

# SAOF vp Development portfolio report

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## Introduction

It seems the last couple of months since the introductory meeting have flown past. Taking over the portfolio from Garry has been a daunting task. His level of output, both in volume and quality are something I don't think I can emulate. Luckily for me however, his work over the past years has created a momentum and created process that it is my aspiration to maintain. Many people have been activated and are active in this portfolio, and it is my aim to support their work to ensure that it can continue effectively, supporting SAOF's development and expansion plans and adhering to the LTPD principles.

From the Orienteering.co.za web page, Development entails – YOC, Schools Leagues and the strategic plan. All with the focus is on **getting more provinces orienteering**.

## YOC



YOC is taking care of its-self – I hope, as I have not had anything requested and have not made any efforts in the area. So my aspiration this year is to understand YOC to be able to support it, and understand where it needs support, and how it can be (what is needed) to roll it out to other provinces.

## Schools League



The **schools league/s** are something that has had a lot of activity. The **Gauteng** league has been activated and there is a larger contingent of people supporting it – lead by Karin Chambers from the organisation perspective, myself from an equipment

perspective, and Lisa so that she can export the system to new areas and add her schools training expertise. We have already seen positive outcomes from this arrangement.

There has been significant **pre-season coaching** at some of the schools and it is going down very well, there is an appetite for all we are doing and we could do much more if we had the resources. This has been driven largely buy Lisa in her PM capacity,

and Karen as schools league liason but does indicate that there is scope for contracting in some coaches for the schools league next year.

A new section has been added to the **web site** (<http://www.orienteering.co.za/development/school-resources/>) where the schools content will be housed, available to anybody, but targeted at the current schools league participants. Currently Lisa is managing this content as it is much of the content she is generating for successful expansion. There is scope for assistance in proofing her content.



We have some **new maps of schools** (Krugersdorp most notably below) and an intent (in the long term) to have all the schools participating in the schools league equipped with a black and white map of the school, as well as a set of cones and corex flags for training at the school. And then a colour map for hosting of events at the school. Each school is also getting an orienteering file for record keeping and information.

There are more schools participating this year than any other year in the past (will report in detail on this next meeting), not sure if this will imply more participants or not, but it certainly is a positive development – and indicates the potential to split this league into two leagues in the future that can compete in a Gauteng champs final. Central Gauteng and Krugersdorp are initial possibilities that will be explored in the post mortem meeting.

A Facebook page to promote the league has also been set up. [www.facebook.com/OSchoolsLeague](http://www.facebook.com/OSchoolsLeague)

The **schools camp** has been scheduled at BushTrails and included in the schools communications – weekend of 10 March with Pambili as the weekend event, max 35 learners on the event by invitation based on league performance. The schools category of the GOC relay should then be well attended 2 weeks later.

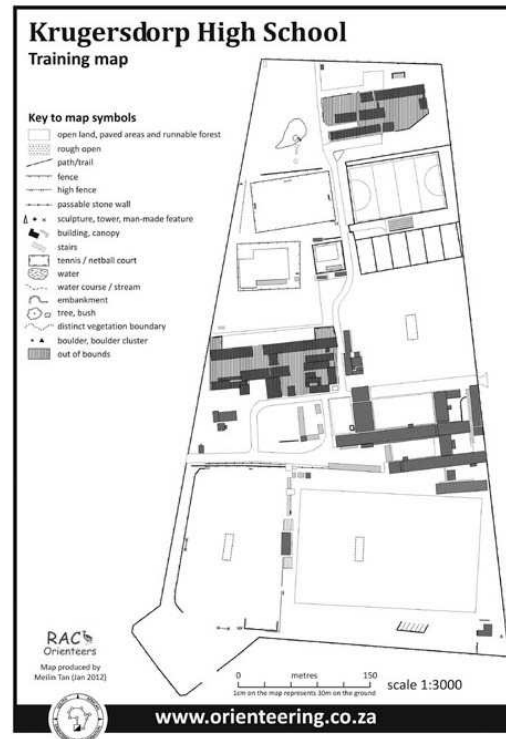
## Expansion

The initial plan has been adjusted a bit based on the experience over the past year. We are still in phase one with the basic education course – but are developing a lot of content to support creating new orienteering communities. This is being driven largely by Lisa as a project manager contracted for it, and is housed on the website for easy distribution to other locations. <http://www.orienteering.co.za/development/school-resources/>

Lisa went to **Cape Town** to present the **schools league** information there. 11 attendees, They could be added to the Customer database? PENOC are creating a specific schools category on the Wednesday sprint events.

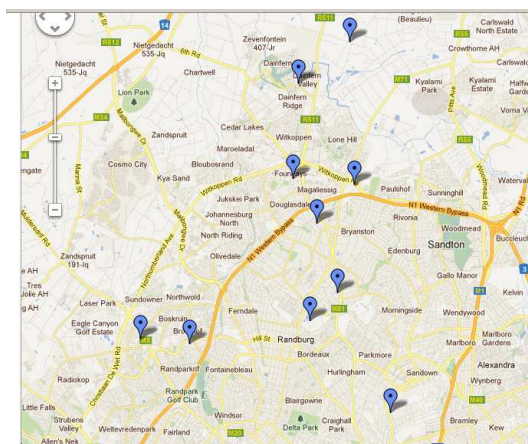
Rustenberg visit attached – supported by SAOF.....

Lisa has written an **article** for Trail mag – and has been asked for O based content for each of the editions – available every 2 months. This is a great opportunity to attract the right type of person to orienteering events. She would like to publish a map of a popular area with a course on that people could go and run unofficially. This needs discussion.



Lisa is also creating a **Black and White standard** for schools maps to be easily photocopied, as well as creating a learning/training opportunity to colour the maps and improve on them in the field. Comment on this is welcomed.

[http://www.orienteering.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/SAOF\\_Maps\\_10Jan12.pdf](http://www.orienteering.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/SAOF_Maps_10Jan12.pdf)



Discussions are underway to create a **central maps database** – primarily focussed on development and schools – but it needs some strategic thinking. It is based on Google earth and google docs. Implying people need a google log in to access it. This is a good initiative and needs consideration.

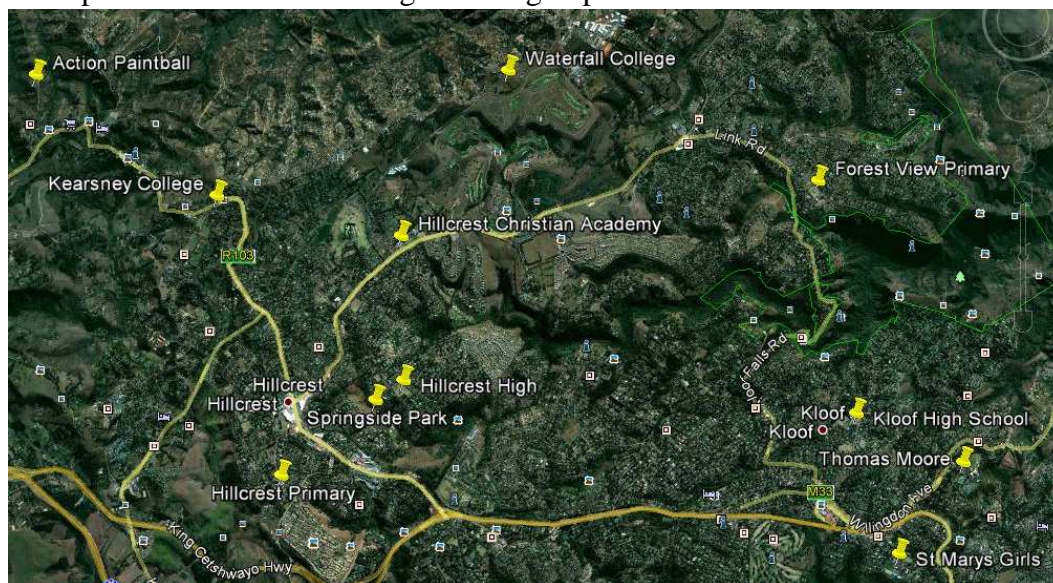
## Provinces

### UKZN

Peter Hemer has had success in Natal. DOC (Durban Orienteering Club) has been registered as a club with SAOF and is aspiring for full voting rights.

The first course and CATI was (in some opinions) poorly attended but some significant contacts have been made. In February he will be meeting with Sappi about forest access around Howik– it is looking positive, particularly with the existing maps around Albert falls.

Peter is also planning an April trip with a CATI at Crawford college La Lucia and some other scouting activities at schools in PMB and Hillcrest. During this trip DOC are planning to host their event (CATI) for qualification as full SAOF member. There are aspirations of a schools league in Aug/Sept.



### Limpopo/Mpumalanga

Big 5 was very successful, we now need to leverage that with other public events. Not sure how to do that – who is Alberts main contact ITO creating an official club. Need to coordinate Lisa's efforts over the year to support this opportunity.

### SA champs.

This is again being held in a 'non orienteering' province in 2012, and I would like to explore the possibility of making this a strategy of expanding orienteering beyond the two current hubs. It creates map resources for these areas and the potential for some exposure that could be leveraged.

### Equipment

SAOF has purchased a **development trailer** to support the expansion efforts (more on that later) and this will be trialled during the schools league. The league is also being quite comprehensively documented so that it is easier to export the organisation and logistics knowledge to the next schools league.

The trailer is currently licensed in my name – I propose that I fill out a transfer of ownership form transferring it out of my name and that form be kept at administration so that SAOF can claim ownership should something happen to me.

SAOF needs to register with the transport dept to 'own' the trailer. Do we want to do it? IT would need founding documents and an NPO number of some description. I will explore and document the requirements for the next meeting. **Insurance** of the trailer and contents is still an unresolved matter.

Of significant will be the trial of a **barcode reader** for registering the kids into the correct event and against their emit – 170 new cards have been procured.

### **Scout interest badge**

I was approached by scouting and have compiled an interest badge for orienteering – I have distributed it to potentially interested people in orienteering and scouting, but there is debate amongst orienteer's about the difficulty – and in scouting about the appropriateness of being required to make a map and hold an event. Some discussion is needed. The base questions are. Do most orienteer's know how to make a map? Do most orienteer's know how to plan a course? General consensus is that this is an athletes badge, not a planners or mappers badge, so the requirements should be limited to participation in a number of events. But this will be location dependant as there are many areas where there is no orienteering taking place – so how will the participation be policed. This is unresolved and requires further contemplation.

**Scouts as a development opportunity:** I still think it is a strong one, especially in new provinces and it will be explored. Mapping of scout owned campsites, together with a permanent course is a possibility, especially as there is an orienteering requirement in the scouting program.

**LTPD** – The orienteering LTPD document was submitted to sascoc and is on their webpage, although I couldn't find out where.

We launched officially at SA champs 2011, one of the first federations to do so. We reported back to SASCOC with some feedback from Dr Baloyi where there were discussion on the implementation challenges.

There was also a meeting about school sport federations – which in most cases run in parallel to the national federations, this is where the LTPD principles were most difficult to apply with non competitive activities for under 12's.

They (the other federations and SASCOC) really like the YOC challenge structure where there is reward for achievement and recognition, but it is a non competitive environment. Congratulations must go to Tania for work done that was ahead of its time.

Ready Willing Able – coach commission document was submitted – I think another VP will present on this.

### **Courses.**

Level 1 teachers training courses need to be presented over the next year. (2 ideally). This will form part of Lisa's PM work. Although she is exploring a targeted approach to schools with more intimate sessions rather than targeting an area with the complete course.

**Aspirations for the year 2012.**

- Present a Successful schools league that is documented for export to other regions with potential (ie midrand and Pretoria locally, ukzn and rustenberg in other provinces). Ensure a good post mortem afterwards to improve for 2013.
- Kit out the development trailer to support expansion efforts.
- Explore scouting as a development opportunity – complete the badge contents and explore scout property mapping around the country with potential permanent courses.
- Understand YOC to be able to support is export from Gauteng to other provinces.
- Continue on the aspiration of getting GOC constituted as a preparation for constituting other provincial bodies in support of the development plan.
- Ensure that there are more training course presented supporting the expansion plan, and initiate the development of the content for level 2 courses where appropriate.