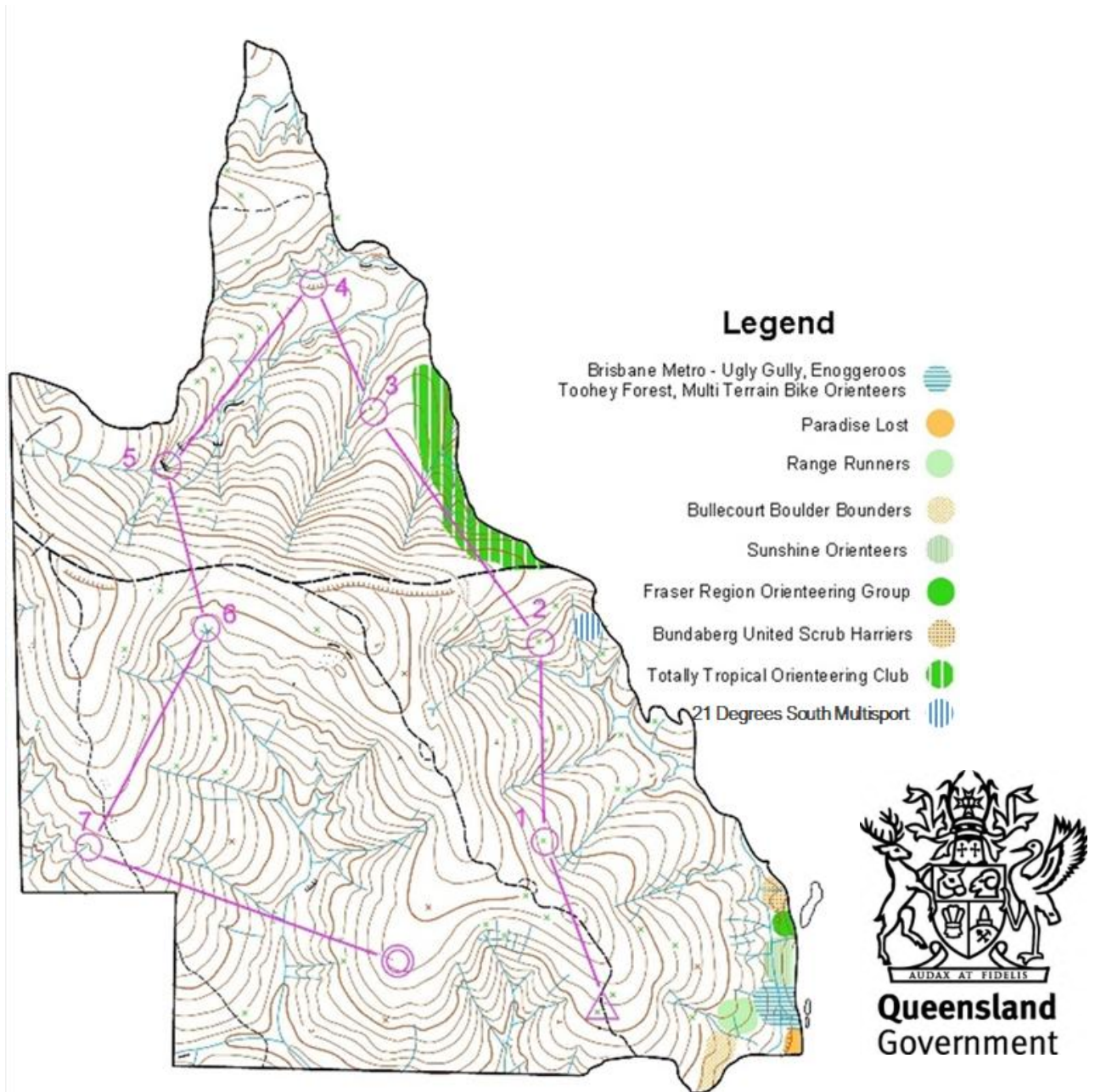




Annual Report 2024

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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	Peter Effenev
Vice President	Fiona Caristo
Secretary	Sue Campbell
Treasurer	Tony Bryant
Chair Development	Juliana de Nooy
Chair Performance	Riley de Jong
Chair Technical	Tim McIntyre

Part-time Paid Positions

Administration Officer	Linda Burrige
Finance Officer	Tony Bryant
Junior Development Officer	Gordon Bossley
Marketing and Promotions Officer	Annette Rogers
Membership Officer	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	Felicity Crosato, Gordon Bossley
Website	Rob Crosato

President's Report

2024 has been an active 50th year for Orienteering Queensland and its clubs, with 11,600 runs or walks as part of 325 public events throughout the State, from Cairns to the NSW border, plus over 4400 students involved in school orienteering.

We celebrated 50 years, to the day, since the Queensland Orienteering Association was formed in 1974 with an event near the Enoggera Army Base on 27 October (see the original map below).

Highlights of 2024 have included:

- National Orienteering League Brisbane Sprints 2024 including NOL Round 3, a World Ranking Event and WOC selection races.
- Queensland Middle Distance Championships in Kingaroy in May 2024 hosted by Enoggeroos.
- Junior Camp (Stanthorpe) and Queensland Schools Championships (Tingalpa) held in July 2024.
- Queensland MTBO Championships on the Sunshine Coast in August hosted by Sunshine Orienteers.
- Queensland Long Distance Championships in Stanthorpe in September hosted by Bullecourt Boulder Bounders and Range Runners.
- Expansion of NightNav series into Redcliffe, Cairns and the Gold Coast.

Thank you 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. This less-formal format of orienteering accounted for 52% of Orienteering events in Queensland in 2024. 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 again achieved second place overall (after NSW) at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships, with 3 juniors selected in the Australian Honour Team.

2024 opened with the award of well-deserved life memberships to Felicity Crosato, Wendy Read and Lance Read, recognizing several decades of exceptional contributions to orienteering.



On the organizational side, we have adapted to a new government funding model, thanks to some hard work by Juliana de Nooy (recognised with the OQ President’s Award) in applying for one-off grant funding. One of the key focus areas supported by Government funding has been the Active Women and Girls Program aiming increasing the participation of women and girls in Orienteering.

Thanks to the work of Rob Crosato, we have aligned our membership structure in Eventor with the OA-recommended approach that has been adopted generally across Australia.

2025 offers great opportunities and challenges for Orienteering in Queensland. We will host the Australian Orienteering Championships in September-October. Planning is well underway for a series of high-quality, enjoyable events.

I plan to step down at the AGM in 2025, having been on the OQ Executive for 3 years following a period of over 10 years as President of Ugly Gully. I look forward to continuing to contribute to Orienteering through MapRun. Thank you to the Management Committee, OQ employees and volunteers from every club for the work you do and I wish the incoming Management Committee every success.

Peter Effeney – OQ President



50th Anniversary celebration of the formation of the Qld Orienteering Association, 27 October 1974-2024, Enoggera

2024 Annual Awards

President's Award

The Orienteering Queensland President's Award for 2024 was presented to Juliana de Nooy. Juliana is currently OQ Chair of Development and was OQ President 2021-2023. As Chair of Development, she has worked to secure grants to offset changes in government funding and enable the sport to prosper. Under her Presidency, OQ streamlined membership and hosted successful national events in 2022. Juliana can always be relied upon to take the initiative and get the job done, willingly stepping in to attend to issues for a better outcome. Prior to her time as OQ President, Juliana had been Secretary of Ugly Gully 2013 to 2020, leading the drafting of a new Constitution and contributing greatly to Night Nav. Juliana is a Level 2 Event Controller for events and has been active on the Junior Development Committee, including stints as Secretary of the Committee and as Convenor of QSOC (Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships) – a very deserving recipient of the 2024 OQ President's Award in our Golden Jubilee year.

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 Effeney	Presented by Judi Hay
2021 – Reid Moran	Presented by Juliana de Nooy
2022 – Brenton Gray	Presented by Juliana de Nooy
2023 – Su Yan Tay	Presented by Juliana de Nooy

Coaching Award

Coach of the Year Tony Bryant

In 2024 Tony has guided QOTS (Qld Orienteering Training Squad) and organized a series of highly motivating weekend training camps throughout South-East Qld for Juniors and Cyclones. For several years, Tony has worked to build a successful North-West Interschool Sport competition, and in 2024 he also co-managed the Queensland Schools Team at the Australian Championships. This is in addition to the vast amount of work he undertakes in event organization and as Treasurer of OQ.

Orienteer of the Year (OY) Awards

Best female Anna Sheldon

Best male Miles Bryant

Best junior result Miles Bryant

Most improved Gretel Young

Most improved runner up Alex Edwards

Best male and female

Juniors (up to 20) Miles Bryant Mikaela Gray

Seniors (21-34) Ryan Gray Lauren Baade

Veterans (35-59) Ben Schulz Anna Sheldon

Super vets (60+) - Tim McIntyre Su Yan Tay

Best Very Easy Franklin Smyth

Best Easy results Xanthin Laws

Best Moderate results Thomas Caristo Shari Gilbert

Queensland Long Distance Championships

James Sheldon Memorial Trophy M21A Champion Matt Doyle

Perpetual Trophy W21A Champion Mikaela Gray

Junior Awards

Most outstanding Junior 2024 Miles Bryant

Best junior performance at the Queensland Long Championships Miles Bryant

Elite Recognition

Mikaela Gray JWOC Team 2024, Czechia

Club Relay Trophy

Range Runners Orienteering Club

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 2024 and 2025. Congratulations to these athletes:

- **Julia Gannon**
- **Ryan Gray**
- **Mikaela Gray**

Australian Team Selections

The following athletes were selected in Australian Orienteering Teams:

- Junior World Orienteering Championships, Czechia - **Mikaela Gray**
- World University Orienteering Championships, Bulgaria - **Julia Gannon**
- Bushrangers Test, NZ Kings Birthday Weekend - **Anna Sheldon**
- Australian Schools Honour Team, Australian Schools Orienteering Championships - **Miles Bryant, Xanthe Schubert, Adrian Garbellini**



Gretel Young won the Rob Simson award for Most Outstanding Newcomer at ASOC.

I would absolutely recommend juniors aim for JWOC. The whole week is super fun with orienteering in cool overseas terrain and a very social atmosphere meeting people from other countries. JWOC 2025 is in Italy so be prepared for great food and great views on top of the orienteering. – Mikaela Gray (via OA News)

Queensland Cyclones - National Orienteering League

Queensland fielded teams at all National Orienteering League rounds.

Brisbane Sprints 2024

Brisbane hosted the Round 1 of the NOL season, with 4 sprint events over the Anzac Day weekend organised and raced by Queensland Cyclones, including Sprint Relay, Sprint (WRE) and Knockout Sprint.

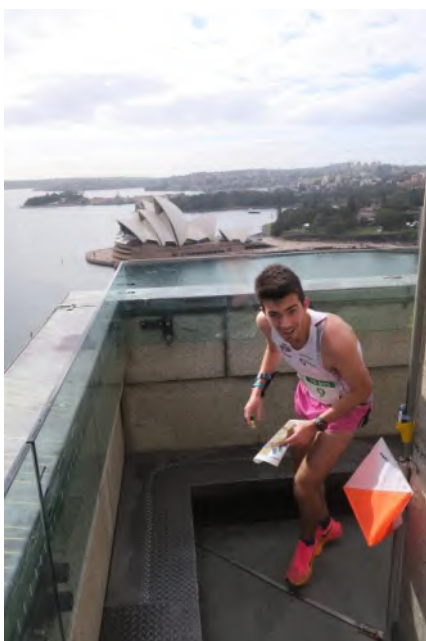
Thanks to all of the organisers, and particularly Brenton Gray, Tony Bryant, Anna Sheldon and Riley de Jong for their assistance with organising the Brisbane Sprints 2024 NOL round. Thanks also to the map venues, including Griffith University Nathan, John Paul College, QUT Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove and Wellington Point SS, Redlands College, Wellington Point SHS, Alexandra Hills SHS.

Brisbane Sprints were well attended and successful events, with many athletes commenting on the quality of maps, courses, event locations and social/training opportunities. It would be good to see this continued as a more regular inclusion in the NOL calendar to align with Sprint WOC years.

In 2025, Brisbane will host the final round of the NOL, with Sprint, Middle, Long and Relay events as part of the Australian Orienteering Championships.

Cyclones Coordinator

On behalf of the OQ Management Committee I extend a thanks to Daniel Gray and Ryan Gray for their work in the role of Cyclones Coordinators for 2023.



Cyclones Sprint Series

A shortened Cyclones Sprint Series was held in Nov-Dec 2025, including one race at Centenary SHS and a planned OY event at Craigslea SHS in March 2025. Thanks also to Cyclones who assisted with the organising of the Cyclones Sprint Series in 2024/2025. It has been discussed that a review of the Cyclones Series and ideas to revamp this in 2025 will be explored due to ongoing issues with permissions at the end/beginning of the school year.

I look forward to seeing the development and further success of the Cyclones, including new initiatives to bridge gaps between Junior Cyclones and elite-level participation in 2025., particularly with the opportunities afforded by a prospective Coach in Residence and strong growth in Junior elite athletes.

Excitingly, Queensland will also host the Australian Orienteering Championships and Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in 2025, with Cyclones participating and assisting in organising.

Riley de Jong – Chair Performance

Development

In response to changes in the funding model for State Sporting Organisations, development work has focused on seeking and administering grant funding. In 2024, Orienteering Queensland was successful in securing grants from the Queensland Government and from Orienteering Australia.

The **Active Industry Base Fund (Qld Govt)** provides a modest amount of core funding for:

- Training in coaching, first aid, mapping, event organisation, safety,
- Development of social media resources
- Mapping.

In addition, OQ was awarded two competitive grants from the **Active Industry Project Fund Super Round (Qld Govt)**:

- The first is funding **MapRun expansion to the Gold Coast and Cairns**. Clubs in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast have shown that low cost, informal MapRun events can boost participation and membership without overloading organisers. The grant has enabled the Paradise Lost and Far North Orienteering clubs to kickstart a series of regular MapRun events. Our thanks go to Rhiannon White, Mark Roberts, Kim Seccafien and Istvan Kertesz for their work on the project.

- The second is funding a **Coach-in-Residence** program in 2025. French coach Enzo Ratti will spend 6 months in Queensland from early April to assist with camps and coaching at all levels of the sport, both in Brisbane and throughout regional areas. He will also be involved in event organising.



OQ was also awarded funding from the **Active Women and Girls grant (Qld Govt)**, which is enabling us to facilitate and better promote female participation in our events and training, and to host events specifically targeting women and girls.



Development of social media resources, Promotion of participation by women and girls

Similar to the MapRun expansion project is the expansion of Night Nav to the Redcliffe/Sandgate area of the Moreton Bay region. This was funded by **Orienteering Australia's** Participation Grants (through the **Australian Sports Commission**) and organised by Enoggeroos. Orienteering Australia also funded successful **Learn to Orienteer** programs in Toowoomba, Northern Brisbane and Townsville, with more planned for 2025.

Although pursuing and managing grants involves considerable effort, the grants have encouraged Orienteering Queensland to move in new directions, and we anticipate lasting benefits from these projects. We are very grateful for the support we have received from the granting bodies.

Juliana de Nooy – Chair Development

Technical

The calendar year 2024 saw an increase in the total number of events organised - around 360, up from about 310 in 2023. Based on details in Eventor, total participation also increased with approximately 11,600 individual starts compared to 10,800 in 2023. The event types included foot and MTBO events run across a variety of formats such as long, middle, sprint and park. Ugly Gully organised 80 events (including successful NightNav and MapRun Park series) while



Enoggeroos have 60 events listed (including NightNav, QNOTS, Sprint series, Interschool series and Learn to Orienteer events). There were Maprun Parks, NightNav, Learn to Orienteer and Urban Adventure series run by various clubs throughout the year. A further 72 events were run on behalf of Orienteering Queensland including championship, National Orienteer League, Schools, mid-week and Santa 6-day events.

In April, Orienteering Queensland and its clubs ran the National Orienteering League Sprint series consisting of four events held at Schools and campuses across Brisbane. The series included the Queensland Sprint Championships which was a world ranking event for elites and had 240 entrants across around 30 classes. There were also sprint relay and sprint knockout events in this highly successful series.

The Queensland Middle Distance Championships were conducted in May in the Kingaroy region, organised by Enoggeroos. The event was held in conjunction with an Orienteer of the Year event held the following day. Around 110 people attended and enjoyed some challenging navigation in an area previously used for a national Easter carnival and a Queensland Long Distance Championships.

August saw the running of the Queensland Mountain Bike Championships organised by Sunshine Orienteers. The series attracted around 70 entries, with a significant interstate contingent. A sprint event was held at Coolum while middle and long events were held at Beerburrum.



The Queensland Orienteering Long Distance Championships were held in September, organised by Bullecourt Boulder Bounders and Range Runners. The event was conducted over two days on a new map with around 160 entrants. There was also a significant interstate contingent given that the Australian Championships were held in the Armidale district over the following two weekends.

The Orienteer of the Year (foot) and State Series (mountain bike) were conducted across the year. Each consisted of 11 events with cumulative points being awarded for all finishers. Winners were determined across a range of men's and women's age classes.

Lastly, there was a particularly notable event, being the club relays which celebrated 50 years since Orienteering Queensland (formerly the Queensland Orienteering Association) was formed at an event at Enoggera. Around 80 orienteers attended, with annual awards presented after the event.



The successful organisation of such a wide range of events is only possible through the many people who volunteer their time. This includes organisers, course setters, controllers, mappers and others that help before, during and/or after the event. Your involvement is gratefully acknowledged.

In other technical activities, there were further changes to the Orienteering Australia Competition Rules, and these changes were implemented in Orienteering Queensland events. Guidelines for conducting Queensland championship, orienteer of the year and club events were also updated in line with the changes at national level.

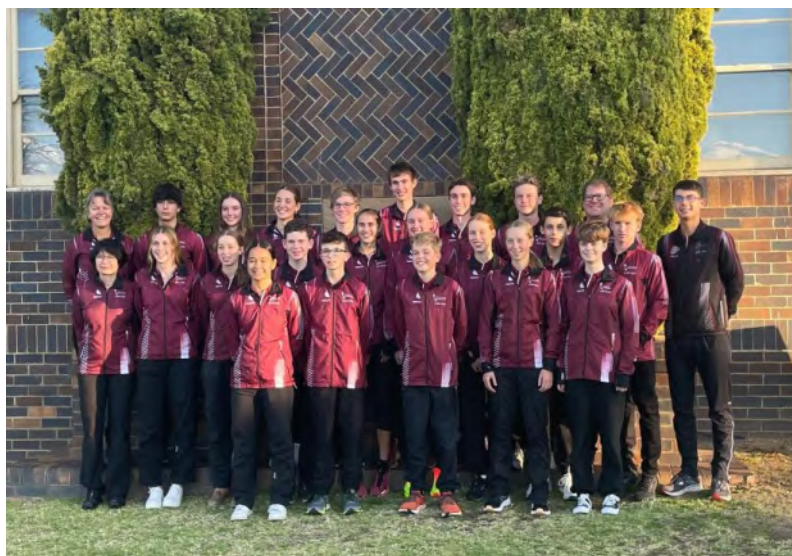
An ongoing issue within Orienteering Queensland is the number of accredited controllers. These numbers have been relatively unchanged and currently we have five controllers at Level 1, five controllers at Level 2, eight controllers at Level 3 and one controller at the MTBO-2 level. A Level 2 controllers' course was conducted in 2024 (following a Level 1 course in 2023 and preceding a Level 3 in early 2025). Members who have attended these courses and/or have been involved in event organisation are asked to consider taking the next step to become accredited.

Tim McIntyre – Chair Technical

Junior Development & Queensland Schools Orienteering

Australian Schools Orienteering Championships Report 2024

Absolutely thrilled with the QLD School's Team back-to-back second place at ASOC in Armidale 2024, after securing second place in WA last year. And once again, although there were podium finishes, success came down to how well the second and third placed Queenslanders finished, so that our overall position in all categories was commendable.



Top 10 Australian performances: (indicated in brackets, first figure includes NZ)

	<u>SPRINT:</u>		<u>Long Distance:</u>	
Senior Boys	Miles Bryant	6 th (5 th)	Miles Bryant	6 th (5 th)
	Eric Lovell	13 th (9 th)	Eric Lovell	12 th (8 th)
Senior Girls	Alex Edwards	15 th (5 th)	Xanthe Schubert	7 th (3 rd)
	Cassy Reinbott	18 th (6 th)	Alexandra Edwards	24 th (10 th)
	Xanthe Schubert	23 rd (10 th)		
Junior Boys	Alex Vanzella	7 th (5 th)	Adrian Garbellini	6 th (6 th)
	Adrian Garbellini	9 th (7 th)	Alex Vanzella	7 th (7 th)
Junior Girls	Gretel Young	18 th (9 th)	Abigail Barnes	7 th (4 th)
			Maya Lhote	8 th (5 th)
			Gretel Young	10 th (7 th)

Relay:

Senior Boys	Miles Bryant, Will Barnes, Eric Lovell	4 th (2 nd)
Senior Girls	Alexandra Edwards, Ingrid Young, Xanthe Schubert	7 th (3 rd)
Junior Boys	Alex Vanzella, Thomas Caristo, Adrian Garbellini	MP
Junior Girls	Gretel Young, Maya Lhote, Abigail Barnes	7 th (5 th)

Absolute Stand Out Performances:

- Xanthe Schubert 3rd Senior Girl in the Long Distance, and Honour Team selection.
- Senior Boys 2nd in the Relay.
- Senior Girls 3rd in the Relay.
- Three consistent runs by Miles Bryant for Honour Team selection for a third year in a row.
- An excellent run by Adrian Garbellini in the Relay, and Honour Team selection with two other good runs.
- Three very good runs by Gretel Young to be named Most Outstanding Newcomer and recipient of the Rob Simson Shield.
- Senior Boys and Senior Girls 2nd in the Team Competition.
- Junior Boys and Junior Girls 3rd in the Team Competition.



Overall:

A very hardworking and pleasing group of young people to take to ASOC with no behavioral issues worth mentioning. So, our gratitude to the parents.



Some very pleasing runs from some of the seven QLD Independent Athletes which bodes well for the future. It is worth noting that Gretel Young was an Independent Athlete last year and fitted seamlessly into the team this year.



There was no sickness or major injuries within the QLD team. So, we look forward to 2025 with much enthusiasm and a certain sense of anticipation as we compete on home soil, and hope that the weather is not too warm, and that a lot of hard work will again come to fruition.

Marion Burrill

(On behalf of the coaches and managers, Su Yan Tay, Ryan Gray and Tony Bryant).

Sporting Schools Program

Gold Coast, Brisbane, and Sunshine Coast (Gordon)

Another busy year, with the usual mix of repeat business (10th year in a row at St Catherines' Primary), new schools including Springwood State School, and several others.

The coaching team – as some coaches bow out as their circumstances change, others join the team – this year we have for the first time a Gold Coast coach – Rhiannon White, who has made a very positive impact on Paradise Lost as well as commencing coaching at schools including Emmanuel College.



Significant effort was put into preparing for AJ25 – the Australian Scouts Jamboree, held in Maryborough, January 2025. Of course, the majority of the preparation took place in 2024.

Over 2500 scouts 'had a go' at orienteering during the Jamboree, and in subsequent follow-up, leaders from all across Australia have connected with OA to further their relationships with orienteering!

The relationship with scouts here in Qld grows a little each year with thanks to Brian McIntosh, and others.

On a personal note, my 20th November ankle injury has had a dramatic and frustrating impact on the end of 2024, and I am likely to be limited to 'light duties' well into 2025.



Some stats...

	Sporting Schools funding	Non Sporting Schools	Total
2024 Sessions	149	138	287
Participations	3571	4104	7675

Regional Queensland (Felicity)

In Toowoomba, Fairholme College, Toowoomba East State School and Toowoomba Anglican School again offered coach led programs for their Year 4-6 students, with Drayton State School, Highfields State School and Toowoomba Grammar School offering programs for the

first time (also coach-led). Gatton State School ran a teacher led course, and Liz Bourne ran a program for the students at Thulimbah State School near Stanthorpe.

In the South West, unfortunately the Tara Shire State College program did not run, but there was a coach led Sports Expo hosted by Condamine State School for students from Condamine, Meandarra and Drillham State Schools. With the introduction of the Remote Schools program, Meandarra, The Gums, Glenmorgan and Hannaford State Schools have expressed an interest in a combined program in 2025.



Schools in North Qld to run teacher led programs included Gulf Christian College, Tully SHS, Ravenshoe State School and Townsville SHS. Clearview College and Kingsley College in Central Qld also ran teacher-led programs.

There continues to be promising growth around the Wide Bay region, with programs at Rainbow Beach State School and Aldridge State High School (Maryborough). Riverside Christian College in Maryborough and Xavier College in Hervey Bay have applied to run programs in early 2025. Six teachers from these schools have gained their Orienteering Instructor qualifications, as have two teachers from Gatton State School and Drayton State School.

Almost 1750 students participated in either teacher led (700) or coach-led programs (1050) in 2024.

Felicity Crosato and Gordon Bossley – Sporting Schools Coordinators

Marketing and Promotion

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

The Facebook posts have included:

- Event posts to initially save dates, often followed by reminders closer to entry deadlines.
- Celebrations of outstanding results achieved by Queenslanders at regional, national, and international events.
- Sharing relevant orienteering information from other states.
- Timely reminders of entry deadlines.



The Orienteering Queensland Facebook page currently boasts 2,375 followers, an increase from 2197 in 2023. Approximately two-thirds (64%) of these followers are women, with a significant portion of them falling within the 35-54 years age bracket. Just under half of our Facebook followers reside in Brisbane.

Event reminders are also posted to Instagram, which currently has 410 followers, reflecting a slight increase from the previous year.

School correspondence has once again proven extremely effective in boosting attendance at targeted events and holds great promise for expanding our participant base. The rise of online school newsletters has made it easier to share event information exactly as it will appear in the school's communication.



Schools correspondence has included:

- Advertising in newsletters of schools within a designated radius of events.
- Sharing student success stories from 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 on the benefits of orienteering.

I have continued to use the Canva platform to create Facebook flyers, short promotional videos, and other marketing materials. All historical flyers created in Canva are now located in the OQ Canva account and can be easily modified for upcoming events.

Once again, parent photographers have generously volunteered their time at events, capturing athlete achievements, enjoyment, and challenges. These photos are shared on the Queensland Orienteering Facebook page and used in promotional materials.



Annette Rogers – OQ Promotions Officer

Membership Statistics

Total membership numbers decreased marginally by 3% from 606 in FY2023 to 587 at the end of October 2024.

158 of the 587 members (27%) were new members, which was a very positive result. Non-renewals from prior year 2023 was 177 members (29%), which offset the new memberships.

This turnover trend has been similar in prior years.

A survey of those whose membership had lapsed was carried out in April 2024, but did not attract many responses. Of those who did respond, 36% were considering renewing their membership for events later in the year, while 43% indicated that they (or their family) did not attend enough events to make membership worthwhile, and 14% indicated that the cost of membership or events was a barrier. Logistics were also mentioned: 21% felt that events were too far from home, while 21% said that events (including travel) took too much time out of the weekend. Health/age issues prevented 21% from continuing with orienteering.

Total Membership types by club (as at 31/10/2024)

Club	Members 21yrs+	Mbrs 20yrs & Under	FT Students 21-24yrs	Remote Seniors	Life Members	Total Mbrs 2024
BBQ	25	34		1	1	61
BUQ*						0
ENQ	60	29			2	91
FNQ				1		1
MKQ**						0
MTQ	34	4	1			39
PLQ	7					7
RRQ	38	66	8	6		118
SOQ	82	11	2		2	97
TFQ	34	4				38
TTQ		2	1	9		12
UGQ	87	20	1	1	8	117
COQ***	1			5		6
Total	368	170	13	23	13	587

*BUQ (The Bundaberg based club) is hopeful of starting up again in 2025.

**MKQ (The Mackay based Club) ceased operating in 2024 due to lack of volunteers.

***COQ includes non-competing coaches/officials/Other

Full Membership numbers by Club over a 15-year period

Club	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
BBQ	61	57	56	63	35	46	41	31	35	38	32	24	22	26	25
BUQ	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	6	5	6	16	15	20	16	18
ENQ	91	93	76	72	57	79	70	94	92	91	77	68	65	79	82
FNQ	1	2	2												
MKQ	0	3	5	2	1										
MTQ	39	36	39	39	27	30	32	47	58	70	60	60	94	89	73
PLQ	7	8	13	17	8	7	13	12	12	44	44	20	9	10	16
RRQ	118	123	126	153	139	150	137	136	115	110	106	81	60	44	51
SOQ	97	89	75	78	62	46	53	59	89	123	79	59	35	42	22
TFQ	38	42	39	45	39	36	46	69	47	71	86	79	83	76	86
TTQ	12	9	9	4	3	4	7	9	5	10	11	10	8	9	5
UGQ	117	140	139	117	97	92	110	106	113	123	116	141	143	158	151
COQ	6	4	9	7	5	10	3	0	0	5	1	5	1	2	5
Total	587	606	588	598	474	502	519	577	575	700	638	570	545	552	535

2024 Members by gender and age

	Juniors (Up to 20 yrs.)	Seniors (21-34 yrs.)	Masters (35-59 yrs.)	Supervets (60+ yrs.)	Total 2024	Total 2023	% of 2023
Male	99	23	127	79	328	346	94%
Female	71	23	110	55	259	260	100%
Total	170	46	237	134	587	606	97%

Breakdown by Members' age over 6 years

Category	FY2024	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Juniors (20 yrs & under)	170	181	178	189	149	171
Seniors (21-34 yrs)	46	30	43	49	42	37
Masters (35 yrs +)	371	395	367	360	283	294
Total Members	587	606	588	598	474	502

% Junior Members: 29% 30% 30% 32% 31% 34%

Breakdown by Members Gender over 6 years

Category	FY2024	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Male	328	346	319	338	264	276
Female	259	260	269	260	210	226
Total Members	587	606	588	598	474	502

% Female members: 44% 43% 35% 43% 44% 45%

Robert Crosato – Membership Officer

Mid-Week Orienteering Group

Firstly, a thanks to all who assisted in putting on the MWO programme for 2024. We had new maps to use and a variety of venues (bush, park etc). Our BCC sponsored events tended to be well attended by newcomers, especially Minnippi Parklands and Edwards Park.

Midweek held 30 events this year with four dates skipped (one of which was a NOL event training which we used as substitute and other was in Aus Champs time). A number of people permitted this by picking up 3+ events. Special thanks to Mark who ran events and supplied us with a number of new and very nice maps for the year.

James is now handing on the coordinator role to whoever takes over for next year. I shall set up a roster form on the Volunteer Sign-up page with some events inserted, primarily BCC submitted events (not yet confirmed by BCC) and the Midweek event for Aus Champs which has personnel assigned it. Events to be run may be suggested but are ultimately a choice by whoever volunteers to run the event.

Ideas have been circulating during the past 1-2 years in regard to future formats for Midweek and the use of MapRun. There is a definite reluctance to see the Midweek Programme disappear into the sunset, but with a number of our reliable and hardworking members getting older, energy also declines.



Among the ideas arising are, in brief:

1. Split the programme into north and south sectors with a coordinator for each and continue running week about events in each sector. The MWO workload could be reduced a little by omitting any 5th Thursday in the month, and possibly by a reduced season, e.g. March to September, leading into Aus Champs occurring at the end of September.
2. Rationalise the events by re-using older events, or any other event for courses; increasing the use of MapRun, perhaps with some modifications; Score and Scatter events might require less course setting and be particularly suitable for re-use. One possibility for MapRun events, other than also placing flags (and retrieving) is to use a chalk spray marker to temporarily mark and define features. This likely requires a visit to the controls by the organiser to spray, but also to check sites, but does not require a “collect in” visit – the chalk fades or is washed off by weather.
3. In park/street settings pre-marking or flags would not be necessary as features are mostly well defined.
4. In conjunction with 3 and 4 it might be possible to create a collection of maps which have had a set of features (e.g. 50 features) pre-checked and validated for use

without rechecking by the setter of an event. This would involve some initial work by volunteers(s).

Lee Smith has worked on and updated the Midweek Manual/Guidelines which are available on the OQ website at <https://oq.orienteering.asn.au/groups/mid-week-orienteering>. The new year will no doubt provide further ideas for maintaining this historic and much-loved weekly series.



James Mitchell – Mid-Week Convenor (retiring)

Club Reports

Bullecourt Boulder Bounders (BB)



Another successful and full year for the Club. The club orienteering calendar and events have been designed so as to attract newcomers to the sport as well as catering for the more experienced. February kicked off with our street series held at Scots College/Federation Park, Stanthorpe State High School and Warwick Showgrounds. These events attracted a good number of competitors with over 40 at the Stanthorpe event. In addition, the Club ran a coaching session at Charlies Paddock to prepare students for the Darling Downs School Trials.



Club members have been offered at least one event every month in the local area. In March a bush event was held at Rosenthal Creek with some 56 competitors attending. Other events were at Amiens (51 competitors), Glen Mine (28 competitors), Border Hills (28 competitors) The Club concluded the year with a Hagaby race event and sausage sizzle at Quart Pot Creek.

Our most successful events in terms of numbers were in connection with the Mini Cyclones Camp at Charlies Paddock (104 competitors) and the Junior Camp at McAdams (78 competitors). The junior members are fortunate that such coaching events are available locally. Ewan Keith and Matilda Cooper also took the opportunity to attend the Australian Junior Development Camp in Canberra.

The highlight of the year was the Queensland Long Distance Championships held over two days on new maps at Mountain Park, aptly named The Gorges and The Galahs. This event attracted over 160 competitors and was organised through the combined efforts of Bullecourt Boulder Bounders, Range Runners Orienteering Clubs and Orienteering Queensland. The Championship logo featured the rufous bettong and was used on coasters for placegetters. This event would not have been possible without the co-operation and assistance of the owners of Mountain Park, the Todd family. They went to great lengths to help make the event a pleasant experience for all. The Southern Downs Regional Council provided a Community Grant to offset printing costs and were represented at the presentation of place getters. The Club now has the use of two new maps in the local area.

During the year three club meetings were conducted and at the annual general meeting in March the incumbents continued in their positions.

Club members experienced mixed success in both state and national events. A contingent of club members attended Qld Middle Distance Championships, with Ewan Keith placed 4th, Murray Haines 5th, Greg Keith 6th, Ken Laws 2nd,



Xanthin Laws 2nd and Ariona Laws 5th. At the Qld Long Distance Championships Ariona Laws was placed 2nd, Ken Laws 3rd and Doug Wilson 3rd. Eighteen BBB members competed in the Queensland Schools Championships, with Ewan Keith selected in the state team. The Club was well represented at the Australian Orienteering Championships in Armidale with twelve members competing. At the OQ Awards presentation Xanthin Laws was recognised for the Best Easy course results for the year.



Club members continue to give their time willingly in developing the sport throughout the region and the state. 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 and Sue Campbell have again provided significant support at state level administration.

The Club received significant funding from Queensland Sport and Recreation Council - Active Women and Girls Grant. This grant and accumulated funds have enabled the Club to purchase and repair equipment, subsidize travel costs and offer support for junior development. The Club also purchased 20 BSF 9 units.

BBB is in a solid financial position. Membership has shown a steady increase sitting at 61. It is worth nothing that a significant number, however, did not renew their membership from 2023. The majority of members are aged under 20.

The Golden Boulder Award went to Liz Bourne, Murray Haines and Stuart Watt for their commitment and dedication to help stage a very successful Queensland Championship. Achievement Awards went to Ewan Keith and Matilda Cooper for their consistent performance over the year.

The Club can only function with the support of all of its members. Many members have given service over the year from 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)

2024 saw the Enoggeroos club membership numbers remain steady with 91 members.



Key events

Enoggeroos started 2024 with the running of the summer Night Nav events which finished on Tuesday 30 January 2024. This was closely followed by the Sprint Series which ran from 10 February 2024 to 20 April 2024, with a total of nine events. The Sprint Series was very successful with participation numbers between 51 and 93 people over the different events.

Learn to Orienteer kicked off on 11 May and ran through to 13 July with eight events in total. Interspersed between the Sprint Series and the Learn to Orienteer series was orienteering as part of Interschool Sports, run by Tony and Dylan Bryant.

OY events organised by Enoggeroos included:

- A weekend of events at Kingaroy, including:
 - OY5 – Qld Middle Distance champs on the new Boskerville map, set by Rob Rapkins and controlled by Tony Bryant
 - OY6 – Reedy Creek, set by Rob Rapkins and controlled by Tony Bryant
- OY7 – Woodlands, set by Lachlan Howard and controlled by Dave Firman

Finally, in October Enoggeroos launched a new Night Nav series on the Redcliffe Peninsula thanks to some funding from the Orienteering Australia Play Well Grant, which ran through to December.



Queensland Schools Orienteering Championship

Enoggeroos members were heavily involved in the organisation and running of the QSOC Championships, including the following people in specific roles:

- Tony Bryant as the Convenor for the 3 events
- Sara Garbellini as course setter and Rob Rapkins as controller for the Hagaby
- Dylan Bryant as course setter and Tony Bryant as controller for the Sprint



In addition, many Enoggeroos helped out with organising starts, directing finishers, setting up, packing up, etc. A big thank you to all involved. These events don't happen without your support.

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

- Miles Bryant
- Adrian Garbellini
- Thomas Caristo
- Oscar Hetteling (reserve)

Congratulations to all of those students. Special congratulations to Miles Bryant and Adrian Garbellini who were named in the 2024 Honour Team. This is Miles' third consecutive year in the team.



End of year Club Relays and Awards

Club relays and annual awards was a fun event to wrap up for the year. This event was neatly tied in with the 50 years anniversary of the formation of QLD Orienteering Association and the first official event. The original event was held in the nearby Enoggera Army Barracks with Trevor Sauer competing! We were lucky to have Trevor provide us with some interesting stories of the early orienteering events in Brisbane – it definitely sounded like a tough first event that included a control at the top of Enoggera Hill.

Enoggeroos receiving awards included:

- Thomas Caristo - Best Moderate Course Results
- Miles Bryant - Best Male Junior; Best performance by a Junior at the Queensland Championships, Best Male Overall, and Orienteer of the Year
- Tony Bryant - Perpetual Trophy for services to Coaching.

Congratulations!

Thank you

There are a number of people I would like to thank. Firstly, Tony Bryant, Fiona Caristo, Malin Taunton-Burnet, Lulu Wren, Alix Hetteling, and Joe Garbellini 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 for Enoggeroos, thank you to:

- Tony Bryant for organising the Night Navs, Sprint Series and Learn to Orienteer Series and controlling OY5 and OY6
- Lachlan Howard for setting OY7
- Rob Rapkins for setting OY5 and OY6
- David Firman for controlling OY7.

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 the 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.

Lucy Peljo – President



Multi Terrain Bike Orienteering Club (MT)



Our exciting year began in March with a Sprint Distance event at the Boondall Entertainment Centre. This venue, with its blend of manicured grounds, expansive car parks, and bush trails, provided the perfect setting for MTBO. The trails had been freshly mown the day before, ensuring an enjoyable experience for the 54 riders who participated. The variety of terrain offered a fun and challenging introduction to the year's events.



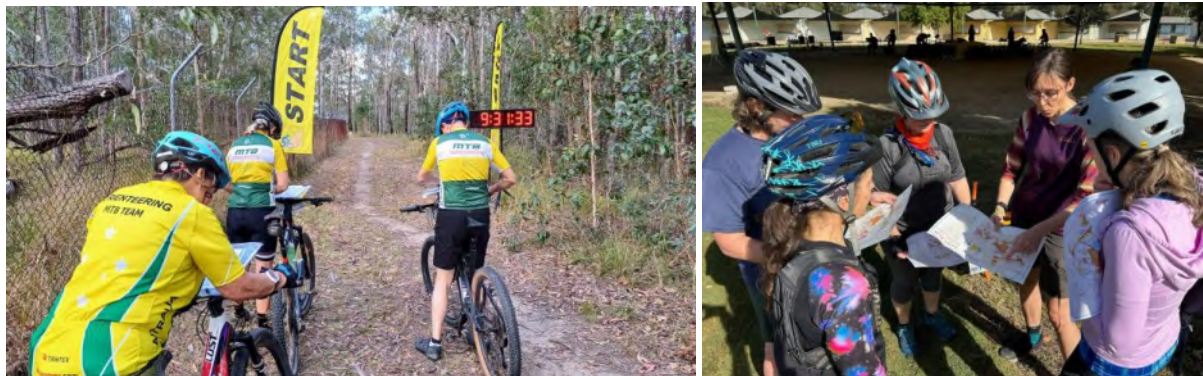
Following this, we moved to the Beerburrum Forest near Woodford for our next event. Athol Lester and Dave Congreve joined forces to organize the event, using the welcoming grounds of the Woodford Men's Shed as the base. The forest presented a unique challenge to the 59 riders who competed, with sections of difficult tracks caused by recent logging activities. Coupled with the ever-present growth of vegetation, navigation through these trails was a demanding yet rewarding task for participants.

In July, we hosted a Middle-Distance event at Peak Crossing, utilizing a brand-new map of the area. The Ivory's Rock Conference Centre, a vast bush property renowned for its camping and concert facilities, was an ideal venue. Its intricate network of roads and tracks, alongside numerous buildings and structures, created a versatile and stimulating course designed by Susie Blissner. To make the event even more special, we negotiated for camping to be included in the entry price, and many riders took advantage of this, enjoying a relaxed evening around the campfire before the competition. The next day, a record 71 riders tackled the courses, adding to the growing popularity of MTBO events.



Our final event of the year took place at Karingal Scout Camp in Mt Cotton, with courses expertly crafted by Eva Kovacs. The Scout property's network of newly constructed tracks,

developed by the Southside Rats MTB Club, perfectly suited the Long-Distance format. Despite a brief spell of rain overnight, race day saw clear skies, and 37 riders enjoyed navigating the well-designed courses. The event concluded with a well-deserved catered meal, leaving participants energized and satisfied.



This year, we were also proud to receive a grant to boost the participation of Women and Girls in MTBO. As part of this initiative, the project team identified barriers to female participation through a survey and developed a targeted plan to address them. This has included a greater focus on welcoming newcomers, with specific promotions, detailed briefings, and ride guides designed for female participants. Volunteers at our events now wear hi-vis vests, making them easily identifiable for anyone needing assistance. Additionally, we are planning a series of park-based MTBO events to encourage first-time riders to explore the sport in a more relaxed setting.

A huge thank you goes out to all the club members and supporters who contributed to the success of our events this year. Their hard work and dedication ensured every event ran smoothly and was enjoyable for all involved. With planning for next year well underway, we're excited to build on this year's momentum and look forward to another fantastic season of MTBO!



Craig Steffens – President

Paradise Lost Orienteers (PL)

During 2024, Paradise Lost ran a program of 19 events, including 5 bush/trail, 2 park, 1 street, 1 University, 5 MapRun and 5 MapRun Night Navigation events. These events attracted modest, though consistent numbers with high levels of participant satisfaction. Communication of events was enhanced from previous years, and this was well received from families and groups such as the scouts. All events were well officiated on excellent maps with technically sound courses.



2024 saw the successful introduction of a series of 5 Map Run and 5 MapRun Night Navigation organised by Rhiannon White. The afternoon events, in particular, were very successful attracting strong numbers of regular participants. Each event was very well organised, and we are grateful to the ideas, skills, enthusiasm and infectious personality that Rhiannon has brought to the club. We hope that the MapRun series continues to grow in 2025 and can complement the rest of our program.



Paradise Lost had 7 members in 2024. We are able to run our events through the ongoing contribution of ~5 core members who manage their time around work and family commitments. We are very grateful for these members, though we will look at ways to increase the contribution from other regular participants in the future.

Steve Dowlan - President

Range Runners Orienteering Club Inc (RR)



2024 has been another wonderful year for our club.

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 in 2025.



The focus this year has been on trying to grow the enjoyment of the sport further within the Darling Downs and broader regions with over 20 events and coaching camps run or co-hosted by RROC across Toowoomba, as far south as Stanthorpe, west as Drillham and North-East to Maryborough and Hervey Bay.

In 2024, we ran two 'Learn to Orienteer' programs, each of 4 sessions (once a week). The first program, run through February, reached 60 people and resulted in 6 new memberships. The second was run in Oct/Nov at the close of the season, so we wait for the new season to begin to see what new memberships have resulted. Thanks to Felicity Crosato for overall organisation and to the band of excellent coaches who assisted.

Both the Mini Cyclones and Junior Camps were held near Stanthorpe in May and July respectively. Both camps were well attended by our Juniors, and several of our adult members assisted with the admin and running of both camps.

Other noteworthy events hosted by the club included:

- "World Orienteering Day" coaching event at Perseverance Dam
- The SW School Sports Regional Trials west of Drillham
- a State Series Mountain Bike Orienteering event at Pechey State Forest
- Co-hosting the Qld Long Distance Orienteering Championships with BBB near Stanthorpe in September



We are proud of our Juniors' performances at the Queensland Schools Orienteering Championships (QSOC) in July. Club members won a collective 12 Golds, 15 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals. Congratulations must go to all Club juniors who competed at QSOC - many of whom bravely took on the challenge of competing at QSOC in their first year of orienteering!

RROC members made up 12 of the 20 Athletes chosen in the Queensland Schools Team to compete at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships held in Armidale in September/October.

RROC won the OQ Club Relay Championship for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to our Club Vice President, Felicity Crosato, who was awarded a Life Membership to OQ following 20 years of tireless work to both Range Runners and OQ.

The 2024 RROC President's Award was presented to Dave Edwards.



The Club was awarded a grant of \$7500 from the Qld Government as part of their Active Women and Girls Program. The Club will invest this money towards new maps and equipment in 2025.

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.

Cam Schubert - President

Sunshine Orienteers Club Inc (SO)

Orienteering: Great exercise and better thinking skills?

Racing the clock across varied terrain with low-tech map and compass — that's right, no GPS allowed."



[Heidi Godman](#) Harvard Health Publishing



Orienteering is an enjoyable and active part of many of our lives which ranges from participating in one discipline to partaking in as many events as possible. Our club members include junior through to veteran participants with serious competitors to people who just want to try something new and different. We are a steadily growing club through embracing change with 99 members in 2024 compared to 91 in 2023 and 78 in 2022. We welcome all!

Night Nav using the MapRun App has again proved to be the area with the greatest growth with often over 30 entries at an event. It attracts people from all age groups and abilities. Families, social entrants, scouts, people using it as fitness through to serious runners/orienteers who challenge themselves physically and mentally. Sunshine Orienteers have four series over the four seasons with 24 events in total. A challenge for our club is to have 'NightNavers' actively join in other orienteering disciplines like MTBO and bush orienteering.



Bush foot orienteering, although popular with people from the time when they did their first orienteering course as a primary school pupil doesn't produce the same following of people as 'NightNav' events. Club members who do 'Foot O' know the effort, time and work needed to run a single event and how a small cohort of

qualified and knowledgeable orienteers always have to rise to the occasion if the event is to proceed. These people are acknowledged and thanked for their wonderful strength and sacrifice. Sunshine Orienteers organised OY8 near Gympie in Kings Forest. Maybe more permanent bush and park courses could be considered where people can practise or just go out and have fun.





Sunshine Orienteers, Range Runners and Multi Terrain Bike Orienteers with some Orienteering Queensland helpers ran the MTBO State Series. In 2024 this included hosting the State championships on two new maps in Beerburrum East State Forest (Long and Middle distance) and the Sprint event on the recently mapped Coolum State High School



Again, these events a huge effort in planning/mapping courses, permits, course checking, hanging controls, IT and packing-up. It was even rumoured that a club member bought a motorbike using these tasks as an excuse.

At a lecture at the 2024 National Championships, it was suggested that ‘foot orienteers’ give MTBO a go as it was assumed that they can ride a bike and have the necessary navigation skills.



Club members also participated in rogaining, adventure racing, trail running and wilderness treks. Clara McSharry also was announced as a junior reserve for the junior girls in the 2024 Queensland School Team.



Many people make a club, and members contribute in many ways and to variance of participation. Sunshine Orienteers owe a big “Thank you” to Mark and Kathy Petrie for their hands-on work and their organisational skills which help our produce the Sunshine Coast Orienteering events. Other notable contributors (sorry if I missed you) include Courtney, Christina, Ross, Scott, Michael, Gary, Brendan, Darryn, Brent, Simo, Rubin and Ulla.

Iain Duncan - President

Toohey Forest Orienteering Association Inc (TF)



The end of 2023 saw the club hold 4 Night Nav events with a further 4 following in January. The most popular of the series was the first at Runcorn which had 40 participants. Attendance averaged at 28 per night with the main exception being the Camp Hill event where 19 hardy souls took on several storms.

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 Judi Hay with events in the west, north and south of Brisbane. The most popular of these was the one at the City Botanic Gardens with 54 participants.

The last of the events we ran for Logan City Council (LCC) was held at Underwood Park using Maprun. With the increase in OQ levies and the maximum entry fee allowed by Council, it was not in the club's financial interest for too many people to attend this event. As a consequence, we did not reapply for LCC funding.



The Easter carnival was in South Australia this year. Our sole representative was Reid Moran. Reid managed to finish 14th overall with a best single day placing of 10th.

April saw OQ hosting a National Orienteering League (NOL) round in Brisbane. This was a sprint weekend with four races in two days. All were staged in the TFO area although we weren't involved in the organising. The carnival included the QLD Sprint Championships where our best results were Sam Calabro 2nd and Lloyd Barker-Smith 2nd.



Mother's Day saw us hosting an OY event at Belmont Hills. This was a new area found and mapped by Mark Roberts (PL club) that featured extensive areas of quarrying. Neil prepared a bulletin for this event which highlighted the special features of the area. The advertising and special features resulted in a huge 150 pre-entries (we think the second highest for an OY this century). With most of our regular event helpers away we

had to get outside help to run the event. Special thanks to Mark Roberts (mapper and controller PL), Tony Bryant (Finish, computing and map printing EN), Chris and Robin Spriggs (starters UG) and Alex and Ethan Crowe (control collecting UG).

The Queensland Middle Distance Championships were held at Kingaroy in May. Four members attended with Reid Moran's 1st place our best result.

Neil Simson again was heavily involved in the running of the OQ Junior Camp held at Stanthorpe at the end of the mid-year school holidays. The original date for the Fiona Calabro Memorial event was too close to Junior Camp and was delayed for several weeks so Neil could recover, and we could take advantage of a large gap in the event programme.



Fiona Day is held at Stockyard Creek. We again offered the optional mass-start format. This format complicates the post event data processing which takes 3-4 hours. This year's event attracted 82 participants (up for last year) and is regarded as one of the highlights of the year. This is due to the usual cake and sausage stall which raises funds for brain cancer research.

The Qld Schools Orienteering Championships (QSOC) was held in our area using Sheldon College, Karingal Scout Camp and Tingalpa Creek. Sam Calabro competed in the long-distance race.

The QLD MTBO Championships were run by the Sunshine Coast club. Our only representative was Reid Moran who finished with a 6th (middle), 4th (sprint) and 1st (long).

The last local major foot event of the year was the Long Championships at Dalveen (between Warwick and Stanthorpe). This event was the weekend before the Australian Orienteering Carnival (AOC) at Armidale and attracted a larger than usual number of interstate competitors. We had 8 competitors with Lorenzo Calabro (1st), Lloyd Barker-Smith (2nd), Sam Calabro (3rd) and Neil Simson (3rd) gaining places. Tony Tavner-Corner unfortunately injured himself on Day 1 and had to miss the second day and the AOC.

Five of our members attended the Australian (foot) Orienteering Carnival. Noteworthy results were Neil Simson's 6th in the Middle distance and Relay, 9th Long and Jennifer Schulz's 5th in Long distance. The injury curse struck again with Lloyd Barker-Smith not even finishing the first race while David Schulz lasted until the Schools Sprint event.



2024 was the 50th anniversary of Orienteering Queensland. Our contributions to the celebrations were a "you are here" on the original map at the first OY (Pacific Pines HS sprint – Gaven Forest map 1980), "old map display" including the original map with course from the

first event at Woodlands/Gatton NP, and “the first six years” display featuring the maps (and some courses) from the first six Queensland Schools Championships. The End of Year Relay event was held at a park outside Enoggera Barracks on the same day OQ was formed at the “original event” 50 years ago. Ray Pearson (former TF member) was the course setter 50 years ago and he came along and showed us some of the original courses.



Mapping projects completed by members this year were an extension of the Rochedale South map and a new Browns Plains/Drewvale map. Mark Roberts (PL) was very busy making maps this year with those in our area including Belmont Hills, Wellers Hill, Wellington Point Schools and Norman Creek. The Priest Gully map was made by Geoff Peck (UG).

As of the middle of October club membership was slightly down with 38 members.

Neil Simson – President

Totally Tropical Orienteering Club (TT)



2024 has been a productive year for TTOC. The club operated without a president for the first six months of the year and autopiloted itself admirably before the president role was filled in June. Despite what should have been a bumpy first half of the year, the club managed to have over 700 participants across 25 events throughout the year.



Our Summer and Winter Urban Adventure Series continue to be the club's most popular events by a significant margin, although this year the Sprint Series showed considerable popularity, and the fact that there are a contingent of participants not scared off by

the word, "sprint". The club also managed to hold a 4-week coaching course early in the year, aimed at complete beginners as well as experienced orienteers and adventure racers who were looking to polish their skills. As well as that, the club continued with a solid number of one-off events through the year, including sprints at the picturesque Jezzine Barracks, bush-street events at James Cook University and a three-hour cyclegaine. Many of our events have taken advantage of the SportIdent and MapRun systems, which have proved to be popular with club members.

There were some minor financial issues, as the February Summer Urban Adventure Series was advertised (prices included) before the increase in fees from OQ; this cost was simply absorbed by the club. In addition to this, the club received a \$2500 volunteer grant, used throughout the year largely on volunteer and fuel reimbursements.



Our volunteer base at the club continues to be one of our strongest assets, with six club members receiving Orienteering Queensland shirts in recognition of their hard work serving the club. Thank you to Linda, Adrian, Eleanor, Jade, Sue and Tim. Volunteers continue to be the heart of this club, and we look forward to using volunteers in the most effective way



possible, as there are many club members who are eager to help out, but the club needs to find the best way to engage them in volunteering.

TTOC continues its active social media presence as well as in person events such as the Get Active Expo and the Defence Expo in order to make the local community aware of the opportunities for events. In addition to this, in 2024 we started putting our events on the What's On Townsville website, in order to recruit more participants from different channels. There appears to have been some success, but it is still too soon to know for sure.

All in all, 2024 was a successful year in keeping the club operating and keeping orienteering events going in Townsville. In 2025 we look forward to continuing to run many of our key events, as well as focusing on how best to use the willingness to volunteer evident in our club members, as well as encouraging more of our participants to volunteer to keep our wonderful events going.



Tim McKean – President

Ugly Gully Orienteering Club (UG)



This report covers the period from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

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.



The club has been led by an active committee of the following members:

Position	2024 Office Bearer
Management Committee:	
President	Sebastien Lhote
Vice President	James Mitchell
Secretary	Mark Crowe
Treasurer	Tony Howes
Technical Officer	Vacant
Events Coordinator	Fran Powell
Mapping Coordinator	Brenton Gray
Other Positions:	

Membership Officer	Elizabeth Ferguson
NightNav Coordinator	Kristine Cairns/Fran Powell
Blue Card Coordinator	Linda Burrridge
Events Team Members	James Mitchell

Thank you to Tony Howes who has served for 3 years as Treasurer and is therefore stepping down from this position.

We have also had club members contributing to Orienteering at a State and National level: Peter Effenev (OQ President), Juliana de Nooy (OQ Chair Development), Tim McIntyre (OQ Chair Technical), Ryan Gray (OQ Coach), Su-Yan Tay (OQ ASOC Manager), Linda Burrridge (OQ Admin Officer & Bulletin Editor; OA eNews Editor) and Anna Sheldon (OA Technical Director).

Membership: Membership in 2024 stands at 117 – 62 Individual; 78 Families (of which 25 members were under 20). We already have two new adult members for 2025. In 2023 there were 141 members.

Financially: The club is in a healthy financial state with \$57,938 compared to our position in the previous year (\$44,481). This includes two grants awarded for 2025: Active Clubs and Active Women and Girls.

Grant: In line with the Active Women and Girls grant, Ugly Gully Orienteers is prepared to focus on increasing the participation of women and girls in orienteering throughout 2025. The goal is to foster an inclusive environment where women feel welcomed, confident, and safe while enjoying the sport. The strategy includes establishing a paid position to manage female-specific events, leveraging social media outreach, forming partnerships with local clubs, and introducing fun family-oriented events. Safety remains a key concern, and steps will be taken to ensure that all participants feel secure. A survey is underway to get more feedback and ensure the strategy aligns with the needs of female members.

Development of the Sport: We worked on social media, and entertained our community with Facebook posts, adding photos and creating flyers for the events (inc. QR codes). We have 577 followers today (from 540 last year), 62% are women. Our performance overall has not matched 2023 indicators (on interactions and clicks).

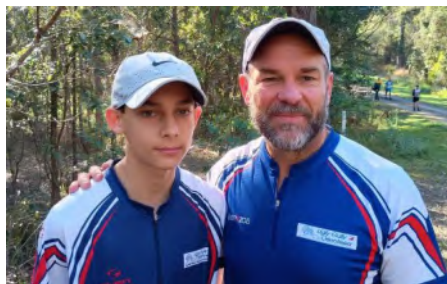


Events: Members of the Club have organised 82 events in the 12-month period with a total of 2,881 participants.

- 5 Park O events (265 participants (average participation 53 (Last year 75)))
- 1 Club Bush Events - 50 participants
- 28 NightNav events (1,232 participations (average participation of 44 (Last year 40)))
- 47 MapRun Parks events on Sunday afternoons (1,244 participations (average participation of 26 (Last year 30)))
- 1 OY (90 participants)

Some additional stats for Night Nav & Map Run Parks (75 events)

- 696 individuals participated
- 324 participants attend a single event
- 198 participants attended 2 to 4 events
- 81 participants attended 5 to 10 events
- 54 participants attended 11 to 20 events
- 27 participants attended 21 to 50 events
- 10 participants attended over 50 events



UG could not host all the events we do, without having access to Peter Effeney' MapRun application. It is changing the way we do orienteering, particularly in urban areas; we also use it to check the accuracy of control points in bush environments. Thank you, Peter.



The Ugly Gully Loyalty card was launched at NightNav in May 2024: “Your 10th event is free, only valid for UG NightNav (Tuesday evenings Feb to Oct) and MapRun Parks (Sunday afternoons).” Thank you, Fran, for making this happen.

A special thank you to Fran Powell, Kristine Cairns-Tracey, Reece Eberhard, and Peter Effeney for assisting on Tuesday Nights.

As always, a very large thank you to Reece Eberhard for making Sunday MapRun happen year-round. Reece was the club Hurtle award recipient in 2023.

Coaching: Ryan Gray and Su-Yan Tay are both contributing to the success of our junior athletes as the Coach to the Qld Schools Team.



OQ – President's Award: Su Yan was the recipient of the 2023 award for her ongoing contribution to coaching both junior athletes and female athletes.

Mapping: Mark Roberts created 2 new maps for UG:

- Denmark Hill - Park Map
- Witton Creek - Night Nav Map

There has been relatively little map updating, as the focus has been on preparations for AusChamps2025. Indirectly UG will be a beneficiary of major remaps of places such as UQ, Sandstone Gardens and Wivenhoe.

It is expected UG Mapping will be fairly static until around 2026 with only minor updates of existing maps.

Thanks to Brenton Gray & Mark Roberts for their work on mapping again this year.

Awards and Congratulations: Queensland Orienteer of the Year (OY); Orienteering Queensland Awards & Qld Schools representation

Award from Orienteering Queensland

Congratulations to Ugly Gully's Peter Effeney, who has been presented by Orienteering Australia with the Silva Award for Services to Orienteering for his work developing the MapRun app (April 2024).

Congratulations to Juliana De Nooy, for her Perpetual Trophy for services to Orienteering. Juliana is currently OQ Chair of Development and was OQ President 2021-2023. Prior to that, she had been Secretary of Ugly Gully 2013 to 2020, leading the drafting of a new Constitution and contributing greatly to Night Nav. A very deserving recipient of the 2024 OQ President's Award!

Congratulations to Ugly Gully's Wendy Read and Lance Read, now life members of OQ (March 2024). Both Wendy and Lance have contributed to orienteering at club, state, and national level for several decades, especially as coaches and team managers, and in major roles at national events. Among many achievements, Wendy was WOC team coach-manager 2010-2017, and Lance was OA Director of High Performance 2013-2016. We are very grateful for the work each of them has contributed to our club.

At the Australian Middle-Distance Champs near Armidale, Anna Sheldon clocked up her 300th National Orienteering League race. That's well over two decades of elite racing with the Queensland Cyclones - great work Anna! She received the Perpetual Trophy for Best Female OY result from OQ.



2024 Podium

UG had many members excelling, achieving great performances and even on the 2024 podium, at Queensland level or more. Congratulations to all!

- In the 2024 OY season, two orienteers are to be congratulated on their 100% Attendance: Aidan Tomlins and Ethan Crowe.

- Mikaela Gray, selected in the 2024 JWOC team to compete in Czechia in July 2024. Mikaela is the best Female Junior in 2024 (964 points); she received a Perpetual Trophy W21A Champion.
- Ryan Gray is the best Male Senior with 948 points.
- Ben Schulz and Anna Sheldon are on the podium too with respectively 911 and 982 points, as Best Veterans (35-59).
- Anna Sheldon represented Australia in the Bushrangers team (NZ) for the first round of the 2024 New Zealand Pinestars vs Australia Bushrangers test match (June 2024).
- Su Yan Tay and Tim McIntyre are the recipients of the Best Super Vet (60+) with 972 and 913 points.
- Our Ugly Gully members of the Qld Schools Team (Aidan Tomlins, Elin Schulz, Ethan Crowe and Maya Lhote) and coaches Su Yan Tay & Ryan Gray all participated in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships, in Armidale NSW.

The Hurtle Award: Reece Eberhard (2023 recipient) chose Fran Powell for the 2024 Hurtle Award. Fran always walks the extra mile and goes beyond just the Event Organiser role. Also, she came up with the loyalty cards which has increased the consistency in participants across both MapRun and Night Nav.




The President's Award: The Club would like to congratulate Lauren Baade and Ingrid Aulike who are active members since 2014! They are both enthusiastic female athletes supporting almost all UG events: Lauren - 73 and Ingrid - 71 MapRun and Night Nav events in the period Oct 2023 to Sep. 2024. They participated in 5 OY each and other local events. Lauren was also the successful course setter for one of the NOL Sprint events hosted by OQ in April 2024, recognised as spot on!

Thank you, Lauren and Ingrid.

Sebastien Lhote – President

Orienteering Queensland Life Members



Eric Andrewst
Liz Bourne
John Bourne†
Joan Bourne†
Fiona Calabrot
Felicity Crosato
Dave Erbacher
Val Erbacher
Miriam Holmes
Ian Holmes
Gordon Howitt†
Cath Howitt
Sue Johnston†
Tim McIntyre

Peter Plunkett-Cole
Clive Pope
Barbara Pope
Rob Rapkins
Lynda Rapkins
Lance Read
Wendy Read
Trevor Sauer
Meredyth Sauer
Robin Simson†
Dorothy Simson†
Chris Spriggs
Robin Spriggs

New Life Members, March 2024

At the Annual General Meeting in March 2024, life memberships were awarded to **Felicity Crosato, Lance Read, and Wendy Read.**

Felicity Crosato has made a major contribution to orienteering through her 20-year involvement, through committee roles, event organisation, coaching, coach training, mapping, mentoring and regional development, which make her most deserving of OQ Life Membership.



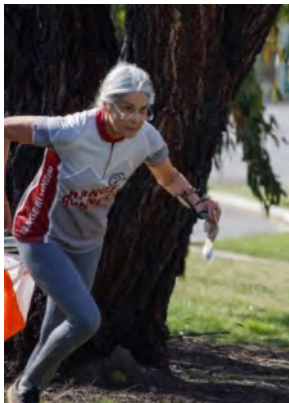
Felicity joined Range Runners and its committee in 2004, and under her presidency (2007-2022), it hosted Coaches in Residence from Sweden and Denmark (2014, 2015) and became the largest club in Queensland.

Since 2009, Felicity has managed the Darling Downs orienteering team, convening the trials since 2012. She also convened the Qld Schools Championships in 2013, 2016 and 2023. In 2023, she was awarded Life Membership to Darling Downs School Sport.

In 2011, Felicity was awarded OQ Coach of the Year, OQ Course Planner of the Year and the Zonta Award for her contributions to orienteering, as well as achieving “Most Improved” in the Orienteer of the Year Competition. She managed the Australian team at Oceania in 2011 and 2015, and has been member or reserve of the Australian team 4 times. In 2017, she was awarded the OQ Presidents Award.

Felicity has served 8 years on the OQ Management Committee (2013-2016, 2020-2023) as Vice-President, President, and Chair of Development. She has worked tirelessly to develop orienteering in regional centres, including Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone and Maryborough. Together with husband Rob, she has made countless school, park and bush maps throughout the state.

Since the introduction of the Sporting Schools program in 2015, Felicity has been Queensland Coordinator for orienteering, making maps and training coaches throughout the state. The South-West region is a particular success, with Felicity convening the first South West School Sport orienteering trials in 2019, and the region now sending a representative team (38 students in 2024) to the Qld Schools Championships each year.



Felicity developed the GO QLD orienteering lesson plans for Prep to Yr 10, worked with OA members in NSW and ACT to develop games to be used by teachers and coaches, and developed a coaching kit for Qld Sporting Schools coaches. In 2016, she was a Finalist in the Qld Outdoor Recreation Awards for her work in this area. In 2023, she was involved in the development of OA’s *Learn to Orienteer* program and the online version of the Orienteering Instructor Program.

Felicity has also been heavily involved with the Mini and Junior Cyclones. She has coached at many Mini Cyclones camps and has been involved in almost all the Junior Camps since 2005 as helper, coach, or convenor. Felicity is a Level 2 Controller and has course set and controlled countless events at club and state level, and mentored others.

Lance Read has been participating in and contributing to orienteering in Queensland for over 40 years. During this time, Lance has held significant roles at club, state and national level.



Lance's involvement with orienteering in Queensland dates back to his time as a junior. Event results show that he has since been a regular winner and placegetter at State Championships and national carnivals, including a M21A win in the 1986 Queensland Championships. Lance also was a member of the Queensland Cyclones team from 1996 and used his experience to initiate the cyclones squad concept and help mentor other members of the squad.

As a coach, Lance has made ongoing contributions to the development of many Queensland orienteers. He convened the Met North orienteering trials and coached the Met North Schools' team for 15 years from 1997 and in 2009 received a silver service award from Met North School Sport for services to school sport (orienteering). He was a member of the Qld Schools Organising Committee from 1995. He was the coach of the Queensland Schools team commencing in 1998 and jointly received the 1998 Orienteering Queensland Coaching award. He has continued in coaching and team manager roles, both formal and informal, at school, club, state and national levels and has always been willing to assist others in developing their skills.

Lance has made significant contributions to all aspects of the technical side of orienteering. He has been involved in mapping and, as early as 1987, was a mapper for Easter 3-day carnival held at Cherrabah. Since that time, he has had an involvement in almost every national carnival held in Queensland. This has included organiser for the 2004 Australian 3-days, convenor 2008 School Sport Australia Orienteering Champs, course setter for the 2018 National Orienteering League events, controller for events at the 2022 Easter 3-days, and a variety of other roles. Likewise, he has been regularly involved in running events in Queensland including the Queensland Championships with numerous roles as organiser/course setter/controller. Lance is a current Level 3 controller recognising his skills and capabilities in organising high-quality orienteering events.

In governance, Lance has been a regular contributor at club level and Queensland Schools with involvement in policy, event management, and participation. At national level, Lance was the Orienteering Australia Director of High Performance, 2013-2016, overseeing the development of Australian elite athletes in orienteering.



In summary, Lance has had an ongoing and significant impact on orienteering in Queensland for more than 30 years. He has been a coach and mentor for many orienteers at junior and elite levels. He has made numerous contributions to event organisation, course setting, controlling, and mapping. He has had regular involvement at club, school, state and national level. These contributions make him a deserving recipient of Orienteering Queensland life membership.

Wendy Read has been a member and regular contributor at club, state, national and international level for more than 40 years. She has had a particular impact in coaching, Schools activities and athlete development during her many years of involvement in orienteering in Queensland.



Wendy's participation in orienteering in Queensland dates back to the 1979 Schools Champs at Mt Coot-tha. Event results show regular placings and wins at Queensland Championships, Australian Championships and Australian 3-day carnivals from 1982. Building on those earlier experiences, Wendy became heavily involved in coaching and mentoring of others and was responsible for creating many opportunities for newer orienteers to develop their skills.

In a coaching role, Wendy's contributions span from coaching juniors and Schools teams to coaching and managing national teams at international carnivals. Wendy has received recognition for her coaching (and other) roles in many ways including the 1998 Orienteering Queensland Coaching award, the 2005 Zonta award, and the national Silva Coaching award in 2018.

Wendy has been taken on many significant manager roles. Within Orienteering Queensland, this has included managing the Queensland Cyclones (beginning in 2007 and spanning many years), being the Queensland Schools Team Manager/Coach (also over many years from 1998), and the role of Queensland High Performance Chair on the Orienteering Queensland Management Committee, 2014-2017. At a national level, Wendy was the National Secretary for School Orienteering over a number of years beginning in 1998, the coach and manager of the Australian World Orienteering Championships team 2010-2017, and the coach and manager of the Australian World Cup team in 2013 and 2015. Her input in these areas has contributed to the successes of many Australian orienteers.

In event organisation, setting and planning, Wendy has also made regular contributions. Along with organising numerous club and state events, Wendy has had involvement in many



national carnivals run in Queensland including as a setter for the 2014 National Orienteering League sprint relay event (where she also contributed to the mapping) and the 2022 Australian 3-days. She was also responsible for the development of a set of guidelines for course setters, organisers and controllers within Ugly Gully and adopted more widely. She is a current Level 2 controller.

In summary, Wendy has a long and ongoing impact on orienteering in Queensland. This has included significant contributions to coaching, team management and policy, making her strongly deserving of life membership of Orienteering Queensland.

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