

# Bendigo Orienteers

Newsletter March / 2023



Photo by John Wilkinson

## Editorial...

Welcome members to another Bendigo O newsletter.

Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> saw the Bendigo ToDay event set by Jim Russell with around 90 competitors. This event has a sprint course on Saturday evening followed by a Hagaby event on Sunday morning. The area was a new one mapped by Neil Barr south of Dunolly. It featured old gold mining and open bush terrain. The finish area was the same for each event. Patrick Jaffe was fastest on the sprint A course followed closely by Aston Key. B was won by Natasha Key followed by Sophie Taverna. C was won by Ella Maja Lang, with Alison Radford second and Jenny Ball third. The Sunday morning Hagaby was much longer in distance and Jim Russell had competitors zig-zagging through the bush. Winner of A was Aston Key by only 2 seconds from Brian Keely. B was won by Milla Key followed by Natasha Key then Sophie Taverna. Nigel McGuckian won C. Well done to everyone and thanks Jim for running the event. Full results are on Eventor.

Thanks to those who helped during and after the event.

The above photo shows the finish arena.

## Membership for 2023

Your 2023 membership fee is due now and it can be paid via Eventor. This year 2023 our membership fee has been reduced to \$35 to encourage more people to join.

Please update your contact details when re-joining.

## Coming events

Our events for this year are listed on Eventor. Enter via Eventor.

18 March ... Come and Try 1 (Myers Creek). Setter: Julie Flynn

25 March ... Come and Try 2 (Ironstone Hill). Setter: Julie Flynn

1 April ... Stumpy Gully. Classic Saturday Series starts. Setter: Ross Slater.

2 April ... VIC Club Relays (Ballarat) See Eventor for details Free Entry the club pays your entry fee.

15 April ... Royal George. Setter: Peter Forbes.

22 April ... MTBO champs (Bendigo is organiser) See details below.

29 April ... Wildflower Drive. Setter: Anne Robinson.

Helpers are always required at events, especially at the end when controls have to be collected (if each member helps out at 4 events for the year it makes life much easy).

Bendigo members are invited to attend the Come and Try events to provide guidance and support so that newcomers can enjoy their experience.

Details of these events can be found on Eventor and Facebook, so you can tell your friends. Anyone who wants to help out at our Come and Try events must have a current Working With Children card or have made an application for one. Applications can be made online at the following site (copy and paste this url):

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

If you are a Bendigo member and want to help at a Come and Try It event, please let Julie Flynn know (email: [julieflynn@fastmail.fm](mailto:julieflynn@fastmail.fm) or 04295496422)



Photo. J. Wilkinson

Blair Trewin and Clare Brownridge at the ToDay event.



## Bendigo 2023 committee:

President: Jim Russell Vice President: Julie Flynn Treasurer: Craig Feuerherdt  
Secretary: Ross Slater Members: John Wilkinson, Nola Juniper.

## Newcomers welcome in 2023!

The newcomers series starts in March with 2 Come and Try It (CATI) events on consecutive Saturdays: **18 March: Myers Creek (Kangaroo Flat)**

**25 March: Ironstone Hill (Jackass Flat)**

These free events are designed for newcomers, with 2 courses offered: course 4 (moderate level navigation) and course 5 (easy navigation).

After the CATI events the following 3 foot orienteering events in our calendar will include the normal 5 courses at bush locations close to Bendigo, so that all attendees can enjoy orienteering and our newcomers will be able to access these events easily. We need members to volunteer to organize these events and be available to support newcomers:

**1 April: Stumpy Gully (Maiden Gully)** (followed by the Easter weekend - no local events)

**15 April: Royal George (Maiden Gully/California Gully)**

(followed by the MTBO Vic Championships on 22 April, which Bendigo is organizing)

**29 April: Wildflower Drive (Strathdale/Strathfieldsaye)**

## Victorian MTBO Sprint Championships - Volunteers needed

The 2023 Victorian MTBO Championships will be held near Castlemaine on the 22/23 April. The Sprint and Middle events will be on Saturday, with the Long event on Sunday.

Bendigo is the organising club for the Sprint event with James Robertson course setter and Peter Searle organiser. As the Sprint and Middle events use the same mapped area, Bendigo and Bayside will share the running of the two events. Bendigo will look after the start for both events and Bayside will provide a finish team.

Volunteers needed: I estimate that a team of 5 people will be needed to set up and run the start procedure for each competition. The Sprint team will be needed from 9.00 am and the Middle team from 1.00 pm. I expect each start will take approximately 75 minutes.

If you can help out in the morning, the afternoon, or both, please let me know at: [pd.searle@bigpond.com](mailto:pd.searle@bigpond.com) or 0448 158 131

Peter Searle, Organiser, 2023 Victorian MTBO Sprint Championships

## Sat May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 Helpers Needed

Bendigo Orienteers is organising part of the VOA / NOL weekend at Spring Gully Castlemaine (near Fryerstown). Helpers will be need for this event.

Please contact John Wilkinson. Details will be sent out in next newsletter (Mid April).