

Bayside Kangaroos Orienteering Club

Annual General Meeting Sat. May 24th 2014

Presidents Report.

Since our previous AGM- on Friday June 14th. 2013, the club has continued to function strongly, based on a number of criteria.

Membership.

We are fortunate in having as Membership Secretary our highly organised and efficient **Gwennyth Baker** to look after our large membership base. She extends a warm welcome to new members, and existing members are well aware of Gwennyth's active and persistent attention to updating our records-a never ending task that needs to be closely monitored. Thank you Gwennyth for your dedicated work.

Increasing Membership.

Clubs are never static. They are either growing or losing ground. As our club is the result of a merger we need to be constantly aware of the need to promote the club by going out of your way to talk to new members, or to introduce new members to "O". I believe we are a welcoming bunch of Orienteers on the whole, but history teaches us that we must continually keep working to maintain the momentum.

Committee Meetings.

Over the past year we have held regular committee meetings that invariably attract an attendance of 10-or so. As every member is entitled to attend and vote at club meetings I will continue to advertise impending meetings in BK Bytes.

I am indebted to the committee whose advice and guidance over the past year has been a real support.

Financial Position

The next indicator of our position as a club is our financial situation. I am pleased to acknowledge the report to be presented by our Treasurer, **Bernie Hollaway**, that shows we are have a strong reserve base, with our variable involvement in events affecting our bottom line.

Club Secretary

We are fortunate in having a very efficient and organised Club Secretary. Matthew King has been a reliable centrepiece, linking the various interests and wide ranging activities of a club such as ours. His support has been invaluable.

Contributions to "O"

Our key focus as a club is to provide members with the best opportunities for them to pursue their chosen sport, and I am pleased to report that we have maintained our very strong involvement in all areas of Orienteering.

In the current Park and Street Orienteering Calendar we have contributed to the running of some 31 events,(12 more than any other club).

With ongoing developments in Sprint O, **Geoff Adams** prepared the new Victoria Uni. St Albans Campus map, while the Collins family used their considerable expertise to set a great event.

The club with **Bryan Ackerly** setting the course conducted a highly successful sprint championship series on the Kensington map.

Thanks to **Prue Dobbin** who put her hand up to organise the Melb Bush "O" event at Plenty gorge. This emphasised the trend that has begun to emerge of members offering to be mentored to become involved in the wider fields of orienteering.

Via the services of **Sandy Burgoyne, Andrew Hunter** and **Adam Scammell** we have contributed 3 new maps to the new Southern Series.

Over the past summer we have been very active with the Melbourne Summer Series, the Geelong Series and the Surf coast series.

The success of our input is heavily reliant upon the considerable behind the scenes work by **Vic Sedunary** making it all seem to happen so effortlessly.

With the help of **Ewen Templeton**-northern series, **Annie and Bernie Hollaway** the Southern Series- **Alan Cooke**-Geelong series and **Jenny and I** in the West, Vic has overseen the BK contribution of 47 events to the various series- An amazing effort.

Rogaining. Recognition should also be made of the continued support and interest from BK members in Rogaining. Our links with this sport go back a long way, and I think we can take some pride in the positive support we extend to ensure the success of this organisation.

MTBO

We are indeed fortunate that following on from another successful **Cusworth** Summer MTBO Series **John Gavens** and **Heather Leslie** have put up their hands to organise our future MTBO commitments.

The work of **Peter and Carolyn** in kick starting MTBO and fostering its development is worth a separate speech. Suffice to say their work is acknowledged and appreciated by many.

Behind all our bush and MTBO events we acknowledge the very generous input of Bruce Paterson whose expertise in the electronic area is so vital to our activities.

Social

Our theatre night to My Fair Lady, coordinated by **Annie Hollaway** was well attended, with the pre-show dinner being very popular.

Our Christmas social at **Bob and Alison Leicesters** was also well attended, while at bush events members look forward to casual gatherings after events with raids on selected coffee venues.

To keep members up to date we have moved to a Monthly O Bulletin edited by **Dennis Mews**. In moving away from a club magazine we acknowledge the huge input of **Bob Leicester**.

It is appropriate here to mention the contribution of **Mike Hubbert** as Editor of the Australian Orienteer – Those of us who get the magazine are aware that we are in receipt of an amazingly high standard mag. For what is a relatively minor sport.

Steve Bird has continued as an organiser of the state Junior Squad, which is to be congratulated on taking out the recent Aust. Schools Championship trophy.

Mention should also be made of **Sandy Burgoyne** who not only produced the new Cremorne map, but also won the Course setter of the year award on the course she set. Not a bad effort!

To finish the report for the last 10 months, it gives me great pleasure to mention the recent State Series event at Irishtown. With the Course Setting by **Judi Herkes** the club more than maintained its standard of setting top quality events. We received numerous pats on the back from a wide variety of competitors. A job very well done –in all aspects.

The club readily acknowledges the hand of **Greg Tamblyn** is taken as a given in all aspects our Bush Series organisation.

So all in all the club seems to be doing well, and members can look forward contributing and participating in the sport we love over the next 12 months.

So thank you all for your support.

John Sheahan

Club President.

24th May 2014