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VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, CRESWICK

We enjoyed a great weekend of complex orienteering in the gold mining terrain of Creswick, venue for the 2015 Australian Champs. Saturday was a very tough Middle Distance, starting with some relatively long and steep physical legs, before an intensely concentrated cluster of controls in a series of pits and erosion gullies amongst the old quartz diggings. Sunday was less technical, but still featured plenty of traps, starting with erosion features, then into some subtle spur gully which caught

people out, before finishing with more small watercourses and mining features to get the brain working as hard as the legs.

Congratulations to the DROC members who placed in one or both Championships:

Middle Distance - First - Arika Bogdanovits, Sarah Davies
Second - Janine Steer, Martin Steer, Ian Dias, Ian Dodd
Third - Peter Dalwood, Ian Davies, Amber Louw

Long Distance - First - Janine Steer, Martin Steer, Sarah Davies, Arika Bogdanovits
Second - Ian Dias, Ian Dodd, Ryan Davies, Debbie Dodd
Third - Ian Davies

Only Warren Key stopped Ian Dodd from winning two Victorian Championships at Creswick. Ian Davies was also a double placegetter in M55.

More photos inside.



SmokeFree

SUNSMART

DIARY DATES 2017

- ▽ SPRINT INTO SPRING, Saturday October 21, Oxley College, Chirnside Park - a brand new map as part of one of our most popular series. HELPERS NEEDED - SEE DEBBIE

- ▽ VICTORIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Sunday November 25, Monash University - course planner Peter Dalwood is completely updating the map for this special event. HELPERS NEEDED - SEE PAM

DROC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER, CROYDON

The 2017 AGM will be held at Mingarra Village, 77-115 Mt Dandenong Road, Croydon, starting at 2pm. Enter from Wicklow Avenue and head to The Pavilion, at the far end of Chevalier Drive and behind the bowling green. After a short meeting to elect office bearers, enjoy an afternoon of armchair travel. All club members are invited. We'd love to see you there - bring a plate of afternoon tea, and your favourite photos.

DROC CHRISTMAS PARTY, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20, Highbury Hill

The Famous DROC Christmas Party is the social highlight of the year, and it's on once again, following the Eastern Summer Series event at Highbury Hill. We'll provide the usual delicious bbq chicken along with vegetarian quiche. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, as well as drinks. Family members are very welcome to celebrate the year with us. Stay tuned for more details via email.

ENDURO, LOUGHNANS LINK

A combination of two very hilly maps, Yarran Dheran and Loughnans Hill, gave Phil Torode the chance to set a physically tough Enduro event, with each point scored hard won. We started from Schwerkolt Cottage, with plenty of options right from the get-go, and plenty of generous points drawing us out in different directions. Careful map reading was needed in places, particularly along the Mullum Mullum creek and small adjacent trails. Great job by Phil and a very enjoyable event.



MELBUSHO, PLENTY SOUTH

Andras Bogdanovits took on course setting duties for our second MelbushO, and he did a great job, providing good challenging courses for the two Hard courses, a true Moderate course that gave options for practicing more advanced navigation for those who felt ready, but safe choices otherwise; and an Easy course that also gave newcomers a chance to test themselves a little if they wanted to. Developing skills is a very important part of this series.

We had a lovely day (in contrast to previous events held here, which have been somewhat soggy) and a very high attendance. Every time we come here, development seems to have encroached a little further. Let's hope we can continue to enjoy the bushland for years to come, before suburbia takes over completely.

MEMBER NEWS

A big welcome to new members Ian Dias and Kate Morris. Ian moved to Melbourne from NSW, where his partner Lucy has orienteered with the elite NSW Stingers squad. Ian is relatively new to orienteering but is a fast learner with great results at MelbushO and a podium finish at the recent Vic Champs.

Kate is the Projects officer with Orienteering Victoria, and has been working with Sally Brownridge to build on our success with the Newbury Navigators, by bringing other disability groups into orienteering. Kate has been along to several Saturday events as well as some MelbushOs.

WALLY CAVILL, 1928-2017

Wally joined the club in the early 1980s, and immediately became involved in all aspects of orienteering, from streetO to the World Champs at Kooyoora in 1985. In 1986 he organized his first event at Wellington Chase, starting a long association with this map, which is still in regular use.

Wally was elected President in 1987, the first of two stints in the role. During the early 1990s, many members left the club due to burnout, and mapping and organizing for major events was put on hold. Instead, the focus shifted to street orienteering only as DROC began rebuilding membership. Wally became the Summer Series Coordinator in 1991, a role he held for many years. The series grew rapidly, many innovations were introduced, and a winter Night series was introduced. DROC also ran many local Sunday events on colour park maps.



Under Wally's second presidency in 1994, the club gradually got back on track, membership grew steadily, and many new street maps were produced, allowing the successful Summer Series to further develop. Wally came up with the basis of the scoring system that is still in use today, and was also behind the first long distance street events (today's EndurOs) where two or more maps were combined for 2 or 3 hour events on Sunday mornings.

Wally competed at nearly every event on the fixture, from Park and Street, to local bush, state and national championships, World Masters, and many rogaines - usually partnering with Pam King. He produced innumerable maps, set hundreds of courses, and brought equipment to most events. Wally also organized Tuesday morning orienteering

events for seniors, encouraging people to get out and be active. He was presented with an award for this from the Council On the Ageing (COTA).

Wally was deservedly honoured with Life Membership of both DROC and Orienteering Victoria. He was passionate about orienteering, the outdoors, his club, and his family. He was always thinking of ways to improve the sport, while sticking to his favourite principle, KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid). To a great many orienteers, Wally WAS street orienteering. He would have been very proud of the club for its successes today, its growth, and its support of juniors, and he would have been right behind programs like MelBushO and Sprint Into Spring. Orienteering owes Wally Cavill a great deal, but he always said he gained far more than he gave.

Tributes - Peter Yeates

The poet Keats wrote words often quoted in troubled times “... and then there crept a little noiseless noise amongst the trees, born of that very sigh that silence heaves”.

At 2.30pm on Tuesday 26 September, a silence descended on the forest at Willagalong West in the Roseberg State Park close to Bathurst NSW. The trees had earlier rung to shouts and cheers as our best young orienteers had competed in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championship. This was an activity that our friend and club member Wally Cavill held close to his heart. Wally passed away recently and his funeral was held in Melbourne early this morning. Those of us who were away at the Carnival had elected to gather in his memory, certain in the knowledge that he would not have expected any of us to have pulled out. Memories of Wally, his foibles and fancies, were spoken about and it was clear was that the speakers spoke with great affection and great humour.



Peter Yeates opened the batting by remarking that as the club's equipment manager for many years, Wally had never knowingly thrown away anything useful. The consummate scavenger and re-user, long before recycling became the buzz word, he had a gift for repurposing things that was second to none. When helping move out of his Larch Crescent home of many years, we found he still had some of the toilets from the 1985 World Championships. A few days after Wally's passing, Pete was in his garage repairing some piece of equipment with bits of wire and duct tape. Wife Ilze remarked "you're as bad as Wally". Pete paused for a moment and then said that he considered that a great compliment.

President Peter Hobbs recalled the time that Denise and Peter Grover, when leaving an event late in the day, had found themselves on the wrong side of a locked gate. Wally returned in the van with the infamous trailer in which he found enough tools to dismantle the gate and get them out.

Geoff Hudson (NE) remarked that he had found Wally a great innovator and in the early days of computer records he had wrestled with and invented some of our earliest scoring systems. Wally was not afraid to try new things.

Debbie recalled that prior to the internet, arriving early at an event was essential, to help Wally erect the scoreboard so he could pin up the reams of paper needed to publish the previous weeks results, surrounded by eager competitors clamouring to see how they went.

Many others spoke of their memories, all of which contained a similar theme. Peter Dalwood recalled that Wally started orienteering in 1983, and during the nineties was almost single handedly running Steet Orienteering as it evolved into the strong presence it is today. Prue Dobbin, Denise Pike, Mark Besley, Tim Hatley and Peter Grover also contributed a few words to the gathering.

It is a legacy that both he and his daughter Sue have left that his remaining family members can be justly proud of.

Peter Hobbs

Towards the end of the event a group of about 40 mostly Victorian orienteers gathered to share a moment in respect of Walter Cavill's passing and funeral, which was held back in Melbourne in the morning. Peter Yeates opened the gathering with a story dating back to circa 2010, when he was assisting Wally move houses in Mt Waverley and came across the toilet seats used in the 1985 World Orienteering Championships, held in Bendigo. Wally was a bit of a hoarder.

The group recited several entertaining stories including the famous DROC incident at Wellington Chase when Mark Besley, Wally, Peter Grover and Denise Pike were packing up at the conclusion of the event. Mark Besley, unaware that the others were still inside the park, departed and locked the access gate. When the others arrived at the exit shortly afterwards they were bemused to find the gate locked; they were trapped inside the park and night time was near. Wally, being a resourceful type, duly located the necessary tools in his van and fully unhinged the gate from its posts (then replaced them) to allow the trio to exit the park.

We were all sad to hear of Wally's passing and would have attended his funeral but I bet he would have given his blessing for us to be at Aus Champs instead.

Debbie Dodd

Our dear friend and club member Wally passed away recently, after having been ill for some time. He was approaching 90. Wally was the most influential person in street orienteering when we started, and for many years subsequently. It was inconceivable that one day he wouldn't be around, but his health meant we hadn't seen him at events for a couple of years. Nonetheless, we will miss him hugely. His funeral was this morning, back in Melbourne (standing room only). Those of us up in NSW also took the opportunity to get together and remember him. Wally always loved his orienteering, but he did take a casual approach to it, as the enjoyment always meant far more to him than the competition. My course today (a Wally Wander) was executed in that same spirit.

GEOFF KEY

Founding and Life Member Geoff Key also passed away in September, peacefully with his family. Geoff was one of the founders of DROC back in 1979, and his kids Warren, Sue and Steve have given Victorian orienteering an amazing legacy through mapping and competition at the highest level. Geoff was always a huge supporter of orienteering and retained his interest in the club's activities until recent ill health.

From Mark and Jill Phillips:

Mark grew up just around the corner from the Keys and we both went to school with their kids. He was in the cross-country and athletics teams with them. Mark still remembers early orienteering events they ran from their house in Mt Evelyn in the late 1970s and early 1980s. We both have many memories of these fun events. Geoff was always very supportive of his kids' sports and the DROC Club in particular.

From Carl Stemp:

I was personally sorry to hear of the passing of Geoff Key. We had very happy times at the Key residence at Mount Evelyn - races often started from there. Because the early maps of Mount Evelyn were made by the Keys their home could be described as being at the heart of them. I look back with a sense of pleasure for those early days, and now sadness for Geoff's passing.

SUMMER SERIES

With daylight saving here, and summer just around the corner, it's time to break out the sunscreen and shorts, and start planning your summer fitness program. With events on four nights a week all over Melbourne, there are no excuses not to be outdoors with a map!

Summer Series kicks off on Monday October 16, and continues through to mid March. Series tickets will be on sale during the first three weeks, representing a huge discount for regular attendees. You can buy a 22-week ticket for the price of 12 weeks (\$60), saving up to \$50 per series!

All events are listed at www.vicorienteeing.asn.au/parkstreet, and on Eventor. Pick up a handful of printed fixtures at events, and hand them out to family, friends or workmates, or take some to your local gym, library, coffee shop or outdoor store. Spread the word!!

WINTER SERIES RESULTS were not quite final at time of writing, but check all winter Monday, Wednesday and Saturday results at www.vicorienteeing.asn.au/parkstreet. Presentations will be held at the first Eastern Summer Series event at Forest Chase on Wednesday October 18.

SIMON ROUSE IN EUROPE

After running in my first O-Ringen two years ago, I was excited to be heading back to the world's biggest orienteering event. With well over 10,000 competitors and infrastructure that rivals many small towns it's an experience you never forget.

I arrived the day before the first event and checked into the dormitory accommodation at a local school to find that there were no camping beds provided this year. First stop was to buy an air mattress. Others had come prepared with one guy even pitching his tent inside the classroom.

Heading into the forest on day one I remembered what a joy the Swedish terrain is to run in. The soft undergrowth and moss hides the subtle contour detail but is very forgiving when you fall. There's no shortage of competition and my best efforts were putting me just below midfield in the results.

Day three offered a well deserved break and the option to watch the elite sprint races. With 100,000 Swedish Krona (\$15,000) in prize money on offer across the week, many of the top senior elites were racing.

After 5 days of racing it was off to Scotland for the Scottish 6-Day orienteering carnival. With 6,000 competitors this is a major event - unless you've come straight from O-Ringen. This week I was camping but with my luggage (and tent) having gone missing in transit I was waiting late into the evening to hear if I would be sleeping in the rental car that night. The luggage was found and I was able to pitch the tent just before midnight, thankful for my late start time the following day.

The Scottish terrain makes you work hard! Steep heather covered hills sap your energy with every step but offer some fantastic views of the countryside with the odd castle here and there. I had missed the warning in the program that no water is provided on the courses or at the finish. This was a stark contrast to the week before where not only was drinking water provided but they had driven multiple 10,000 litre tankers into the forest to provide hot showers for all competitors at the arena.

With six long format events plus a rest day sprint race, the Scottish 6-Day is always taxing on the body and after a couple of falls mid-week I was feeling pretty tender. However I had for some reason booked a third week of orienteering so it was straight to Hungary for the Hungarian Cup!

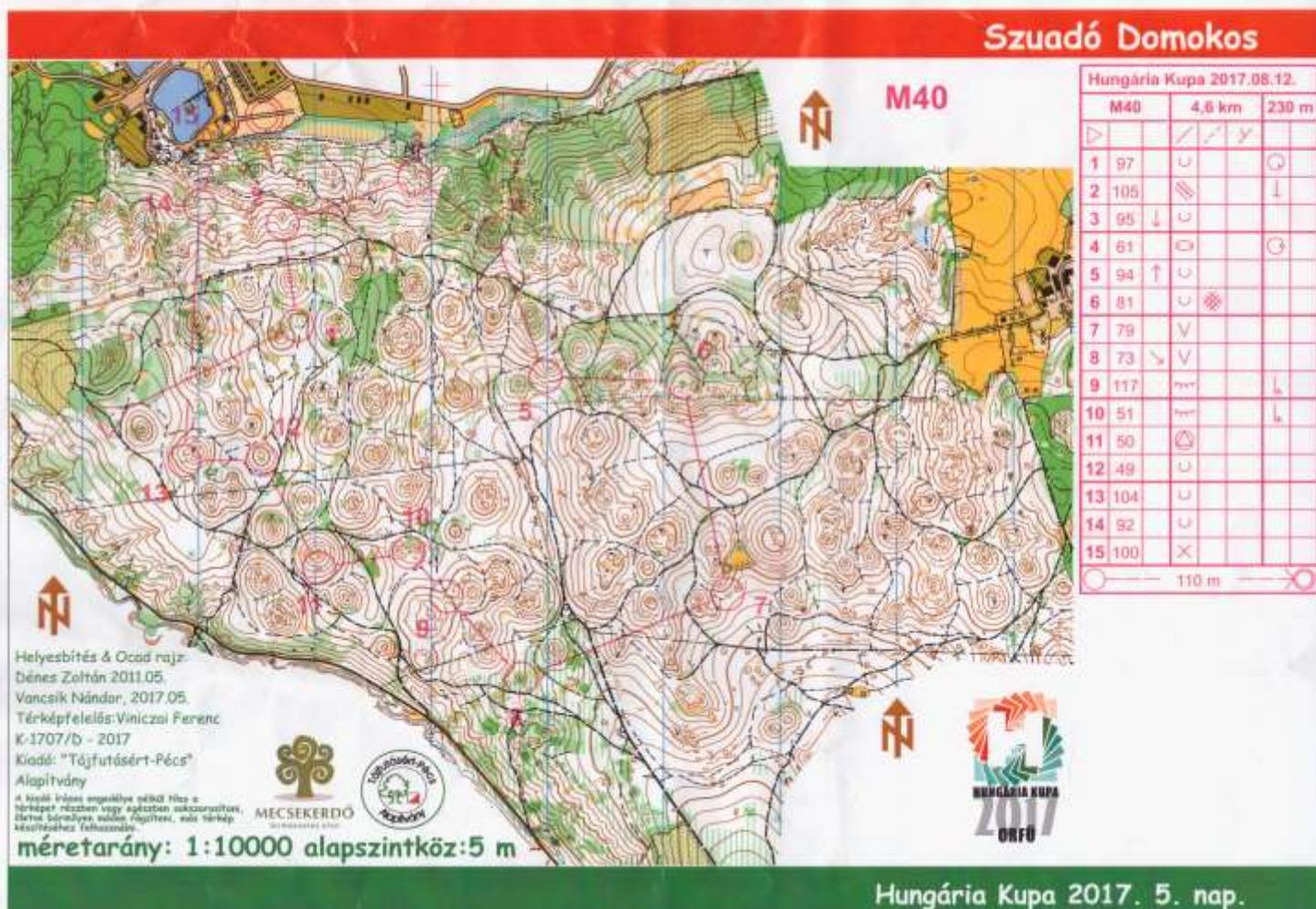
I was excited to run in Hungary as I had never orienteered there before and had heard great things about the karst terrain which forms huge craters in the underlying rock. The Hungarian forest offered

great diversity from open spur gully to complex erosion to the perfectly round craters of the karst terrain. It was a great way to finish the trip with warm sunny weather making for relaxing afternoons dozing by the lake (or nursing injuries).

Orienteering in Europe is a fantastic experience and I'm already thinking of when I can next get back there. I may not squeeze 17 events into 21 days next time but I'm sure it won't be far off.

For a look at the Swedish terrain: <https://youtu.be/rsazK1lgKWw>

Hungaria Cup Day 5 map



PREZ SEZ - the Adventures of Peter Y, Debbie and Peter H at AusChamps

Friday 22 September - The Drive

The car trip from Croydon to Bathurst took about 9 hours including two coffee stops and bemusement at the reverse-in, angle parking that is common along the main streets of many rural towns in NSW. We were treated to some picturesque late afternoon driving with endless yellow fields of canola and a pink/orange sunset to greet our arrival in Millthorpe.

Saturday 23 September 2017 - Sprint Championships

The first day of the carnival was the Australian Sprint Championships at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst. A very open fast campus, except for an abundance of out-of-bounds garden beds and artificial out-of-bounds areas to make things interesting. The courses were suitably difficult but

nothing like the mega-difficult 2016 Sprint Champs on the Gold Coast. To our surprise Bathurst had Gold Coast like weather with the mercury hitting 31 degrees.

Comment from Peter Y: Made a silly error at the second control after the spectator run-through, which cost me six places, but a good run otherwise. My 4:03pm start made me last starter in my course which was annoying as I'd been standing around for hours beforehand.

Debbie: Pretty happy with most of the course except for a significant error coming out of the spectator control where I turned too far right at the path intersection.

Peter H: Really happy with today's event. A clean run with only a few minor hesitations or minor route choice errors. Finished mid-field in my class which was the goal. Special mention must go to Lanita Steer for her excellent 4th place in W21E.

Whilst reading up on the course setter's notes about the next day's Middle Distance Championship, we were in gales of laughter at the warnings relating to the different types of mine shaft on the map. An entire page was dedicated to explaining: "Obvious very dangerous mine shafts in yellow / black tape", "not so obvious very dangerous mine shafts in blue / white tape", "Other mine shafts and holes are marked on the map", "Some are not marked on the map despite being obvious on the ground", "Some mine shafts have been covered or fenced off, most covered mine shafts have bat friendly gates, which are designed to allow several species of bat to survive", "The organisers have not tested the floor of any pits for safety. Do not run through or jump into any pit." Amid the laughter, Peter Y summarised: "So, if it is a mineshaft, don't go down it!"

Sunday 24 September - Middle Distance Championships

The 1.5 hour drive to Hill End was enjoyable as we crossed ridge after ridge, gully after gully on a quiet sealed road, reminiscent of the roads leading to Walhalla or Powelltown in Victoria. Hill End really was in the middle of nowhere and felt like a forgotten 1800s gold mining town, with many old and crumbling buildings, small population, police station, school, general store, café and hardly a car in sight except for orienteers. The terrain was gold mining with many erosion gullies and of course mineshafts - similar to Bendigo/Ballarat terrain. As far as we are aware, there were not any issues with the mineshafts. Little did we know, the timber of Schools Day 1 would present a much bigger hazard...

Peter Y: Wasn't overly impressed today, with a big error on the way to control 9 due to confusion and brain fade amid a series of mounds and dry gullies. I regret following Peter Dalwood!

Debbie: Very happy with today! All of the controls were where they were supposed to be and I finished 3rd which means a podium appearance. I'd better make sure my hair is in place.

Peter H: A solid run today and another mid-field finish which is a big improvement on last year and I felt I was in control of the map today, not vice versa. Only errors of note were 90 seconds at control 2 and a silly 60 second error at control 13.

Tuesday 26 September - Schools Day 1

Today's event was held in spur / gully terrain with a twist; you could not take more than two steps without being obstructed by either a log or sizeable fallen tree branch. DROC had two juniors - Sarah Davies and Amber Louw - representing Victoria in the schools' event. Both completed the course but no doubt had the same log/branch issues as the rest of us.

Towards the end of the day a group of about 40 mostly Victorian orienteers gathered to share a moment in respect of Walter Cavill's passing and funeral which was held back in Melbourne today (see separate article).

Peter Y: Had a blinder today! All of the fallen timber actually worked in my favour as it slowed everyone else down. I hit the controls cleanly and finished 8th in my class.

Debbie: Not the best day. The fallen timber was annoying and having already witnessed someone trip and fall, I just treated it as a (very) long walk. And my navigation was a bit “off” all day.

Peter H: One of the poorer runs I can remember. Started off ok but had some issues with control 2 in a vague spur/gully area, followed by a fall then a half-twisted ankle amid the fallen timber. Fixed things up after control 4 and walked-ran the rest of the course, saving some energy for the sprint tomorrow.

Wednesday 26 September - Schools Day 2

An enjoyable sprint at All Saints College in Bathurst. The public race was the curtain-raiser for the Schools Sprint Championship. A great arena with many controls visible from the spectating area and an excellent vibe around the venue. Well done to DROC juniors Sarah and Amber for giving it their all representing Victoria.

Peter Y: Clean run today. No problems and came 8th in my class again.

Debbie D: A pretty clean run today on the senior girls’ course. Managed to beat my goal of 10min per/km (and less than double Lanita’s time on the same course). Great fun day.

Peter H: Clean run today with only a couple of very minor 5-10 second hesitation or route choice errors. Avoided disqualification by running around an OOB hedge that I could have easily jumped! Happy to be back in control of the map, unlike yesterday....

Thursday 28 September - Schools Day 3

Today was the Schools relay followed by a public event with the option of a mass start or individual start. We saw the first rain of the week with a good downpour last night plus more showers this morning. The terrain was a mixture of runnable pine forest, spur/gully bush and open areas; thankfully very little fallen timber or undergrowth. One thing that was common to all courses was contours. Lots of them. Amber and Sarah had very good runs, both looking really strong at the finish. The highlight of the prize giving ceremony was the 285-piece orienteering map jigsaw puzzle spot-prize.

Peter Y: Not really my day with a reasonable error on control 2 where I missed a marked gully crossing and ended up far too high relative to the control. Ok otherwise. The terrain was too steep for the Schools relay. On a side note, I’ve concluded today that my chillblain issues are cured....

Debbie: A good run today. All of the controls were where they were supposed to be and no errors of note. There were some elephant tracks between controls which helped. Not fit enough for those big climbs though.

Peter H: Opted for the individual start rather than following others in the mass start. Pretty good run except for a small error at control 4 and another at control 7, perhaps totalling 90 seconds. Ran out the course well including running up all the hills and finished near the top of my class despite most others taking the advantage of the mass start.

Friday 29 September - Rest Day



Went for a pleasant drive and walk up to the peak of Mt Canobolas, an old volcanic peak at about 1300m with a stunning 270-degree view across the region (see photo). We remarked that the terrain reminded us of Wellington Chase with the same types of gum trees, longish grass and thick but just runnable understorey. The evening was spent exploring the main street of historic Millthorpe.



Saturday 30 September 2017 - Long Distance Championships

Back at Hill End today on a different section of the map. The early wake up (6:45am) was a challenge. A perfect day for orienteering; about 18 degrees and sunny. Also a perfect day at the AFL grand final, according to Debbie, with Richmond dominating Adelaide. The final day of competition for Peter Y and Debbie who are heading home tomorrow. Amber, Sarah, Lanita and Asha all had good runs today.

Peter Y: A clean run with no errors of note. Some of my course's longer legs were boring with little route choice, but the shorter legs were testing among the erosion gullies. My map was the size of a table cloth! A4 would have sufficed.

Debbie: A so-so day with one big error in the gold mining. It doesn't matter though because Richmond has won the premiership!

Peter H: A pretty good run today on a very long and physically challenging course. Two 3-minute errors unfortunately, but I was in control of the map today which was pleasing. Likely my best long-distance result at a NOL event.

Sunday 1 October 2017 - Relays

The Relays were back at Hill End. Due to some withdrawals from the M21E class, my original team was altered to P Hobbs, Matt Schepisi and Matt Doyle. Both Matts put in excellent legs leaving me to run the final leg. Despite a truly diabolical four-minute error in the control circle (yes, true) of control 18, I was quite happy with how I'd performed with a fairly clean run otherwise. We placed fifth out of ten teams, which is a good result.

Gravel roads and car hire in Australia

In 2015 I was entrusted with arranging the car hire for the Easter-3-Day in South Australia, where I knew there would be lots of gravel and dusty roads. For some reason I looked at the fine print of the hire contract and was surprised to find out that Thrifty rentals forbid you from driving on gravel roads. What!! Problem for orienteering!! Below are what some of the main hire car company contracts say about driving standard cars on gravel roads:

Budget

WHERE YOU CAN AND CANNOT DRIVE THE VEHICLE

3.1 You and any Authorised Driver must only use the Vehicle:

- (a) on a road which is properly formed and constructed as a sealed, metalled or gravel road (unless the Vehicle is a 4 wheel drive Vehicle and in Western Australia where it may only be used on graded, unsealed roads unless approved in writing);

EuropeCar

7.10 Parts of Australia are not suitable for access by rental vehicles. To prevent Damage to the Vehicle and for Your own personal safety We strictly enforce conditions that restrict Your use of the Vehicle and unless We have given Our prior written consent, You **must never** take the Vehicle:

- (a) on any Unsealed Road unless Unsealed Road Cover has been purchased;
- (b) above the Snow Line unless Snow Cover has been purchased;
- (c) Off Road;

Thrifty

7.10 Parts of Australia are not suitable for access by rental vehicles. To prevent Damage to the Vehicle and for Your own personal safety We strictly enforce conditions that restrict Your use of the Vehicle and unless We have given Our prior written consent, You must never take the Vehicle:

- (a) on any unsealed road unless it is a four wheel drive (4WD) vehicle which has a transfer case with an independent Low range and Hi range gearing capability;

Avis

∨ Can I take the vehicles Off-Road?

Avis vehicles must only be use on a road which is properly formed and constructed as a sealed, metalled or gravel road (Unless the Vehicle is a 4WD).

Red Spot

Unsealed Road Use: If You drive on an Unsealed Road Your liability for Loss or Damage will be increased by the amount of the Unsealed Road Liability shown in Part A of the Rental Agreement. If you exceed 50 km/h on an unsealed road You will be liable for all losses suffered; refer to clause 8: "Your Liability." Vehicles rented from a Remote Location are not permitted to drive on Unsealed Roads.

Conclusion:

Budget, Avis = Gravel roads no worries.

Europe Car, Red Spot = Hmmmm. Gravel roads ok, but only with additional insurance and conditions.

Thrifty = Gravel roads big problem!

JUNIOR SPRINT TRAINING AND OLYNX TRAINING

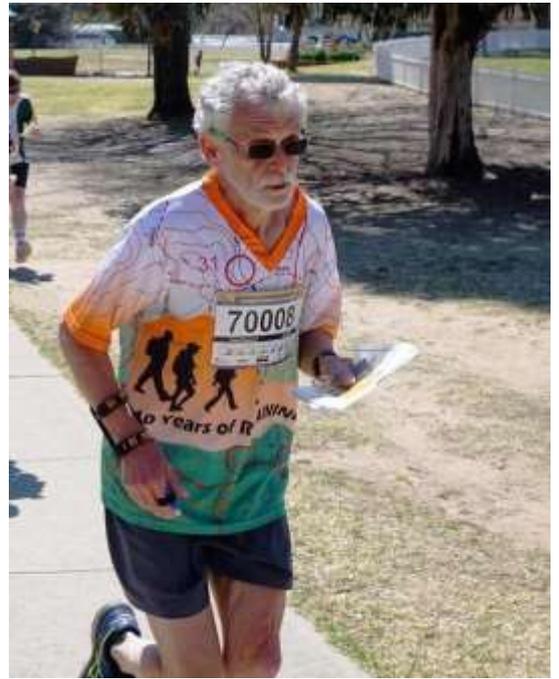
DROC played host to 16 or so eager junior orienteers keen to hone their Sprint skills, and the same number of more mature orienteers wanting to learn how to operate Olynx Touch, the online entry system used at most Sportident events. Peter Hobbs took the juniors through their paces with a classroom session on map symbols and feature identification, followed by some exercises on route choice, then a map walkthrough. Meanwhile, Ian Dodd demonstrated how to set up, operate and troubleshoot Olynx. We had a fun, hands-on day with new skills learned, and a chance to have a practice run on one of our favourite Sprint maps. Our thanks to Guy Mitchell and Eltham College for allowing use of their fabulous campus once again.

MILLENNIUM CLUB

Congratulations to Graham Wallis who upgraded his TMC membership to Companion Member when he completed his 750th Street-O event on the Gardiner's Creek map in Glen Iris last Saturday 9th September, 2017.

The Millennium Club participation count of Park & Street Orienteering begins from 1st Jan, 2000 but Graham is one of the orienteers who competed in the initial Street-O events back in 1976. Well done Graham.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, BATHURST NSW





Previous page:

Debbie Dodd on the podium; Peter Dalwood sprinting
Ilan Davies sprinting to the finish; Asha Steer in the forest
Denise Pike at the midweek sprint; Amber Louw
competing in the Schools Long Distance Champs

This page:

Eric Louw completing the Australian Sprint Champs; Peter Yeates in the sprint finish chute
Peter Hobbs at Hill End; Sarah Davies in the Schools Sprint Champs

MELBOURNE SPRINT WEEKEND
10 - 12 March 2018

6 RACES
3 DAYS

Includes:
World Ranking Event
NOL Round One
Aus Uni Sprint Champs

"6 high quality sprint races!
It's a great way to kick start
the season!"
Natasha Key - W21E winner MSW2016

"Great races that were vital
for my preparation for
the World Championships."
Ralph Steer - M21E winner MSW2016

"Simply the best sprint
orienteering weekend in Australia.
You'd be mad to miss it!"
Ross Bar - M19 winner MSW2016
Planner 2017 Aus Sprint Champs

www.parkstraeto.com.au/msw2018

ORIENTEERING VICTORIA

Something to whet the appetite - Melbourne Sprint Weekend returns in March 2018, with 6 amazing races! Our own Stuart McWilliam did a fantastic job designing our postcard, which was left on 800 car windscreens at AusChamps. We are already fielding enquiries about when entries will be open!

SPRINT INTO SPRING!

Now into its fifth fantastic year, Sprint Into Spring returns! Set aside your Saturday afternoons in October and November, to experience the most fun you can have with a map. Everything we love is back - the jerseys, the sprint and hillclimb legs, touch screen entry, TV screens bringing you instant results, flexible start times, season tickets, full colour maps, three courses designed for all levels, and six amazing venues.

At the end of it all, DROC will host the Victorian Sprint Championships at Monash University in Clayton. The map has been redrawn from scratch to capture all the new buildings and landscaping completed since we were there last; and course setter Peter Dalwood has been gleaning lots of ideas from his recent week away at the Australian Championships.

If you're a regular street orienteer, why not give sprint orienteering a go? StreetO is perfect training - speed is not the deciding factor; smart decisions about route choice are what will give you the edge. If you're a newcomer or junior, start out with the "Usain Bolt" course, which is shorter and simpler, heaps of fun, and perfect training for Primary Schools Championships.

The "Sally Pearson" is harder navigation, but shorter distance, and has become increasingly popular with those looking for more challenge without the length - ideal for parents to tackle while the kids are out on their course. The "Mo Farah" is the longest and hardest course; if you want to test yourself against the best, go for it!



Sprint Into Spring offers top quality mapping, course setting and organisation, and is right on your doorstep. Victorian orienteers are building a reputation as sprint experts, largely thanks to this series which provides regular competition in a social, family-friendly and safe environment. At all events, you can enter on the day, choose any course, and start any time from 1.30-2.45pm. We provide coaching and equipment loan - you pay just \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors under 21.

The Victorian Sprint Champs are pre-entry on Eventor, with pre-allocated start times, and age classes. Keep an eye on websites and emails for details of when and how to enter.

2017 Program:

- ▽ Saturday October 14 - University of Melbourne, Parkville - course setter Asha Steer
- ▽ Saturday October 21 - Oxley College, Chirnside Park (new map) - organising club Dandenong Ranges
- ▽ Saturday October 28 - VU Edgewater, Footscray
- ▽ Saturday November 11 - RMIT West, Bundoora
- ▽ Saturday November 18 - Royal Park, Parkville (new map)
- ▽ Saturday November 25 - Latrobe University, Bundoora
- ▽ SUNDAY November 26 - Monash University, Clayton - course setter Peter Dalwood, organiser Pam King

All event details are on www.parkstreeto.com/sprint and Eventor. Please check websites for final details, as last minute changes can and do occur. Look out for the SIS 2017 printed flyer at Summer Series events.

PHOTO GALLERY - RECENT MELBUSHO EVENTS



Top: Carl Stemp, Jenny Mitchell

Middle: Andrea and Lauren Jackson, Stuart McWilliam

Bottom: Helen Walpole

PHOTO GALLERY - VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, CRESWICK

On the podium:

Amber Louw, Ian Dias, Sarah Davies, Janine Steer

