

SALTBUSH MEMORIES FROM 1998

Ø President Ken Thompson, secretary Marg Stanley, treasurer John Brockhurst, Scrubo editor Helen Mills & family, Equipment Adrian Watson, publicity Annette Thompson, junior coaches Dave Medlin & Adrian Watson. OASA representative Murray Young.

Committee – Willy Schmitz, Alan Holland, John Paterson, Colin Cordon, Graeme Tonkin.

Ø Events this year;

Ada Ryan Gardens– John Brockhurst – 70 entries

Black Hill- Murray Young.

Middlecamp– Graeme Tonkin.

Mattum Creek - Badge Event –Graeme Tonkin & Ken Thompson

Cook's North –John Paterson & John Brockhurst.

Moonabie Range- Dave Medlin.

Sinclair Gap –Alan Holland/Graeme Tonkin.

Dinosaur Ridge - EP Relays– Adrian Watson.

Roopena Hills– Annette & Ken Thompson.

Snake Gully - Night Event – Murray Young.

Ø At last **Saltbush triumphed** in the **EP Relays** - two trophies - and the third lost only by one second. Adrian Watson was the course setter.

Ø **Life Membership** awarded to John Brockhurst.

Ø Introduction of **five course event structure.**

Ø **Coaching** this year was promoted at a high level with Dave Medlin coordinating a strong program assisted by Adrian Watson and Geoff Mills. The highlight was a weekend **Training Camp** at **Myola Station.**

Ø **Club membership - a high of 99 members**

Ø Ken Thompson revised and upgraded the **Saltbush Papers**, the club's book of guidelines for event organisation.

Ø **Mattum Creek Badge Event** was our big event of the year, with Graeme Tonkin field working the entire map area, a huge task, and Ken Thompson producing a top map with the aid of **OCAD**, the **computer based mapping program.** Course setters were Graeme and Ken, with Kevin Vigar (Lincoln

Orienteers) the Event Controller..

Geoff Mills organised a friendly warm up on the near-by **Middlecamp** map.

There was a large camping group at the old Mattum Creek homestead with the usual campfire and remnants of last year's port.

An early morning pea-soup fog made it seem as though the first starters would have trouble finding the start never mind the controls.

144 entries were received for the event.

Saltbush results were;

M12B 1st Jacob Mills, 4th Aidan Paintner

M14B 1st Brad Medlin.

W14B 2nd Rebecca Mills, 3rd Maria Dimitriou

W16A 6th Clee Tonkin

W35B 1st Helen Mills, 3rd Helena Dimitriou

M40A 1st Geoff Mills, 3rd Dave Medlin

M45AS 1st Alan Holland, 2nd John Brockhurst

M50A 4th Adrian Watson

W55A 6th Norma Young

M60A 3rd Murray Young.

Ø **Cowell Lions Club** was responsible for the catering.

Ø The "**map storage**" saga almost complete when the club bought a steel cabinet suitable for all the maps and event details. All that remains is the sorting and filing of the paperwork.

Club Awards:

Orienteer of the Year Female: Rebecca Mills Male: Brad Medlin

Golden Flash Award Female: Rebecca Mills, 12.22 min/km at Black Hill beating previously held record of Clee Tonkin 16.4 min/km

Male: Dave Medlin 7.3 min/km at Roopena Hills
beating previously held record of Geoff Mills 8.023
min/km

Saltbush S'nail Award Helena Dimitriou 56.67 min/km at Mattum
Creek beating

previous record of the Holden family 41.1 min/km

Most Improved

Mick & Trish Casey.

Club Person's Award

Dave Medlin.

Junior Awards

Consistency

Brad Medlin.

Most Improved

Jacob Mills.

Encouragement

Maria Dimitriou

Ø Graeme Tonkin provided **statistics** for the compilation of results for the awards.