

## Nillumbik Emus Online – Sept 20, 2010 e-mail Bulletin

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### Victorian Long Distance Championships

Nillumbik Emus is running the Long Champs on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> on our new map of Sandon, near Newstead. Don Fell is organiser and would like to hear from members who are available to help set up on the Saturday and assist on the Sunday. Please email Don at [never\\_dnf@hotmail.com](mailto:never_dnf@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. Normal Entries close on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Late entries close on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. There is a penalty fee for late entry. The Middle Distance Champs are on the Saturday at Spring Gully near Castlemaine; just 25 minutes from Sunday's event.

**ONLINE ENTRY** at <http://entries.bendigo-orienteers.com.au/>

Pay by electronic funds transfer, cheque or money order. Enter for each of the Championships separately online but one payment may be made for the two events. Entries must be paid by Sept 27 to be included on the start list. Check entry details on the O'Vic website.

There will be a club dinner at the Railway Hotel in Castlemaine on Saturday evening. Contact Lauris Stirling [laurisstirling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:laurisstirling@optusnet.com.au) to book your place.

### The MAXI 3 Hour

Another terrific event! The Maxi was well received by all those who took part. Club members helped to make for a friendly and well organised event. Whroo was the wettest we have seen it and Ron and Helen managed to work out which tracks were unnavigable on Saturday when putting out controls. Luckily, a friendly 4WD passerby came to the rescue. Several members enjoyed a convivial evening at the Criterion Pub in Rushworth. Lamb Shanks were so popular that the cook ran out of shanks. Lauris and the catering team did a fantastic job with the catering on Sunday.

This year's Maxi had two firsts – the use of SI Computer's OEScore program to collate points and International Code for control descriptions.



### **Working Bee Trailer Storage**

Some members gathered at Erica's place to tidy up and begin the move of equipment to the Niven's place in Eltham. Quite a lot of old equipment was thrown out and everything except the trailer is now at the Niven's. The trailer will move to the Niven's after the Vic Champs.

It was good to see the Hudson's at the working bee, looking fit and well and just back from their European Sojourn. Geoff has many interesting tales of his bike riding exploits.

### **Club T-Shirts**

The new season collection of cotton club T-Shirts are now available.  
Brilliant blue with club logo. Priced at just \$12.  
Check with Schon Hudson and Fiona Fell to see if your size is available.

### **Night Champs**

This annual event will be held at Mia Mia, Newstead on November 20/21. Alan Watts is organiser and Rex Niven the course setter.

### **Recreation Rocks & 'Paddy Pallin Nav Training, Try Orienteering Day'**

You Yangs, Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>, Lower Picnic Ground

The aims of the day are to promote healthy activity and to raise funds for the Barwon Health Geelong Hospital Appeal for a new paediatric wing. Barwon Health has offered to cross promote this event. Groups that use the You Yangs have been asked to organise an activity and raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

**Foot'O:** We are offering a 75 minute score event with a mass start at 11:00am. Derek Morris is setting the course. Newcomers will have the opportunity to learn the basics of orienteering from one of our experienced guides.

**Mountain Bike'O:** This Summer Series event will also start from the Lower Picnic Ground at 2:00pm.

**Major Prize:** ParksVic are offering a prize pack valued at \$300. It is free twin share accommodation for two nights, at the Buchan Cave Wilderness Retreats for one lucky random draw participant.

We are also giving new participants a Paddy Pallin bag with a worthwhile package of freebies:

- ✓ a beginners guide to orienteering
- ✓ a copy of the local events brochure for the next 6 months
- ✓ a Paddy Pallin free membership form and catalogue
- ✓ a copy of the Australian Orienteer magazine
- ✓ a copy of Australian Geographic

**In addition, each person who participates (including club coaches and other helpers on the day) will go in a national draw for \$800 worth of Paddy Pallin prizes.**

### **Next Club Meeting**

Tuesday, 5th October at 8pm

At Laurie and Rex Niven's place, 15 Rockcliffe St Eltham

Melways: 22 A8

RSVP 94313803

***All members welcome to attend. Bring a supper plate.***

