



Newsletter 20/4

June 2020

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June Newsletter. Details of local events are included below however, because of Covid-19 regulations it is still not clear what the format of the events will be.

IMPORTANT: Information concerning the Smiths Reef event on June 27 is provided on page 2.

Details of surveys carried out at Wildflower Drive and Kalimna Park are described in the Walking Together newsletter on page 2. Please consider filling out the survey questionnaire to assist this important work.

Dianne and Peter

GENERAL ENTRY CONDITIONS – you must NOT attend any orienteering event:

If you are unwell with a cough, fever or other respiratory symptoms.

If you have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, until you have completed the prescribed quarantine period, even if you are symptom free or tested negative.

If you have returned from any overseas country, until you have completed the quarantine period, even if you are symptom free or tested negative.

If you have been tested for COVID-19, until you have received negative results and are symptom free.

If you have been advised to stay at home by a health professional.

Orienteering Victoria recommends downloading and registering the Australian Government CovidSafe smartphone app; the more people that register, the faster we can return to orienteering. **COMING EVENTS: June & July**

Below is a listing of local events during June and July. Course setters for our events have been included. Other events held in Victoria (and Australia) are listed on the Eventor website where full details of each competition are available. The Eventor website is at: www.eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events

While Covid-19 regulations are in force, entry and payment to events is via Eventor only. Entry-on-the Day will not be available.

Bendigo Events

Sat	June 27	TBC	Bendigo Bush Classic #12	Smiths Reef	John Wilkinson
Sat	July 4	TBC	Bendigo Bush Classic #13	Birds Reef	Lorraine Leversha
Sat	July 11	TBC	Bendigo Bush Classic #14	Crusoe Reservoir	Nigel McGuckian & Jacqui Knee
Sat	July 18	TBC	Bendigo Bush Classic #15	Pilchers Bridge South	TBA
Sat	July 25	TBC	Bendigo Bush Classic #16	Tappit Hen (Tarnagulla)	Neil Barr
TBC To Be Confirmed					

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NEWS

Smiths Reef Event, June 27

Four sessions will be available.

Session 1: 12-1pm

Session 2: 1-2pm

Session 3: 2-3pm

A Junior session is also available for those 16 and under. If you are a Junior PLEASE enter this session as there is no limit on numbers and you may run at any time between 12 and 3pm.

Sessions 1,2, and 3 are limited to 20 entrants.

ENTRIES WILL OPEN TONIGHT (MONDAY JUNE 22) AT 10 PM.

As Bendigo members you are strongly advised to enter and pay as soon as possible after this time as there has been strong interest in this event from orienteers outside Bendigo.

Isolation News

Map cases

How old are your map cases!

This week when planning a walk and rain expected we dug out an old O map case from our collection. Surprisingly it had a hand written name of an old friend from Scotland who at the time was in M45/50. He is now in his early 80s!

Alison Radford

WOC 85 medals

While surfing the web Jim Russell discovered on eBay commemorative medals produced to celebrate the World Championships in Bendigo in 1985 – gold, silver and bronze were produced. Jim has kindly donated the set to the club archives. Thanks Jim!



Club Uniforms



The club has some uniforms in stock at present. The above locally made tops are priced at \$60 adult, \$15 (subsidised) children. Sizes in stock : Mens 1 x Lge, 1 x XL, 3 x Sml.

Ladies 1 x Med, 1 x Sml.
 Children – all sizes available.
 This style can be supplied on order in 7-10 days.



The older style top from dirty.d in NZ, still available to order, but a little more expensive.
 Little stock at present:
 Ladies 1 x 2XL, 1 x XL.
 Mens out of stock at present.

Walking Together- Balak Kalik Manya – Newsletter Update

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 were selected due to their proximity to growing townships and the increasing pressures of urbanisation slowly encroaching both park boundaries. The project is exploring how we can increase community connection with nature, how to 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.

Since the previous newsletter, our flora and fauna assessments have now been completed with terrific results in mapping Eltham Copper Butterfly (*Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida*) populations and clusters of Sweet Bursaria (*Bursaria spinosa*) habitat within Kalimna Park. Similar surveying was completed at Wildflower Drive to detect the presence of the Eltham Copper Butterfly but sadly, there were none detected. The elusive Pink-tailed Worm-lizard's (*Aprasia parapulchella*) presence was discovered at Wildflower Drive. This is an important find as our surveying information and mapping of this species, and other threatened and important species, has been provided to DELWP to inform their scheduled fuel reduction burns at the site.

We have also recently completed an extensive camera trapping program across both sites with Tactecol Consulting, in total 36 cameras were setup for a month to record and monitor the presence of a broad range of animals; but with a focus on arboreal marsupials such as Tuans, Sugar Gliders and Possums. Kalimna Park had promising results with Tuans but unfortunately, Wildflower Drive did not record the presence of any Tuans, Sugar Gliders or Possums. This was extremely disappointing given that the One Tree Hill area of the Greater Bendigo National Park (just a stone throw away from Wildflower Drive) is known to have healthy populations of these animals. However, this disappointing result provides an opportunity to investigate a range of management actions to help these struggling animals. Such as a rope bridge over Strathfieldsaye Road connecting the One Tree Hill block to Wildflower Drive, and this also provides an opportunity to construct and install nest boxes onsite in conjunction with school groups and local community members to help attract and provide a home for these important species at Wildflower Drive.

Cultural surveying will continue as more rockwells and other areas of cultural significance have been discovered and recorded within Kalimna Park, many thanks to the vigilant community members who are keeping an eye out for items of cultural significance and making us aware of the location for verifying. So far, all the items of cultural heritage I have been asked to look at have been legitimate- showing that some members within the Castlemaine community have a keen eye for Djaara culture.



Figure 1- Hanging out in some Wire-leaf Mistletoe (*Amyema preissii*) in Kalimna Park. Does anyone know the name of this groovy looking species of larva?

During April this year, we were planning on beginning consultation with the community to better understand what it is the community aspire

their parks to be. Given the current global circumstances with COVID-19 we have had to delay this process until we knew how to best approach the situation. We will be going ahead with community consultation, starting **NOW**, in the form of a short, online survey. The survey asks questions about demographics and prioritisation of specific management actions that have been suggested for the parks. This survey is just the beginning of the community consultation we are planning to do, and I am hoping that we can meet in person within the next couple of months; when COVID-19 restrictions ease. Please fill in the survey and redistribute to other interested members of the community if you feel like doing so.

Here is the link to the survey-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MF7B2Z>

If you or the group that you are involved with would prefer to give input in a different way other than the survey or a future face-to-face meeting, please let me know what process you would like to follow and I will try and accommodate as best I can to allow for everyone's opinions to be voiced. These parks are incredibly special sites, and one of the things that make them special is having a community of people that care for them.

If you would like to discuss the survey with me, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch. I would love to have your input.

Thank you,

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Figure 2- Black Rock Scorpion at Wildflower Drive

Mystery in the Forest

Some members of the Bendigo Historical Society are curious as to the origin of a star-shaped sign in our nearby Diamond Hill forest. Terry Davidson asked historians who would have a likely interest and might have some knowledge concerning this object, but so far no one has been able to offer any explanation. The ranger is aware of the sign on the very northern edge of our Diamond Hill North map but he has no explanation for it.

An article and online posting in the Advertiser of May 26th, along with an image of the sign, has to date received no feedback as to the sign's origin.

This sturdy steel plate sign with its only visible remaining peeling paint letters shows just the letters 'ining', (which may in fact be part of the word 'mining?'), along with just one other visible letter remaining, a capital E.



Local historians are wondering whether it is a mining relic or might it even have been a protest sign? Or might it have some straightforward or even mundane explanation as to its origin? Also of interest would be knowing how long it might have been there at the edge of the forest.

We have previously had orienteering starts at the small car-park off Bellvue Road so there may be an orienteer who is aware of this object and knows its history.



Terry set up an email bendigomystery@gmail.com to receive the avalanche of responses from knowledgeable Bendigonians! Break the drought for him!