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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to a number of our junior members who have been selected to represent Victoria at the National and Oceania Championships over the next September – October school holidays:

- Serryn Eenjes
- Caitlyn Steer
- Sophie Taverna
- Archie Neylon
- John Steer
- Lachlan Feuerherdt
- Luke Feuerherdt (reserve)

Another of our members, Clare Brownridge, has a coaching role with the team and will be travelling with them.

Congratulations also to James O'Sullivan who put up his hand to set courses and organise an event for the first time. With minimal support from experienced club members James did a great job learning to use the software, getting the courses planned, controls placed correctly and organising on the day. It was a cold wet day so fewer people than usual were there to enjoy his courses, but those who came mostly had a dry run. Perhaps they checked the BoM radar beforehand. A number of visiting Melbourne orienteers commented on how much fun they had on course 1. Not sure the control collectors were as happy. It poured on some them whilst those lucky enough to get back to the assembly area before the storm sheltered under the tent and anchored it against the ferocious wind..

While I'm congratulating people, I must mention that Aston Key, a young Victorian orienteer (from Melbourne) has had some outstanding results at the Junior World Orienteering Championship:

- Gold medal (sprint)
- Bronze medal (long)
- 5th position (middle)

Aston sometimes comes to enjoy Bendigo's fabulous orienteering with his family.

COMING EVENTS

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

20 July – Sedgwick South

27 July - Royal George Company

28 July - BendigO-Ringen (St Just's, South Star, New Argus, New St Mungo) (*More info below*)

3 August – Sedgwick North

10 August – MicrO at Black Jack Gully

11 August – Wheel Cactus eradication day (*More info below*)

17 August – Mosquito Creek

24 August – Stumpy Gully

31 August – Woodvale (the northern end of the old Fiddlers Green map). This area has been remapped using a lidar base and the new mapping specification released by the International Orienteering Federation. Come and get an early taste of how maps will look in future years.

Victorian and other events

21 July Eureka event Spargo Creek

4 August Melbush Templestowe, Albury-Wodonga Tabletop Mountain

25 August Melbush Cardinia Park

31 August ACT Championships Wee Jasper

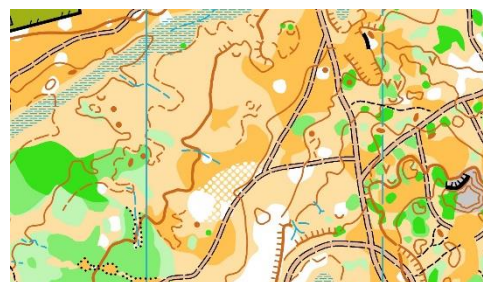
BendigO-Ringen – 27 & 28 July

Why travel half-way round the world to run on five maps in six days when you can run five events in two days in Bendigo?"

Yes, a little cheeky perhaps. But after the travellers have all left for northern climes and big events, leaving you at home through the winter, you can console yourself with a weekend of gold mining orienteering on the edge of Bendigo. On the Saturday it's the usual Bendigo local event format of 5 courses on the Royal George Company map. Enter on the day as is usual for our Saturday events.



On the Sunday morning you can partake of the orienteering equivalent of that 1960s fundraiser, the progressive dinner. Four small gold mining maps, each with a single 2 kilometre course, and an untimed drive between maps. Class 1 visits all four maps, class 2 visits three etc. The drive between all the maps is less than ten kilometers in total. The longest course is 8 kilometers and the shortest is 2.6. Starts between 10 and 11. More details on eventor.



Pre-entry only. Entries close on the Thursday before the event.

Wheel cactus eradication day:

Over the last 2 years a few club members have been assisting with the elimination of wheel cactus at Mount Kooyoora. Here is a photo of Andrew Wallace showing the pink spotted cactus plates that have been injected with poison. Last year it was obvious that the club's efforts had reduced the size and spread of this cactus, but it requires yearly visits to work on this highly invasive horribly prickly noxious weed in order to gain control of it at Mt Kooyoora. If you're not busy on Sunday 11 August, you could join a small group of Bendigo Orienteers to help us kill off this weed in our beloved Kooyoora State Park. Contact Julie if you are interested.



OTHER NEWS

Are you a FaceBooker? The club needs you!

This is a call out for someone to take charge of posting relevant and interesting information onto our Facebook page. Social media is an effective way to inform people about events and happenings and may also help us reach more people who have an interest in navigation sports. This job would not take much time but would support the club in communicating with our community. Please consider helping out with this role.

Where to run events in 2020? The 2020 Orienteering Season planning is upon us already! The reason for this early planning is the need to have our permits approved in time for the start of the orienteering season.

Over the next few weeks the committee will be considering event options for next year and drafting up a calendar of orienteering events for you to enjoy next year. As always, the events will rely wholly on our members to volunteer their skills and time to plan and organise the events. By the end of the 2019 season we will have had 29 people set courses and organise events. Can you help us get to 30 in 2020? Please contact Julie Flynn by the end of August if you want to set courses and organise events on any particular maps at a particular time of the year, and we will prioritise your reasonable requests. Otherwise you'll have to choose events from the fixture as usual.

Card payment option at Bendigo events – coming soon!

Lorraine Leversha (our treasurer) and Chris Naunton have been working on a system for us to pay our entry fees on the day via card, as an alternative to cash payment. We hope to be able to provide this service at all of our local events, but our capacity to do this will depend on mobile phone coverage at each assembly area. Look out for the small white 'Square' device on the entry table....

COURSE SETTING

RECENT CHANGES TO CONTROL DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE

The IOF has recently released a new specification for control descriptions. Some symbols have changed columns. There are some changes that may confuse those of us used to the old methods. Here are some notes on the most significant changes from the IOF web page.

- 1) Optional extra line showing the distance to the start triangle from the timed start.
- 2) New symbols introduced for Trench, Out of Bounds Area.
- 3) Bend moved from Column G to Column F.
- 4) Removal of symbol for Radio or TV control.
- 5) Names and descriptions brought into line with the ISOM 2017 terminology where appropriate.

Explanation of Columns

Each control is described in the following manner:

Column A - Control number

Numbering of controls is in the sequence they are to be visited, unless the description is for a Score competition in which case this column is usually either left blank or indicates the control value.

Column B - Control code

The control code should be a number greater than 30.

Column C - Which of any similar feature

This column may be used when there is more than one similar feature within the control circle; e.g. south eastern.

Column D - Control feature

The feature, as shown on the map, at the centre of the circle defining the control site; e.g. clearing; boulder. Most of these are cross referenced to the ISOM 2017 (International Specification for Orienteering Maps) symbol used to represent them.

Column E - Appearance

Further information on the nature of the feature if it is required; e.g. overgrown; ruined. In certain circumstances also used for a second control feature where the description requires this i.e. crossing; junction; between.

Column F - Dimensions / Combinations / Bend

Dimensions of the feature should be given where the size of the control feature on the map is symbolic rather than to scale.

Also used for the two combination symbols (crossing; junction), and the Bend symbol.

Column G - Location of the control flag

Position of the control flag with respect to the feature; e.g. west corner (outside); south foot.

Column H - Other information

Other information that may be of importance to the competitor; e.g. first aid; refreshments

Sample control description sheet

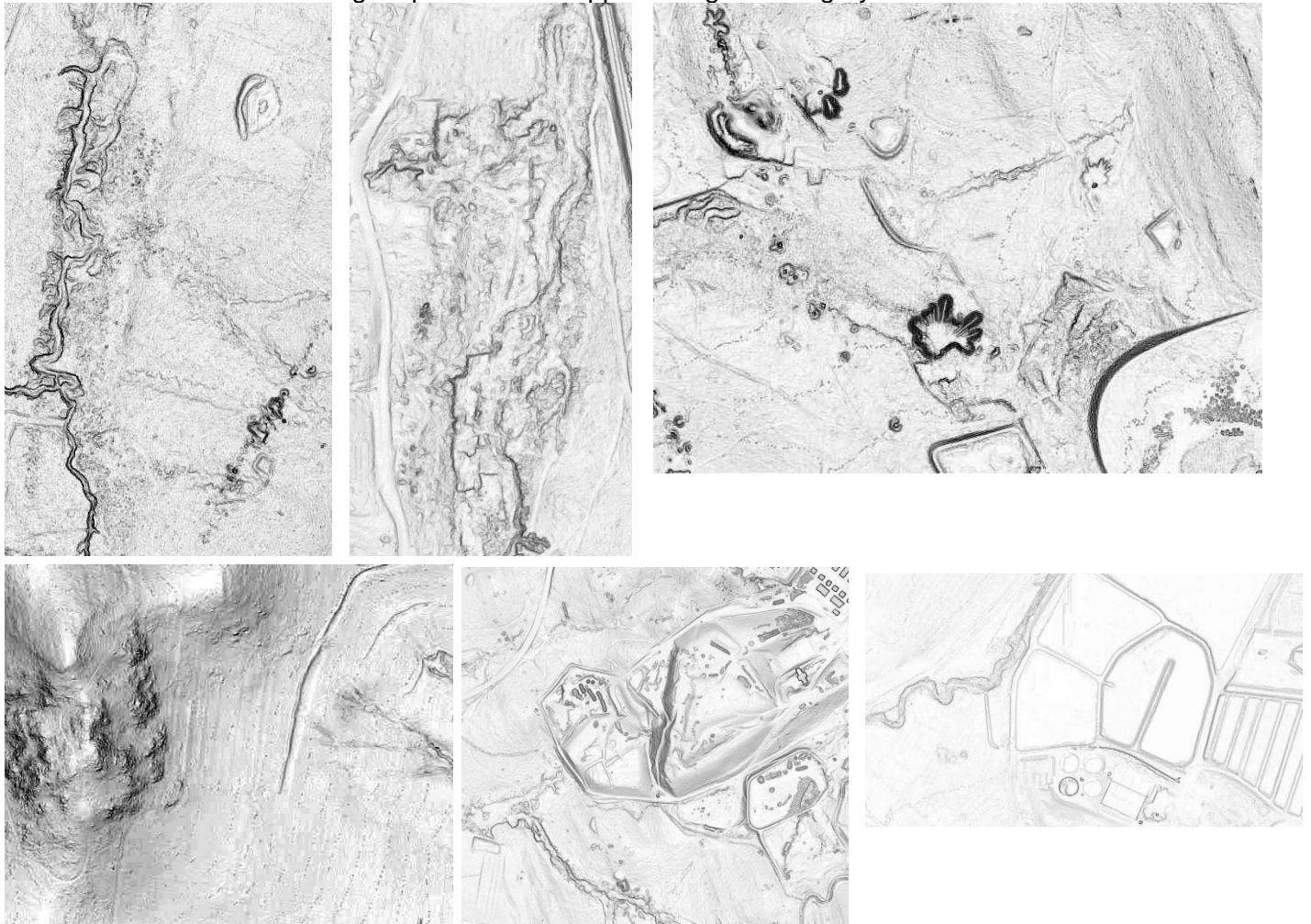
IOF Event Example				
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6	185		↗ ↻	└
7	178		⌋	⌋ ○
8	147	⊕	≡	2
9	149		/ /	X
○----- 250 m ----->⊗				

IOF Event Example		
Classes M45 M50 W21		
Course number 5	Length 7.6 km	Height climb 210 m
Distance to Start Triangle 150 m		
Start	Road, wall junction	
1	101	Narrow marsh bend
2	212	North western knoll, 1m high, east side
3	135	Between thickets
4	246	Middle depression, east part
5	164	Eastern ruin, west side
Follow taped route 120 m away from control		
6	185	Stone wall, ruined, south east corner (outside)
7	178	Spur, north west foot
8	147	Upper cliff, 2m high
9	149	Path crossing
Follow taped route 250 m from last control to finish		

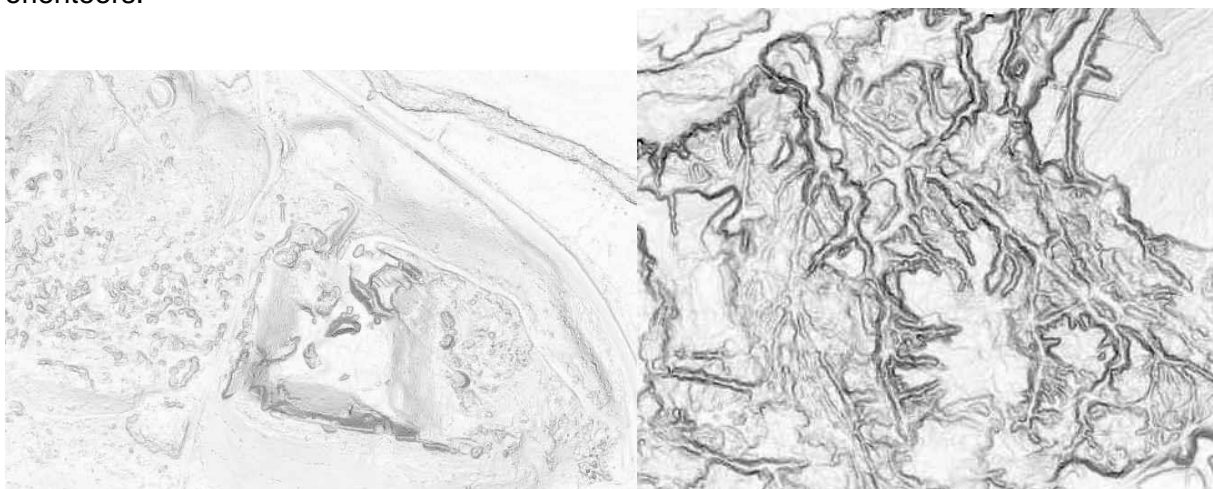
You can find further information by googling "[Control Descriptions | International Orienteering Federation](#)".

ORIENTEERING TRIVIA – CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE MAP?

Below are six images of Bendigo locations that are also on Bendigo orienteering maps used in the last two or three years. Also included in the images are two significant Bendigo infrastructures that may help you identify the map. The images are produced using lidar data to show the slope of the land. Dark is steep. White is flat. Most orienteering maps are now mapped using this imagery.



And two more challenging images that are not Bendigo maps. One features in the title page for this newsletter and on the club web site. The other is an infamous Victorian terrain famous for confusing orienteers.



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A DIFFERENT LADY SETTING CONTROL 32

