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On Track: An Orienteering in Australia Update

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Welcome to "On Track"

Welcome to Orienteering Australia's first e-newsletter. In what has been a year of firsts, Orienteering Australia has come of age, and wants to keep you up to date on all the exciting news.

The e-newsletter aims to hit your inbox every quarter, and a few extra times for special events. It will include special news items, reports from directors and updates on major events as well as other information from Orienteering Australia.

We hope you enjoy it!

2006: World Junior AND World Champion!

Hanny Allston, the Tasmanian Junior, had a good year. What a year!

- Junior World Orienteering **Champion** (JWOC) in long distance in Lithuania (Australia's first, and in fact the first time a non-European has claimed the title)
- JWOC **Silver** in the sprint distance

Only a few months later, she took on the big girls, and won again!

- World Orienteering **Champion** in the sprint distance (Australia's first, and the non-European first as well)
- Anchoring the women's relay team to a best ever 4th place.

Asked about her achievements at the post-race media conference, Hanny said: "It's pretty big," she replied. "It's a really big achievement in my orienteering life. Gold at JWOC was really exciting but this is the big highlight. When I first came to Denmark my first thoughts were that the terrain was very like Australia so I am able to read the terrain well. For this race I was relaxed and confident that I could run well. But winning is just incredible."

Hanny has since gone on to feature in Australia's Inside Sport magazine as well as numerous newspaper and radio interviews.

More Details on [Orienteering Australia](#) and [Hanny Allston](#) websites

Stay fully informed! Visit the Orienteering Australia [website](#), and read [The Australian Orienteer](#) (right) which goes to all members.

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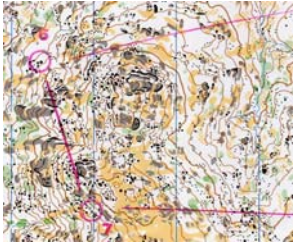
- Hanny after winning the World Sprint title



2007: MAJOR Events



In 2007, the International Orienteering World hits



Orienteering Australia Activities

Here is a glimpse of what Orienteering Australia has been up to in the last 6 months:

Annual Conference

With some new faces on the Orienteering Australia Board this year, there were new ideas and open debate at this years Conference, a positive sign that Orienteering Australia continues to head in the right direction. The minutes will appear on the Orienteering Australia website soon.

Orienteering Retains ACTAS Squad Status



ACT ACADEMY OF SPORT

The ACT Academy of Sport has been Orienteering Australia's national training centre for a few of years and has become a key component of OA's High Performance program. The recent budget cuts by the ACT government meant that ACTAS had to review and cut a number of squad sports from its program. Sports were invited to submit applications and to justify their continuance. On 24 January 2007, Orienteering received the good news that the ACT Minister for Sport had approved the inclusion of Orienteering as a squad sport.

National Event Results

Thanks to the tremendous work over many years of Blair Trewin (also Director Finance), a comprehensive results archive has been established on the OA website. At present results extend for most National events back to 1971, so you can settle those bets once and for all. Complete with World Championship results, it's simply amazing, you have to look at it [here](#).

Building on this, OA is planning a more interactive results system enabling:

- listing of available events over a selected time frame or for a selected state
- obviously full results of any event available, as well as split times
- searching of the results data for an individual competitor's results
- badge credits
- statistical information will be available to authorized users.



Grant Bluett

New Head Coach

Orienteering Australia has a new Head Coach following the resignation of Grant Bluett to pursue different career opportunities. Gareth Candy (2006 Australian JWOC Coach, below) takes up duties of Head Coach as of Monday January 22nd and will be based at the ACT Academy of Sport our National Training Centre. Orienteering Australia sincerely thanks Grant Bluett (above) for his great work as Head Coach. He has done much to continue the development of the high performance program of Orienteering Australia over the last 12 months and we wish him well for the future. Grant will continue to have a pivotal role within our high performance program being part of the coaching team for the [2007 Junior World Championships](#) to be held in Dubbo in July.

Gareth Candy



For the first time ever, the [Junior World Orienteering Championships](#) (JWOC) will be held outside Europe, and with Lions as on-lookers!

Dubbo, including the famous Dubbo zoo will play host to the championship with a combined carnival for all other on-lookers in what should be a spectacular event. The July carnival will include the open-age Australian Championships.

That is not all for international events however as Canberra will hold the Oceania Championships over a week in October with a further influx of international visitors. The Easter carnival, traditionally Australia's largest multi-day event is being held over a week between Burra and Adelaide (SA).

More Details see [Orienteering Australia Events](#)



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Bushrangers in New Zealand

The Bushrangers, our development team, will contest a series of Test Matches will be held over a series of [races](#) on 3-5 February near Taupo in New Zealand under the guidance of coach Tom Quayle (ACT).

Further details of the team [here](#).

National Squad Training Camp in NZ

In conjunction with the Bushrangers test matches in New Zealand, the National Senior Squad will be having a training camp with our New Zealand friends. The camp has attracted almost all of our top orienteers, including our 2006 World Champion Hanny Allston. They are looking to the different terrain and technical challenges offered in New Zealand. It is anticipated that much of the training will practise similar techniques as to those required by competitors in the upcoming World Championships in Kiev Ukraine in August.

Competition Rules

Orienteering Australia has released the 2007 versions of the [Competition Rules](#) and [National League Guidelines](#).

2007 National League

The 2007 National League will kick off over the Easter holiday period in South Australia. Exciting new developments for the 2007 National League include conducting four teams competitions as a part of the league in Junior & Senior Women and Junior and Senior Men divisions respectively.

Competitors are looking forward to the fast paced racing afforded by South Australian terrain. The 2007 program and guidelines are available [here](#).

Finance

The final OA financial result for 2006 is expected to be near balance, a considerable improvement on the budgeted deficit of \$9800. This is due to both lower-than-expected expenditure and higher-than-expected income. Some of this is accounted for by one-offs (such as the Executive Officer and Head Coach starting work slightly later than budgeted). However, two pleasing aspects were that event receipts were more than \$2,000 over budget (due mainly to an unexpectedly good attendance at the Australian Championships carnival in WA), and that sponsorship income (from Ansvar) and Australian Sports Foundation donations came in about \$2,000 above budget.

Sponsorship

Orienteering Australia has been working to secure new partnerships over the Summer. The banner on the right highlights these. Further information about partnerships will be announced in individual bulletins so keep an eye out!

Position Openings

National Junior Development Squad & Coach

Orienteering Australia has called for [applications](#) for a coach of our new National Junior Development Squad which will be announced following the JWOC carnival in July. The formation of a National Junior Development Squad completes the formal development pathway for high refinement orienteering development. The primary goal of the squad will be to identify talented young orienteers in the 15 to 17 age bracket and provide them with ongoing support and training opportunities.

Executive Officer

With Gareth Candy vacating the EO position, the Board decided to advertise for an EO located in a National Office in Canberra funded by OA and employed on a conventional basis for casual employees. The vacancy will be advertised through State e-bulletins and in *The Canberra Times*.

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