



## Newsletter 20/2

March 2020

### EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March Newsletter.

After a false start in February owing to the forced cancellation of the ToDay event we can now look forward to the first Bush Classic for the season at Mt Kooyoora. This should be a great weekend with training opportunities both after the Saturday event and on Sunday at Mt Korong. As well, the Vic Autumn Series starts on March 15 and then another double-header the following weekend with Bush Classic #2 at Mt Alexander and Autumn Series #2 at Mt Tarrengower – so plenty of orienteering to look forward to March.

On the management side, the club is grateful to Craig Feuerherdt on being elected President and I'm sure it will be another successful year with some new initiatives planned – more on that later in the year.

Enjoy your orienteering.

Dianne and Peter

### COMING EVENTS: March

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](http://www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events)

#### Bendigo Events

|     |        |                          |              |                    |
|-----|--------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Sat | Mar 21 | Bendigo Bush Classic #1* | Mt Kooyoora  | Julie Flynn        |
| Sun | Mar 22 | Training Event**         | Mt Korong    | Frederic Tranchand |
| Sat | Mar 28 | Bendigo Bush Classic #2  | Mt Alexander | Tony Radford       |

#### Victorian Events

|       |           |                          |                |                   |
|-------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| S/S/M | Mar 7/8/9 | Melbourne Sprint Weekend | Various maps   | Various clubs     |
| Sun   | Mar 15    | Vic Autumn Series #1     | Borhoney Ghurk | OV                |
| Sun   | Mar 29    | Vic Autumn Series #2     | Mt Tarrengower | Nillumbik Emus OC |

\* Training exercises with Frederic Tranchand will be available after 3.00pm

\*\* A training event will be held at Mt Korong beginning at 10.00am. All ages and abilities are welcome. Keep an eye on Eventor for further details.

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## NEWS

### **Craig Feuerherdt is our new President**

At the General Meeting held on February 21 Craig was elected President. Craig has held roles at OA and OV level and will do a great job in leading Bendigo Orienteers. Congratulations Craig!



### **Vetters requested for Eppalock events QB111**

Three events are planned in the Lake Eppalock area for the Queens Birthday Weekend, June 6, 7 & 8. We are organizing Day 1 at Mosquito Creek, with Terry Davidson the course setter. Dandenong Ranges OC have asked if we could provide vetter(s) to check control placements for their events on Sunday and Monday. Anyone interested please contact Secretary Peter Searle at [pd.searle@bigpond.com](mailto:pd.searle@bigpond.com)

### **Local Event Organizers needed**

Local events until the end of April have been filled, but we need organizers for events in May, July and August. On the Bendigo Orienteers website look under 'Events' then 'Bendigo Orienteering Fixture 2020' for further details. Setting courses is another way to improve your orienteering skills, and plenty of members are available to help you work through the process if needed.

### **Volunteers for Major Events**

Extra help may be needed at the March 21 event at Mt Kooyoora, as larger numbers are expected, being our first bush orienteering event for 2020. Please be available to assist if needed.

Also, to mark in your diaries, we are running the Victorian Relays on 24<sup>th</sup> May when a number of different roles will need to be filled. Jim Russell is the event organizer.

### **Primary Schools Championships**

The Loddon Mallee PS Championships listed for March 27 is unlikely to be held following the resignation of the organizer, OV Executive Officer, Rob Fell.

### **Camping at Mt Kooyoora**

March 21 sees the first Bush Classic event of the year followed by a training event at nearby Mt Korong the next day. A few members are planning on camping at the Mt Kooyoora campground on the Saturday night. If you can, spend a night under the stars and save petrol and the planet at the same time. We would love to see you there.

### **Castlemaine North Primary School fundraiser**

Last year, following an initiative of Jacqui Knee, the club organized a fund raising orienteering event for Castlemaine North PS on the Browns Reef map. The parents group at the school were very impressed with the day which was enjoyed by parents and kids alike. The funds raised by the school were used to provide every new Prep student in 2020 with a school hat.

### **Life Members**

At the 2019 AGM held after the Fizz and Fowl event on February 2, Julie Flynn and Neil Barr were awarded Life Membership of the club. Julie and Neil have been tireless workers for Bendigo Orienteers over many years in many and varied areas of club life. Congratulations Julie and Neil!





### Fizz and Fowl Event

The club's first event for the year was on the Dead Bullock Gully map with a start at the Crusoe Heights reserve in Kangaroo Flat. Conditions were wet prior to the event but fined up on the morning making great running conditions.

Course setter John Wilkinson arranged 18 controls in the surrounding bush and competitors had to punch as many as they could in 45 minutes. This is an area of old gold mining features, erosion gullies, hills, water channels and lots of tracks.

Fastest time of the day went to Craig Feuerherdt who got all controls in 33:25 min followed by David Brownridge only 51 seconds behind. Clare Brownridge was the fastest female in a time of 41:21 min (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Craig took home of bottle of wine for his efforts. Well done Craig.

Everyone stayed after the event for the usual chicken and champagne feast, the AGM and chat.

Results are on Eventor. Thanks to those who helped out at the event.

John Wilkinson

### Robin Uppill OAM

South Australian orienteer Robin Uppill was awarded an OAM for her service to the sport in the 2020 Australia Day awards. Though not a member of our club it is worth remembering that as a minor sport such awards are few and far between and should be celebrated.

### Anne Robinson has a new hip

Anne had a hip replacement in late February and is making great progress. The crutches have been thrown out and she will soon be able to tackle orienteering terrain again. All the best for your future rehab, Anne.

### Leisha in Paris



In January I was fortunate enough to travel to France as a result of a National Baking Scholarship I won last year. Here I attended an International Baking Trade Show (Europain), got to spend a day learning how the French make croissants and how to shape artisan bread, went on a Chocolate and Pastry food tour, visited patisseries and ate way too much! It was a great learning experience and I've come away with a lot of ideas to try back home and at work! Not quite the right season for orienteering in Europe unfortunately though, next time!

Leisha Spowart



**Editors note:** The Uber Eats person on the left of the photo is on his way to deliver a Gourmet Hawaiian pizza (with extra pineapple) to Leisha and Jason!

### Walking Together- Balak Kalik Manya – Newsletter Update February 2020

**Editors note:** The article below is a report on a new project operating on two maps used by Bendigo Orienteers – Wildflower Drive and Kalimna Park.

The Walking Together- Balak Kalik Manya Project is a four-year project committed to writing site-specific management plans for two sites within Dja Dja Wurrung Country; Kalimna Park in Castlemaine and Wildflower Drive in Bendigo. Both sites have been selected because of their proximity to growing townships and the increasing pressures of urbanisation slowly encroaching closer and closer to these park boundaries. The project is focusing on how we can increase community connection with nature, improve visitation rates and encourage healthy use of

these sites, all while maintaining and improving biodiversity. The project will promote Djaara employment and assist in Djaara reconnecting with traditional practices of land management. We are currently in the planning stage of the project with preliminary assessments wrapping up in the coming weeks; including cultural surveying and recording, flora and fauna surveying, and visitor monitoring. This is being completed to inform management plans and gain a greater understanding of everyone/everything that uses/lives within these parks.

Cultural surveying has been completed at both sites with several new rockwells being discovered and recorded within Kalimna Park. Previously known rockwells in the area were shown to us by local elder Uncle Rick Nelson and then recorded using Aboriginal Victoria's 'Victorian Aboriginal Place Component Form'.



Visitor monitoring is being undertaken in conjunction with one of Parks Victoria's Social

Science Officers. The original idea was to get both sites added to the Visitor Satisfaction Monitor; Parks Victoria's yearly survey which gains an indication of visitor demographics and usages. After both sites were assessed by the Social Science Officer, we decided to create our own questionnaire tailoring the survey to more site-specific questions and allowing us the opportunity to conduct another survey after the project has concluded to monitor the effectiveness of the management plans from the perspective of the community. When this survey is ready, it will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders and user groups for their input. Flora and Fauna surveying is being completed by local ecologists Elaine Bayes and Karl Just (Rakali Consulting). These surveys have found extremely positive results with the endangered Pink-tailed Worm-lizard being recorded within Wildflower Drive. This legless lizard lives underground and navigates using ant galleries. The surveying method required to record the presence of the Pink-tailed Worm-Lizard is rock-rolling; an average of around 3,000 rocks are being rolled before finding one. Surveying was completed with assistance from students at Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo Field Naturalists members, and other volunteers from around the state of Victoria. The Pink-tailed Worm-lizard is highly vulnerable to inappropriate fire regimes and disturbance of ground (land clearing, illegal mountain bike trails, mining). We also recorded two of the vulnerably listed Woodland Blind Snake, several Stumpy-tailed Lizards, Blue Tongues, and thankfully no venomous snakes!



*Pink-tailed Worm-lizard*

Other surveying has been completed through Elaine Bayes and Karl Just with assistance from the local Castlemaine community to record and monitor the presence of the endangered Eltham Copper Butterfly within Kalimna Park; with terrific results and the most comprehensive mapping of *Bursaria spinosa* ever undertaken (worldwide).



The Eltham Copper Butterfly is well known to Castlemainians, but not much is known about this butterfly to Bendigonians - even though there is a recorded population at Big Hill. Because of this, it is not a stretch for Eltham Copper Butterflies to occur at Wildflower Drive also – given there is plenty of *Bursaria* present at the site. Wildflower Drive was mapped for *Bursaria spinosa* by local ecologist/butterfly expert Julie Radford with no flying butterflies seen whilst conducting the mapping.

Other important, threatened animals that we are currently monitoring include Brush-tailed Phascogale, Sugar Glider, Fat-tailed Dunnart and other animal species that may frequent the sites. At the beginning of 2020 we will be developing two management plans and consulting with key community stakeholders and user groups about what their aspirations are for these parks. Balaki wurrekang (to speak to the mob) - consultation with the DDW community will occur at this time with a great opportunity to incorporate our ideas into the delivery phase of the management plans; e.g. interpretative signage, food and fibre trails, shelter design, signposts with Djaara language, cultural burning, and many other options are possible.

If there is anything you would like to discuss regarding this project, I am available in person, by phone or email.

I would love to have your input.

Thank you,

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