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UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Get your entries in for OY8 at Marstaellar Road Reserve at Mt Crosby
Sunday 9 August with starts from 9:30am and course close at 12pm
This Middle Distance event organised and run by members of Qld Cyclones.

Parking will be tight, please plan to car pool as much as possible. Please respect neighbouring properties' driveway/access points when parking.

Course, Distance & Climb

Hard 1 - 4.8km - 130m | Hard 2 - 3.8km - 105m | Hard 3 - 2.8km - 85m | Hard 4 - 2.4km - 70m | Hard 5 - 1.6km - 50m | Mod 1 - 2.7km - 100m | Mod 2 - 1.9km - 60m | Easy - 2.0km - 40m | Very Easy - 2.0km - 30m

PRE-ENTRY & pre-payment essential.

Entry deadline: Thursday 6 August

Remember to bring a WHISTLE (compulsory)

More information and registration at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/23213>

Bulletin 1 will be available shortly.

MTBO & CYCLEGAINE AT SAMFORD



**SAMFORD
CYCLEGAINE
& MTBO**

Sunday 2nd August 2026
2Hr or 4Hr Cyclegaine courses for Teams
Orienteering line courses for Solo riders

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
Email: info@mtbo.com.au

Scan to enter

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Course	Km	Climb	Controls
1	34	580	14
2	28	450	13
3	23	340	13
4	21	250	11
5	17	220	9

Samford Cyclegaine

There's **only 4 day's left to enter Sunday's 2 or 4 Hr Samford Cyclegaine event.**

You can ride solo or in a team for this event through the fantastic trails in the Samford Valley, right on Brisbane's doorstep.

Registration opens at 8:30am with map handout for the 4 Hr class at 9:00am and the start flag drops at 10:00am. Map handout for the 2 Hr class is 10:45am and the start time is 11:45am.

There'll be more details will be in the final info pack sent to entrants on Thursday morning.

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

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.

Samford MTB Orienteering

Entries close in 4 days time for this Sunday's event (2 Aug), offering the 5 courses above. The start window for the 5 sequential courses is from 8:30-9:00am More details will be in the final info pack sent to entrants on Thursday morning.

If you prefer to race on your own you can choose from one of the 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!

Meet at Samford Tennis Club

Enter now at www.mtbo.com.au

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



UGLY GULLY COME & TRY EVENT - 2 AUG - BOWMAN PARK



Ugly Gully Come & Try Orienteering Event – Part of the BCC Active Park program

Sunday 2 August from 3:30 - 5pm

Meeting place: Bowman Park entrance opposite Simpsons/Chiswick Roads Junction Bardon

More information and registration at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24406>

We will offer a score (see how many point you can find in 40 minutes in order - maximise your points) and line course (find controls in a specific order.)

We will have flags at control points but use the map run app, download using the links

Come along for a fun, friendly run/jog/walk in the park.

Download the free MapRun App either before the event or come along and we will help you. See the links on this page. <https://maprunners.weebly.com/>

All ages and fitness levels are catered for. Go individually or in a group. Children 14yo and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Full instructions given by our friendly team.

Arrive with the aim to start by 4:00pm. We will be offering starts from 3:30ntry Price \$6 per phone

ONLINE PURPLE PEN WORKSHOP



ONSW will be conducting an online **Purple Pen workshop** (free for members across Australia) is on Tuesday Aug 18 from 6.30-9.30pm.

This is aimed at people setting courses for summer, and is also a good refresher for anyone out of practice.

Please [enter via Eventor](#) by Fri Aug 14. Windows users only, sorry.

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.

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

Most routes are wheelchair and stroller friendly.

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

MIDWEEK ORIENTEERING - JC TROTTER PARK, BURBANK



This week's Mid-Week Orienteering event will be on Thursday 30 July at JC Trotter Park, Burbank.

There will be a bush event.

This is the second use of Ingo's 2023 bushland map following revision and extension by Mark Roberts.

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

Start Location: Enter via Cherbon Street in Burbank

Courses: Extra Long 4.5 kms, Long 3.6 km Medium 2.7km, Short 1.4km, Very Short 800m

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/24400>

Pre-entry closes at 11pm on Wednesday prior.

All welcome!

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](#).

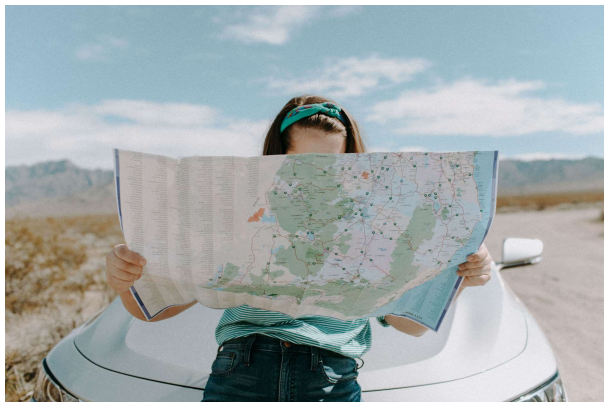
Pre entry required by Wednesday prior to ensure coaching sessions planned meet target audience. Pre Entry does not guarantee a spot is available.

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

SLOW FAREWELL TO STREET DIRECTORIES: MAP BOOK vs GPS



For many orienteers, maps are more than navigation tools—they are part of our sporting DNA. An ABC News article recently highlighted the gradual decline of Australia's iconic street directories, such as UBD Gregory's and Refidex, as digital navigation continues to dominate everyday travel.

Publisher Hardie Grant reports that sales of street directories have fallen to less than 20 per cent of their peak, when more than 250,000 copies were sold annually in the 1970s and 1980s. As a result, the books will no longer receive annual updates. While they will remain available for now, the era of large teams of cartographers painstakingly revising maps each year is coming to an end. In fact, the workforce has shrunk from as many as 40 cartographers to just two.

The article also raises an issue familiar to many orienteers: over-reliance on GPS. Researchers suggest that constant use of digital navigation can weaken our natural sense of direction and our awareness of the environment. By allowing technology to do the thinking, we may lose some of the spatial skills that map users regularly exercise.

Interestingly, printed maps remain valuable. Emergency services continue to rely on them as a backup when technology fails, while old directories provide historical records of roads, businesses and land use.

For the orienteering community, the story is a timely reminder of the enduring value of map-reading skills. While GPS is undeniably convenient, there is still something satisfying—and often more engaging—about navigating with a map, compass and our own judgement. Some traditional skills, it seems, are worth preserving.

This article was summarised from an article written by Gemma Sapwell and was published in ABC News. You can find the [original article here](#).

LAST WEEK'S NEWS ARTICLES BELOW

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 Creeks and the map drawing exercise, even though it would have been a good to do. This allowed time for the Great Race back at camp where it was wonderful to see pairs who probably 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

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

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 out on the course or back at the hash house enjoying a meal, sitting around a campfire or catching some sleep. There is also a 15-hour roving (non-championship) option.

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.

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.

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](#)

BLAIR TREWIN ELECTED IOF VICE PRESIDENT



Congratulations to Blair Brown (Aotearoa New Zealand, ON Board member and Para Valley C), 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.

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 Ōtautahi / Christchurch in 2029.

Read the [IOF statement here](#).



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](#).



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

- [Safety & Emergency](#)

[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
9 Aug	OY8 – Marstaellar Rd Reserve (Middle)
22 Aug	OY9 (QLD Middle Champs) – Karawatha

12 Sept	OY11 – Toowoomba (Spring)
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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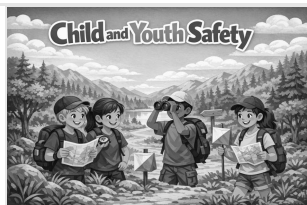
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Last bulletin submissions to be received by 8pm each Tuesday.



Child and Youth Safety

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



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