

# Western and Hills Orienteers Incorporated (WHO)

## 2022 Annual Report

### WHO Office Bearers for 2021-2022



#### Executive Officers

<b>President</b>	James McQuillan
<b>Vice President</b>	Dan Smith
<b>Secretary</b>	Maureen Fitzpatrick
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karen Langan

#### Other Roles

<b>Club Captain</b>	Joshua Braidwood
<b>Mapping Officer</b>	Janet Morris
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Steve Dunlop
<b>Development Officer</b>	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles
<b>Statistician</b>	Barry Pearce
<b>Delegates To ONSW</b>	James McQuillan, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Karen Langan, Dan Smith
<b>Webmaster</b>	Barry Hanlon
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Ian Miller
<b>IT Support</b>	Dmitry Stukov
<b>Public Officer</b>	Maureen Fitzpatrick
<b>WHO Life Members</b>	Bruce Cooper, Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon

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### President's Report

The past year has been a relatively successful one for WHO. Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic had caused disruption to our normal activities in the previous two years. Whilst the pandemic is not over, the relative risk to individuals has decreased significantly and the responses reduced accordingly. Consequently, orienteering activities were largely unaffected and we were able to hold our usual events in 2022. These included events in the Western Sydney Orienteering Series (Dec, Jan), the Sydney Summer Series (Feb, Mar), the MetroLeague (Aug), the Turkey Trot (Jul) and the State League (May). Thank you to all club members that contributed to make these events happen. They don't happen by themselves!

The following are my highlights for our club for the past year:

- Hosting a middle distance NSW State League event at Wyangala. The all female organising team, comprised of Karen Langan, Rebecca George and Sheralee Bailey, did a brilliant job and the rest of the club chipped in to make it a memorable event. It was very pleasing to have 40% of our club participating - the most I can recall at a State League event in quite some time.
- The Turkey Trot was back after missing two years. Atrocious weather didn't dampen the spirits of the competitors and some continue to claim it is their favourite O event of the year.
- Janet Morris receiving the 2022 NSW Sport Distinguished Service Award for Orienteering. She is a humble recipient but mammoth contributor and we are proud of this recognition for all that she does for our club and sport.
- Savanna Sweeney's selection in the Australian Schools Honours Team. Savanna had some excellent results at the Aus Schools Champs in Victoria and was rightly rewarded. We've had a number of WHO juniors selected for NSW in the past few years and to see one of them go to the next level is really exciting.
- WHO came third in the NSW Interclub challenge. We came out in front of some very strong clubs and were only bettered by the monster clubs of Garingal and Newcastle.

Next year will see WHO host the NSW Schools Championship, as part of the NSW State League. This will be our biggest challenge in 2023, with two sprints on a new map followed by a bush event the following day. I know it's a challenge we are up for and look forward to this event and all that 2023 will bring.

**James McQuillan**  
**WHO President**  
**27/11/2022**

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### Treasurer's Report (abridged)

This report covers the full year period 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> September, 2022.

#### Event Summary

During the year there were ten events. Unfortunately, two Summer Series Events were cancelled due to COVID-19. Prior to COVID we were running 13 events/year. We were able to successfully run the Turkey Trot and a State League event.

A summary of the financial details for each event will be provided prior to the AGM.

#### Financial Results

The Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet are attached. Key highlights are:

- The club ended the year with a small surplus of revenue over expenditure
- Minor event revenue decreased due to not being able to run 2 Sydney Summer Series events. There was also a decrease in attendance at Western Summer Series events down by 60 across 4 events when compared with previous year.
- Major event income exceeded expenditure.
- Transaction fees charged by Paypal (which were previous covered by ONSW) and Square results in the club receiving less income than when participants paid by cash in the past.
- Another government grant will enable the aquisition of equipment for the club. The proposal is to purchase new light weight stands for the SI units.
- ONSW sanctioning fees were the greatest expense item followed by printing costs.

**Karen Langan**  
**WHO Treasurer**  
**29/11/2022**

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### Mapping Officer's Report

Mapping activity has continued with minor updates of maps done as needed. Barry Hanlon continues to provide base maps of excellent quality. We do have enough maps though it would be good to find more suitable areas, particularly bush maps. The lack of opportunities to use current minor sprint maps is noticeable. We need to discuss our event schedule to see how to best use our maps.

#### State League

The search for bush maps has continued with visits to N Wyangala SRA (Quartpot Camping Area) and NW Wyangala (Markhams Creek Camping Area). The Markhams Creek area is promising. Guula Ngurra NP areas of interest continue to be closed to the public. The club needs an area for 2024 and Markhams Creek and Portland Common will be followed up for permission to use.

#### Sydney and District Line Course Maps

Currently these maps are used for Metro and Western Sydney Orienteering Series (WSOS) events. Parklands at St Clair and Toongabbie have been mapped and will be used for WSOS but these could be one-off events. Wianamatta Regional Park West Visitors Area at Jordan Springs is being mapped for a Metro and is an unusual area of runnable bushland though extensive wetlands will limit the usable area. Also, public facilities have not yet been built. The north end of Western Sydney Regional Park has been remapped in sprint format for the WHO Cup. If extended, it could be used for a Metro. Current maps at Fred Caterson, Caddies Creek and Ermington all have major changes to sporting fields planned so we must be ready to update when the sporting fields are completed.

#### Sydney Summer Series (SSS) Maps

The west section of our new Castlewood map has been used. The east section may be joined to part of our West Pennant Hills map for another SSS map next summer. The Stevensons Creek map has been completed ready for a SSS event. A map at West Cherrybrook is being fieldworked by Ian Miller and Graham Hill.

#### Sprints

Permission to use Kings has been received and a base map prepared. This will be a major sprint map. We have other minor sprint maps but as the summer sprint series has been discontinued we do not have a current opportunity to use them.

#### Turkey Trot

A base map of the Fairfield area has been prepared and field checks have commenced.

Janet Morris  
WHO Mapping Officer  
11/11/2022

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## Equipment Officer's Report

It has been good to being back delivering the good events we do so well. Again my thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear.

Generally we have two types of equipment, that associated with:

- the course – control units, flags & stands;
- the event arena – registration, start, finish.

The former need to be collected from the computer team and myself in advance of the event, to allow the controls to be put out.

I'm happy to help bring arena gear if I'm available. Please check with me in advance of events to ensure all the gear needed for your event is available and how it will be delivered to the event and returned. A particular issue, especially in this wetter season, is whether we need gazebos and who will erect same at event.

If there is any gear people consider would be useful just let me know and we'll have a look at it; not averse to spending the Club's money.

**Steve Dunlop**  
**WHO Equipment Officer**  
**27/11/2022**

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## WHO Statistics

### a) WHO Club Championships 2022

The club's Championship Point Score year runs from the start of the summer series in October to the end of the Australian Championships.

Despite some pandemic affects early in the season e.g. delayed start to Sydney Summer Series, this year WHO members participated in a total of 1,087 events across urban and bush settings and Barry Pearce, Club Statistician, entered all those results to make the 2022 WHO Club Championships tally.

**The actual WHO Club Championship 2022 winner will be announced at the WHO AGM on 04/12/2022** and the full table of results released then. However, in the meantime, here are the 'Top 30' attenders, in alphabetical order, who entered 15+ events during 2021-2022:

Aiden McQuillan  
Barry Hanlon  
Constance Valais  
Debbie Walsham  
Elliott McQuillan  
Emmanuelle Convert  
Gary Farebrother  
Georgina Beech  
Graeme Hill  
Ian Miller  
James McQuillan  
Janet Morris  
Justine de Remy de Courcelles  
Karen Langan  
Lachlan Coady  
Lee Coady  
Levi Coady  
Malcolm Gledhill  
Marion Gledhill  
Martin Mansfield  
Paul Sweeney  
Saffron Sweeney  
Savanna Sweeney  
Selwyn Sweeney  
Seth Sweeney  
Shay Sweeney  
Silvia Teoh  
Steve Dunlop  
Vivien de Remy de Courcelles  
Will Kay

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### b)WHO Cup Winners

<b>WHO Cup</b>		<b>Handicap Event</b>	
1994	Paul Baker	Pat Baker	
1995	Paul Baker	Andrew Hill	
1996	Graeme Hill	Alexandra Christopher	
1997	Matt Hely	Maryanne Brooking	
1998	Graeme Hill	Tim Bartsch	
1999	Andrew Hill	Barry Gill	
2000	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	
2001	Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	
2002	Paul Baker	Janet Morris	
2003	Andrew Hill	Janet Morris	
2004	Graeme Hill	Steve Holloway	
2005	Chris Sanderson	Paul Baker	
2006	Robert Chapman	Robert Chapman	
2007	Jon Bailey	Steve Holloway	
2008	Paul Baker	Paul Baker	
2009	Adrian White	Adrian White	
2010	Andrew Hill	Jon Bailey	
2011	Andrew Hill	Ian Christopher	
2012	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady	
2013	Andrew Hill	Lee Coady	
2014	James McQuillan	Nerise McQuillan	
2015	Lee Coady	Lee Coady	
2016	Andrew Hill	James Langan	
<b>WHO Cup Female</b>		<b>WHO Cup Male</b>	<b>Handicap Event</b>
2017	Karen Langan	James Dunlop	Selwyn Sweeney
2018	Niamh Cassar	James McQuillan	Tim Perry
2019	Niamh Cassar	James McQuillan	Lee Coady
2020	Belinda Kinneally	James McQuillan	Barry Hanlon
2021	Belinda Kinneally	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles	Vivien de Remy de Courcelles
2022	?	?	?