool orienteering events using the format of a training day on the Saturday, followed by a championship race on the Sunday, giving students the chance to try this new sport out.

I was then transferred to Lowood High, and started orienteering with the students, entering both club events and the interschool events that Rob had started running. Many of the students I took to events, had not previously been to Brisbane. Wivenhoe was being built and at the camp township there were many families who had spent their lives working round the State on different dam or roads projects. So, Orienteering was the focus in the morning, followed by visits to the top of Mt Coot-tha, Moreton Bay, Story Bridge or Art Gallery! This made for long days out, often finishing with parents feeding me.

Lowood had success at O with some students continuing in the sport.

As with several other teacher orienteers, I changed schools and started again with another team at St Edmund's College (SEC), Ipswich. Here I had the benefit of the use of school vehicles, and the ethos of a strong school sports culture. We started with a grade 8 camp in 1992 and introduced all to O on a home made map of Bullocky's Rest, North Pine Dam. After that camp, there was enough enthusiasm to form our first orienteering group which included Mark Moran and Andrew Vikstrom.

We have had 15 years of SEC involvement, attending both Reid Moran's Ipswich Schools O training and some of the Brisbane interschool events. The height of our achievement was our being named top O school in Oz in 1997, which the team well deserved. We had several years of wins at Torre Relays, and numerous students selected into the State Schools squad. As

always in Schools O parent involvement was very necessary, and the era of Sue Bennet assisting me was noted for the lemon slice and mini pizza's she made the team. Driving out to after school events was always a winding down at the end of the day, and whilst they were racing round the bush, I kept adding to the local bird list.

Stars of our team during the big years were David Moran, Tristan Pollock, Andrew Moran, Nathan Lawley, Olly Mitchell and Mat McGuire. On Andrew Vikstrom's return to school after his accident, he took on the role of Team Captain, being very encouraging and a good advisor to boys after their runs.

Beyond school level, David Moran, Nathan Lawley and now Olly Mitchell have been selected in JWOC teams.

The rest of the College really had no idea of what we actually did at orienteering, but we have persevered with trying to inform and educate. We have coped with weird interpretations of orienteering by adults. (Year 10 camp used to do a 4 man team O which took most of a day looking for very large heavy tin can markers in the hinterland of Bogangar, NSW.)

It has been a real pleasure to have had the opportunity to introduce and work with so many really talented students in our sport and to know that many of these have continued past school age in the sport.

From Club Memories

I was one of the founder members of Ugly Gully and at the meeting when an emblem was discussed. The Hurtle was based on a T-shirt from Manchester University Orienteering Club, which had a logo with the classic hare with the tortoise.

I recall the days when most people brought food to eat after events and chat.

I have enjoyed competing on so many areas that are now under houses, especially those beautiful grass trees on the Cabbage Tree Creek map and the ghost gum forest along the creek at Springfield.

Which Queenslanders have starred on the front cover of the *Australian Orienteer*?

Max Read ... June 1992

Peter Plunkett-Cole ... June 1993

Nicholas Spriggs ... January 1996

Lorenzo Calabro ... Autumn 2001

Anna Sheldon ... June 2007

Craig Steffens ... December 2007

Rachel Effeny ... March 2008

QUEENSLAND HOSTS NATIONAL EVENTS

Many years ago the Orienteering Federation of Australia made a decision about staging of the two major Australian events - the Easter Three Days (now the Australian Three Days) and the Australian Championships.

It was recognised that there were significantly higher numbers of orienteers in Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT and that large numbers of competitors would not travel long distances to the two major events in consecutive years.

As a result of these factors, a four year rotation of each event was arranged for the closer, stronger states (Vic, NSW, ACT) and each eight years for Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

Consequently Queensland has taken its turn in organising both the Australian Three Days and the Australian Championships and occasional other major events which have come its way.

Queensland is proud of the way these events have been run and has devised a system which is different from other states and appears to work well.

Queensland draws on all clubs for holders of key positions and teams are set up to manage particular aspects of the carnival. For example there will be a start team, a finish team, parking team, registration team, etc. which will manage their particular aspect for all the events in the carnival. This means that the team becomes very familiar with their own role and responsibility.

For a larger carnival, a club with a special interest may be allocated a particular event to manage.

Queensland has hosted the following major orienteering events:

- 1982 Australian Championships, Stanthorpe
- 1987 Easter Three Days, Elbow Valley, Cherrabah
- 1991 Australian Championships, Esk, Wivenhoe, Perseverance Dam, Amiens
- 1994 World Masters Games, Mt Crosby
- 1995 Australian Three Days, Crows Nest
- 2000 Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships (APOC), Southern Darling Downs
- 2001 Christmas Five Days, Stanthorpe
- 2004 Australian Three Days, Grandchester
- 2008 Australian Championships, Maryborough

Most carnivals include other events as well as the main event. These may consist of such events as state or family relays, mountain bike championships, state championships, the A-NZ challenge and schools championships.



1982 Australian Championships ... Passchendaele and Bullecourt

Dates	25-26 September, 1982
Event Centre	Stanthorpe
Maps	Passchendaele State Forest and Bullecourt
Mappers	Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson
Course Setters	Roger Bourne and Arnold Simson
Cartographer	Trevor Sauer
Coordinator	John Bourne
Controller	Bill Fisher
Participants	537

These were the first highly complex granite maps ever produced in Australia. The two young mappers lived in a caravan at the forest station for over eighteen weeks. Boulders less than two metres were not mapped, between two and six metres high were classed as small boulders and large boulders were greater than four metres. An amusing memory of this event was the small boulder labelled as such that was passed on the way to the event area. It gave us a warning about what to expect. This was Queensland's first major event and was hailed as highly successful as was the throwing of wet sponges at the good natured mappers after the event.



1987 Easter Three Days ... Elbow Valley

Dates	March, 1987
Event Centre	Warwick
Map	Cherrabah
Mappers	Rob Simson, Clive Pope, Tommy Ek, Hakan Svensson, Mikael Hannson, Gordon Howitt, Lance Read, Neil Simson, Doug Brunner, John Bourne
Cartographer	Trevor Sauer
Organiser	Rob Simson
Controller	John Bourne
Participants	697

Alf May's computer timing program meant that results were posted almost immediately after the runners had finished. A very difficult situation at the Cherrabah resort meant that in the lead up to the event John Bourne had to deal with several different uncooperative managers. Another memorable situation was two elite men who were racing for first place, dead heated in the finish chute and both had DNFd, one with his O pants down round his ankles.



1991 Australian Championships (Top State Carnival)

This carnival included Queensland Championships, score event, state and club relays and schools championships.

Dates	28 September - 6 October
Event Centres	Esk, Crows Nest, Stanthorpe
Maps	Esk Forest, Bigges Hill, Mt Dongineeraman, Harsletts Road, Amiens State Forest, Cherry Gully
Coordinators	John Jeffcoat with John Bourne assistant (carnival coordinators), Rob Simson (mapping), Eric Andrews (technical), Dave Erbacher (equipment)

Organisers	Lynda Rapkins, Adrian and Robin Uppill, Neil Simson, Malcolm Milner, Sue Johnston, Peter Plunkett-Cole
Controllers	John Bourne, Gordon Howitt, Trevor Sauer, Rob Rapkins
Participants	658

Work for this massive undertaking began four years before. The carnival was in serious doubt before it commenced due to the extreme heat and close proximity of bush fires in the area. For the first time schools events were incorporated into the national carnival. A very successful carnival with considerable praise and appreciation expressed by interstate visitors.

The final paper work and complete records of the carnival are presented in a manner which make it extremely easy for those wanting to review any aspect of the carnival's organisation.

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1994 World Masters Games ... Mt Crosby

Dates	8/9 October 1994
Event Centre	Brisbane
Map	Bluestone Creek
Controllers	Chris Fielding, Jay Mair, Eric Andrews
Organiser	Malcolm Milner
Participants	157 (including 25 Japanese, 4 Canadians, 3 Americans, 7 New Zealanders, 1 Fin, 117 Australians)
Profit	\$3753

QOA initially resisted being involved in these Master Games because the bulk of our orienteers would have been in South Australia attending the Australian Championships. OFA applied pressure and agreed to make up any loss. However with a World Masters Games grant of \$5000 and \$2500 sponsorship from Nerada Tea, the event was both a financial and sporting success. Each event was conducted in the mornings and was followed by lunch. The organising team was able to complete and print the results and hand them to all competitors immediately after lunch. One competitor was so keen that she rode her push bike from the Gold Coast each day.



1995 Australian Three Days ... Crows Nest

Dates	April 1995
Event Centre	Crows Nest
Maps	Myers Lookout, Ironbark, Flat Rock
Mapper	Eric Andrews
Coordinators	Dave Erbacher (carnival), Eric Andrews (technical and course setter)
Controller	Gordon Howitt
Organiser	Dave Erbacher
Equipment	John Bourne
Participants	758
Profit	\$14582

One of the strong positives about this event was that the large and very pleasant assembly and finish area was able to stay the same for the three events. Queensland turned on its best weather and it was a very short walk to a lovely lookout. The Ironbark map must be the only map in Australia with a poem on it, The Man from Ironbark by Banjo Paterson of course. John Bourne's creation of a crow in a nest overseeing the event was a classic.



The Eleventh Asia Pacific Orienteering Carnival

2000 Asia Pacific Orienteering Carnival (APOC 2000) ... Southern Darling Downs

This carnival included Aust Champs, A-NZ Challenge, Southern Downs Championships, APOC Individual and Relay Championships, APOC Short Course, Australian Relay Championships and Australian Schools Championships.

Dates	30 June - 9 July
Event Centres	Warwick and Stanthorpe
Maps	Brooklands, Mountain Station, Goomburra, Sandy Creek, Amiens, Dalmoak, Cascades
Mappers	Eric Andrews
Coordinators	Eric Andrews (carnival), Liz Bourne (promotions), Ian Holmes (computing), Rob Rapkins (start), Tim McIntyre (finish), Dave Erbacher (search and rescue),
Controllers	Eric Andrews, Rob Rapkins, Malcolm Milner, Trevor Sauer, Rob Simson, Gordon Howitt,

Course Setters	James Sokoll, Clive Pope, Fiona Calabro, Ian Taylor, Eric Andrews, Rob Rapkins
Participants	1085, including orienteers from Canada, China, Denmark, Hong Kong, Japan, Ireland, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Switzerland, United States
Profit	\$31600

APOC 2000 was the largest event that Queensland had ever hosted and because of the Sydney Olympics in September our event was held in winter. The best orienteering terrain is in Stanthorpe which is also the coldest part of the state. A business plan was drawn up by Richard Robinson four years prior to the event and once this had been approved by QOA it became the tool for the APOC organising committee. For the first time a specific Search and Rescue plan was developed because of the cold conditions and the number of overseas competitors who would be unfamiliar with our terrain. Unfortunately this needed to be put into action to track down a wayward Aussie!

The event was a great success and Queensland orienteering gained some fantastic new maps, prestige related to conducting a quality international event, some ingenious new equipment designed by John Bourne, sponsorships and other equipment requirements thanks to Tony Zandegiacomo and a handsome profit.

2001 Christmas Five Days ... Stanthorpe

Dates	27-31 December 2001
Event Centre	Stanthorpe
Maps	Brooklands, Mountain Station, Sandy Creek, The Cascades, Dalmoak
Coordinator	Dave Erbacher (carnival)
Controller	Eric Andrews
Entries	Ian and Miriam Holmes (plus Computing)
Promotion	Liz Bourne
Participants	323
Profit	\$9981 to QOA, \$3659 to the National Training Squad

Queensland had always been considered too hot for a Christmas Five Days but the lure of the excellent APOC maps won out. The relatively low key event is traditionally run with a minimum of helpers but still provides quality courses. It also provided an opportunity for the National Training Squad to supplement its funds, likewise the clubs who ran several of the events. Courses at these events were run early in the day to avoid the heat and results were calculated on a best four results out of five races. Daily and spot prizes were also awarded as is the tradition for the Christmas Five Days. A great time was had and the weather was kind enough to forestall heat exhaustion.

Queensland Hosts

In addition a MTBO event was conducted by the Sunshine Orienteers in the Amiens forest and attracted fifty entries.



2004 Australian Three Days ... Ipswich

This carnival included Short O, Family Relays, MTBO, Australian Middle Distance Championships and Southern Downs Championships

Event Centre	Ipswich and Stanthorpe
Map Location	Grandchester, Ripley, Amiens
Maps	Old Hiddenvale, Ripley Rifle Range, University of Qld (Ipswich campus), Amiens, Passchendaele, The Cascades
Mapper	Eric Andrews
Coordinators	Dave Erbacher (carnival), Eric Andrews (technical), Tony Zandegiacomo (administration), Russell Creed (equipment)
Controllers	Liz Bourne, Rob Simson, Neil Simson, Reid Moran, Eric Andrews, Jon Sutcliffe, Gordon Howitt, Eric Andrews
Organisers	Lance Read, David and Jenny Schulz
Course Setters	Rob Simson, Rob Rapkins, Terry Cavanagh, Fiona Calabro, Anna Sheldon, Albert Piper
Participants	844 (A3D), 133 (MTBO), 400 (Middle Distance), 400 (Southern Downs)
Profit	\$41000

The State Government Regional Events Corporation gave a grant of \$18850 and the Ipswich City Council gave \$2530 as both organisations were very keen to see successful events in the area. Tony Zandegiacomo

also arranged sponsorship deals amounting to a further \$7847. The profit made by the event goes towards special development projects including the funding of the Cyclones squads.

This was the first major event in Queensland using the SPORTident system and was the second largest orienteering event ever staged in Queensland.

On the basis of exceeding our participation target by almost one hundred, on the very positive response received from competitors and on the financial outcomes, we judged this carnival a great success.



2008 Australian Championships Carnival ... Fraser Coast Region

Dates	20 September - 1 October
Event Centre	Maryborough
Coordinators:	Carnival: Eric Andrews Administration and Treasurer: Chris Spriggs Marketing and Publicity: Liz Bourne Event Secretary and Website: Julie Irvine
Mapping:	Rob Simson
Local Liaison:	Adrian Pitman

Following a decision by OA, this will be the first carnival where championships in all foot disciplines of orienteering - sprint, middle distance, long distance and relays - are conducted; also incorporating the Schools Championships and the Australian MTBO Championships.



Max Read, Nev de Mestre and Clive Pope

Champion, again and again

He has been president of Orienteering Australia, an Australian Champion and in the Australian team umpteen times. Then he felt the urge for a new challenge, so he took up with an old love.

Since then he has won ten World Masters Surfing titles and thirty two Australian Masters Surfing titles. He still appears a couple of times a year at orienteering usually for the state championships and maybe for the Aussie Champs. The blighter still manages to scare the top competitors.

Nev de Mestre of course.

QUEENSLAND STARS

Queenslanders in Australian Elite Teams

Foot Orienteering

World Orienteering Championships

2001	Finland	Lorenzo Calabro
2006	Denmark	Anna Sheldon
2007	Ukraine	Anna Sheldon

Junior World Orienteering Championships

1990	Sweden	Scott Simson
1994	Poland	Kerrie Lesko
1995	Denmark	Kerrie Lesko, Ben Schulz
1997	Belgium	Ben Schulz, Lorenzo Calabro, Melissa Thomas
1998	France	Lorenzo Calabro, Melissa Thomas, Anna Sheldon
1999	Bulgaria	Melissa Thomas
2000	Czech Rep	Anna Sheldon, Ruth Schulz
2001	Hungary	Anna Sheldon, David Moran
2002	Spain	Nathan Lawley
2004	Poland	Julia Davies
2005	Switzerland	Ainsley Cavanagh
2006	Lithuania	Ainsley Cavanagh
2007	Australia	Bridget Anderson, Rachel Effeney
2008	Sweden	Bridget Anderson, Rachel Effeney, Laurina and Krystal Neumann, Oliver Mitchell



Nathan Lawley (left) and David Moran (right) photographed in 1998



Ruth Schulz and Melissa Thomas at Easter 3 days in 1995



Jacquie Rand with daughter Lissette Schults-Rand in 2008

Mountain Bike Orienteering

World MTBO Championships

2004	Australia	Anna Sheldon
2005	Slovakia	Anna Sheldon
2007	Czech Rep	Thorlene Egerton, David Wood
2008	Poland	Thorlene Egerton

Ski Orienteering

World Ski Orienteering Championships

1984	Italy	Jacquie Rand
1986	Bulgaria	Jacquie Rand
1998	Austria	Jacquie Rand
2005	Finland	Melissa Thomas



Kerrie Lesko and Ben Schulz represented Australia at JWOC in 1995



Ian Anderson and Julia Davies in 2008



Ainsley Cavanagh just before she went to Switzerland in 2005

Young Stars

The issue of becoming an elite orienteer in Queensland is a particularly challenging one. The top level training regime is tough, gruelling and time consuming. Most careers have to be modified or put on hold. Injuries are a real possibility. Added to this is the absolute necessity to mix and compete regularly with top competitors in other states and hopefully overseas as well.

In the early years, elites in southern states had regular chances to race against each other in their own state's series, as the distance involved was not such a prohibitive factor. One of the popular races was the Eureka Challenge at Ballarat, which was held before Easter. Gradually this developed into a competition called the National Orienteering League (NOL), commencing in 1993.

But it was not easy for Queenslanders to go to many of these events. The distance and the cost of travel to many special events was a real problem for our young hopefuls. There was no QOA funding for fares or uniforms.

In 1990 Scott Simson was our only elite male and was selected in JWOC that year. In 1994 Toohey Forester Kerrie Lesko was also selected for JWOC and again with Ben Schulz in 1995.

However later in the 1990s and the early 2000s Scott, and a growing band of young elites including Lorenzo Calabro, Kerryn and Melissa Thomas, David Moran, Ben and Ruth Schulz, Nathan Lawley, Anna Sheldon and Julia Davies would travel as often as possible to NOL events specifically to race against other elites. They ran initially as a team called the Allies which included the other outer states, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia. These outer state teams gradually broke away to form their own teams, with Queensland first competing as the Cyclones in 2001.



Rachel Effeney, Bridget Anderson and Krystal Neumann 1st, 2nd and 3rd W20E at NOL event in 2008



Oliver Mitchell and Laurina Neumann after both gaining first placing on Day 2, Easter, 2008

The experience obviously paid off with most of this group being selected and travelling overseas in JWOC teams.

Many of these earlier stars moved overseas or interstate to continue with their sporting and other careers with the exception of Anna who had flexibility with her study and was able to stay in Queensland.

Understandably some were lost to orienteering between junior and senior levels due to injury or finding the cost in time, money and commitment prohibitive. Others like David Moran turned to other disciplines, for example, MTBO instead.

Some funding for Queensland Elites was introduced for 2001, but it was still quite minimal, with a lot of strings attached.

It wasn't until the end of 2003 that the situation for Queenslanders improved when Terry Cavanagh was successful in putting a submission to QOA for comprehensive funding so that our young stars could at least have financial help to attend the NOL events. Having such strong advocates as Anna Sheldon and Wendy Read undoubtedly helped the case and QOA provided a grant of \$10000 during 2004 for the three Cyclones squads that has continued annually ever since. In 2003, Orienteering Australia introduced the Junior National Orienteering League (JNOL), in recognition of the large numbers of Juniors attending the NOL events. In 2006 and 2007, the Junior Female trophy was won by the Queensland Cyclones.

In 2005 and 2006 Ainsley Cavanagh joined the ranks of Queenslanders in JWOC teams followed by Bridget Anderson and Rachel Effeney in 2007 and to top it off, Bridget and Rachel again in 2008 joined by Laurina and Krystal Neumann and Oliver Mitchell.



Rachel Effeney third runner in the first placed W17-20E team with Laurina Neumann and Bridget Anderson 2007 Australian Champs



Anna and Peter Sheldon in the new look O suit for 2008

Queenslanders in Australian WOC Team

Lorenzo Calabro and Anna Sheldon even reached the lofty heights of being selected in the Australian Team for the World Orienteering Championships: Lorenzo in 2001 and Anna in 2006 and 2007.

What an investment OQ funding decisions for athlete development has proved to be; from a mere \$1000 for our up and coming stars in 2002 to over \$16000 in 2007 (including fund-raising events and functions by the Cyclones) to be spread between the Cyclones, the Junior Cyclones and the Mini Cyclones. Just look at the results!

As the following article from the March 2007 issue of the *Australian Orienteer* shows there have been many Queensland young stars who have learnt heaps, had a great experience and a lot of fun by being part of the highly regarded Queensland Cyclones over the years.

At the same time our young talent is being nurtured through the Junior Cyclones and Mini Cyclones teams with many of them no doubt aspiring to become members of the top elite team.

Cyclone History

A quick skim over the archives reveals moderate Cyclone activity from Queensland through the latter part of the 20th century, (TC Scott, TC Melissa, TC Lorenzo,



Ben Schulz and Lorenzo Calabro in Australian track tops in 1997

TC Michelle). Although able to hold their own after breaking away from the 'Outer States' team, long distance travel (usually over land) to NOL events with little or no financial support weakened the team to a point where The Cyclones began to peter out.

However since 2003, continued significant financial and managerial support from Orienteering Queensland has brought about an escalation of the frequency and intensity of Cyclonic activity interestingly coinciding with increased global warming. If recent successes of the Queensland Schools Team (1st 2005 and equal 1st 2006) and the JNOL Team (1st 2006) are any indication of future Cyclone activity, then batten down the hatches!

Global Warming? Queensland is Hot!

Recent climate patterns have generally seen Cyclones with female names develop as higher category storms causing moderate to severe damage to neighbouring states. Emerging from a deep depression in 2004, members of the 'Bomb Squad' (female cyclones TC Anna, TC Julia & TC Wendy) surged to second place in the Australian Champs Relay at Clonilton, NSW, a first for The Cyclones!

In May 2005, a severe Cyclone hit the Rylstone region resulting in the first ever NOL round win for the squad. In 2006, the junior Cyclones blew away the rest of the field to win the JNOL trophy and the women, with the inclusion of TC Rachel, stormed the relay podium again.



Wendy Read in adventure racing gear

Off the Radar

Cyclones main fundraising activity is the running of the Summer Park Sprint series. Our attempts to sell fundraising chocolate and cleanskin wine have usually proved counterproductive to our training efforts, neutralising any benefits of our traditional long Saturday morning team runs through the forests of Mt Coot-tha.

Cyclones are the ultimate cross-trainers. During the 'eye' of the orienteering season, squad members regularly participate (with varying degrees of skill and success) in Rogaining, Adventure Racing, Physics Olympiads, Tap Dancing, Mountain Biking, Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Surfing, Athletics, Road Cycling, Fire Twirling, Skiing, Bushwalking, as well as stopping for the odd



Julia Sullivan (BUSH) and Brooke Pye (TF) at an Australian Schools Championships

coffee. Go and chat to them sometime to find out just who does what in their spare (ha ha) time!

Despite generous support from OQ, the funding dollar stops there. The state of our squad uniforms is testimony to our lack of sponsorship. Indeed, it will probably rain in Queensland before we get new kit, but one day, we too will wear slick, speedy O gear. We are poor, but having fun in our storm coloured pajama suits!

Thankfully the Queensland Cyclones' selection policy does not reflect the Bureau of Meteorology's tropical cyclone naming protocol, whereby significant cyclones are 'retired' once they have wreaked havoc on Australia. Neither is selection constrained by alphabetical sequence of first names - keep a close watch on the movements of TC Olly, TC Laurina, TC Kieran, TC Bridget and TC Simon ... Despite TC Wendy being marked for



Disappointment for Simon Mee at the Australian Three Days at Dubbo in 2008

retirement by the Qld BoM, policy states that decaying cyclones can retain their names as they may regenerate. In fact, team selection has been complicated at times by the slow rate of decay and re-intensification of significant older cyclones!!

Long Range Forecast

Cyclones coach, Geoff 'The Weatherman' Peck, predicts greater devastation to come in extensive regions of southern Australia in 2007 and beyond. With leadership shown by team mascot TC Larry the Wedgetailed Eagle, we look forward to stronger performances from the male contingent of the Cyclones team in years to come.

To ensure southern states continue to be buffeted by cyclonic winds and torrential rain, a rich pool of quality athletes is developing, ready to create orienteering havoc over the next few years. Under the guidance of Rob Simson and Fiona Calabro, talented juniors progress from mini to junior and then on to Senior Cyclones Squads. Combined with the school's program, success at the junior level has come about primarily through the result of many years of hard work by those at this developmental level. The trick, however, will be to maintain a climate that continues to develop persistent and tenacious Cyclones.



Clare Leung and Thor Egerton stretching at a UQ Park Event in 2006



Lynne and Terry Cavanagh ...
keen advocates for the Cyclones

Cyclones over the Years

- 1993 Scott Simson
- 1994 Rachel Nolan
- 1996 Lance Read, and Mark Nemeth
- 1997 Nino Calabro, Ben Schulz,
and Lorenzo Calabro
- 1998 Melissa Thomas
and Kerry Thomas
- 1999 Anna Sheldon
- 2000 Michelle Scott
- 2002 Dave Moran, Nathan Lawley
and Thor Egerton

- 2003 Wendy Read, Heike Torggeler,
Julia Davies and Ainsley Cavanagh
- 2004 Torgeir Watne, Dane Cavanagh,
Ian Anderson, Ruth Burrill
and Clair Hawkins
- 2005 Matt Bourke, James Sheldon,
Gayle Quantock-Simson
and Keiran Sullivan
- 2006 Jukka Oikarinnen, Daniel Stott,
Peter Sheldon, Laurina Neumann,
Rachel Effeney, Bridget Anderson,
Grace Burrill, Michelle Cantwell and
Clare Leung
- 2007 Oliver Mitchell, Krystal Neumann,
Mathieu McGuire, Ian Anderson,
Simon Mee, Peter Sheldon,
Wendy Read, Bridget Anderson,
Ainsley Cavanagh,
Laurina Neumann, Anna Sheldon,
Kieran Sullivan and Rachel Effeney

STOP PRESS

Thor Egerton was selected in the Australian Team at the World MTBO Championships in Poland in 2008 after performing brilliantly at the trials in Victoria on 19-20 April ... 1st Long Distance, 3rd Middle Distance and 3rd in the Sprint.



Cyclones, 2007 - Back: Oliver Mitchell, Krystal Neumann, Mathieu McGuire, Ian Anderson, Simon Mee, Peter Sheldon;
Front: Wendy Read, Bridget Anderson, Ainsley Cavanagh, Laurina Neumann, Anna Sheldon, Kieran Sullivan, Rachel Effeney.

Other Queensland Stars

Queenslanders placed in Australian Championships

1972 - Vic.

Queenslanders attended but none were placed

1973 - Camp Hawkesbury, NSW

No Queenslanders in results list

1974 - Murray's Corner, ACT

No Queenslanders in results list

1975 - Tallarook, Vic.

Queenslanders attended but none were placed

1976 - Belanglo, NSW

Queenslanders attended but none were placed

1977 - Orroral Crossing, ACT

Queenslanders attended but none were placed

1978 - Warby Range, Vic.

Queenslanders attended but none were placed

1979 - The Boyd, NSW

M20A	1	Roger Bourne	TFQ
W16A	2	Kristine Tracey	ENQ
W50A	3	Joan Bourne	TFQ

1980 - Bothwell, Tas.

M20A	1	Roger Bourne	TFQ
M50A	2	Gordon Howitt	ENQ
W16A	1	Kristine Tracey	ENQ

1981 - Korweinguboora, Vic.

M14A	2	Neil Simson	TFQ
M16A	2	Steven Andrews	ENQ
M56A	2	John Bourne	TFQ
W18A	2	Kristine Tracey	ENQ
W20A	3	Lucy Barnes	TFQ
W50A	3	Joan Bourne	TFQ

1982 - Bullecourt, Qld

M12A	3	Scott Simson	TFQ
M18A	3	Lance Read	ENQ
W14A	1	Wendy Pope	UGQ
W18A	1	Kylie Pope	UQQ
W35A	3	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ

1983 - Stockton Dunes, NSW

M16A	2	Neil Simson	TFQ
M56A	2	John Bourne	TFQ
W20A	3	Kristine Tracey	UQQ

1984 - Mount Clear, ACT

M21E Class first introduced			
M14A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M20A	2	Lance Read	ENQ
M21A	2	Piet Filet	UGQ
M50A	3	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M60A	1	John Bourne	TFQ
W12A	2	Heidi Sauer	ENQ
W20A	2	Kylie Pope	UQQ
W21A	1	Liz Bourne	ENQ
	3	Christine Gregg	BBQ
W35A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W45A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ

1985 - Crocodile Reservoir, Vic.

W21A	1	Christine Gregg	BBQ
M18A	2	Neil Simson	TFQ
M45A	2	Max Read	ENQ
M55A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M60A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
W35A	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ

1986 - Kaiserstuhl, SA

M12A	2	Warwick Sauer	ENQ
M55A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M60A	2	John Bourne	BBQ
W21A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W60A	3	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1987 - Corin Forest, ACT

M12A	1	Warwick Sauer	ENQ
M18A declared no race but Scott Simson was listed third			
M20A	3	Neil Simson	TFQ

M50A	1	Max Read	ENQ
	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
M55A	3	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
W35A	1	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W50A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W55A	2	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1988 - Avon Valley, WA

M21A	2	Glen Fergus	ENQ
M45A	3	Eric Andrews	ENQ
M50A	3	Clive Pope	UGQ
M55A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
	2	Don Bajenoff	UGQ
M65A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
W60A	2	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1989 - Dragonbones, NSW

M20A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M35A	1	David Firman	ENQ
M50A	1	Max Read	UGQ
	3	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
W12A	2	Kathleen Grayson	BUQ
W35A	3	Sue Johnston	UGQ
W50A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W60A	3	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1990 - Dunga Mount, Vic.

M20A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M35A	3	Ross Coyle	UGQ
M55A	3	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M65A	2	John Bourne	BBQ
W35A	3	Robin Uppill	UGQ

1991 - Amiens, Qld

M16A	3	Sean Bryant	ENQ
M21A	3	Lance Read	UGQ
M50A	1	Dave Erbacher	TFQ
	3	Peter Plunkett-Cole	UGQ
MW70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
	2	Lois Cherry	UGQ
W10A	3	Eleanor Bishop	PLQ
W35A	1	Robin Uppill	UGQ
W40A	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W55A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W65A	1	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ

1992 - Non-Smokers Flat, ACT

M10A	1	Sam Wilson	BBQ
M35A	3	Lasse Valtonen	TFQ
M60A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M65A	2	John Bourne	BBQ
W35A	1	Robin Uppill	UGQ
W40A	1	Sue Johnston	UGQ
	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W55A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ



Meredyth and Trevor Sauer discuss the map with Rob and Neil Simson at a Christmas 5 days

Queensland Stars

W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
	2	Lois Cherry	UGQ
1993 - Evans Crown, NSW			
M14A	1	Joel Johnston	TFQ
M16A	2	Ben Schulz	TFQ
M55A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
	2	Max Read	UGQ
	3	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M60A	3	Don Bajenoff	RRQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
W35A	2	Robin Uppill	UGQ
	3	Liz Bourne	ENQ
W40A	1	Sue Johnston	UGQ
W55A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W65A	2	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1995 - Creswick Diggings, Vic.

M16A	2	Joel Johnston	TFQ
M18A	3	Nino Calabro	TFQ
M21A	3	Lance Read	UGQ
M55A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
	2	Max Read	UGQ
M65A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
	3	Ray Kelly	UGQ
W45A	1	Heidi Read	UGQ
W50A	3	Robin Spriggs	UGQ

1996 - Mount Pearson, Tas.

M18A	1	Lorenzo Calabro	TFQ
M20A	3	Antonino Calabro	TFQ
M55A	1	Max Read	UGQ
M60A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
	3	Robin Simson	TFQ
W14A	3	Alitia Dougall	TFQ
W70A	1	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
W75A	1	Lois Cherry	UGQ

1997 - Burra Creek, ACT

M60A	1	Max Read	UGQ
M65A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
	2	John Jeffcoat	TFQ
W16A	2	Anna Sheldon	UGQ
W18A	1	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
W45A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W60A	2	Jocelyn Solomon	UGQ
W70A	2	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ

1998 - Malmalling, WA

M21E	3	Scott Simson	TFQ
M18A	3	David Moran	TFQ
M21A	3	Lance Read	UGQ
M60A	2	Max Read	UGQ
	3	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	3	Tom Tollbring	TFQ
M75A	1	John Bourne	BBQ
W12A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ

W20A	2	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
W21A	3	Wendy Read	UGQ
W40A	3	Liz Bourne	BBQ
W45A	1	Fiona Calabro	TFQ
W75A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ

1999 - Yuruga, NSW

M40A	2	Ian Taylor	TFQ
M60A	1	Max Read	UGQ
	2	Neville De Mestre	PLQ
	3	Gordon Howitt	SCQ
M70A	2	Ray Kelly	UGQ
M75A	3	John Bourne	BBQ
W10A	3	Bridget Anderson	UGQ
W18A	2	Alitia Dougall	TFQ
W20A	1	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
W50A	2	Heidi Read	UGQ
W60A	3	Pam Cox	TFQ
W75A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ

2000 - Brooklands, Qld

M21E	2	Lorenzo Calabro	TFQ
M12A	3	Kelsey Dougall	TFQ
M18A	3	Nathan Lawley	UGQ
M20A	3	David Moran	TFQ
M35A	2	Mark Nemeth	TFQ
M70A	1	Gordon Howitt	SOQ
M75A	3	John Bourne	BBQ
W14A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ
W20A	3	Anna Sheldon	UQQ
W80A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ

2001 - Badja North, ACT

M20A	3	David Moran	TFQ
M21A	3	Neil Simson	TFQ
M45A	3	David Firman	ENQ
M60A	1	Trevor Sauer	ENQ
	3	Hub Carter	SOQ
M65A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
	3	Rob Simson	TFQ
M70A	2	Gordon Howitt	SOQ
MW80A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
W35A	3	Wendy Read	UGQ

2002 - Pugilist Hill, Flinders Ranges, SA

M14A	2	James Sheldon	UGQ
M20A	2	Nathan Lawley	UGQ
M55A	3	Trevor Sauer	ENQ
M65A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
W12A	1	Julia Sullivan	BUQ
W35A	3	Thor Egerton	UGQ

2003 - Barambogie, Vic.

M14A	3	Simon Mee	TFQ
M16A	3	Calvin Deacon	RRQ
M20A	3	Nathan Lawley	UGQ
M40A	1	Tim McIntyre	UGQ
	2	Mark Nemeth	TFQ
W14A	2	Bridget Anderson	UGQ



Champions many times over - Elizabeth Baxter and Joan Bourne

W35A	2	Wendy Read	UGQ
W40A	3	Lyn Stichbury	SOQ
W50A	3	Jacque Rand	UGQ
2004 - Seldom Seen, NSW			
M14A	2	Thomas McIntyre	UGQ
	3	Kurt Neumann	ENQ
M40A	3	Lance Read	UGQ
M50A	3	David Firman	ENQ
M65A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
M70A	3	Gordon Howitt	SOQ
M75A	3	Ray Kelly	UGQ
W20A	1	Julia Davies	UGQ
W50A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ

2005 - Littlechild Creek, Tas.

M14A	2	Oliver Crosato	RRQ
M55A	1	Geoff Peck	UGQ
M65A	1	Robin Simson	TFQ
W12A	1	Kaitlin Radstaak	TFQ
	3	Lisette Schultz-Rand	UGQ
W16A	3	Bridget Anderson	UGQ
W40A	2	Gayle Quantock-Simson	TFQ
	3	Felicity Crosato	RRQ
W14A	2	Krystal Neumann	ENQ

2006 - Hill Park Dale, WA

W21E	1	Anna Sheldon	UGQ
M16A	3	Julian Taylor	UGQ
M35A	1	Neil Simson	TFQ
M70A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
M70A	2	Rob Simson	TFQ

Queenslanders placed in Australian Three Days**1975 - Kareelah**

This event was billed as the 'Kareelah 3 Days' but no Queenslanders were listed in results

1976 - Bambra, Vic.

No results listing available

1977 - NSW

No results listing available

1978 - Turallo Creek, ACT

No results listing available

1979 - Sedgwick, Vic.

W15	1	Kristine Tracey	QLD
W50	3	Joan Bourne	QLD
M19	3	Roger Bourne	QLD

1980 - Goulburn, NSW

W15A	1	Kristine Tracey	ENQ
M19A	2	Roger Bourne	TFQ
M56A	2	John Bourne	TFQ

1981 - Wirrabara, SA

No results listing available

1982 - Mount Pilot, Chiltern, Vic.

M17A	3	Lance Read	ENQ
M19A	3	Tariq Holdich	UGQ
M56A	3	John Bourne	TFQ

1983 - Canberra, ACT

W35A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W56A	1	Joan Bourne	TFQ
M19A	2	Lance Read	ENQ

1984 - Bronte Park, Tas.

W45A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W55A	2	Joan Bourne	TFQ
M13A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M19A	1	Steven Andrews	ENQ
	3	Lance Read	ENQ
M60A	2	John Bourne	TFQ

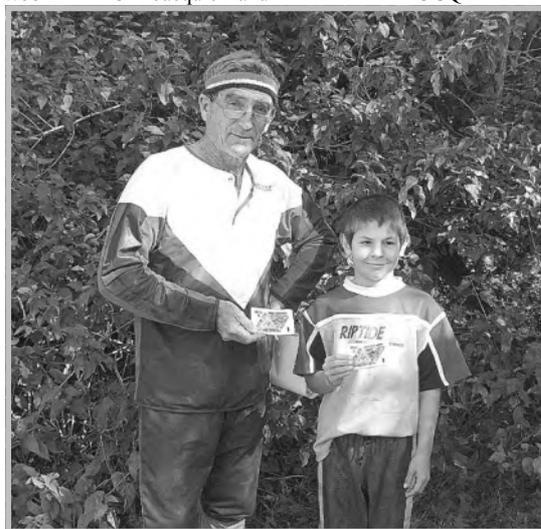
1985 - Wagga Wagga, NSW

W13A	1	Heidi Sauer	ENQ
W19A	3	Muffin Crokart	UQQ
W45A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W55A	2	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M21A	3	Lance Read	ENQ
M55A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M60A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

M75A	1	Gordon Howitt	SOQ
W10A	1	Stephanie Cantwell	UGQ
W14A	3	Lilian Burrill	BBQ
W35A	1	Julie Irvine	TFQ
W40A	2	Claire Leung	UGQ
W60A	3	Robin Spriggs	UGQ
W65A	2	Barbara Pope	UGQ

2007 - Dubbo, NSW

M17-20E	3	Kieran Sullivan	BUQ
W17-20E	3	Krystal Neumann	ENQ
M10A	3	Aidan Tay	UGQ
M12A	2	Matt Doyle	ENQ
	3	Dominic Crosato	RRQ
M16A	3	Kurt Neumann	ENQ
M35A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M40A	2	Tim McIntyre	UGQ
M45A	1	Mark Nemeth	TFQ
M60A	3	Greg Chatfield	UGQ
M70A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
	3	Robin Simson	TFQ
M75A	3	Ray Kelly	UGQ
W10A	1	Stephanie Cantwell	UGQ
W14A	1	Katie Doyle	ENQ
W16A	1	Melanie Neumann	ENQ
W40A	2	Clare Leung	UGQ
W55A	3	Jacque Rand	UGQ



Clive Pope and Jacob Neumann with M70 and M10 first place badges at the 2006 3-days

1986 - Kooyoora State Park, Vic

W21A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W45A	3	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W60A	3	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M15A	1	Scott Simson	TFQ
M50A	2	Gordon Howitt	UGQ

1987 - Cherrabah, Qld

W15A	3	Heidi Sauer	ENQ
W35A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W50A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ
M35A	2	Russell Creed	ENQ
M45A	2	Eric Andrews	ENQ

1988 - Bowral, NSW

W35A	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W50A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
M50A	1	Max Read	ENQ
	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
M55A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
	2	Don Bajenoff	UGQ
M60A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1989 - Big Badja, NSW

W35A	1	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	2	Robin Uppill	UGQ
	3	Liz Bourne	ENQ
W50A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ

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W60A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M19A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
M40A	2	Peter Lumley	UGQ
M55A	2	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M65A	2	John Bourne	BBQ

1990 - Burra, SA

W35A	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
	3	Sue Johnston	UGQ
M55A	2	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M65A	2	John Bourne	BBQ

1991 - Mudgee, NSW

W35A	1	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	2	Robin Uppill	UGQ
W55A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M50A	3	Max Read	UGQ
M55A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	2	John Bourne	BBQ

1992 - Ballarat, Vic.

W35A	2	Liz Bourne	ENQ
W40A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	3	Meredith Sauer	ENQ
W45A	3	Joan Whyte	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M55A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	3	John Bourne	BBQ

1993 - York, WA

W35A	3	Liz Bourne	ENQ
W40A	1	Sue Johnston	UGQ
	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M50A	3	Peter Plunkett-Cole	UGQ
M55A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
	3	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1994 - Canberra, ACT

W14A	3	Ruth Schulz	TFQ
W16A	3	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
W40A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W55A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
	2	Jocelyn Solomon	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M55A	3	Neville de Mestre	PLQ
M60A	2	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1995 - Crows Nest, Qld

W14A	2	Anna Sheldon	UGQ
	3	Nicole Thomas	RRQ
W16A	2	Ruth Schulz	TFQ
W18A	2	Kathleen Grayson	BUQ
	3	Kerryn Thomas	RRQ
W35A	2	Fiona Calabro	TFQ
W40A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	3	Robin Uppill	TTQ
W55A	2	Dawn Beck	UGQ



Emily Cantwell (UG), Katie Doyle (EN) and Danette O'Connell (RR) with third place Australian Relay badges in 2007

W60A	3	Dorothy Simson	TFQ
W65A	3	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M10A	2	Jamie Dougall	TFQ
M16A	3	Joel Johnston	TFQ
M21A	1	Mark Nemeth	TFQ
M55A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1996 - Orange, NSW

No clubs listed in results [added by editor]

W18A	2	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
	3	Ruth Schulz	TFQ
W35A	3	Liz Bourne	BBQ
W40A	3	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
W45A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W60A	1	Dawn Beck	UGQ
W70A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
	2	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
M18A	1	Lorenzo Calabro	TFQ
M60A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
	3	Don Bajenoff	RRQ
M65A	1	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1997 - Broken Hill, NSW

W16A	2	Anna Sheldon	UGQ
W40A	2	Liz Bourne	BBQ
W60A	1	Dawn Beck	ENQ
	2	Jocelyn Solomon	UGQ
W70A	2	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
W75A	1	Joan Bourne	BBQ
M16A	3	David Moran	TFQ
M20A	3	Lorenzo Calabro	TFQ
M55A	3	Dave Erbacher	UGQ
M60A	1	Max Read	UGQ
M70A	1	John Bourne	BBQ

1998 - Maldon, Victoria

W12A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ
W16A	3	Alitia Dougall	TFQ
W18A	1	Tomasina Calabro	TFQ
W45A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ
	3	Fiona Calabro	TFQ
W50A	2	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W70A	2	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ
M20A	1	Lorenzo Calabro	TFQ
M60A	2	Max Read	UGQ
M65A	2	Don Bajenoff	RRQ

1999 - Bothwell/Pittwater, Tasmania

W14A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ
W18A	2	Alitia Dougall	TFQ
W50A	1	Heidi Read	UGQ
M21A	2	Neil Simson	TFQ
M60A	1	Max Read	UGQ
	2	Gordon Howitt	UGQ
M65A	2	Tom Tollbring	TFQ
W10A	3	Clare Petrie	BUQ

2000 - Canberra, ACT

W21E	1	Melissa Thomas	RRQ
W14A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ
W20A	3	Anna Sheldon	UQQ
W40A	3	Liz Bourne	BB-Q
W50A	3	Heidi Read	UGQ
W60A	2	Dawn Beck	ENQ
M35A	2	Lance Read	UGQ
M55A	2	Trevor Sauer	ENQ
M60A	1	Max Read	UGQ
	3	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	3	Rod Crockart	UGQ
M70A	1	Gordon Howitt	SOQ
M75A	3	John Bourne	BBQ

2001 - Daylesford, Vic

W16A	1	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ
W20A	1	Anna Sheldon	UQQ
W50A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W65A	1	Dawn Beck	ENQ
M18A	2	Nathan Lawley	UGQ
M20A	1	David Moran	TFQ
M21A	2	Joel Johnston	TFQ
	3	Neil Simson	TFQ

Queenslanders at Dubbo in
2007

L-R: Clive Pope,
Su Yan Tay,
Kurt Neumann, Simon Mee,
Bridget Anderson,
Melanie Neumann,
Clare Leung,
Meredyth Sauer,
Scott Simson,
Katie Doyle,
Krystal Neumann,
Lilian Burrill,
Greg Chatfield,
Rachel Effeney,
Gayle Quantock-Simson
Reclining: Thor Egerton



M35A	1	Tony Woolford	RRQ	W55A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
	3	Mark Nemeth	TFQ	W65A	3	Pam Cox	TFQ
M65A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ	M16A	2	Simon Mee	TFQ
M70A	1	Gordon Howitt	SOQ	M18A	3	Kieran Sullivan	BUQ
	2	Ray Kelly	UGQ	M60A	1	Trevor Sauer	ENQ
2002 - Goulburn, NSW				2006 - Castlemaine, Vic.			
W16A	3	Ainsley Cavanagh	TFQ	W21E	2	Anna Sheldon	UGQ
W40A	3	Lyn Stichbury	SCQ	W17-20E	2	Ainsley Cavanagh	ENQ
W50A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ	W16A	2	Julia Sullivan	BUQ
M10A	3	Chris Firman	ENQ	M40A	1	Mark Nemeth	TFQ
M20A	2	Nathan Lawley	UQQ	M16A	3	Kurt Neumann	ENQ
M50A	2	David Firman	ENQ	M70A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ
M65A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ	M10A	1	Jacob Neumann	ENQ
2003 - Mundaring, WA				2007 - Burra, SA			
W35A	1	Wendy Read	UGQ	W17-20E	2	Rachel Effeney	UGQ
M35A	1	Lance Read	UGQ	W10A	1	Heather Burridge	UGQ
M65A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ		3	Renee Booij	TFQ
M70A	2	Tom Tollbring	TFQ	W14A	1	Katie Doyle	ENQ
2004 - Ipswich, Qld					2	Jacqui Doyle	ENQ
W10A	1	Lisette Schults-Rand	UGQ		3	Kaitlin Radstaak	TFQ
	3	Alison Burrill	BBQ	W40A	3	Clare Leung	UGQ
W12A	3	Lilian Burrill	BBQ	W55A	1	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ
W14A	1	Krystal Neumann	ENQ	M10A	3	Nicholas Burridge	UGQ
	3	Manal Monsour	UGQ	M12A	2	Matt Doyle	ENQ
W20A	1	Julia Davies	UGQ		3	David Tay	UGQ
W45A	1	Lyn Stichbury	SOQ	M16A	3	Oliver Crosato	RRQ
W50A	2	Lynda Rapkins	ENQ	M35A	2	Scott Simson	TFQ
	3	Meredyth Sauer	ENQ	M60A	3	Greg Chatfield	UGQ
W65A	3	Bev Brunner	TFQ	M70A	2	Clive Pope	UGQ
W70A	2	Jennifer Brett	TFQ	M75A	1	Ray Kelly	UGQ
W75A	1	Elizabeth Baxter	UGQ	2008 - Dubbo, NSW			
M10A	3	Simeon Burrill	BBQ	M17-20E	2	Oliver Mitchell	UG Q
M12A	1	Kurt Neumann	ENQ	W17-20E	1	Bridget Anderson	UG Q
M14A	2	Julian Taylor	UGQ		2	Laurina Neumann	EN Q
M21A	1	Arnstein Prytz	TFQ		3	Rachel Effeney	UG Q
M35A	2	Rod Dominish	ENQ	M-10A	2	Simeon Burrill	BB Q
	3	Mark Neumann	ENQ		3	Aidan Tay	UG Q
M40A	1	Tim McIntyre	UGQ	M35A	2	Scott Simson	TF Q
M65A	1	Clive Pope	UGQ	M40A	2	Lance Read	UG Q
M70A	2	Gordon Howitt	SOQ	M45A	1	Mark Nemeth	TF Q
M75A	2	Ray Kelly	UGQ	M70A	3	Clive Pope	UG Q
M80A	1	John Bourne	BBQ	W-14A	1	Jacqui Doyle	EN Q
2005 - Jindabyne, NSW				W-16A	1	Lilian Burrill	BB Q
W12A	1	Kaitlin Radstaak	TFQ	W17-20A	2	Jessica Radstaak	TF Q
W16A	1	Bridget Anderson	UGQ	W40A	3	Su Yan Tay	UG Q
W45A	3	Lyn Stichbury	SOQ	W55A	1	Jacquie Rand	UG Q
W50A	3	Fiona Calabro	TFQ		3	Fiona Calabro	TF Q

Key Person ... Anna Sheldon

Undoubtedly the biggest star we have had in Queensland orienteering has been Anna Sheldon who now leads an exceptionally busy life training and competing as an Australian elite runner, coaching and mentoring young Queenslanders, being part of the Cyclones squad and writing a PhD in soil science in her spare time.

It was a rare occurrence today to find Anna sitting on the grass looking relaxed before the event (mind you she had just put out all the controls) and it seemed like a great opportunity to grab a notebook and ask a few questions.

Her response to the question of when she began orienteering was met with a laugh and the comment 'Well actually I began in utero when Mum was about three months pregnant. Apparently we won the W21AS in 1980!

'As little kids we were all dragged along to events and I remember competing at Redbank Plains and Kooralbyn when I was primary school age. My real interest wasn't stirred until I was about fifteen when I went to one of Fiona Calabro's camps. It was great fun and I got the O bug. I really wanted to get into the schools team to go to the championships in Tasmania and so I started training. I made the team but messed up badly in my first race.

I'll never forget Blair Trewin speaking on the microphone about the race and the off hand way he glossed over my name caused Rob Simson to come up and say to me 'He doesn't know who you are yet but he will by the end of the day'. Those two comments really fired me up and I got second in the next race and started my career as a competitive orienteer.

I made it into the Schools team for the next two years and loved the trips to Canberra and Western Australia. Being in the Australian Schools honour team was a big thrill too.

In 1998 I made it into the JWOC team which competed in France and had a ball. Although I didn't do very well I learnt heaps.

Unfortunately I was sick at the trials in 1999 and missed selection but made it again in 2000 and 2001 for the Junior World Championships in the Czech Republic and in Hungary.

At that stage I had run out of my years as a junior and found it hard work to get into the Senior team. Four years of hard slog, some injuries and not really going



Anna Sheldon at a UQ Park Event in 2006

anywhere. However I did manage to get into the Bushrangers and race against the New Zealanders.

2004 was a bad running year for me so I turned to mountain bike orienteering. I managed to make the team for the World MTBO in Ballarat and we came away with a bronze medal in the relays.

In 2005 I did quite well in the World MTBO championships in Slovakia gaining a sixth in the middle distance and eighth in the long distance.

By 2006 I was keen to get back to foot orienteering again and learning to take a calmer approach to racing, controlling speed and improved concentration helped me gain selection in the Australian team for the WOC in Denmark. I was quite proud of my 40th in the middle distance, 44th in the long distance finals and 19th in the World University champs in Slovakia.

But the biggest surprise was while I was in Europe that year I borrowed a bike and got a second and a fifth in the European Championships beating the girl whose spare bike I had borrowed!

On the home ground I was well up with the elites but never at the top so my Australian Elite win in the long distance race in 2006 in Western Australia was a real milestone. It was also the first time a Queenslanders had won an elite race so it was wonderful for orienteering in Queensland as well. Big celebrations all round.

In 2007 I won the Australian middle distance and was once again chosen in the Australian team to compete in the World Championships in the Ukraine. 30th place in the long distance race was satisfying and, with the varying challenges that country and trip posed, to come back alive was pleasing!

I have decided to abandon MTBO. It is impossible to do both and Foot O is my biggest love. My goal for 2008 is once again to make the team for the World Championships in the Czech Republic.

My ultimate goal is to get into the top ten in the world champs sometime. I think I have a few years left of improving and competing at an elite level but I am not sure how many. At some stage I have to finish my PhD and start earning some money.

Right now I am working at coaching and trying to be a good role model and mentor to the juniors who are coming along. People like Bridget Anderson and Rachel Effeney are not far behind me and that is good. They are keeping me honest. Also I find that, in

coaching them, I have to synthesize and communicate my ideas and that helps me too. At this stage my experience gives me the edge but that won't always be the case.

In my early years I really looked up to Ruth Schulz and Melissa Thomas. They were older and better and I know how good it was to have them there.

I have learnt a lot over the years from my team mates in the Australian teams - people like Jo Allison, Grace Elson and Kathryn Ewells. Also it is great to bounce ideas off the other Cyclones and Wendy Read particularly has a very steady influence on me.

The fun, the challenge, being fit and able to fly through the forest give me the biggest high. It makes it all worth it.

One thing I know for sure is that I will always orienteer, as long as I can put one foot in front of the other.

Key Person ... Lorenzo Calabro

The Beginning

I was introduced to orienteering on a school cross-country training camp at Moogerah Dam when I was in year 8 (1991). Stuart Mead, one of the teachers, and a keen orienteer at the time, had set up an exercise as a novelty. I was hooked immediately. My first event was in September 1991 at Quinzeh Rocks. I got around an orange course despite avoiding the green at all costs for fear of snakes. Mum decided to run a course, rather than watch, and she must have enjoyed it because we had no trouble persuading her to drive us to events from then on.

Influences

I managed to make it into the team for the Australian Schools championships in 1993 which was spread between Lithgow, Bathurst, and Canberra. Yearly school camps had always been something I'd looked forward to but this ten day bus excursion made them seem mundane. There was the excitement of exploring unknown towns and terrains, but it was the friendships and rivalries borne of that trip and subsequent ones which really fired my enthusiasm.

Watching the World Cup in Ballarat in 1994 was a major inspiration. The athleticism and professionalism of both the competitors and the event was something new. We went and listened to the reigning world champion Petter Thoresen give a talk one night and I



Lorenzo Calabro racing in 2006

think just about every junior in the room silently resolved to train harder and make a JWOC team.

Closer to home, it seemed we were up at Stanthorpe or Perseverance Dam every third weekend for a training camp. We got a lot of good coaching. Sessions in the early days with Clive Pope and Adrian Rowland stand out, as do the long hours training at Toohey Forest, Crows Nest, Binna Burra, and just about everywhere else with Scott Simson.

Highlights

I've mentioned a few. For some reason, almost everything takes on a retrospective rose-tint. Even the memory of bashing through lantana at Springfield in 35 degree heat, being deafened by cicadas can bring about some nostalgia with a few years to dilute it.

Being selected in the 2001 World Champs team for Finland has to be one. I just scraped into the team, but the men's team that year could stake some claim to being the strongest Australia has ever fielded, and it was some privilege to be a part of. Unfortunately for me it was a little too strong. We had a 6 man team but only 4 run each race. I was initially drafted to run the long race. Troy de Haas who lived in Finland, and had hit awesome form was to sit this race out, preferring to save himself for the short distance. As the race drew closer the coach couldn't resist the opportunity to unleash Troy on all of the individual races and I was left without a run. It was a somewhat embarrassing and disappointing result for me and definitely a career lowlight.

I got my chance to run for Australia in the World Cup held in the mountains on the border of Sweden and Norway a year later and then in the Nordic Championships in 2003, although there too, I ended up frustrated, sitting out some races with the flu.

Other highlights were my two trips to the Junior World Championships in Belgium 1997 and France 1998. My best result was a 30th in the short distance and 34th in the long distance in France. JWOC is every bit as much fun as it looks. The 1998 event was held in the forest that caps the plateau 'Montagne de Reims' which is also the major grape growing area in Champagne. It was the scene of numerous WWI battles and much of the detail in the forest consisted of trench lines and shell craters. During the training camp we'd spend the mornings running through the battlements and our afternoons eating baguettes at our guesthouse in a small village surrounded by vineyards.

The big annual Scandinavian relay races Tiomila and Jukola also stand out as memorable experiences. I was lucky to run the first and second legs in both, in different years. One of the big appeals of orienteering is the thrill of running fast through untrodden forest, rough rocks, steep hills, soggy marshes and whatever else. When it's 11pm, you're running by torchlight and there are a thousand other competitors in the forest trying to get past you the feeling is even more intense.

The Future

A broken ankle, study, and the weekend work that it necessitates have prevented me from doing as much orienteering as I'd like over the last two years. Top-flight orienteering in Australia demands a near professional commitment. My goal, at present, is simply to compete and enjoy competing in the elite class. Queensland now has a fantastic crop of juniors and just-were-juniors, who are competing at a high level and making local competition exciting, so I'm enthusiastic about being a part of the Cyclones squad over the next few years.



Lorenzo and Nino Calabro officiating at an early MTBO event



Nino Calabro 2nd, Lorenzo Calabro 1st and Mark Nemeth 3rd at Mundoolun in 1998

HEART OF QUEENSLAND ORIENTEERING

Sauer Family

Meredyth Sauer

In 1973 Trevor saw a five-minute story on ABC TV which showed Dave Lotty and Frank Anderson orienteering in Sydney bush. He was immediately taken by the idea but there was no opportunity in Brisbane at that time to pursue it.

Then in 1974 he heard Tony McLennan interviewed on the radio about starting orienteering in Brisbane. Naturally he went along to the first event in the area around the Enoggera Army Base. Trevor to this time was remarkably 'unsporty', having spent an idle youth alternating between the dump and the movies as his after-school activities. Needless to say he enjoyed the experience.

I attended the second and subsequent events to show support for Trevor in this endeavour, having been a swimmer and lifesaver in my teenage years, but definitely not a runner. Consequently neither of us came to the sport as athletes.

We went out together and found our way around fairly primitive maps and courses. We took two young friends with us to an event, had a disagreement about whether to go left or right when we came to a track; so took a child each and made our own way back. From then on we went out separately thus saving our marriage.

Shortly after, Tony McLennan was posted to Townsville and the people left behind in Brisbane had to take on the responsibility to map, organise and run events and the association if orienteering was to survive in Brisbane.

Trevor took over the mapping task and was diligent in finding new areas and mapping them. Every time we were going anywhere Trevor would take us on detours looking for suitable areas, and then we would lose him

nearly every weekend to mapping, seeing him only after dark fell. He even went mapping local areas between morning and evening surgeries.

He would then spend night after night at the light-table drawing the map (no OCAD then). This involved transferring the field work on to mapping film by tracing the field work through the film. This became much more involved when color maps started being developed, with up to nine layers being done separately, with holes punched to fit plastic studs in the corners to get the registration perfect. Trevor would then go to the printer and stand over the printer until he was satisfied with the result.

Our garage became the QOA map storage area and remains so to this day. The garage also contains all the old map drawings, a copy of every Australian championship men's elite course and a copy of every *Australian Orienteer*. Not much else in our garage.

Trevor also became the newsletter editor for many years, with our dining table taking on the role of collating area. When a more sophisticated version of the newsletter was mooted he handed over this role to a newsletter team.

When the first Queensland Championships were held at Bunyaville in 1975 on a three colour map we billeted a NSW orienteer who came up to offer Queensland support for their first major event. Frank Anderson showed us maps and courses from NSW and could show us exactly where he went and said things like I lost 20 seconds here when we were at the stage of thinking a twenty minute error was a small

Decorations

Trevor explained to the group of searchers looking for an elusive control that if you are certain you are right, tear a corner off your map and leave it at the spot. They all duly followed his example and a veritable Christmas tree resulted. An embarrassed Trevor confessed to the group later that he had mis-marked his map and the control was where it should have been.



Meredyth, Warwick, Diane and Heidi Sauer at an event in the 1970s [not an O suit in sight]

error. We were gob smacked but were starting to see the challenges and opportunities this sport offered.

I started jogging around the block in 1976 hoping to get a bit faster, hoping to catch the more proficient open women, Sue Fisher and Helen Sherriff. As the distances increased so did the fitness. Trevor started jogging too. His first attempt was six hundred meters and he claims he collapsed at the half-way point. I went on to compete rather well in fun runs, a marathon, numerous half-marathons, and some sixty kilometre events in Lamington National Park.

Rogaining has also engaged us, and we have travelled overseas to compete in both orienteering and rogaining.

We carted the family to the Australian Six Days at Ballarat in 1981, and Heidi, then eight years, entered the W12 (W10 didn't exist) and equipped herself very well, on courses most unsuitable for juniors. One leg on one day had them contouring across a slope and a gully looking for a map correction pit, marker in pit, with many little people returning to the finish line in tears and not wanting to go out again.

As a result of complaints from parents at this and other events, OA commissioned Trevor to draw up guidelines for the setting of junior courses. I was briefly on the OFA being the first female representative on that august body, and tried valiantly to push for the women's winning times to be equal to the men's. The OFA was unwilling to put this to the IOF as they were endeavouring to obtain the World Orienteering Championships in 1985, and did not want to 'rock the boat'.

Many Queenslanders were hooked on travelling to these sophisticated events, whilst local events were still minimally organised. There were various transport options used, and many times we travelled in a light plane, and QOA organised a couple of bus trips to southern events. One trip ended in our bus going up the last emergency stopping ramp (and back down again backwards) coming down the Ben Lomond hill outside Glen Innes at midnight and although shaken, no-one was

injured. However enthusiasm waned for O bus trips after that. Very strong friendships were nonetheless formed with other Queenslanders and with southern orienteers. We looked forward to these interstate events to meet up again with our new friends.

Heidi and Warwick were developing into great little navigators, and both managed to win their age class on occasions. Heidi competed successfully against some who went on to compete in the Australian team, but gymnastics was her preferred sport. Diane enjoyed coming for a while, but rarely went out on a course, preferring to hang around helping put up results. Warwick also cooled although he has been known to come to an occasional event to try to beat Dad. He achieved this once only, a bit of a humbling experience for Dad. Warwick is currently in Sydney, he's running, and considering giving O another shot.

I have had various successes, Australian Team selection, winning the Easter Three Day and the Australian Championships at times. I blame Trevor for these successes, I would happily have competed in B grade when we first went south but was goaded into A grade by Trevor saying 'far more honourable to come last in A than first in B', although I've never been nearly as good a navigator as him.

Trevor is well known for usually running down, preferring to compete against his long-term rivals, and has 'booked' fourth place for many years, in that younger group. Prizes are not important to Trevor. He's known for his eccentricities - green jungle boots and his giggle hat worn inside out, both from army refuse stores, thriftiness, minimizing luggage when travelling, self-effacement. It is with relish that he tells of his Ogie Awards. His favourite is 'The Best 180 Error' when he tried to hitch a lift on Boxing Day, in heavy traffic, with a sign announcing his destination. He was eventually enlightened - by a motorist - that he was on the wrong side of the road.

Orienteering has given us some wonderful friendships and memories, and taken us places we never would have seen if Trevor hadn't heard that radio interview in 1974.



Trevor Sauer
at Xmas 5 days 2005

The Quiz that Stops the Nation

Maybe the quiz didn't stop the whole nation, but it did stop an OFA meeting, and that is really something. Why? The committee wanted to watch and cheer on Trevor Sauer in the Who Wants to be a Millionaire Quiz.

Bourne Family

John Bourne

John's First Orienteering Event

I first heard of orienteering when I read of it in a book while browsing in a bookshop. It sounded interesting but I thought that it would be difficult to organise. Later Richard (who was a distance runner) heard that orienteering was being organised in the Brisbane area. Richard, Roger and I went to our first event on 31 June 1975 at Mount Gravatt. The markers were ice-cream buckets and instead of the cards which are used nowadays we had pieces of paper with squares printed on them. There were no punches and each bucket had a crayon attached by a string. It was a wet day and the crayons would not mark the paper so I poked a hole in the square to mark the controls I had visited. Roger had trouble and ran off the map and came back about two hours later.

Bourne Family up to May 1994

An Article in the *Australian Orienteer* in Issue No. 5/94 September 1994 written by Liz Bourne provides a background to this orienteering family.

The Bourne family from Queensland (parents Joan and John and their offspring, Jane, Liz, Jenny, Richard and Roger) first got involved in orienteering via Richard's cross country running interests. From their best recollections, John, Richard and Roger attended an event at Toohey Forest in August 1975 where, despite a very crude black and white map, cardboard controls and coloured crayons (which ran when it rained), they managed to get sufficiently hooked on the sport to drag the rest of the family along. Jenny went to her first



Above: Roger Bourne relaxing after a run in 1978

Right: Running in the forest neatly attired in O suit in the 1980s



Audun Fristad and John Bourne at Morisset in 1979

event the next month and over the next few years other family members attended Brisbane events irregularly.

Jane, who had shifted to Canberra after she graduated, started orienteering in the ACT in 1974. Accompanied by husband, Rex Saye, to her first event there, they could not even manage to find the assembly area so had to return home. After this illustrious beginning, they then competed infrequently during the 70s and 80s, while they raised their three children, Vickie, Katherine and Robert.

By 1977, at least some of the Bourne family were venturing interstate with John gaining 5th place in the Men's 50 class at Easter and 8th place at the Australian Championships that year. Jenny meanwhile had shifted to Leeton in New South Wales and began competing regularly as a member of the local Waggaroo club, coming 2nd in the 1977 NSW Night Championships and winning the W21A class at the 1978 ACT Championships.

The 1979 Australian Championships at The Boyd (NSW) saw the first emergence of the Bourne clan as a force to be reckoned with. Jenny took out first place in the W21A class while younger brother, Roger, won the M19 class. Liz, who at this stage attended orienteering events erratically when she could fit it in with other outdoor pursuits such as bushwalking, managed a third placing in the W21B class. Her mother, Joan, was also placed 3rd in her W50 class.

The real star of the family, Jenny, continued to improve her orienteering skills in leaps and bounds and by 1981 was selected in the Australian team to contest the World Championships in Switzerland. She subsequently

went on to represent Australia at the World Championships in 1983, 1985 and 1987. The World Cup race in Tasmania in 1988 marked the end of Jenny's competition at the elite level, devoting herself instead to raising her three children, Julie, Belinda and Ian.

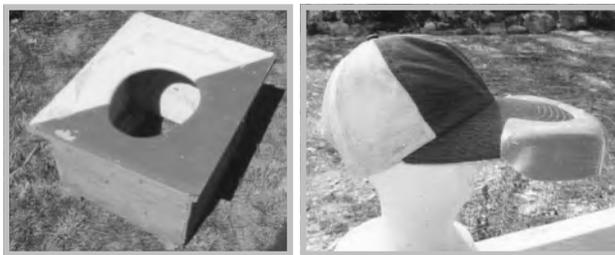
Jenny came out of 'retirement' to compete at the Veteran World Cup in Tasmania in 1992 where she won the W35 class from a strong field of local and international competitors. Her talents shone again at this year's Veteran World Cup [in Scotland] where she won the W40 class in convincing style ... the only placegetter amongst the Australians.

Since the early eighties, Joan, John and Liz have been competing regularly at state, interstate and national events with reasonable success. John took his first overseas orienteering trip to Europe in 1978. He and Joan have subsequently competed in the Scottish Six Days in 1983 and 1991 and, more recently, in the Veteran World Cup in Scotland in August [in 1994]. While Liz has yet to make it to Europe, she has been part of the Australian team competing in the Australia-New Zealand Challenge in New Zealand in 1983, 1987, 1989 and 1994. Roger has had one overseas orienteering trip when he represented Australia at the Student World Cup in 1980 but since then has been more involved in climbing up cliff faces than navigating around them.

The Bourne family's involvement in orienteering has not just been confined to competing. Roger was the first to get involved in mapping when he teamed up with Arnold Simson to produce maps of the complex granite terrain at Passchendaele and Bullecourt near Stanthorpe in southern Queensland for the 1982 Australian Championships. John helped field work the Cherrabah map for Easter 1987 and has field worked and drawn a number of other local maps in subsequent years.



Jenny Bourne at Mango Hill in 1978



John Bourne is well known for his quirky inventions

Liz has dabbled in a little mapping as sidekick to her husband, Eric Andrews, in some of his earlier mapping jobs in Queensland, but is not certain she has the patience to stand still long enough to take it up as a fulltime occupation. While overseas in 1983-84, Jenny and her husband, Geoff Lawford, worked in Italy and Norway making O maps and have done some limited mapping in Australia since then.

On the technical side, John has been involved in organising or controlling a number of major events held in Queensland. His engineering skills have also been put to good effect in the design and construction of such invaluable items as the QOA trailer and the famous Bourne toilets which have travelled to all major Queensland events, providing much relief and comfort to their users. He and Joan also played a major role in establishing the Southern Downs' Bullecourt Boulder Boulders Club in the early eighties and have been mainstays of the club ever since.

In the administration area, Liz has been involved in a variety of positions on the Management Committee of the QOA for over a decade and has been the State's OFA Councillor for much of this period.

The next generation of Bournes are starting to emerge on to the orienteering scene with Jane's children, Vickie, Katherine and Robert, now competing regularly in the ACT, and Vickie recently being selected in the ACT Schools Team. Richard's boys, David and Mark, are also becoming more regular participants with David achieving some success this year and also being selected in the ACT Schools Team. Jenny's children still have a few years to go before they are in their mother's league although Julie seems to be grasping the basics of map reading quite well.

If it wasn't for their orienteering interests, the Bournes would probably not see each other nearly so often, being scattered between Brisbane, Stanthorpe, Sydney and Canberra. A grand gathering of the clan was held at this year's Easter event with all members of the family competing at the one event for the first time. Combined with various offspring and husbands, this made 17 competitors, a formidable force for any family relay! Only the Wilmotts could outdo us in the productivity stakes!

Bourne Family since May 1994

Since May 1994 John and Joan have competed in the Scottish Six Days on three occasions and Joan came second in her Class in 1991. John, Joan and Jenny competed in the World Veterans Championships in 1994, in Scotland, and Jenny won her Class - the only Australian to win a Class.

John, Joan, Jane, Elizabeth, Jenny, Richard and Roger all competed in events in the Brisbane area and interstate from 1994 with varying success. Jenny moved to Leeton in the Murrumbidgee area and worked at the Yanco research centre. She used to drive to Wagga Wagga for orienteering and Rod Dominish was an early mentor. She was National Champion on various occasions and was in the National team for the world championships on three occasions. She won W35 in the Veterans World Championships in Tasmania in 1992, the only Australian to win a Class. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Canberra.

John won his age class in the Australian Championships in 1997 and 1998, and The Easter Three Days in 1993 to 1996 and again in 2004. Joan won her Class in 1991 to 1996.

John and Joan competed for the last time in 2005 and have retired from competing but they still help with the organising of events. John has a large shed on his property and stores much of the OQ equipment that is used for major events in Queensland

Jenny's second daughter, Belinda, was a member of the Australian team for the JWOC events at Dubbo in 2007. She was picked a few weeks before her 16th birthday so we wonder what she will do in the future.

Since this was written by John, Belinda has again been selected in the Australian team for JWOC in Sweden in 2008.

Guess Who?

Surely ours must be the only sport in which a competitor got her first ever pair of spikes for her 80th birthday; Joan Bourne of course.



Three generations of the Bourne family gathered together at Orange Easter 1996 at which 17 family members competed
 L to R Standing: Geoff Lawford, Rex Saye, Jane Saye, Vickie and Katherine Saye, Richard Bourne, Robert Saye, Joan Bourne, John Bourne, Denise Bourne, Mark and David Bourne, Eric Andrews, Liz Bourne
 L to R Seated: Belinda, Ian and Julie Lawford, Jenny Bourne-Lawford, Sally Wilson, Roger Bourne, Hilary Wilson

Howitt Memoirs

Cath and Gordon Howitt

One day quite out of the blue, daughter Christine came home from Kedron High School and said 'Dad we were shown a new sport at school today, by Stoffi, one of my teachers. You should be able to do it with all your survey work and mountaineering and tramping in NZ.' [Bruce Stoff introduced many to the sport]

'Sounds okay but what is this sport?'

'It is called Orienteering. You have to navigate around a course using a map and compass. There's an event at Mt Coot-tha this weekend that I can go to with some of the school people.'

That event came and went, but somebody had told Christine there was a public event in a week or two at Bunyaville, wherever that was.

So Christine and I went along to Bunyaville. What an eye opener for me. I did my easy course all by myself but took an hour plus, probably closer to two hours. Guess who showed me how to read the map; what to look for; what a flag was; what to do if lost. That's right - Trevor Sauer showed me.

Back home I studied that map. It was black and white with some odd errors, like a watercourse crossing a ridge. Much thinking later I decided that orienteering was an easy sport for me to do because: 1) I could read maps easily from several years' survey work in NZ and 2) I was pretty fit from many years tramping, mountaineering and mineral exploration work in both NZ and Australia.

In those days map drawing was slow and tedious - no OCAD. I often photographed maps for Trevor and enlarged them at different scales, then Trevor could copy them on a light table - you all know what a light table is, don't you?

Being an odd character has its lighter side. I don't drink or smoke but learnt many years ago to say silly things without being embarrassed - always good to see how people react. In many big events at the start, I get such odd looks when I ask people how they are feeling.

The things I have tried over the years, and some of them really work, like swinging both arms forward and backward together - try it - it works. Always tell people don't breathe in, just breathe out. Again it works. Most nights I use this technique before going to sleep - I get both lungs full of new air without carrying 30% or more of stale air in both of my lungs.

My primary objective at each orienteering event was to work on only one aspect or technique until I got it right. Then next event work on another aspect.

Major problem was which hand to hold what in. And this meant deciding what sort of compass to use - there were small compasses, medium compasses, much longer compasses and much newer thumb compasses. I finally decided to use a medium right hand compass clamped on the map leg as with a thumb compass. Much later I made a variation to that so that at a glance I could estimate how many degrees east or west of north, and change direction accordingly.

We moved from club to club as we moved around greater Brisbane. But how places change - many places we ran on with Enoggeroos are now buried in houses and shopping centres.

I remember there was an event where there was such a strong wind blowing that one of the toilets, occupant and all, blew over. Probably the same event was my first ever on sand dunes - a different technique needed but how can you train for sand dunes in Brisbane?

And the time Christine and self went to the Easter Three Days at Ballarat. Blew a hurricane all night and all the tents got flattened. I always say there's a funny side to everything.



Gordon and Cath Howitt celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in January 2006



Gordon (no shirt), Cath and Christine (with black hair) in early 1980s
 ... wonder if this was a novelty event, given Gordon's sense of fun, he was running without a shirt
 and someone has only half an O pant!!!!

The most important thing I found to improve my O ability was getting involved in organising, course setting and mapping. Hardest thing is concentration once you start on your course.

Then there was the time I ran down an age class and met this guy from Canberra. How wonderful it was meeting Margaret de Mestre and her husband Neville who still knows how to be a competitor.

I remember another trip south by bus with Christine. It was a great event, but coming home I got sleepy so lay on the floor, dozed off ... suddenly got bumpy and people and gear were everywhere. Our brakes failed on a down hill steep bit so the driver drove up a safety ramp. I quickly became wide awake!

I recall an event somewhere in the western suburbs - the only time I have ever run through a forest fire - a bit frightening really.

It is also possible to concentrate too much - a very fast down hill leg and here's me trying to find an attack point when suddenly 'Aargh' I found an unmarked section of barbed wire fence. Took a week or two to heal.

My worst ever accident was not in the bush running but walking along the roadside near Kedron - put my heel in a hole in the ground and sprained an ankle - six weeks out from running in NZ in the Australian-New Zealand Challenge. Just made it to Naseby! Since that day I have done daily strengthening exercises and continue the same today.

Orienteering led me of course to rogaining which is really O for up to 24 hours. But that is another story. However O should learn from rogaining that overnight camping and the social atmosphere make the difference.

Learned about taking photos at O events - if you are really serious about taking good pictures then don't run or don't be an organiser.

Cath's Story

Gordon started orienteering in 1979 with Christine (our daughter) when she was at Kedron High School. At that time we owned a corner store at Zillmere and somehow I got to work in

the shop while the other two went orienteering on a Sunday. Some Sundays one of our other daughters would work with me. After we sold the shop I would go to an event with Gordon and as I didn't know anyone I would sit in the car and knit or write letters to my family in NZ.

This continued for some time until one day Wendy Tracey took me out with her. It was all very confusing as I didn't know how to read a map or what a contour was (still don't).

When we moved over to Kenmore because of work I started to go out with different people and would do a very easy course. I enjoyed being out in the bush and saw many flowers and animals.

Once I started going interstate with Gordon I met all his friends that he ran with and some of their wives. We have been to many interstate events in Australia and several in NZ.

I was just thrilled when I won my first badge even if it was B grade.

Since we moved to the Sunshine Coast ten years ago we don't go to many events in the Brisbane area because of fuel costs and mileage.

In 2007 I started doing mountain bike orienteering and really enjoy that, but a few health problems may put paid to that.

Simson Family

Rob Simson

Rob Simson, then aged 39, was appointed Deputy Principal at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre (MOEC) in 1975. Helen Sherriff, an experienced orienteer from Wales, was also appointed to the staff. With Rob's background in Geography and mapping and Helen's knowledge of the sport, they soon made orienteering a feature of the outdoor program for visiting school groups.

Rob joined the Queensland Orienteering Association, and did his first few events on the poor quality black and white maps then being used. Frustrated by the experience Rob gathered information on orienteering mapping and set to work with Helen's help to produce better maps for Queensland Orienteering.

Their first map was Ferrar's Paddock including the MOEC and Lake Maroon foreshore, and their second effort was Black Rock Creek, on which they were able to host the 1976 Queensland Orienteering Championships. Both maps were produced in colour with Rob doing the cartography. Trevor Sauer, who had become QOA President late in 1975, had also taken up mapping and was able to share experience and provide advice to Rob.

Rob won his first race on the B Course at Mt. Gravatt in June 1976. By this time his eldest son Arnold was competing and finished 2nd in the C course. Running times were slow in those days. Rob took 87 minutes for 4.6km and beat Helen Sherriff who ran the same course in 90:15. Once again the poor quality mapping didn't help and there was debate over the positioning

of controls, resulting in 20 DNFs out of a field of 42. At the next event at Bunyaville, nine year old Neil also competed, and daughter Jennifer was beginning to show an interest.

Rob and Helen Sherriff soon turned their interest towards school orienteering and organised the first Queensland Schools Orienteering Championship on the Black Rock Creek map, on 11 July 1976. This event attracted about 40 starters even the five year old Scott went out into the forest with his sister, Jennifer.

The Queensland Schools Orienteering (QSO) Championships has become an annual event on the Queensland School Sport calendar ever since with Rob being in the organization in some aspect every year. Indeed the QSO event grew so quickly in status that, with Milo sponsorship in 1979, 212 school students participated at Mt. Coot-tha. When in that same year, the Queensland School Orienteering Association (QSOA) was formed, Rob became president, a position he held till 1996.

In the summer of 1977 the Simson family toured Tasmania before attending the first Australian Five Day Orienteering carnival at Ballarat with 16 other Queenslanders, 3-7 January 1978. They, like the other Queenslanders were amazed at the size of the competition with almost 700 participants, including over twenty from Sweden. Rob competed in H35A, Jennifer in D19, Arnold in H17-18, and Neil H12. Also present were two families that were destined to become closely linked with the Simsons as the years passed.

They were George and Ljubov Seidl, with their two daughters, Elizabeth D15-16, and Ljubov (jnr) D12, and

Heard of This One

A newsletter in 1979 had an article written by Arnold Simson president of SPLANE (Society to Prevent Low Attendance at Night Events).



Luby Seidl, Arnold Simson, Jen Woods with baby Aaron, Nicole Woods, Neil Simson, Dorothy Simson, Scott Simson and Rob Simson in 1987

Gordon and Emily Quantock and daughters, Gayle D17-18, Tracey D15-16 and Nicole D12. Arnold was immediately attracted to the younger of the two Seidl girls, a diminutive blonde with exciting expressive eyes, and was to marry her when she turned 19, in September 1985. It was much later in December 2004 that Scott, the youngest Simson, tied the knot with the ever graceful Gayle, the eldest of the Quantock girls.

Jennifer's interest in orienteering continued to grow, and so she accompanied Rob on a camping trip to the 1978 Easter Three Day at Turallo Creek in ACT. Rob finished 5th in M35B and Jennifer 9th in W19B. Again there were over 600 competitors, with the Seidls and the Quantocks amongst them. In May that year Jennifer left home for a teaching position at Alpha in Central Queensland where there would be no orienteering.

In 1979 the Queensland Orienteering Association decided to foster the formation of regional orienteering clubs, and the Simson and the Bourne families got together to launch Toohey Forest Orienteers, with Arnold as President and Roger Bourne as Technical Officer. (Roger won the M19 Australian Championship at Oberon that year and his sister Jenny, living in NSW, won W21A). The club adopted the running grass tree as a logo and John Bourne organised the art work for badges and T-shirts. The club has organised a south side program for 30 years, and hosted eight Queensland Championships, with the Simson family heavily involved in the organization every time. Jennifer went on to hold club office every year since 1983, either as secretary or treasurer, and Scott spent five years as President in the late 1990s.

1980s

Towards the end of 1979 Rob and Dorothy established the Queensland O Gear shop, a travelling shop that operated under a tarpaulin at almost every Queensland Orienteering event till the end of 1991. It was a big hassle for Dorothy, juggling the business and looking after home and family. Compasses and gaiters sold well, and O suits reasonably. Buying shoes in a range of sizes and different styles in the hope they would sell was a problem. Prices were kept low as a service to Queensland orienteers, so the shop only ever made enough profit to cover administrative fees and the cost of travel to events. Dorothy learnt a great deal about orienteering through this venture, even though not competing, and often provided instruction and assistance to newcomers while they shopped for gear.

The first of the TF Queensland Championships was conducted at Gaven Forest on the Gold Coast in 1980. Rob, with the help of Bruce Stoff, spent much of the summer holidays mapping the pine forest, camping out



Rob Simson, Gayle Quantock-Simson and Scott Simson at the Australian Three Days in 2008

in the forest in the family caravan and fighting off the hordes of mosquitoes. Fortunately the map was well received and the event a big success due to a great team effort by club members.

The next year, 1981, Rob was appointed Principal at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre and with Dorothy, Neil and Scott this became their home for the next three years. New maps were produced at Toowoona South and Cotswold North and the Centre hosted training camps and the first South East Queensland Three Day on the May weekend 1984. This event, which included a canoe O activity, was held again in 1986, 1988, and 1990. In 1982 top Swedish Orienteering coach, Per-arne Hoog, was one of the visitors who spent a month at the Maroon Outdoor Centre and also British team member, Martin 'Bilbo' Bagness came for a short stay. Hence the Simson boys got many opportunities to improve their orienteering skills and learn from experts.

The Simson family went together to the January 1981 Ballarat Six Day which was ten year old Scott's first major event. Pestered for ice creams Dorothy foolishly agreed but only after one of the family won a day. There were six family member wins in total so everyone was happy; on Day 1 Neil finished 2nd to Eddie Wymer in M13A with Simon Magasanik 3rd. The same three boys finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd each day, sharing two wins a piece - the closest contest of all classes. It was the beginning of a long lasting rivalry between the three.

Later that year was the Australian Championships at Korweinguboorra in Victoria. There was local flooding from heavy rain, sleet and snow and the emergency services were called out to man the creek crossings. Neil was again second in M13A, sandwiched between Simon and Eddie. Eleven year old Scott ran 6th in M12, and combined with John Bourne and Rob to win the mixed age relay for Toohey Forest. It was in the

same year that Neil won the senior boys event at Queensland Schools Championship at Daisy Hill, though still in year 9 at school he beat a strong field of much older boys including Lance Read and Steven Andrews. Then in 1982 Neil assisted Rob and a small team in making the West Woco (Isis) map for the Schools Championships, thus making himself ineligible to defend his title.

Arnold and Roger Bourne were quick to learn field mapping skills, and in the summer of 1981-82 took on the task of field working the first ever Australian granite terrain map. Their effort was made so Queensland could host the Australian Orienteering Championships at Passchendaele State Forest near Stanthorpe in September 1982. The Australian orienteering community was amazed to find that small boulders on this map were over 1.5m high, and bare rock could be a large dome or an extensive rill covered slope hundreds of metres long. Trevor Sauer did the cartography and John Bourne led the organising team. There were over 500 competitors. Roger set the courses for the individual event and Rob and Arnold set the courses for the Australian Relays.

Young Scott finished 3rd in M12. Neil was behind the pace at 7th in M15. Ljubov Seidl won W15 and Gayle Quantock was 2nd in W19. Jennifer, by then returned from Alpha and, married to David Woods, ran in W21B and combined with Liz Bourne and Diana Barnes for a TF win in the W21B relay.

Mid-year 1982 saw Arnold leave home for a life as an army officer. He went to Portsea Victoria for officer training and graduated as a Lieutenant in 1983 and was posted to Sydney where his romance with Ljubov Seidl blossomed. After training in the sandhills at Portsea it was no surprise to see Arnold finish

second to Steve Key in M21E in the 1983 Australian Championships held on the Stockton Dunes, near Newcastle. It was his best result ever. Ljubov Seidl won W17A, with Neil 2nd in M15A. Over the next few years Arnold went on to win several Mil-O Championships and represent Australia in a world military orienteering event in Norway.

Rob's involvement on the state and national scene continued to grow. After three years as Queensland Orienteering Association Secretary, Rob became QOA President in 1983 and organised the first State conference at Beerburrum. That year Rob was also appointed manager of the Australian team for the Australian-New Zealand (A-NZ) Challenge in the NZ North Island. It was a successful tour and he filled the same position again for the Six Day Moro Carnival in the NZ South Island in 1989.

Rob took some leave to help with mapping and the organization of WOC85 and the accompanying WOCARN event. He went south before the event to control one of the Australian trial races and was in Bendigo with the caravan when the family arrived, including Jennifer with her young baby Nicole. It was a great event but was outdone in importance as far as the family was concerned by the wedding celebrations in Sydney later in the year when Arnold and Ljubov Seidl were married.

Arnold continued to produce maps, at first around Sydney, and then near Wodonga and Beechworth, with Neil visiting to assist with the Pine Gap map. Rob with the help of TF members including Scott and cartographer, Henk Prins, did more mapping in the Camp Cable area south of Brisbane for the Queensland Championships in 1986 and 1990. Rob's biggest effort however was coordinating the mapping of the 17 sq. km. Cherrabah Resort property for the 1987 Australian Three Day. This was the first event where Jennifer set up a very well received crèche, a task she became famous for at all national or international events in Queensland from then on. This was the second major event in the Granite Belt which was to become the focus of many big events to follow including the APOC carnival in 2000.

At this 1987 Easter Three Day event the three Simson boys won the Australian Family Relays for the second time, having won previously on a tour of Tasmania in 1984. They later combined as a team to win in 1991, and each year 1993-96, making seven outright wins in all. For a while it had become the most important event for the family on the Australian Orienteering annual calendar.

It was in 1987 that Rob began lobbying to have an Australian Schools Orienteering Championship as part



A-NZ Challenge team members 1983:
Neil Simson, Kylie Pope, Sue Johnston, Liz Bourne and
Rob Simson (Manager)



Neil Simson in 2004

of the annual Australian Championship carnival. He envisaged a team competition in four classes, M15, W15, M16-19 and W16-19.

With the help of Kay Haarsma of South Australia, he was able to get support from the school sport bodies in five states, and the first

ASSOA carnival, including a team and relay event, took place in Canberra in 1989. Rob was appointed by the Australian School Sport Association as the National Secretary for School Orienteering, and held that position guiding the development and success of the annual carnival until 1998, when Wendy Read took over the role.

In 1986-87 the Toohey Forest club established a junior squad coached by Debbie Gale; when Debbie left for Tasmania Neil and Rob, both active in QOA, lobbied for support of a State Junior Squad. Hence QJOS started in 1988, coached at first by Peter Plunkett-Cole, while adopting orange and white O suits. This led to the beginning of the annual Queensland Junior Camp.

With pressure from Rob and the family Dorothy began orienteering in 1988, and surprised herself with a win in the D50B class at the Moro Six Day carnival in the South Island of NZ in January 1989 and the Womens C class at the 1989 Christmas Five Days. She won four Gold badges in the Australian Badge scheme and the Queensland W60 Championship class at Kullogum in 1996 before she gave up orienteering in 1998.

In 1989 Arnold was posted to Canberra, and was recruited to map the 21 sq. km. of Badja State Forest for the Easter Three Day as well as set courses. He and Ljubov were also training hard at the elite level and were selected to run World Cup races in Europe in 1990.

Scott - First Queenslander at JWOC

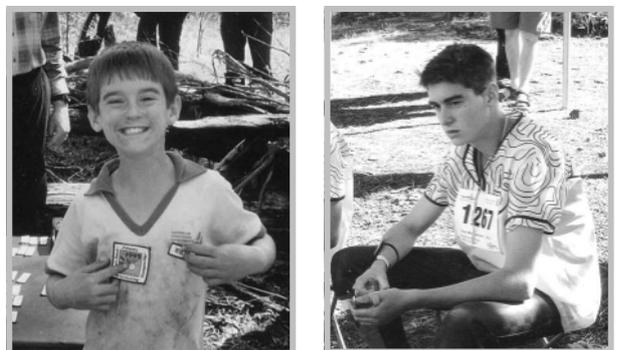
Scott also had a good year in 1990 gaining selection for the Australian team for the first Junior World Championship in Sweden. Arnold, with experience in Sweden from previous trips, was Scott's personal coach leading up to the trip. The JWOC event was held near the Arctic Circle and Scott could be pleased in finishing in 56th place, after an unfortunate mistake close to the end of the race that saw him drop out of the top 40. After that Scott became the QJOS coach helping prepare several other Toohey Forest club members - Kerrie Lesko, Ben and Ruth Schulz,

Lorenzo Calabro and Dave Moran for JWOC representation. Indeed Scott's elite level coaching success can be judged by the fact that between 1994 and 2001, when he moved to Rockhampton, he helped coach fourteen juniors gaining JWOC selection.

In 1991 Ljubov Simson gained selection in the Australian WOC team and Arnold was reserve for the men's team. As the event was to be held in Czechoslovakia, both her parents and Rob and Dorothy arranged European tours to be there for the event in the old spa town of Marianske Lazne. It was a joy to be there and see Ljubov lead the opening parade through the town in the country of her birth. After the WOC carnival where Rob and Dorothy both competed in spectator races, they spent a week sightseeing with the Seidls in Prague, before going on to compete at the Fin Five Day Orienteering at Lhati, and being welcomed as guests at the World Schools Orienteering Championships at Kauhajoki, Finland.

Queensland hosted the Australian Championships that year at Amiens State Forest close to the earlier Passchendaele maps. Rob, helped by Scott, spent school holiday time field checking and plotting the vegetation on Gareth Prosser's map before finishing and preparing the cartography for printing. Scott was the course setter for the individual event. The relay event, with Neil organising, saw TF win the open men's relay with Scott's second leg taking the lead which Arnold running third for the Red Roos could not peg back.

In 1994 Rob and Dorothy did another European trip which included the World Veterans Cup at Strathspey in Scotland and the Shamrock Oringen at Inchigeela in West Cork, Ireland. Neil went to Oringen in Sweden in 1991, 1994 and 1998 and Scott to the World Cup in Finland in Germany in 1994 and Finland in 2000. Ljubov, accompanied by Arnold, went to the 1993 WOC in New York State to compete for Australia, following up with her second Australian elite title. After that Arnold and Ljubov dropped out of



Aaron Simson-Woods grows up - Left: With his M10 badge in 1995 and Right: Representing Queensland at Australian Schools Championships in 2002 in SA



Jen Woods and Rob Simson
Club Relays 2007

competitive orienteering, seeking to avoid repeated requests to perform the time consuming tasks of making maps and course setting for major events.

Jennifer introduced her children to orienteering at a young age. Although Nicole did win one badge, she never got interested in the sport. Aaron however became very keen and, though not a fast runner, managed through a lot of effort to be selected in the Queensland Schools Orienteering team in the four years 2001-04.

In March 1995 Scott, supported by Rob, started the Queensland Orienteering League 5 person team competition to give the talented orienteers in Queensland experience in short course head to head racing. It was a successful initiative and lead up to the establishment of the Queensland Cyclones elite squad to compete in the National Orienteering League. In 1996 Scott also took on the Queensland OY coordinator role rewriting the rules and devising a scoring system still in use.

The OY trophies were introduced and Scott surprised himself winning, in a bumper year for him, when he had what he regards as his best win in the state titles. He actually won six titles between 1989 (then the youngest winner ever) and 2000. Scott is also proud to have teamed with Lorenzo and Nino Calabro, to be the first club team in the M21A class of the 1997 Australian Relays, beaten by two interstate (non-club) teams in the first year that State teams became official.

Banksia

The recently published book *Banksia* is a delightful story about a kangaroo written by Rob Simson. Rob's passionate interest in environmental ecology and his love of orienteering are gently woven into the story. A great read.

Rob busy in Retirement

In 1997 Rob and Scott introduced Street O to Queensland with the first of four summer evening events held at Sunnybank on a stormy night on 6 November. Given that over 30 orienteers turned out despite the weather it seemed like a good idea. There are now twenty Street O maps in the southern Brisbane suburbs and the TF Street O series is held every year leading up to Christmas.

Having more time in retirement Rob mapped Kullogum 1996, Mundoolun (with Scott's help) in 1998, Neurum in 2002 and Flagstone in 2005 all for the Queensland Championship events. From 1998 all cartography has been done using OCAD computer software, thus making cartography and overprinting courses easier. In competition Rob always had a hunch that as other veterans dropped out and he retained his fitness, there was a chance that one day he could win an Australian Championship in his age class. That day arrived at St Helen's in Tasmania in October 2005 when he won M65A against a depleted field.

Rob has been honoured for his enormous contribution to orienteering over the years with the Silva medal presented by OFA in 1995, and Australian Sports Medal in 1988, and an Order of Australia Medal in 2000. He served as the Chair of Mapping for Orienteering Queensland for a period in the 1990s and again 2000-07.

In 2003, with a substantial grant from OQ, Rob started the Mini-Cyclones squad for 11-14 year old juniors. The initiative has been a great success, raising the performance levels of our young juniors and the depth and quality of the orienteers vying for places in the Queensland Schools Orienteering team. Since the establishment of this squad Queensland has won two ASOC carnivals and has high prospects again in 2008. Bridget Anderson was one of the original squad members and has gone on to be an Australian JWOC representative 2007. Rob expects many more Mini-Cyclones to mature as orienteers and follow in Bridget's shoes.

A Good Citizen

Chris Fielding always was a responsible character and when he came across a large crop of marihuana growing in a secluded spot on the Bluestone Creek map he reported it to the police. They duly arrived and tramped for a considerable time through mud, prickles and thick bush to discover a healthy crop of stinking roger. Chris's new nickname of Roger was popular for a while.

It's Good To Remember

Pam Cox

... the people who have been part of the orienteering scene since it came to Queensland nearly 35 years ago. Besides local folk there have been visitors to major events, exchange students and those from interstate and overseas who came here for work. All these orienteers have enriched the experience of orienteering in Queensland.



Anne Whitehouse and Jeff Rowland
Anne has orienteered for many years and Jeff is a new recruit

Grey O Nomads

When Dave and Val Erbacher said they were going on the road for X number of years many of us egotistically thought they couldn't bear to be away from orienteering for that long. Not so.

Five years later they are just thinking of settling down again now. However they do recall with pleasure meeting up with another intrepid explorer Jennifer Brett (TF) at Lawn Hill National Park (far NW Queensland) and the Grayson family (BUSH) right at the tip of Cape York. Orienteers get around.



Chris Cordwell and Crazy Clive ... Christine is always around to lend a hand



David Schulz - OQ minutes secretary for 6 years and father of Ben and Ruth



Steve and Paula Doyle are new to Queensland but very quick to offer help



Pam and Alan Cox ... Alan's claim to fame is that he always 'gets his money's worth' running the longest course he can



Chris Wood and Mark Starkey long time members of UG

END PIECE

Barbara Pope

In writing this story we came across the dilemma faced by many people working on a similar task.

The earliest records of orienteering in Queensland were handwritten on carbon paper and often illegible. Some reports and records were completely missing. Sometimes contradictory facts came from equally reputable sources.

The question rose of how much should be written of pure facts, of memories and of the people that make up orienteering ... in addition how to get the balance right.

As far as record keeping goes, the biggest steps forward came with the steadily growing professionalism of the administrative team over the years and also the increased availability of computer technology.

Records kept these days are topnotch. It was a source of pride to see how impressed a couple of southerners were who read the 2007 OQ Annual Report which I had with me at Dubbo at Easter. The content, the presentation and the direction of orienteering in Queensland are on display in that document.

In talking to many people over the last eighteen months what became so obvious was the amount of pleasure (and sometimes anguish), the challenge and the friendships that orienteering has brought to many Queenslanders since it began in this state in 1974.

We are on the track that our mission statement espouses.



Pam Cox and Barbara Pope



President Greg Chatfield and
Administration Officer Sandy Cantwell



Greg and Geraldine Chatfield

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM ORIENTEERING QUEENSLAND

Greg Chatfield

In looking at our wonderful sport it seems to have grown as a child might. The first ten or so years of childhood is about growth and development, trying new things, learning from mistakes, building on successes and having much fun in the process. So it was with orienteering in our first ten plus years, the late 1970s and 1980s.

The next decade, the teen years for a child, sees much refining of what has been learnt, growing up and choosing paths to follow.

In our orienteering association the 1990s saw much refining of the technical aspects of the sport and adoption of a more professional administration structure along with progress in coaching procedures and processes. At this stage participation was fairly static but the basic structure was enhanced markedly.

The early twenties for a young person comes with work responsibilities, family pressures and the need to adapt and to change.

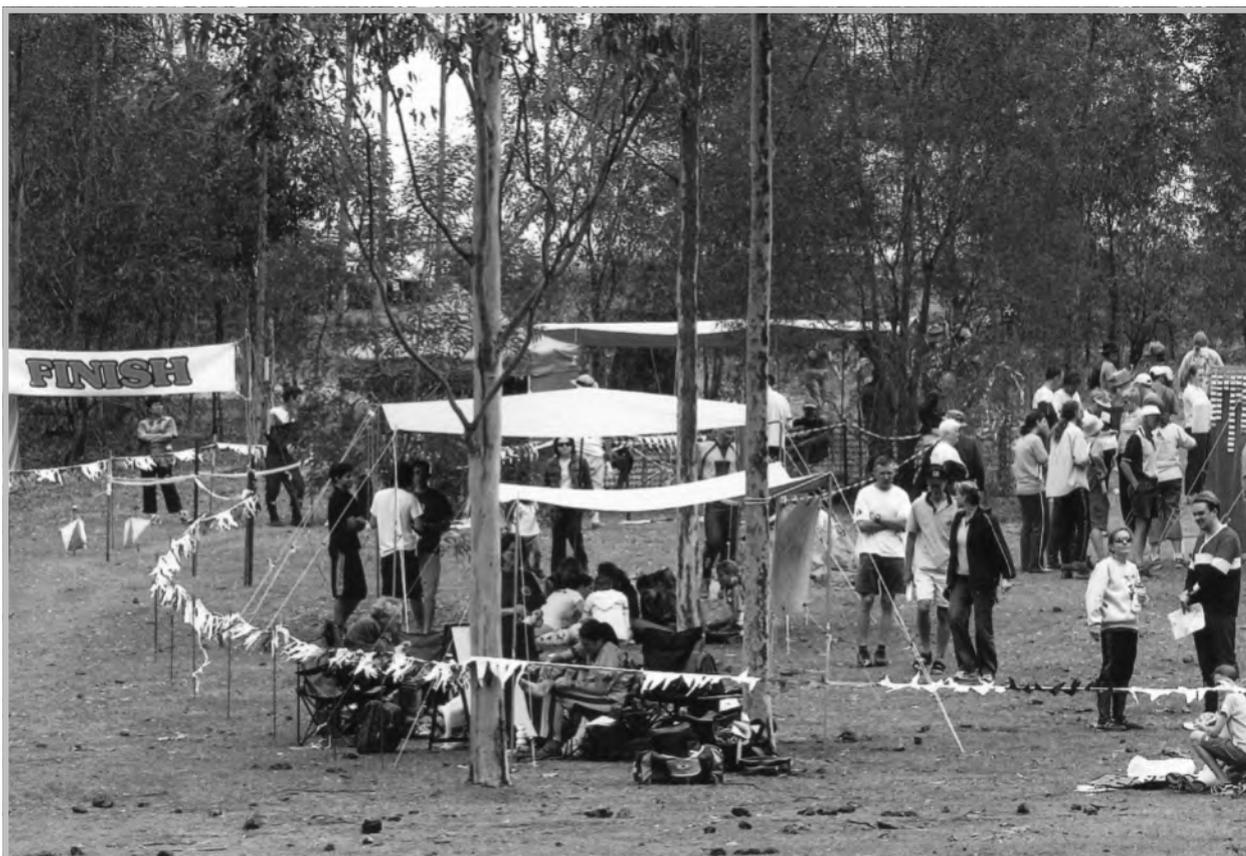
The new millennium has brought to orienteering a greater degree of administrative responsibility in line with funding from external sources, more emphasis on

success of athletes and a need for part time staff to assist in areas pertaining to that success. Orienteering has grown up!

Along with the workload though has come success. This can be attributed to the work done over many years. To ensure this continues it is important to keep the structures in place that have been developed in encouraging clubs to plan and manage their future under OQ's guidance and support.

Looking to the next decade we will see a change of generation as the older orienteers retire from the responsible roles they have overseen for many years and hand over to those that will steer us into the years ahead. I've no doubt that the dedication our younger members have already shown, will stand us in good stead for the future.

And so, Barbara and Pam, job well done! This is only the start though. I now call on those younger members to contribute to this document, over time, so those coming after us will have a chance to learn about the past and have a better understanding of the evolution of our wonderful sport.



Assembly Area at the Queensland Championships at Flagstone West in 2005

LIFE MEMBERS



L to R, Top to Bottom: John and Joan Bourne, Liz Bourne and Eric Andrews, Val and Dave Erbacher, Miriam and Ian Holmes, Sue Johnston and Peter Plunkett-Cole, Barbara and Clive Pope, Rob and Lynda Rapkins, Dorothy and Rob Simson, Trevor and Meredyth Sauer, Gordon and Cath Howitt