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September 2019

EDITORIAL

We are approaching the pointy end of the orienteering calendar with the final Bush Classic events in September as well as a range of State and National Championship competitions. Good luck to everyone especially our younger orienteers competing in the Australian Schools Championship events that form part of the Oceania Carnival.

It was good to see Ian Johnstone hale and hearty and back in the bush at his birthday event at Harcourt – although the bitterly cold weather meant numbers were down somewhat. Thanks to Derek Morris for bringing Ian up from Melton.

A note for your diaries: The Annual Presentation Event will be on November 30th at Victoria Hill – Albert Richardson Reserve. Nigel McGuckian will be setting the courses, so I'm sure it will be a fun day. More details in the next newsletter.

Cheers,
Dianne & Peter

COMING EVENTS: September

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
Non-Bendigo events will normally require pre-entry via Eventor.

Bendigo Events

Sat 7 September	Bendigo Bush Classic #16	Mt Alexander	Paul Elam
Sat 14 September	Bendigo Bush Classic #17	Brown's reef	John Wilkinson
Sat 21 September	Bendigo Bush Classic #18	Diamond Hill South	Lorraine Leversha
Sat 28 September	Bendigo 1 hr Score Event	Guys Hill Road	Terry Davidson

Victorian Events

Sun 22 September	Victorian Long Distance Championships	Chinaman's Flat (Linton)
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Other Championship Events in September

Sun 1 September	ACT Long Distance Championships	Slap Up Creek
Sun 8 September	SA Long Distance Championships	Crooked Straight (Renmark)

Sun 28 Sep – Sun 6 Oct	Oceania Championships Carnival	Cootamundra, NSW Wagga, NSW Beechworth, Victoria
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Fundraising as an initiative to get more families into orienteering – Jacqui Knee

Bendigo Orienteers have partnered with a couple of local primary schools to use our bush events to raise funds for their school. These events have proven to be a great opportunity to get families to come along and try out orienteering.

The arrangement with the primary school is that we run the event, provide equipment, great courses and instruction on orienteering, and the school sets the event fee (which they collect) and promotes the event.

This year we have run two fundraiser events for both the Castlemaine North Primary School (CNPS) and Eppalock Primary School. This is the first year CNPS have joined us with up to 20 families taking part in orienteering. We ran a fundraiser for the Eppalock Primary School last year and two this year, with a couple of the Eppalock Primary School families signing up to become members of the club.

Feedback from participating families and the school is positive, with each school raising over \$300 this year for the Parents and Carer Association to spend on the school.

We plan to continue this initiative next year. If you are connected to a primary school who may be interested in using our bush events as a fundraiser, please contact Jacqui on 0400 054 690.

I would like to thank the club for supporting such an initiative and to the club members who have volunteered their time and shared their knowledge about orienteering with the families attending the fundraiser events.

Cactus Eradication Day 2019 – Julie Flynn

Seven people attended the wheel cactus eradication exercise at Mt Kooyoora recently. We had the use of the Loddon Plains Landcare Network trailer, with its equipment to inject wheel cactus. We split into 3 groups to visit different places where we knew wheel cactus was growing. Altogether we probably injected 60 - 70 plants this time, mostly in the northern area and around the rocky slabs of the north east side. Neil reported that the large outcrop of cactus first injected 2 years ago, with a follow up last year, had completely disappeared.

You'll see by the map (below) which shows the GPS trace of where the groups travelled, that we covered a lot of ground and much of it was quite steep. We were all very tired at the end of the day.

Thanks to these people for contributing to this work:

Alison Radford, Lorraine Leversha, Andrew Leversha, Phil Robertson, Daryl Fleay, Neil Barr and Julie Flynn.



Photo: Julie Flynn

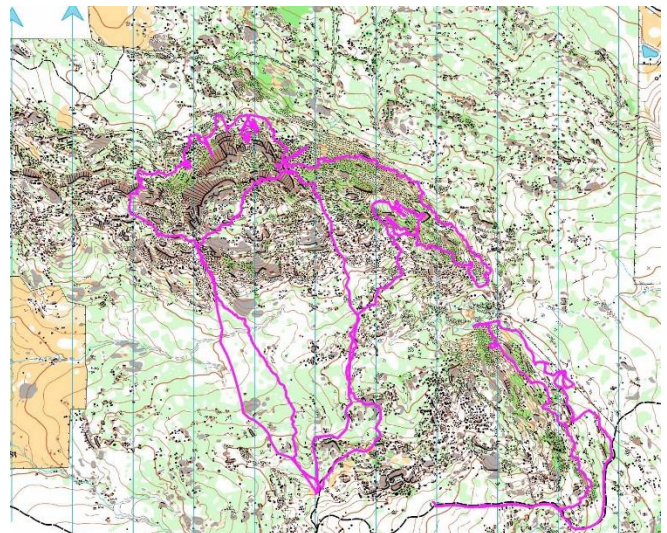


Image Surgery: Julie Flynn

Mosquito Creek map

At the August club meeting of it was decided that the Mosquito Creek map should be re-mapped as the area has changed considerably with some features now missing and others appeared. Accordingly, members interested are asked to tender a proposal for the remap. Proposals should be sent to Secretary, Jenny Ball by September 27.

THE LADY AT CONTROL 32

A Small World

Tony and Alison Radford after a sea cruise on the 'Coral Discoverer' through the Kimberley arrived in Darwin from Broome watched by their family, members of Top End Orienteers. Three weeks later Lorraine and Andrew Leversha arrived on the same ship. This time they were navigated ably to their mooring spot by Andrew Scott (Top End Orienteer and Tony and Alison's son-in-law), who works as a pilot in Darwin Harbour. If you have the opportunity, a Kimberley cruise is a wonderful way to experience this remote part of Australia.



Photo: Alison Radford
MV Coral Discoverer

2019 World Rogaining Championships

The 16th World Rogaining Championships were held in Catalunya, Spain in late July. The terrain was forest and the high mountains of the Pyrenees bordering France and Spain. Almost 400 teams took part in the event, including many Australians. Our own Derek Morris with partner Ted van Geldermalsen (Yarra Valley OC, and a regular at Bendigo local events) were second in the Mens Ultra Veteran section, just 10 points behind the winning pair from Estonia. A great effort. If only they had taken a slightly different route choice – The Rogainers Lament – things may have been different, but the pair were pleased with their efforts given the horrendous weather conditions endured for part of the 24 hours.

Derek tells me that if anyone had collected all controls (no one did) they would need to have travelled around 100km and climbed 9000m – yes, higher than Mt Everest! Derek and Ted's climb was approximately 3000m.

Two Australian teams won their categories: Julie Quinn and David Baldwin (Mixed Veteran) and Jonathon Worswick and Mike Hotchkis (Men Super Veteran).



Photo: Dianne Searle
Derek with the 2019 WRC map

GALLERY: Some images from 2019 World Masters Orienteering Championships



Photo: Dianne Searle
Control pickup, WMOC Sprint, Riga, Latvia



Photo: Dianne Searle
Walk to the start, WMOC Long, Latvia



Photo: Dianne Searle
WMOC Forest Qualification Model Map, Latvia