



Orienteering Tasmania Inc.

Annual Report for 2022

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Orienteeing Tasmania Incorporated

The Board

OT Executive

President	Meisha Austin
Secretary and Public Officer	Julian Roscoe
Treasurer	Christine Marshall

OT Directors

Director Development	Anthony Stoner
Director Performance	Alison Stubbs
Director Technical	Chris Brown
Directors	Geoff Powell Jo-Anne Bissett (to 28/10/2022) Will Whittington (from 30/10/2022)
Pathfinders Representative	Jo-Anne Bissett (from 30/10/2022)

Officers

COVID Safety Officer	Julian Roscoe
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Technical

SportIdent Equipment - South	Jeff Dunn, Martin Bicevskis
Sportident Equipment - North	Chris Brown
Sportident Equipment - North West	Jo Bissett
Mapping Officer	Greg Hawthorne
Technical News Editor	Lindsay Pender
Statistician	Jeff Dunn
Event Software Manager	Greg Hawthorne
Map Printing Officer - Hobart	Mike Morffew
Map Printing Officer - Launceston	Paul Pacque

Performance

State Coaching Co-ordinator	Jon McComb
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NOL & JNOL Coach	Brodie Nankervis
School Team Coach	Jon McComb
Assistant Coach	Anthony Stoner
NOL & JNOL Manager	Brodie Nankervis
School Team Manager	Sussan Best
Assistant School Team Manager	Matt Groves
Chair of Selectors	Kim Nankervis
Awards Coordinator	Cathy McComb

Development

Marketing & Communications Manager	vacant
Newsletter Editor & website news	Mary Hawthorne
Facebook	Miriam Palmer
Outreach Manager	Mike Calder
OA Magazine Liaison	Bert Elson
Permanent Course Manager	Bert Elson
Sporting Schools Coordinator	Jane Calder
Twilight Series Manager - Hobart	Mike Calder and Bert Elson
Twilight Series Manager - Launceston	Christine Brown

Calendar & IT Services

Eventor Administrator	Ian Rathbone
Website Manager	Bernard Walker
Event Program Coordinator	Kim Nankervis
Event Information & Results	Jeff Dunn, Donelda Niles
Membership Manager	Bert Elson

Member Protection Information Officers

MPIO - North	Peter Hoban
MPIO - North West	Jo Bissett
MPIO - South	Sue Hancock

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well what a year! The new board came together last April under the guidance of Julian, Anthony and Jo. We slowly got up to speed and understood our roles. The first meeting we worked through the results of the survey which then started to inform our Strategic Plan. Christine Marshall worked on the new budget and will provide the financial report. As we returned to interstate and international competition many Tasmanians competed interstate at the Melbourne Sprint weekend, Australian 3 Day Championships (Easter) & Australian Championships. Congratulations to Mikayla Cooper & Brodie Nankervis being selected to represent Australia in multiple Australian teams. However one of my personal highlights was the Tasmanian Schools Team and especially the outstanding performances by Liana Stubbs and Euan Best. Congratulations to both juniors and their coaches.

Oceania – Wow what an event so many accolades to Chris Brown and her team. I had many people come up to me and thank us for putting on a sensational carnival. I would like to thank Chris and her team on behalf of the OT Board for her commitment and outstanding contribution to the event.

Strategic Plan

The plan is a living document and can be found on our website.

You will start to see some of the changes appearing in the near future:

- We will explore adding the traditional names to our maps
- Arranging a planning day with all clubs to understand how Orienteering Tasmania can support the clubs
- Develop a youth committee

Events

In 2022 we ran 8 OST events, 4 State Championship events, 37 local or other events, and 27 Twilight events across the State.

Board Governance

The Board operated throughout 2022 with all positions filled. A concern was raised with the Board around the gender makeup of the Board. To ensure that we continue to receive government grants we needed to ensure we had a gender diverse board, ensuring the minimum of 60/40 gender split. With this knowledge we were female heavy and were required to bring another male onto the board.

The Board held six full meetings all with a combination of in-person and video-conference.

I would like to thank Jo Bissett for her contribution over the xx years to the board and wish her well into the future, hopefully Jo will remain as the Pathfinders representative.

Julian – well what can I say thank you for support, and catching me when I made errors or when I needed to get onto things. Big shoes to fill but I am sure with the Board now settled into our roles we will be able to

Orienteering Tasmania continues to be highly-regarded for its management and governance practices and processes; meeting Sport Australia and Tasmanian Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation requirements. We continue to maintain our land use agreement with the Parks and Wildlife Service and are currently negotiating a three year agreement.

Government grants

In 2023 OT received \$24,000 of funding provided via the Tasmanian Government Sport and Recreation annual grant program.

Orienteering Australia

To continue to conduct orienteering in Tasmania, we need to maintain our strong affiliation with Orienteering Australia. This requires us to pay fees and levies to help fund the work of Orienteering Australia. In return we are eligible to be represented at the Orienteering Australia AGM and at the Orienteering Australia Annual Conference, as well as conduct national events.

In 2022, the OA Annual Conference continued to have online workshops held in November and early December. Most Board members attended one or more of these useful sessions.

Conclusion

The reports of our three Directors and the Treasurer follow.

And thank you to everyone else for the enormous amount of good-humoured effort, energy and enthusiasm that you contribute to our sport.

Meisha Austin
President

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The goal of the Development portfolio is to increase the number of people coming into orienteering through exposure to orienteering events, publicity and marketing. We have a social media presence as well as physical marketing materials, and we run programs with schools and other organisations.

Orienteering Tasmania’s Development program exposes non-orienteers to orienteering through the sporting schools program, the outreach program, public promotion events and publicity and marketing. Twilight events remain a great way to get newcomers into the sport, and EVOC ran 12 twilight events and a successful ‘Taco Tuesday’ series, and Australopers had 11 twilight events across autumn and spring.

Sporting Schools and Outreach

The Sporting Schools and Outreach programs expose large numbers of students to orienteering through orienteering events run specifically for each school. In 2022 we ran orienteering courses at 28 schools.

Sporting Schools is funded by the federal government and allows primary schools to contract sporting organisations to conduct activities within their school. Orienteering is one of the 32 sports participating in Sporting Schools.

Sporting Schools and Outreach were again run exceptionally well by Mike and Jane Calder in the south and Jo Bissett in the north-west, with the help of many others, including our coach in residence Francesca Taufer.

Sporting Schools Program	Outreach Program
Tarremah School	Hutchins
Molesworth PS	Calvin Senior
Campania DHS	Cygnets Primary
St Therese's CS	Marist Regional College

Brooks HS	Elizabeth College	
Riana PS	Calvin 8/10	
Albuera St	Come & Try Day	
Newstead	St Brendan Shaw College	
Latrobe PS	Burnie HS	
Lindisfarne North PS	Goulburn St	
Clarendon Vale PS	Newstead Christian School	
Deloraine PS	St Brendan Shaw College	
St Anthony's Catholic School	Parklands High School	
St Thomas More's School		
Richmond PS		
Waimea PS		
Total	16	13

Thanks to Jane and Mike for continuing to manage the Sporting Schools and Outreach program in the south and Jo Bissett in the north-west.

LSSSA

Chris Brown and Paul Pacque organised and ran six Launceston State Schools Sporting Association (LSSSA) events in Launceston. This series catered to 179 participants across seven schools and is a great initiative in the northern part of the state.

Permanent Courses

2022 saw a total of 468 permanent course downloads, across the north and south of the state, down on the years affected by covid, but significantly up on pre-covid numbers. Thanks to Bert Elson for maintaining our southern courses, and John Brock for the northern courses.

Map Kit	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Domain Permanent Courses Map Kit	80	107	212	97	111
Gordons Hill Permanent Course Map Kit	42	49	105	64	-
Upper Ridgeway Permanent Courses Map Kit	36	72	94	71	105
Waterworks Permanent Course Map Kit	70	107	136	63	
Tailrace Park	27	71	52		
Windsor Precinct	29	62	82		
Royal Park	28	48			
Riverbend	42	52			
Punchbowl	46	77			

Heritage Forest Mowbray	30	52			
Heritage Forest Invermay	38	60			
Grand Total	468	757	681	295	216

The short survey that users complete before they download a map kit tells us the total number of maps being downloaded for personal use, for teaching or for both:

Personal Use	949
Teaching	1620
Both	823

Participation

Thanks to Ian Rathbone for the Orienteering Australia participation reports which provided the data for the summary below.

2022 (2021) (2020) (2019) (2018)

Event Type	Events	Competitors	Competitors/Event	% Change
OST	9 (8) (11) (14) (10)	697 (820) (1016) (1288) (891)	77.4 (102.5) (92) (92) (89)	-24
Tas Champs (2021 includes)	3 (3)	260 (402)	86.7 (134)	-35

interstate competitors)				
Northern Twilight	12 (12) (12) (14) (12)	535 (578) (507) (569) (424)	45 (48.2) (42) (41) (35)	-7
Southern Twilight	12 (12) (11) (15) (11)	2157 (2204) (1955) (2457) (1818)	196 (184) (178) (164) (165)	+6
Northwest Twilight	3 (5) (0) (4)	22 (92) (0) (30)	7 (18.4) (0) (7.5)	-62
Northern Local	6 (2) (2) (4) (4)	49 (54) (42) (77) (119)	16 (27) (21) (19) (30)	-40
Southern Local	9 (15) (13) (12) (14)	647 (1213) (1223) (884) (894)	72 (81) (94) (74) (64)	-11
Northwest Local	3 (8) (5) (6) (8)	59 (188) (112) (97) (126)	20 (23.5) (22) (12) (21)	-15
Southern Saturday	12 (3) (5) (3) (5)	516 (295) (374) (247) (423)	57 (98) (75) (82) (85)	-42
Summer Cup (EVO)	3 (4) (4) (6)	146 (187) (102) (240)	49 (47) (26) (40)	+4

Southern Shenanigans (Hobart Sprint Weekend)	6	474	79	n/a
Tas Schools Champs	1	73 (137)	73 (137)	-47
Tas Relay Champs	1	52	52	n/a

Membership

OT Membership

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Members	313	373	325	320	288
% Change	-16%	+14.8%	1.6%	+11%	
Casual Members	457	428	374		
Total	770	801	699		

Club Membership

Club	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
ALT	226	273	264	236	176
EVT	55	59	63	62	54
PFT	32	41	31	18	10
TOTAL	313	373	358	320	288

Publicity

Publicity is managed through our website, facebook, and the weekly newsletter. Thanks to Mary Hawthorne for managing the web site and newsletter again this year, and to Miriam Palmer who continues to maintain our Facebook presence.

Will Whittington joined the OT Board during 2022 and has taken on the role of publicity officer.

Australian Orienteer Magazine

During the year we received and distributed 4 editions of Australian Orienteer. Thanks again to Bert for handling the distribution of paper copies.

Conclusion

Our membership and participation numbers for 2022 are down on 2021, which may be attributable to higher than usual numbers in 2020 and 2021.

Anthony Stoner

Director, Development

PERFORMANCE REPORT

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Australian Championship carnival returned in 2022. Orienteering Tasmania had a successful year, with achievements in national and international competitions, as well as continued support through strong coaching programs and initiatives.

National Events

The return of national championship competitions following the pandemic saw Tasmanian orienteers perform exceptionally well. In the Australian Sprint Championships, Ella Clauson finished in first place (W12A) with 7 other Tasmanians placing in the top 3.

The Australian Middle Championship saw 6 Tasmanians placed first including Ella Clauson (W12A), Margot Marcant (W14A), Tara Powell (W18A), Matt Cohen (M40A), Cathy McComb (W50A), and 10 others finishing in the top three, including Mikayla Cooper who finished 2nd in the W20 elite class.

In the Australian Long Distance Championships, Sussan Best (W45AS), Andrea Shiwy (W55AS), Cathy McComb (W50A), Jeff Dunn (M65), and Phil Best (M Open B) placed first, with eight more Tasmanians finishing on the podium. Special mention to Liana Stubbs whose 5th place in W16 made her Australian resident champion, and to Cathy McComb and Sue Hancock who competed consistently, medalling at four championship events in a row. The Tasmanian teams placed in 9 classes in the Australian Relays with wins in M35A, W Open B, and M Open B.

Tasmanian Schools Team

The Tasmanian Schools Team performed well on courses that were a step up in terms of technical difficulty and standard of competition. After three days of exciting racing in varied terrain, Tasmania finished third in the 2022 Schools Championships. Euan Best and Liana Stubbs were named in the Schools Honour Team in the Junior Boys and Junior Girls team, respectively. Each won both the Sprint and Long Distance Championships in the junior division. Liana was recognized with the Rob Simpson Memorial Shield for the best achieving newcomer at her first Australian Schools championships.

National Orienteering League

The Tasmanian Foresters had a strong contingent of JNOL and NOL runners representing the state at the National Orienteering League events, with Brodie Nankervis providing ongoing support as the 2022 NOL Team Manager. Brodie Nankervis finished 2nd in the NOL rankings for senior men, with Joseph Dickenson in 5th. Mikayla Cooper placed 4th in the junior women. Thanks to the whole team's effort, the Tasmanian Foresters placed 3rd in the Senior Men, 6th in Senior Women, 6th in the Junior Men and 5th in the Junior Women.

National Elite Rankings

In the senior men's rankings, Brodie Nankervis finished the year in 4th and Joe Dickenson in 12th position. In the women's rankings, Mikayla Cooper ranked 3rd in the junior elite women and 9th in senior women.

National Non-Elite Rankings

Tasmanian orienteers continued to feature strongly in age-class rankings. In 2022, David Marshall (M70) ranked 1st in his age class, while another 13 Tasmanians ranked in the top three in their age class - Chris Brown (W60), Sue Hancock (W55), Cathy McComb (W50), Clare Hawthorne (W50), Zali McComb (W18), Tara Powell (W18), Liana Stubbs (W16), Katie Clauson (W14), Jeff Dunn (M65), Jon McComb (M50), Dion McKenzie (M40), Matt Cohen (M40), and Euan Best (M16).

International Representation

Three Tasmanians were selected to represent Australia internationally, competing in events throughout Europe which experienced an unseasonal heat wave. Mikayla Cooper competed in WOC, JWOC, WUOC and World Cup 2. Will Whittington represented Australia at the Junior World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships in Sweden and Brodie Nankervis – World Cup 2 & 3.

Coaching and Training

Orienteering Tasmania extends its gratitude to the State Coaching Coordinator, Jon McComb, for providing excellent coaching sessions throughout the year for all Tasmanian orienteers. In addition to organising numerous training sessions, Jon also ran training camps and once again took on the role of coach for the Tasmanian Schools Team.

Our Coach in Residence, Francesca Taufer from Italy arrived in early November 2022 and began her stay in Launceston running a series of training sessions in preparation for Oceania and supporting the Sporting Schools program.

Thank you also to all the volunteers, selectors, coaches and athletes that supported the performance program throughout 2022.

Alison Stubbs
Director, Performance

TECHNICAL REPORT

Calendar

A very full calendar of events was conducted. A number of changes need to be made to accommodate map access and a lack of organisers. Thanks to Kim Nankervis who put the 2022 calendar together.

Statistician

I'd like to acknowledge the work Jeff Dunn has done calculating OST and Excellence points during the year.

Sportident

Many thanks to Martin Bicevskis for his continued management of the SportIdent hardware.

Eventor

Ian Rathbone continues to be the "backroom boy" of Eventor. Ian ensures that our events are listed and open for entries as well as troubleshooting the various issues we encounter in its everyday use. He also mentors others in its use.

Mapping

A range of mapping was undertaken during 2022. Most of it in the south.

In the north mapping was limited to small updates of various maps around Launceston. In the south, Mark Hey has been very busy mapping a variety of schools and completing some map updates. These included: Kingston Primary School; Calvin Christian Primary and Senior Schools; Campania District School; Gorrings Beach update; St Therese's School; St Aloysius School; Tarremah Steiner School;

Fahan School; Whitewater Creek; Latrobe Township; Calvert's Beach update; Clarendon Vale Primary School; Richmond Primary School and Tarraleah Estate.

There were also some minor updates to our maps in St Helens: Argonaut, Hunt Tin Mine and Bells Marsh in preparation for Oceania.

Controlling/Planning workshops

A successful course planning workshop was held in the south in August with 13 participants. Another is planned for 2023 in the north. No controller workshop was held in Tasmania, but Clare Hawthorne attended a L3 workshop held by OA in Sydney.

Technical Software

Our CONDES licence has been updated for another 3 years. We continue to have licences for SI Timing, OCAD and Nearmap. Thanks to Greg Hawthorne for keeping them current.

Oceania Orienteering Championships

From a technical perspective, the Oceania Orienteering Championships were an outstanding success. Great courses and maps. Thanks to all the course planners, controllers, technical experts and teams that made it a success.

Christine Brown
Director, Technical