

Auckland Orienteering Club

July 2022 Newsletter

Hi Auckland Club Members,

This is a long overdue Newsletter after a few months of change in the committee. Late in 2021 Alison Comer stepped down as President of the club; we were without a President for a few months during the Covid lockdowns and restrictions in early 2022 (which put paid to our Super City Sprints event). I decided to take on the Acting President role as I felt it was important that the club had some sense of direction during these tricky post-covid times.



As I was the current secretary, Susy Carryer has kindly accepted the role of Acting Secretary to help steer us forward and use her skills to provide a solid organised foundation.

A key discussion point in most committee meetings is regarding the same individuals taking on the same roles running all of our Orienteering events. However, when talking to people outside the committee they are keen to get more involved but struggle to understand how. In this newsletter we introduce a number of sub-committees that we will start rolling out that allow people to get involved in specific aspects of the club that excites them and can provide the wider support the club needs to sustain itself.

Covid has robbed us of many things and I think the greatest is that we've lost the sense of community and culture in the club. The COVID changes have led to more impersonal processes; sign up online, turn up, don't mix, finish your course and head off. We've lost that connection as a club and I'm keen to start introducing more Social evenings and get-togethers (more below)

Additionally the recent North Islands Secondary Schools competition showed off the best of what we offer as a club. An incredibly well organised event, unbelievable courses set by Duncan, Alina and Jonty, controlled by 3 legends of our club in Kieran, Jeff and Martin. The co-ordination of logistics and administration by the wonderful Stewarts and then the collective help of the adults to rake nearly 5km of tracks after AOS 9 was unbelievable. The whole 3 days were of such high standard, with zero issues and incredible feedback from all involved - a high class event, managed by high class individuals. A big shout out to Martin Crosby and all of the club volunteers who helped deliver it.

Thanks

Neill McGowan

(Acting President)

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1. Current Committee Structure and Roles

Current Committee:

- Neill McGowan - Acting President
- Susy Carryer - Acting Secretary
- Philip Barlow - Treasurer
- Joanna Stewart
- Karen Woods
- Nadia Clark
- Selwyn Palmer
- Guy Cory-Wright
- Kieran Woods
- Martin Crosby

2. New proposed Sub-Committees and request for involvement

Our desire within the committee is to introduce a number of concurrent Sub-committees that have accountability to deliver on their purpose. We will be rolling these out over the coming months and request people to get involved. These groups will have an owner who will co-ordinate the group and pass any decisions to the main committee to ratify.

The committee will maintain responsibility for overall decision making, setting the culture, deciding sub-committee leaders and major event planning and decisions.

The groups that we are aiming to introduce are:

Engagement and Social

Responsible for:

- Social Events
- Social Media and Website communications
- Calendar Management and Event Marketing
- New member onboarding
- Marketing what we offer as a club
- Event Results, Results Database, Routegadget

In this newsletter we are asking for people who wish to be involved in this Engagement and Social committee to simply click this link [Register me](#) . We will set up a first get-together as a group, decide a lead and then set some outcomes. Expectation will be no more than 1 meeting per month

For the remaining sub-committees below we will ask for involvement in the next Newsletter - we are keen to get the Engagement and Social one set up and running first

- **Finance and Investments**

Responsible for:

- Club Investment Planning
- Assets and Equipment
- Sponsorship and Partnerships
- Event Budgeting and Profits
- Membership Updates
- Funds Management

Coaching and Performance

Responsible for:

- Training programme
- Coaching Pathways
- Planners and Controllers training
- Coaching opportunities
- Team and Relay Selections

Technology and Mapping

Responsible for:

- Future Map opportunities
- Mapping database and update plan to International Standards
- Event Feedback and Technical Governance
- Technology training
- Mapping upskilling

Event Management and Logistics

Responsible for:

- People Management - Volunteer Management
- Future Event Planning - Maps, Locations, Setters, Controllers, Co-ordinators
- Event centre and Technology set up.
- Event Co-ordination; Entries and Bulletins
- Event Dates and timings updates (provided to Engagement & Social team)
- Event Documentation and Processes
- Major Entry planning and delivery

3. Upcoming Social Events

We are looking at a **Social gathering on Sunday 21st August** - location to be confirmed. This will be a Sunday evening gathering at 5pm just to get together and talk over a range of recent events and an opportunity to discuss anything as a club. All ideas welcome, in a very relaxed atmosphere. This will be the first of many

ongoing meet-ups designed to bring the club back together. We will update on Facebook and Club Website once we have secured a worthy location.

4. Upcoming Training Night

We proudly announce we are re-introducing an Auckland Club Training night at the **Auckland Domain every Tuesday at 6pm**. This will be a night for all levels and will be a mix of running, interval training, hill training, coaching and general fun activities. Designed to bring the club together and offer regular coaching opportunities to all members it will be led by a group of coaches.

Meet at 6pm at the **South end of the Museum** under the covered stairway. Parking available from Titoki Street. Coaching will last between 60 and 90 minutes. All welcome.

This will start on the 9th August

5. Upcoming Orienteering Events

As ever, please see our [website](#) for upcoming Orienteering Events. Key events on the horizon:

Sun 28 August - **AOS 10** (hosted by AOC) - Woodhill - map location to be confirmed - please look out for request for volunteers and helpers

Wed 31 August - **Spring Night Series 1** - (hosted by AOC) - please look out for request for Mappers. 4 Night Series on consecutive Wednesdays

Sun 11 September - **AOS 11** - Duder National Park (hosted by CMOC)

Sun 19 September - **Auckland Club Relays** - (hosted by NWOC) - please look out for request for entries - we want as big a team as possible to keep the trophy

Sun 16 October - **AOS 12** - Mushroom Road (hosted by AOC)

Sat 22-Mon 24 October - **Northern Regional Champs** (hosted by NWOC) - 3 day event over Labour Weekend - Sprint (TBC) and Long/Middle (Hedley Dunes/Kereta)

Please feel free to email me with any requests or questions.

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