



07 Newsletter

September 2025

Stop Press:

Patrick Symes (Kennington Primary School) placed first in the Western Primary School Orienteering Championships, Grade 3 Boys. Congratulations Patrick!!

Notes from the President

Hi Everybody. The club is getting near the end of the year – we have had a busy time with events recently and some really good weather. Thanks to Neil Barr for organising the One Eye event on a new map near Heathcote - a terrific area for the future. Also, thanks to Julie Flynn for course setting the Kangaroo Gully event. Both events were well attended and the courses were enjoyed by all who competed. Thanks to the members who manned the computer and helped collect controls and pack up.

Coming up is the Club Relays and then the Mt Tarrengower event run with the help of Central Highlands Orienteering club. Prue Dobbin has sent out a reminder about these events.

As we near the end of the year some of our gear is showing signs of wear and will need to be replaced. We have also just purchased a Defibrillator at considerable cost. Hopefully a few members will learn how to use it and nobody will need it. The trailer has also undergone some maintenance. Thanks to those members who helped arrange the repairs.

You should have noticed the club has a survey going around to ask people about their views on events for next year. We have to put in for permits before the end of the year and work around other club fixtures. Please give us your views and offer to help if not organise an event (with help if required).

As the end of the season approaches – a reminder that if you have perpetual trophies to return them for engraving for this year's presentations in November.

John Wilkinson (President)

COMING EVENTS

Local Bendigo and nearby Victorian events coming up in September are listed below. For full details, including directions to each event go to the Eventor website.

Sunday September 14

Event type: Victorian Club Relays

Map: Mt Lofty

Organizer: Vikings

Saturday September 20

Event type: Bush event

Map: Mt Tarrengower, Maldon

Organizer/Course setter: CHOC

RECENT EVENTS

Saturday 23 August, Bendigo Bush Series, One Eye

A good turnout enjoyed Neil Barr's courses on the One Eye map near Heathcote. A number of Melbourne orienteers took the advantage to run on a new map.



Just Checking



Approach



Gotcha



Geoff at the tunnel

Sunday 31 August, Vic Series #8, Joyce's Creek, Sandon

Another very cold and damp day to start off with, becoming cool and fine for the 20 club members who entered this last state series event on the Joyce's Creek map. Courses were set by David Knight of Bayside and controlled by Shayne Hill. The Searle/Kent family travelled home armed with plenty of chocolate calories won in the lucky draw!



Vic Series Presentations, Joyces Creek

Saturday 6 September, Bendigo Bush Series, Kangaroo Gully

Julie Flynn set challenging courses for all on the Kangaroo Gully map. The erosion gullies seem to get deeper each year!



Island control, Kangaroo Gully

Keely Williams

Congratulations to Keely Williams on her selection in the Victorian squad to compete in the Brisbane area at the Australian Schools Championships at the end of September. Competition includes a sprint, long distance and a relay. We wish you all the best, Keely, a busy week of competition and team activities coming up. Well done.



Keely W

MTBO

Great ride by Michael Tolhurst at the event on the Sandon map on August 30th, coming in ahead of all others on the 30.5km course. The weather leading up to this event was wet, cold and windy but cleared up the night before the event for a cool sunny day's riding.

Wildflowers at Kooyoora

For your information, there is a tour of wildflowers at Kooyoora State Park being hosted by Friends of Kooyoora. Details below.



KOOYOORA WILDFLOWER TOURS

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF KOOYOORA STATE PARK THIS SPRING!

KOOYOORA STATE PARK
FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
& SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER,
10AM - 12PM

Maximum 20 participants. Additional tours may become available based on demand.

COST:
\$10 per child
\$20 per adult
\$30 per family

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- A guided wildflower walk led by the Friends of Kooyoora group.
- To learn the cultural significance of Kooyoora State Park, its flora, and the wildflowers of the region.
- A Wildflowers guidebook to help you identify local blooms.
- Prizes will be awarded for the most flowers identified!

Perfect for nature lovers, families, and curious minds!

- A fun, educational day for all ages.

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