

# BluePrint

The newsletter of Bennelong Northside Orienteers

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BLUEPRINT aims to provide topical, timely news of Bennelong Northside. Contributions are always welcome by e-mail to the Editor at: [terryb@smartchat.net.au](mailto:terryb@smartchat.net.au)

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## **Easter in Castlemaine**

12 Bennelong members travelled to Castlemaine for Easter this year. The orienteering areas were of a high standard with Day 1 in typical Victorian Spur/gully terrain and Day 2 and 3 in complex goldmining terrain at the site of the 1985 World Championships. Some of the more experienced members remembered watching the World Championship Relays at the very same assembly area used for Day 2 and 3. They were able to point out where various control sites were situated during the relays and where different teams including the Australian women's team came to grief.

Our most successful member was Eric Morris with a highly creditable 2nd in M21E, this result will give Eric a very good chance of making this year's Australian team for the World Championships in Denmark. Eric was consistent throughout, with places between 3rd and 5th on all 4 days.

No other member gained a place at Easter, but I managed to throw it all away after leading into the last day. I was very disappointed with my technique in losing 12 minutes at the first control on day 3, this brought me down to earth and back into 7th place.

Quite the opposite was Alexander Stollznow. Alexander has missed a lot of orienteering lately and was a bit rusty. At Easter he brushed the cobwebs aside with marked improvements each day, 23rd on Day 1, 13th on Day 2 and 5th on Day 3. We hope to see more of you this year Alexander.

Gordon Wilson like me had 1 off day which put him out of the placings, he was 3rd on Day 1 and 2nd on Day 3 but the 13th on Day 2 made it hard to keep in the placings. Gordon finished 5th overall. Steve Flick was 8th in the same grade (M55A) and a bit off his usual consistent self.

Also in 8th position was Melvyn Cox with steady but unspectacular runs on each day in M50A.

Kathy Cox just missed a place in W45AS with a good 2nd on Day 3 in the very technical terrain to bring her up to 4th place.

Cheryl Bluett also had a great run on Day 3 with a 3rd placing in W45B, but she was too far off the pace on the previous 2 days and finished in 15th place.

Wayne Pepper finished 5th in M35AS, his 3rd day was also his best with a 4th placing on the day.

Rob Spry finished 12th overall in M45AS and like Wayne was best on Day 3 with a 7th placing.

John Porter finished in 11th spot in M65A, while grandson Sebastian finished 9th in M10.

I enjoyed the weekend despite my poor form on day 3, the weather made me appreciate Sydney even more. We arrived at the camping ground at Harcourt in pouring rain and got our tent soaked inside as we were erecting it. Once the rain stopped the cold set in, we had frost

on the oval on the last 2 mornings. It was lovely to arrive back in Sydney after Easter to beautiful warm nights after freezing in our tent over Easter.

### **Metro League 2006**

Bennelong has entered 4 teams in the Metro league this year. We have a team in the combined 1/2 Division and teams in Div 3, 4 and 5. Please let Graham Galbraith know if you are available to run in any of the teams. Remember the Club pays entry fees for these events. We will be particularly keen to get maximum roll-up for the 1st Metro League event on Sun 7th May at Thornleigh Oval. Bennelong will be really stretched for this event, we are organising the event, it will also be National Orienteering Day with many newcomers expected on the day. Also Rob Spry and myself will be away that day with all the organisers for JWOC 2007 at Dubbo that weekend.

Apart from team members needed we will be looking for helpers on the day to assist Frank Assenza, Tony Williamson and Wayne Pepper who are organising, course setting and controlling the event.

### **NOSH Footrace**

This year the NOSH footrace will be held earlier than in previous years, with the event on Sun 4th June. I will be looking for helpers on the day and also for 3 other people to assist in marking the track and the Sat afternoon, 3rd June. All helpers will be given a NOSH mug. Please let me know if you can assist with marshalling, sweepers or at the start and finish of the race.

I've checked and cleared the track over the last few days, it is in much better condition than last year when we had to get a chainsaw to clear sections of the track. This year Bates Creek is bone dry at present, I've never seen it this dry before. Also sections of the track have been cleared by NPWS. Most work was needed on the section around Killarney Heights, where a lot of the track seems to be unused from one NOSH to the next.

### **A couple of points from last Blueprint**

Membership renewals are now due. You should have received a membership renewal form recently. Please send the form to Wayne. You can pay either by cheque or by direct debit into the Bennelong bank account. Either way you will have to send your renewal form to Wayne. If paying by direct debit, see note below from Rob, our treasurer.

Membership renewals can be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer. Make payments to:

Account name: Bennelong Northside Orienteers

Account no. 119 351 027

BSB 112879

Include your family name in the description or reference field

You still need to fill out the renewal form and send it to our Secretary, Wayne Pepper. Write "EFT" on the top of the form.

Robert Spry

**Bennelong O Gear** has been moved to 16-18 Cambridge St, Epping.. The new storage place is in a secure cage in the under-building car park of Steve Flick's building at 16-18 Cambridge St, Epping, very close to Epping station. If you need access to the storage cage, please see Rob, Steve or Wayne for the electronic tag and key. The site can be accessed at any time during the day or night.

### **New Baby**

Congratulations to parents Katrina and Luke and new grandmother, Judi on the birth of baby Lachlan born on 30th March. Reports say that baby and mother are doing well and that Judi will soon be out in the forest again.

### **Publicity in the "Telegraph"**

I've been interviewed by the Daily Telegraph for an article on orienteering that will appear towards the end of May. The interview concentrated on the NOSH footrace and I had a hard

time convincing the interviewer that the NOSH footrace was not orienteering and the event on the orienteering calendar least like orienteering. Cheryl and I were photographed doing some orienteering posing around our unit, trying to make the surroundings look like out in the bush. I'm not sure how the article will turn out but I'm hoping it puts a positive and attractive spin on our sport.

**Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting will be held at Bluett's, 16/47 Fairlight St, Fairlight at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th May. All are welcome.

Best wishes to all our members and keep spiking those controls.

Terry Bluett