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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June edition. This edition includes a roundup of Bendigo orienteers' efforts in the Western Australian events after Easter. As well, we have details of competitions from past events and those coming up in June, information about Club Awards, LiveloX, and a possible big carnival coming our way in 2021.

There are some great opportunities at both Local and Victorian events to sharpen your skills and take on new challenges. (A reminder that the 2019 Victorian Middle Championship event on June 9 is a pre-entry only event.)

The Indoor/Outdoor sprint events at Monash University on June 30 are worth consideration. In particular, the Indoor event will utilize the newly completed multi-storey Education Building (now called the Teaching and Learning Building) with a multi-level, map at 1:1000 scale. Should be something of a challenge!

Dianne and Peter

COMING EVENTS: June

The listing below is a chronological listing of local, Victorian and other events in Australia 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

Bendigo Events

Sat 1 June	Bendigo Bush Classic #5	Smith's Reef	Nick Byrne/Jacqui Knee
Sat 15 June	Bendigo Bush Classic #6	Pilcher's Bridge North	Colin Walker
Sat 22 June	Bendigo Bush Classic #7	Mt Kooyoora	Darren Eenjes/Daryl Fleay
Sat 29 June	Bendigo Bush Classic #8	Peter the Great Gully	James O'Sullivan

Victorian Events

Sat 8 June	Pure Gold! Queen's Birthday Weekend Race #1 Vic Autumn Series #6	Creswick Diggings
Sun 9 June	Pure Gold! Queen's Birthday Weekend Race #2 2019 Victorian Middle Championships	Creswick Diggings
Mon 10 June	Pure Gold! Queen's Birthday Weekend Race #3 Bah Humbug Sprint	Creswick Diggings
Sun 23 June	Women's Coaching Morning MelBushO #4	You Yangs Regional Park
Sun 30 June	Indoor/Outdoor Sprint	Monash University

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

KORONG SPUR EVENT

After wandering around all day in the rain placing control stands course setter Peter Searle was surprised to find on reaching the site for #81 he no longer had the stand in his hand!. Fortunately, the flag and control unit were in his backpack. Retracing his steps to the previous control site proved fruitless, so he rigged up a tree branch to hold the flag and placed the SI unit on the ground. Luckily, eagle-eyed David Brownridge found the stand on his way to the site on Course 1, carried it with him and placed it when he got there. Thankyou David. In retrospect, the organizer should have allocated a time reduction to David for his efforts.



David Brownridge in action in WA

W.A. RESULTS ROUNDUP

Following the Easter 3-Day competition moved south to the Narrogin area. The Australian Sprint Champs were held at Narrogin Senior High School, a small but complex campus with some surrounding lightly forested areas. Craig and Luke came away with first places in their age class, and Lachlan second! Well done. The following day the Australian Middle Distance Champs were held on Foxes Lair, with scattered granite and open forest, close to Narrogin. Mapper and course setter for the event was our ex Bendigo member Noel Schoknecht. Craig and Luke this time ran into first place, with Lachlan F and Tony R both with second places, and Alison R and Joshua F in third. The rest of us 'ran also'!

Sunny weather again, with many seeking the rounded off a very successful carnival for the West Australians. Thank you all.

On the road journey across the continent, Neil B with Julie supervising, and Toph and Jacquie, took on the Nullarbor Links challenge – an 18 hole par 72 golf course, between Kalgoorlie WA and Ceduna in SA. The average distance between holes is 66 km, two of which are 200 km apart. Neil took his clubs with him, but Toph and Jacquie visited an op shop and gave them the 'sale of the day'.

MANDURANG – COOLIBAH

Congratulations to Katherine and Michael for their efforts in setting and organizing the Mandurang-Coolibah event on May 25. It's great to see our younger orienteers experiencing this important part of our sport.

After the event Jacqui Knee and the kids were heading home (after packing up and visiting the local native plant nursery) and stopped to get the last sign - it was hung by one of the tallest people in the club! Needless to say, it was very difficult for a couple of the shortest people in the club to get it down - even when they sat on each other's shoulders!! Even then, Hugo couldn't retrieve the sign as the tallest person in the club had used a double running clove hitch with inward pike to attach it! (Nigel and stepladder got the sign down the next day.)



This is what happens when Michael Loughnan is allowed to put out the direction signs!
Photo: Isobel Byrne

PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Bendigo Orienteers have started an initiative using our regular events as a fundraiser for local primary schools. The way it works is that the school collects all the fees for the families/individuals who participate (the fundraising bit) and we, the club, show the families how fun orienteering is to do together as a family!

We have a couple of events coming up that schools are using as fundraisers and I am looking for club members (with Working With Children's Check) to assist on the day and show families how to register, use equipment, teach basic map reading skills and generally point them in the right direction.

The next couple of events include:

1 June at Smiths Reef for Castlemaine North Primary School

15 June at Pilchers Bridge North for Eppalock Primary School

If you are coming to these events and can put a small amount of time aside to helping some of these families, please let Jacqui know. (Make sure you have provided the club your Working With Children's Check.)

Look forward to your support.

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CLUB AWARDS 2019

The end-of-year awards will be determined from results in the Bush Classic Series in all five classes for both men and women. Winners will be calculated on a points basis using Eventor with 50 points given to the fastest time, 49 to second fastest etc. Also, (see below) 50 points will be awarded to the course setter in their chosen course. For award purposes, Sub-junior and Junior runners will be preferenced in Courses 4 & 5 by considering them as the only competitors in those courses.

LOCAL EVENT COURSE SETTERS PLEASE NOTE

If you are a course setter – or considering being one – remember to enter your event in your usual class. This action will ensure that you are credited with maximum points when championship awards are calculated using Eventor. The recommended procedure is to incorporate your entry as part of the setting up process for registration. That is:

use your SI stick to enter yourself on the tablet, check that your name and course appears on the computer, and then download as if you had finished the course. If you show up as an 'mp' then you are in the system and you also know all is well with the computer setup.

As well, our Treasurer, Lorraine Leversha will send you a voucher for free entry at a Local Event. These initiatives are to encourage members to become involved in setting courses and to ensure they are not disadvantaged when club awards are made. So – you have no excuses but to be involved in setting a courses for a Local Event – it's fun, and it does improve your orienteering skills!

LIVELOX FOR DUMMIES

The club recently purchased a Livelox account for 2019. This means that you can follow your track on a course and compare your efforts with other runners. It is a great way to watch where you actually went rather than where you thought you went. (Just ask Nick Byrne and his travails at Korong Spur!) It gives members the function that allows you to show all runners in a course together as a mass start. This is a terrific tool to compare route choice.

What do you need to get started?

Firstly, you will need a GPS-enabled device (watch or smart phone) that will track your progress and will enable you to upload the data to Livelox. A recent email from Nigel McGuckian explains there are a number of ways to do this:

- (1) Via the results of the event on Eventor <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/ResultList?eventId=7592&groupBy=EventClass> you can 'upload route'
- (2) Or you can add it through the Livelox link <https://www.livelox.com/Events/Show/38459>
- (3) If you use Strava or Polar for sharing your run, it can automatically upload

Secondly, to watch the action you need to access Livelox after logging in to Eventor so Livelox knows you are a member of Bendigo Orienteers. As an example, go to our recent event on One Tree Hill and follow the progress of runners on Course 2.

There are many club members who would be happy to advise on the process – Nigel, Julie, Neil, Andrew C, Jim, and Toph are all active Liveloxians and would be happy to help you get started. It is a wonderful adaption of digital technology to our sport that would have been unimaginable 30 years ago.

OCEANIA CARNIVAL 2021

This year the Oceania Orienteering Carnival is being held on maps in southern NSW and northern Victoria. In 2021 the carnival will be in Victoria. Orienteering Victoria will decide on the location of the event, but there is a strong possibility it will be based in Bendigo, with maps close to the city used for the seven races. Australian Championship and Australian Schools Championship events will be incorporated into the carnival so we would hope that some of our junior competitors will be involved. Neil Barr, past OV President Mark Hennessy and others have done some preliminary work on maps that could be used.

If Bendigo is chosen as the event centre the implications for our club will be:

1. A number of our existing maps will be remapped and the areas embargoed, and thus not be available for local events in 2020.
2. Orienteering Victoria will be responsible for organizing the carnival and all Victorian clubs would be involved in organizing, course setting and controlling the events. However, if based in Bendigo it follows that our club members would be more involved than others.

Even though the event is two years away, planning a large orienteering event such as this (around 1000 competitors could be competing) is a long-term project. Please consider whether you would be available to help in the project – even in a small way. Keep in mind that there are many jobs that would come up that are not directly related to orienteering, such as accommodation, travel and tourist options, liaison with local authorities, registration etc. Vice President Julie and Neil would be interested in your thoughts.

Photo Gallery from WA events

