

Western and Hills Orienteers Incorporated (WHO) 2020 Annual Report (Abridged)

WHO Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12.30pm Sunday 6 December 2020



Office Bearers for 2019-2020

Executive Officers

President	Rob Bradley
Vice President	James McQuillan
Secretary and Public Officer	Maureen Fitzpatrick
Treasurer	Karen Langan

Other Roles

Club Captain	Josh Braidwood
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
Development Officer	James McQuillan
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
IT	Tim Perry

WHO Life Members	Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon
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President's Report 2020

I need to thank a lot of people who make WHO happen. Each of you has made a significant contribution in the past year:

- Maureen - Secretary and Public Officer
- James - Vice President
- Karen – Treasurer
- Janet - Mapping and Event Scheduling
- Barry H - Webmaster
- Josh - Club Captain
- Barry P - Club Championships
- Tim & Dimitry - IT
- Steve - Equipment
- Ian - Newsletter Editor
- Course setters, event organisers/directors/controllers
- Every WHO member who helped out at an event did a task in the background to make the club or an event work or attended a club meeting.

The most challenging item of business for the year was the decision to cancel some events because: COVID was a risk to the safety of participants and our volunteers; and, non essential activities needed to be curtailed to slow the spread of the virus. I particularly want to thank our members who worked on events that didn't take place.

The need for social distancing meant that we changed club meetings to on-line. This has proven to work well and I think we will not return to face-to-meetings.

Lastly I would like to thank the ONSW Board and Staff for their assistance and support through the year.

Rob Bradley, President
06/12/2020

Club Captain's Report 2020

What a rollercoaster of a Metro League season! Who could have guessed at the beginning of the year that the Metro League calendar would be thrown into disarray by a pandemic, although the impact on the orienteering calendar would have been the least of our worries for most of us. Round 1 at Castle Hill finished with a great deal of uncertainty about whether or not we would be back at Metro at all this year. And yet events were finally able to resume, and we had some fantastic Metro League rounds at Manly Vale, Scheyville, Raby and Lansdowne.

The turnout of WHO members to Metro League was impressive this season, with the Club Captain having to make some tough decisions about who was in and out of teams during the season - a good problem to have!

So how did we go this season? Unfortunately we didn't pick up the title honours in any division this season, but we gave it a good go.

Our Div 1 team, the WHO Evers was always up against a tough field and didn't manage to pick up a win this season. Aside from some consistent and strong performances by our leading point scorer James McQuillan, it did however provide an opportunity for some of our up and coming younger club members (Niamh and Selwyn) to test themselves on the most demanding courses Metro League has to offer. This is how strong future teams are built - well done all.

In Div 3, the WHO Rays were our best chance at a title, and we saw fantastic contributions from all of our team members across the season. We came second with 3 wins overall, a result to be proud of. Belinda Kinneally was our top point scorer but had tough competition from our other team members - in fact every single team member made at least one outstanding contribution to the overall team score through the season. And again, we see a promising future with our younger competitors, Martine and Aurelie, really stepping up this season in a tougher division.

The WHO Doos of Div 4 were our other great chance, also coming in second for the season with 4 wins and only 1 loss - a force to be reckoned with. This was Paul Sweeney's breakout year in Metro League, easily taking out leading point scorer for the team. Great to see the Sweeney family make such an enormous contribution across divisions this season.

The WHO RaHS in Div 5 picked up 2 wins for the season, with some great performances but unfortunately not quite enough to make the impression they have in previous seasons. But the future is again bright with the Saunders family making a big impression - Anthony Saunders was our leading point scorer.

Finally, in Div 6 we managed to field a small team, the WHO HaHS, who unfortunately didn't pick up a win this season. Despite some good performances, lower numbers meant we struggled. Savanna Sweeney and Lachlan Coady were the standouts in this division, with plenty of potential to move up in the ranks in future years.

A big thank you to everyone who supported Metro League this season. Hopefully next year will be a little less disrupted. If you haven't tried out Metro League yet, now is the time to mark it in your calendar for next year. There's a place for everybody whether you're a novice or an experienced orienteer - and best of all it's great fun and a good way to meet your fellow club members. Here's to 2021!

Josh Braidwood, Club Captain

Equipment Officer's Report 2020

Our equipment has served us well again in the past year, although it didn't get any action after the summer events. Generally there have been a few minor replacements and repairs. We did buy a set of SI sticks to make available to people, especially newcomers at events.

Tim and Dmitry continue to look at better ways to deliver the critical SI.

My thanks to organisers and especially the computer team for their management of the gear.

For Event Organisers / Event Directors we have a system of logging gear out and back in for events which is working well. 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.

If there is any gear people consider would be useful just let me know and we'll consider, more than happy to spend the Club's money.

Steve Dunlop, Equipment Officer

Mapping Officer's Report 2020

WHO has sufficient maps for our planned events while keeping reuse usually at three-year intervals. Information about new work done in 2020 or proposed to be done in 2021 follows.

Country Maps

With our next use of country maps to be in 2022 (Wyangala and Roseberg) we continue to look for another area for 2023 and beyond. Timberlight owners could not be contacted so

we are looking elsewhere. With the cooperation of Oberon Council we will shortly be evaluating various forests and other areas in that district. Portland Common or Mt Piper West are still possible areas which could be considered after the Oberon visit.

Sydney and District Line Course Maps

The bushland of Bidjigal Reserve (Excelsior map area), centred on Eric Mobbs Reserve, has been extensively updated ready for use in a Metro or WSOS event. This was our response to a request from ONSW for more sandstone maps.

The Showground and adjacent Fred Caterson/ Cattai Creek maps have been updated by Ian Miller ready for the WHO Cup/WSOS event.

The Darling Mills map has been identified as ready for an upgrade. It would then be suitable for a WSOS in 2021/22.

Sydney Summer Series Maps

The Coups Creek map was completed and used.

Auburn Parks has been completed ready for this summer.

North Rocks Rocks has been completed for this summer. Older map areas were joined and upgraded.

Two areas at Castle Hill have been proposed for the 2021/22 series. Castlewood is a new area. Knightsbridge is a remap of an old area. Both have been accepted for the SSS by Ross Barr.

Map Area Search

Possible map areas visited include Fernhill, Cabramatta Creek, Glenbrook (Duckhole Creek track), Faulconbridge (Tom Hunter Park), and Milperra (Deepwater Regional Park). No mapping of these areas is currently recommended.

Saturday Orienteering Series (SOS)

Don Moore Reserve is to be mapped as a micro map and could be used for an SOS event.

Base Maps

Our up to date version of OCAD and access to Nearmap allows Barry to prepare high quality base maps for WHO and ONSW. He has also georeferenced some of our older maps.

Janet Morris, Mapping Officer

Treasurer's Report 2020

This report covers the full year period from 1st October, 2019 to 30th September, 2020.

Event Summary

During the year there were 9 events. Unfortunately several events were cancelled due to COVID-19. There were 13 events in the previous 2 reporting years. Financial details for each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report 2019-2020. Highlights include:

- Almost 1000 entries across the 9 events,
- Total event income was significantly less than previous years due to events being cancelled and no Major Event income. Of the 9 events, all produced a surplus except for the WHO Cup due to additional costs for amenities and printing and entry to event being free to WHO members.

Karen Langan
Treasurer

Previous WHO Cup Winners 1994-2019

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	Andrew Hill	James Langan
2005	Chris Sanderson	Paul Baker			
WHO Cup Female					
WHO Cup Male		Chris Crane Up (Handicap Event)			
2017	Karen Langan	James Dunlop	Selwyn Sweeney		
2018	Naimh Cassar	James McQuillan	Tim Perry		
2019	Niamh Cassar	James McQuillan	Lea Coady		

APPENDIX 1

MINUTES OF WESTERN & HILLS ORIENTEERS INCORPORATED 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Date: Sunday, 1 December 2019

Venue: Tennis Club Pavilion, Ted Horwood Reserve, Baulkham Hills

Present: Ian Miller (President), Barry Hanlon, Barry Pearce, Dan Smith, David Noble, Dmitry Stukov, Emmanuelle Convert, James McQuillan, Janet Morris, Josh, Petra, Jacinta & James Braidwood, Karen Langan, Lea Coady, Martin Mansfield, Maureen Fitzpatrick (Secretary), Rob Bradley, Shelley & Niamh Cassar, Steve & Robyn Dunlop, Steve Holloway, Sylvie & Constance Valais, Tim Perry, Vivien & Justine de Remy de Courcelles

Apologies: Andy Vesey-Wells, Graeme Hill, the Gledhills, the Sweeneys, Ted Mulherin

Start time: 1.15pm

1. Welcome: The President, Ian Miller, opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The traditional owners of the lands, the Bidjigal clan of the Darug people were acknowledged as the traditional owners of the land.

2. Awards

The WHO Cup winners were announced as: Niamh Cassar (Female); James McQuillan (Male); Lee Coady (Chris Crane Cup).

The 2019 WHO Club Champion was Niamh Cassar.

The Hank van Oost trophy for 2019 was awarded to Steve Dunlop for:

- competing in 38 events and attending 8 out of 9 club meetings during the year
- being a Course Setter on three occasions including NOL Ultra-long / NSW Long Champs and Event Director for four WHO events.
- unflinching getting the equipment to each event
- holding the roles of Vice President and Club Equipment Officer.

3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Accepted.

4. Reports

The Annual Reports and the Financial Report were accepted.

5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee

All positions were elected unopposed:

President	Rob Bradley
Vice President	James McQuillan
Treasurer	Karen Langan
Secretary	Maureen Fitzpatrick

6. Election of other positions

The following people accepted roles in the club:

Club Captain	Josh Braidwood
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
Development Officer	James McQuillan

Statistician Barry Pearce

Webmaster Barry Hanlon

IT Tim Perry

7. Appointment of Public Officer Maureen Fitzpatrick

8. Motions on Notice Nil

9. General Business

Martin Mansfield moved a vote of thanks to Ian Miller as outgoing President for his four years of service in the role. This was passed unanimously.

Steve Holloway's contribution to the club was acknowledged prior to his move away.