

Bendigo Orienteers Inc.

2017 Annual General Meeting

Mandurang reserve, 25 November 2017

Minute taker: Alison Radford

Chair: Julie Flynn

Welcome: All attendees were welcomed to the club's 2017 AGM. Thanks expressed to Peter Forbes for organising the event today, and to Allan for cooking the sausages for us.

Present: Alison Radford, Tony Radford, Peter Searle, Dianne Searle, Michael Loughnan, Amos Walz, Jan Baxter, Jenny Ball, John Wilkinson, Ian Johnson, Craig Feuerherdt, Lachlan Feuerherdt, Luke Feuerherdt, Richard Goonan, Ben Goonan, Leisha Maggs, Vivian McMillan, Katherine McMillan, Andrew Wallace, Charles Brownridge, Peter Galvin, Terry Davidson, Sue Davidson, Peter Frobos, Matthew Schepisi, Neil Barr, Julie Flynn, Ben Goonan's partner and daughter, Leisha Magg's grandfather Allan.

Apologies: Nigel McGuckian, Andrew Cameron, Louise Hall, Colin Walker, Rebecca Neylon, Daryl and Raye Fleahy, John Maher, Jim Russell, Cherry family, Eenjes family, Peter Creely, Lorraine Leversha, Clare Brownridge, Jacqui Knee.

Minutes of 2016 AGM:

Mover: Charles Brownridge

Seconded: John Wilkinson

Accepted

Finance report (Andrew Wallace):

Mover: Andrew Wallace

Seconded: Peter Searle

It was brought to the notice of the club by Ben Goonan that the financial report is not complete as the club's financial year has not yet ended.

Motion: That the AGM and financial year dates must be prioritised at the first committee meeting of the new committee.

Mover: Andrew Wallace

Seconded: Dianne Searle

Presidents report (Julie Flynn):

(Attached)

Election of executive committee (Peter Searle):

- President: Andrew Wallace (nom: Julie Flynn, sec: Peter Forbes, no other nominations)
- Vice president: Julie Flynn (nom: Andrew Wallace, sec: John Wilkinson, no other nominations)
- Secretary: no nominations
- Treasurer: no nominations
- Others: Nigel McGuckian
 - o Jacqui Knee
 - o Peter Forbes
 - o Alison Radford

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2017 Annual General Meeting 25/11/17 - President's report

1. Thank you

Our club owes thanks to a few people who made our activities work well this year:

- Colin Walker – for designing the 2017 calendar and persisting with Parks Victoria to finally obtain the event permits we needed. Colin has done these jobs for several years and now needs a break. Thankyou for this work. Colin has also provided our club with space on the Bendigo Woollen Mills site to store our trailer and build a small storage shed. The committee is very grateful to Colin for this; building a larger shed became too expensive and too complicated.
- Neil Barr – for supporting me on the committee, for stepping in to set courses and organise events that didn't have volunteers at short notice, for working on the mapping website to enable our maps to be well stored and accessible. Neil has done a lot of background work to set things up to support successful orienteering events in our club for the next few years.
- The committee: Louise Hall (secretary), Andrew Wallace (treasurer), Nigel McGuckian (vice president), Jacqui Knee (social organiser), Jason Carter, Alison Radford, Peter Creely, Peter Forbes (policy coordinator), Colin Walker (events coordinator), Andrew Cameron (development coordinator)
- Club members who helped out at events: whether it was towing the trailer, collecting controls, meeting newcomers and guiding them to the best course for them, mentoring a new member in course setting or waiting until everyone has returned to the finish before going home. Thank you to the many members who helped to make our events successful and welcoming for people.

2. Club activities

It's been another busy year for Bendigo Orienteers. Between us we have organised 37 local events, one state series event and a few park and street events. Of our 28 coursesetter-organisers, 5 were new to the role: **Rob Clark** (who course set for the State series on the new Lockwood range map), **Darren Eenjes** (who worked with Daryl Fleahy to course set on Mt Korong), **Jason Carter** (who worked out how to do a lot of stuff independently for our event on Crusoe) and **Katherine and Vivian McMillan** (who worked together on courses at Bullock Track). Well done to all of you; it's wonderful to have members learn to organise and set courses when learning new skills can push you out of your comfort zone and can become stressful if there's not enough support and when things go wrong.

The stand out events have been:

- Our 40th birthday event, organised by Peter & Dianne Searle, was a wonderful celebration with amazing cake and the use of hand drawn courses and punch cards made us realise that event though today's format is more dependent on a computer and technical know how, the old way of calculating times, noting finish times, etc was very labour intensive.
- The state series event on the newly mapped Lockwood Range map on a wet and cold day
- The twilight events have been great fun; for those of you who haven't experienced the adventurous delight of orienteering in the twilight and dark, ask your family for a good head torch for Christmas!
- Wheel Cactus eradication day

3. Other Achievements

Nine of our junior members represented the Victorian Schools team at the Australian championships this year. Well done to you all. They were again supported by Raelee and Darren Eenjes who supported the whole Victorian team as managers during the trip. This year had us working solidly towards a new shed to be built on land at the Quarry Hill Golf Course; this eventually became too hard and our plan for this dropped. There have been some useful discussions with the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation towards a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines a direct and respectful relationship between our organisations. We have contributed to the community consultations at Mount Alexander Shire and submitted our response to the proposed Spring Gully MTB trail network masterplan to

the City of Greater Bendigo and DELWP. There have been several meetings with Parks Victoria about their event permitting processes and we are attempting to reduce the workload for this.

4. Hopes for the future:

I will be stepping down after nearly 2 years as president of the club. Thank you for trusting me and thank you to all the club members who have worked collaboratively so we can achieve such good things. I hope that we will continue to:

- Step out of our comfort zones, volunteer and learn new roles in the club
- Put your name down to organise, assist, welcome newcomers or set up the computer at events next year – the proposed calendar is here.
- Try new ideas, such as the school fund raising family participation project that Jacqui Knee is keen to organise.
- Prove our care and appreciation of the environment through cactus eradication and continuing to oppose poorly planned development in the bushlands of Central Victoria.
- Please come to the training events that Peter and Will (2 elite orienteers from the UK) will be providing to us in February. This will help your orienteering next year!