

Nillumbik Emus Online Newsletter – November, 2012

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Club Annual General Meeting

AGM and BYO BBQ Lunch

Sunday, December 2

*Venue: Westerfolds Park, ORCA Meeting Room
off Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe*

*Facilities: BBQ & kitchen facilities, hot water,
tables & chairs and toilets*

Guest Speaker: Geoff Hudson (Europe by Bike)

Time: Noon till 3 pm

RSVP: Rex Niven 9444 1803 or 0417 349427

Maxi You Yangs Report

Sunday, 14 October 2012

Sunday was a glorious spring day, following a few wet and cold days. Rob and Helen Edmonds with some help from Don Fell had set out the controls the day before. The You Yangs were looking a picture with water in low-lying areas and waterholes, and water flowing in streams. There was an abundance of native flowering bushes. And that nasty boneseed is thriving once again.

94 competitors came to test their navigational skills and endurance and have a good time. The You Yangs map now incorporates the northern section mapped by Rob Fell. There were four controls in this section which the top competitors visited.

Ted van Geldermalsen (Men's SuperVet) with 1260 of a possible 1500 points was the overall winner just pipping Andrew Baker and Gary Freudigmann (Open Men) 1240. Torren and Mason Arthur were winners in Junior Boys and took home the Schools' Trophy on behalf of Westgarth PS. Bayside Kangaroos, as usual, cleaned up in the Inter Club Challenge.

There were several competitors new to orienteering. One newcomer who competes in ironman and triathlons said it was the toughest thing he had ever done.

Thanks must go to the Nillumbik catering team lead by Lauris Stirling (Master Chef) for providing soups, fruit and cake to our hungry participants.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the day a huge success.

Victorian Night Champs & Score'O

Bunjil, Ballan November 10/11

It was a great evening for the Night'O. Rex Niven set 36 controls in the open forest. Competitors had a choice of 90 minutes or 150 minutes to locate as many as they could. Maps were distributed at 9PM and competitors quickly studied their options before dispersing with head torches bobbing in the dark. Control 150 worth 100 points was very tempting, and quite a few chose to go even though it was quite remote. No one was going to complete the whole course in the time so it was a matter of choosing the most expeditious route, to maximise points.

Ron Frederick brought up the club equipment and Rex had spent his time putting out controls well beforehand. Laurie Niven organised the registration tent. By late afternoon, Club members had assembled to put up the necessary infrastructure. ARDF were there too, running their night radio event.

The camp site was growing bigger as competitors began arriving, some to stay the night, others to go home after their event.

Next morning, more people arrived to tackle the courses in daylight. Many competitors from the Night'O had another go. This time competitors had only 90 minutes, and the scoring was far higher than in the night, as expected. After a cool night, the day began brightly and warmed up quickly. In the daylight, everyone was able to appreciate the beautiful carpet of flowers on the forest floor. Thank you Rex and Laurie for a wonderful event.

Other Club members who assisted and took part included Peter Maloney, Ewen Templeton, Rob and Helen Edmonds, Paul and Dorothy Adrian, Jeff and Ann Hughes, Sue Healy, Dave Lotty and Phil Giddings.

It's the final Rogaine of the year, out near Dunolly. Late entry date this Friday.

The 2x6hr No Name Rogaine
24th or 25th Nov - Late date is this Friday.

Enter Now

Christmas Reading list

Suggestions from Ken Dowling

1. **The Cartographer** (adult) by Peter Twohig. Set in 50s Melbourne, my age and time and the best of the three.
2. **The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet** (teenult) by Reif Larsen. Adult for a start then became more teen.
3. **MapHead** (teen) by Lesley Howarth. Fun.

And currently I am reading Prix Goncourt winner, **The Map and the Territory** by Michel Houellebecq. Translated from the French, the writer lives in Ireland and he is a character in his own novel – seems very Irish.

Mapping memories: The western desert's Martu mapmakers

This month, a collection of art works by Indigenous artists makes the 1200km journey from the Pilbara to Perth. Here, Victoria Laurie makes the journey in reverse, swapping her sat nav for local knowledge as she goes bush with the Western Desert's Martu mapmakers.

At Kunawarritji, a tiny settlement at Well 33 on the Canning Stock Route, a convoy readies itself to head bush. Under white-trunked bloodwood trees, staff from the Martumili Artists centre pack boxes of brightly coloured paints and neat rolls of canvas into the back of six vehicles – five Toyotas and a Nissan – while water supplies and huge tarpaulins are hauled onto roof racks.



The Christmas 5 Day (C5D) from December 27 - 31, comes to Victoria this year. There are 5 events are centred around round Beechworth in the north-east; each on a different maps and terrain.

There are also two afternoon MTBO events. Early Bird entry closes on Nov 20. You can enter all events or you can pick and choose.

Go to VOA website and follow the link to C5D to enter. Enter online using the new "Eventor" entry and pre-pay system. You will need to register your details the first time you use Eventor.

Some members are staying in cabins or camping at the Gemstone Caravan Park in Eldorado.

Contact Doug and Joy Cosson

Address: 139 Main Street, Eldorado Victoria 3746

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Email: bookings@eldoradogemstone.com.au

(expect email response within a week)

Website: http://www.eldoradogemstone.com.au/eldorado_002.htm



The Western Zone Primary School Champs were held on the 9th November on the lovely new map "Hawkstowe Park", located on the Plenty River near South Morang. Nearly 700 students took part. Thanks to Ruth Goddard who undertook the mapping and consultations with Parks Victoria. It proved an ideal area for primary school courses. Peter Maloney, Joyce Rowlands and Rob Edmonds were there to lend a hand among a large group of orienteers who gave up their time assist.

Summer Street Orienteering

by Geoff Hudson

Bernie Shuttleworth ran our first event on the Westgarth map in Northcote; the cool conditions and flat map allowed people to set a number of PBs that Thursday evening.

Last week was Nillumbik Emus week at StreetO - we set a street event on each night from Monday through to Thursday.

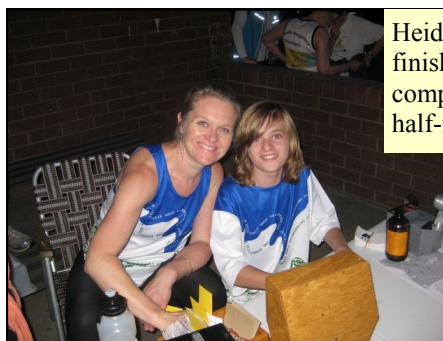
On the Monday, Will and Heidi Krincevski organised an excellent course on the Camelot Rise map in Glen Waverley. As an added bonus, they provided cake and cookies for NE members and friends (friends were anyone that helped us collect the controls after the event). Will's course was considered quite devious by most of the A and B runners - there was no obvious optimal route and people went in all directions.

On Tuesday, Geoff continues to run the Scout Adventure Racing series and numbers are starting to increase. With detailed colour maps of areas like Yarran Dherran, Blackburn Lake and the wetlands in Box Hill North, this series is providing a relaxed and entertaining evening for local orienteers and scouts. As word of this series circulates to other scout troops we expect youth numbers to increase.

On Wednesday, Mark Jarvis ran the Smith's Dell event in Hawthorn; we used the central location as an opportunity to bring NE members together and provided a free BBQ to our members. Thanks to those of you (kind ladies) who brought salads and cakes along too.

Finally, on Thursday Lauren Prentice ran the Templestowe Lower event with a little help from her dad David. This proved to be a challenging course that took us into areas of Templestowe that few had seen before. I particularly liked the run along Ruffey Creek - it was very pretty and not too steep.

Thanks to all the NE folks that pitched in the make the week a success!



Heidi and Will manning the finish table (Heidi completed the Marysville half-marathon last weekend)



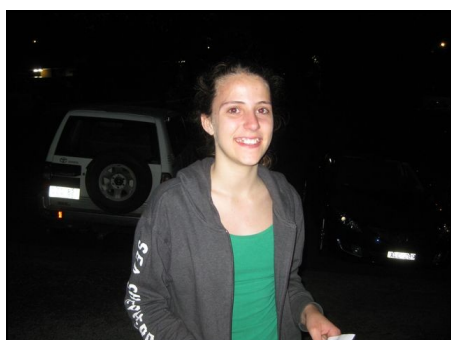
Geoff and Peter chat with new NE member Ian



Geoff helps people use the new automated scoring system



Mark Jarvis at Smith's Dell



Zoe Clarke - joined NE with father Mike. Zoe is a Venturer and has taken part in 5-6 events now.



David, Lauren and Khayen (Khayen just finished the Melbourne Marathon)



Fiona Fell



Helen, & Rob Edmonds, Ron Frederick



Jenelle Templeton



Lauris Stirling



Catering Team



Macsen Lawlor



Phil Giddings and Susan O'Callaghan



Sue Healy at the Finish