

ASC GRANT 2017 NORTHERN SYDNEY REPORT

Date	Venue	Members	Casuals	Total*	Notes on newcomers/casuals
Oct 20	Asquith	7	1	8	Rained all day
Oct 21	Hornsby Heights	10	7	17	1 ex-GO member David Catterall , recently renewed and bought an SI stick 1 rogaining mum of an OM who ran on Friday Karen Jamcyson 1 ex-NZ elite junior, now living locally with 2 young kids 1 dad from local Little Athletics with son Todd and Finn Baker 1 OW Laura Brettell
Oct 22	Mt Colah	12	16	28	A few first timers. A few who have already orienteered. Some Partners/children not club members. Only one apparent first timer. Should follow up the non-club members by email or by phone if no email.
TOTALS		29	24	53	
Nov 10	Berowra Heights	7	16	23	Late afternoon (after school) start times. Weather good.
Nov 11	Berowra	7	29	36	Late afternoon start times. Weather good.
Nov 12	Berowra Heights	36	96	132	Phew! Early morning start times. Weather good. At least one family competed in all 3 w/e events. A couple of families competed in 2 events.
TOTALS		50	141	191	
GRAND TOTAL		79	165	244	

* Includes all participants, not just Eventor results numbers

ASC Expansion Projects GRANT 2017 PORT MACQUARIE REPORT

Date	Venue	Members	Casuals	Total*	Notes on newcomers/casuals
Nov 4	Kooloonbung Creek Reserve	0	43	43	Some participants very keen and wanted to know when next events would be staged in the area.
Nov 5	Town Beach Park	0	36	36	Some expressed interest about forming a club in the area.
TOTALS		0	79	79	

* Includes all participants, not just Eventor results numbers

ASC Expansion Projects GRANT 2017 UPPER HUNTER VALLEY REPORT

Date	Venue	Members	Casuals	Total*	Notes on newcomers/casuals
Oct 27	Singleton	4	15	19	
Oct 28	Singleton Heights	6	29	35	
Oct 30	Singleton Heights	9	21	30	
TOTALS		19	65	84	

* Includes all participants, not just Eventor results numbers

Had very good value out of making an approach to parkrun and doing a promo with them.

Went to Singleton parkrun the week before and did a spiel there, handed out brochures, offered to be a vol /extra pair of hands for the morning.

Then for the actual weekend we went to parkrun which was after the first (Friday) event. Again just showing up in club gear was a reminder. But best part was the Park Run Race Director had been at our first event on Friday and did another personal promo plus we got people butting in from the runners saying how good it was (yesterday) and going again over the weekend. Such a fantastic response.

Where Parkrun is on one of the maps so that is an added bonus. This has worked well at Singleton (same thing) plus when we have our Summer Series.

Brochures were well received.

Russell Rigby ended up getting about 10 minutes on ABC 1233 on Thursday afternoon at 4:35 and during the chatting over the weekend part of Carolyn Rigby's info gathering was how did you find out?

Results:

1 person (= actually 10 people - kids and kids' friends) from the ABC promo, and they came twice.

Believe that there is a local Facebook Singleton network for posting about activities - 5 people.

Parkrun - 10 people.

Word of mouth - about 10

1 saw us on Saturday afternoon and followed up to find Sunday venue - PE teacher who had orienteered once about 15 years ago - liked it.

Some had heard multiple ways.

NSW Webpage for the ASC Expansion Project Events can be found at <https://www.onsw.asn.au/events/1126>

PERMANENT COURSES PROJECTS

Two permanent course projects commenced in 2016 – Bicentennial Park (adjacent to Sydney Olympic Park) and Georges Heights. The Bicentennial Park Project is being opened this month! The Georges Heights projects crawls along. The area is managed by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Trust – bureaucratic and slow. Map completed and control locations decided. Awaiting confirmation from SHFT that locations are acceptable.

As cost of these two courses was not as great as budgeted, Newcastle Wetlands permanent course was re-invigorated. If funds still remain after Georges Heights project is completed one or two more permanent course projects will be undertaken.

CORPORATE CUP PROJECT

This has been delayed until 2018 due to lack of resources in 2017, and the very full ONSW calendar which included QBIII (Easter 3 day) in June, and National Championships Carnival.

Orienteering in Bathurst – Report #5

By Basil Baldwin – President Goldseekers Orienteering Club

Regular reports have been written of proposed activities and progress to-date. This report is of the outcome of the events conducted in Bathurst in September and October 2017.

Mapping

The six maps, for which ASC funds were available to help develop orienteering in the Bathurst area, have been made or are well advanced. Completed maps are Hector Park, TAFE plus Skillset, (both prepared by Atte Lahtinen) and CSU campus (a combination of the area used for the National Sprint Championships and parts mapped by Atte).

Maps of the Boundary Road Reserve and Peel Common have been prepared by Chris Green, a recent member of Goldseekers who lives at Wattle Flat. A map of the Macquarie River Park is also being undertaken by Chris Green. Another map that might be available for public use is All Saints College, which was used for the Interstate Schools Sprint event.

Program of Public events

Eight beginner/novice events were available for the public during the Australian Carnival (Table 1).

Table 1. National Carnival Events

Date	Event	Location/Map
22 Sept	Sample course	Machattie Park
23 Sept	Sample course	Machattie Park
23 Sept	Beginners	Charles Sturt University
24 Sept	Beginners	Hill End Village
26 Sept	Beginners	Roseberg S.F.
27 Sept	Beginners	All Saints College
28 Sept	Beginners	Macquarie Woods
30 Sept	Beginners	Hill End Village
1 Oct	Beginners	Hill End Village

It is understood these were promoted as part of the National Carnival. Basil and Jean Baldwin put out controls for the two Public events in Machattie Park.

Nobody from Bathurst came to Machattie Park on 22 September. One Bathurst person came on 23 September as she had read about it in the “What’s on in Bathurst” and was curious to find out about orienteering. She did not come to any of the subsequent events. Three Senior School-age girls came to the All Saints College event and subsequently came to the CSU event in October.

Post Carnival - Bathurst events

A program was prepared for 4 public events in Bathurst following the Australian Carnival, along with a Goldseekers event at Macquarie Woods. It was considered that the carnival promotion would raise the profile of orienteering, with an opportunity for people in Bathurst to have their own events and try orienteering.

Permissions for these events were obtained from the Bathurst City Council for the Council Reserves, along with CSU and TAFE. **Bathurst City Council DO NOT SUPPORT street orienteering as it is considered to need traffic management plans and potential road closures.**

Table 2 Events conducted in or near Bathurst for the local community

Date	Time	Event	Location / Map
6 October	6-6.30 pm	Beginners #1	Hector Park
8 October	10-11 am	GS-Bush #7	Macquarie Woods
13 October	6-6.30 pm	Beginners #2	CSU, Bathurst
20 October	6-6.30 pm	Beginners #3	TAFE
27 October	6-6.30 pm	Beginners #4	Boundary Road Reserve

Event Promotion

- 2,000 flyers were printed to promote these events along with the Goldseekers Spring and Summer Series events in Orange. 1,500 of these flyers were distributed to households in targeted suburbs of Bathurst by Elbirk Letter Box Deliveries at a cost of \$82.50. Only 1 person came as a result of this.
- An article on orienteering was prepared by Basil Baldwin, for the Bathurst City Life weekly magazine, and sent to the editor on 18 September. We are not aware that this was published. Nobody mentioned it and we could not find a copy of the paper.
- Dennis Murphy (GSN) set up a section on the Goldseekers website to promote the Bathurst events with a Gmail contact for the Baldwins. No contacts were made.
- Richard Carter (GSN) set up a Facebook page for orienteering in Bathurst, similar to Goldseekers Facebook page. The Facebook page had many visits and likes. This still exists.
- Promotion was done through radio and TV with interviews on Prime TV and the local radio
- Flyers were placed in some shops, sports stores and the Bathurst library
- A display of the Bathurst orienteering maps and program was prepared, this was displayed in the Bathurst, CSU and TAFE libraries
- Once the event program was underway, some local people promoted it at the Bathurst Park Run and to their work colleagues

Managing the public events in Bathurst

Three courses were prepared for each of the 4 evening events. These were a short "Easy", a "Moderate" and a longer, "Hard" course. All the courses were planned by Konsta Vanhanen, the ONSW Orienteering Scholar from Finland. They were very suitable courses. Konsta also put out all the controls and collected them, except for the first event when he was away at the MTBO Championships. Goldseekers equipment was used - controls were Korflute markers with SI units fixed with steel cables and padlocks to mapped objects.

The Bathurst public events started at 6 pm on Friday evenings. Entrants filled in registration cards with their names, contact details and the course they had chosen to try.

All 4 events were free as part of the ASC promotion.

Goldseekers members and Konsta provided guidance and encouragement. The courses were timed and results recorded and posted on the Bathurst Facebook page. Basil Baldwin and Chris Green attended all events with Jean Baldwin and Konsta helping at 4 events. Five other Goldseekers members helped at various events.

Outcomes

The events were not generally well attended, but were well received by those that did participate. Several people attended the last 3 events and brought others with them.

Table 3 Participants from Bathurst at the Post Carnival events

Date	Location	Participants	Comments
6 Oct	Hector Park	1	Weekend of Bathurst 1000 motor races
8 Oct	Macquarie Woods	0	Not in Bathurst, event location 30km away
13 Oct	CSU, Bathurst	11	A very pleasant evening
20 Oct	TAFE, Bathurst	10	Cool and showery during event
27 Oct	Boundary Road Reserve	17	A pleasant evening

After the last event the participants were asked if they wished to proceed with orienteering events in Bathurst. Everyone agreed they would like to have more events in the future and requested a similar program on Sunday mornings during February 2018. Of the 17 attendees, the age range was 12 to 65 with many teenagers. Abilities ranged from fit runners to older walkers.

Reflections

- The attitude of Bathurst Council to orienteering currently rules out any street events. The mayor of Bathurst attended the Hill End event and was very positive about orienteering.
- Bathurst now has some excellent orienteering maps of suitable areas, making it feasible to conduct future park events.
- Having Konsta to prepare and set up courses and provide coaching to participants was a great help. He also gave valuable advice to Chris Green on mapping.
- Although only a limited number of Bathurst people came to the events, they were enthusiastic about orienteering and offered to help as best they could in the future.
- Two people had already attended O events in NSW prior to the Bathurst series.
- The promotion was not as strategic and co-ordinated as it might have been, with no overall plan. There were ad hoc inputs from both ONSW and Goldseekers.
- Starting a new club or orienteering group must be considered as an on-going activity. It requires a long-term plan including events and the development of orienteering skills and the ability to set courses and manage events.

The Future

We are now just entering Stage 2 of development in Bathurst, which requires careful planning, on-going support and considerable effort, along with the development of local enthusiasm, knowledge and abilities. This phase will require more input than the first stage of offering some "Come and Try It" type events.

The main driving force will need to come from Goldseekers which has its own Orange-based program and activities to run and co-ordinate. In effect this requires a duplication of the Goldseekers workload. Very few GSN members are prepared to travel to Bathurst so the workload falls on a few members.

It is highly desirable to link the activities of the two centres, particularly in relation to having some joint bush events over the autumn – spring period. Macquarie Woods is midway between the two

centres and will be an important bush event area. Access to parts of Kahlis Rocks is being investigated as another location for joint events. Ophir and Kinross State Forest are also areas that are not too far from Bathurst and hopefully will be considered by Bathurst members.

At their December Committee meeting, Goldseekers committee will be considering how orienteering in Bathurst can be managed and developed at the same time as maintaining the full event program in Orange.

Basil Baldwin
President Goldseekers Orienteering Club

December 2017

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER COORDINATOR'S REPORT**Sporting Schools**

In 2016, the number of participants in the public and primary schools Sporting Schools Program (SSP) in NSW increased from 678 in 2015 to 3,216 (374% increase) and the number of participations increased from 3,488 in 2015 to 17,542 (403% increase). These are the numbers reported by Orienteering NSW to Orienteering Australia and to the Australian Sports Commission.

Program	SSP	SSP/AASC	AASC	AASC	AASC
Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Schools Visited	44	5	65	85	43
Total Visits	243	30	452	563	276
Total Participations	17,542	3,488	11,013	12,191	6,513
Total Participants	3,216	678	1,587	1,985	
Coaches Upskilled	79	42	0	48	44
Schools Mapped	43	5			

In addition to the ONSW programs, a number of schools in NSW delivered programs coordinated by OACT or teacher-led programs. Most of the teacher-led programs are delivered by teachers who have attended a Level 0 Community Coaching workshop. Participant numbers for these teacher-led programs are not known.

Level 0 Community Coaching

A total of 5 Level 0 Community Coaching workshops were held in partnership with the NSW School Sports Unit (SSU) in 5 NSW Education regions, and presented by Barbara Hill. The workshops are BOSTES-accredited by the SSU with the course material based on the OK-GO kit and teacher-focussed on professional development. The 5 remaining NSW Education regions have workshops planned for 2017. In 2016, 68 teachers and 9 orienteers were accredited after attending the workshops, with a further 3 orienteers receiving RPL accreditation. ONSW also delivered 1 Level 0 Community Coaching workshop in 2016 which is more focussed on ONSW members.

		Date	Teachers	Orienteers accredited	School Mapped
Dapto HS	SSU	18-Nov-16	18	1	2016
Orange PS	SSU	16-Sep-16	5	6	2016
Warragamba PS	SSU	24-Aug-16	11		2016
Wallsend South PS	SSU	21-Jun-16	14		2015
Lindfield East PS	SSU	31-Mar-16	15	-	2015
St Phillip's Cessnock	ONSW	14-Mar-16	5		2015
Sydney Olympic Park	ONSW	25-Jan-16	-	1	-
Totals			68	8	

It should be noted that while only 8 orienteers were accredited in 2016 a total of 12 attended the various coaching courses conducted in NSW.

School Champs and other youth events (public & secondary) – Participants

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
School Champs & Gala Days	2,217	2,167	2,044	1,617	1,625
Other school events (exc. SSP)	2,581	3,789	3,012	2,579	1,801
Space Racing	236	100	196	416	243
Permanent Courses	1,256	-	-	-	-
Totals	6,290	6,056	5,252	4,612	3,669

Total Student Programs & Participations

The student participants listed below is equivalent to the Sporting School Participants in the Sporting Schools table (above) plus Participants in the School Champs and other youth events table.

	Gender		School		Region		2016 Totals	2015 Totals
	Male	Female	Primary	Secondary	Country	Sydney Metro		
Student Programs			71	34	44	61	105	63
Student Participations	12,637	12,328	22,423	2,542	13,943	11,022	24,965	8,392
Student Participants	4,825	4,681	7,441	2,065	4,146	5,360	9,506	n/a
Teachers in Service	34	34	0	0	0	0	68	42

Development Programs

Coordinating various community groups such as scouts, guides, Duke of Ed, high school requests and private functions whether corporate or children's parties have been largely random through 2016. Events have been sporadic rather than parts of an overall strategy, but ONSW continue to persevere with dialogue with target groups when time and resources permit.

In November 2016 a number of ONSW members attended a future participation strategy workshop, led by ONSW President Greg Barbour. The outcome of the workshop was that for 2017 ONSW would prioritise its attention, with a view to attracting new participants and members, on:

- Park Runners
- Adventure racers/bush sports
- Orienteer family and friends
- Parents
- Scouts/Guides

and on the existing and new OA/ASC funded programs.

ONSW Scholarship Program

ONSW brought Atte Lahtinen to NSW as our first scholar in 2016 on a 6-month scholarship which started at the Australian Championships in Queensland in late September and will finish when Atte travels to NZ for the Oceania Champs in April 2017. Atte has been supported in his time here by club member's generosity in accommodating him and making him feel welcome as he became involved in coaching and mapping with Goldseekers, WHO, Garingal and Newcastle in 2016.

A special mention should be made for Garingal's Barbara Dawson and Uringa's Maggie Jones for assisting with the interviewing process and coordinating Atte's schedule.

Jim Mackay

Development Officer Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS (as at 31/12/16)

2016 Membership types by Club

Club	Associate	Family	Junior	Senior	Club Total	2015 Totals
Bennelong	2	23		26	51	42
Big Foot	3	25		23	51	46
Bush N Beach		11		6	17	12
Central Coast	5	8	1	9	23	17
Garingal	11	67	8	55	141	132
Goldseekers	16	12		7	35	27
Illawarra	2	15		10	27	21
Newcastle	34	52		43	129	117
NT	7	5		6	18	18
SHOO	2	16		11	29	23
Uringa	1	30	1	16	48	42
Wagga	1	5		4	10	10
Western Hills	1	18		22	41	37
Western Plains	1	3		2	6	5
Schools					2	2
2016 Total	86	290	10	240	628	
2015 Total	80	260	11	207	560	560

The Mountain Devils Mountain Bike Orienteering Club was dissolved in 2016.

Growth and Renewal Rates - Memberships and Members

Year	M'ships	Growth	Renewals	Renewal %	New M'ships	New %	Members	Growth
2016	628	12%	450	80%	178	28%	1289	17%
2015	560	-1%	420	75%	140	25%	1099	8%
2014	564	-8%	405	85%	159	28%	1018	-20%
2013	616	1%	460	86%	144	23%	1270	-2%
2012	611	20%	402	87%	209	34%	1293	26%
2011	509	12%	383	84%	193	38%	1026	12%
2010	454	-5%	366	77%	88	19%	916	-6%
2009	478	4%	370	81%	108	23%	972	3%
2008	459	0%	357	78%	102	22%	941	-1%
2007	460	2%	362	80%	98	21%	949	-4%

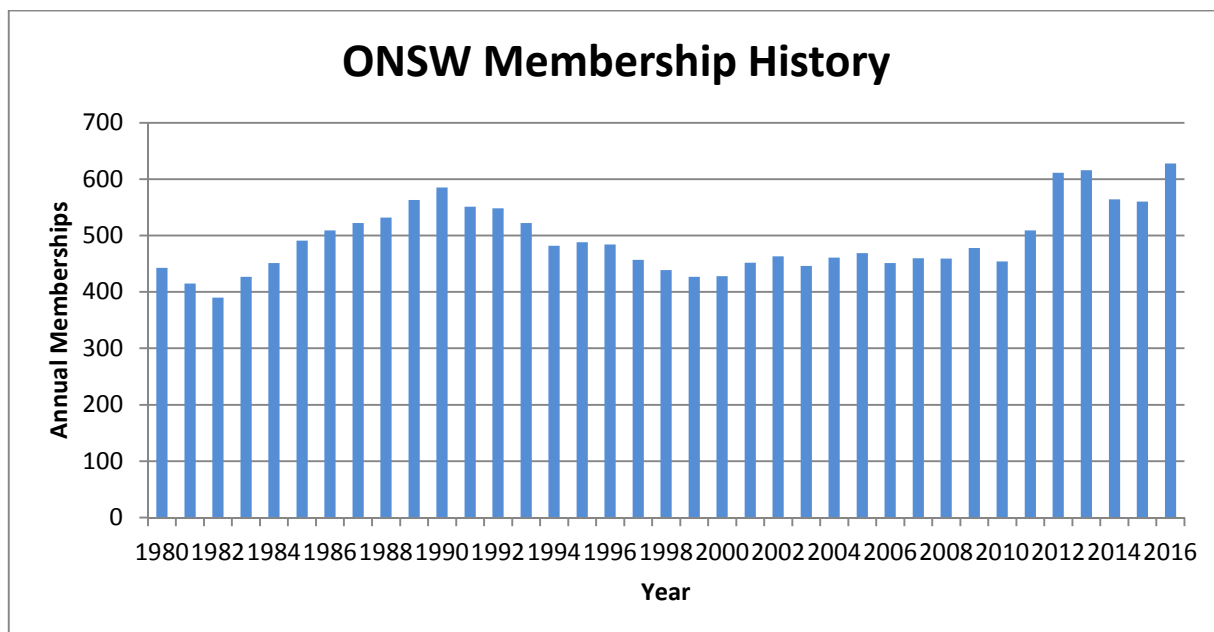
Memberships: Full or Associate - Family, Senior or Junior.

Members: Number of individual members that a membership comprises of.

2016 Membership Age and Gender Breakdown

Age Group	female		male		Total Count	2015 Totals
Sub Junior <11	64	44%	82	56%	146	113
Junior 11-20	98	41%	140	59%	238	195
Senior 21-34	52	47%	58	53%	110	97
Masters 35+	349	44%	446	56%	795	694
Grand Total	563	44%	726	56%	1289	1099

ONSW Membership History



2016 Club Membership by Age & Gender

2016 Age Group	female								female Count	female %	male								male Count	male %	Total Count
	Sub Junior <11		Junior 11-20		Senior 21-34		Masters 35+				Sub Junior <11		Junior 11-20		Senior 21-34		Masters 35+				
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%			Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%			
Bennelong	2	2%	2	2%	2	2%	21	23%	27	29%	9	10%	10	11%	3	3%	44	47%	66	71%	93
Big Foot	5	4%	13	11%	4	3%	31	26%	53	44%	8	7%	17	14%	7	6%	35	29%	67	56%	120
Bush n Beach	5	12%	2	5%	0	0%	14	34%	21	51%	3	7%	4	10%	0	0%	13	32%	20	49%	41
Central Coast	0	0%	2	5%	5	13%	9	23%	16	41%	3	8%	2	5%	2	5%	16	41%	23	59%	39
Garingal	8	3%	20	7%	10	4%	68	24%	106	38%	9	3%	48	17%	11	4%	105	38%	173	62%	279
Goldseekers	8	9%	16	18%	2	2%	21	23%	47	52%	6	7%	11	12%	5	5%	22	24%	44	48%	91
IKO	6	10%	3	5%	0	0%	22	35%	31	50%	6	10%	3	5%	1	2%	21	34%	31	50%	62
Newcastle	19	7%	16	6%	16	6%	72	27%	123	46%	18	7%	19	7%	22	8%	88	33%	147	54%	270
NTOC	0	0%	3	12%	1	4%	10	38%	14	54%	0	0%	1	4%	0	0%	11	42%	12	46%	26
SHOO	4	6%	3	5%	1	2%	17	26%	25	38%	10	15%	5	8%	2	3%	23	35%	40	62%	65
Uringa	4	4%	8	8%	6	6%	28	29%	46	47%	5	5%	10	10%	4	4%	33	34%	52	53%	98
Wagga	2	9%	2	9%	1	4%	7	30%	12	52%	1	4%	3	13%	0	0%	7	30%	11	48%	23
WHO	1	1%	4	6%	4	6%	23	33%	32	46%	4	6%	7	10%	1	1%	26	37%	38	54%	70
Western Plains	0	0%	4	33%	0	0%	6	50%	10	83%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	17%	2	17%	12
Grand Total	64	5%	98	8%	52	4%	349	27%	563	44%	82	6%	140	11%	58	4%	446	35%	726	56%	1289

	EVENTS 2016							
	State League	METRO	Summer Series	Sydney Club	Regional Club	Other	MTBO/DuO	TOTALS
January	0	0	8	0	18	1	1	28
February	0	0	7	5	28	0	2	42
March	1	1	7	2	14	0	0	25
April	2	1	1	3	10	1	0	18
May	2	1	1	4	8	2	3	21
June	3	1	1	3	6	1	2	17
July	0	1	1	4	10	1	0	17
August	2	0	1	6	8	1	0	18
September	2	1	1	2	3	0	0	9
October	0	0	10	3	13	1	1	28
November	0	0	10	3	16	0	2	31
December	0	0	8	2	11	6	3	30
TOTALS	12	6	56	37	145	14	14	284
2015	13	6	54	29	169	16	12	299
(2016/2015)	-8%	0%	4%	28%	-14%	-13%	17%	-5%

	Entries 2016							
	State League	METRO	Summer Series	Sydney Club	Regional Club	Other	MTBO/DuO	TOTALS
January	0	0	1090	0	704	19	52	1865
February	0	0	1043	221	1071	0	93	2428
March	199	182	1062	114	476	0	0	2033
April	673	194	68	199	415	87	0	1636
May	391	202	98	265	309	169	141	1575
June	977	169	61	140	187	72	44	1650
July	0	159	56	287	442	298	0	1242
August	747	0	51	308	336	389	0	1831
September	376	152	52	159	179	0	0	918
October	0	0	1181	161	547	101	45	2035
November	0	0	1182	417	513	0	72	2184
December	0	0	899	74	325	1884	157	3339
TOTALS	3363	1058	6843	2345	5504	3019	604	22736
2015	3190	974	6364	1696	5483	3261	540	21508
(2016/2015)	5%	9%	8%	38%	0%	-7%	12%	6%

1. Other Events include NSW Schools Championships, Regional Schools and Schools Gala Day events, the Great NOSH fun run, Christmas 5 Days and Space Races.
2. Summer Series includes data for the North, South and West series and the Sprint Series.

Event and Participation Summary

Year	Major Events			Regional Events			MTBO/DuO Events			Totals			Notes*
	Events	Participants	Average	Events	Participants	Average	Events	Participants	Average	Events	Participants	Average	
2016	125	16628	133	145	5504	38	14	604	43	284	22736	80	X
2015	114	15485	136	169	5483	32	12	540	45	295	21508	73	X
2014	133	18708	141	147	5045	34	17	675	40	297	24428	82	X E
2013	114	14568	128	146	5593	38	14	717	51	274	20878	76	X
2012	123	12382	101	105	4251	40	20	1097	55	248	17730	71	
2011	92	13773	150	118	4899	42	8	489	61	218	19161	88	X
2010	84	13040	155	119	4788	40	10	603	60	213	18431	87	X
2009	83	17023	205	83	5432	65	11	699	64	177	23154	131	WM X
2008	81	12567	155	123	5060	41	11	863	78	215	18490	86	A3
2007	89	16122	181	105	4438	42	12	1034	86	206	21594	105	X AC WJ X

*Notes: X = Christmas 5 Day; AC = Aus Champs; A3 = Aus 3 Day; WM = World Masters; WJ = World Juniors; E = Easter