

Nillumbik Emus Online Newsletter – April, 2015

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The Hudson house after a storm brought down a large branch across the power line to their house in Box Hill South.

Both cars were severely damaged by the bricks brought down from the wall above their garage.

This disaster happened after the Wattle Park event held the previous Wednesday after which the Hudsons' hosted a large gathering and dinner at their home.



Rachel Edmonds at her engagement party with Brian O'Meara and his parents Tony and Judy. Proud parents Rob and Helen enjoyed the occasion with 265 guests at the Spirit Station Pier, Port Melbourne.

Rachel doesn't compete much these days but ran at the club relays. Rachel is a radiotherapist at the Austin Hospital, Olivier Newton-John Wellness Centre.

Sister's Alice and Kate and friends.



Park and Street Course Setter of the Year Awards

The prestigious Park and Street Course Setter of the Year have been announced. Some club members featured in the honourable mentions.

Congratulations!!!

Endurable - Robert Hudson, Berwick EndurO

Takes the Cake - Ewen Templeton, Woodridge (Saturday)

Superlative Score - David Beard, Wellington Village

(Monday Winter)

Exceptional East - Arrabri, Rick Bailes (Wednesday Summer)

South Australia for the Easter Carnival

Good luck and safe travel to those heading over to SA.

We have 8 members making the big trip

John and Leone Carberry, Ron Frederick, Sue Healy, Jennifer Lindley, Barry Moore, Kevin Maloney and Alan Watts



Panton Hill Summer 75 MTBO Series

Riders enjoyed the thrills and hills on the newly drawn map. Just 34 riders tackled the course which featured new single track through remnant bushland reserves.

Pictures taken by Schon Hudson

Top left, Phil Giddings, Ron Frederick and Rob Edmonds
Top right, Geoff and Joyce Rowlands

Bottom left, Helen Edmonds with Ron and Rob
Also helping out was Kevin Maloney.

Geoff Hudson supplied the timing system for all 4 Summer Series MTBO events.

Lindsay Thomas from Tuckonie OC wrote

Peter Beggs mentioned to me tonight that he had heard on the Ericsson network that Sture Lantz had written a novel that was set in Australia. I have done a quick Google, and have come up with this link:

<http://www.adlibris.com/se/bok/tuckonie-9789187119392>

I'm sharing this email with a couple of other old hands who would probably remember Sture, the member of our founding triumvirate who actually gave the club its name, but I haven't been in touch with Sture for several years.

For those who don't read Swedish - Google Translate does a passable job of translating the blurb into English, but I can send that translation separately if you like.

Curiously, I don't know whether Sture is aware that "Tuckonie" was a black kid (played by actor John Meillon) in the radio serial "The Search for the Golden Boomerang" which ran for 1,444 episodes during the early 40s. Legend has it that Sture found the name in a koori dictionary, said to mean "little man lost in the bush".

Incidentally, I also have the piano score and words for "The Tuckonie Tree Song" - if anyone is a pianist, we could record it!

Don Fell's Comment

In the light of this information about "The Tuckonie Tree Song", maybe we should formally claim "Old Man Emu" as our club theme song. We could run the pants off a kangaroo!

Um-ba-da-lip-ida-da-da

Key dates

The next two pages list the club's orienteering events for the rest of 2015. Please keep these dates free, especially the State Series at Joyce's Creek and the MTBO at Newstead on the Saligari Safari map. You will notice that there are still some vacancies for course planners, organisers and event advisers for some events. Please contact Rob Edmonds if you would like to carry out one of these roles.

Nillumbik Emus – Foot & Mountain Bike Events 2015 (Non Street'O)

MTBO Summer Series - Saturday, March 7

Course Planner: Rob Edmonds

Panton Hill

Organiser: Rob Edmonds

VICBush State Series #3 - Sunday, May 17

Course Planner: Rex Niven

Event Adviser: Mark Hennessy

Joyce's Creek, Maldon

Organiser: Ron Frederick

Mapper: Alex Tarr

VIC MTBO Series #3 - Sunday, May 31

Course Planner: Rob Edmonds

Event Adviser:

Saligari Safari, Newstead

Organiser:

Tarrengower Maxi - Sunday, July 26

Course Planner: Derek Morris

Event Adviser: Ron Wescott

Mt Tarrengower, Maldon

Organiser: Rob Edmonds

MelBush'O Series - Sunday, August 2

Course Planner: Jim Glaspole & Josie Yeatman

Event Adviser:

Yarra Bend

Organiser: Geoff Hudson

MelBush'O Series - Sunday, August 23

Course Planner: Ian Stirling

Event Adviser:

Eltham Lower Park

Organiser: Lauris Stirling

Australian Relay Champs - Sunday, October 4

Course Planner: Judi Herkes (BK)

Event Adviser: Kathy Liley (YV)

Borhoney Ghurk, Meredith

Organiser: Robert Edmonds

Victorian Night Champs Sat, Oct 17

Score Event Sun, Oct 18

Course Planner:

Event Adviser:

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Organiser:

MTBO Youies Preamble - Friday, November 6

Course Planner: Rob Edmonds

Event Adviser:

You Yangs

Organiser: Rob Edmonds

Melbourne PAS Wednesday Autumn Classic Series 2 - Camelot Rise	01/04/2015
Melbourne PAS Wednesday Autumn Classic Series 7 - Heaney Park	06/05/2015
2015 Vic Bush State Series 3 - Sandon - Joyce's Creek	17/05/2015
Melbourne PAS Saturday Series 8 - Surrey Dive	30/05/2015
Vic MTBO Series #3 - Newstead	31/05/2015
Melbourne PAS Wednesday Autumn Classic Series 13 - Glenferrie	17/06/2015
Tarrengower Maxi 3 Hour - Maldon	26/07/2015
Melbourne PAS Wednesday Spring Carnival Series 4 - Bennettswood	29/07/2015
MelBushO 8 - Yarra Bend	02/08/2015
MelBushO 9 - Eltham Lower Park	23/08/2015
Melbourne PAS Saturday Series 18 - Diamond Creek	29/08/2015
Melbourne PAS Wednesday Spring Carnival Series 13 - Mullum Mullum	30/09/2015
2015 Australian Relay Championships - NOL 16 - Borhoney Ghurk	04/10/2015
Melbourne PAS Saturday Series 21 - Koonung Heights	10/10/2015
2015 Vic Night Orienteering Champs	17/10/2015
Morning-after Score	18/10/2015
Youies Preamble MTBO – You Yangs	06/11/2015

Club Memberships					
	Members	Adult	Junior	Club Only	Second Club
AR	15	2	0	4	9
AW	34	13	0	19	2
BG	101	72	25	1	3
BK	160	121	25	6	8
CH	17	8	2	6	1
DR	75	69	6	0	0
EU	44	33	11	0	0
MF	41	24	13	0	4
NE	71	49	4	17	1
TK	28	21	0	7	0
YV	59	50	5	0	4
Club OV	553	462	91	60	32

The new membership fee structure has been partly responsible for a significant rise in OV memberships this year.

Club reps have worked hard to recruit new members and reengage 'lost' members.

Unfortunately, our club has lost members, down from 107.

Colin and Jennifer Steer have retired.

Marion and Bill Johnson have also called it a day. Big welcome to our latest recruit; Pam Brathwaite.

Club Relays

We fielded 5 teams in the club relays conducted at Eppalock South by Bayside Kangaroos. There were some logistical problems with the timing system and results have yet to be posted.