

Bendigo Orienteers

Newsletter August / 2023



Above: Julie Flynn (Vice President) enjoying a run in the bush.

Photo: Don Cherry

A number of events have been held since the last newsletter. On 15th July, Julie Flynn set some terrific courses on the Fiddlers Green map. Julie used the typical Whipstick bush with eroded gullies and old gold mining features to make a great day for all. Daryl Fleay set competitive and enjoyable courses on the Smiths Reef event (near Maldon) on 22nd July.

On 29th July Colin Walker produced challenging courses in Lyell Forest (near Eppalock). Colin had controls set in a tight area comprising open bushland that required accurate navigation and some luck. On 5th August a Training event was set by Heather and David Jones on the Diamond Hill South map. Then on 12th August, Michael Loughnan ran a classic series event on Diamond Hill North map.

Thank you to those people who set last months courses, helped to collect controls and/or organised the above events.

***HELP 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.*

Coming O events

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

- 12 August ... Diamond Hill Nth. Bush O 13. Setter: Michael Loughnan
- 19 August ... Norfolk Hero Training. Setters: James Robertson / Jayne Sayles
- 26 August ... Lockwood Ranges – Bush O 14. Setter: Jenny Ball
- 2 September .. Vic Middle Dist Championship Mt Alexander (state event)
- 3 September .. Vic Long Dist Championship Mt Alexander (state event)
- 9 September .. Mandurang Sheepwash. - Bush O Setter: Wendy Taverna.
- 16 September .. Mt Kooyoora Bush O 15. Setter: Craig Feuerherdt

Membership for 2023

Your 2023 membership fee 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. Currently we have 95 members. Will we get to 100 by the end of the year ? Welcome to new members.

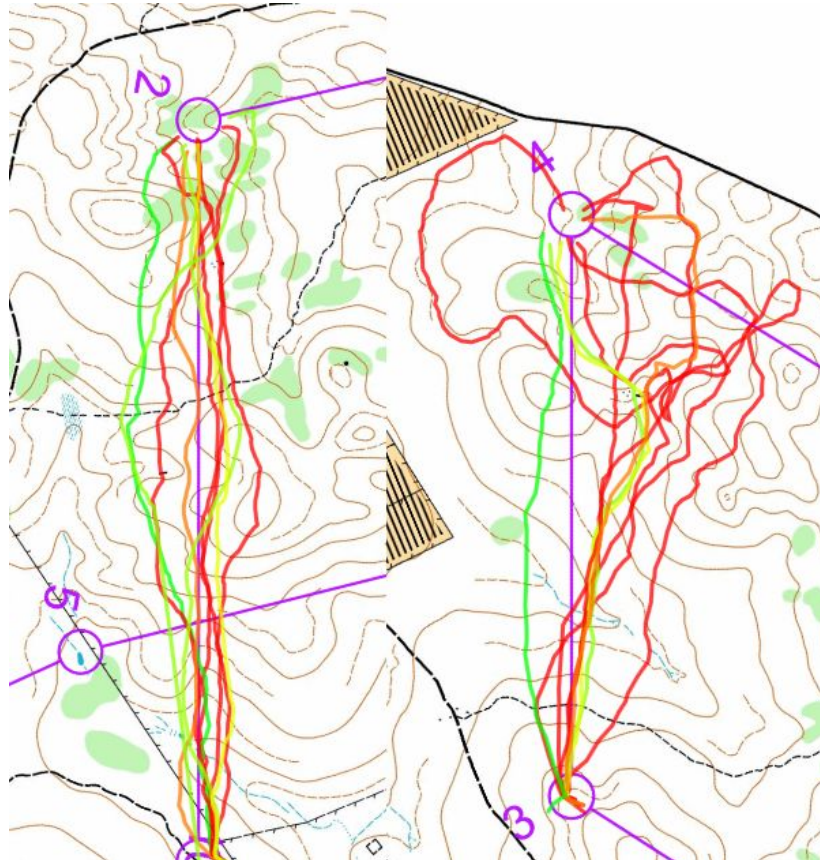


“Phew – I made it” Charles Brownridge. Photo by Don Cherry

Livelox an update from Neil Barr.

Bendigo Orienteers has reactivated a club subscription to Livelox. Livelox is a web site that allows members of Bendigo Orienteers Inc. to draw their route or upload their route so viewers can compare the navigation of orienteers. You can look at the routes orienteers have taken on each leg or the course as a whole. You can replay some legs (speed up of course) to see when you were overtaken or when you overtook someone else. The club subscription gives you access to all routes for Bendigo events. [For events organised by other clubs you will be limited to viewing one runner at a time unless you purchase a personal subscription or the club has purchased a universal subscription for the event]. The easiest link to Livelox is the red circular arrow symbol next to the results symbol on the Eventor listing for each Bendigo event.

Livelox is a handy tool for orienteers to assess their navigation and learn from the navigation of others. It is an even handier tool for course setters to see whether their course planning worked as they expected. Below is an interesting example from the Lyell Forest event set by Colin Walker. Eight orienteers uploaded their GPS track to course 2. None made a mistake on the first long leg to control 2. Most made an error on the next long leg to control 4. For the course setter the question is – why the difference? For the orienteer the question might be – how could I learn from those who didn't make a mistake?



I encourage everyone who runs with a GPS watch to upload their tracks to Livelox. The more that do this, the better value we all get from the service. If you use a Garmin watch, you can configure Livelox to automatically upload your route from the Garmin Connect web site. For those without a GPS watch, you can draw your track, and if SI timing has been used, Livelox will combine the SI times at controls with your hand drawn route. Even if you haven't uploaded to Livelox,

you can still explore the uploads of others after every Bendigo event. Simply login to Livelox with your Eventor username/password and you can view routes of multiple people.

SPECIAL DINNER – SOCIAL NIGHT ALL MEMBERS WELCOME.

Date: Saturday 19th August. 6 pm – 9 pm.

A mid-season social dinner at The National Hotel (opposite the Central Deborah Gold Mine). This is an opportunity to enjoy the company of Bendigo orienteering friends over a meal. Cost \$25 per head, 2 courses. If you want to bring a partner who is not a member – let us know and pay on night.

Please "enter" via Eventor early by Wedns 16th Aug so we can confirm numbers with the venue. Your "entry fee" will get you an entree OR dessert and a main meal. Pay for your own drinks at bar prices.

Development of a Bendigo Bushwalking Guide book

For a long time I have wanted to share the joy of navigating in our local forests and woodlands with more people. Bendigo Orienteers is supporting a project to develop a Bendigo bushwalking guide book that will encourage people to get out in the bush and navigate their way around a walking route using small sections of orienteering maps.

There is a small partnership working group of some orienteering club members and several others from the local Australian Conservation Foundation community group who are developing and testing some walking route descriptions which we will compile with orienteering maps and photos and then hope to publish and print professionally.

Bendigo Orienteers will use this project as an opportunity to promote orienteering and encourage people to use maps to navigate in the local bushland area.

We have applied for a City of Greater Bendigo community grant of \$10,000 to cover the printing costs of getting 500 books printed. This project is consistent with the Council's health and wellbeing goals of getting more people exercising and spending time in the bush.

So far we have 12 draft walking routes drafted and hope to have about 30 in the book.
Julie Flynn

Bendigo 2023 committee:

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

Please note Julie and Neil will be away from 22 Aug to 13 Oct. Please contact the Secretary (Ross S.) or Craig F if you require anything.

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.

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