

## **Bendigo Orienteers Committee Update 2, August 2015:**

### **Bendigo Junior members:**

Congratulations to Bendigo's junior members selected in the 2015 school's team!

Juniors interested in assisting with the club's Space Racing program are invited to contact Richard to see how they can be involved. Junior members willing to do "on the day" event management (about 1hr) can be compensated for their commitment. Speak to Richard for further details and have a look at the next Space Race to see what's involved.

### **General Meeting:**

All members are invited to attend the club's first **General Meeting** for 2015 on **August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm, at the La Trobe Athletics Track**. Following changes to the Club's general and committee meeting arrangements, we now have greater flexibility in how our meetings are organised. Keep an eye out for a meeting planned for October with a guest presenter!

Our August meeting will provide all members with the opportunity to hear an update on the Committee's activities, discuss ideas and meet in a social atmosphere (nibbles and light refreshments provided).

Discussion Agenda: Terry Davidson – Expanded newcomers arrangements, Peter Creely – Pathways into bush orienteering.

### **International Internship:**

Club members interested in developing a Bendigo Orienteers internship program for an international orienteer are invited to contact the Committee. In particular we are looking for someone to coordinate the project and develop a plan to take the concept forward. Similar programs in the ACT and Queensland are now being followed by Orienteering Victoria. A range of great benefits have flowed from the programs running in these states and Bendigo Orienteers are fortunate to be in a position to consider doing this also.

### **Financial management:**

Club members with an interest in financial management are invited to join the club's Finance Sub-Committee (Daryl, Andrew, Ben, Richard). One of the Sub-committee's first recommendations to be endorsed to help the Committee implement best practice governance, is to establish 'passing accounts for payment'. Club members are encouraged to notify the committee of any expenditure they wish to claim before incurring the expense. This enables the Committee to perform its important role of coordinating the Club's activities. Simply email the secretary or treasurer before the next committee meeting so the expense can be passed for payment. If/when passed, present your invoice to claim reimbursement.

### **Committee member and Secretary:**

Club members are invited to consider joining the Committee. Currently two opportunities exist for the roles of Committee Member and Secretary. Please contact Richard to discuss your involvement. As the AGM approaches next February we will be seeking interest in the Committee once again. The new committee structure now provides club members with better opportunities to become involved with managing the club.

### Safety management:

The Club's safety regulations have been updated to reflect our current practices. This forms part of a broader review of safety management to ensure we are doing everything we can to run safe events and support course setters/organisers in their roles. Please take the time to become aware of the new safety regulations. It would be really good to have some more input from club members in our Safety Management Sub-committee. Please speak to Richard if you would like to contribute.

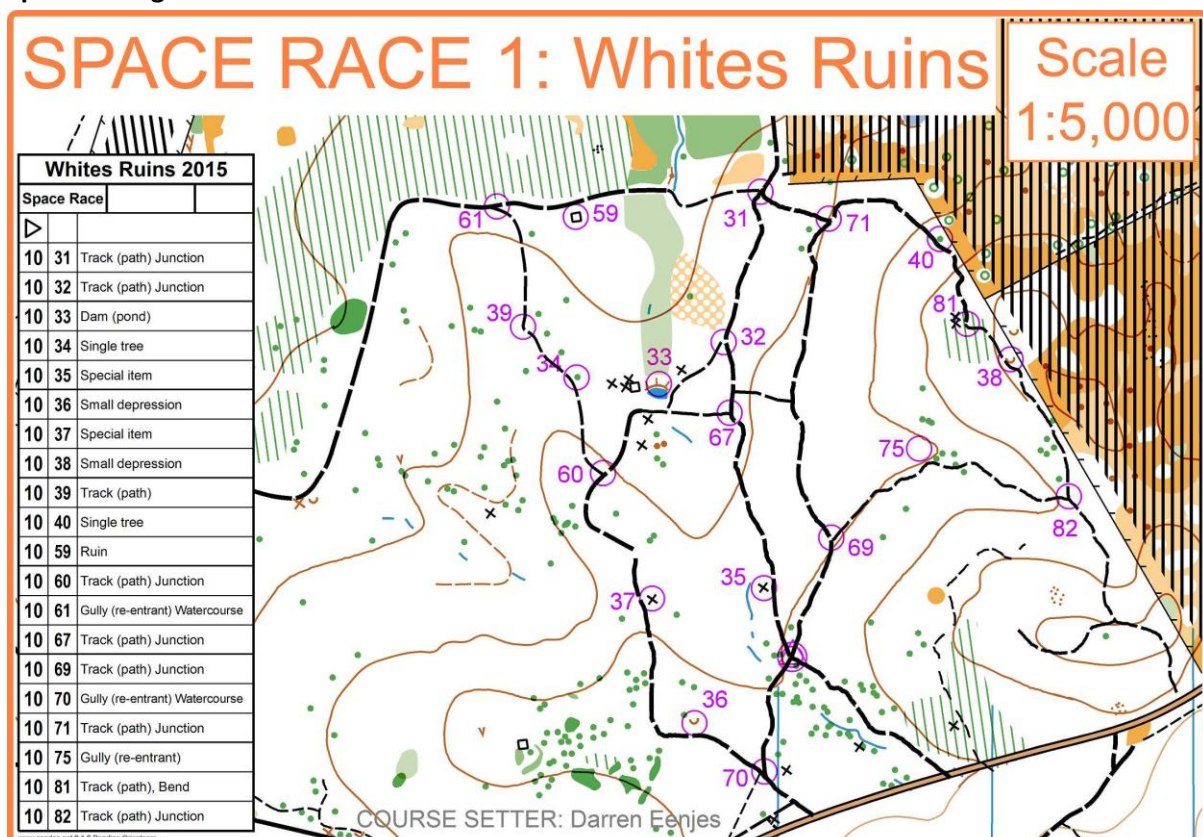
### Embargo:

To ensure the integrity of the Yorkshire Hill map for future events, the Committee has sought to formally embargo the map until further notice.

### Space Racing Kicks off:

Make sure you don't miss out on seeing some of our Space Racing, which is going on during the next few local events. Space Racing starts at 2pm, so most club members will have finished their run in time to check out the excitement. It was pleasing to see a happy bunch of Space Racers very successfully taking on the bush course at Whites Ruins. With some careful planning we were able to combine the two events and provide a special 'bush style' space racing course just for the young kids. A club member who ran with the kids commented, **"the pack out front, full of a dozen kids, was all laughter and excitement as they ran around the controls. I heard parents say it was great too!"**

### Space Racing Goes Bush!



Note: With careful start area selection and appropriate course setting by Richard we were able to bridge the gap between conventional Space Racing and bush orienteering. Darren's great on-ground work thoughtfully marking some vague track sections made sure no one got lost.