

## Setting fees for Orienteering Victoria for 2017

**Summary:** *The proposal for 2017 is to increase the membership fee (with the added benefit of everyone receiving the magazine), to increase the club affiliation and to keep the levies at the same rate. General expenses of Orienteering Victoria (listed below) are paid from the income raised from three sources – membership fees, club affiliation and event levies.*

**Background:** In 2015 there was a change to the proportion of income from each source. The aim was to make membership more attractive in terms of cost, and simpler by combining club and state memberships in one payment. The reduced membership, and club affiliations were offset by levy increases with an emphasis on participation rather than membership. Three years later, in 2016 the income from these sources is still lower than the general expenses.

### Income for the last three years

	2014 (full year)	2015 (full year)	2016 (to date)
Total memberships including magazines	22,350	19,778	13,752 approx \$6000 will come in by Dec 31
Club affiliation	6,618	909	1,909
Event levies (ex carnival)	52,399	52,319	33,306 approx \$18,000 will come in by Dec 31
<b>Total income</b>	<b>81,367</b>	<b>73,006</b>	<b>72,967 (by Dec 31)</b>

### OV general expenses to end August in 2016

Office costs	21,630
OA affiliation/levies	31,200
Audit/workcover/insurance	4,383
Magazine/yearbook	9,884*
Fixtures/flyers/ control cards	<u>5,055</u>

**Total general costs (to end August)                      \$72,152                      Total general income by end 2016                      \$72,967**

*Note: \* OV paid \$3222.60 for magazines not received – an agreement with Orienteering Australia for 2016.*

### The following rates for 2017 are proposed:

1. Membership adult rate will be \$35 (increase of \$5 per adult). Junior rate will be \$6 but \$1 for under 12 years. School membership remains at \$100. There is the added benefit of all members receiving the Australian Orienteer magazine in hard copy or online.

*Comment: the increase of \$5 should not be deterrent to those joining as their benefits will certainly make it worthwhile to join. (Membership is required to obtain park/street season tickets, to run in Victorian club relays and championships and to obtain \$10 discount at state series – both foot and MTBO).*

2. Club affiliations increase from \$300 to \$600 (still below 2014 rate of \$800)  
ARDF and Albury Wodonga to pay \$100

*Comment: clubs who are organising events are generating income and have had the benefit of low affiliation over the last three years.*

3. Event levies stay at 2016 levels: local events \$2.85, state series \$7. Non-member differential of \$10 for state series is an incentive for joining and should remain.

*Comment: event levies raise money from those who participate and are a significant proportion of the income. Gradual rises in levy rates are the most acceptable, but for the coming year there will be no increase.*

Ruth Goddard  
Treasurer, Orienteering Victoria  
23 October, 2016