

## RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION AND SERVICE

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1. The sport of Orienteering would not happen in Australia without a high level of volunteering and exceptional commitment by volunteers and paid officers. Orienteering Australia recognises the contribution and service by its volunteers and paid officers through the presentation of perpetual or annual awards, special awards and certificates of appreciation.

2. The awards that Orienteering Australia makes are:
- Silva Award for Services to Orienteering
  - Silva Award for Services to Coaching
  - David Hogg Medal for Services to Event Management
  - Awards to recognise Special Occasions
  - Certificates of Appreciation

#### **Silva Award for Services to Orienteering**

3. The perpetual award, which is a 16cm bronze statue depicting an orienteer, was made available in 1983 by the Silva company to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their foundation. The statue is a replica of the life-size statue outside the Silva factory in Stockholm. It was first presented in 1984. The recipient receives a plaque as well as the perpetual award.

4. The conditions for award of the trophy were set by the Silva company: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in your country"*.

5. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would be made only once to a person.

#### **Silva Award for Services to Coaching**

6. The perpetual award was made available in 1995 by the Silva company to recognise the contribution of coaches to the development of Orienteering. It was first presented in 1996. The recipient receives a plaque as well as the perpetual award.

7. As with the Services to Orienteering Award, the conditions for award of this trophy are: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to services of coaching orienteering in Australia"*.

8. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious coaching services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would be made only once to a person.

#### **David Hogg Medal for Services to Event Management**

9. The annual award will be made to recognise the contribution of officials to the staging of Orienteering events. It was first presented in 2009. The recipient of the award will receive the David Hogg Medal or alternatively a plaque. There is no corresponding perpetual award.

10. As with the Services to Orienteering Award, the conditions for award of this trophy are: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the staging of orienteering events in Australia"*.

11. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious services to the staging of orienteering events at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would be made only once to a person.

### **Awards Committee**

12. The recipient of each services award shall be determined by an Awards Committee appointed by the Board of Orienteering Australia. The Awards Committee shall consist of 5 persons and shall reflect gender balance and State diversity in its composition. Awards Committee members are appointed for a 2-year period and may serve for a maximum of 4 periods on the committee. At least one member of the Awards Committee must be either a current or immediate past member of the Board of Orienteering Australia. The Board of Orienteering Australia shall appoint one member to act as Chair of the committee.

### **Nomination and Selection Procedures**

13. Nominations for awards are to be made by State associations, but clubs or individuals may submit nominations through their State associations. Nominations, with supporting information, are to be forwarded to the Awards and Trophies Manager, Orienteering Australia by 14 January each year, with a copy to the General Manager, Orienteering Australia. The nomination should explain how the nominee satisfies the conditions for the award and should not exceed 800 words in length. In addition, a brief citation of up to 100 words should be provided for use at the presentation, should the nomination be successful.

14. The Awards Committee shall meet in person or electronically to discuss nominations and select the recipient for each award no later than 1 March.

15. If three or more nominations are received for an award, the recipient may be determined by consensus following discussion or, if a consensus is not reached, by a preferential vote by Committee members, in a series of stages in which the least favoured nominee is eliminated until one nominee has received a majority of votes. If two nominations are received, the recipient will be determined by consensus or by a simple majority of votes following discussion. If only one nomination is received, that person will be the recipient, subject to the Awards Committee considering that the nominee meets the conditions for the award. If no nominations are received for an award, that award will not be made that year.

### **Announcements and Presentations**

16. The recipients of all awards will be announced during the Orienteering Australia Annual Awards ceremony in on Easter Sunday and the awards will be presented by a Board member or appropriate officer of Orienteering Australia if the recipients are present. Should a recipient not be present and there is nobody present who is authorised to receive the award on the recipient's behalf, the relevant award may be presented at an appropriate occasion in the recipient's home State later in the year or deferred until the following Australian Championships Carnival.

17. The names of award recipients will remain confidential until they are announced on Easter Sunday with the exception that recipients may be advised on a confidential basis in advance to ensure that they are present at the presentation, if practicable.

18. Following the announcement of awards, information of the recipients will be published in the *Australian Orienteer*, OA E-News and the Orienteering Australia website. That information should be based on the nominations submitted, but may be edited with respect to length and style or to incorporate additional comments from the Awards Committee.

### **Awards to recognise Special Occasions**

18. From time to time the need might arise to the need to recognise special occasions, such as the retirement of long-serving Board members, paid officers etc. or an outstanding achievement, in which case the Board would make a one-off special award.

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

19. In addition to the annual perpetual awards and one-off special awards, Orienteering Australia recognises the contribution of key officials in their service to Orienteering Australia. Each year Orienteering Australia will formally recognise the contribution of the following officials through the presentation of an appropriate certificate to each:

#### **20. EVENT OFFICIALS**

- Australian 3 Days - the chief Organiser, the Planners for each day, the Controller for each day and the overall Controller or Technical Director.
- Australian Sprint Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Middle Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Long Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Relay Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Major international competitions, e.g. Oceania Championships, World Cup, Junior World Orienteering Championships, World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships, World Masters Orienteering Championships, World Championships – the chief Organiser, the Planners for each day, the Controllers for each day and the overall Controller or Technical Director.
- Other key officials as determined by the Orienteering Australia Board.

#### **21. TEAM OFFICIALS**

- Junior World Championships – Coaches, Manager and other team officials.
- World Championships – Coaches, Manager and other team officials.
- Other Australian Teams – team officials.

22. The awards for event officials will be presented by the Chair of the Orienteering Australia Board or their representative at the event presentation for the events listed in clause 20 above. Awards for team officials will be presented at the Australian Championships or the earliest appropriate event.

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