

Membership: A new membership structure has been proposed by OV. Orienteering Australia will be bringing out an online (PDF) edition of the Australian Orienteer, next year. All members will be given a magazine subscription with their membership. You will be able to choose between the hard copy or online edition of the quarterly. The cost of the magazine will drop from \$30 to \$5. This will mean that membership for those who already order the magazine will be much cheaper. Those who did not order the magazine previously will pay \$5 extra for their membership, while Juniors, under the age of 12, will continue to pay \$1 for OV membership. At this stage, it is a proposal, and the club committee have given feedback to the Board. Other elements of the proposal is that event levies remain the same and the club affiliation fees go up from \$300 to \$600.

Orienteering Victoria's membership has reached a new high, with 725 memberships. This is up over 6% on last year. There is still a lot that our club and OV needs do to attract more people and make our sport more accessible, but we have seen strong growth in our sport over the last two years

AGM – 1 pm, Sunday 4th December 2016

The Club AGM will be held SUNDAY, December 4th 2016 in the OUTDOOR room (part of the Parks Victoria suite of offices), at Westerfolds Park at 1:30PM.

Bring a picnic lunch. We suggest to arrive around 1PM for a BBQ lunch (we are "sharing" the room until 1PM). There will a demonstration of Smart Phone system by Don Fell

Please advise our club Secretary, Rex Niven, if you want minutes of the last AGM emailed to you.

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Guest speakers: Ian Parry, *The Camino Trail by foot* and Geoff Hudson, *The Camino by bike*

Hear about their adventures in a sure to be informative and entertaining slide show presentation.

Today, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims and many others set out each year from popular starting points across Europe, to make their way to Santiago de Compostela. Most travel by foot, some by bicycle, and a few on horseback or by donkey, as some did in medieval times.

Most members of the committee has been around since the club merger in 1995, aren't getting any younger. For the future of the club we need members to come forward who are willing to carry on the work of the club. We welcome your interest in playing a role for the club.

2016 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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On Friday, 23rd September most of the Victorian schools orienteering team met at Tullamarine airport to fly to Queensland for the Australian Orienteering Championships. We were all very excited.

This year is a bit different to what has happened in the past in that we were going to be moving locations three times.

Our first stop was Burleigh Heads. We were staying here for four nights. On Saturday, we competed in our first event which was the Australian Sprint Championships at Griffith University. This was a fun day.

On the Sunday was the Australian Relay championships and I was the third runner with Karina and Sarah being my other team mates.

The Monday was the first event of the Secondary Schools championships. The first event was the sprints and then there was the individuals and then the relays.

I found this year to be a lot more challenging than last year. This was because I moved into senior girls.

Some of the terrain in Queensland was like Kooyoora.

We had a lot of fun and also got to visit Sea World and play mini golf in some of our spare time.

Other members to take part in the Australian Champs Carnival in Queensland were Sue Healy, Geoff Armstrong, Leone Carberry, Jenelle Templeton and John Carberry. Sue Healy won medals in W85 in the Australian Sprint, Middle and Long Champs.

Congratulations:

Don and Fiona Fell completed the 4 peaks on Melbourne Cup weekend.

Day 1: Up and down Mystic Mountain near Wandiligong

Day 2: Mt Feathertop from Harrierville as far as the hut as the peak was under snow

Day 3: Mt Hotham from Harrierville

Day 4: Mt Buffalo from the main road before the climb.

Don and Fiona are making a quick recovery to compete in the Marysville half marathon on the following weekend.

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