

SHOO ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Our membership fell a little this year to 87 this year but it was still higher than 2019. Our program was greatly disrupted again due to COVID-19 but we were fortunate enough to be able to run our Summer Saturdays. However, we were only able to run 2 of our Forest Series events.

Our club events continue to be popular and are recognised as a great way to move newcomers from street/park orienteering to trying bush events. We held 5 Summer Saturdays events this year for a total of 249 entries. It was great to see new setters getting involved under the guidance of old hands. Thank you to Lyn who coordinated the series.

Following on from the Summer Saturdays we once again partnered with Barbara Hill (Bold Horizons) to run a SOS series in the Macarthur.

This year (like last year) we only held 2 Highlands Forest Series events due to COVID-19. They had a total entry of 104 competitors (about the same as last year). Thank you to those who planned and organised these events – the excellent quality continues. Thanks to Robert for coordinating the series this year under very trying conditions.

This year, besides our club events, we also ran the NSW Sprint Champs on our updated WSU Macarthur map. It was held under very trying conditions, both in terms of weather (flooding rain) and complying with the university's COVID protocols. Another great effort from Stephan and everyone else involved.

This year we fielded 6 Metro League teams in partnership with IKO. Thanks to captain Ben Cummins and his IKO counterpart for their efforts in being able to field full teams for most events under uncertain times. We were not as successful this year with a win in Division 2 (SHOO-IKO Shines) and a 2nd in Division 3 (SHOO Laces).

This year the club relay was under the guidance of Stephan who came up with a new format that involved pairs completing a score event together. This was held at Simmos Beach followed by a picnic lunch. A great time was had by all.

A club is only as good as its volunteers, and we have the best. Thank you to the SHOO executive and other volunteers who make our events such a success under very trying, pandemic induced, conditions.

This year we had 10 juniors receive Junior Participation awards:

Wattle

Stevan Simic	40
Lila Simic	40
Harry Matchett	40
Sophie Cummins	40
Felix Kontos	30

Banksia

Ava Bobyk	50
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Waratah

Rory Shedden 230

Euan Shedden 230

Charlie Matchett 110

Francis Meischke 90

Club awards for 2021:

Club OY:

- Golden SHOO – Angus Shedden
- Slipper – Elizabeth Lewis
- Little SHOO – Euan Shedden

Others:

- Most Improved – John Fitzsimmons
- President's – Robert Spry (VP Events, Forest Series co-ordinator, ONSW Board member)

Garry Stewart

SHOO President