

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION AND SERVICE - INCLUDING SILVA AWARDS

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1. The sport of Orienteering would not happen in Australia without a high level of volunteering and exceptional commitment by volunteers and paid officers. Orienteering Australia recognises the contribution and service by its volunteers and paid officers through the presentation of perpetual awards, special awards and certificates of appreciation.

2. The awards that Orienteering Australia makes are:

- Silva Award for Services to Orienteering
- Silva Award for Services to Coaching
- Services to Event Management
- Awards to recognise Special Occasions
- Certificates of Appreciation

Silva Award for Services to Orienteering

3. The perpetual award, which is a 16cm bronze statue depicting an orienteer, was made available in 1983 by the Silva company to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their foundation. The statue is a replica of the life-size statue outside the Silva factory in Stockholm. It was first presented in 1984. The recipient receives a medallion as well as the perpetual award.

4. The conditions for award of the trophy were set by the Silva company: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the development of orienteering in your country"*.

5. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

6. Nominations from States, with supporting information, are to be forward to the Executive Officer, Orienteering Australia by 14 January each year. If more than one nomination is received the nominations will be distributed to all State/Territory associations at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting, at which they will vote on the nominations. Each State/Territory association will be entitled to a single preferential vote, which must be lodged with the Executive Officer, Orienteering Australia prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Officer will advise the Annual General Meeting that the vote has determined a recipient, but will not announce the name. When only one nomination is received, the Executive Officer will advise the State/Territory associations that only one nomination has been received, but will not advise the name. The purpose of the secrecy to add interest to the awards ceremony.

7. The Award will be presented during the Orienteering Australia Annual Awards ceremonies on Easter Sunday.

Silva Award for Services to Orienteering Coaching

8. The perpetual award was made available in 1995 by the Silva company to recognise the contribution of coaches to the development of Orienteering. It was first presented in 1996. The recipient receives a medallion as well as the perpetual award.

9. As with the Services to Orienteering Award, the conditions for award of this trophy are: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to services of coaching orienteering in Australia"*.

10. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious coaching services to the sport of orienteering at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

11. Nominations from States, with supporting information, are to be forward to the Executive Officer, Orienteering Australia by 14 January each year. The Executive Officer will forward nominations to the Chair, Coaching Committee. If more than one nomination is received the nominations will be distributed to State/Territory association members of the Coaching Committee at least four weeks before the annual meeting during the Australian 3-Days, at which they will vote on the nominations. Each State/Territory association will be entitled to a single preferential vote, which must be lodged at the start of the annual meeting. The Chair, Coaching Committee will advise the Executive Officer, OA, who will in turn advise the Annual General Meeting that the vote has determined a recipient, but will not announce the name. When only one nomination is received, the Executive Officer will advise the Chair, Coaching Committee that only one nomination has been received, but will not advise the name. The purpose of the secrecy to add interest to the awards ceremony.

12. The Award will be presented during the Orienteering Australia Annual Awards ceremonies on Easter Sunday.

Services to Event Management

13. The perpetual award will be made available during 2008 to recognise the contribution of officials to the staging of Orienteering. It will be first presented in 2009. The recipient will receive a medallion as well as the perpetual award.

14. As with the Services to Orienteering Award, the conditions for award of this trophy are: *"In principle the Award should be presented to a person who has contributed in a most deserving manner to the staging of orienteering events in Australia"*.

15. Persons considered to be worthy of an Award would normally have rendered meritorious services to the staging of orienteering events at club, State association and national/international level over a period of many years. The custom and practice of Orienteering Australia is that this award would only be made once to a person.

16. Nominations from States, with supporting information, are to be forward to the Executive Officer, Orienteering Australia by 14 January each year. The Executive Officer will forward nominations to the Chair, Technical Committee. If more than one nomination is received the nominations will be distributed to State/Territory association members of the Technical Committee at least four weeks before the annual meeting during the Australian 3-Days, at which they will vote on the nominations. Each State/Territory association will be entitled to a single preferential vote, which must be lodged at the start of the annual meeting. The Chair, Technical Committee will advise the Executive Officer, OA, who will in turn advise the Annual General Meeting that the vote has determined a recipient, but will not announce the name. When only one nomination is received, the Executive Officer will advise the Chair, Technical Committee that only one nomination has been received, but will not advise the name. The purpose of the secrecy to add interest to the awards ceremony.

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Awards to recognise Special Occasions

18. From time to time the need might arise to the need to recognise special occasions, such as the retirement of long-serving Board members, paid officers, etc or an outstanding achievement, in which case the Board would make a one-off special award.

Certificates of Appreciation

19. In addition to the annual perpetual awards and one-off special awards, Orienteering Australia recognises the contribution of key officials in their service to Orienteering Australia. Each year Orienteering Australia will formally recognise the contribution of the following officials through the presentation of an appropriate certificate to each:

20. EVENT OFFICIALS

- Australian 3 Days - the chief Organiser, the Planners for each day, the Controller for each day and the overall Controller.
- Australian Sprint Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Middle Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Long Distance Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Australian Relay Championships [foot and MTB] – the Organiser, Planner(s) and Controller.
- Major international competitions, eg Oceania Championships, Asia Pacific Orienteering Championships, World Cup, Junior World Orienteering Championships, World Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships, World Masters Orienteering Championships, World Championships - the chief Organiser, the Planners for each day, the Controller for each day and the overall Controller

21. TEAM OFFICIALS

- Junior World Championships – Coaches, Manager and other team officials.
- World Championships – Coaches, Manager and other team officials.
- Other Australian Teams – team officials.

22. The awards will be presented by the President of Orienteering Australia or his/her representative at the event presentation for the events listed in clause 20 above. Awards for teams will also be presented at the Australian Championships or the earliest appropriate event. Certificates of Appreciation have been presented annually since 2002.

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