

**Minutes of Wagga and Riverina Orienteers Inc (Waggaroos)
Annual General Meeting, 30th March 2025.
Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga**

1. The meeting opening at 11:30am and President John Oliver welcomed all present and thanked them for their attendance.

The following Waggaroos members were in attendance: John Oliver, Kath Oliver, Debbie Davey, Alex Davey, Ian Hookway, Julie Gooding, Jarrah Mestan (junior non-voting), Eddie Mestan (junior non-voting).

The following guests were present: Eltan Mestan.

2. Apologies: Wes Campbell, Pauline Moore, Briohny Seaman.
3. Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 23rd March 2024.

Moved Debbie Davey, seconded Kath Oliver. All in favour.

4. Reports

- a. President John Oliver presented the 2024 President's report: see attachment 1.
- b. Treasurer Debbie Davey presented the 2024 Financial statement: see attachment 2.

5. Election of Office Bearers.

The following nominations have been received by the Secretary in accordance with the Constitution:

President: John Oliver.
Vice-President:
Secretary: Alex Davey.
Treasurer: Debbie Davey.
Committee: Kath Oliver

Julie Gooding was nominated from the meeting for a position on the Committee and accepted her nomination.

No other nominations have been received.

In accordance with the Constitution, these nominees were elected without contest.

6. Other business.

Alex Davey advised that Waggaroos had regained access to Split Rock map at Cootamundra and that the club will jointly host a 2-day State League in 2026, in conjunction with Orienteering ACT.

7. Meeting closed at 11:47am

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2024 TO WAGGAROO'S AGM

Club Activities

WaggaRoos conducted 28 orienteering events during 2024; 3 score events as part of the 2023-24 Summer Series, 3 MapRuns as part of the 2024-25 Summer Series, 9 local bush events, 3 of the 6 event Interclub Challenge against Albury-Wodonga (which they won), 4 Learn to Orienteer sessions, and the Riverina Schools Orienteering Championships.

During the year 56 different people tried orienteering. Of those, 13 came orienteering 4 or more times, and 28 only came once.

The annual Training Weekend was conducted this year in the Wagga region and was well attended by WaggaRoos and AWOC members. A number of different fun activities were undertaken over the weekend all designed to hone various orienteering skills. The emphasis on Saturday was on practising various navigating skills particularly reading contours, while on Sunday the focus was on navigating in rock.

WaggaRoos again organised the Riverina Schools Orienteering Day. 122 entries were received, and 98 students from Riverina schools participated. The enthusiasm of the participants, their courtesy, and great weather all helped make this a wonderful day. Many thanks to Ron Pallas, Gayle Shepherd and Lyn Malmgron, who came from Sydney, and Peter Mousley, Rob Simmons and Hugh Cameron who came from Albury-Wodonga to help WaggaRoos with the conduct of the day. It was busy but ran remarkably smoothly. While all those who participated are considered winners, there were some great performances from WaggaRoo juniors:

Logan Seaman 1st B10-11 years
Ryder Seaman 2nd B12-13 years

Subsequently, WaggaRoos was approached to organise a similar day for Home-Schooled children. 30 children between the ages of 6 and 17 years participated enthusiastically.

Awards, Recognition and Achievements:

ONSW Junior Awards:

- Banksia: Eddie Mestan, Jarrah Mestan;
- Waratah; Logan Seaman, Ryder Seaman.

WaggaRoos Orienteer of Year: Deb Davey.

WaggaRoos Course Setter of the Year: John Oliver.

Orienteering Australia Merit Badges earned by WaggaRoos:

- Bronze: Ryder Seaman;
- Gold: Logan Seaman; Briohny Seaman; Deb Davey; Alex Davey.

While WaggaRoos might be a small club, members have excelled at the State and National level:

- Deb Davey: NSW W65 Sprint, Middle- and Long-Distance Champion; ACT W65 Sprint, Middle- and Long-Distance Champion; Australian W65 Middle- and Long-Distance Champion; W65 Australian-3-Day Champion; and ONSW W65 Orienteer of Year.
- Logan Seaman: M10 ACT Sprint Distance Champion; M10 NSW Middle Distance Champion; M10 Australian-3-Day Champion; M10 Australian Long-Distance Champion; and 3rd in M10 at the Australian Middle-Distance Championships.
- Briohny Seaman: W21 NSW Long-Distance Champion; W21 NSW Sprint Champion; W40 Australian 3 Day Champion; W40 Australian Middle-Distance Champion; W40 Australian Long-Distance Champion; 2nd in W21 ACT Long Distance Championship; and 2nd in W21 NSW Middle Distance Championship.

In the 2024 National Non-Elite rankings, WaggaRoos was one of 5 of the 14 NSW orienteering clubs, and one of 13 of the 57 orienteering clubs across Australia which had at least 3 club members in the first three places:

- Deb Davey was ranked 1st in W65;
- Briohny Seaman was ranked 1st in W40; and
- Logan Seaman was ranked 2nd in M10.

ONSW presented Kath Oliver with a *50 years of Orienteering Honour* in recognition of her long participation and contribution to orienteering.

Alex Davey was the Level 3 Controller for the 2024 Australian Middle-Distance Championships.

Membership

Membership has been declining for a number of years in a way that suggested that the club would disappear in 2024. However, things seem to have plateaued. In 2019 we had 36 members; in 2020 we had 26; in 2021 and 2022 we had 19; in 2023 we had 18, and in 2024 we have had a small increase to 23. To date in 2025 we have 13 members.

Committee Activities

The Committee met on 8 occasions during 2024. The principal activities for the Committee were

- the planning and conduct of the event program; and
- responding to the administrative requirements of ONSW.

I again commend the way the Committee has managed the Club on your behalf and particularly thank Alex as Secretary, and Deb for managing the Treasury duties.

Acknowledgements

I am really pleased with the way everyone responded to participate in club activities, particularly in event organisation. Everyone's contribution is fully appreciated. The Committee has again been enthusiastic and I commend them for their interest, comments and actions.

J Oliver
30 March 2025

Wagga and Riverina Orienteers Incorporated

BALANCE SHEET 2024

	Operating Acct - A/C 111285330 - BSB 640 000		Term Deposit - A/C 111289153 BSB 640 000		Total
	Opening Jan 1 2024	\$5,018.27		\$18,428.61	\$23,446.88
Income					
	Entry Fees	\$951.00			
	Bank Interest	\$0.48	Bank Interest	\$813.08	
	Riverina Schools 'O' day	\$615.00			
	Sundries (Defib grant, sale of Club shirts)	\$3,442.50			
	Training Weekend	\$75.00			
	Aus Champs loan return	\$3,000.00			
		\$8,083.98		\$813.08	\$8,897.06
TOTAL Income					
Expenditure					
	Riverina Schools 'O' day	\$261.30			
	Badges OY awards	\$75.00			
	Donations (Maprun)	\$366.40			
	Equipment (First Aid)	\$4,996.33	W/Holding tax	\$382.10	
	Sundries / Postage, Defib grant	\$130.00			
	ONSW Levies	\$877.60			
	50th Celebration	\$366.40			
TOTAL Expenditure		\$6,706.63		\$382.10	\$7,088.73
	Closing 31 Dec 2024	\$6,395.62		\$18,859.59	\$25,255.21

Debbie Davey

Waggaroos Treasurer

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Date