

# Bendigo Orienteers

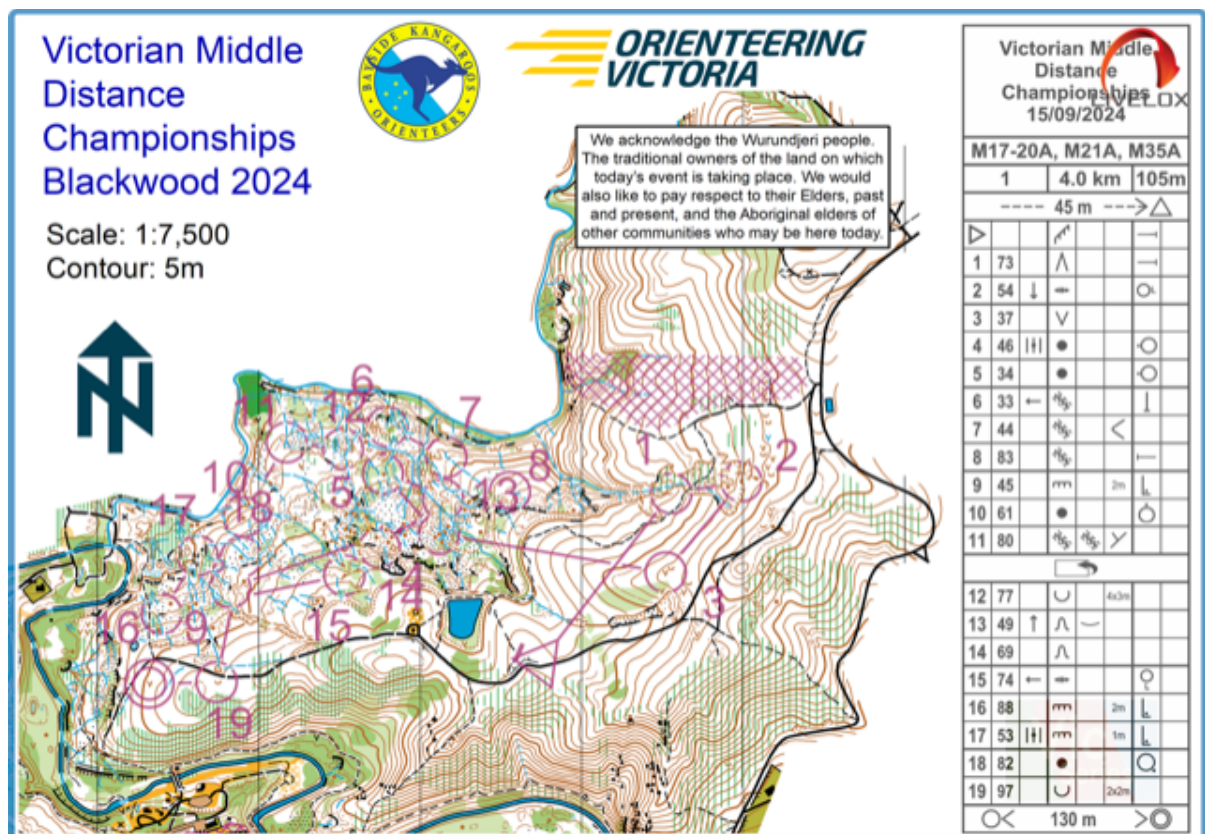
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## Editorial ...

The orienteering year is getting close to the end with only a couple of local events to go. On the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept the Victorian Middle Distance O event was held at Blackwood (south of Trentham). Eleven people entered from our club. First places were achieved by Jim Russell M60A, and Charlie Richardson M35A. Second places were achieved by Keely Williams W16A, James Robertson M21A, Neil Barr M65A and John Chellew M80A. Julie Flynn came 3<sup>rd</sup> in W65A, Peter Searle was 3<sup>rd</sup> M80A, with Dianne Searle 4<sup>th</sup> in W80A and David Brownridge 6<sup>th</sup> in M21A.

Well done to everybody mentioned above.

The map below shows the course used for M35A. Courses were obviously technical and tight.



## **Vic Long Distance Champs...**

The Victorian Long Distance Orienteering Championship was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept on the Nuggety Range near Maldon. Most of the controls were set on the western side of the map which is steep and contains lots of rocky outcrops. The middle part of the map contained spur gully with some gold mining and rock detail.

There were 21 entries from our club. First places were obtained by Keely Williams W16A, David Brownridge M40A, Andrew Crosson M10N, Kylie Crosson Open VE, Chris Naunton Rec 8, and Tony Radford M75A. Second places were achieved by Alison Radford W70A, Charleie Richardson M35A, Prue Dobin W65A, Peter Searle M80A, and Ed Crosson Open VE. Third places went to James Robertson M21E, John Chellew M80A, Charles Brownridge M70A, and Ben Orphin Rec 8. Diane Searle and Heather Jones achieved 4<sup>th</sup> places in their courses with Neil Barr 5<sup>th</sup> and Nigel McGuckian 8<sup>th</sup> in M65A.

Well done to everybody who entered.



**Above: Julie Flynn finishing at the Middle distance event. Photo by Neil Barr.**

## **Membership update 2024 (from Nola Juniper).**

As of 1 Oct we have 100 members-1 renewal this month. 82 adults - 33 female/ 49 male and 18 juniors. Congratulations to member number 100 for 2024 : Terry Davidson.

To join, 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.

### **Bendigo Orienteers have two events in October....**

#### **Saturday October 19 - Mandurang Coolibah.**

5 courses start 12.30 pm. Thanks to Heather and David Jones for course setting.  
All details here: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/20072>

#### **Saturday October 26 - Twilight score event at Marong Forests**

1 hour and 2 hour score events will be available with courses finishing at 7:30pm.  
It would be lovely to have folk stay for a chat, have a cuppa etc.

Tea, hot water and cake will be supplied. If competitors are able to bring something to eat or share that would be super.

Thanks to Nigel McGuckian & Phil Robertson for course setting.

All details here: <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/20073>

#### **The Bendigo (and Heathcote) Bushwalking Book**

A month ago the club took delivery of 500 copies of the book 'Take a Forest Walk- Thirty-Five Bushwalks in Bendigo and Heathcote'. The book was written by a small team from Bendigo Orienteers and the local ACF branch. Key contributors were Julie Flynn, Daryl Fleay, Neil Barr and Bronwyn Silver. The book contains descriptions of 35 walks, over 90 photographs of the scenery and wildlife of the area and 43 maps. The last section of the book contains a couple of pages explaining orienteering maps and the sport of orienteering, and invites those who enjoyed using the book to try the sport.

The book has sold quickly and another 500 copies have been printed.

Julie Flynn will have copies of the book available for \$25 at our local O events.

Also available at a local bookshops but might cost more.



## Australian Middle Distance Champs Armidale NSW 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Bendigo had 6 entries. Julie Flynn came 3<sup>rd</sup> in W65A, Alison Radford 5<sup>th</sup> W70A, Prue Dobbin 10<sup>th</sup> W65A, Neil Barr 11<sup>th</sup> M65A, Tony Radford 14<sup>th</sup> M75A, Keely Williams 15<sup>th</sup> W16A. Well done to all. 743 entries in total !

## Australian Long Distance Champs Armidale NSW 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Well done to the 7 entries from Bendigo. Alison Radford 4<sup>th</sup> W70A, Jim Russell 5<sup>th</sup> M60A, Julie Flynn 6<sup>th</sup> W65A, Tony Radford M75A, Neil Barr 11<sup>th</sup> M65A, Keely Williams 13<sup>th</sup> W16A, Prue Dobbin 14<sup>th</sup> W65A. 832 entries in total – WOW !

### Help 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.

### 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](mailto:johnwbmw@gmail.com) as Word documents (in Times), and photos separate as JPG's**

### 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.

	Bendigo Orienteers	Bendigo Orienteers	Victorian Series	Ballarat Series
	National	Albury Wodonga	Rogaines	Sprints
Saturday Date	Saturday Events	Saturday Venue	Sunday Events	Sunday Venue
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		Mandurang Coolibah		
Oct-26	Twilight	Marong Forests		