

Hunter Schools Orienteering Championships

104 students from 13 different schools across the Hunter region competed in the 40th Annual Hunter Schools Orienteering Championships at "Mining Mystery" Pelaw Main. The champion school was Hunter River High from Raymond Terrace. The boys champion was Thomas Whitehead from Merewether High and the girls champion was Claire Burgess from Hunter School of the Performing Arts.

I would like to thank all the volunteers (Newcastle Orienteering members, parents and teachers) who assisted on the day. Dennis Lyons and Rudi Landseidel on the start, Bjorn Mella, Graham Fowler, Gayle Quantock, Maria Orr and Andrew Power who assisted students on their courses. Geoff Todkill, Linda Hewson, Carolyn Rigby, Bridget Whitehead, Lois Newton and Tracey Phillips who ran the finish for me. Geoff Peel who brought the gear and filled in as needed on the day.

Special thanks to Kim van Netten who set the courses and to Bert (and Sam) who put out and collected controls.

Your help and support is very much appreciated.

Colin Bailey

PS Apologies to anyone I have missed.