

Bendigo Orienteers

Newsletter October / 2023



Above: Mt Kooyoora O event (granite country). Photo: Di Searle

We are nearing the end of the orienteering season. A number of events have been held since the last newsletter. On 9th September, Dale Taverna set some terrific courses on the Mandurang map. Dale used the typical bush in this area to make a great day for all. Craig Feuerherdt set some challenging courses on the Mt Kooyoora map on 16th Sept – making good use of the difficult to navigate granite terrain.

On 23rd Sept Ted van Geldermalsen set more challenging courses on Mt Korong – another granite area. The weather was perfect for orienteering and all enjoyed the day. On 7th October John Wilkinson set three courses on the Rocky Rises map. This was a free training run and used a minimum of equipment – the day was terrific for the 20 competitors – including some newcomers.

Thank you to those persons who competed and to those who set the courses, helped to collect controls and/or organised the events.

Reminders:

1. If any member has a trophy they received last year – please return it ASAP to the Secretary for presentations this year in November.
2. Also if you can help at a Wheel cactus eradication day on 31st October (all day), email Julie Flynn julieflynn@fastmail.fm. Working with children check needed.

Coming O events

Our events for this year are listed on Eventor. Please also enter via Eventor.

- 21st October .. Pilchers Bridge.. Twilight O event. Do a 1, 2 or 3 hour course.
Score format. Setter: Ross Slater. Details below.
- 18th November Bendigo break up (social) event - Victoria Hill (Saturday evening)



Photo above: Keely Williams running the 2nd leg of the school relays at the Australian Championships in WA in October. Photo: Neil Barr

Australian Championships Western Australia October 2023

Aust Middle Distance 30th September results for Bendigo members.

Peter Searle 2nd M80

Julie Flynn 3rd W65

Alison Radford 5th W70

Tony Radford 5th M75

Di Searle 8th W75

Neil Barr 10th M65

Keely Williams 17th W14

Aust Long Distance 7th October results for Bendigo members

Tony Radford 1st M75

Alison Radford 1st W70

Peter Searle 6th M80

Neil Barr 7th M65

Julie Flynn 7th W65

Well done to everyone who travelled to WA for the Aus champs.



Above: The Finish at Mt Kooyoora event. Photo by Di Searle.

Saturday October 21 - Twilight score event - Pilchers Bridge

The twilight event is a score event - get as many controls as you can in the time.
All controls are worth 10 points.

10 point deduction for every part minute you are over your time.

1 hour, 2 hour and 3 hour events offered.

Briefing at 6:00pm. Mass start at 6:15pm.

Sunset is 7:45pm and darkness occurs at 8:10pm so a torch is required for 2 hour and 3 hour events.

The 1 hour event will be completed in daylight and there will be moderate navigation controls accessible in 1 hour. If you haven't done a score event before the 1 hour event would be a good introduction.

Course Setter: Ross Slater.

***HELP STILL NEEDED** We have been short of members to help pack up gear and collect controls at the end of our events. Please consider staying back to help pack up after your run (if each member helps out at 4 events for the year it makes life much easy). Thank you.*

Bendigo 2023 committee:

President: Neil Barr Vice President: Julie Flynn Treasurer: Craig Feuerherdt

Secretary: Ross Slater Members: John Wilkinson, Nola Juniper.

More committee members are welcome.

Send in reports / articles.

Please forward any articles for the newsletter to John Wilkinson, johnwbmw@gmail.com as Word documents, and photos separate as JPG's.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the newsletter this year.

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