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FROM THE GM's DESK – FEBRUARY 2013

STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK

All clubs and orienteers are encouraged to read the draft strategic plan for 2013-16 and provide feedback. Strategic planning is not about producing a document - we seek as much input as possible so that ultimately we will have a plan that can work to move the NZOF and our sport forward. The draft plan and a feedback form are available on the NZOF website (www.nzorienteering.com). Feedback is requested by Friday 8 March.

GENERAL MANAGER VACANCY

As clubs were informed earlier in the month, I am stepping down as General Manager at Easter. A job description is available on the NZOF website (www.nzorienteering.com) and information is also available at either of the following links:

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=562552106&ed=true>

<http://www.sportnz.org.nz/en-nz/Employment-Opportunities/>

Applications close Friday 8 March.

VACANCY: WORLD GAMES TEAM MANAGER

This is a unique opportunity which only becomes available once every four years. Orienteering is on the programme for the World Games, which features sports not on the Olympic Games programme. This year the World Games will be held in Cali, Colombia, with the orienteering competition between 30 July and 5 August. Participation is by invitation only and New Zealand has been invited to represent Oceania ahead of Australia, on the basis of recent WOC results. The New Zealand team will be two men and two women plus one official to act as manager.

The role is primarily to attend to finance and logistics for the team, prior to and during the event. The role is volunteer, however, travel to and from the event, plus accommodation will be paid. Applications close Friday 15 March. A job description is available from the General Manager.

NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

Entries for the NZ Championships in Canterbury at Easter close on 14 March. Information and entry forms are at www.nzonationals.org.nz.



TROPHIES

And a reminder to holders of national trophies from the 2011 championships to please ensure that these are returned (cleaned and engraved) at this year's NZ championships in Christchurch, for presentation.

NZOF AGM 2013

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held at 5:30 pm on Friday 29 March in Christchurch (in conjunction with the national championships). The venue will be the Ferrymead Golf Course, 50 Ferrymead Park Drive. This is adjacent to the venue for the Sprint championships.

Clubs are also reminded that nominations for the various SILVA and other awards are now open and should be with the General Manager no later than Friday 22 March.

NZ JWOC TEAM 2013

The New Zealand team to compete at the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Czech Republic, 29 June – 6 July is. *Men:* Ryan Batin (Peninsula & Plains), Thomas Eatson (Taupo), Nick Hann (Wellington), Shamus Morrison (Wellington), Alistair Richardson (Peninsula & Plains), Tim Robertson (Hutt Valley).

Women: Renee Beveridge (North West), Rebecca Gray (North West), Jula McMillan (Hutt Valley), Selena Metherell (Peninsula & Plains), Laura Robertson (Hutt Valley), Cosette Saville (Counties Manukau). The team will be managed by Anna Robertson (Hutt Valley).

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD 2013

The NZOF Development Squad for 2013 is an expanded one from what has applied in recent years and is as follows

Women: Rebecca Batin (PP), Renee Beveridge (NW), Holly Edmonds (HB), Hayley Ewen (NW), Kayla Fairbairn (NW), Vida Fox (HB), Rebecca Gray (NW), Sophie Harrison (PP), Sonia Hollands (CM), Lauren Holmes (NW), Brianna Massie (HB), Jula McMillan (HV), Selena Metherell (PP), Lara Molloy (WN), Laura Robertson (HV), Cosette Saville (CM), Alice Tilley (NW) and Lauren Turner (WN).

Men: Ryan Batin (PP), Devon Beckman (HB), Eugene Campbell (PP), Joshua Campbell (PP), Ed Cory-Wright (PP), Thomas Eatson (TP), Matthew Goodall (CM), Nick Hann (WN), Callum Herries (HB), Shamus Morrison (WN), Liam Paterson (TK), Alistair Richardson (PP), William Richardson (PP), Tim Robertson (HV), Nick Smith (PP), Cameron Tier (NW), Kieran Woods (AK).

The squad is co-ordinated by Sarah Gray (WN).

INCIDENT REPORT

Little more than a year after an injured competitor had to be helicoptered from an event, PAPO has again reviewed its event safety procedures. In the final event of 2012, at Akaroa, a competitor was hit by a car. PAPO's review found that its procedures are up-to-date and are being applied but it is a timely reminder to all clubs to ensure that this is also the case with their events. PAPO's summarised report is available from the General Manager.

OCEANIA CHAMPIONS: CORRECTIONS

Apologies for getting some of the champions wrong. Most noticeably in men's elite (M21E). The M21E Oceania sprint champion was **James Bradshaw (CM)**, not Thomas Reynolds. **Thomas Reynolds (NW)** was, however, M21E Oceania long champion, not Carsten Joergensen.