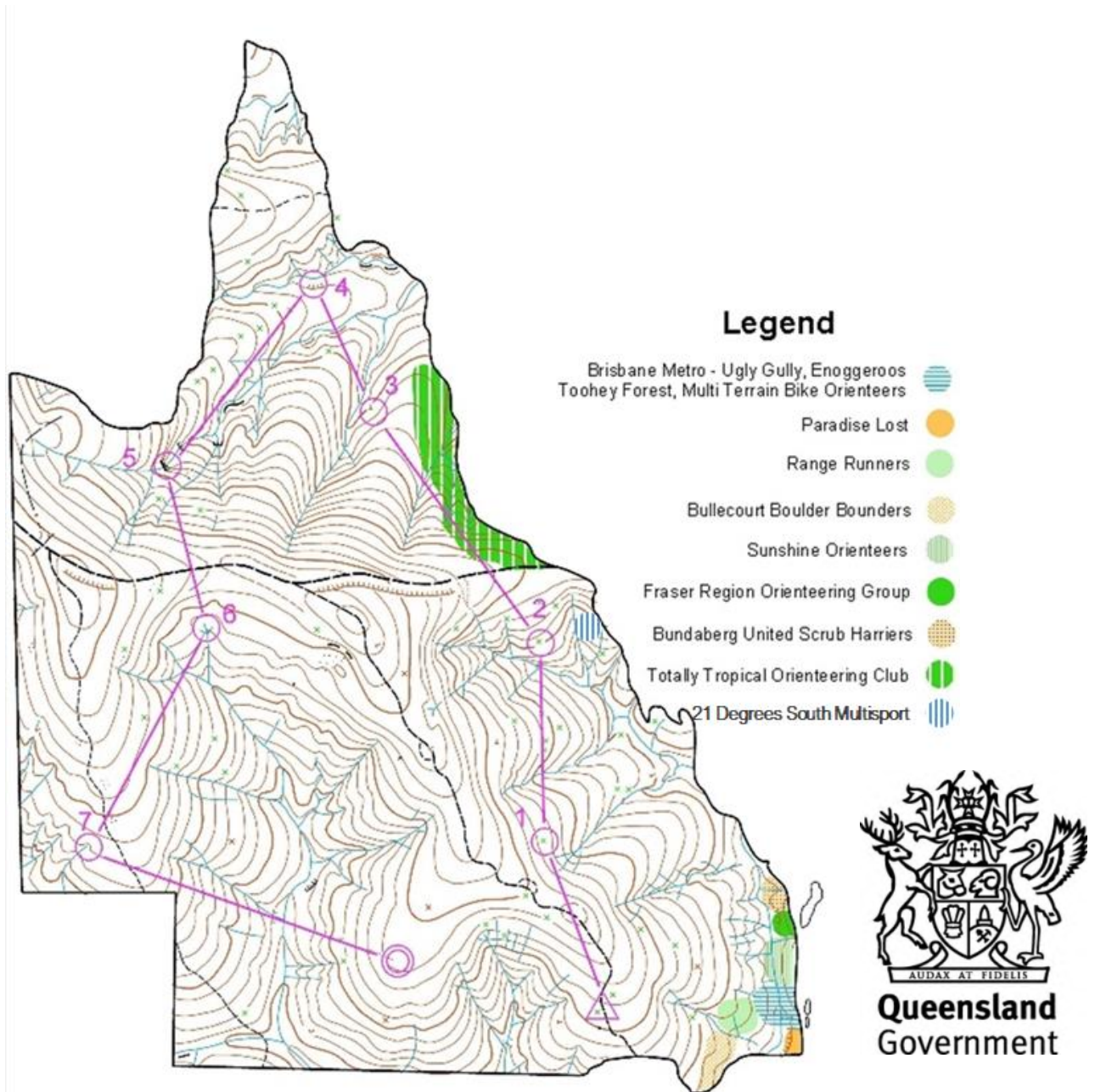




# Annual Report 2023

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## Orienteering Queensland: Vision

**OUR VISION:** For orienteering to be a widely adopted outdoor recreation and competitive sport throughout Queensland.

**OUR PURPOSE:** To provide opportunities for fun, fitness, adventure and competition through orienteering in Queensland for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

### OUR VALUES

- an active, healthy community
  - fairness, inclusiveness, integrity, and sustainability in sport and recreation
  - respect for the natural environment and for all landowners and custodians of the land
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## Management and Administration

### Management Committee

President	Juliana de Nooy
Vice President	Peter Effeney
Secretary	Sue Campbell
Treasurer	Tony Bryant
Chair Development	Felicity Crosato
Chair Performance	Riley de Jong
Chair Technical	Tim McIntyre

### Part-time Paid Positions

Administration Officer	Linda Burridge
Bookkeeper	Tony Bryant
Junior Development Officer	Gordon Bossley
Marketing and Promotions Officer	Annette Rogers
Membership	Rob Crosato
Auditor	John Grounds

### Other Positions

Chair Junior Development Committee	Neil Gannon
Mapping Officer	Brenton Gray
Member Protection Information Officer	James Mitchell
Sporting Schools Coordinators	Gordon Bossley, Felicity Crosato
Website	Rob Crosato

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## President's Report

2023 has been a busy and exciting year for Orienteering Queensland and its clubs, with around 10,000 runs or walks by 2200 participants as part of 261 public events throughout the state from Townsville to the NSW border, plus over 4000 students involved in school orienteering. And most people found their way to the finish without needing a search party!

Highlights included the 4 event MTBO Australian Championships in Brisbane in September; the 3-day Queensland Long & Middle Distance Championships carnival in Wongi State Forest, west of Maryborough, and the 2-day Queensland Schools Champs in Gurulmundi State Forest in the Western Downs region on a brand new map. It has been great to see growing enthusiasm for orienteering in all these regions and OQ is very grateful to the hardworking mappers/course setters/controllers and organizing teams for making these events possible.



For many club members, just as important as the championship events are the low-key local events held in parks and streets around town, often using MapRun. These are a chance for some friendly competition and light-hearted banter, and for building a real sense of community. A huge thank you to the dedicated organizers who front up regularly to host these events.



Our juniors had a successful year. Through some remarkable teamwork and coaching, the Queensland Team achieved second place overall at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Perth.

2023 opened with the award of life memberships to Tim McIntyre, Chris Spriggs and Robin Spriggs, recognizing several decades of exceptional contributions to orienteering.



And now, in the Australia Day 2024 Honours List, Liz Bourne has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of some 40 years of service to orienteering, and to conservation and the environment. We are fortunate indeed to have such volunteers in OQ!



On the organizational side, a new government funding model has presented challenges. We now receive reduced base funding, which can be used for governance improvements and resources, but no longer for coaching or community/school participation work, and the competitive grants available for new participation initiatives involve a good deal of uncertainty. Fortunately, good financial stewardship of OQ over the years means that we are able to weather this transition, although event and membership fees have needed to increase for 2024.

2024 beckons with some terrific events in store. Clubs are running grassroots *Learn to Orienteer* series to introduce newcomers to the sport. We have National Orienteering League Sprints in Brisbane in late April, OY and Championship events in several regions, and a birthday celebration on 27 October, 50 years to the day since the Queensland Orienteering Association was formed in 1974 with an event at the Enoggera Army Base. And 2025 will be even bigger, with the Australian Championships coming to Brisbane.



This marks the end of my 3 year maximum term as OQ President. It has been a privilege to serve in this role, supported by a hard-working and cooperative team striving to do their best to further Orienteering in the state. My heartfelt thanks to the Management Committee, OQ employees and volunteers from every club for the work you do.

**Juliana de Nooy – OQ President**

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## 2023 Annual Awards

### President's Award

The Orienteering Queensland President's Award for 2023 was presented to Su Yan Tay. Su Yan is very generous in sharing her expertise and has been particularly active in 2023, coaching at the Women's camp, organizing as well as coaching at Junior Camp in Maryborough, and coaching the Queensland Schools Team in Western Australia. She helped the juniors stay calm and focused and worked to bring out the best in each individual, to achieve an excellent team result.

#### Previous Recipients of the President's Award:

2000 - Tony Zandegiacomo	Presented by Ian Taylor
2001 - Eric Andrews and Liz Bourne	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2002 - Cavanagh Family	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2003 - Tim McIntyre	Presented by Chris Spriggs
2004 - Anna Sheldon	Presented by Chris Spriggs
2005 - Rob Simson	Presented by Chris Spriggs
2006 - Nola McIntyre	Presented by Greg Chatfield
2007 - Chris Spriggs	Presented by Greg Chatfield
2008 - Barbara Pope and Pam Cox	Presented by Greg Chatfield
2009 - Craig Steffens	Presented by Reid Moran
2010 - Sandy Cantwell	Presented by Reid Moran
2011 - Jen Woods	Presented by James Mitchell
2012 - Russell Jaycock & Linda Davis	Presented by James Mitchell
2013 - Mark Murray	Presented by James Mitchell
2014 - Rob Crosato	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2015 - Bryant Family	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2016 - Mark Petrie	Presented by Felicity Crosato
2017 - Felicity Crosato	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2018 - Wendy Read	Presented by Tim McIntyre
2019 – John Cooper	Presented by Judi Hay
2020 – Peter Effenev	Presented by Judi Hay
2021 – Reid Moran	Presented by Juliana de Nooy
2022 – Brenton Gray	Presented by Juliana de Nooy

## Life Memberships

Tim McIntyre

Chris Spriggs

Robin Spriggs

## Coaching Award

Coach of the Year                      Ryan Gray

## Orienteer of the Year (OY) Awards

Best female                              Anna Sheldon

Best male                                 Ben Schulz

Best junior result                      Alex Vanzella

Most improved                         Elliot Hassall

Most improved runner up          Dave Edwards

## Best male and female

Juniors (up to 20)                      Alex Vanzella                      Mikaela Gray

Seniors (21-34)                         Ryan Gray

Veterans (35-59)                       Ben Schulz                      Anna Sheldon

Super vets (60+) -                      Tim McIntyre                      Jacquie Rand

Best Very Easy                         Franklin Smyth

Best Easy results                       Daniel Fowler

Best Moderate results                 Alex Vanzella                      Grace Jardine

## Queensland Long Distance Championships

James Sheldon Memorial Trophy M21A Champion      David Stocks (ACT)

Perpetual Trophy W21A Champion                      Anna Sheldon

## Junior Awards

Most outstanding Junior 2023                                              Mikaela Gray

Best junior performance at the Queensland Long Championships      Alex Vanzella

## Elite Recognition

Mikaela Gray                      JWOC Team 2023, Romania

## Club Relay Trophy

Range Runners Orienteering Club

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## Performance

2024 was a successful year for both the Queensland Schools Orienteering Team and the Queensland Cyclones.

### Orienteering Australia High-Performance Squads

The following Queensland athletes were selected in the OA High Performance Squads for 2023. Congratulations to these athletes:

- Mikaela Gray
- Ryan Gray
- Julia Gannon

### Australian Team Selections

Mikaela Gray was selected on the Australian Junior World Orienteering Team, competing in Romania (67th Middle).

Mikaela Gray and Anna Sheldon were selected on the Australian team for the IOF World Cup Round 2 in Czechia. Mikaela was unfortunately injured during Bohemian 5 Days races and did not start. Anna placed 105th (Sprint), 106th (Middle) and 117th (Long).

Mikaela Gray was selected on the Australian Bushrangers team (W20E) competing at Oceania Championships.



### Queensland Cyclones - National Orienteering League

Queensland fielded teams at all National Orienteering League rounds.

Overall NOL 2023 season results:

- Ryan Gray - 7th (M21E)
- Daniel Gray - 14th (M21E)
- Matt Doyle - 20th (M21E)
- Julia Gannon - 7th (W21E)
- Ellie de Jong - 18th (W21E)
- Mikaela Gray - 3rd (W20E)
- W21E - 4th

- M21E - 6th
- W20E - 5th
- M20E - 7th



### **Cyclones Coordinator**

On behalf of the OQ Management Committee I extend a thanks to Daniel Gray for his work in the role of Cyclones Coordinator for 2023. Dan will continue in this role for 2024.

### **Cyclones Sprint Series**

Another Cyclones Sprint Series was held in Nov-Dec 2023, including 3 races at QUT Gardens Point, Robelle Domain and Ferny Grove SHS.

Cyclones also organised OY1 in March 2023 at the newly re-mapped QUT Kelvin Grove Campus, which was well-attended and an exciting venue for future sprint events. Thanks also to Cyclones who assisted with the organising of the Cyclones Sprint Series in 2023.

I look forward to seeing the development and further success from the Cyclones, including new initiatives to bridge gaps between Junior Cyclones and elite-level participation in 2024. Excitingly, Queensland will also host a round of the National Orienteering League in April 2024, with Cyclones participating and assisting in organising.

### **Riley de Jong – Chair Performance**

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## Development

### Regional Development

South West – continues to grow. The South West School trials saw 42 students register for the event at Sandalwood Park, the Moore's property. Three lead up events helped prepare participants for the trials, and a team of 38 was selected to compete in the Qld Schools Championships being hosted in the South West, at the combined Miles Primary and Secondary Schools and on the new Gurulmundi State Forest map. The staff at Columboola continue to be very supportive and keen which is assisting the growth of the sport in the area. Schools at Roma and Teelba (west of Roma) are now showing interest.

Mt Isa – two schools, Spinifex State College and Good Shepherd Catholic College, have expressed interest, and I have been working with them remotely.

Cairns – Darren Osmond continues to drive interest there, with several requests for maps and updates in the area. Mossman continues to include orienteering in their curriculum. St Mary's in Cairns also (map update)

Townsville – has seen considerable growth in interest from schools, helped by having a mapper and a coach available.

Maryborough/Bundaberg – many thanks to Adrian and Glenda Pitman, the club in this region is looking to get going again. Most of their old maps have been or are being updated, and new school maps are being made. There is growth in interest in Bundaberg which should help this club along. There is also interest from the local scouting groups who will be holding a major gathering in Maryborough in 2025.

Mackay – Juliana was able to offer on the ground assistance early in the year, but sadly the club folded due to lack of volunteers.

The development of the online component of the Orienteering Instructor Course has allowed a policeman in Woorabinda to offer orienteering to the youth of the town.

We are grateful to the Queensland Government and its Active Industry Fund (2022-2023) for supporting the regional development of orienteering.

### Felicity Crosato – Chair Development

## Athlete Development

The Queensland Government's Active Industry Fund (2022-2023) made it possible to hold a number of coaching camps and training activities. In addition to camps for Juniors (see under Junior Development), a **Women's Training Camp** was held at the Gold Coast Performance Centre.



27 of us came along to enjoy the opportunity to improve our skills and get to know each other.

On Saturday morning, we worked on navigating by contour and compass on the Shelter Rd map, known for its subtle contours.

The afternoon took us to the challenging sand dune area of The Spit, where we worked on identifying contours in very different terrain.

Saturday evening, we enjoyed Su Yan Tay's interactive presentation of navigation techniques for different kinds of maps.

And Sunday morning saw us putting it all into practice on courses at Nerang State Forest.

A big thank you to coaches Su Yan Tay, Anna Sheldon, Mikaela Gray and Ellie de Jong. Great coaches, great company, great fun!



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## Technical

Orienteering Queensland and its clubs organised just over 300 events in 2023 including both foot and mountain bike events, training and workshops. The events were run in various formats including long, middle, sprint and park. Total entries registered through Eventor exceeded 10,000. This was, however, a quieter year for foot orienteering after running a national carnival and National Orienteering League (NOL) events in 2022.

In September 2023, the Australian MTBO Championships were organised by the MTBO club and held at selected locations in and around Brisbane. The event attracted around 120 entrants and included the Aus/NZ MTBO challenge. Events were held in three formats – long, middle and sprint. Thanks to the Event Director, Craig Steffens, and all setters, controllers and helpers that made this event such a success.



The Queensland Long Distance Championships were held near Maryborough over two days at the end of April. The Queensland Middle Distance Championships were held on the following day converting the weekend into a successful three-day carnival. The events were jointly organised by members of Ugly Gully and Sunshine Orienteers and thanks are passed on to all involved. There was positive feedback for this format, and it will be considered again in future years (dependent on the timing and location of national carnivals).

The Queensland Sprint Championships were held in Toowoomba in September, organised by Range Runners Orienteers. This event saw around 100 entrants competing in urban terrain covering a college and a school. Thanks also to those who volunteered their time to run this event.

In foot orienteering, the annual Orienteer of the Year (OY) series was conducted consisting of 11 events (including the Long, Middle and Sprint Championships). These events each had around 100 entrants with points awarded based on a handicap scheme accounting for age, gender, and course. Similarly, the Mountain Bike State Series was conducted over 10 events throughout the year with points also awarded based



on performance. Congratulations to the winners in each class across these two series (see details elsewhere in this document and on the OQ website).



Orienteering Queensland currently has 19 accredited controllers (8 at Level 3, 5 at Level 2, and 6 at Level 1). These numbers are of some concern given that controllers are required for each OY and Championship event and are recommended for all other events. A Level 1 training course was held in early 2023 and a Level 2 course is planned for 2024. Members are encouraged to undertake training to become controllers to help ensure that the technical standards of our events are maintained. In future years, Level 2 and 3 controllers will be in demand for NOL and national events to be conducted in Queensland.

The focus for mapping in 2023 has been preparation for the next round of Major Events to be hosted in Queensland. In particular, the 2024 Brisbane Sprint NOL Weekend training maps have been updated at QUT Kelvin Grove and the City, Roma St Parklands and Robelle Domain. Event maps include three news schools at Wellington Point and an updated foot map at Alex Hills TAFE also used by the MTBO club in 2023 for their championships. The 2025 Australian Championship maps have commenced already with updates to Sandstone Gardens, White Rock, UQ (effectively from scratch) and initial scoping done for Wivenhoe, Deebing Creek and Old Petrie Town.

Lastly, there have been some recent changes at the national level that impact the technical area. The requirements for controller accreditation have been revised and these new procedures are now in use. The Orienteering Australia Foot Competition Rules have also been updated after discussions throughout 2023. Among a number of changes, there has been an update to winning times for events so that males and females have the same winning time within each age group. Controllers and course setters of foot events are encouraged to review these rules before planning their events (document available on the Orienteering Australia website).



### **Tim McIntyre - Chair Technical**

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## Junior Development & Queensland Schools Orienteering

Junior Orienteering was back with heightened enthusiasm, passion and success in 2023. As has been stated previously, the clear mission of the JDC (Junior Development Committee) is to encourage participation and foster enjoyment in orienteering for our juniors (at whatever level the junior wants to achieve) as the juniors are very much the future of our sport. I wish to firstly acknowledge and thank the parents and carers of our juniors and the many volunteers across all aspects of our sport for enabling our juniors to participate, enjoy, develop in many aspects and be challenged. Without your dedication and commitment, the JDC activities would not be as successful as they have been.

The formal annual program that the JDC assists with starts with the Mini's and Junior camps, moves into the QSOC weekend and culminates for those fortunate to be selected in the Qld Team, or travel as Independents, with the Australian Champs, incorporating ASOC. In 2023 to keep the momentum sustained throughout the year, a mentoring program was introduced and the post-OY trainings continued. A special vote of thanks to Ryan Gray for coordinating these activities and the band of merry mentors he wrangled.



The Mini-Cyclones camp was held at Maroon Dam at the start of the Easter Holidays. There was an impressive turnout of 32 minis and through Marion Burrill's tremendous negotiation skills she convinced another 40-odd parents, siblings and helpers to assist at the camp, taking the total number to over 70 at the camp. A very informative long weekend was had and thanks to all that assisted, but especially Marion, Phil Burrill and Felicity Crosato for all the extra effort that went into the weekend.



In July, the Junior camp was held and for the first time in a few years the students were not subjected to the pleasant weather of Stanthorpe in Winter but rather Maryborough in July. Thanks to Su Yan Tay, Felicity Crosato and Lance Read for co-ordinating a tremendous 4-day camp with lots of km racked up by the 43 participants and detailed access to some freshly mapped areas. The camp provided plenty of learning opportunities and significantly boosted the skill levels of the participants and should be on the wish list for all eligible juniors each year.



QSOC took place shortly after the Junior camp on July 22 and 23, and in another first, out west at Miles and Gurulmundi. While it appears to be just a very enjoyable, albeit competitive, weekend of orienteering, it is difficult to understand how much work goes into planning and conducting the weekend and how early those activities start (years ahead in fact). Felicity was again central to the success of the weekend along with all the mappers, setters, controllers and numerous volunteers without whose contributions in all forms (large and small) were essential in making the weekend the success it was.



From the QSOC weekend a full strength team of 20 students were selected to make the trip west to Perth and surrounds for the Australian Champs and ASOC. The full team is below:

Unless you were under a rock (or Boulder, 10 m, southern side) you would know that the Qld Team finished 2nd overall at the Australian Schools Champs, the highest placing for a number of years. There were many outstanding team and individual efforts and the way the whole team combined seems to be the critical point in the success. Thanks to the officials with the team in WA (coaches Su Yan and Ryan; Managers Marion and Felicity) and also to all of those who enabled the students to get to and prepare for the events. For many of the students it was an overnight success, years in the making. For his individual efforts, congratulations are due to Miles Bryant who was named in the Honour Team, and to Eric Lovell who won the Sportsmanship Award.



Inevitably, each year students move on to lives post-school and for those Juniors who have left school in 2023 we hope you continue your interest in our sport and contribute to reap the benefits of the 'Junior Development' you have received. The aim of the JDC is to promote orienteering to all levels, it is also great to see past juniors continue to excel on the world stage and congratulations again to Mikaela Gray for her naming in the 2023 JWOC team.

I would like to thank all those that have attended the JDC meetings throughout the year for their valuable insights and acknowledge the extra effort Fiona Caristo and Juliana de Nooy have contributed to the JDC. The JDC is looking forward to a busy 2024 and even busier 2025 as Qld hosts ASOC. We are always looking for input from anyone passionate about promoting orienteering for Juniors so please reach out to us if you are interested in contributing a little or a lot.

**Neil Gannon** for the **Junior Development Committee**

# QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING TEAM

2023



**Senior Girls**

Skye Hassall  
Cassy Reinbott  
Ingrid Young  
Reserve: Thea Comerford

**Junior Girls**

Abigail Barnes  
Kari Brennan  
Alexandra Edwards  
Grace Jardine  
Sara Loader  
Xanthe Schubert  
Reserves: Gretel Young, Elin Schulz

**Senior Boys**

William Barnes  
Dylan Bryant  
Ewan Keith  
Eric Lovell  
Henry Smyth  
Hugo Taunton-Burnet  
Reserves: Declan Campbell, Joshua Newnes

**Junior Boys**

Miles Bryant  
Ethan Crowe  
Adrian Garbellini  
Eric Taunton-Burnet  
Alex Vanzella  
Reserves: Thomas Caristo, Chase Deurloo

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## Sporting Schools Program

### Gold Coast, Brisbane, and Sunshine Coast (Gordon)

For the Sporting Schools program specifically, a total of 168 classes were run. I estimate that we worked with about 6153 students. A few new schools tried O for the first time, including St Pauls Caboolture, McDowall SS, Wellington Point SS. Return sessions were run at (for example) Living Faith LPS, Craigslea SS, St Peter Chanel CPS, Ithaca Creek SS.

Beyond Sporting Schools another 103 classes were run with another 2801 students. Two new cohorts from St Pauls School (Bald Hills) were a highlight (International school, and Y10). Additionally, we ran sessions for the first time with Redlands College, The Kooralbyn International School, as well as returning to work with Bremer SHS, Bracken Ridge SHS, Stuartholme, Merrimac, and others.



In 2023 I started work with St Pauls International School, photos are of one of the sessions with Eimeikan Senior High School. They were lovely students to work with, and I hope to do a stack of work with SPIS in 2024 and beyond!

Aside from schools a great relationship with Scouts is emerging – a program of 5-6 events is planned for 2024, after pilot events in 2022 and 2023.

### Regional Queensland (Felicity)

Early in 2023, I was contacted by two schools in Mt Isa, but as I was only able to offer remote assistance, they both declined. Mirani SHS also declined a remote map, but as the teacher is Level 0 trained, she is running some sessions for her students with an improvised map. Killarney SS and Mossman SHS are continuing to run their orienteering programs as are Trinity Anglican and St Mary's in Cairns.



There has been an increase in interest in Townsville, mainly due to the availability of a coach, with Emma McKenzie running sessions for two schools. There is also interest from a third

school for next year. Steve Fletcher is keeping the program going at Rockhampton SHS, and is updating the maps in his area.

The South West continues to grow its interest, thanks to the promotion and program run by the teachers at Columboola Outdoor Education Centre. Teelba SS is hoping for a remote map for 2024, and there is also interest from St Johns, Roma and renewed interest from Tara Shire State College.

Bundaberg SHS has a new map, and ran a program this year, and it is hoped that more schools in the area will come onboard in 2024 with the help of the rekindled local Maryborough club.

Fairholme College, Mater Dei and Toowoomba Anglican School all ran coach-led programs for a total of 350 students from Yrs 4 to Yr 7. Fairholme and TAS are repeat customers, but Mater Dei was new, and keen to repeat next year.



The launch of the new online Orienteering Instructor component will definitely prove helpful for teachers in regional areas as most have to run their own programs in schools.

**Felicity Crosato and Gordon Bossley – Sporting Schools Coordinators**

## Marketing and Promotion

I have again enjoyed working with OQ to promote the sport within both the Qld orienteering and wider communities. The 2 most effective strategies for promoting our sport continue to be Facebook posts and emails direct to schools.

The Facebook posts have included:

- Event posts to initially save dates, often followed by reminders closer to entries closing.
- Celebrations of excellent results achieved by



Queenslanders at events regionally, nationally and internationally.

- Share relevant orienteering information from other states.
- Timely reminders of entry deadlines.



The Orienteering Queensland Facebook page currently boasts 2197 followers (an increase from 1997 in 2022). Approximately two-thirds of these followers are women, with a large percentage of followers falling within the 35-54 years age bracket. Just under half of the Facebook followers reside in Brisbane.

Event reminders are also posted to Instagram, however there are currently only 377 followers on this platform.



Schools correspondence has again proven extremely fruitful for attendance at targeted events and promises to be useful in developing a wider participant base. The advent of online school newsletters has meant that material can be shared with the school exactly how it is to be presented online.

Schools correspondence has included:

- Advertising in newsletters of schools within a designated radius of events.
- Sharing student success at both state and national events, including the Australian Schools Orienteering Carnival, Queensland Schools Orienteering Carnival, Queensland Long, Middle and Sprint Distance Championships as well as OY results.
- Providing information to schools regarding the benefits of orienteering.



I have continued to use the program Canva to develop Facebook flyers, short promotional videos and other advertising materials and there has been discussion regarding creating templates for clubs to use to create flyers and Facebook events.



Once again parent photographers have volunteered their time at events, helping to document athlete achievements, enjoyment and frustrations. These photos are displayed on the Queensland Orienteering Facebook page and are also used in promotional materials.

**Annette Rogers – OQ Promotions Officer**

## Membership Statistics

Total membership numbers increased marginally from 588 in FY2022 to 606 at the end of October 2023, the best overall figure since 2015.

156 of the 606 members (26%) were new members, which was a very positive result. Non-renewals from prior year 2022 was 138 members (23%), which largely offset the new memberships. This trend has been similar to prior years and needs investigation to work out the reasons for the high turnover rate.

### Total Membership types by club (as at 31/10/2023)

Club	Members 21yrs+	Mbrs 20yrs & Under	FT Students 21-24yrs	Remote Seniors	Life Members	Total Mbrs 2022
BBQ	28	28			1	57
BUQ*						0
ENQ	55	36			2	93
FNQ			1	1		2
MKQ				3		3
MTQ	34	2				36
PLQ	7	1				8
RRQ	42	68	6	7		123
SOQ	78	9			2	89
TFQ	37	5				42
TTQ		1		8		9
UGQ	99	31	4	1	5	140
COQ**	2			2		4
<b>Total</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>606</b>

\*BUQ (The Bundaberg based club) is hopeful of starting up again in 2024.

\*\*COQ includes non-competing coaches/officials in a region not serviced by a club.

### Full Membership numbers by Club over a 15-year period

Club	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
BBQ	57	56	63	35	46	41	31	35	38	32	24	22	26	25	30
BUQ	0	0	1	1	2	4	6	5	6	16	15	20	16	18	17
ENQ	93	76	72	57	79	70	94	92	91	77	68	65	79	82	87
FNQ	2	2													
MKQ	3	5	2	1											
MTQ	36	39	39	27	30	32	47	58	70	60	60	94	89	73	47
PLQ	8	13	17	8	7	13	12	12	44	44	20	9	10	16	26
RRQ	123	126	153	139	150	137	136	115	110	106	81	60	44	51	57
SOQ	89	75	78	62	46	53	59	89	123	79	59	35	42	22	29
TFQ	42	39	45	39	36	46	69	47	71	86	79	83	76	86	103
TTQ	9	9	4	3	4	7	9	5	10	11	10	8	9	5	15
UGQ	140	139	117	97	92	110	106	113	123	116	141	143	158	151	172
COQ	4	9	7	5	10	3	0	0	5	1	5	1	2	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>592</b>

## 2023 Members by gender and age

	Juniors (Up to 20 yrs.)	Seniors (21-34 yrs.)	Masters (35-59 yrs.)	Supervets (60+ yrs.)	Total 2023	Total 2022	% of 2022
Male	115	20	133	78	346	319	108%
Female	71	15	122	52	260	269	97%
Total	186	35	255	130	606	588	103%

## Breakdown by Member age over 5 years

Category	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Juniors (20 yrs & under)	186	178	189	149	171
Seniors (21-34 yrs )	35	43	49	42	37
Masters (35 yrs +)	385	367	360	283	294
Total Members	606	588	598	474	502

## Breakdown by Member Gender over 5 years

Category	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Male	346	319	338	264	276
Female	260	269	260	210	226
Total Members	606	588	598	474	502

Robert Crosato - Membership Officer

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## Mid-Week Orienteering Group

Another good year for participants in Midweek Orienteering. Events ran from March to October, giving a slightly shorter series of 35 events:



BUSH	17 events
PARK	12 events
PARK/BUSH	6 events

Of the above events, approximately 20 were MapRun, and 6 were BCC sponsored. We are continuing to receive good support from BCC, although there is a current discussion between OQ and BCC Environment Department which could see some restrictions on use of areas, especially those closer to Brisbane central and more heavily used (e.g. Mt Coot-tha, Toohey Forest).

Ipswich City Council is becoming increasingly pro-active towards orienteering. Participation remains satisfactory, ranging from 14-51 with an average of 23 and median of 21. Midweek is moving to a greater use of MapRun as the workload for setters is much reduced, no flags to put out, none to bring in and no computer required (apart from phones).

There is no requirement to use one format or another and if a setter wished a combination of both flags and MapRun could be used although no-one has tried this yet. The lower workload MapRun format can also cater to our more senior setters. No issues of note have been found using the MapRun format, even when used on areas such as Mt Coot-tha.

For 2024 we have another 35 events scheduled. We are using Volunteer Signup (online app) to register volunteers/setters for events.

**James Mitchell – Mid-Week Convenor**

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## Club Reports

### Bullecourt Boulder Bounders (BB)

The BBB orienteering year has built on the successes of the last 40 years. The Club began the year with some low key events that attracted a good number of competitors. Beside our two street/park events in February, the Club ran an event at Brooklands to prepare students for the Queensland School Trials and a coaching session at Braeside.



Club members have been offered at least one event every month in the local area. These events have been organised by BBB or by Range Runners Orienteering Club. In March a sprint event was staged in Warwick followed by an OY event at The Cascades/Amiens. Other events were at Brooklands, Lode Creek, Leyburn, (OY event), Dalmoak, McAdams/Dalveen and Glen Mine/Warwick (OY event). The Club concluded the year with a fun break up event at Allora. Beside the OYs, Dalmoak had the largest number of competitors at 50.



During the year three club meetings were conducted and at the Annual General Meeting the incumbents continued in their positions with the exception of the Secretary stepping down after 40 years. Special thanks to Anne Wilson for her commitment to the Club and to the role over such a long time. She was assured that she won't have to be Treasurer for the next 40 years. Many thanks to Sarah Betts for taking on the role of Secretary.

During the year one of BBB's valued members, Dave Flood, passed away. A long term member, Club Treasurer, a keen competitor and a most reliable helper, Dave's contribution to the Club is greatly appreciated. Club members will miss Dave and his quiet and unassuming manner.

Club members experienced success in both state and national events. A contingent of Club members attended the Easter Three Days with some solid performances. At the Queensland Sprint Championships Gabi Laws, Liz Bourne, Xanthin Laws and Ewan Keith were all place getters. In the Queensland Long Distance Championships in Maryborough Xanthin Laws, Ewan Keith, Lochlann Hogan and Greg Keith all came first in their respective classes. Seventeen BBB members competed in the Queensland Schools Championships, with Ewan Keith selected in the state team.

Club members continue to give their time willingly in developing the sport throughout the region and the state. In January, the Club conducted a training session to upskill members in using event management



software, OE 2010. In March, Declan Cambell, Ewan Keith, Ariona and Ken Laws all successfully completed Level O Coaching. Marion Burrill managed the Mini-Cyclones, the Qld Schools team and encouraged our younger members to attend as many local events as possible. Liz Bourne worked with the Year 6 Extended Learning Program at Stanthorpe State High School and organised excellent press coverage for events. Doug and Anne Wilson supported Scots/PGC College with their orienteering program, while Stuart Watt continued with his excellent upgrade of local maps. Liz Bourne and Sue Campbell have again provided significant support at state level administration.

The club has continued through grants and accumulated funds to purchase equipment enabling it to more efficiently conduct events. The Club received funding from Acciona Community Sponsorship Grants Program. This has enabled the Club to purchase a new laptop, thermal printer, card reader (white square) and note book. Unfortunately, the Club has had to outlay significant funds to replace and repair SI units. Map printing costs continue to rise.



BBB is in a solid financial position. Membership has remained steady at 57.

The Golden Boulder Award went to Ewan Keith for his performance over the year. Achievement Awards went to Greg Keith, Ariona Laws, Glenn and Sue Campbell.

The Club can only function with the support of all of its members. Many members have given service over the year, including organising events, assisting on registration, setting up and dismantling, manning starts and finishes, mapping, coaching beginners and providing a welcoming face. A special mention to members who helped collect controls after an event.

**Doug Wilson - President**

## Enoggeroos Orienteering Club Inc (EN)

2023 was a busy year for the Enoggeroos with the club's membership growing from 76 members in 2022 to 93 members in 2023. Key events organised in 2023 by Enoggeroos included OY8 and OY9.



Regular events run successfully by the club included 12 Night Nav events and 5 EODS (Enoggeroos Orienteering Development Series) events.

The Queensland Schools Orienteering team selected to compete in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships (ASOC) included the following Enoggeroos:

- Dylan Bryant
- Miles Bryant
- Adrian Garbellini
- Eric Taunton-Burnet
- Hugo Taunton-Burnet
- Thomas Caristo (reserve)
- Josh Newnes (reserve)



Congratulations to all of those students, along with all of the other Enoggeroos who participated in the selection events. Special congratulations to Dylan, Miles and Hugo for their medal wins at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships held in Western Australia as part of the Australian Orienteering Championships (30 Sept-8 Oct 2023).



Special mention goes to Miles who was selected in the Australian Honours team (4 per age group) for the second year in a row.



There are a number of people I would like to thank. Firstly, Tony Bryant, Fiona Caristo, Alix Hetteling, Joe Garbellini, Malin Taunton-Burnet and Lulu Wren for holding positions on the club committee and for the effort and dedication they showed in fulfilling those positions.



For key roles in event organisation, thank you to:

- Tony Bryant for organising the Night Naps and EODS and controlling OY9
- Lachlan Howard for setting OY8
- Dylan Bryant for setting OY9
- David Firman for controlling OY8

Finally, thank you to all those in our club who have contributed in various capacities at the events we were involved in. This includes members who have helped at events with course setting and controlling, at the starts, setting up, running the computers, collecting controls and providing support to our

members. You are all very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone for participating. We are looking forward to another big year in 2024.

**Lucy Peljo – President**

## Multi Terrain Bike Orienteering Club (MT)

Our year kicked off with a Long distance event in the Samford Valley, using the recreation trail network and quiet rural roads. The next event was held in pine plantation at Ningi on the Bribie Island road. Sadly, an incorrectly placed control, that was used by every course, necessitated cancellation of the results. We followed that with a sprint event around the Saint Paul's college campus at Bald Hills.



In September we hosted the Australian MTBO championships, comprising four race stages. The first was a Mass Start event at the Boondall entertainment centre. This was the perfect site for a Mass Start event with many pathways, grass tracks, buildings and two map changes to challenge riders. This was the first Mass Start event in a Queensland championship and as the event proved very popular, we'll repeat it at future carnivals.



The next event was a Sprint distance held in the Alexandra Hills High School and TAFE grounds. This was an existing foot map that was converted for MTBO and was highly complex due to the many buildings on site.

The next stage was just down the road in the Scribbly Gums Brisbane City Council Reserve. We made use of a nearby church for parking and assembly which worked well.

A social function was held on the Saturday night at the Alexandra Hills Hotel, which had enough space and dining options for those who attended.

The final stage was a Long distance event at Bayview Conservation Park, using its extensive single track network. The trail head area with its massive parking space and grassed areas, along with catering from the local Sea Scout group and a coffee cart, gave us the event centre.



This year we were able to add to our equipment pool, with a purchase of a set of SportIdent controls and extra timing sticks and we also secured two gazebos via a grant.

Our social functions this year included bike maintenance workshops and 2 talks. The first from John Skilton on his 3000km end-to-end ride in New Zealand on the Tour Aotearoa and the second from Steve Amor on this 1950km ride to the Blue Mountains on the Tour Gondwana.



Thanks go to all the club members and club supporters who helped make the events happen during the year. Planning for next year is well underway!

**Craig Steffens – President**

## Paradise Lost Orienteers (PL)

During 2023, Paradise Lost ran 3 park events, 1 event in a university, and 3 bush trail events including one on an excellent new map at Highvale Hill in Helensvale.



Participant numbers were generally modest, though slightly improved on previous years. This improvement may be due to:

- 1) more consistent events being run by the club,
- 2) more consistent communication about the events, and
- 3) interesting bush trail maps to attract more serious competitors.

We hope that these trends will continue into 2024 and have planned a range of regular events catering for a range of participants. These events will include Mt Tamborine and Banora point on rarely or never before used maps.



All events in 2023 were well run on technically sound courses, with only minor hiccups due to unforeseen circumstances. All events were discussed and analysed with learnings implemented in the events following.

Paradise Lost had 8 members in 2023. The people involved in event organisation remains low at 5.

**Steve Dowlan - President**

## Range Runners Orienteering Club Inc (RR)



2023 has been a terrific year for Range Runners Orienteering Club. It has been wonderful to get back close to a normal season following 3 years of COVID interruptions.

The Club prides itself on being a welcoming club and I am pleased to report that we had 31 new members join this season (8 Adults, and 23 juniors) across 6 new families. We welcome you all and hope those new to our sport have enjoyed the season and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

2023 has been an incredibly successful season for our Club and Club Members with an impressive list of State and National Medals plus representative honours.

This includes:

### **OQ Sprint, Middle and Long distance Championships**

- 21 OQ Gold Medals
- 21 OQ Silver Medals
- 16 OQ Bronze Medals

### **QSOC Sprint, Hagaby and Long Championships**

- 16 QSOC Gold Medals
- 10 QSOC Silver Medals
- 14 QSOC Bronze Medals

### **OA Sprint, Middle, Long and Relay Championships**

- 4 OA Gold Medals
- 4 OA Silver Medals
- 2 OA Bronze Medals



### **ASOC**

- ASOC Silver Medal for Junior Girls Relay.

### **OA MTBO Sprint, Middle and Long Championships**

- 2 OA MTBO Gold Medals
- 2 OA MTBO Silver Medals
- 1 OA MTBO Bronze Medal

Plus, RROC won the **OQ Club Relay Championship** this year. Only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the club has ever won this event and the first time since 2014(??)

**15 of our club members were named in or reserve for the Qld Schools team that competed at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in WA.** Congratulations to Will Barnes, Abbie Barnes, Kari Brennan, Thea Commerford, Chase Deurloo, Alexandra Edwards, Skye Hassall, Grace Jardine, Sara Loader, Eric Lovell, Cassy Reinbott, Xanthe Schubert, Alex Vanzella, and Ingrid and Gretel Young.



The Club has been very active throughout 2023 and held an Event Organiser and Course Setter Workshop, an Orienteering Instructor Course early in the season plus 26 orienteering events, including running the Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships at Miles, the Queensland Sprint Orienteering Championships at Concordia Lutheran College and Harristown SHS, the Darling Downs and SW Schools Teams Trials plus helping organise and coaching at the Qld Minis and Junior Camps.

The Club would like to recognise and thank all course setters, controllers and helpers throughout the year. The club is stronger and more enjoyable for all when the workload is shared by many.

I'd like to thank the RROC Committee plus those members of the Qld Junior Development Committee for their dedicated service to the sport of orienteering.

The 2023 Club President's Award is presented to Felicity Crosato for her many years of unmeasurable service to Range Runners Orienteering Club as previous Club President (current Vice President) and junior orienteering across Queensland.



**Cam Schubert - President**

## Sunshine Orienteers Club Inc (SO)

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change (Charles Darwin).



Sunshine Orienteers is a growing club through embracing change with 78 or 79 members in 2021-23 compared to 64 members in 2000 and 46 in 2019. A large factor in this can be contributed to Peter Effeney's MapRun app and the growing interest in the night navigation series. Many new members have joined after participating in these events with a variety of people putting their hand up to be course setters. (including – Courtney, Christina, Kathy, Mark, Katelyn, Linda, Johannas, Neil, Janet, Michael, Gary, Brendan, Ross, and Yosuke, sorry if your name is missed).



The club is still very active in the traditional areas of foot/bush/park and mountain bike orienteering with a scattering of members being office bearers or competing in rogaining events.

An interesting comment during night navigation/park-o is when a member of the community asks, "What are you doing?" Replying, "Orienteering!"

Then they state, "I remember doing that at school/camp/scouts and I loved it!" This is an untapped area of potential members in the broader community. How to tap into this resource could be an area to explore.

In addition to 16 x night navigation events, the club conducted several park/foot-o events throughout our region at NDSC Tewantin, Ben Bennet Park, Sunshine Coast Uni, Sunshine Beach SHS and Caloundra West in 2023.

Sunshine Orienteers hosted OY5 – Qld Middle Distance Championships at Cabbage Tree Mountain near Maryborough. (Officials - Brendan, Tim, Eric). Franklin, Henry and Mark made it to the dais.





The club was again heavily engaged in Mountain Bike Orienteering, hosting State Series events at Sugar Bag Road, Wild Horse Mountain, Raddatz and Black Swamp. These events are extremely time consuming and rely heavily on many people contributing before during and after the event. However, they are our main source of income aside from grants.

In 2024 it is anticipated that Sunshine Orienteers will host up to 28 x Night Navigation events and 5 x MTBO events (including the QLD Champs) along with a sprinkling of Park-Os, so we will be looking for more helpers from our growing membership.



One of the more intelligent orienteering comments during the year was made by our youngest competitor at the national championships in Western Australia. Franklin, after completing his course, explained how he found a control. "I realised I was in the wrong gully, but at the right height, so I just contoured around the corner and there was the control."

Congratulation goes to Henry Smyth (2023) who is our third club member to make the Queensland School's Orienteering Team and Eric Smyth was also part of the official/coaching team for one of the recent camps for high performing youth teams/squad.

**Iain Duncan - President**

## Toohey Forest Orienteering Association Inc (TF)

The end of 2022 saw the club hold 5 Night Nav events with a further 3 following in January. The December 1 event was rerun on the 15<sup>th</sup> due to the original date being wet and cold (max 17°C) thus making 5 events. The most popular of the series was the last at Moorooka which had 40 participants.



The popular Santa Six Days MapRun events were held again over the Xmas New Year period. The series was organised by the Ross family and Judy Hay with events in the west, north and south of Brisbane. The most popular of these was the one at Underwood Park with 40 participants.

This year there were three major carnivals for foot orienteering with the first being the Oceania Championships which were held in Tasmania in January. Reid Moran was our only representative at this carnival and his best result was 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group in the long-distance race.

Easter saw three members competing in the 3 Days which were organised by the ACT and held near Cooma. Our representatives were Reid Moran and David and Jennifer Schulz. Reid managed to finish 7<sup>th</sup> overall which was our best result.



The first bush event we held for the year was the Karawatha promotional event on April 1st. 40 competitors attended. This was followed in May with a promotional event at Underwood Park which attracted 44 competitors.



The May long weekend hosted the Queensland Long and Middle-distance Championships and was held near Maryborough. The extra travel distance reduced the usual attendance from our club. Just three members were able to go but they made up for that with a first, second and third.

The most significant event for the year that we organised was the Fiona Day which is held at Stockyard Creek. Following the success of the optional mass-start format from last year Lorenzo decided to do it again this year. This year's event attracted 70 participants. We ran the usual cake and sausage stall to raise funds for brain cancer research.



We ran an event at Glider Forest (Parkinson) in August using the new picnic area on the other side of Paradise Road. This required a map extension so that the easy and very easy courses didn't need to cross the road. The event attracted 37 participants. This was the first use of the map for a weekend event as it had only previously been used for Thursday events due to a lack of a suitable assembly area.

We were contracted by Logan City Council to run some events under their Active and Healthy programme. The first of these was at Boronia on a much-updated map produced by Neil Simson. The draft map was tested at a Thursday event in August before the LCC event in September. The attendance at the LCC event was less than expected.

The last local major foot event of the year was the Sprint Championships at Toowoomba. TFO did particularly well with Reid Moran and Neil Simson winning their classes. Queensland hosted the Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships this year. Reid Moran was our only participant with his best result being a 5<sup>th</sup> in the long-distance race.



This year's national championships carnival was held in Western Australia with two of our members attending. Noteworthy results were David Schulz's 13<sup>th</sup> place in every distance and Jennifer Schulz's 4<sup>th</sup> in Aus Long distance.

Mapping projects completed this year were a remap of Boronia Bushland Reserve, a remap of the Street map of Runcorn Heights and the extension to Glider Forest.

As of the beginning of October club membership was up by 5% with at least 1 new member since then.

**Neil Simson – President**

## Totally Tropical Orienteering Club (TT)

2023 has been another busy year for the Totally Tropical Orienteering club, although slightly quieter in the back end of our season than usual with our usual course-setters jet-setting around the country and world. We have once again held a multitude of events throughout the year for the adventure seekers in our city and have big plans for 2024 to bring back all our favourite events and implement a few new ideas.



We conducted eight immensely successful Urban Adventure Events; a summer and winter series consisting of four Wednesday evening each. We even snuck in a 5th event in the Winter Urban Series using our awesome sprint map out at James Cook University, a great introduction for the newer members to the detailed world of sprint maps. We picked up a few new course setters for the Urban Series this year, which was greatly appreciated, giving the usual suspects a break. Tim and Adrian supported them during their planning and course-setting and all have already keenly agreed to jump in again in 2024, success!



Our weekend events have included a cross-country and urban score event throughout the city, with a bit of a focus on World Days. We had a very successful World Book-O Scatter in the CBD for the members who didn't head north to support the FNQ-O Rogaine, and Short-Course Sunday out at Corcoran Park was a part of World-O Day, not forgetting our traditional Easter-O run in conjunction with Townsville Road Runners on Easter Saturday, a fun and

challenging bunny-hunt. More events out at JCU, we love a good night event at the University and around the forts at Jezzine Barracks, getting members off the streets and into the bush.



Despite the call for navigation training and orienteering coaching, we simply ran out of time and member availability. But we are very excited with our Learn to Navigate-Orienteer plan for 2024, it's already over-subscribed and we are keen to be involved in the wider OQ and OA Learn to Orienteer program.

We did move into current century this year by purchasing our very own SportIdent System and we finally implemented MapRun ... sorry it took so long Peter! A big thanks to the OQ members who offered advice and tips and to my mates that ran around our backyard testing my set-ups before we let it loose on the club member. We ran a brilliant practice event at Jezzine Barracks on a Saturday afternoon with most people trying to run all 3 x MapRun and 3 x SportIdent courses we had set up. The kids loved the "gadgets"; the adults loved the beeps! We plan to use both systems regularly next year with a monthly MapRun course and a 4-week SportIdent Park series.



The club has again had a great year in regards to gaining a few Government and Community Grants, which is always well received. Our recently received Volunteers grant money is going towards updating some of our very well used Event Equipment.



TTOC continues to attend the Townsville Get Active Expo and Defence Welcome Expo and to promote our events via community websites and Facebook pages. We are involved in a range of community CATI activities that continue to be successful recruiting activities for our sport. Again we could not do what we do without the members who jump in to course set, run registrations, update our maps, post on social media and make it all happen. What a top team!

So, let us celebrate another successful year and also celebrate our contribution to Townsville's outdoor activities. Thankyou to all our TTOCers for supporting our events and continuing to build our great club and of course we couldn't do it without the support we continue to receive from OQ. Looking forward to an exciting 2024.

**Linda Davis for  
Mat Smith – President**

## Ugly Gully Orienteering Club (UG)



2023 was another busy and successful year for Ugly Gully.

First and foremost a massive thank you to our committee, volunteers, members and participants – the club would after all be nothing without each one of your contributions.



Members of the Club have organised 89 events in 2023 (1 Oct 2022 to 30 Sept 2023) with a total of 3,477 participants.

The average participant per event in MapRun and NightNav have increased by 6 & 10 respectively.

- 3 Club Bush Events – 186 participants (average participation of 62)
- 28 NightNav events – 1,132 participations (average participation of 40)
- 47 MapRun Parks events on Sunday afternoons – 1,434 participations (average participation of 30)
- 8 ParkO events – 603 participations (average participation of 75)
- 1 OY – 122 participants)
- 2 Day Long Champs – 130 participants per day

A special thank you to Reece Eberhard who continues to organise MapRun Park events week after week. Reece was most deservedly awarded the annual Hurtle award for outstanding contribution to the club. Night Nav now has a small organising team made up of Fran, Kristine & Juliana who share the load. A pleasing addition in 2023 was members assisting with the course setting of NightNav events.

### Development of the Sport

We've continued to enhance our Ugly Gully Facebook Page, with 545 followers.

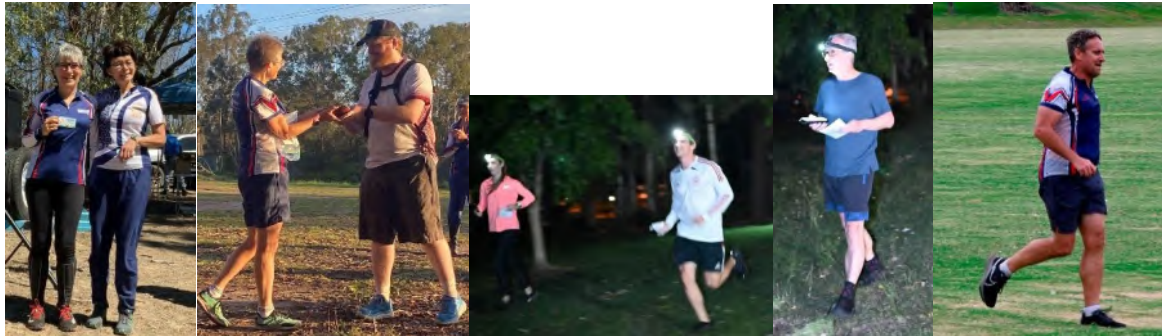


## Coaching

Ryan Gray continued to contribute to the success of our junior athletes as the Coach to the Qld Schools Team. He was the recipient of the Annual OQ coaching award.

## OQ – President's Award

Su Yan was the recipient of this award for her ongoing contribution to coaching both junior athletes and female athletes.



## Mapping

Mark Robert's return to Brisbane has meant that some well-frequented maps have received a much-needed update, such as: Sherwood Arboretum; QUT Gardens Point & Moggill Creek map.

A new map by Geoff Peck at Spring Mountain has been used twice now and has a lovely assembly with kangaroos and a nice mix of bush and park.

Unfortunately, the year has been a net negative with SEQW withdrawing permission for use of Kholo Rd, Bluestone North and Bluestone South maps and Cootha Botanic Gardens not granting permission for the Auschamps25 School Sprint. There has also been some confusion re orienteering within BCC bushland, clarification from BCC is currently being sought. We appreciate all the work James Mitchell has done to facilitate these discussions.

Thank you to Brenton Gray; Geoff Peck & Mark Roberts for their work on mapping again this year.



## Performance

Elite recognition for representing Australia at JWOC: Mikaela Gray (Also represented Australia in the Czech WC team, and also the Australia-New Zealand Challenge Team for Oceania)

Anna Sheldon represented Australia in the bushrangers' team (NZ) and in Czech world cup teams, where she had great success (Long 4th; 5th Middle distance; 10th Sprint).

Top Ugly Gullians in the NOL were Ryan Gray (7th M21E), Mikaela Gray (3rd W20E), Anna Sheldon (12th W21E)



**Qld Schools:** Congratulations to Ethan Crowe who represented Queensland as a member of the very successful Qld Schools team.

**Queensland Long Championships**

Anna Sheldon Perpetual Trophy W21A Champion

Below is a list of UG athletes who won their age class:

Championship Winner	Class
Maya Lhote	W14A
Anna Sheldon	W21A
Michelle Schultz	W45A
Wendy Read	W55A
Fiona McIntyre	W55AS
Jacque Rand	W65A
Robin Spriggs	W75A
Luca Schulz	W12A
Brenton Gray	M45A
Lance Read	M55A

Thank you to Kristine Cairns-Tracey & Ben Schulz for their contribution to the club, they are stepping down as Club Secretary & Event Coordinator respectively.



I am stepping down as President, thank you to the many people who have supported me and the club over the last 2 years.

(And thank you to Reece Eberhard and Peta Lovell for taking so many wonderful photos and preserving so many memories over the course of the year)

**Fran Powell – President**

## 21 Degrees South Multisport Association (MKQ)



Club Memberships: 9

Events Held:

February

- Sports Expo booth with mini MapRun6 demo course
- NightNav MapRun – Glenella – 25 competitors

March

- NightNav MapRun – Dolphin Heads – 5 competitors

April

- NightNav MapRun – John Breen Park, North Mackay – 9 competitors

May

- Mini Mack Adventure Station – Pinnacle – approx. 70 competitors

June

- Queensland Day Community Event in conjunction with Scouts – Easy, Medium and hard flag courses in Queens Park – 30 competitors

July

- NightNav MapRun – Muller Park, Ooralea – 10 competitors

August

- NightNav MapRun – Jaycee Park, Andergrove – 6 competitors

September

- NightNav MapRun – Quota Park, East Mackay – 16 competitors

October

- NightNav MapRun – Ram Chandra Park, Lamberts Beach – 6 competitors



### Highlights

#### • OQ Training Courses

Juliana was kind enough to come to Mackay to run course setting training which was well attended with ten people all keen to learn how to use course setting programs like Purple Pen and MapRun Console. Everyone left keen to get in some practice at home and one of the attendees took on the challenge of setting a couple of our MapRun courses later in the year. On the weekend, Juliana and Caroline worked tirelessly to run Nav Training at Rowallan Park and set several courses to test learned skills. All 15 participants including some local scout leaders learned heaps and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



• **Mini Mack**

Setting the Mini Mack course is always a bit of a challenge requiring several visits to the event site 50km up the road to check on water levels and crossing our fingers that the creek doesn't rise or fall too much immediately before, resulting in the maps needing amendment. Bub did an awesome job on the maps this year with the event organiser requesting the course be extended for the older and more confident participants which proved popular. With the help of all our volunteers on the day, it was another great success.



• **Scouts collaboration - Queensland Day Community Event**

Early in the year we received an invitation from Hibiscus Coast District Scouts to collaborate in a community event they were organising to celebrate Qld Day on the 10th of June at Queens Park. The aim of the event was to get the community outdoors and the youth off the streets and participating in positive activities.

Other organisations participating in the event included Crime Stoppers and the SES. We ran an orienteering activity in the park. Juliana created a map that we used as a flag course, and Cath set an easy course so that kids and families could have a go.





### Challenges

As evident in the records above, event participation numbers were consistently low this year. Considering the amount of work that goes into running these events in the lead up, on the day, and afterwards, the small number of members able to assist began to question the effort vs community reward ratio. This resulted in a motion being passed at a special meeting in November to dissolve the club.



**Cara McCormack - President**

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## Orienteering Queensland Life Members



Eric Andrewst  
Liz Bourne  
John Bournet  
Joan Bournet  
Fiona Calabrot†  
Dave Erbacher  
Val Erbacher  
Miriam Holmes  
Ian Holmes  
Gordon Howitt†  
Cath Howitt  
Sue Johnstont  
Tim McIntyre  
Peter Plunkett-Cole  
Clive Pope  
Barbara Pope  
Rob Rapkins  
Lynda Rapkins  
Trevor Sauer  
Meredyth Sauer  
Robin Simson†

Dorothy Simson  
Chris Spriggs  
Robin Spriggs

## New Life Members, March 2023

After a hiatus since 2006, the OQ Management Committee decided to revive the award of life memberships to recognise exceptional, sustained contribution to orienteering at state and/or national level.

At the Annual General Meeting in March 2023, three new life memberships were awarded to members whose service to Orienteering Queensland stretches back more than 20 years and has continued to the present.

**Tim McIntyre** has served on the Management Committee of Orienteering Queensland (and its predecessor Qld Orienteering Association) for 18 of the last 24 years: Vice-President (2000), President (2001-2002, 2014-2015, 2017-2018), Technology Chair (2005-2013), Technical Chair (2022-2023). He led the streamlining of the management structure in 2014 and the adoption of a new constitution in 2019. He was responsible for introducing and managing SportIdent technology in Queensland and was a key member of the team creating the OQ website in 2011. He has managed or co-managed the technology for all the national carnivals held in Queensland, and many of the Queensland championships. He has also served as course setter or controller at a number of championship events.

**Chris Spriggs & Robin Spriggs** both served extensively on the Management Committee of QOA/OQ: Robin as Secretary (1996-1998 and 2004), and Chris as President (2003-2005) and Treasurer (2006-2008 and again in 2015). This was a period of growth in memberships and participation for the organisation, with considerable developments in planning, policy and administration. Chris was a key member of the organising team for the 2008 Australian Championships and a number of Queensland Championships, while Robin was course setter for the 2010 Queensland Champs. They have shown particular dedication in organising Mid-Week Orienteering week in week out for the last 19 years. They were joint Mid-Week coordinators 2004-2010 and then Chris took on the official role, strongly supported by Robin.

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## **Financial Statements**

### **Orienteering Queensland Incorporated**



#### **Financial Report**

**For the Year Ended**

**31 December 2023**

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

<b>2022 \$</b>		<b>2023 \$</b>
	<b>Income:</b>	
30,416	Event Fees & Levies	37,208
78,055	Government Grants & OA Funding (Note 4)	53,340
14,624	Membership	15,682
	Profit/(Loss) from Championships (Note 2):	
842	Queensland Foot	3,655
55,733	Easter Carnival	--
31,540	Coaching/Schools	40,763
7,871	Private Events and donations	17,467
3,318	Coaching Camps	9,544
6,013	Map and Equipment Sales	5,119
476	Fundraising	376
1,579	Interest	6,328
<b>230,467</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>189,482</b>
	<b>Expenditure:</b>	
	Development Costs:	
8,591	Development Costs (non-grant funded)	15,161
5,080	OA Participation Programs	-
70,353	SRQ Funded Programs	54,935
3,836	Sporting Schools	2,472
87,860	<b>TOTAL Development Costs</b>	72,568
	Administration & Management:	
1,500	Audit	1,500
1,152	Bank Charges	1,549
11,109	Bookkeeping Costs (inc software)	10,707
850	Meetings/Conference Expenses	244
11,397	General Administration incl Admin Officer	9,940
772	Insurances	3,438
21,145	OA Levies & Charges	24,527
11,268	Subscriptions (inc Australian Orienteer)	10,824
-	Printing & Stationery	50
-	Repairs & Maintenance	293
2,225	Membership Officer	2,374
-	Telephone	-
-	Website Maintenance	-
7,312	Depreciation	6,537
68,730	<b>TOTAL Administration &amp; Management</b>	71,983

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<b>2022 \$</b>	<b>Statement of Comprehensive Income (cont.)</b>	<b>2023 \$</b>
	Squad Maintenance:	
6,839	QLD Cyclones	5,626
193	Trophies & Awards	808
4,000	Contribution for squad selection	1,900
11,032	TOTAL Athlete Development	8,334
30,217	Australian Schools Championships	46,201
1,406	Other Equipment Costs	-
	Events:	
1,251	General Event Expenses	3,728
2,583	School Event Expenses	3,484
5,604	Corporate/Private Event Expenses	12,005
9,438	TOTAL Events	19,220
<b>208,683</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>218,303</b>
<b>21,783</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(28,821)</b>
<b>(55,733)</b>	<b>Transfer from (to Reserves)</b>	-
<b>(33,950)</b>	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(28,821)</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position**

<b>2022 \$</b>		<b>2023 \$</b>
	<b>Current Assets:</b>	
7,807	Cash at Bank – Trading Accounts	10,242
99,338	Cash at Bank – Online Savers	55,558
203,824	Cash at Bank – Term Deposits	208,432
-	Accounts Receivable	-
284	Accrued Revenue	4,640
6,486	Stock on hand	10,184
455	Deposits Paid	-
-	Prepaid Expenses	197
<u>318,194</u>		<u>289,253</u>
	<b>Non-Current Assets:</b>	
94,434	Property, Plant and Equipment at Cost – NOTE 3	94,434
(81,391)	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(87,928)
<u>13,043</u>		<u>6,506</u>
<b><u>331,237</u></b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>295,759</u></b>
	<b>Current Liabilities:</b>	
-	Sundry Creditors	60
6,873	Accrued Expenses	6,010
2,316	Payroll Liabilities	2,628
209	ATO Liabilities	2,403
	Unearned Income	
4,276	Prepaid Membership Fees	5,372
33,452	Un-acquitted Grant Funding	23,997
<u>47,126</u>	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>40,470</u>
<b><u>284,110</u></b>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>255,289</u></b>
	<b>Accumulated Funds:</b>	
233,411	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year	199,461
84,649	Reserves – NOTE 6	84,649
(33,950)	Surplus (Deficit)	(28,821)
<u>284,110</u>		<u>255,289</u>

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**Notes to and forming part of the Accounts**

**NOTE 1**

The accounts are a special purpose financial report and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (Queensland).

The Management Committee considers that the accounting policies as described below are appropriate to the members understanding of the transactions of the entity during the year and the accounting framework is acceptable in the circumstances, providing a true and fair view of this financial report.

The report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost except where stated, and does not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association in preparation of financial statements.

**(A) Incorporation**

Orienteering Queensland Inc. is officially incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

**(B) Income Tax**

Generally, by virtue of Section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, sporting bodies are exempt from Income Tax. However, should any income tax liability arise in the future such liabilities can only relate to the net assessable income generated from investment or other activities which are not directly associated with contributions, subscriptions or other receipts from members.

**(C) Inventories**

Inventories, when held, are valued at the lesser of cost or net realisable value.

**(D) Fixed Assets**

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated over their useful life to the Association. The carrying amounts of fixed assets are reviewed annually by the Committee of Management to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these assets.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

<b>Class of Fixed Asset</b>	<b>Depreciation Rate</b>
Buildings	5%
Computer Equipment	33.33%
Other Fixed Assets	20%

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**(E) Related Party Transactions**

It is noted that there are many related party transactions within the financial statements. These transactions are reported at cost which is at or below expected commercial rates.

**(F) Income**

Income is recorded when received from Clubs, adjusted for year end accruals. Such income cannot always be authenticated by the Entity.

**(G) Expenses**

Expenses associated with direct grant funding have been reported by grant category not expense category. Prior year expenses have been consolidated to align with grant expenditure to form reliable comparative figures.

**NOTE 2**

**PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

	<b>2023</b>
<b>Qld Foot Long Championships</b>	
Income	6,186
Expenses	<u>(2,531)</u>
<b>Profit</b>	<u><b>3,655</b></u>

**NOTE 3**

**PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT**

<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>
	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	
<u>6,571</u>	Computer Equipment at Cost	<u>6,571</u>
<u>(6,299)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,571)</u>
<u>272</u>		<u>-</u>
	<b>Event Equipment</b>	
<u>14,551</u>	Event Equipment at Cost	<u>14,551</u>
<u>1,043</u>	Furniture and Fittings	<u>1,043</u>
<u>(12,838)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(14,224)</u>
<u>2,756</u>		<u>1,370</u>
	<b>Sports Ident Equipment</b>	
<u>72,269</u>	Sports Ident Equipment at Cost	<u>72,269</u>
<u>(62,254)</u>	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(67,133)</u>
<u>10,015</u>		<u>5,136</u>

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**NOTE 4**

**Government Grants & OA Funding**

	<b>2023</b>
Qld Sport & Rec	53,340
Orienteering Australia	-
Total	53,340

**NOTE 5**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
59,481	Wages	59,481	57,506

**NOTE 6**

**Reserves**

	<b>2023</b>
<b>Development Reserve</b>	
Opening Balance	84,649
Transfers In	0
Transfers Out	0
Closing Balance	84,649

In accordance with Orienteering Queensland Inc's By Laws (Section 10), the surplus from the National Carnival will be held in a reserve account for future development of the sport.

**NOTE 7**

**Going Concern**

The Management Committee believes the organisation will continue as a going concern.

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**Statement by Members of the Committee**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity. The committee has determined that this special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The committee members of Orienteering Queensland Inc, hereby declare that:

The accompanying Financial Statements and Notes to the Accounts of the Association as at 31 December 2023:

- a) Present a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 of the Financial Statements.
- b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to meet its debts as and when they become payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Committee, and signed on behalf of the Management Committee.



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Juliana de Nooy

President



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Tony Bryant

Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF ORIENTEERING QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED

**Opinion**

I have audited the financial report of Orienteering Queensland Incorporated (the Entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and managements' assertion statement.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981*.

**Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

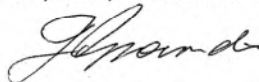
**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Orienteering Queensland Incorporated to meet the requirements of the applicable legislation. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report** Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



John Grounds, Chartered Accountant

Registered Company Auditor  
44 Ferguson Road Wavell Heights Brisbane 4012.

3 March, 2024



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