



## Newsletter 21/4

July 2021

### EDITORIAL

Covid-wise things seem to be on the improve – in Victoria at least. Restrictions are being eased and it seems we can look forward to July events without the fear of a sudden lockdown. Experience tells us that the situation can change rapidly, so keep an eye on the Eventor listings for any last minute changes,

The One Tree Hill event in mid-June was our first after lockdown and was well supported by Bendigo and Melbourne competitors. Since then numbers have continued to climb each Saturday with a record 79 entries at Charles Brownridge's Diamond Hill event. The day also set a record of a different kind with extra low temperatures – 5.3C at 1.00pm climbing to a balmy 7.7C at 4.00pm! Photos from some of the events during the last month are included below.

Details of non-orienteeing activities on two of our maps are outlined in the newsletter for members who may be interested. The first is an historical tour of the Diamond Hill area and the second is "Get to know your local bushland" activities at Mt Kooyoora State Park.

The club is still short of course setters for the Lockwood event (31st July) and Stumpy Gully (14th August). If you are intertest in setting Bendigo Bush courses on these maps please make contact with Secretary Ross Slater on: [secretary@bendigo-orienteers.com.au](mailto:secretary@bendigo-orienteers.com.au)  
**Dianne and Peter**

### COMING EVENTS: JULY

For full details and entry details of each competition please go to the Eventor website at:  
[www.eventor.orienteeing.asn.au/Events](http://www.eventor.orienteeing.asn.au/Events)

### Bendigo Events

Date	Title	Map	Covid Status	Setter
Sat 10 July	Bendigo Bush	Brown's Reef	OK	Jenny Ball
Sat 17 July	Bendigo Bush	Dead Bullock Gully	OK	John Wilkinson
Sat 24 July	Bendigo Bush	Bullock Track	OK	Nigel McGukian
Sat 31 July	Bendigo Bush	Lockwood	OK	TBA

### Other Victorian Events

Sun 11 July	Ballarat Winters Series #2	Cornish Hill	OK	Eureka OC
Sun 25 July	Ballarat Winters Series #3	Nerrina South	OK	Eureka OC
Sun 1 August	Vic Autumn Series #5 **	Glenlyon Forest	OK	CHOC

\*\* This event rescheduled from May 30

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## One Tree Hill – June 19



Registration tent in bright sunshine. QR code check-in – a sign of the times.

## Diamond Hill South – June 26



Sophie Taverna finishing Course 2.



Akira Hill enjoying the rock feature on Course 5

## Diamond Hill North – July 3



Ted van Geldermalsen & Don Cherry comparing notes



Don Cherry sorting out the start procedure

[Photo credits: John Wilkinson, Dianne Searle]

## Discover the fascinating history of Diamond Hill

Being a member of the club but also a member of the Bendigo Historical Society, I thought that club members who have competed on Diamond Hill may, while knowing it (well?) from an orienteering point of view, might be interested in the most interesting history of the area. Well known Bendigo historian, James Lerk, will be conducting an extended tour of the area on **Sunday, 1st August**. James is very knowledgeable, being the author in 2016 of a 250 page book - 'Gold, blood, sweat and fear: Bendigo's Diamond Hill and its gullies'.

Details regarding the tour are below - Note that booking is essential.

Assembly at 9.00 am, Sunday 1st August in MacDougall Rd, south of Hattam St. and in vicinity of the businesses of Keatings and Kings. It is anticipated that the tour will be of 3-4 hours duration.

To book a place, phone Pip on 0472 975 068.

Again, booking is essential. The cost will be \$10.

**Terry Davidson**

## Get to know your local bushland – Friends of Kooyoora

Winter is a great time to be out the bush. The bush is beginning to come alive. Winter species are flowering and the first signs of spring are emerging. The honeyeaters are becoming more active and the winter migratory birds have arrived. These northern zones of the Park are amongst the richest in flora and bird species and contain some of the most significant cultural heritage and historical sites in the region. So whatever your interest why not join us for one or more excursions over the weekend and learn a little bit more of the areas not regularly visited by the masses.

### July Winter Activities

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** am: Glenalbyn Block  
pm: Sunday Morning Hills Block

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** am: Mt Kooyoora  
pm: Mt Kooyoora walk

Registration prior to the event is required. Register your intention to join by Wednesday July 13 and indicate which session(s) you will be attending.

Register at: [kooyoorafriends@gmail.com](mailto:kooyoorafriends@gmail.com) or call 0447 036 952 for further information.

Details are available on the Friends of Kooyoora facebook page.

## 2021 World Orienteering Championships

WOC 2021 is currently (early July) underway in the Czech Republic. It is 30 years since Jim Russell was a member of the 1991 WOC Australian Team competing in then Czechoslovakia. Unfortunately this year, owing to the COVID situation there is no Australian Team at the Championships. We can however follow some of the action.

### Sprint Final

Tim Robertson from New Zealand put in a great run to finish third in the Men's Sprint Final. Tim (and many others in the competition) wore two SI sticks. We assume one is the official stick provided by the WOC organizers, and the other their personal stick as back-up – just in case!



Tim Robertson (NZ) in the finish chute in the Sprint Final (Facebook)

### WOC Men's Middle Distance Qualifying event

Tomas Lima (Portugal) takes advantage of gravity in his route choice down an 'impassable cliff'.



Tomas Lima (Portugal) (Facebook)