



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Western and Hills Orienteers Inc.

# Office Bearers for 2017

## Executive Officers

<b>President</b>	Ian Miller
<b>Vice President/Club Captain</b>	Steve Dunlop
<b>Secretary</b>	Steve Holloway
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Hill

## Other Roles

<b>Club Captain</b>	James McQuillan
<b>Mapping Officer</b>	Janet Morris
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Steve Dunlop
<b>E-News Letter</b>	Ian Miller
<b>Statistician</b>	Barry Pearce
<b>Delegates To ONSW</b>	James McQuillan, Steve Dunlop, Ian Miller
<b>Coaching Co-ordinator</b>	James McQuillan
<b>Web Master</b>	Barry Hanlon
<b>Promotions Officer</b>	Steve Holloway
<b>IT Support</b>	Tim Perry
<b>Public Officer</b>	Steve Holloway

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## **President's Report 2017**

WHO had a great 2017. At the time of writing WHO members had delivered 15 events with the WHO Cup, assistance to Northmead Scouts and two WSS events to go to round out the year.

WHO members had success at the two biggest events for 2017; in April at the Oceania Championships in New Zealand and at the Australian Championships at Bathurst in September.

At the NSW Championships in May, WHO had six champions. During the year, two WHO members represented NSW in the Stingers team and there is an extensive list of WHO members with 2017 State League successes.

At Sydney events, SOS participation by WHO members is at an all-time high and SSS event numbers are impressive. In the last 12 months WHO member numbers have grown from 65 to 92. Eleven 2017 ONSW Junior Awards were achieved with nine at the highest level.

For the first time, WHO fielded Metro League teams in each division. We went close to winning Divisions 1 and 5.

A number of WHO members were involved in organising and event delivery roles for the Australian Championships, assisting the success of the largest event in NSW for some years.

Away from events, WHO achievements continued. Our new O suits arrived and we are about to order additional O suits to meet the demand.

On the club management front, Graeme Hill's financial guidance has WHO ahead of our projected 30<sup>th</sup> September budget numbers. November 25<sup>th</sup> marks the first time we have held the WHO AGM before Christmas.

There are now three trophies on offer at the WHO Cup. The Chris Crane Cup will be presented to the winner of the handicap event. Many have tried to win this prestigious trophy but only a few succeed. There are now two WHO Cups for the outright winners. One each for the fastest female and fastest male.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> we present our updated constitution which will bring us in line with the latest requirements from the Office of Fair Trading and change the financial year to end 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Over the last 12 months, we have improved our governance, completed a club 'health check', updated the WHO plan and are working on improving guides for mappers, event organisers, setters and directors to help our members deliver quality events. We produced 5 newsletters (with one more to come).

Thank you for contributing to a successful 2017. These highlights are only achieved by the time and enthusiastic efforts provided by WHO members. Thank you for the many hours so readily given.

A special thank you to the Executive, Committee, role and office holders and those who organised and set our events. Also to Barry Hanlon and Janet Morris for the supply of new maps and management of our map inventory and to Barry Pearce for the increasing effort required to calculate the Club Championship.

### **Looking ahead to 2018**

2018 will see a further tuning of our program of events. We want to increase our focus on juniors and grow WHO membership by attracting newcomers to our events where we can talk to them about orienteering.

We will organise a State League event at Wianamatta for the NSW Schools Middle Distance Championships in August. Our Metro League is at Whalan in May and the Turkey Trot at Cherrybrook/Thornleigh in July.

We are in discussions with Barbara Hill of Bold Horizons about SOS events in the Hills area. The likely result of these discussions is an increased involvement by WHO in the SOS as a replacement for the "Cunning Running" events.

WHO is well placed to continue our success in 2018.

Best wishes for an enjoyable year's orienteering. May you run directly to the centre of the control circles at all your events.

Ian Miller

25 November 2017

# MINUTES LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

- Date:** 4th February 2017
- Venue:** Tim Perry's home at 1A Birrawa Place, Northwood.
- Present:** Ian Miller (Chair), Steve Dunlop, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, James McQuillan, Dmitry Stukov, Tim Perry, Graeme Hill, Steve Holloway,
- Apologies:** John Murray, Robert Bradley, Lynn Dabbs, Kevin Williams, Nerise McQuillan, Maria Stankova, Ted Mulherin, James and Karen Langan, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Helen Parker.
- Time:** Meeting opened at 2:15pm

The President welcomed the attendees and thanked Tim and Jenny for hosting the meeting. He then presented his report as printed in the WHO Annual Report highlighting the successful year WHO had and thanking the members for their enthusiastic support. He made special mention of the service and passing of Chris Crane. In 2017 he envisaged a growth in numbers participating in WSS events and mentioned the opportunities in roles provided by senior members being unavailable. Guidance documents are under construction to help newcomers in the organizing, setting, mapping and event director roles. The President thanked Graeme Hill for his work in creating the Annual Report.

Last year's minutes were taken as read, moved by Barry Hanlon and seconded by Tim Perry.

**Matters arising from Previous Minutes:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:** Graeme Hill presented his report (included in the Annual report on pages 6 to 9) including the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure report and the Event report. The contents were explained to the meeting. Graeme reported that we remain in a very healthy financial position and will be able to pay our accounts as and when they fall due. He thanked Janet Morris and Barry Hanlon for their map work and the members for the time they contributed to the club. WHO made a surplus on events of \$5,385. \$3,600 of the surplus was invested in new maps. \$500 was donated to the NSW Junior Squad and \$200 to the Salvation Army in Chris Crane's name. The ONSW levy of \$1146 was paid and \$425 of new equipment purchased. Total funds available at the end of 2016 was \$22,020 (\$23,593 in 2015). Graeme moved that his report be accepted. The motion was seconded by James McQuillan and carried unanimously.

**Club Captains Report** James McQuillan's report is on page 10. He commented that with the exception of Division 5, WHO did quite poorly in the 2016 Metro League. We lacked depth in Division 1 which when we elevated runners also weakened the other division teams. He is investigating how to improve the Division 1 team's performance and has recruitment targets in mind. He thanked Belinda Kinneally for the introduction of snacks after the Metro events. A practice that will be continued in 2017 as it provides the opportunity for club members to chat after events. The chat provides an opportunity for informal coaching.

**Equipment Officers Report:** Steve Dunlop commented that he will introduce a new system to monitor who has WHO gear and thanked Tim for his work with the computers.

**Mapping Officers Report:** Janet explained her report on page 11 commenting that WHO had enough maps for 2017 and 2018 and that updates were under way on a number of

maps. Mini course maps would be available for all events. Significant mapping work was completed in 2016 though we have lost the use of the Westmead Hospital area while it is being redeveloped. A Balcombe Heights sprint map was completed and Fred Caterson will be updated before June. Graeme has drawn the Wyangala (Giant) map on OCAD and field work will commence in 2017. Graeme commented on his recommendation for the use of the map. Janet is waiting on contours to be available for country areas from the Australian Government ELVIS system. They may be available in 2017 but more likely in 2018. This will make it faster to create base maps of bush areas. The President thanked Janet for her leadership and work in mapping.

**Club Statistics Report:** The cut-off date for the Club Championship was moved to 30 September 2016 (previously had been 31 December). The 2016 results are in the Annual Report on pages 12 to 14. Janet Morris lead the club in participation with 58 events. Three members did more than one event a week. The 2016 WHO Cup was won by Andy Hill and the 2016 Handicap WHO Cup was won by James Langan. The Club Championship was won by Barry Hanlon. The formulas used for the Club Championship will be reviewed for 2017. The President thanked Graeme Hill for loading all 1069 individual results into the spreadsheet. This is a club record breaking the old record by over 200.

#### **Presentation of Awards:**

**2016 WHO Club Champion** was won by Barry Hanlon and the **Hank Van Oost Memorial Trophy** was presented to Tim Perry.

**The WHO Cup** was won by Andy Hill and the **WHO Cup Handicap Trophy** by James Langan. Both were originally presented at the WHO Cup event on November 18<sup>th</sup> but had since been engraved.

**ORIENTEERING AUSTRALIA MERIT BADGES** – In 2016, a record fifteen WHO members qualified for Orienteering Australia badges. The winners for 2016 are:

**GOLD** - Lachlan Coady in M10, Lee Coady in M35, Lynn Dabbs in W60, Barry Hanlon in M80, Andrew Hill in M21, Janet Morris in W75 and Katya Stukova in W12

**SILVER** – Robert Bradley in M50, Maureen Fitzpatrick in W55, Matt Hackett in M40, Ted Mulherin in M75, Dmitry Stukov in M45, Ivan Stukov in M10 and Kevin Williams in M70.

**BRONZE** – Our lone bronze badge winner was James McQuillan in M21.

The President congratulated all the badge winners.

#### **WESTERN SUMMER SERIES CERTIFICATES**

There are three certificates for WHO results in the recently completed WSS series.

Helen Parker was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Women class, Stephannie Chan was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Women class and James McQuillan was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open Men class.

The President is holding two uncollected awards –Lynn Dabbs for her 3<sup>rd</sup> placing in the W60A NSW OY competition and Jan Seeho's Division 5 Metro League winners medal.

## Election of 2017 Office Bearers

The President declared all office bearer positions vacant and informed the meeting he had not received any formal nominations for positions so nominations would be accepted from the floor. It was agreed to have two IT leads for 2017. The positions of Promotions/New Members Officer and Statistician were left vacant and will be advertised in the WHO Newsletter. The President will continue to produce the club newsletter.

### Executive Officers

Position	Nominated	Nominator	Second	Elected
<b>President</b>	Ian Miller	Barry Hanlon	Tim Perry	Ian Miller
<b>Vice President</b>	Steve Dunlop	Steve Holloway	Barry Hanlon	Steve Dunlop
<b>Secretary</b>	Steve Holloway	Steve Dunlop	James McQuillan	Steve Holloway
<b>Treasurer</b>	Graeme Hill	Steve Dunlop	Dmitry Stukov	Graeme Hill

### Other Roles within the Club

Position	Nominated	Nominator	Second	Elected
<b>Club Captain</b>	James McQuillan	Janet Morris	Barry Hanlon	James McQuillan
<b>Coach Co-ordinator</b>	Dmitry Stukov	Steve Dunlop	Tim Perry	Dmitry Stukov
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Steve Dunlop	James McQuillan	Steve Holloway	Steve Dunlop
<b>IT Support Leaders</b>	Tim Perry & Dmitry Stukov	Dmitry Stukov Tim Perry	Graeme Hill James McQuillan	Tim Perry & Dmitry Stukov
<b>Mapping Officer</b>	Janet Morris	Steve Holloway	Barry Hanlon	Janet Morris
<b>Newsletter E-News</b>	No appointment			Defaults to President
<b>Promotions / New Members Officer</b>	Vacant			
<b>Statistician</b>	Vacant			
<b>Web-Master</b>	Barry Hanlon	Tim Perry	Steve Dunlop	Barry Hanlon
<b>Club Delegates</b>	Ian Miller, Steve Dunlop James McQuillan	Janet Morris	Barry Hanlon	Ian Miller Steve Dunlop James McQuillan

Notes:- The Secretary was appointed as the Public Officer .

**General Business**

There was no General Business

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm.

**Committee Signatures**

These are a true and correct account of the Annual General Meeting of the Western & Hills Orienteers Inc

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# **Treasurer's Report 2017 - Abridged**

I am pleased to present the financial results for the period ended 30 September 2017.

Please note that since the closing date of our financial year has changed from 31<sup>st</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> September, this report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. As a result, comparative figures with the full year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 may be misleading.

During the year we ran 9 events, which is 7 fewer than we ran in the full year of 2016. The details of each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report. Of the 9 events in 2017, all produced a surplus.

The Club did not run any Western Sydney Summer Series events during the shortened financial year. The average attendance at the two SSS events that WHO ran in 2017 was 175 (2016 177), with the event at Ermington on 4<sup>th</sup> January attracting a near-record 211 entrants.

## **Financial Results**

We commenced the year with adequate available.

During the year, we invested funds in producing two new maps and upgrading old maps. (Thanks yet again Janet (and Barry!)). Included were the fieldwork, mapping expenditure, cartography, etc for the new Wianamatta map which was used for the Metro League event on 21<sup>st</sup> May and we paid Atte Lahtinen for his work on the extension of the Knapsack Gully and Darkes Common maps. We also paid Rob Vincent for his travel expenses in checking out the area of the Giant map at Wyangala Dam. Rob generously provided his time free of charge to the Club.

The details of all other expenditure is itemised in the Income and Expenditure report.

In summary, we remain in a very healthy financial position and will be able to pay our accounts as and when they fall due.

## **Final Remarks**

Once again, here are many instances where members have not claimed for out of pocket expenses or for the time they have spent in the field or at events or travelling. We are indebted to you all. Your generosity has helped to keep our finances in the strong position they are in.

[The full financial report is available to club members on request.]

## Club Captain's Report 2017

2017 was a very pleasing year from a participation perspective. WHO fielded five teams - one in each division. WHO Evers (Div 1) used Richard Morris (BN) and Ondrej Pavlu (UR), which made us very competitive. We were short of runners (between 1-5) in 4 of the 6 rounds. WHO consistently had the second largest contingent, behind only GO, at each Metro Event.

Results largely weren't as positive. WHO Evers (Div 1) missed out on the trophy by a whisker, due largely to unavailability and lack of depth. WHO Rays, Doos, RaHS (Div 2-4) struggled and ended up near the bottom of their respective ladders. Div 5 reached the final for the third year. Despite not winning any trophies we had some excellent individual performances at each event.

Future:

We need a couple more Div 1 runners. Depth in the other divisions is quite good and with some more consistency we should be more competitive.

**James McQuillan**

## Equipment Officer's Report 2017

Our equipment has served us well again in the past year, with little or no replacement. This is expected to be the same for 2018 with the exception that we are examining solar batteries to be a substitute to our generator.

My thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear. It continues to work well that Tim's team manages the equipment directly related to computing and SI.

During this year our rigorous control on who takes equipment to ensure it is readily available for the next event seems to have been successful and that has reflected in our minimal need to replace equipment.

We are examining disposal of equipment which is either worn out or now never used. One set of items likely to go on the chopping block are our bush toilets, which have over many years served us so faithfully. Unfortunately they were defeated at the battle of Portaloo. If anyone can find a new home for these ever willing servants I'm sure they'll give you great relief.

**Steve Dunlop**

# Mapping Officer's Report 2017

The club has sufficient maps for planned events this year and anticipates this continuing over 2018.

## Changes

There have been some significant changes in mapping recently and the future of maps and mapping is becoming clearer.

It is now clear that base maps will be produced from a combination of LiDAR data (for contours) and high definition aerial photos. In NSW LiDAR is being progressively produced by Lands and Property and can be downloaded free for contours. In the case of very detailed terrain this will not be of high enough quality and flights may still be necessary as they were for photogrammetry.

Another significant change is the release by IOF of new specifications for map and control description symbols and these will be used in new maps and for events on new maps.

## Club Maps

General comments follow. Remember that some maps can be used for more than one type of event.

**Summer Series Maps** (also used for Moonlight Madness and sometimes the Turkey Trot. These SS maps were sometimes used for Cunning Running events, which have now been discontinued)

Overall we have about as many map options as last year. Areas around Parramatta Park and river have been lost because of development. But areas have been added to existing maps to give greater options at Rouse Hill Park, Vacluse/Watsons Bay and Brush Farm/Denistone. We have about 34 areas no further west than Rouse Hill. Some are different parts of a larger map. Of these options, about 15 have parks or bush areas large enough for a MINI map. This free map for the under twelves is becoming a popular option for attracting families, so we should have sufficient maps though it would be good to find more areas with MINI potential.

## Sprints

For summer Sundays we have three maps. Fred Caterson has been updated. With Nirimba and Balcombe Heights this is barely enough as Nirimba is our only true dedicated Sprint map. UWS Richmond is too far out for summer Sunday Sprints But could be used for other Sprint events.

**Urban Bush and Park** used for Metro and Minor

When mapping of the Whalan/Tregear playing fields is completed we will have eight maps suitable for Metros, though some of these maps can also be used for Summer Series or even State League. Should be enough, though these are most valuable maps so we should always look out for more areas of this type. Bungaribee had been flagged as an option, but is unlikely to be available because of other uses planned. The Equestrian Area attached to WSRP would be suitable but would be too expensive to use.

## Country Maps for State League and Major Events

Graeme Hill completed his OCAD redrawing of Giant (Wyangala State Recreation area). Rob Vincent inspected the area and reported that part would be very suitable for a Middle distance Major event. Rob also updated part of Roseberg SF (at no cost to the club) which was used for the Australian Champs carnival. We are waiting on ONSW to propose a suitable major event where the two maps could be used. Rob Vincent would upgrade Wyangala (Middle Distance) and make further upgrades to Roseberg (Long Distance). This is a great opportunity but might not be used until at least 2020.

Contours from LPI LiDAR became available for Portland Town Common this year and the club has approved proceeding with mapping towards a State League event in 2019. We are currently awaiting permission to map from the Portland Town Common Trust.

Thanks to Ian Miller and Graeme Hill for upgrades and Barry Hanlon for base

**Janet Morris**

## Summary of WHO Events

Date	Name of Event	Location
4 Jan 2017	Northern Summer Series	Ermington
12 Feb 2017	Sydney Sprint	Nirimba, Quakers Hill
15 Mar 2017	Northern Sydney Series	West Pennant Hills
9 Apr 2017	Pair Relay	Rogans Hill
23 Apr 2017	Cunning Running 1	North Rocks
10 May 2017	Moonlight Madness	Rydalmere East
21 May 2017	Metro League	Wianamatta
18 Jun 2017	Cunning Running 2	Castle Hill
2 Jul 2017	Turkey Trot	Lapstone
13 Aug 2017	Cunning Running 3	Western Sydney Regional Park
3 Sep 2017	Joint Metro League	Castle Hill

## 2017 WHO Statistics

The Club's Championship Point Score year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September (or the end of the Australian Championships). It was changed from the calendar year in 2015 so this is the first report using the new dates. Participation by WHO members is now across a wide range of events and it is challenging to find the results. This year Barry Pearce entered a record 1074 results! Thank you Barry for your diligence in tracking them down.

Once again to lead the WHO Tragics Table requires more than one event per week. WHO had 20 members who competed in more than 20 events.

The 2017 tragics list is:

1. Andy Hill 55 events
2. Janet Morris 49 events
3. Ian Miller 43 events
4. James McQuillan 41 events
5. Graeme Hill 38 events
6. Steve Holloway 35 events
7. Steve Dunlop 35 events

## Previous WHO Cup Winners

WHO Cup	Handicap Event	WHO Cup	Handicap Event
1994 Paul Baker	Pat Baker	2006 Robert Chapman	Robert Chapman
1995 Paul Baker	Andrew Hill	2007 Jon Bailey	Steve Holloway
1996 Graeme Hill	Alexandra Christopher	2008 Paul Baker	Paul Baker
1997 Matt Hely	Maryanne Brooking	2009 Adrian White	Adrian White
1998 Graeme Hill	Tim Bartsch	2010 Andrew Hill	Jon Bailey
1999 Andrew Hill	Barry Gill	2011 Andrew Hill	Ian Christopher
2000 Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2012 Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2001 Andrew Hill	Pat Baker	2013 Andrew Hill	Lee Coady
2002 Paul Baker	Janet Morris	2014 James McQuillan	Nerise McQuillan
2003 Andrew Hill	Janet Morris	2015 Lee Coady	Lee Coady
2004 Graeme Hill	Steve Holloway	2016 Andy Hill	James Langan
2005 Chris Sanderson	Paul Baker		

## Club Championships 2017

Position	First	Family Name	No Events	Total Points
1	Andrew	Hill	55	2348
2	Steve	Dunlop	35	2319
3	Emmanuelle	Convert	28	2306
4	Vivien	De Remv de	58	2289
5	Karen	Langan	51	2267
6	Ian	Miller	36	2255
7	Graeme	Hill	38	2204
8	Helen	Parker	22	2192
9	Maria	Stankova	12	2169
10	Nerise	McQuillan	14	2139
11	Dmitry	Stukov	20	2060
12	Matt	Hackett	16	2020
13	Lynn	Dabbs	17	1999
14	Belinda	KInneally	26	1978
15	Steve	Holloway	35	1969
16	Anette	Larsson	8	1936
17	Malcolm	Gledhill	26	1912
18	Andy	Vesey-Wells	22	1873
19	Ted	Mulherin	33	1827
20	Kevin	Williams	13	1816
21	Josh	Braidwood	18	1776
22	Linda	Chan	9	1737
23	Dan	Smith	23	1735
24	Janet	Morris	49	1718
25	Lee	Coady	12	1684
26	James	McQuillan	41	1612
27	Martin	Mansfield	24	1462
28	Tim	Perry	14	1386
29	John	Murray	18	1275
30	Stephanie	Chan	15	1212
31	Jav	Seeho	6	1169
32	Selwyn	Sweeney	16	1132
33	Barry	Hanlon	20	1000
34	Barry	Pearce	24	902
35	Marie	Ringer	5	848
36	James	Dunlop	8	805

<b>Position</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Family Name</b>	<b>No Events</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
37	Lachlan	Coadv	10	772
38	Benny	Holmgren	7	764
39	Janice	Seeho	6	672
40	Madelyvne	Chan	11	662
41	Niamh	Cassar	9	656
42	Yekatrina	Stukov	12	653
43	Robert	Bradley	11	502
44	Amy	Harmer	16	494
45	Paul	Sweeney	13	444
46	James	Langan	13	438
47	Savanna	Sweeney	14	418
48	Ivan	Stukov	13	394
49	Cameron	Chan	15	388
50	Zachary	Farebrother	2	354
51	Justine	De Remy de	5	350
52	Maureen	Fitzpatrick	14	327
53	Seth	Sweeney	15	317
54	Gary	Farebrother	3	306
55	Saffron	Sweeney	14	298
56	Taine	Cassar	6	232
57	Shay	Sweeney	7	204
58	Jacinta	Braidwood	6	192
59	Marion	Gledhill	14	188
60	Petra	Braidwood	1	172
61	Jodie	Farebrother	2	114
62	Robyn	Dunlop	1	92
63	Emily	Farebrother	3	85
64	Alex	Stukov	4	78
65	Declan	Taing	2	34
66	Aiden	Hackett	1	32
66	Lachlan	Howe	1	32
68	Jenny	Perry	2	24
68	Avril	Taing	2	24
70	Lachlan	Taing	1	22
71	Bruce	Cooper	2	14
72	Aiden	McQuillan	1	12

*Note. The Club Championships run from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year.*

*The total number of results entered last year was 1074.*