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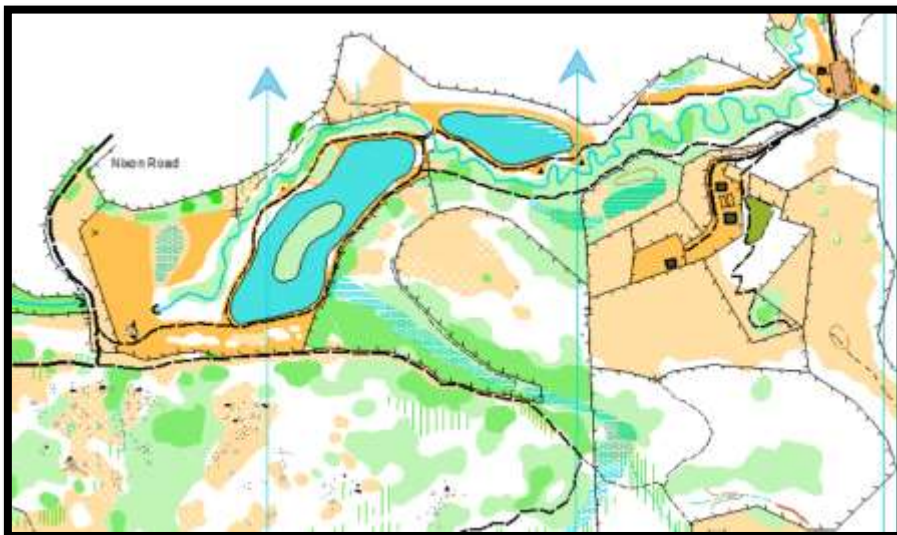
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WELLINGTON CHASE MELBUSHO, Sunday July 11 - New Date and Start Location

DROC's second MelBushO for 2021 offers new opportunities to explore the northern part of our Wellington Chase map, starting from Birdland Reserve, off Mt Morton Road, Belgrave Heights. Courses will include the wetlands, lakes, creeks, bridges, bush trails and open grassy slopes of Birdland, as well as the steeper contours and scattered granite of the northern end of Lysterfield Lake Park.

We strongly encourage everyone to come along and enjoy a different take on this map. Please enter and pay online by Thursday July 8 - this helps keeps everyone safe, and reduces your time spent queuing up to register and pay at the event. Entry on the day will be very limited.



[Wellington Chase information and online entry](#)

Choose from any of the five courses, set by Peter Dalwood - Long Hard, Medium Hard, Short Hard, Moderate, or Easy. Entry fee is \$12 for adults and \$6 for juniors. Course lengths and other important information can be found at the entry link above, and in the [Information Flyer](#).

On arrival, you will need to have your phone with you, and check in via the Services Victoria QR code app. Registration will assist if you don't have a phone. Register from 9.30am, and start your course any time between 10.00am and 11.30am. Courses close at 1.00pm.

NOTE THE DATE AND START LOCATION IN THE PRINTED FIXTURE HAVE BEEN CHANGED DUE TO VENUE CLASHES.

LOCKDOWN CAUSES RESCHEDULING OF EPPALOCK WEEKEND, RELAYS

Everything was set for a fantastic three days of top quality orienteering at Eppalock over the Queens Birthday weekend, when the latest Victorian covid outbreak sent us into a sudden lockdown. We held out hopes of going ahead, right up until the travel ban between metro Melbourne and regional Victoria was confirmed the Tuesday beforehand.

Luckily there were some contingency gaps in the calendar, and we were quickly able to set new dates. Unfortunately, we had to dismantle the three day event, but two of the three planned days will now go ahead as follows:

Day 2 - Vic Autumn Series event at Eppalock (organized by DROC) will now take place on Sunday September 19.

Day 3 - Eppalock Hagaby (organized by MFR) will now take place on Saturday October 9.

In other good news, the Club Relays, which were also affected, will form part of a double header, taking place at Heathcote on Sunday October 10. We will put out the call for Relay team entries closer to the new date - but why not plan a Spring weekend away in Heathcote or Bendigo?

DIARY DATES

Sunday July 11 - MelbushO, Wellington Chase/Birdsland Reserve (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

A return to granite in this beautiful outer eastern bushland reserve. Course planner: Peter Dalwood.

Sunday Sept 19 - Vic Spring Series Finale, Eppalock

Enjoy fast, open spur gully terrain in everyone's favourite forest, to wrap up the Victorian Spring Series. Course planner: Ian Davies.

Saturday Oct 9 and Sunday Oct 10 - Eppalock Hagaby and Heathcote Relays

Take a break and enjoy a fun weekend, with a Hagaby back in the Eppalock forest, followed by the excitement of the Club Relays in the heart of Heathcote.

Sunday November 7 - Vic MTBO Series, Mt Robertson

Get your wheels ready for some mountain bike action as we return to the hills and pine forest of Mt Robertson. Course planner: Graham Wallis.

Sunday November 21 - RMIT Sprint Double

Two events in one! This campus is large and varied enough to hold two different sprint races in one action-packed day. Course planner: Peter Hobbs.

MAPLINK LEADS TO BIG THINGS

Our humble Lockdown 2020 project, MapLink, has led to all sorts of exciting things! Earlier in the year, our initiative was nominated as a Finalist in the VicSport Awards. These have been postponed until late August (ironically due to Lockdown 2021). In the meantime, your editor was invited to talk about orienteering and MapLink on a community radio station; this was followed by an invitation to take part in a panel discussion about sport in the digital age (also postponed until further notice, but sure to be a very interesting day when it does go ahead).



MapLink came quickly out of hibernation in June, and orienteers were able to choose from hundreds of maps, to keep themselves fit within their 5 km/10 km/25 km travel bubbles. MapRun stats show that 48 different maps were used over the 2 week lockdown, with 104 participations - and that took place during some particularly unpleasant weather.

THREE DROC JUNIORS IN VICTORIAN SCHOOLS TEAM ARE OFF TO TASSIE



The 2021 Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships were held at Hawkstowe Park, on a glorious autumn day. After a hiatus in 2020, the students were ready and raring to go as they vied for selection to the Victorian Schools Team.

James Love, representing Oxley College, was third in Boys 17A, while Samantha Love, also from Oxley, was second in Girls 14A. Amber Louw (pictured), from Wesley College, placed second in Girls 17A. All three have been selected to the Victorian Schools Team, to represent their State at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Tasmania in September. Congratulations!

NOL SQUAD SUCCESS

Asha Steer, Simon Rouse, Peter Hobbs and Sally Barlow were contributors to one of Victoria's most successful National League seasons ever! Victoria took out the Senior Mens and Junior Mens titles, and were runners-up in Senior Women. Asha placed a brilliant fourth in the individual points standings, the highest ranked Victorian. She was the winner in Round 2, placed second in Round 1, and followed up with two third placings later in the competition.

Picture: Asha in action at the 2020 Melbourne Sprint Weekend.



VIC AUTUMN-SPRING SERIES STANDINGS

Postponement of several bush events resulted in a revamping of the 2021 Bush Series competition, to combine the Vic Autumn and Vic Spring series. There is now a single series of 9 events, with DROC's Vic Spring event at Eppalock as the final race and presentations.

Four rounds of the competition have been completed, with five more to follow during August and September. Asha Steer is currently 3rd on Womens Course 1, and Simon Rouse is equal third on Mens Course 1. Other DROC members with top 10 rankings are Helen Walpole, Stuart McWilliam, Janine Steer, Peter Yeates, Sammy Love, and Ilze Yeates. It's early days with plenty more action to come before the coveted trophies are handed out. [Check out the standings here](#)

MEMBER NEWS

A big welcome to new members Frankie Shin, Ray Scaddan, and Erin Grainger. After coming along to the Easter 3 Day competition, Frankie was motivated by the enthusiasm and dedication he saw from the competitors; since then he has been to numerous events himself, and is now a firm fan of the sport. Frankie has been gradually tackling more difficult challenges; he won Course 4 at the recent You Yangs MelBushO, and has been improving rapidly at streetO as well. At this rate, Stuart will have a rival for the 2021 MEFTY!

Ray has been around orienteering for a number of years, and is a familiar face at both Park Street and Bush orienteering. We are delighted that he selected DROC as his club of choice. Erin approached us during the recent lockdown, looking for some maps that she and her daughter could use as practice. Thanks to MapLink, we were able to oblige! We look forward to meeting Erin and her family at their first event soon.

MELBOURNE CITY RACE WEEKEND *(first published in Australian Orienteer magazine)*

After two false starts (one caused by Victoria's extended lockdown, the other by a potential clash with the Formula One Grand Prix), the 2021 Melbourne City Race Weekend went ahead on April 17 and 18; two days of the perfect late Autumn weather that Melbourne is famous for.

The venue for the City Race was chosen almost immediately after the inaugural 2019 Docklands version; the Port Melbourne area is well known amongst locals for offering a dense and irregular street network, and a fascinating mix of tiny stone cottages and old pubs, rubbing shoulders with multi million dollar waterside mansions. Add the famous beachfront, the lighthouses, Station Pier, Gasworks Art Park, and the bustle of the Bay Street cafes, and you have the perfect venue for a City Race. Readily accessible by public transport, and not too busy with traffic on a Sunday morning, it ticked all the boxes. Mapping began in late 2019 (as described in mapper Peter Dalwood's article).



The Prologue location took longer to settle on. We wanted somewhere that was inner urban, with good public transport links, but that hadn't been used overly much for previous events. I spent weeks mulling over possibilities, but it wasn't until I went for a hugely enjoyable Lockdown run in Cremorne, that I knew I'd found the right place. The area was unfamiliar to many. The multiple levels along the Yarra River added an extra degree of complexity to an already detailed map, which at 1:7500 was just the right size for a Prologue. Our starting point, Barkly Gardens, is a typical English "Pleasure Garden" in the midst of a bustling inner urban industrial and commercial district; it features spreading trees, beds of rose bushes, grassed picnic areas, rotundas, statues and memorials. It contrasts beautifully with its surrounds.

To retain our "low risk public event" status, interstate promotion was very restricted, and we relied mainly on word of mouth. We switched our attention to lunchtime/weekend running groups, and with some well-placed Facebook posts, were delighted when over a third of participants were new to orienteering. Many of these were in that elusive 30-40 age group; they were certainly fit and capable of covering the distance. We were also excited to welcome orienteers from New South Wales, ACT, Queensland (the very first eager entrants, despite the uncertainties of sudden border closures), Tasmania, and WA - a bigger interstate contingent than we'd expected, and a promising sign for future MCRs when interstate travel is less fraught. And of course local support was strong. Overall, participation in the main race was only slightly lower than in 2019, which under the circumstances, was very pleasing.

City Races differ from sprints; while short legs and frequent changes of direction are part of the fun, there should also be some longer legs. Route choice should feature heavily. Courses should take advantage of any particular highlights of the area. Competitors can expect road and rail crossings, and potentially busy pedestrian and bike traffic in places. Both races were planned in true City Race style, with winning times of approx. 35-40 minutes, and distances between 3 and 10 kms, for the main race.

CREMORNE PROLOGUE

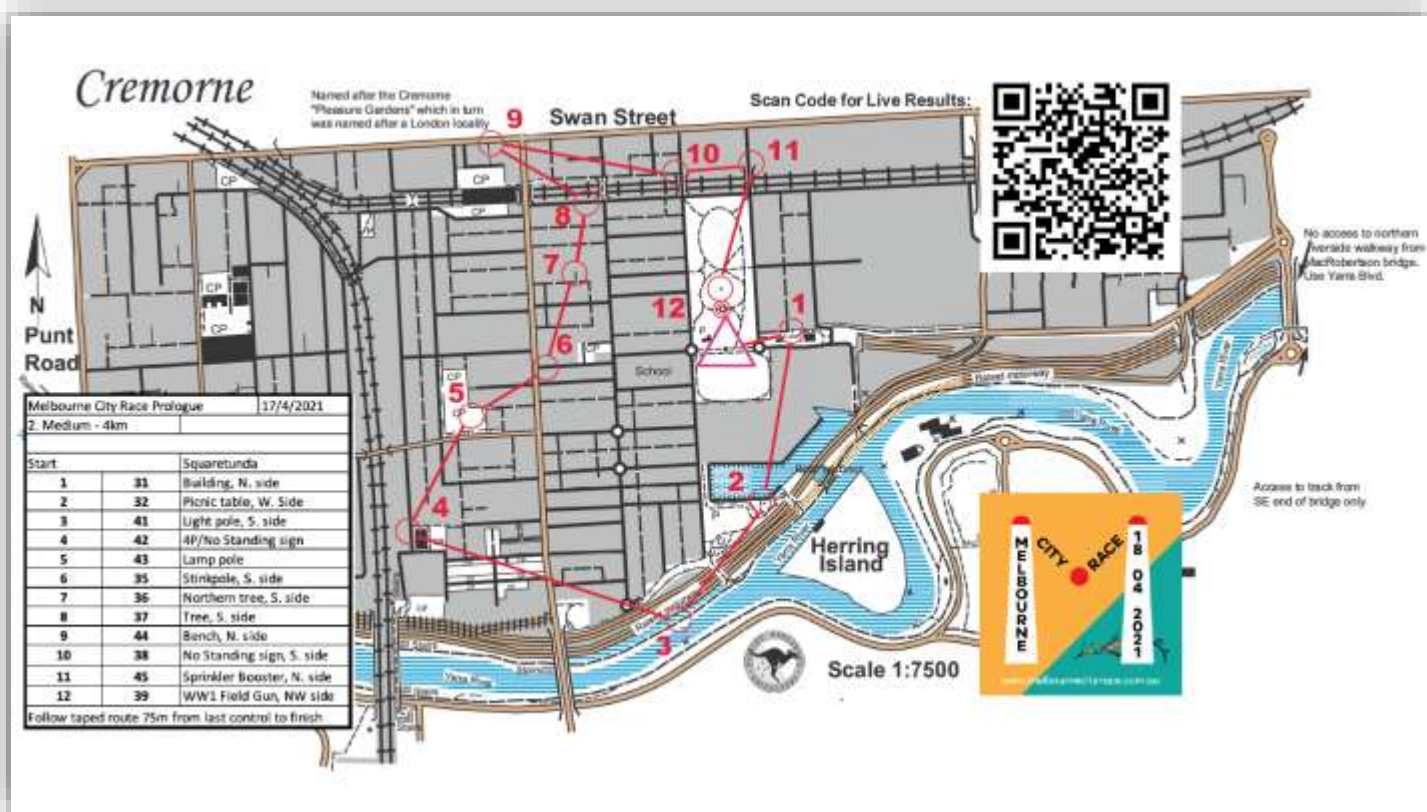
Course Planner: Bill Borrie (EUV). Map provided by Bayside Kangaroos.

Bill set three courses - Long Hard, Medium Hard, and Short Easy. Each was structured similarly. Beginning with a tricky short leg which required close map reading from the minute you turned over your map, we then headed towards the river with a great route choice leg, and fine detail in the circle. The famous Yarra bike trail featured next, with more tough route choices (how to avoid the dreaded heart pumping stair climb?) before tackling the Richmond streets. Zig zagging through numerous lanes, and negotiating the double railway line as we made our way east once again, the final leg showcased the gardens as we sprinted furiously for the line.

James Robertson, Ricky Thackray and Toby Cooper were the top three on an exciting Long course, with just 6 seconds separating first and second. Fastest women on this course were Jayne Sales and Helen Walpole, who were only 12 seconds apart. It was a Tassie invasion on the Medium course, with Euan and Sussan Best taking first and second, pipping local Ian Dodd who was third. Junior Maya Bennette held off JWOC honours team member Arabella Phillips, as the girls took fourth and fifth respectively.

On the Short course, John Gavens finished ahead of junior Joel Crothers by another tiny margin of 13 seconds, with Judi Herkes claiming third.

Below: Medium course map.



MELBOURNE CITY RACE, PORT MELBOURNE

Course planner: Stuart McWilliam (DRV); Mapper Peter Dalwood (DRV)

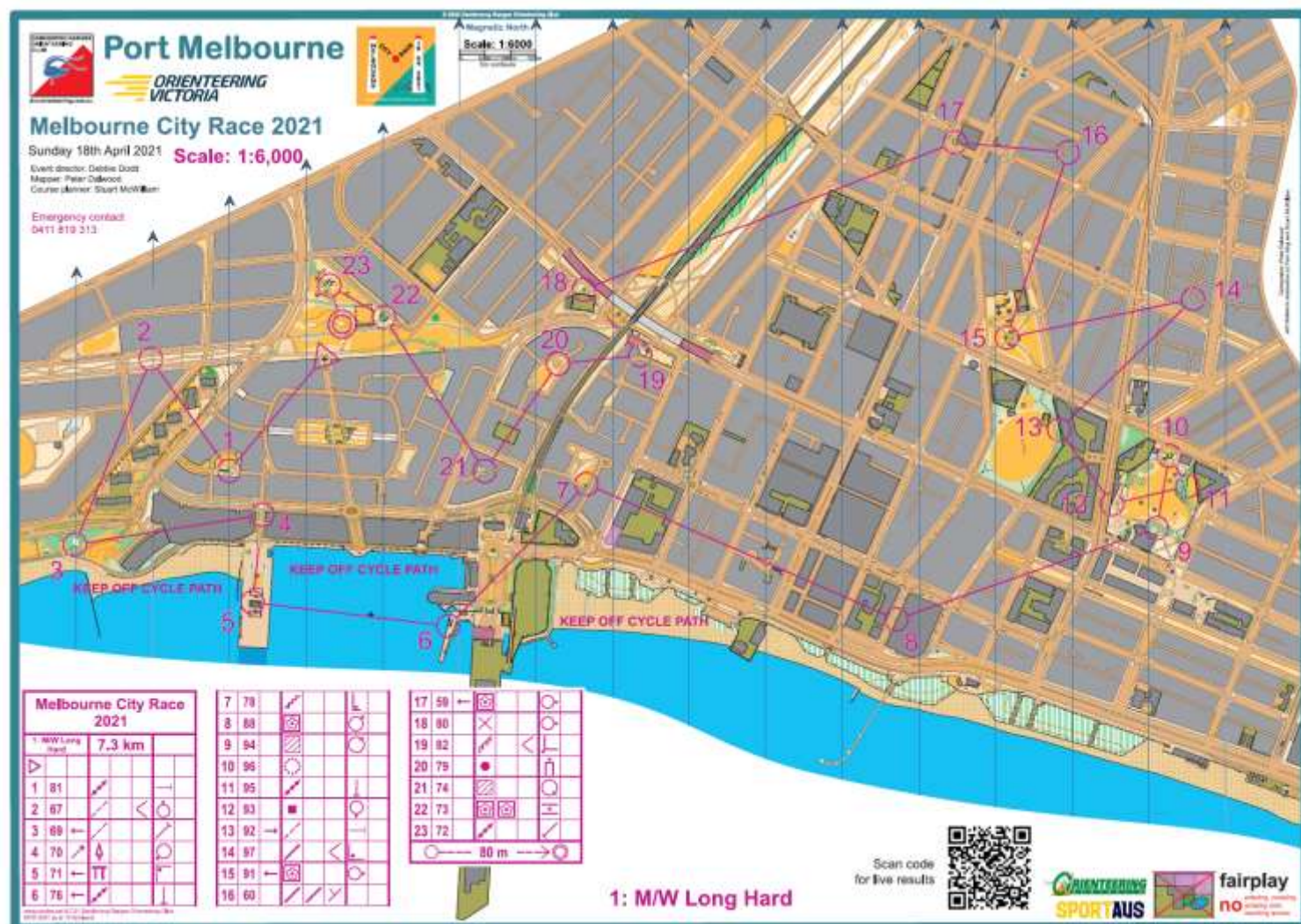
Peter produced another of his beautiful and highly readable full colour maps, this time at 1:6000. While not as three-dimensional as the Docklands area, Port Melbourne and Beacon Cove have plenty of traps to offer. Stuart ensured that the maritime history of the area featured front and centre; the start flag was hung on the door of the northern Beacon Cove lighthouse, and we were lined up directly facing the southern lighthouse and the bay beyond. There was no doubting the theme of today's race!

There were five courses to choose from. Every course featured a waterfront leg between the two iconic piers - quiet these days without any cruise ships, but plenty of obstacles to negotiate. Harder courses had a couple of gut busting long legs, interspersed with a sprint style loop of the Gasworks park, which caught out many with its change of pace and focus. There was great route choice on many legs, and following the red line was often no indication of the shortest option. Map contact, reading the detail and planning ahead were all requisite throughout the race - even the final control was no giveaway.

Congratulations to category winners Callum White, Tim Hatley, Alan Kuffer, Ashley White, Joel Crothers, Heather O'Donnell, Sarah Love, Sussan Best, Sonoka Miyake, and Lydia Stott. Closest results were Tim Hatley over Euan Best (19 seconds), Ashley White over Dale Atwell (35 seconds), and Sarah Love over Jayne Sales (23 seconds). Picture: Ian Davies just ahead of WA's Ricky Thackray.



The moment of the day for me was hearing two passers-by, who stopped to chat. “You all look so happy!” they said. They were right - we were.



MELBOURNE CITY RACE 2022

In 2022, the Melbourne City Race Weekend will immediately follow the Australian Championships Carnival in Victoria, and will return to a three race format, with a Friday Night warmup, a Saturday Sprint, and the MCR feature race on Sunday morning. While no final decisions have been made, rest assured that MCRW3 will showcase another amazing part of inner Melbourne, while putting your navigational skills to the test. Start your Victorian vacation planning now!

DROC SHOP

The DROC Shop is open for business, and ready to get you kitted out for 2021 and beyond! We sell Sportident sticks (including SI Air sticks for those who want to speed up their race), Pro-Tech gaiters, and fingerbands. [Prices can be found here](#). Order by sending an email to droc@iinet.net.au. We also have a range of running tops and jackets, in various designs and sizes. Contact [Peter Yeates](#) to find out what's in stock. The DROC shop also has a bunch of free stickers!

Run-out special - we have the last two pairs of Pro-Tech gaiters, medium size, 33 cm length, for just \$15 a pair. This is a fraction of retail price for these high quality, lightweight gaiters.



PARK STREET ORIENTEERING

We are half way through the Winter season of weekly Monday, Wednesday and Saturday events; the shorter Tuesday Autumn Series finished at the start of June. We lost a total of 10 events to lockdowns and restrictions, and the first half of the Geelong series reverted to “anytime” mode. But we are back on track now, and hoping to make it through to the end of September with no further disruptions.

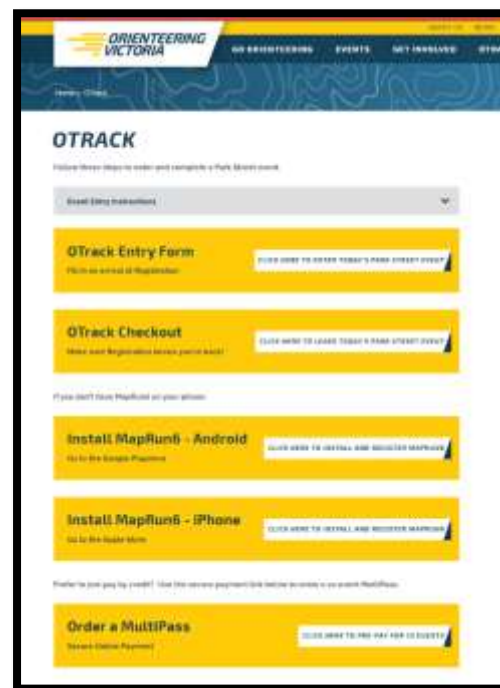
When the Victorian government mandated use of their own QR code for pretty much everything, we had to alter our registration system. Checking in is now a quick, 2-step process:

1 - check in with the Services Victoria QR code poster - the same way you check in to every place you visit

2 - enter the event using Orienteering Victoria's OTrack entry form - this provides the event organisers with your name and phone number, for safety purposes, and tells us how you paid

On your phone, browse to www.vicorienteering.asn.au/otrack. Then use the first link to navigate to a simple entry form. We strongly recommend saving the OTrack page to your phone's home screen, giving yourself a time saving shortcut to reach the form. The way to save pages varies from phone to phone, so Google the right method for your phone. The OTrack page links directly to the event entry form, the check out form, and the MultiPass secure online payment link.

If you need help with any of this, just ask at Registration - we have several OTrack experts willing and able to assist. Don't be deterred - with a bit of practice, you can be checked in within a few seconds - quicker than filling in a card!



SEASON PASSES FOR SPRING

The first round of Season Passes were valid for 13 weeks. Due to the “lost” events, the second round will now go on sale during the last week of July, and be valid for the remaining weeks until the end of September. Monday and Wednesday passes will cost \$35 for 10 weeks, while Saturday passes will be \$30 for 9 weeks. These are a 30% discount, but can only be used for the specific series that they are purchased for. Of course, MultiPasses can be purchased any time, and are valid for any event, but there is no discount - they are simply a convenient pre-purchase option which saves you needing to bring cash.

DROC SERIES WINNERS - WEDNESDAY AUTUMN CARNIVAL SERIES:

Run60 Division 2 - John Grover 3rd

Run60 Division 3 - Stuart McWilliam =1st

Run45 Division 1 - Andrew Perkins 3rd

Run45 Division 3 - Debbie Dodd 1st

PW65 Division 1 - Vic Sedunary =1st

PW65 Division 2 - Lauren Jackson 3rd

MILLENNIUM CLUB UPDATE

In June, the following members achieved a Millennium Club Milestone:

- ✓ Merv Trease became a Legend member with 1000 events
- ✓ Suzy Speirs became a Companion member with 750 events
- ✓ Stuart McWilliam became a Companion member with 750 events

During July, Mark Besley will reach the 2000 event milestone, and the Newbury Navigators will achieve Legend status as they complete their 1000 event.

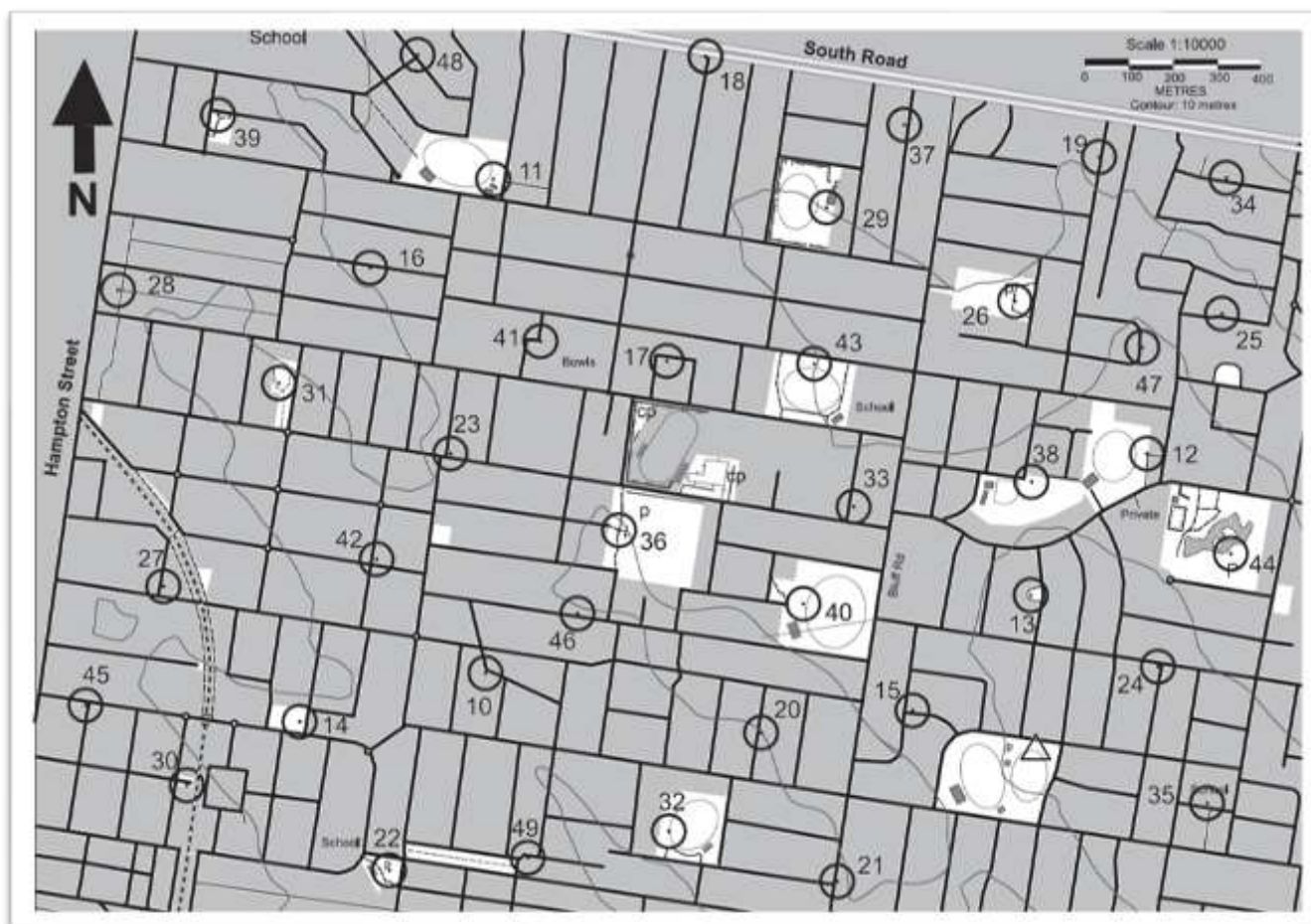
COMING UP

The Monday and Wednesday night Spring series events will run right through from July until September (we hope). The Saturday Series features no less than four new maps - Boeing Reserve in Strathmore Heights on July 10; Three Ways in Noble Park on 17 July; Tarralla in Ringwood East on September 4; and the Eel Race EndurO in Seaford on September 18. Other great feature events are the Brunswick EndurO on August 7, and Park events on colour maps at Jells Park on July 31, Lilydale Lake on August 14, and Tatterson on August 28. Saturdays have never looked better!

You can find all the event maps from the various Autumn Series [here](#) - these are freely available for anytime use, and are all set up in MapRun.

HIGH HAMPTON MAP DEBUTS FOR FIRST ENDURO FOR TWO YEARS

Some readers will remember hearing about a number of new maps made during 2020. The first of these, High Hampton, was introduced recently, at the first EndurO event since 2019. High Hampton encompasses the inner southern suburbs of Highett and Hampton. The map is large enough to split into two, so we will be able to make excellent use of it during the Monday Summer Series. It has numerous parks which offer a good choice of start locations, and it is relatively free of busy road crossings and railway lines.



Mapper Peter Grover was the inaugural course setter, and his 40-control EndurO course has been widely acclaimed. The spread of points meant that everyone had plenty to aim for, and from every control there always seemed to be several head-scratching choices. Participants were deep in thought from beginning to end, which always makes the time zip by!

Another of Peter's new maps, Three Ways (in Noble Park North), will make its first appearance in the Saturday Series on July 17. Tarralla, which is a complete overhaul of the western section of our Croydon map by Peter Dalwood and Pam King, will be introduced to us on September 4. And Ian Davies' new Oakleigh map will be used for the first time on Wednesday September 15.

LEARNING AND TRAINING

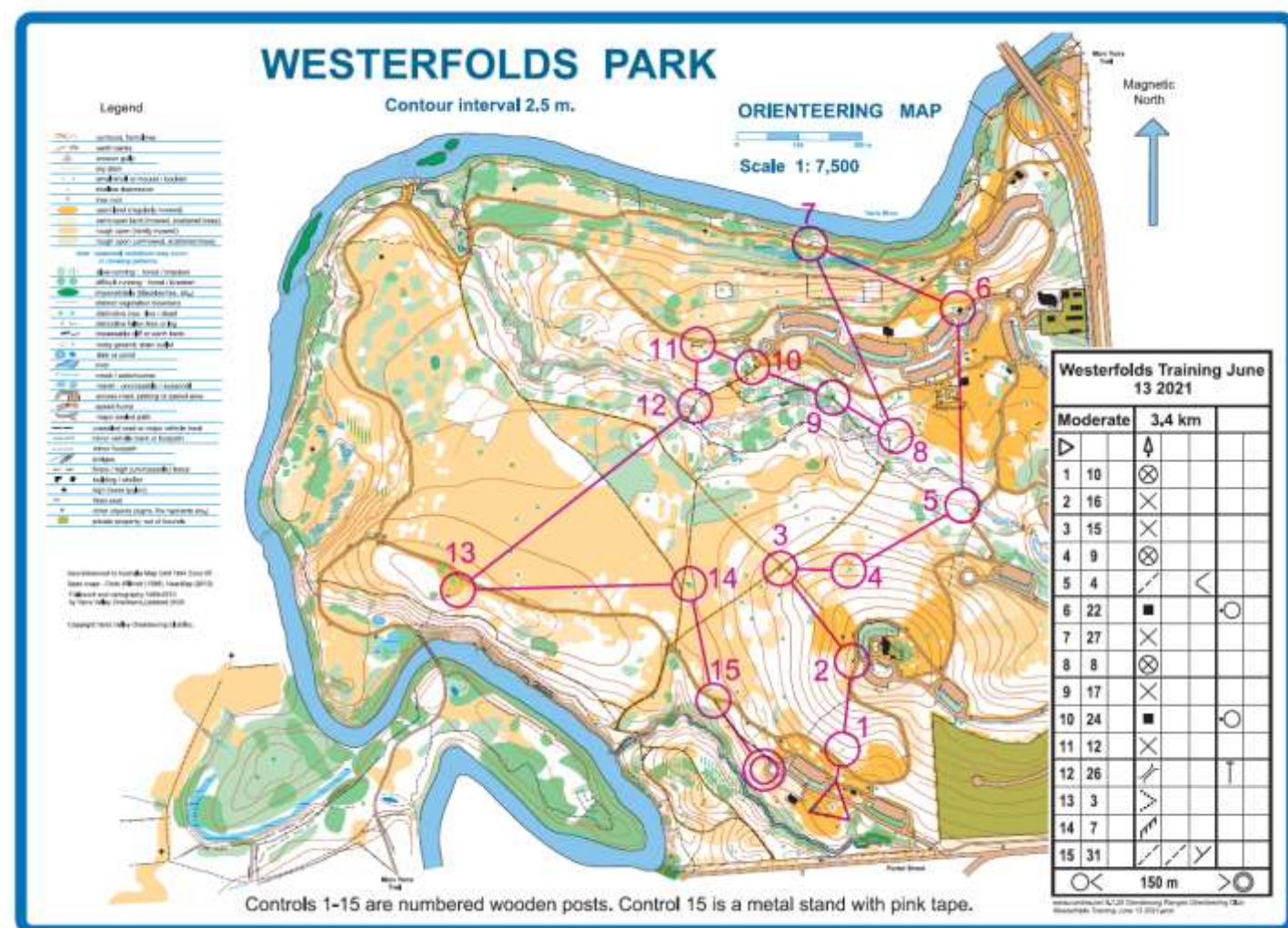
DROC juniors took part in the innovative “Learn to Orienteer” program, held over 5 weeks in May. Our younger orienteers, along with their family members, started with the basics of orientating the map, using the compass, and identifying features and map symbols. By taking part in a series of fun games, the participants progressed to completing orienteering courses in parks and schools.



Picture: Joel Crothers at a Learn to Orienteer session.

Meanwhile, the “big kids” were also able to fit in some training, at Westerfolds Park, while competitive sport was not able to take place. The permanent controls were used to create two line courses and a score course, with each course set up in MapRun. This training session proved hugely popular.

The maps are available [here](#) for use any time, so if you’d like to brush up on some bush orienteering, download a map, look for the courses in MapRun, and have a go! The start is at the enormous fallen tree near the picnic shelter at the Porter Street car park. The control locations are marked with wooden posts with painted numbers on them.



ORIENTEERING ACROSS THE BORDER - SOUTH AUSTRALIA NOL WEEKEND, RENMARK, ANZAC WEEKEND

Having heard glowing reports about the riverland terrain in Renmark at the 2018 Australian Championships, then discovering that Lanita Steer was the course planner for the Sprint, it was an easy decision to book a long weekend just over the border. Debbie, Pete, Simon, Pam, Peter D, Wayne, Sarah, Janine and Asha made up the travelling DROC contingent; we were the second largest non South Australian club!

While some club members stayed in downtown Renmark, Wayne and Sarah joined Simon, Pete and I, along with Warwick Davis, in a house at Overland Corner, further west. The terrain surrounding the house was very similar to those at the events, and the famous pub just down the road provided excellent dinners. The sunsets were incredible - this is big sky country, and being in such wide open space lifted the spirits immeasurably.

Day 1 - Middle Distance, Wiela-Bunyip Reach

After the trials and tribulations of Easter in NSW, the open, scrubby spur gully terrain, incised with narrow, snaking watercourses, was a welcome relief (pictured below). Although the erosion gully network was very complex in places, visibility was great and the going was fast - there is hardly any green on the predominantly yellow map (pictured right). There were traps though - it was always tempting to decide that the flag you could see in the next gully was yours. Often it wasn't. Good map contact and accurate compass work were required to complete an error free course. It was great fun. Simon and Asha represented Victoria in the National League competition, with Asha claiming third place. In the age group classes, Sarah Love had the best result with a win in Womens Open B.



Day 2 - Long Distance, Crooked Straight

Surprisingly different terrain despite being only a few kilometres away, we were faced with high sandy plateaus with steeply sloping sides; on the top were numerous mounds and depressions which the course planners put to good use to confuse us. Once again, staying in map contact was crucial on this very technical map, and the loose sand made for a more physical challenge than yesterday. DROC acquitted themselves well with a 4th place to Asha in the NOL, and podium finishes to Sarah, Simon and Debbie in their age groups.



Day 3 - Sprint Distance, Renmark Schools

This was the event we'd travelled for, and Lanita didn't disappoint, using every trick in the book to bemuse and befuddle us. The campus features an adjacent saltbush garden, which is a maze of very small winding tracks. If you hadn't come unstuck already amongst the buildings, this last section was almost guaranteed to cause errors. It was a brilliant way to end a brilliant weekend of orienteering South Australian style. Asha Steer, Janine Steer, Simon Rouse and Peter Dalwood all had top 10 finishes in large fields.

The long drive home immediately after the

Sprint was notable for stops at the Ouyen Bakery (famous for its vanilla slices, but we thought other sweet treats were better) and Wycheproof (excellent pies, and a mural featuring Jim Russell in his days of hauling a 60 kg sack of potatoes up Victoria's smallest mountain, a feat for which he still holds the

record). We made it back to Melbourne in time for streetO at Surrey Dive. Pete took part in the eveing event. I was out there in spirit ...



If you ever get the chance to orienteer in Renmark, do it. You'll love it!

Above: Winners are grinners - Simon Rouse and Sarah Love bringing the bling back to Victoria

Below: Debbie completes the Long Distance in third place; Pam with on-course rival



PREZ SEZ - PETER HOBBS

Hi all, from New Zealand!

We arrived at Kristy's parents' place on 20 April, which is a couple of hours south of Auckland, in a town called Te Awamutu. A 'famous' town because it is where Crowded House's Finn brothers are from. The town is referenced in the first few lines of the song "Mean to Me". Kristy's parents are on a large dairy farm a few minutes out of town. Really nice place - certainly different to suburban Melbourne.

It's been great for Mabel to meet the other side of the family and we certainly are being well cared for here by Kristy's parents and sister. Mabel is nearly 11 months young now and is just about walking and has taken to climbing up/on anything she can, including stairs. Mabel competed in her first orienteering event last weekend. She travelled in the baby-carrier with mum in the beginners' course and all finished the course just fine.

I've been a bit starved of orienteering since arriving; I've managed to join the local Waikato Orienteering club and compete in two events so far. They are a small club, but for some reason the main events they organise are 2 or 4 hour rogaines in very steep/rugged terrain. Throughout the whole orienteering season (Mar-Oct), they don't seem to organise any local bush or sprint events. Are they really a rogaining club? All very intriguing.

Here in Te Awamutu we are bit isolated from orienteering events. You need to travel a couple of hours to Auckland or else go to other regions, as there aren't many local events. My first event here was one of the club's Rogaines. I competed in the 2 hour and came second! The terrain was incredibly steep and rough in parts, but very enjoyable (see photo - had just clambered up 15 x 5m contours to a massive ridge). Unfortunately the SI system did not work so there was chaos at the end. Everyone wrote down their scores manually and awards were given, including me being presented with second place. Then, the next day, the results were published and I was last with a question mark next to my name **



My second event was a little further away at a place called McLaren Falls, very similar set up and feel to a MelbushO, organised by Bay of Plenty OC. This was a better event, felt very similar to a DROC organised event with things just working and a lot more proper orienteering, as opposed to rugged-rogaining. See photos of Mabel in action. Note Tina's DROC knitted beanie.

In other news, next week we are taking a 2 week holiday to Christchurch and lands to the north, also taking in the QB 3 day competition, which is one of NZ's major carnivals. Really looking forward to it. We are staying with friends/relatives in Christchurch, then we've booked a motorhome for 7 days. Fingers crossed it works out ok with a baby!

Our plans are very much open, in terms of when we might return to Melbourne. My work has allowed me to work remotely here, which is great. We may stay until August/September, who knows?

Sorry to hear of the recent lockdown in Melbourne. Over here in NZ, especially rural NZ, covid is like a forgotten memory. All that we hear is updates from Australia and now Victoria about Covid there.

Cheers, Peter.



**** Possible Explanation for Baffling Rogaine Result**

Helpfully submitted by a fellow Committee Member

Haven't you been told: it's your accent. Here in Oz the New Zealand twang is regarded with politely amused tolerance. I'm not sure this is fully reciprocated across the ditch, (I'll admit to being biased). To the locals in small town NZ your Aussie drawl marks you as (to borrow a much used word from my time in USA), an alien.

All is not lost however, as there are several thing you can do to blend in.

1. Don't drive a rental and don't even be seen in the vicinity of a Maui.
2. Learn the Lingo. This avoids those raised eyebrows when your contribution to the conversation makes it clear you had no idea what they were talking about.
3. Use Mabel. Having a small child on your hip grants you instant membership to all social groups except aggregations of teenagers (which IMO is an advantage).
4. Speak slowly. This masks the accent.
5. Avoid the invective unless you've done #2 properly (ref Toyota advertisements circa 1999 and the use of the word "bugger").
6. Dress appropriately. A shirt emblazoned with "Victoria" was probably what sent you to the bottom of the results table. Perhaps next time one of those cute cartoon sheep or even a Silver Fern.

Sounds like you're all having a great time. Make sure you run both ways around the hills or you'll end up with one leg longer than the other.

And Further Words from the Acting Pres

URGENT COMMITTEE MEETING REQUIRED!

It seems that Prez Pete has defected. We have written confirmation of him having joined an overseas club whilst he has been consorting with a foreign national. Actions recommended include, but not confined to, articles of imPEACHment (return of all jam products) and urgent financial audit (how can he fund lavish lifestyle in desirable overseas location when I can't even get to Ringwood North?) Prez Pete should be warned that we will not be deflected from serious examination of his status by the blatant publication of cutsie photos of Mabel. We can all do that. Vice Prez Pete and granddaughter Ivy.



PHOTO GALLERY - STREETO AT DIAMOND CREEK



Above: Ilze Yeates and Tina Smith
Right: Denise Pike
Below: Andrew Perkins
Below right: Stuart McWilliam



WHAT I DID IN THE LAST LOCKDOWN

Strangely, it seemed that several people took the opportunity to sort their maps out. But none so thoroughly or neatly as Stuart McWilliam.

Got any lockdown achievements to share? Send stories and photos to debbiedodd@iinet.net.au



CAKE-O

Looking for ideas for that special orienteer in your life, to mark their next significant birthday? The Love household has taken CakeO to a whole new level!

Cake 1 = the GPX Track Reveals All. Cake 2 = Lemon Meringue Contours.

