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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Thur 9 - Sun 12 July - [Junior Camp, Columboola](#)

- Sun 12 July - [Junior Camp Champs - Gurulmundi State Forest](#)
- Sat 11 July - [Map Run Parks - Gold Coast - Event #8: 11th July, Pizzey Park, Miami](#)
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- Thurs 23 July - [Beenleigh Parks](#)
- Sat 26 July - [2026 Qld Schools Orienteering Championships - Mass Start - Perseverance Dam](#)
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- Sun 27 July - [2026 Qld Schools Orienteering Championships - Long Distance](#)
- Sun 27 July - [2026 QSOC Public Race - Long - 'Jericho' Crows Nest](#)

See the [Eventor listing](#) for more details.

JUNIOR CAMP CHAMPS PUBLIC EVENT



Come pit your orienteering skills against the juniors!

Come along to the Junior Camp Champs Public Event.

Sunday 12 July at 9:30am

Gurulmundi State Forest, north of Miles.

Run the same course and compare your times ... how will you match up?

Courses will be Hard 1, Hard 2, Moderate 1, Moderate 2, Easy and Very Easy

Registration and more information at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24322>

COACHING FOR BEGINNERS



Are you new to orienteering?

Good news!

Here are two coaching sessions especially for you!

There will be coaching for all beginners from 10-11am.

Members of the South West Schools team in the 11 and 13 Years age groups are encouraged to attend. Friends and family are also very welcome.

Cost is \$6. Pay on the day, cash only.

Friday 10 July - [Coaching for Beginners, Gurulmundi State Forest](#)

Entry deadline Wed 8 July

Register here: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24337>

Saturday 11 July - [Coaching for Beginners, Columboola EEC](#)

Entry deadline Wed 8 July

Register here: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24338>

For more information please email roc.oq@gmail.com or text 0427523541

MAPRUN PARKS GOLD COAST - PIZZEY PARK, MIAMI



Photo: [Must Do Gold Coast](#)

All welcome to a MapRun Score event around **Pizzey Park, Miami**

Saturday 11 July 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/23605>

QLD SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 25-26 JULY

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25-26 JULY 2026

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

ENTER NOW

11 years & under
13 years & under
15 years & under
19 years & under
+ Public races open to ALL!

ORIENTEERING QUEENSLAND

The 2026 Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships are heading to the Darling Downs!

- 25–26 July 2026

Entries are now open for the Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships - **3 races**, just north of Toowoomba:

Open to all Queensland school students who can complete a course independently:

- independent athletes
- members of regional representative teams

Public races: As well, there are courses for everyone at the Sprint and Long Distance, ranging from very easy to very challenging!

[Details & registration](#)

Entries close: Saturday 18 July 2026

ENOGEROOS FOREST ORIENTEERING TRAINING SESSION (EFOTS) - SESSION 1



Enoggeroos Forest Orienteering Training Session or EFOTS - because we love a good acronym!
Saturday 18 July 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

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://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24402>

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

GLEN MINE ORIENTEERING ADVENTURE



Think you can find your way?

Join us at **Glen Mine** for a fun-filled orienteering adventure! Navigate your way through checkpoints, explore the outdoors, and challenge your map-reading skills.

Glen Mine, west of Warwick

Sunday 19 July

9 - 11am

Suitable for all ages and experience levels.

Courses available: Hard 1 - 5.5km, Hard 2 - 4km, Hard 3 - 2.8km, Moderate 1 - 3.4km, Moderate 2 - 2.1km, Easy - 2.1km, Very Easy - 1.7km

Find your way. Explore. Have fun!

For registrations and enquiries: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/24192>



All are welcome at this Bush Trail Orienteering event!

Sunday 19 July with starts from 9 -11am.

Course closure at 12pm

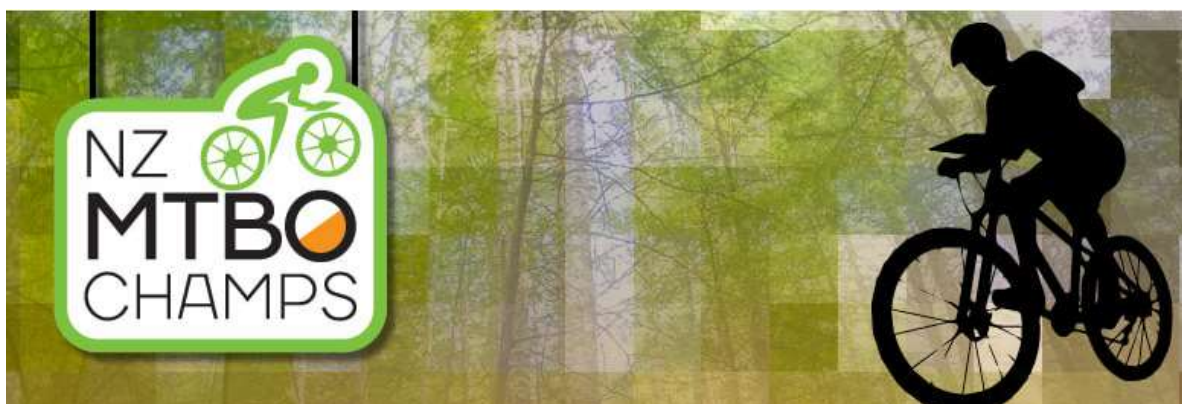
Coomababah Wetlands, Coomababah

This is a MapRun event with flags on the Easy course only.

Courses available: TBC

Registration and more information at <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/23658>

NZ MTBO CHAMPS 2027



The **NZ MTBO Championships** will be held from **24–27 April 2027**.

You can find the [event page here](#).

We'll be adding more information to the event-specific website soon.

The championship will include a **Mass Start, Sprint, Long, and Middle** event. The final race will conclude on Monday morning, allowing competitors to catch late afternoon or evening flights back to

The most convenient airport is Christchurch, with several direct daily flights to Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, as well as seasonal direct flights to Adelaide and Perth.

We're also developing a broader programme of MTBO activities in New Zealand around the championships. The current plan is:

- **17–18 April:** MTBO events in Central Otago, hosted by Central Otago Orienteering and Dunedin Orienteering
- **19–22 April:** Informal MTB riding and/or orienteering around Tekapo (TBC) while travelling to Christchurch.
- **23 April:** Pre-Nationals MTBO Rogaine (TBC).
- **24 April:** Mass Start and Sprint.
- **25 April:** Long Distance.
- **26 April:** Middle Distance.

ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



The 2025 Annual Report of OA is now on the OA website.

The direct link is here: [2025AnnualReport.pdf - Google Drive](#)

It is located on the [Annual Reports, AGM & Minutes - Orienteering Australia](#) page.

There are now 30 years of Annual Reports published on the age going back to 1996.

MIDWEEK ORIENTEERING - OPOSSUM CREEK SOUTH



This week's Mid-Week Orienteering event will be on Thursday 9 July at Opossum Creek South.

There will be a bush event.

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

Start Location: Peter Tullet Memorial Park

Courses: Long 4.1km 320m; Medium 2.8km 200m , Short 1.9km 130m . Short LA 1.3km 60m

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/24391>

Pre-entry closes at 11pm on Wednesday prior.

All welcome!

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND NIGHT NAV EVENTS



This week's Night Nav events in South East Queensland are:

Brisbane Westside: 40 minute Score Events. Courses closes at 7.15pm

No need for prior registration, just come along.

Use the App and a Map to run, jog or walk through local parks and streets in the cool of the evening.

Download the latest version of MapRun on your smartphone before you arrive.

All ages and fitness levels catered for. Compete individually or participate in a group.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a small torch or head lamp.

Brisbane Westside: Member \$7; family max \$15 | Non-members \$9 | 'Tap & go' payment preferred.

MAPRUN PARKS SERIES - NO EVENT THIS WEEK



There is no MapRun Parks Series event this week

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

You have 40 mins to visit as many checkpoints in the park as possible.

More information:

All ages and fitness levels are catered for. Go individually or in a group.

Children 14yo and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Prices (Member/Non-Member): \$7 per phone / \$9 per phone. 'Tap & go' payment preferred.

WHEN FINDING YOUR WAY ISN'T EASY



Photo by [Vitaly Gariev](#)

Most orienteers take pride in their ability to navigate through unfamiliar terrain, but for some people, simply finding their way around familiar places can be a daily challenge. A recent article highlighted a little-known condition called **Developmental Topographical Disorientation (DTD)**, which affects an estimated one in 30 people. Those with DTD can become lost even in environments they know well and have often experienced navigation difficulties since childhood.

Researchers are particularly interested in a subgroup they describe as having “**atopia**”—a difficulty in developing a mental or “cognitive” map of the world. While these individuals can recognise landmarks and remember routes, they struggle to understand how locations relate to one another spatially. As a result, an unexpected detour, road closure, or wrong turn can quickly lead to confusion.

The condition is not linked to low intelligence, brain injury, or mental illness. However, it can affect independence, with some people becoming heavily reliant on GPS devices or avoiding unfamiliar travel altogether.

The encouraging news is that navigation skills appear to be trainable. Research suggests that excessive reliance on GPS can weaken spatial memory over time, while targeted navigation exercises and virtual training programs may improve orientation skills.

For the orienteering community, the article is a timely reminder that navigation is both a remarkable human skill and one that benefits from regular practice. Every event, training session, and map walk helps strengthen our ability to build and use cognitive maps—something many of us may otherwise take for granted.

This article was summarised from an article in The Conversation and ABC News and was written by Isabelle Kaiko, Ineke van der Ham and Judith Schomaker. You can find the [original article here](#).

REVIEW THE DRAFT ORIENTEERING QUEENSLAND STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2030



After many months of consultation, discussion and planning, the draft Orienteering Queensland Strategic Plan 2026–2030 is now ready for review.

This plan outlines our proposed vision, priorities and strategic directions for the next five years and will help guide the growth and development of orienteering across Queensland.

Before the plan is finalised, we are seeking feedback from members, clubs, volunteers, officials, athletes and other stakeholders to ensure it reflects the needs and aspirations of our community. We invite you to read the draft plan and complete a short feedback survey. Your input will help identify any areas that may require clarification, adjustment or further consideration before the plan is adopted. Whether you are a long-time member or new to the sport, your perspective is valuable.

View the draft Strategic Plan and provide feedback via the

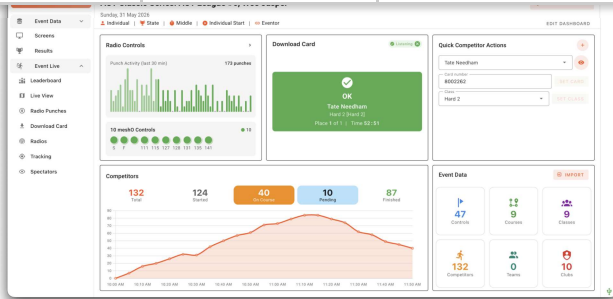
survey: <https://forms.gle/pPz27cVube6ibZcz8>

Feedback closes on **30 June 2026**.

Thank you for taking the time to help shape the future direction of orienteering in Queensland.

Management Committee
Orienteering Queensland

HELP SHAPE meshO MANAGER



Help Shape meshO Manager — testers and feedback wanted

meshO Manager is new event-management software for orienteering: entries, classes, downloads, live radio punches, results, analysis and cloud sync, all run standalone from your own laptop.

We're looking for clubs and organisers to put it through its paces at real events — and we'd equally love to hear from anyone willing to take it for a spin and share first impressions. Free software; no commitment required; runs on Windows, Mac, Linux; every bit of feedback helps.

Interested? Drop a line to tate@mesho.live and we'll get you set up.

JUNIOR WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPS - 2 SILVER MEDALS!



The first JWOC event of 2026 saw great results for the Australian team including a tied second place finish by Elye Dent and Cooper Horley and many other superb finishes of Owen Radajewski in 14th place and 17th by JWOC first-timer Katherine Maundrell. Well done Aussies!

Full Results: 2 Elye Dent 14:13 +0:17, 2 Cooper Horley 14:13 +0:17, 14 Owen Radajewski 15:02 +1:06, 17 Katherine Maundrell 15:43 +1:16, 31 Hayden Dent 15:26 +1:30' 32 Erika Enderby 16:08 +1:41, 57 Euan Best 15:49 +1:53, 60 Matty Maundrell 15:53 +1:57, 72 Ella Clauson 17:10 +2:43, 74

Here's what the 2nd place boys had to say about their finish after their race:

"It feels good, especially sharing with Cooper. It's so much better, the double-second. It was a good run and super excited! The race was good. We had done lots of map studying beforehand so I was familiar with the area. Overall it was a good run, a couple of maybe small hesitations but really good otherwise." - Elye Dent

"Really happy with the result! I went out there to have a normal run and try to put myself in a good position as possible to have a good result. To share second with Elye is just (amazing). The run went pretty well. I started pretty hard and was very confident in where I was. Coming through the map flip, I got a little bit tired and a little bit of hesitation near the end but I pushed through and I kept it all together so I didn't lose much time." - Cooper Horley

Here is an [interview with both medal winners!](#)

The Sprint was a great showing from the entire Australian team! Let's keep cheering for our young Aussies as they compete in the Sprint Relay today and try to replicate a similar, if not better, result from the Sprint!

Photo credit to Svensk Orienteering and Evalin Mae.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - CAM SCHUBERT



This week's Volunteer Spotlight is on Cam Schubert from Range Runners

How long have you been involved in orienteering?

Since 2013 when we moved to Toowoomba from Adelaide

What's one of your favourite orienteering memories?

Watching the ASOC relay finishes - Always brings a tear to my eye seeing how much it means to the kids.

Course Setting, setting up, putting out and collecting controls, ASOC25 Co-ordinator, RROC Committee

What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Seeing the kids develop skills, friendships and resilience.

Why should people give volunteering a go?

The more you put in, the more you get out of orienteering.

Orienteering is a wonderful sport full of wonderful people.

Thank you Cam for all you do for the sport of orienteering!

FREE TRAFFIC MARSHAL TRAINING



Photo by [Sadock Kaisi](#)

Keep Orienteering Events Moving – Become an Event Traffic Marshal!

Running a great orienteering event isn't just about navigation—it's about creating a safe, smooth experience from arrival to finish line. That's where **Event Traffic Marshals (ETMs)** come in.

The Queensland Government's ETM training gives volunteers the skills to safely manage traffic at low-risk sporting events—perfect for orienteering meets, where participants and spectators are often moving through shared spaces.

- **Keep competitors safe** with effective vehicle and pedestrian management
- **Gain practical skills** through a simple online training and assessment
- **Play a vital role** in delivering professional, well-run events

Whether you're a regular volunteer, event organiser, or club member looking to contribute more, this course is a great way to step up.

This [simple short online course](#) is mandatory if you are stopping/diverting traffic on public roads.

Here is some more information: [How to become an Event Traffic Marshall at a Special Event](#) || [Event Traffic Marshal Scheme - Info for Event Organisers](#) || [ETM eLearn Training Program](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN SPORT

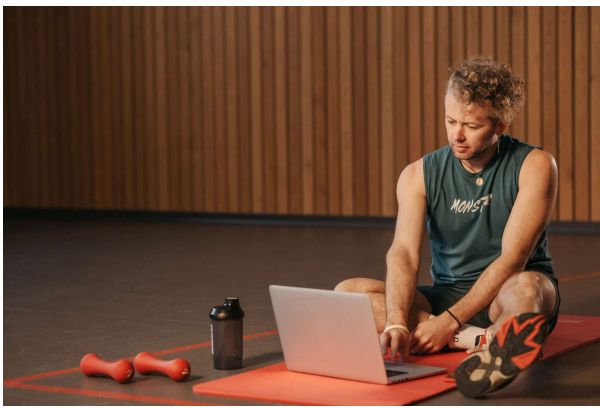


Photo by [Pavel Danilyuk](#)

Artificial intelligence is fast becoming a game-changer across every level of sport, from grassroots clubs to elite performance environments. The Australian Sports Commission highlights how AI technologies are already reshaping the way sport is played, coached and managed, offering new opportunities to improve performance, participation and fan engagement.

At its core, AI uses data to make predictions, provide recommendations and support decision-making—mimicking aspects of human intelligence such as learning and pattern recognition. In sport, this takes many forms: machine learning models that predict injury risk, computer vision systems that analyse technique, and generative AI tools that can create training plans or match reports in seconds.

The upside is significant. AI can streamline administration, enhance inclusivity, improve safety, and deliver powerful insights for coaches and athletes. High-performance teams are already leveraging sport-specific tools for tactical analysis, load monitoring and officiating accuracy, while community clubs benefit from simpler applications like communication tools and automated content generation.

However, the rise of AI also brings challenges. Concerns around data privacy, accuracy, bias and over-reliance are front of mind, particularly as some systems operate as “black boxes.” The report stresses that human judgement must remain central, especially in areas such as coaching, wellbeing and

Ultimately, the message is clear: AI should enhance—not replace—the human side of sport. With the right safeguards, transparency and ethical approach, it has the potential to support a safer, fairer and more innovative sporting landscape into the future.

This article is a summary of an article published in Clearinghouse for Sport. You can 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

- [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@og.asn.au

2026 Date Savers



QLD Foot Events 2026

Date	Major Events 2026
9-12 July	Junior Camp - Columboola
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
28 June	State Series 4 - Wild Horse Mountain
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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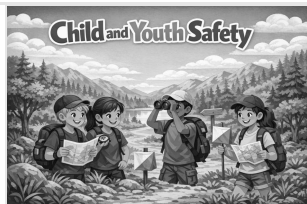
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Last bulletin submissions to be received by 6pm each Tuesday.



Child and Youth Safety.

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



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