

07 Newsletter 2026 Vic Middle Champs Special Edition

Welcome to the Vic Middle Champs Special Edition

The 2026 Victorian Middle Distance Championships at Jubilee Lake, Daylesford was a milestone for our club. A record number of participants in a championship event – in fact we had the highest number of runners of any club in the state!

Of our 27 runners, 19 were placed in the top 3 positions and all were in the top 10 in their class.

A fantastic effort – well done to all! This newsletter is a photographic record of the day, courtesy of photos from Ed Crosson. Thanks Ed and Dianne Searle.

A reminder about coming events – our final Bush Event for the year at One Tree Hill on September 12, and the Vic Short Championships at Tappit Hen, Tarnagulla on September 19, followed by the Vic Long Championships at Metcalfe, Laker Eppalock on September 20. Details below and on Eventor.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday September 12

Event type: Bendigo Series #18

Map: One Tree Hill

Organizer: Peter Forbes

Start: From 12:30pm

Saturday September 19: VIC SHORT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Entries are open on Eventor for the Vic Short Champs which will take place on the Tappit Hen map at Tarnagulla. The event features two short races, a morning race with “turn up an go” punching starts and an afternoon race featuring a chasing start where your start time is based on your time in the morning race so the first across the line are the overall winners. This is the same format that was used for the popular Vic Short Champs event at Dunolly as part of the Easter 3 Days carnival on Anzac Day 2025.

The event centre will be in the Community Centre at Soldiers Memorial Park and we’re hoping that Mary the local café operator will set up there to help keep us going between races.

Map: Tappit Hen, Tarnagulla; Scale: 1:5,000; Contour interval: 2.5 metres Technical mining detail along Sandy Creek, including depressions, earth banks, erosion gullies and several large dredge mining basins (possibly holding water). Lightly forested.

No visiting or training on the Tappit Hen map prior to the event on 19 September 2026.

See the [information flyer on Eventor](#) for more details.

Sunday September 20: VIC LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Nillumbik Emus is pleased to welcome you to the 2026 Victorian Long Distance Orienteering Championships in the Metcalfe area. This is a

fantastic opportunity to compete on a brand-new map in a new area just a week before the Oceania Championships start in the ACT.

NEVOC is proud to bring you this event with Carolyn Layton course setting and Blair Trewin (Yarra Valley Orienteering Club) filling the Event Advisor role.

This is classic Victorian spur gully terrain with a few rocks and a bit of gold mining thrown in. The wallaby grass understorey provides fast running and the wattle and other wildflowers will be in full display in September. We have a fantastic open assembly area with plenty of room for club tents, to provide an atmosphere befitting a State Championships.

Our easy/moderate courses will not be on major roads and will provide the same experience of running in the bush, while still meeting the navigation brief for those younger or newer to orienteering (or both!). The map is surrounded by fences or roads which makes it a great place to challenge yourself in a new terrain if you've never orienteered in the bush before. Our hard courses will provide a great mix of challenging navigation and long route choice legs.

The map is more gently undulating in one area and this area has been used for the shorter hard courses. Navigation and route choice variety, without crazy physical feats required, is the vibe we are looking for. We look forward to seeing how you will respond to the challenges that we set for you!

This is a fantastic area and deserves to be explored by as many people as possible in it's first outing. I have thoroughly enjoyed my course setting visits and am sure you will enjoy the event too.

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2026 Vic Middle Championships: Bendigo results

First placegetters

Stanley Robinson (M/W10A Novice), Patrick Symes (M10A), Hamish Foulds (M12A), Keely Williams (W17-20A), Kerryn Searle (W45A), Jim Russell (M65A), Ted van Geldermalsen (M70A), Tony Radford (M75A), Alison Radford (W75A), Ed Crosson (Open 9)

Second placegetters

Andrew Crosson (M10A), Katherine McMillan (W21A), Ilka Barr (W40A), Prue Dobbin (W65A), Kylie Crosson (Open 9), Ian Mack (Open 3)

Third placegetters

James Robertson (M21A), Micah Allardice (M35A), Charles Brownridge (M75A), Peter Searle (M80A)



First place prize



Patrick S – the paparazzi at work!



M21A: Katherine McM (2) & Sophie T (1)



M35A: Andrew S (1) & Micah A (2)



Secretary Prue D



W65A: Prue D (2) & Suzanne O'C (3)



M21A: James R (3)



Julie F



M65A: David R (2), **Jim R (1)**, Michael B (3)



M75A: Paul E (2), **Tony R (1)**, Charles B (3)



W75A: Pam K (2), **Alison R (1)**



Katherine McM



Hamish F



M80A: Blake G (2), **Peter S (3)**



M12A: Hamish F (1)



Open 9: Ed C (1)



M10A: Andrew C (2), Patrick S (1)



Nicole W