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EDITORIAL

June has been a busy month with our Classic Series in full swing, the finish of the Vic Autumn Series and the 2019 Vic Middle Distance Championships held as part of the Labour Day Weekend 3-day competition at Creswick. Other news for the month includes Michael Loughnan's latest effort, Solomon Cameron's return to Bendigo as the youngest pilot ever to complete a solo trip around Australia, and a nostalgic interview with Clare Brownridge, aged nine.

Our members continue to shine on the Victorian stage. Awards announced at the recent OVic AGM for 2018 included Course Setter of the Year (Long Distance) to David Brownridge & Stephen Collins, and Course Setter of the Year (Middle Distance) to Jim Russell. Event Management of the Year went to Andrew Wallace for organizing the Vic Middle Distance Championships at Yorkshire Hill. Congratulations to all.

Jim Russell will be travelling overseas during July as Team Manager and Deputy Coach of the Australian Team competing at the 2019 World Orienteering Championships in Norway. Our best wishes to Jim and the team at the most prestigious event on the world calendar.

Your editors will be away from Bendigo during July, and Julie Flynn has kindly offered to take over and produce the newsletter for August. Please send any information or articles for the next newsletter to Julie at: julieflynn@fastmail.fm

Dianne and Peter

COMING EVENTS: JULY

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 6 July	Bendigo Bush Classic #9	Mt Tarrengower	Jacqui Knee/Nick Byrne
Sat 13 July	Bendigo Bush Classic #10	Kangaroo Gully	David Jones
Sat 20 July	Bendigo Bush Classic #11	Sedgwick South	Heather Jones
Sat 27 July	Bendigo O'Ringen	Royal George	Neil Barr
Sun 28 July	Bendigo O'Ringen*	St Just Point	Neil Barr/Julie Flynn
		Wndmill Hill	
		New St Mungo	
		Virginia Hill	

*Please note: Pre entry via Eventor required for this event

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Victorian Autumn Series 2019 results

Congratulations to our overall winners in this series - Course 1M Richard Goonan, and Course 3M Darren Eenjes. To polish off a good day for the Eenjes family Serryn won the Course 2 Junior Prize of a new pair of O shoes, and Archie Neylon was triumphant as the Series Sprint Finish Chute winner!



Photo: Dianne Searle
Archie Neylon
Fastest in the Finish Chute

Victorian Middle Distance Championships

On a cold but clear winter's day 23 club members travelled to Creswick for the Middle Distance event, and 13 of this group came away with podium placings:

First placings:

M12A	Joshua Feuerherdt
M14A	Lachlan Feuerherdt
M55A	Don Cherry
M75A	Peter Searle
EOD Mod	Rebecca Neylon

Second placing:

M17-20A	Archie Neylon
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Third placings:

W21A	Clare Brownridge
W17-20A	Caitlyn Steer
W16A	Serryn Eenjes
W60A	Julie Flynn
W75A	Dianne Searle
M14A	Luke Feuerherdt
M16A	John Steer

Michael Loughnan again in the news!

On the outskirts of Maldon, travelling to the Smith's Reef event on June 1, Michael was surprised to find smoke issuing forth from the

engine compartment of his beloved Camry. Taking no chances, he rang the Maldon CFA who duly arrived accompanied by flashing lights but no siren. Those of you familiar with the Loughnan engine bay will know it is decorated with twigs, leaves, chocolate wrappers and discarded pizza boxes but they were not the cause of the problem. Being a trained CFA volunteer - who topped the class in Smoke And Its Origins 101 - Michael instantly recognized the smoke as not vegetarian but carnivorous. The problem was a common house rat (*Rattus rattus*) had made its home on the engine amongst the general detritus - with unfortunate results. After some general advice and emotional support from the Maldon CFA officers, Michael continued on his way.



Photo: Dianne Searle

Solomon Cameron home again

Solomon Cameron has been busy! We now understand why we haven't seen much of him for a while as the 15 year-old has just (June 15) completed a solo flight around Australia - the youngest person ever to have completed the journey! Two years in the planning and seven weeks for the 15,000 km trip, it is a reward for his planning, organization, skill and resilience. Congratulations Solomon! We hope to see you out in the bush again soon.



Photo: Bendigo Advertiser
Solomon pleased to be home

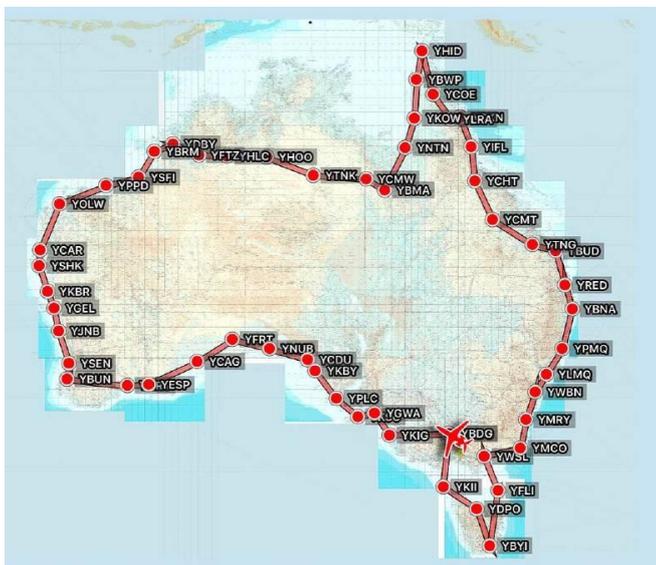


Image: Bendigo Advertiser
Solomon's route around Australia

The flight was also to publicize and support the Angel Flight charity that coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable because of vast distance and high travel costs. If you would like to donate go to:

<https://www.angelflight.org.au/Donations>

Clare Brownridge – a blast from the past

Following the Easter 3-Day event at Broken Hill in 1997 an interview with the winners of the W10 and M10 classes was published in the Winter edition of the Australian Orienteer. The W10 winner was our own Clare Brownridge and M10, Simon Uppill. For old times sake, below is a record of their interview with Kaye Haarsma.



Clare, Aged 9

Congratulations on your good results. How did you do so well?

Simon: *The courses were fun and sometimes challenging. I liked Day Two best as I enjoyed following the creeks rather than tracks. I didn't really make any mistakes and I ran pretty fast. I only missed out on first by a few seconds overall.*

Clare: *My navigation was accurate. I had a great result on Day Two to get the best time, but was only 2nd or 3rd fastest on the other days. I was pretty relaxed about the event, being determined just to finish rather than thinking about any possible place.*

How many Easter 3-Days have you run?

Simon: *Broken Hill was my 2nd - I got 4th or 5th in Queensland.*

Clare: *This was my first Easter 3 Days and the first time I had travelled interstate for orienteering.*

What did you find different or difficult about the Broken Hill terrain?

Simon: *It was really hot. The rocks were a bit similar to what we had in Townsville. (Ed: the Uppill family has just moved back to SA, where they began orienteering, from Queensland. They reckon that they have acclimatised to Adelaide's cold, so found Broken Hill a bit warm!)*

Clare: *It was really rocky underfoot which made running difficult. It was also strange that the creeks were all dry and sandy and there were so few trees.*

At what age did you start orienteering and when did you start doing courses by yourself?

Simon: *I started when I was 6 and have been doing courses by myself since I was 8 years old.*

Clare: *I first orienteered when I was 6 and started doing courses by myself a year ago when I got serious about orienteering.*

Do you prefer to orienteer by yourself or with someone else?

Simon: *It's more fun alone as you have to work the map out by yourself. If you go with someone else they tend to talk too much. Dad, "No I don't, I'm just giving advice!"*

Clare: *I like to orienteer by myself as other people usually are slower and then I have to wait for them.*

Who taught you to orienteer and do the rest of the family orienteer too?

Simon: *Mum and Dad taught me. My 12 year old sister Miriam is pretty good too. (Miriam was 2nd in W12A. Robin won W40A and Adrian was 9th in M45A).*

Clare: *Dad taught me. The family was introduced to orienteering by some of Mum's relatives and all of us now orienteer. Dad (M45AS and my brother David (M14A) are very competitive and raced at Easter too. Mum mostly likes to walk around her courses.*

Why do you enjoy orienteering?

Simon: *The challenge of being able to understand the map and to get around without a mistake.*

Clare: *I like the combination of being in the bush, running and the challenge of finding the controls.*

What other sports do you do?

Simon: *Cricket and soccer.*

Clare: *Tennis and swimming.*

What funny or interesting things have happened to you while orienteering?

Simon: *I like to see kangaroos in the bush. Recently I got myself accidentally stuck in some thick green vegetation on the Hawthorndene (SA) map.*

Clare: *I was once doing a novice course with Mum trailing me. I thought I heard Mum jogging up the path behind me so I waved my arms around to stop her passing me. It wasn't Mum but another competitor! Mum was further back laughing*

Parking-Only-Along-Road signs

The club now has corflute signs reminding orienteers to park along roads. There are two signs in the club trailer for use primarily at club events. There is also a free-standing sign stored in the club shed available for larger competitions. We have purchased these signs to help us comply with permit requirements expressed by Parks Vic and DELWP. As users of the local forests we have to be mindful of where we drive and park our vehicles; when we park off-road we may be damaging small plants and contributing to soil impaction, which reduces the likelihood that plants will regrow in that area. Our relationships with local land managers is important; let's follow the rules and avoid parking off road except in places that have been cleared or on private land.



Photo: Julie Flynn

Lost and Found

While packing up after the Mt Kooyoora event on June 22, a thumb compass was found near the assembly area. If you are missing a compass contact Daryl Fleay on 0438 658 467

Photos from the Vic 2019 Middle Championships at Creswick Diggings



Photo: Dianne Searle
W21A: Clare Brownridge (3rd), Aislinn Prendergast (1st)



Photo: Dianne Searle
W17-20A: Sarah Davies (2nd), Venla-Linnea Karjalainen (1st), Caitlyn Steer (3rd)