WHO Office Bearers for 2025-2026

Executive Officers

President	James McQuillan
Vice President	Dan Smith
Secretary and Public Officer	Emmanuelle Convert
Treasurer	Karen Langan

Other Roles

Club Captain	Joshua Braidwood
Mapping Officer	Janet Morris
Equipment Officer	Steve Dunlop
Development Officer	Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles
Statistician	Barry Pearce
Delegates To ONSW	James McQuillan, Dan Smith, Emmanuelle Convert
Webmaster	Barry Hanlon
Newsletter Editor	Vivien de Rémy de Courcelles
Social Media – Facebook	Charlotte Palmer
IT Support	James McQuillan
Public Officer	Emmanuelle Convert
Child Safety Officer	Anthony Saunders

WHO Life Members	Bruce Cooper, Ted Mulherin, Janet Morris, Barry Hanlon, Steve Dunlop, Ian Miller

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President's Report

President's Report – 2026

2026 has been a good year for WHO. As we have become accustomed to doing so, we contributed to event organisation with four Sydney Summer Series events, a State League event, a Metroleague event and our annual Turkey Trot. We had a couple of Maprun events and also brought back the NSW Relay Champs, which had been missing from the NSW calendar for about 20 years.

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

- NSW Sprint Champs at WSU Rydalmere campus. Nice mix of buildings and a great spot overlooking Parramatta River.
- The successful re-introduction of NSW Relay Champs, which we held at Wianamatta Regional Park in a 2x2 format.
- Savanna representing Australia at EYOC in Slovenia.
- Marcus making the Hong Kong JWOC team and racing in Sweden.
- Our Div 2 and 5 Metroleague teams won their respective divisions. Lee and Blake clinched the individual medals for Div 2 and Div 5.
- It was great to see so many WHO members at Oceania Champs in Canberra for the largest orienteering carnival of the year.
- 5 of the 20 strong NSW Schools team were WHO members (Matilda, Marcus, Shay, Justine, Tiffany). This team competed at the Aus Schools Champs in Canberra, with some great results.
- WHO once again came 2nd in the NSW Interclub challenge and remain the 3rd largest club in NSW.
- WHO were named NSW Club of the Year for 2025

We had many highlights but the most significant event of the year was the passing of Dan Redfern, whilst participating in the Metroleague Final. Thank you to those members of our club that came to Dan's assistance in such a traumatic and tragic event. Remember, our sport is fun but it's the people that make it so.

James McQuillan
President
Western & Hills Orienteers
15/11/2026

Treasurer's Report (abridged)

This report covers the full year period 1st October, 2025 to 31st September, 2026.

1. Event Summary

During the year there were 12 events. Financial details for each event are shown in the accompanying Annual Event Report 2025-2026 (see Annex). Highlights include:

- Just under 1000 entries across 12 events
- Minor event income for 2025/26 events was similar to previous years.
- We ran 2 major events, the NSW Sprint Championships and NSW State Relay.

2. Financial Results

The Income and Expenditure Report and the Balance Sheet are available on request.

- Club member development was assisted with funding.
- ONSW sanctioning fees were the greatest expense item.
- The club purchased a new battery and a portable Automated External Defibrillator.
- WHO clothing was purchased resulting in a subsidy to club members.
- In summary WHO finances remain very healthy and we have made an effort to spend money for the benefit of the club rather than increasing our total funds.

Karen Greenlees
(previously Karen Langan)
WHO Treasurer
9/11/2026

Club Captain's Report

Time for a look back on a massive 2026 Metro League season. WHO yet again made its mark in the competition, and a lot of this is down to the outstanding progression of our juniors who just seem to keep getting better every year. The season culminated in the WHO-hosted event at Knapsack Gully on 6 September, which saw a great turnout and lots of blue shirts pitching in to help make the event a success. With Dan Smith setting the courses and Matt Palmer controlling, we knew we were in for some great orienteering.

Although the WHO-UR Div 1 team had been competitive throughout the season, we were unfortunately not in contention for the silverware this time around. In the final round we went down valiantly to Bennelong 29-25. James McQuillan led the way picking up 9 points for a time of 52.15. In the end though, it was SHOO-IKO who were Div 1 champions and took home the Frank Assenza trophy. Meanwhile, WHO's highest point scorer for the season was Seth Sweeney on 41 points, only just pipping James McQuillan on 40 points! Maybe next year it could be WHO!

In Div 2, WHO was up against SHOO-IKO, and we well and truly dominated this match up with a 37-18 victory. The ever-dependable Lee Coady led the way with 10 points for a time of 42.00. Marcus Cheung and Shay Sweeney were hot on his heels though with solid times of 46.20 and 48.26 for 9 and 8 points respectively. As a result, WHO romped home as Div 2 champions for the season!! Well done to everyone who contributed to Div 2 throughout the year - Lee Coady, Ho Lam Marcus Cheung, Lachlan Coady, Shay Sweeney, Justine de Remy de Courcelles, Nicholas Crass, Savanna Sweeney, Matt Hackett, Emmanuelle Convert, Emma Inglis, Charlotte Palmer, and Sue Moore. And finally a huge congratulations to Lee Coady who picked up the individual medal for Div 2 - Lee accumulated a massive total of 58 points for the season which was at least 20 points clear of the next highest point scorers across the division - this must be one of the most dominant individual performances for a season I can recall. Well done Lee!

In Div 3, WHO was able to restore some pride with an emphatic 31-21 victory over Big Foot. The most outstanding performance was Justine de Remy de Courcelles who picked up 10 points for a time of 62.25, followed closely by Charlotte Palmer with 9 points for 63.40. It was too late in the season for WHO to have any meaningful impact though, with UR-CC taking out the Div 3 championship. Emmanuelle Convert was our highest point scorer for the season with 38 points.

WHO's Div 4 match up in the final round was against SHOO who just managed to beat us 29-25. Levi Coady was our best with 8 points for 70.04. Levi was also (easily) our highest point scorer for the season in Division 4 with 33 points. Bennelong took out the Div 4 honours this season.

Div 5 was another story of glory for WHO. Up until this round, WHO had been unbeaten throughout the season, so all eyes were on the Div 5 team in the final - could they make it a straight sweep? Well the answer was an emphatic YES. WHO overran Garingal in the final 35-20, making this team the most consistently successful team of any team in any division this season. Blake Read picked up 10 points for an incredibly fast time of 21.29 but frankly

there were no slow times in the entire team, with Toby, Levi, Elliott and Nathan all putting in strong performances. Blake also had the double honour of being the individual medal winner in Division 5 for the season, with an incredible 55 points. Tellingly, his main competition were his own teammates, Toby Said and Elliott McQuillan, who were the second and third highest point scorers across Division 5 for the season. Well done to everyone who contributed to Div 5's success throughout the season - Blake Read, Toby Said, Elliott McQuillan, Levi Said, Tin Yan Nathan Cheung, Hudson Chain, and Nerise McQuillan.

Finally, we saw success in our final Div 6 round with WHO beating GO Geckos 26-19. Well done to Flynn Chain who picked up 8 points for 52.43. Unfortunately we weren't ultimately in contention for this division, with Bennelong picking up the honours this year. A big call out to Linda Chan who was WHO's highest point scorer in Div 6 with 34 points.

So there you have it. Another successful year for WHO, and in particular for our Division 2 and Division 5 teams where we were crowned champions.

On a more sombre note, of course most of you will be aware of the terrible tragedy that occurred at our Metro League Final at Knapsack Gully. Our condolences and best wishes go out to the family and friends of long time Garingal member Dan Redfern. This tragedy left us all shocked and shaken. However I do want to recognise the incredible spirit of WHO members and other orienteers who went to Dan's aid and did everything possible in the circumstances.

That's it for 2026 - hope to see you all at Metro League in 2027, and if you haven't tried it before and are curious then next year is the year to give it a go!

Josh Braidwood
WHO Club Captain
08/11/2026

Mapping Officer's Report

WHO has approximately 50 master maps which can be used now, some with multiple uses for different types of events. A summary of the current state of our map collection follows.

1. Bush Events

These maps are remote and used for major events. Two large maps are at Mt Piper and Roseberg State Forest with the upcoming addition of a remap at Timberlight. There is a smaller map at Wyangala dam with the potential of extension into a larger area first used many years ago. Any extended area used there would have to be updated and a suitable area at the north of the lake has been identified. Further extension of Mt Piper and an area at the adjacent Portland might also be possible.

2. Metro

There are nine maps of urban bush and park suitable for Metro events. The Cecil Hills update is close to being completed.

3. SSS and MapRun

We have more than twenty maps suitable for the Summer Series and MapRun. The Parramatta Park/ Westmead area was revived this year.

4. Sprints and SOS

Up to ten WHO maps would be suitable for sprints but WHO do not run many of these type of events. Some have been used by SOS. A major recent map is of Kings School.

5. General

A major move is that Emmanuelle and Vivien have taken on the responsibility of looking after our country maps. Barry continues to provide high quality base maps. While I intend to continue to do local field work I would be happy to pass on the job of Club Mapping Officer to another interested club member. Several possible new areas have been reserved on Omaps. The club would benefit if we had more club members interested in mapping who could look further at these areas.

Janet Morris
WHO Mapping Officer
15/10/2025

Equipment Officer's Report

My thanks to organisers for their management of the gear at our various events in 2026.

Generally we have two types of equipment, that are associated with the course – control units, flags & stands, and 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. Especially if the event needs control stands, baskets, etc these need to be dragged up from the shed.

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 for heat and rain is whether we need gazebos and who will erect them at the event.

If anything gets broken/worn out, or used, especially in the first aid kit please let me know.

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
8/11/2026

WHO Statistics

a) WHO Club Championships 2025

In the 2025/26 WHO Championship:

- 89 Members participated in 1 to 53 eligible events*
- There was 1235 entries processed
- Over 171,000 weighted points were allocated
- Members obtained from 1 to 6238 points
- The results are not separated by age or gender
- Four of the top ten were Female and six were Male
- The top 3 are first year participants for the championship but excelled in both participation and performance

* Eligible events are:

- International
- National
- State League
- Metro
- West Sydney Summer Series
- Sydney Summer Series
- WHO Organised events

Barry Pearce
WHO Statistician
05/11/2026

b) WHO Cup Winners

	WHO Cup		Handicap Event
1994	Paul Baker		Pat Baker
1995	Paul Baker		Pat Baker
1996	Graeme Hill		Alexander 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
	WHO Cup Fastest Female	WHO Cup Fastest Male	Chris Crane Cup
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	Belinda Kinneally	Seth Sweeney	Tim Perry
2023	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Janet Morris
2024	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Maria Stankova
2025	Savanna Sweeney	Seth Sweeney	Charlotte Marra
2026	??	??	??