

# Nillumbik Emus Online Newsletter – October, 2012

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## CLUB RELAYS

On a wintry but dry day, 18 Club members made the long journey to Bendigo to compete in the Victorian Club Relays.

The Quix Family took on the challenge, with Christinne, Darren and their young son Tye attending one of their first bush events.

Our best result was with Genelle Templeton, Joyce Rowlands and Dorothy Adrian who gained 3rd place on Course D.

## 2012 Bush fixture click link to go to VOA website

### You Yangs, Maxi 3 Hour Adventure Series

Sunday Oct 14

Course Planner & Organiser: Rob Edmonds

Assistant Organiser: Helen Edmonds

Catering Manager: Lauris Stirling

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### Victorian Night Champs & Score'O Nov 3/4

Course Planner: Rex Niven

Organiser: Someone Needed

The Maxi 3 Hour is fast approaching. It is being held for the first time at the You Yangs, with the assembly area at the familiar Lower Picnic Ground.

Controls will be set out on Saturday. Anyone who would like to help me in putting out the controls would be welcome. We'll need helpers to arrive at the You Yangs by 8am on the Sunday to help set up. Please let me know asap if you are able to attend.

Lauris Stirling is organising the catering. If you are able to provide soup and/or gas BBQ please contact Lauris on 9876 3643 or email

[laurisstirling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laurisstirling@optusnet.com.au)

I just spent two days mapping and course planning at the You Yangs. It is very popular spot on a warm day. The dams are full and there are several small streams flowing. I sighted plenty of wildlife, marsupial and winged and the spring flowering is very colourful.

## You Yangs Tree Planting

Don and Fiona Fell attended the You Yangs tree planting at Big Rock on Sunday September 30. They had a run afterwards. Included the Branding Yard walking track and some GPS tracking.

*"Started off with 2 1/2 hours tree planting at Big Rock with Friends of the You Yangs. After a chit-chat and cup of tea at their hut we headed off for our run which was a bit of an effort after yesterday's 10km.*

*Started at Big Rock car park then up to Rothwell Rd and around to The Saddle. Down into The Branding Yards area and turned around just short of the Great Circle Drive. Back up past the Geoglyph and back up to The Saddle. Turned around to descend to The Branding Yards area again as we were adding an extra climb today. Round the Branding Yard Track and up to The Turntable and on round Rothwell Rd and Contour Rd down to Big Rock. Only about 800m further than we've been running but an extra 100m of climb.*

*I think the boneseed battle has been lost. Apparently the native ants ate the grubs which were introduced to eat the boneseed."*

I have also heard that the native birds ate the grubs so there probably a bit more to this story then we are being told.



Club gathering after an event

## Club Committee Meeting

*Tuesday, 9 October at 8pm*

*Laurie and Rex Niven's residence,  
15 Rockcliffe St Eltham Melways: 22 A8  
RSVP Rex or Laurie 9431 3803*

*An opportunity to have some input into next year's fixtures planning*

*All members are welcome to attend*

## Northern Territory Orienteering Champs

Ron Frederick.

Your President recently represented NEV at the Northern Territory Champs.

I have taken the time to write this article as the course setters and organisers all deserve congratulations. Furthermore the weather in the Top End in August is almost guaranteed to be fine, with minimum temperatures of about 15 and a maximum of around 30 making it a very pleasant change from the Melbourne winter.

The activities commenced with a sprint event on the Friday evening at the Charles Darwin University-Casuarina Campus. Most of the event was similar to a Melbourne/Monash/Latrobe Uni sprint, save that it had the added bonus of the last few controls being in coastal sand dunes (the Dripstone Cliffs).

We then moved South to the Bachelor/Rum Jungle area, just to the East of Litchfield National Park. The country was generally fairly flat with interesting stromatolitic rock formations and pillars. There were also some giant termite mounds.

Late on the Saturday afternoon, competitors had the choice of either a day-light score event commencing at 5.30pm or a night event commencing at 7pm. To simplify the organisation, the same controls were used for both events.

The Long Champs used the same Assembly Area as the Saturday evening events. They commenced at 8am, so avoiding the heat of the day. My course had two long fairly featureless legs which had me keeping my figures crossed.

I along with about twenty other orienteers camped at the Coomalie Community Church Camp Ground, which featured great hot showers and a large swimming hole. It also contained two very large sheds, which date back to WWII. They were apparently erected as part of a war wounded recovery centre. The caretakers are most hospitable and can be contacted on ph: 08.8976.0280. They would welcome guests at the other times of the year at \$10.00 per head per night, subject to there being no Church groups fully booking the camp.

The top enders were extremely friendly and welcoming. Keep an eye out for publicity for next years NT Champs and possibly make them part of a holiday involving Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks. Darwin also has an interesting coast line, which includes WWII relics.

Attached is a copy of the night "O" map. This map formed a small portion of the long championships map.

## The Victorian Teachers Games

The VTG were held in Ballarat this year.

The orienteering was held on the Canadian Forest map with the assembly area at the PAX Hill scout camp. The 60 minute score courses were of moderate navigational standard which suited competitors who are not experienced with orienteering. Helen Edmonds won Gold in the Women's and Rob Edmonds Gold in the Men's.

37 teams entered the aMAZEing race held around the historic precincts of Ballarat. The event was very popular than the organisers imagined. Eureka Orienteers organised both events.

Special thanks to Mark Valentine for organising the events with assistance from John Erwin (Bush'O) and Ken Dowling (aMAZEing).

Helen and I went around with John Erwin in the aMAZEing. It was great fun, but we didn't feature in the medals. The more youthful teams were heavily into iphones for clues to the questions and activities included horseshoe throwing, Taekwondo, looking for sculptures and finding the oldest car in the car lot



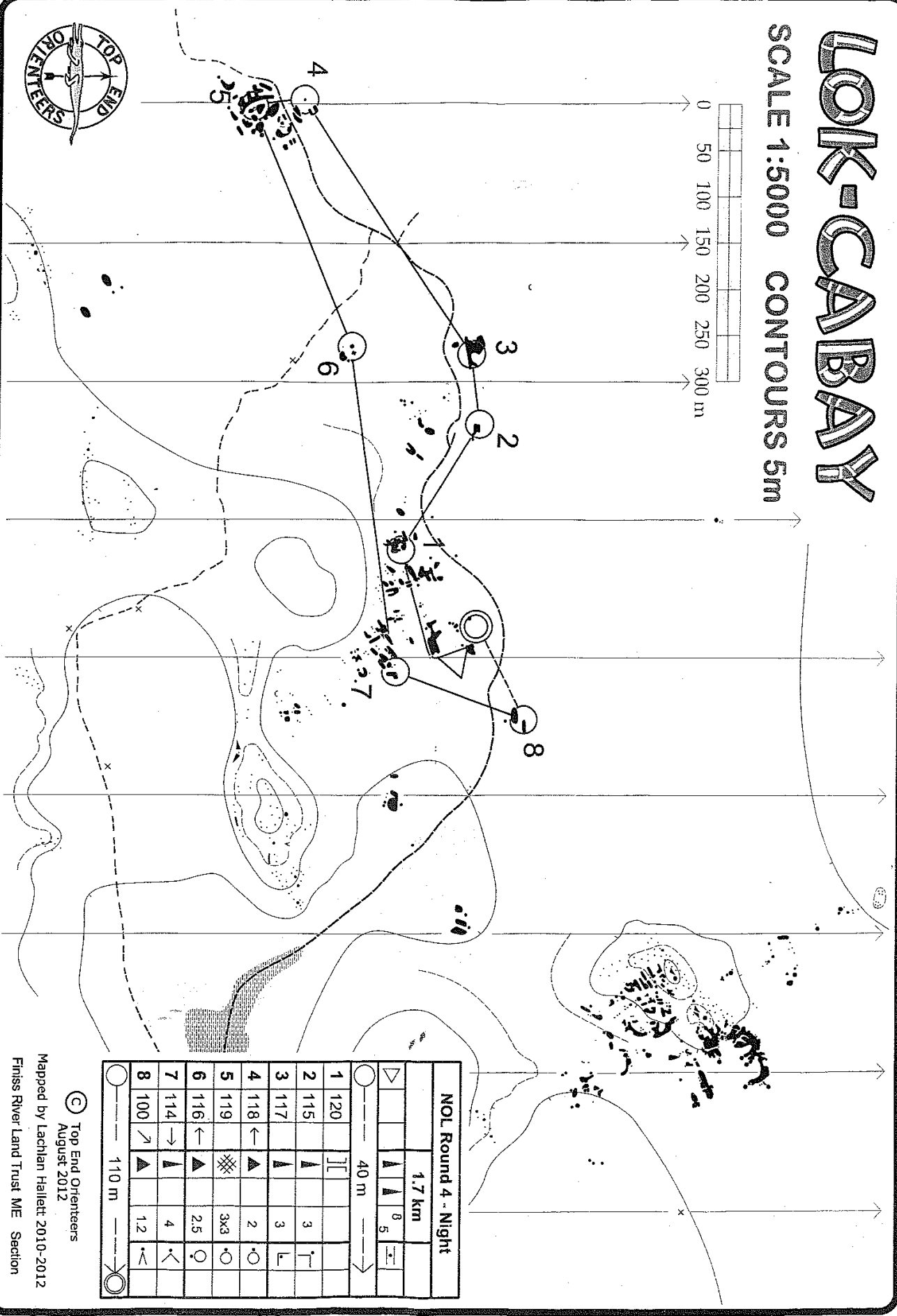
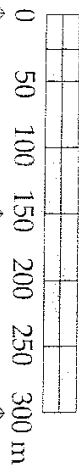
Medal Presentation - Rob, Mal Grimmett & Harvey Scott



Medal Presentation - Helen and Jenny Ball (BG)

# LOK-CABAY

SCALE 1:5000 CONTOURS 5m



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| ○                   | 110 m |        |   |   |     |   |   |  | ○ |

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Finiss River Land Trust ME Section



## Hepburn Diggings Report

Sunday, 2 September 2012

Glorious sunshine in perfect conditions; a day out of the box greeted competitors at Hepburn Diggings. Rex Niven's courses were physically tough and navigationally challenging; good preparation for the Championship events. It was a good middle distance course – requiring continuous attention to navigation and probably the toughest courses set in Victoria since Julie Flynn's courses on Korong Spur. We had a few abandon courses, but only mild complaints at the Finish. Most competitors were probably just too exhausted and relieved to finish.

Phil Giddings ensured the event ran smoothly with his tireless attention to detail. Many thanks to everyone who took part and especially those in the Nillumbik Emus Club who assisted with the organisation. Special thanks to Ron Frederick for towing the Club trailer, Phil for taking the toilets back to Kyneton, where he will have to wait till Monday to hand them back, and to Don Fell for SI trailer tow. Ron, Rex and Laurie, Don and Phil enjoyed a fine night's camping at the event site. Rex will be looking for a new tent after finding it completely rotted when he spread it out.

Kathy Ewels edged out Aislinn Prendergast in W21A. Bryan Keely had a comfortable margin in winning M21A with Blair Trewin and Fredrik Johansson running strongly for the minor placings. Craig Feuerherdt had an excellent win in M35A while Isabelle Wymer was a clear winner in W35A.

Our Club had 3 good runs from our stalwarts in M60. Rob Edmonds 2nd, Ron Frederick 4th and Alan Watts 7th. John Carberry finished 3rd in M45AS. Helen Edmonds was a winner in W55. Laurie Niven 5th in W60. Lauris Stirling and Robyn Sunderland battled it out in Long Open B with Lauris finishing 3rd, just 1 second ahead of Robyn. Joyce Rowlands won W89 and Ryan Carberry won Boys 12B.

### Vin Maloney Trophy

Don Fell organised the handicaps for this year's Vin Maloney Trophy at this event.

The winner will be announced at this year's AGM.

## VICTORIAN CHAMPS

The venues for this Champs were Rowdy Flat near Yackandandah and Kangaroo Crossing, near Beechworth and Eldorado. The 250 competitors, many interstate, were blessed with lovely sunshine in cool conditions.

The Rowdy Flat middle distance courses tripped us all up. Courses were very technical and the old gold mining sluiced areas provided plenty of physical and mental challenges.

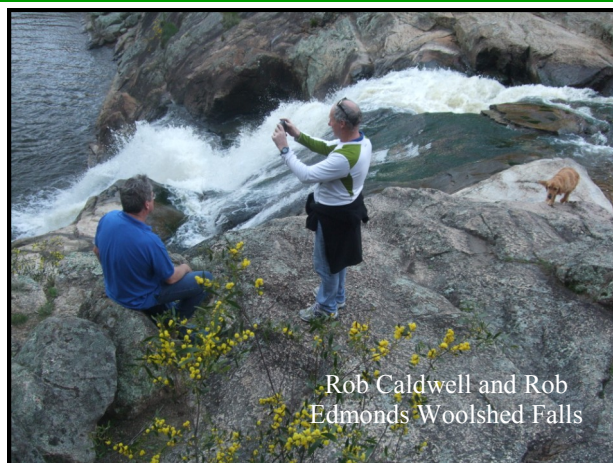
John Carberry was a winner in M45AS. As was Joyce Rowlands and Paul Adrian on their respective courses.

Jeff and Ann Hughes, Rob Caldwell shared a cabin with Helen and me at Woolshed Falls cabins. The Falls were a highlight.

Next day, we arrived early at Kangaroo Crossing. The rugged and technical courses provided further challenges over the longer distances.

Joyce won again with Sue Healy 2nd, Dorothy Adrian finished 2nd (W75) and Jeff Hughes finished 2nd on Long Open B

These maps will be reused at the popular Xmas 5 Day at the end of the year.



Rob Caldwell and Rob Edmonds Woolshed Falls



Ron Caldwell and Helen Edmonds Kangaroo Crossing