

November News

Kia ora,

As we look towards the end of the year we still have a couple more local events to attend. Also in the calendar, two larger events early next year for those able to travel outside the region.

I am looking forward to making the most of the two days up at Canaan on top of the Takaka hill. The landscape is amazing and it is such a great place to go so close to Nelson.

We are on the lookout for a couple of more keen people to join the committee next year. We have a talented group of people but there are a few tasks that could be spread around. We are a club and everyone is a volunteer, if we want quality events, everyone needs to do their bit to help out. If you are interested in joining the committee please reach out and ask more questions.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Richard Dunn



Micah and his NZ Schools team on the podium at the Australian Schools relay champs

Upcoming Events

Event	Distance	Location	Date	Time	Categories	More Info
Canaan Training (see below for more details)	Training	Canaan Downs	Saturday 23rd November	12pm	Public - Pre entry required	More info here
Pelorus Challenge	OY (white, yellow, orange, red)	Canaan Downs	Sunday 24th November	10am	Public	More info here
Rabbit Island Christmas and AGM	Short	Rabbit Island	Sunday 8th December	10am - 2pm, AGM at 1pm	Public	More info here
Oceania Orienteering Champs	Sprint, Middle, Long, Relay, Training	Manawatu-Wanganui	24-27th January	TBA	Championship and non championship categories	More info here
Taitonga-Southern Regional Championships	Long and Middle	Southland	7-8 Feb 2025	TBA	Championship and non-championship	More info here

See our [Events](#) or [Facebook](#) pages for all of our upcoming events and details (and results after each event). We endeavour to keep all details up to date, but please let us know if you have any questions or see any discrepancies.

Club Training Day

Training is on offer at Canaan Downs the day before the OY. Meet at Harwoods Hole Carpark for kick off at 12pm. There will be three exercises for red/orange level orienteers. There are three exercises for red/orange level orienteers. If you are newer or keen for something easier then email Georgia. [Pre-entry](#) is compulsory by midnight Wednesday. See [NOC website](#) for more details. Any questions, ask Georgia on gwhitla@gmail.com

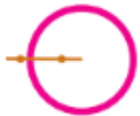
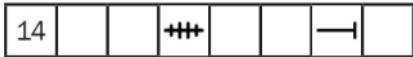

AGM

Our AGM is coming up at on the 8th December at Rabbit Island. There will be an event before and after with the AGM and a BYO BBQ lunch in between at around 1 pm. Events will be a forest sprint and MTBO (so remember your bike!). We invite all club members to attend our AGM, the [new constitution](#) is to be agreed upon. Be sure to look over the [AGM agenda](#) prior. If you have any questions about the AGM, please email at noc.secretary@gmail.com . See you there!

Symbol of the month

Earth wall

A narrow wall of earth projecting above the surrounding terrain; may be partially stone faced, usually man-made.

Map	Example Control Description	Text description	Terrain
		Earth wall, east end	

Australian champs

Club member, Micah Dunn, attended the Australian Orienteering Champs, held between 28th September to 6th October as part of the NZ schools team. Micah has captured his experience of his first time racing overseas:

“My trip to Australia was a fun new experience for me. It was my first time orienteering outside of NZ so it was pretty cool to orienteer in completely different terrain. The actual experience of travelling with a team and coaches to all the events was pretty nice. One event that stood out for me was the ASOC relay where I won gold as part of the NZ Karahiwi team, alongside the other Harua NZ junior boys team.”



I was the first runner for my team and had a good strong run without mistakes. I then passed over to my second runner, Charlie, who also had a nice strong run. At this point there had been some technical difficulties as the organizers had programmed a control wrong so everyone was coming up as an MP. After a while of waiting they soon fixed this but there were still many people who had mispunched. Charlie then handed over to our third runner, Evan, and less than a minute later the NZ Harua team sent their third leg runner out. The Harua team third leg runner Zack then caught Evan but could not lose him as they then ran together for the rest of the race, finishing together. When they finished we knew that we had done well, but we still didn't know our placing because the live results showed lots of mispunches and we knew there had been issues beforehand with one of the controls being programmed wrong. We didn't find out we were first until they called us up onto the podium for first. This was a proud moment to stand on the top of the podium with both teams flying the kiwi flag.

It was an amazing two week experience with seven days of solid orienteering. Thanks to all the coaches and managers.”

Route Choice Challenge

The Switzerland Grand Slam was on recently, and did not disappoint delivering some challenging legs. Some of these legs have been included below, what would your plan be for the legs below?

Route Choice:

Leg 1 to 2 in the Women's course:



Route Choice:

Leg 3, 4 and 5 in the Men's course:



Route Choice:

Start to 1 in the Sprint course:

