

Bendigo Orienteers

07 Newsletter August 2024



Above: Section of the Napoleon Gully map (Woodvale) used for the score event on 3rd August.

Bush O event June 27th

Lorraine and Nola organized a bush event at Kangaroo Gully on Saturday July 27th. Unfortunately it was a cold and wet day but around 40 competitors braved the conditions to compete. Wet clothes were the order of the day. Everybody enjoyed the courses that took competitors thru bush, hills, erosion gullies and water channels to provide interest. Course 1 was won by Ben Goonan followed closely by Richard Goonan. Mark Baxter won course 2 and Dale Taverna was first in course 3. Course 4 was won by John Wilkinson and course 5 by Cliff Curtiss.

Thanks to Lorraine Leversha and Nola Juniper and to those who helped to pack up in the wet.

Bendigo Score event

On 3rd August Zac Allen and James Pemberton ran a score event on Napoleon Gully (NW Whipstick). This was their first time organizing an event and they did a really great job in good weather. The start was at the Woodvale Recreation reserve that had toilets and a shelter. Competitors had to get as many controls in any order in one hour. The terrain included old mining, eroded gullies, open bushland and swamps (dry). Such variety always provides interest. 33 people competed – results are on Eventor under “Documents and Links”. Michael Loughnan scored 160 pts in 51 minutes, followed by Don Cherry also 160 pts in 58 minutes. Third was Keely Williams who scored 150 pts in 56 minutes.

Well done to everybody and thanks to Zac and James.

Adelaide and Apollo Hill report August 10th.

A nice sunny day greeted us in the north end of the Whipstick forest on 10th August. The courses were set by Michael Loughnan who used a variety of old mining and bush features in his zig zag courses. A feature was the bright yellow Whirrakee wattle that was prominent in all areas used. 48 competitors took part. Course 1 was won by Ben Goonan with David Brownridge second and Richard Goonan third. Carolyn Jackson won course 2 and Sophie Taverna course 3. Course 4 was won by John Wilkinson and course 5 by Cliff Curtiss. Well done to everyone and to those who helped pack up. Thanks Michael.



President Neil Barr finding his way thru the Whirrakee wattle. Photo by John W.

Membership update 2024 (from Nola Juniper).

As at 1 August we have 95 members-4 new ones this month. 78 adults - 32 female/ 46 male and 17 juniors.

Welcome to new members and renewals: Colin Walker, Desiree Pettit, Penny Edwards, Ivy Edwards.

Membership of Bendigo Orienteers for 2024 remains 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.

'Take a Forest Walk - Thirty-Five Bushwalks in Bendigo and Heathcote'

This is the bushwalking guide developed by a small group of Bendigo Orienteers and friends from the ACF Community Central Victoria group. The initial printing of 500 books has been funded through a City of Greater Bendigo community grant. These books will be sold for \$25 each.

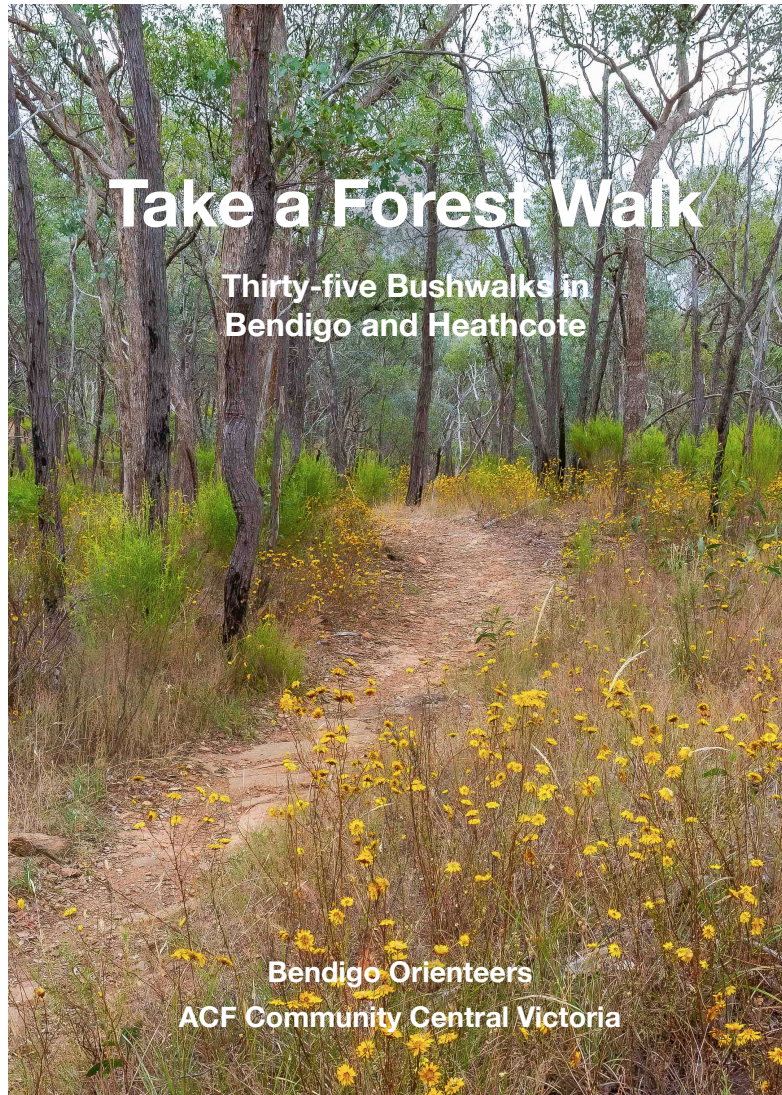
Bendigo Orienteers are invited to attend our book launch:

Date: Wednesday September 4

Time: 11am - 12pm

Venue: Number 7 Reserve (at the shelter).

RSVP via email: julieflynn@fastmail.fm by September 3rd.



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:

17th August Bendigo bush O – Argyle forest (Heathcote). Setter: Louise Hall.

31st August Bendigo bush O – Wildflower drive. Setter: CHOC (Central Highlands O Club).

7th September Bendigo bush O – Kooyoora north. Setter: Daryl Fleay.

There are compasses and then there are other compasses...(or why your new compass may not work!)

Here's a story from Bendigo club member Julie Flynn.

A new member who has been enjoying orienteering is very keen to own a decent compass. So she bought one from a local store that sells compasses and other outdoors equipment.

Funny thing was that she couldn't get it to work properly in the store; the needle wouldn't set properly and remain pointing north when she rotated the compass. The salesperson suggested this was due to all the metal things in the store affecting the compass. He said it would work properly when she got it outside. So she purchased the compass and took it home.

The compass had its first orienteering outing last Saturday and it didn't perform as expected. The north needle didn't set and hold on north. It refused to sit horizontally as it should; the south needle consistently pointed downwards. She had unknowingly been sold a northern hemisphere compass...



This is how a northern hemisphere compass behaves in the southern hemisphere. The South needle points downwards.....Likewise, a southern hemisphere compass performs similarly in the northern hemisphere, with the north needle tilting downwards.

When you purchase a compass to use here make sure to ask for a southern hemisphere compass. Most compasses are made for the northern half of the world because most people live there. The sales staff at local outdoors shops may not know that there are northern and southern hemisphere compasses.

Online compass suppliers in Australia: Wildfire Sports and Aussie O Gear .

Helping at Kooyoora.... 7th Sept.

Daryl Flea has course set this event but can't be there on the day. Some helpers are needed to cover – putting out some controls, registration on day, trailer transport, computer management on day, and control collection after the event. If you can help please contact the club Secretary (Ross).

Help still needed...

1. Computer. The club is in need of members who can help operate the computer system on event days. Help is available to show you how it works. See Neil Barr if you are interested.
2. Parking cars at events sometimes needs helpers as the course setter is often busy getting competitors started etc. If any member sees parking issues – please feel free to help park cars in an orderly manner.

3. Control collection is required at the end of every event (3 pm). We always require people to help collect controls or help pack up gear – just see the organizer / course setter on the day and offer your services.

4. Wheel cactus working bee at Mt Egbert scheduled for Weds 28th Aug. Email Julie if interested:

julieflynn@fastmail.fm.

Bendigo 2024 committee:

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

The committee meets monthly on the first Monday at 7.30 pm at the Barr/Flynn house: 168 McKenzie St. The meeting is mixed format with some attending physically and others attending online.

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

| | Bendigo Orienteers | Bendigo Orienteers | Victorian Series | Ballarat Series |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | National | Albury Wodonga | Rogaines | Sprints |
| Saturday Date | Saturday Events | Saturday Venue | Sunday Events | Sunday Venue |
| 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? | | |