



## Newsletter 19/1

April 2019

### Your Newsletter

At the March meeting of the Club Committee it was decided it was time to resurrect the club newsletter – so here it is!

The newsletter is to be a digital-only publication issued to all Bendigo orienteers each month. The concept is to reach all members with information on events past and upcoming, as well as news, views and gossip that we hope will be of interest. It is your newsletter, so if you have something of interest, please send it along to us so everyone can share.

This month's edition has a post mortem on the Bendigo ToDay as well as information on April events, decisions made at the March Committee meeting, Julie and Neil's hiking trip in Tasmania – and the big news of the month - Leisha Magg's wedding! Enjoy.

Dianne and Peter

### COMING EVENTS: APRIL

The listing below is a chronological of local, Victorian and other events in Australia events that may be of interest. Course setters for our local events have been included. For full details of each competition please go to the Eventor website at: [www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events](http://www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events)

#### Bendigo Events

6 April	Bendigo Bush Short #1	Prince of Wales	Julie Flynn
13 April	Bendigo Bush Short #2	Ironstone Hill	Jenny Ball
20 April	Bendigo Bush Short #3	Dead Bullock Gully	John Wilkinson
27 April	Bendigo Bush Classic #1	One Tree Hill	Darren Eenjes

#### Victorian Events

7 April	Victorian Relay Championships	Mt Lofty
14 April	MTBO Series #3	Lal Lal Forest
28 April	MelBush #1	Woodlands, Greenvale

#### Australian Events

19-22 April	Easter 3-Day Championships	Western Australia
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### PAST EVENTS: FEBRUARY

#### 16/17 February: Bendigo ToDay

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the ToDay event had support from local, Victorian and interstate competitors, with 75 entries for the Short event on Saturday night and 102 entered for the Hageby the next day. Course setter Jim Russell provided his usual high standard courses, that included a 1:2000 "Butterfly" section in the Hageby courses so people could play amongst the granite. However, Jim was not his usual happy self owing to dental challenges over the weekend. Pleased to report normal service has resumed.

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## THE LADY AT CONTROL 32 (News, views and just plain gossip):

### News from the March Committee Meeting

Vice President Julie reports on current doings:

#### 1. Club Portfolios:

We have been looking at all the various tasks that go into making Bendigo Orienteers function well and this year we are implementing portfolios among committee members as well as the portfolio roles held by some non-committee members. I thought you'd like to know who is working behind the scenes:

- **Peter Searle** (committee member) has agreed to take on the role of equipment officer
- **Nigel McGuckian** (committee member) is our new member services officer, with liaison roles with land managers and Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation
- **Katherine McMillan** (non-committee member) is the Eventor administrator for Bendigo Orienteers
- **Louise Hall** (non-committee member) is our website administrator
- **Neil Barr** (non-committee member) is the mapping coordinator
- **Peter Forbes** (non-committee member) is responsible for event permit applications
- **Jacqui Knee** is our schools liaison officer
- **Jenny Ball** is our secretary
- **Lorraine Leversha** is our treasurer
- **Julie Flynn** is vice president and as we have no president is attempting to cover important aspects of this role

This brings me to the roles for which we need interested and keen members. There are 3 roles listed below. Please consider your ability to step in and help with any of these roles, and let any committee member know of your interest.

- **President**
- **Facebook coordinator** for our club facebook pages
- **Events officer**, who can liaise with organisers and be a support person for them, arrange mentors for new organisers, and making sure we are meeting our permit obligations at each event. This is a new role.

#### 2. Livelox trial:

The committee is considering a trial of a year's club subscription for Livelox. This would give all

members with GPS enabled devices the ability to track their route and compare their routes with club colleagues after local events. This will be used by many members to help them analyse their orienteering decisions and strategies and thus support improved skill development. It's also fun. A club Livelox subscription will cost us the club around \$450 for a year and will benefit club members.

#### 3. Card payment at events:

The committee is looking into the use of credit or debit card payment options at local events. This will provide an alternative to payment by cash, and will be cheaper than the pre-entry PayPal option which was trialled last year. This technology relies on having a club smart phone at each event, and suitable mobile reception at the assembly area.

- 4. **Committee meetings** are open for members to attend and this year we meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of most months at Sports Focus, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. The next meeting is **Monday 1 April.**

### Autumn Series #2: Petticoat Gully

Post event wrap-up.



Photos: Dianne Searle



## **Matrimonial Affair:**

Club member Leisha Maggs married Jason Spowart at the Baptist Church in Junortoun on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We wish them well for their future together. Congratulations from all at Bendigo Orienteers, Leisha and Jason.



Photo: Katherine McMillan



Photo: Heather Jones

## **An excellent adventure in Tasmania**

Have you heard of the Abels? The Abels are all the mountains in Tasmania over 1,100m high (with at least 150 metres prominence). There are 196 such peaks in Tasmania.

Neil and I recently had a week in Tasmania during which we had a goal of climbing a number

of these mountains as day walks. We based ourselves in Queenstown, an historic mining town near the west coast where we enjoyed comfortable accommodation and pub meals each night. We walked four mountains on consecutive days and appreciated rich diversity between each mountain climbed.

Cradle Mountain was the first one chosen. The shuttle bus took us to the start of this walk, at Dove Lake and we expected this to take 3.5 hours one way. Most of the walk is gentle and the well maintained paths and duckboards cater for the many park visitors. The feature of this mountain is the steep scramble of large rocks which make up the summit. The views from the top are vast and include many other peaks to climb. Cradle Mountain is notable for the large number of visitors and any climb to the summit will be part of a crowd. So we spent the rest of the week exploring the West Coast Range.

Mount Murchison is prominent in the west of the island, and we had this place to ourselves until encountering two parties going up as we were coming down. The walk takes you through tea tree forest up onto a rocky spur vegetated by miniature versions of unique Tasmanian trees and shrubs. This part of Tasmania was glaciated and as you walk over this delightful mountain you see ancient tarns, ragged cliffs, worn lateral moraines and the strangely scattered large boulders that were randomly left by the receding glaciers millions of years ago. The views are stunning. This mountain took us 2 hours up and the same time down. It is steep in parts, and the climbing a bit more exposed here than on Cradle Mt.

Mount Owen overlooks Queenstown; it's the large bare mountain immediately to the east of the town and has more communication antennae spiking its slopes than trees. The trees died long ago and the topsoil was washed away as a result of smelting practices used near the mines back in the day. This mountain is accessed via a steep 4WD track, to within 200 vertical metres of the top. The scenery was breathtaking. With so much exposed rock the peak is a geologist's dream. We saw sample ore deposits, a great variety of differently formed rock and landforms indicating ancient glaciation. The mountain was ours for the day.

Mount Tyndall required more of a bushwalking approach, across muddy button grass terrain, and a sustained climb up onto an almost pristine alpine plateau with breathtaking views of massive cliffs on its northern aspect, and kilometres of

alpine lakes towards the south where Mt Sedgwick and Mt Geikie lie within a day's walk on the plateau. We saw no one else there all day. There apparently were two Belgian climbers on the massive 400 metre cliffs overlooking Lake Huntley, but we couldn't see them.

The Abels provide bushwalkers in Tasmania with alternative walking routes to the well-known overnight or multi day hikes. Some can only be accessed during multiday walks, but many are

day walks. The scenery we saw in the West Coast range was the equal of the scenery in the Western Arthurs, the difference being the shower, sheets and pub meal at the end of each day of walking. We had a lovely time and hope to return to different parts of the island and visit more Abels. The Abels are described in two volume guidebooks which are well worth the purchase.

Julie Flynn

Mt Tyndall peak looking North



Photo: Neil Barr

Mt Tyndall Plateau



Photo: Neil Barr