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UPCOMING EVENTS

For a full listing of upcoming events and all their details, please go to the [Event Calendar](#).



QLD SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS
25-26 JULY 2026

Sat AM - Mass start - Perseverance Dam
Sat PM - Sprint - Highfields State School
Sun AM - Long distance - 'Jericho' Crows Nest

11 years & under
13 years & under
15 years & under
19 years & under

+ Public races open to ALL!

ENTER NOW

ORIENTEERING QUEENSLAND

Last change to enter QSOC Public Races

Enjoy the High Country Hamlets of Highfields and Crows Nest!

- [Sprint at Highfields SS](#) Saturday afternoon , 25 July
- [Long Distance at 'Jericho'](#) Sunday morning 26 July, queueing Start for public will be from approx. 10:45am to 11.30am.

Entries close Thursday night - Don't miss out on the excitement of the QLD Schools Orienteering Championships! Join in the fun with the public race held in conjunction with the Championships. There are courses available for both experienced and inexperienced competitors. Race the Kids: compare your time with family members competing in QSOC.

Entry Fee for Public race: Adult \$10; Junior \$8; Family max \$28.

Please Pre-Enter and Pre-Pay. The family discount will automatically calculate during entry process.

Students: By the time you read this, the Program and Start Lists will be published on Eventor.

All the info you need to prepare for the Schools Champs!

MTBO & CYCLEGAINE AT SAMFORD

A promotional poster for the Samford Cyclegaine & MTBO event. The top half features a photograph of two cyclists, a man and a woman, wearing orange jerseys and green helmets, riding mountain bikes on a dirt trail. The text 'SAMFORD CYCLEGAINE & MTBO' is overlaid on the left. Below the photo, it says 'Sunday 2nd August 2026', '2Hr or 4Hr Cyclegaine courses for Teams', and 'Orienteering line courses for Solo riders'. The bottom section is dark with white text: 'HOSTED BY THE MTBO CLUB', 'Enter at www.mtbo.com.au', 'MTBO \$25, Cyclegaine \$35', 'Kids ride free with paying adult', 'Questions? Call or text Craig 0418 871 193', and 'Email: info@mtbo.com.au'. There is a QR code with the text 'Scan to enter' and a logo for 'Multi Terrain MTBO Bike Orienteers' with the website 'WWW.MTBO.COM.AU'.

There's Two Ways to Ride at the Samford Cyclegaine & MTBO – Which Will You Choose?

Join us on Sunday 2 August for an exciting day of mountain bike navigation with two different event formats to suit all abilities.

2 or 4-Hour Cyclegaine

Team up with friends and spend up to four hours exploring the fantastic trails around Samford. Plan your own route, collect as many checkpoints as you can, and enjoy the challenge of balancing speed, strategy and teamwork. Perfect for riders who love adventure and making their own decisions.

MTB Orienteering

Prefer to race on your own? Choose from five MTBO course lengths, ranging from beginner-friendly navigation through to longer and more challenging courses for experienced riders. Simply pick the course that matches your skill and fitness level and race against the clock.

MTBO: \$25 | Cyclegaine: \$35 | Kids ride FREE with a paying adult!

Sunday 2 August 2026

Samford Tennis Club

Enter now at www.mtbo.com.au

More information at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/22997>

Whether you're chasing checkpoints with your teammates or testing your navigation skills on an MTBO course, you'll enjoy a fantastic day on the bike!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OY9 AT KARAWATHA - NEW MAP



Save the Date for OY9 at Karawatha

Saturday 22 August with starts from 1pm with allocated start times..

This event will be run on a New Map called "Frog's Hollow"!

This will be the QLD Middle Distance Championships.

Remember to bring a WHISTLE (compulsory)

More information and registration at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/23329>

Bulletin 1 will be available shortly.

AUSTRALIAN ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS - SEVERN RIVER



Rogaining Queensland invite you to enter the "24-Severn" Australasian Rogaining Championships to be held along the Severn River in SE Queensland on 29-30 August.

Rogaining is a long distance version of orienteering in which teams of 2-5 people navigate to visit checkpoints over a time limited period (points are accumulated as in an orienteering score event). The Championship is a 24-hour event and you can go hard for 24 hours or spread your time between being

The event area spans open sheep grazing country and parts of Sundown National Park near Nundubbermere, approximately 30 minutes from Stanthorpe.

Teams can expect a mix of terrain from undulating and generally open farmland to more heavily wooded and steeper areas. The course, set by the highly experienced orienteering and rogaining team of Tim McIntyre and Paul Frylink, provides excellent navigational challenges while remaining enjoyable and accessible for teams of all levels of fitness and experience.

The event is open to all - whether you are new to rogaining or an experienced campaigner.

Visit <https://qldrogaine.asn.au/arc2026/> for more details and to enter the event.

The entry fee includes a high-quality event map, meals at the Hash House and All Night Cafe during the event (the "Severn-11"), camping at the Hash House, and up to 24 hours of rogaining bliss!

Entry close at midnight on 15 August.

NEW ZEALAND HAS BEEN AWARDED 2029 JWOC



In very exciting IOF news, New Zealand has been awarded the 2029 JWOC Carnival!

The announcement of the 2029 Junior World Orienteering Championships follows a decision by the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) Council at a 6–8 July 2026 meeting.

This will be first JWOC to be held in New Zealand and only the second in Oceania.

In 2007, Dubbo on Australia's eastern coast hosted the championships.

The races in New Zealand are set to take place in the Canterbury region on the South Island, with Christchurch as the host city and they will most likely be held during the summer in the southern hemisphere – probably in November.

ONZZ look forward to welcoming the world's best junior athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters to

QLD ORIENTEERING JUNIOR CAMP - MARION BURRILL



Wow, wow, wow! I have not been to Junior Camp for a long time, preferring instead to concentrate on Mini Cyclones Camp, and then preparing to take the QLD Schools Team to ASOC for the last ten years, plus a few COVID years when we prepared to go to ASOC but didn't go. I was so encouraged to be present to see that enthusiasm, fun, AND skill development are still pivotal for the equipping of QLD juniors for further orienteering competition in the future. So fun!

Stand Outs:

- The food!!! Cassie did such a great job with just the right number of nutritious meals WITH vegetables plus some wicked desserts. And all done calmly and with enjoyment, at least that was my perception. Making your own lunch really works. Nobody went hungry and I didn't hear complaints at all.
- The coaching. Once again, there seemed to be just the right number of coaches and adults helping, but as usual, there's never a surplus, just enough. What I mean is, Felicity and Ben particularly were working hard, as was Will at the sprints, and Eric too, to put on three days of coaching, plus the Camp Champs. I prepared no exercises beforehand but loved being around for wherever I felt needed, especially with the beginner exercises lead by Krystle. This was most satisfying for me, having cut short Minis by a day this year and not having a lot of the western crowd present for Minis earlier this year. Introducing two new keen Mum's to orienteering by completing an exercise together was my highlight of camp.
- The difficulty of exercises hit the mark. I'm always concerned that experienced seniors won't be challenged but that wasn't the case. Even though some exercises were difficult for the Moderates, there was enough adults out on the course to 'collect' them and help them to navigate. Well done Matt on a lot of kms covered out on the map over the 4 days. I appreciated the judgement of coaches to not continue with an exercise if the time had run out e.g. at Twin

didn't know each other competing together against other pairs.

- I was impressed with the concentration and respect shown by the campers during the night program presentations. The activities which could be covered are endless, but the ones chosen were all appropriate and very helpful. The sharing of presentations between Felicity and Ben was useful. I thought having Ben from the other side of the range, deliver some technical skills, was very helpful for the kids, and a few parents, who mostly have had Felicity teach them the skills of orienteering. The fact that we're ALL on the same page as to how to navigate with a map and compass must be encouraging for everyone concerned and it was re-iterated repeatedly.
- Free time was well used at Columboola, where the kids seemed quite at home and had enough space to be active if they so desired, or to have a bit of quiet time if they wanted to.

All up, a very strategic skill development camp at an affordable price, where friendships were forged for years to come. Go orienteering!

Regards,

Marion Burrill

MIDWEEK ORIENTEERING - BEENLEIGH PARKS



This week's Mid-Week Orienteering event will be on Thursday 22 July at Beenleigh Parks.

There will be a park and street event.

Starts between 10:00am and 10:30am.

Start Location: Corner of Boundary Street/Logan Street, Beenleigh. Look for signs for playground north of road.

Courses: Long 3.5 kms, Medium 2.8, Short 2.2, Very Short 1.9

Fees: Members \$6, Casual \$8, Family/Group \$12. Cash only.

Please pre enter to guarantee a map.

Pre-enter here: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24399>

MAPRUN PARKS - GOLD COAST - OXFENFORD LAKE



Photo: [Southport Yacht Club](#)

All welcome to a MapRun Score event around **Oxenford Lake Sports Ground**

Saturday 1 August from 3:30pm

All ages and fitness levels are welcome.

Every event will cater for all skill levels and will have dedicated volunteers to assist you in getting started.

Compete solo or bring your friends and family for a group adventure!

Most routes are wheelchair and stroller friendly.

More information and registration at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/23606>

ENOGGEROOS FOREST ORIENTEERING TRAINING SESSION #2



Enoggeroos Forest Orienteering Training Session (EFOTS) #2

Saturday 1 August with starts at 3pm in Enoggera (exact location TBA)

These sessions will be designed to last around an hour and cater for beginners to experienced as training for forest orienteering.

This will be a coaching session for members only. There will be a limit to the number of participants to ensure any permission requirements are met. Priority to Enoggeroos however other members may be welcome if space allows. Please [check with the organiser](#).

Pre entry required by Wednesday prior to ensure coaching sessions planned meet target audience. Pre Entry does not guarantee a spot is available.

More information and registration at <https://eventorienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24430>

Exact meeting location will be communicated to participants the day before the event. Meet at designated location 2.45pm for a 3.00pm start.

Classes: Hard, Moderate, Easy, Very Easy, Unsure, Coach/Helper

BLAIR TREWIN ELECTED IOF VICE PRESIDENT



Congratulations to Blair Brown (past OI President, OI Board member and Tana Valley O) who was elected to the position of Vice President of the IOF in Genova Italy during the World Champs. Blair is often behind the mic for junior and elite competitions.

The IOF had its XXXIII IOF Ordinary General Assembly to decide the strategy for the next 4yrs. They decided on a new vision for the IOF: "*Orienteering is the ultimate navigation sport worldwide*". Furthermore, the assembly agreed on a new main goal for the IOF: "*Increase global participation in orienteering and work towards inclusion in the Olympic Games*". Blair is often behind the mic for junior and elite competitions.

ALICE SPRINGS MASTERS GAMES



The 40th edition of the Alice Springs Masters Games is being held from Oct 10-17th.

Orienteering is again included, with two foot O's and one MTBO event, coordinated by Top End Orienteers.

Yes, its warm up there at that time but events are held in the early morning and at night. Yes, a night foot O event!

Many other O maps that can be made available for a run / ride around.

Also lots of other fun running & bike events to occupy your time.

For more info contact Kay Haarsma (0403 565 534) or visit: [Alice Springs Masters Games: Home](#)

WHY ARE FEWER AUSTRALIAN KIDS PLAYING SPORT?



Photo by [Luis Henrique](#)

Australia loves sport. We pack stadiums, fill pubs to watch the Socceroos, celebrate Olympic medals and proudly call ourselves a sporting nation. But beneath the excitement of elite competition lies a growing concern: fewer Australian children are actually playing organised sport.

According to Australian Sports Commission CEO Kieren Perkins, participation levels among young people are falling sharply. While around two-thirds of children aged 9–11 play organised sport, that figure drops significantly during the teenage years. By ages 15–17, only 37 per cent remain involved in organised competition, despite many still being physically active in other ways.

The trend highlights a broader issue. Research shows only one in four Australian children meets daily activity guidelines, while many adolescents lack basic movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing and catching. Australia also ranks among the least active nations for teenagers in the developed world.

Experts suggest the problem is not that young people dislike sport, but that traditional sporting structures no longer meet their needs. As children grow older, sport often becomes more competitive, focused on elite pathways and talent identification. Many teenagers feel excluded or lose interest when the emphasis shifts away from participation and enjoyment.

Cost is another significant barrier. Socceroos star Nestory Irankunda recently questioned the high cost of junior football, warning that talented young players are being priced out of the game.

As Australia looks ahead to the Brisbane 2032 Olympics, the challenge is clear: investing in elite athletes is important, but the future health of Australian sport depends on ensuring more children can access, enjoy and stay involved in sport for life.

This article is summarised from an article in the Brisbane Times written by Michael Gleeson. You can read the [full article here](#).

LAST WEEK'S NEWS ARTICLES BELOW

2026 JUNIOR CAMP REPORT



This year's camp was held at the beautiful Columboola Environmental Education Centre, with thanks to Principal, Sean Mead. The facilities were excellent, with a large meeting area, eating area and permanent tents all undercover, and a fully equipped kitchen and classroom. A huge thank you to Casey Giese for her amazing catering efforts, and to Kylie Fourie for assisting. The attendees were completely spoiled with not even having to wash their own dishes!

The camp began at Dalby SHS, with exercises set and run by Will Barnes. Will catered well for the large range of abilities, and set a terrific exercise that stretched the experienced navigators through the complexities of two levels. We then moved to Dalby Christian College for a sprint relay.



Day 2 was spent on the northern section of Gurulmundi with exercises set by Will Barnes and run by Ben Schulz. Eric Lovell joined us, as Will was unable to stay on. There were 4 exercises – bearings, hat relay, hagaby and control picking. At the same time, Krystle McConville ran a coaching session for 18 enthusiastic under 13's (and a few parents!) from the South West regional schools team. Marion stepped in to help with this unexpectedly large group and was in her 'Mini Cyclones' element. Thank you, Krystle and Marion!

practice at mass start pressure!) and an interval start exercise to practice the skills they had been working on. He also planned a mapping exercise, but we ran out of time.

Back at camp, there were 4 challenges for the Adventure Race, with Wellington Wood and Lexie Crawford taking the win. Krystle ran another session for 13 under 13's. These youngsters were invited to join some of the Adventure Race games, and experience the fun of Junior Camp. Thank you again Krystle, and to your trusty side-kick, Sophie!



At every camp, the Fiona Calabro Memorial Award is presented to the junior who makes the most of their camp experience. This year it went to Ivy Young for her persistence, resilience and courage.

On Sunday morning, the Camp Champs were successfully held on the southern section of Gurulmundi. A total of 48 juniors attended either all or part of the camp, making it one of the biggest for awhile. It was fantastic to have so many juniors from the South West. A massive thank you goes to my four other coaches – Ben Schulz, Eric Lovell, Will Barnes and Marion Burrill, and to my amazing team of helpers – Matt Tomlins, Nicole Cooper, Sean and Jacinta Mead, Craig Baker, Phil Burrill and the catering team Casey and Kylie.

Junior Camp, 2027: 8 – 11 July. Save the date!

Felicity Crosato



EVENTOR PROFILE CONTACT CHANGES

Eventor Australia

Orienteering Australia's central IT-system

1. Background

In late May, changes were made to a user's profile by making a contact email as mandatory, and by separating the previously single emergency contact field into two fields.

2. Emergency Contact Details

The previous My profile > Contact Emergency Contact details looked like:

Emergency contact * Sue 0418901129 

Whereas the new fields, for a casual now appear as:

My profile

Personal details	Contact details	Time zone	Login	Competitor details	Organisations	Information
Email * aburnett2025@gmail.com Phone number (landline) Phone number (mobile) Street address City Postal code State * NSW Country * Australia Emergency contact name * Joy Oliver Emergency contact mobile * 0418 125456						

and for a member, also appear as:



The screenshot shows a user profile form with the following fields: First name, Phone number (landline), Phone number (mobile), Street address, City, Postal code, State (dropdown menu), Country (dropdown menu), Emergency contact name, and Emergency contact mobile. A red oval highlights the Emergency contact name and Emergency contact mobile fields.

As part of the change, a script was run to separate the existing data into text and numeric and to populate the new fields with the 'new' data.

Any member, or casual, who previously had not provided any emergency contact details, and who logs in to their Eventor account, will be required to provide any missing information to be able to log out successfully.

3. Mandatory Contact Details

An additional change was also implemented to the My pages > Contact details tab to ensure mandatory fields are consistent for registered users, casuals, and club members.

The change included email address and State becoming mandatory across all registered users.

4. Recommendations

Orienteering Australia recommends that all users log in to their Eventor account and review their profile settings, especially for emergency contact details, and ensure that all details are correct.

At the same time, if members have not yet done so, they might like to complete their diversity data profile.

A TOOLKIT EVERY COACH NEEDS



The AIS mentorship program is shaping the next generation of coaches.

After benefitting from regular check-ins with mentor Shayne Bannan, Paddle Australia's Senior Women's Coach Laurence Fletcher didn't need convincing to rejoin the Australian Institute of Sport's

The **AIS High Performance Coach Mentorship Program** is a professional development initiative run by the Australian Institute of Sport that pairs **developing high-performance coaches** with **highly experienced coaching mentors**. The program provides regular mentoring, guidance, and objective feedback to help coaches strengthen their leadership, decision-making, and coaching skills in elite sport environments.

In 2026, the program included **46 mentor–mentee partnerships** across **35 sports and organisations**, bringing together emerging coaches with mentors who have extensive experience and knowledge in high-performance sport. Participants use the program to reflect on their practice, tackle challenges, and grow professionally through ongoing one-on-one mentoring relationships.

As one participant described it, the program provides “a toolkit that every coach needs,” offering both support and constructive challenge from experienced leaders outside their immediate sporting environment.

Find out more about [this program here](#).

CHILD-FIRST COACHING APP - PLAY THEIR WAY



[Play Their Way](#) (UK) has launched a new app offering child-first coaching advice, support and resources for coaches working in sport and physical activity. The '[Coach in Your Pocket](#)' provides quick answers and practical ideas that coaches can access on the move or when difficult situations arise during sessions.

It'll help them put the enjoyment, rights and needs of young people at the heart of their coaching, with the aim of instilling a lifelong love of sport and movement.

The UK's latest Active Lives survey results show that [only half of children and young people strongly agree that they enjoy taking part in sport and physical activity](#). Coaches can have a huge influence on young people's experiences of sport – and ever-growing numbers of them are embedding children's

What's on offer in the app?

In the app, which is available to download for free from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#), users can:

- ask Joy, an AI coaching assistant, for child-first coaching guidance
- explore practical learning, real coach stories and downloadable tools
- track progress and unlock badges
- stay up to date with events, webinars and new resources
- enjoy trusted, child-first content – because all guidance comes from Play Their Way and partner-approved resources.

One the app's main innovations is the personal coaching assistant Joy, who can provide ideas specific to a coach's age group, activity or available time.

Learn more and read the [full article here](#).

ARE YOU PLANNING AN EVENT THIS YEAR?



Are you involved in planning an event this year?

Course setting?, Controlling? Event Organiser?

Please take advantage of the resources available. In particular, check the **Event Guide** and the **Course Guidelines** at

- [Event Resources - Foot-O](#)
- [Event Resources - MTBO](#)

and the **Risk Management** guide at

[When putting out controls, please use MapRun CheckSites](#) to check the control is in the right place.

Questions? Please ask Dylan at technical@oq.asn.au

2026 Date Savers



QLD Foot Events 2026

Date	Major Events 2026
25-26 July	QLD Schools Champs - Crows Nest
9 Aug	OY8 – Marstaellar Rd Reserve (Middle)
22 Aug	OY9 (QLD Middle Champs) – Karawatha
23 Aug	OY10 – Prout Road (Long)
12 Sept	OY 11 – Toowoomba (Sprint)
13 Sept	OY12 – Leyburn (Long)



QLD MTBO Events 2026

Date	Major Events 2026
2 Aug	State Series 5 - Samford
19-20 Sept	State Series 6-8 QLD MTBO Champs
9-11 Oct	AUS MTBO Champs
25 Oct	State Series 9 - Peak Crossing

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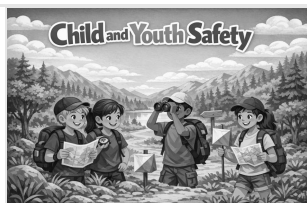
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Last bulletin submissions to be received by 8pm each Tuesday.



Child and Youth Safety.

Orienteering Queensland is committed to [Child Safety](#) and to implementing the National Child Safety Standards.



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