

## 2011 Sydney Junior Orienteering League

### Event 5

Western and Hills Orienteers hosted an excellent fifth event in the series. The event was centred upon Cattai National Park and included more 'bush' than most Sydney metropolitan maps. The map varied between open grassland, runnable native forest and areas of thick bush that included patches of blackberries that soaked up time. There were also plenty of tracks that competitors could incorporate into route choices if they were prepared to back greater distance at a quicker speed over a more direct bush route.

The topography clearly suited the Halmy family with both Bethany and Adam scooping 10 points each. Outstanding performances too from the less experienced Nick Wyche and Adam Garner. Both are relatively new to the sport and handled the transition from metropolitan orange to bush orange courses admirably. Amongst the girls, Rebecca and Georgia continued their close tussle with very quick times. Kerrin also showed that she wasn't fazed by the bush and recorded another consistent run and added 7 points to her tally.

On the green course, Cameron Gonzales showed that he is one to watch in the future with a time of 20.10 which was less than 3 minutes off course leader, Duncan Currie. Newcomers, Jonathon and Ben, also put in outstanding efforts and posted some very promising results.

In the Teams Category, Team HH recorded a perfect 30 points but Big Foot's Little Feet team was not far off with a solid 26 points.

Many thanks to Western and Hills Orienteers for a fabulous day out at Cattai!