

# Bendigo Orienteers

03 Newsletter April 2024



Above: Enjoying the hills and bush on Mt Tarrengower. Photo: Courtesy of Don Cherry.

## **Bush O at Dead Bullock Gully (JW)**

The first bush O event for April took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> in good conditions on the Dead Bullock Gully map near Kangaroo Flat. Organisers John and Jenny set up the tent after rain overnight dampened conditions. Fortunately it was fine during the event that saw 57 entrants with many from Melbourne based clubs. Several newcomers turned up for courses 4 and 5. Courses made use of the old mining, eroded gullies and open bush to provide a variety of features for all. Results are on Eventor.

Thanks to those who helped out at the end to collect controls – Derek, Ted, Julie, Neil, Ben, and Jim. We were all packed up by 4 pm.

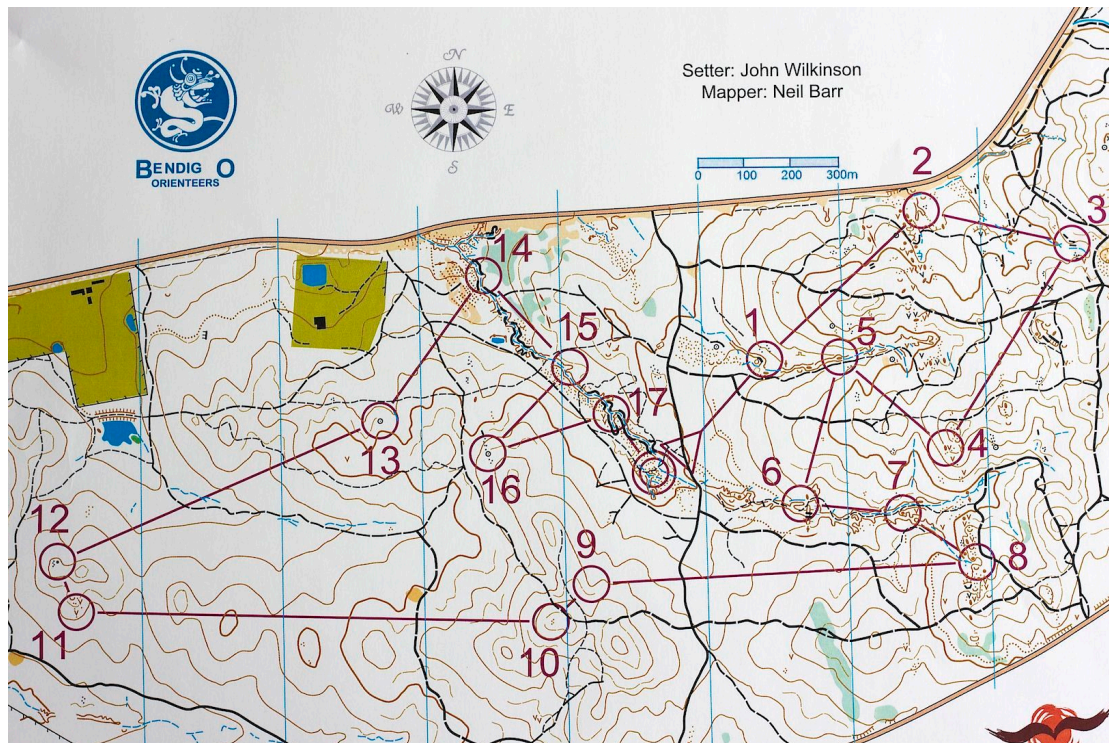
Course 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Torren Arthur, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ben Goonan

Course 2. 1<sup>st</sup>. Shayne Hill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don Cherry

Course 3. 1<sup>st</sup>. Keely Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Chellew

Course 4. 1<sup>st</sup>. Tamara Cottingham

Course 5. 1<sup>st</sup>. Paul Size.



Above map: Course 1 at Dead Bullock Gully.

## Come and Try #2 FREE (Julie Flynn)

There is another Come and Try event scheduled for Thursday 25 April, which is the Anzac Day holiday. The area is Long Gully (near Eaglehawk) corner of Stone and Bailey St. Entry is free. Details on Eventor. Some experienced helpers would be appreciated. Thank you Julie for organizing this event (Ed.).

## Membership 2024.

Membership of Bendigo Orienteers for 2024 will remain at \$35 for adults and \$6 for juniors (under 21). Entry to events will also remain at 2023 rates.

To rejoin, go to Eventor Australia on the web, login and select My Pages and check your contact details and other info. On the left side hit My Memberships and your name should come up. Click "Apply for Membership" then select year as 2024 and follow the info and pay by Pay Pal.

As of 13<sup>th</sup> April we have 71 members. **Welcome to all the new members.**

## Coming O events for 2024

Details of our events are on Eventor (through which you should also pre-enter).

At the end of this newsletter is a Fixture of this years events. The Fixture also lists other events in this region run by other clubs that you may like to enter.

Coming up are:

20<sup>th</sup> April Bendigo Bush Series. One Tree Hill Organiser Nigel McGuckian  
Entry via Eventor.

11<sup>th</sup> May Bendigo Bush Series Sedgwick North. Setter: Ted van Geldermalsen

25<sup>th</sup> May Bendigo Bush Series. Pichers Bridge. Setter: Don Cherry

There are other events run by other clubs close to Bendigo – see Fixture below.

The following dates are still available - please reply to the secretary Ross Slater if you are able to course set one of these. Email: <secretary@bendigo-orienteers.com.au>

August 3 - Napoleon Gully (Fiddlers Green West) - 5 courses

August 31 - Wildflower Drive - score event or 5 courses

September 9 - Kooyoora North - 5 courses

October 26 - Marong Forests - Twilight score event

### **April in Review and in Prospect by Neil Barr, President.**

The first days of April marked the conclusion of the Australian Easter Three Day event near Murray Bridge in South Australia. The most notable feature of the carnival was unfortunately the unseasonably hot weather, with temperature maximums of 35 and 37 on Saturday and Sunday. There were a dozen entrants from our club. Most notable results were Thea Richardson 3<sup>rd</sup> in W21Sport, and a slew of fourths and fifths in age classes – Dianne and Petter Searle, Tony Radford and Ilka Barr. The rest of us did our best in oppressive conditions, but clearly the heat had an impact on logical thinking. Next year Easter orienteering is to the west of Bendigo, and three weeks later which means a high probability of more amenable weather.

John Wilkinson's event on Dead Bullock Gully went off well with 55 attendees, including four from Hong Kong. Does that make it an international event? It was clear that the open forests of Bendigo were to the Hong Kongers liking, which is no surprise given that 95% of most Hong Kong maps are deeper shades of green. What was not to the liking of one of them was a close encounter with a Golden Orb spider. Perhaps we need to warn international visitors in future...

Last weekend we left a break in our local fixture to make room for a rogaine down at Enfield south of Ballarat. Five club members competed, as well as half a dozen other regular faces at Bendigo events. Notable results were a second in the open Mixed category by a team that included Clare Brownridge, Derek Morris coming second in the UltraVets category and the club committee team of Julie and Neil winning the Mixed UltraVets. There will be another rogaine next month, closer to home.

Coming up we have an event on One Tree Hill looming this coming weekend. I expect some long legs given the course setters penchant for minimal control numbers. This is quickly followed by an Anzac Day Come and Try It event on Danger Hill, California Gully. Volunteer coaches are needed please. Contact Julie Flynn.

The following two weeks you can get your orienteering fix on Sunday events at Petticoat Gully near Creswick, and the following Sunday closer to home at Eppalock. The Bendigo Series then resumes on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May with an event on Sedgwick North. This new style of orienteering fixture will be reviewed towards the end of the year as part of designing the 2025 fixture. Factors we will be balancing are the impact on attendance by local orienteers, the extent of volunteer support and whether our events or other clubs' events impact attendance at each other's events.

Fixture on next page .....

	Bendigo Orienteers	Bendigo Orienteers	Victorian Series	Ballarat Series
	National	Albury Wodonga	Rogaines	Sprints
Saturday Date	Saturday Events	Saturday Venue	Sunday Events	Sunday Venue
Apr-06	Bendigo Bush	Dead Bullock Gully-Kangaroo Flat	Ballarat Classic 1	Nerrina Nuggety-Ballarat
Apr-13	Rogaine	Enfield	Rogaine	Enfield
Apr-20	Bendigo Bush	One Tree Hill-Strathdale		
Apr-25	<i>Bendigo CATI (April 25)</i>	<i>St Justs Point</i>		
Apr-27			Ballarat Classic 2	Petticoat Gully-Creswick
May-04			Vic Bush 1	Eppalock
May-11	Bendigo Bush	Sedgwick North		
May-18	Rogaine	Fryerstown	Ballarat Classic 3	Tipperary - Daylesford
May-25	Bendigo Bush	Pilchers Bridge Central-Axe Creek		
Jun-01	Bendigo MTBO	Walmer	Vic Bush 2	Glenluce North
Jun-08			Maxi 3hr	Glenlyon
Jun-15	Rogaine	Muckleford		
Jun-22	Vic Bush 3	Racecourse Ck - Beechworth	Vic Bush 4	Beechworth Gorge
Jun-29	Bendigo Bush or Basic (TBD)	Mandurang Sheepwash	Ballarat Classic 5	Mt Beckworth-Clunes
Jul-06	Bendigo Bush	Mosquito Creek-Axe Creek		
Jul-13	Rogaine - Glenluce	Woowoorkerang - Ballarat	Rogaine Glenluce	Granite Hills - Sth Morang
Jul-20			Vic Bush 5	Tarrengower
Jul-27	Bendigo Bush	Kangaroo Gully		
Aug-03	Bendigo Bush	Napoleon Gully-Eaglehawk		
Aug-10	Bendigo Bush or Basic (TBD)	Peter the Great - Epsom		
Aug-17	Bendigo Bush	Argyle-Heathcote		
Aug-24			Vic Bush 6	Chewton
Aug-31	Bendigo Bush or Basic (TBD)	Wildflower Drive-Strathdale	Vic MTBO Champs	
Sep-07	Bendigo Bush	Kooyoora North-Inglewood		
Sep-14	Rogaine	Kara Kara	Vic Middle	Blackwood
Sep-21			Vic Long	Nuggety-Maldon
Sep-28	Australian Champs	Armidale NSW	Australian Champs	Armidale NSW
Oct-05	Australian Champs	Armidale NSW	Australian Champs	Armidale NSW
Oct-12	Rogaine	Whroo		
Oct-19	Twilight?	Mandurang Coolibah		

Oct-26	Twilight 2hr?	Marong Forests		
Nov-02	AWOC Championship?	Chiltern?		

## Bendigo 2024 committee:

President: Neil Barr

Vice President: John Wilkinson

Treasurer: Craig Feuerherdt

Secretary: Ross Slater

Members: Nola Juniper, Julie Flynn, James Robertson.

# BENDIGO BUSHLAND COME & TRY ORIENTEERING

COST- FREE

**THURSDAY APRIL 25**  
**STONE ST & BAILEY ST,  
LONG GULLY**

**Starts 12:30pm to 2pm**  
**Course closes 3pm**

- **No experience necessary**
- **Coaching provided**
- **All ages welcome**

**Course 4 - 3.5 km - moderate**  
**Course 5 - 2.5 km - easy**



### Send in reports / articles for newsletter.

Please forward any articles for the newsletter to John Wilkinson,  
[johnwbmw@gmail.com](mailto:johnwbmw@gmail.com) as Word documents (in Times), and photos separate as  
JPG's.

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