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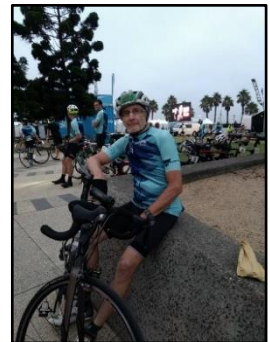
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Lead Story

Welcome to two new members – Peter Hill and Judy Hill from Castlemaine. Peter joins M70 this year and has a very strong cycling and MTBO background. He is no slouch on foot either. Judy joins W70 this year and likes to get out on her bike as well as helping at events. The Hills join Ron Wescott and Cheryl Taylor as our Castlemaine members. Previous members who lived in Castlemaine were Janet Fitzwater and Arthur Thurlow and Jill King from Harcourt.

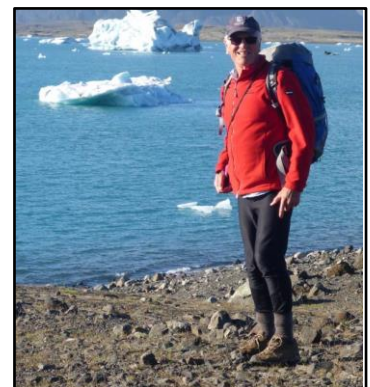
Peter managed to finish the Cadel Evens ride on Australia Day weekend. He covered 115 km with 1000 metres of climb. The weather was perfect, moist for the first 2 hrs and warm the next 2. Approximately 4000 riders took part. Anyone who watched the professionals racing on Sunday in extreme heat realised what a heck of a climb the riders had up Challumbra Hill. Andrew Innes, an erstwhile member of NE also finished the public race.

Peter with the family pet, Louis. Judy with grandson, Akira. Peter in Geelong for the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Public Road Race.



AGM 2017

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Ron gave a talk on his overseas travels to South America – Peru, Ecuador, Chile and the Galapagos Islands with Rob Stephenson. Highlights included the Inca stonework, not just at Machu Picchu and the constant and varied wild life of the Galápagos Islands was not far behind.



Ron also visited Iceland which he thoroughly recommends if you have a platinum credit card. Spectacular scenery! It wasn't particularly cold in the Northern summer. He also made another great trip organised by John Bailes through the VNPA with day walks in the Lakes District, Bath, Balmoral, Whitby and Brighton areas.

Rob and Helen Edmonds shared some pictures of their trip on the Coast to Coast walk and their visit to Ireland, Scotland and England.

The new committee was elected with few changes. Ian Parry joined the committee; Ron Frederick retains the Presidency; Schon Hudson - Treasurer; Rex Niven - Secretary; Rob Edmonds Membership and Newsletter; Lauris - StreetO Coordinator; Dorothy Adrian, Geoff Hudson, Don Fell, Fiona Fell and Joyce Rowlands.

PS Ron Frederick was a real New Age Traveller. With Prue Dobbin, he visited Tassie to practice orienteering navigation in sand dune country, in preparation for NZ. For the first time, the Australian Easter 3 Day Orienteering competition was held in the North Island of NZ. Ron hired a small campervan with Tim Dent and enjoyed a few day walks, including the Tongariro Crossing in great weather.

Awards: Geoff Armstrong won the Vin Maloney Trophy for 2017.

Park and StreetO

Organised by Nillumbik Emus (6:30 for 7pm Start)		<u>Course Setters</u>
Thurs 8 th Feb	Quambee Reserve, Wonga Rd, Ringwood Nth	Barry Giles
Weds 28 th Feb	Wattle Park, Riversdale Rd, Burwood	Schon Hudson
Mon 5 th March	Federal Reserve, Barton St, Mt Waverley	Rick Bailes
Thurs 8 th March	Carpark b/w Dudley & Arthur, Eltham	Josie & Jim Yeatman

Scout Adventure Racing

Organised by Geoff Hudson Tuesday evenings (Start anytime between 6pm and 7pm)

6th Feb	1st Doncaster East	Ruffey's Lake - West side of Victoria St.	Doncaster East	33 J10
13th Feb	Heathmont Scouts	Dandenong Creek. Scout Hall - 14a Barrow Drive {NEW MAP}	Heathmont	64 B2
20th Feb	1st West Waverley	Fairway Reserve - enter from Fairway Avenue {NEW MAP}	Mount Waverley	70 E4
27th Feb	3rd Templestowe	Finns Reserve	Templestowe	33 B4
6th Mar	Lynden Park	Lynden Park, Middle Camberwell {NEW MAP}	Middle Camberwell	60 F4
13th Mar	9th Box Hill	Scout Hall- enter via Rotary Court	Box Hill South	61 C3
20th Mar	Hudson's House	16 Fowler Street - supper/presentations	Box Hill South	61 B2

MTBO Summer75 Series Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale

Organised by Nillumbik Emus

Our next MTBO (mountain bike) event is on Sunday February 25 with start times from 10 to 10:30 am. This is a 75-minute score event - collect as many controls as you can in 75 minutes. Arrive early to register.

Please contact me, Rob Edmonds, if you can help on the day. I intend to put out controls the evening before. I need assistance with taking entries, start and finish, and bringing in controls.

Entry Fees \$12 adults and \$6 Juniors (under 21) Enter on Day

Directions are on [Eventor](#). Entrance off Somerton Road

It's a nice place for a jog or walk and to brush up navigation skills. If you would like to have a run or walk, contact [Editor Emus Online](#) to reserve a map. You will need your SI stick, or you can hire one at the event. There are plenty of controls near the assembly area. There are electric BBQs and toilet facilities at the assembly area which adjoins the Woodlands Flora and Wetlands area.

Melbourne Sprint Weekend March 10 - 12

Organised by Orienteering Victoria (with all clubs pitching in)

Nillumbik Emus has been asked to help at Race 4 of Melbourne Sprint Weekend MSW which will be staged at the Kurunjang Schools in Melton on Sunday March 11. This sprint race starts at 4 pm so volunteers will need to arrive earlier to set up and take up positions. The race finishes at 5:45 pm. We would like some volunteers to not participate in this race as their services will be needed throughout.

Please contact [Editor Emus Online](#) if you can assist as a volunteer.

Tuckonie and Central Highland orienteering club members will also be assisting at this race.

Entries for the MSW are now open on Eventor. Six races over 3 days.

The venues are:

Day 1 - Monash University, Clayton; Caulfield Grammar, Wheelers Hill

Day 2 - Yarra Valley Grammar, Ringwood; **Kurunjang Schools, Melton**

Day 3 - Royal Park, Parkville; Keilor Downs College, Keilor Downs

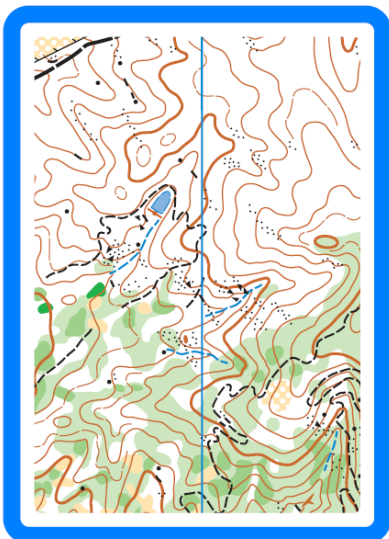
Entries close on 28th February.

Sportident Air contactless SIAC punching will be possible at all six races. SI units will be in "beacon mode" for contactless punching but will also record normal SI sticks that are "punched" in the normal way.

Sprint conjures up thoughts of flat out racing for 20 minutes. While this may be true for our elite and younger athletes, you will find the more mature orienteers often taking their time to complete the course. Sprint orienteering features short fast-paced events held in very runnable park or urban environments. It is all about rapid decision making. A sprint course is designed to test your ability to interpret the map in complex environments, and to plan and carry out route choices while moving as fast as you can. There are courses for all ages, even if your legs don't move as fast as they used to! The challenge is as much mental as it is physical - a "sprint for the mind".

Competitors who enter all six races will pay the following total entry fee: M/W21E \$110; M/W17-20E \$65; Other classes – Senior \$96; Junior (20 or under) \$54

The Saturday and Sunday events of the Melbourne Sprint Weekend will be a round of Orienteering Australia's National Orienteering League (NOL).



New Map "Mt Lofty"

The club's new map at Mt Lofty (Redesdale) is ready and promises a good day of orienteering on April 15. It has never been orienteered on before and is good spur-gully with plenty of rock features, pretty gullies and a few good hills. A sample piece is shown here.

Alex Tarr is the mapper for this new map.

Mt Lofty is about 80 minutes (105 km) from Keilor, on the Calder Hwy.

Rex Niven will be the course planner for this event.

MTBO Carnival March 17 & 18: Entries are now open for the MTBO Carnival at Creswick near Ballarat. SIAC will be used for all three events and lent out for those who don't have one. Entries close on March 8th. Entry fees are \$28 per event.

There is a special price on accommodation at the RACV Goldfields Resort and a dinner at the resort on the Saturday night.



Positions Vacant - Fixtures 2018 Nillumbik Emus (not Park & StreetO)

A lot of planning goes into scheduling the Orienteering fixtures each year. Nillumbik Emus plays a very significant part in running events on the OV program.

Please get in touch with [Editor Emus Online](#) if you would like to organise or course set one of these events. There is plenty of friendly, expert advice and mentoring for anyone willing to give it a go.

			Course Planner	Event Organiser
Feb-25	MTBO Summer75 Series	Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale	Robert Edmonds	vacant
Apr-15	Vic Autumn Series	Mt Lofty, Redesdale (new area)	Rex Niven	vacant
Apr-29	MelBush 2	Hawkestone Park, Plenty Gorge	David Prentice	vacant
June-3	Vic MTBO Series	You Yangs, Geelong/Little River	vacant	vacant
July-15	MelBush 6	Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale	vacant	vacant
Sept-16	Vic Long Champs	Crocodile Reservoir, (new map) Castlemaine	Rex Niven	vacant
Oct-28	Lal Lal Maxi	Lal Lal Reservoir, Ballan	Derek Morris	Robert Edmonds

Rogaining featured on ABC Radio on January 17. Here is the link to the [podcast](#) under the title 'The bluffer's guide to rogaining' - an interview with Neil Phillips.

Visit <https://vra.rogaine.asn.au/> to find the 2018 fixture which kicks off with a fun CBD event on March 4.

Also, Catalyst Series 18 The Secret To Making Better Decisions; Featuring a Score Orienteering Event. [DOCUMENTARY](#)

From the science of making choices to the solving power of algorithms, Mathematician Lily Serna looks at how the logic of mathematics can help you make better, smarter decisions. #ABCCatalyst

Now on iview <http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/catalyst/SC1602H013S00#pageloaded>



Broadcast 8:30pm Tue 30 Jan 2018. Published 3 days ago, available until 9:30pm on 29 Jan 2021. File size approx. 473 MB

Strategy Day - OV February Council This year February Council will be a day where we are keen for the OV community to have their say and discuss how we retain and grow participation. The venue is half way between Melbourne and Bendigo as some people may want to compete in the Bendigo 2-day at Castlemaine on February 17/18.

Date: 18th February Time: From 12 noon

Venue: [160 Evans Road, Tylden](#) (Sue and David Jaffe's country estate)

Please bring a plate of salad or cake and OV will provide some things on the BBQ.

The eating and meeting will start from 12 noon, but tea and coffee are available before we start. Please contact [Editor Emus Online](#) if you are thinking of going along.

Easter 3 Day Tasmania, March 30 – April 2

<http://www.eastertasmania2018.net.au/aust-3-days/>

Orienteering Tasmania is hosting the Easter national Carnival this year. Traditionally the biggest event on the Australian Orienteering calendar, many Victorians will be making the trip to the Australian Carnival.

Those who would like to stay on can spend another 3 days of competition at the Bay of Fires Orienteering Carnival from 5 - 7 April.

Ron Frederick ronfrederick29@icloud.com would be a good person to contact if you are thinking of making the trip.

Other club members who have already entered are John and Leone Carberry, Sue Healy, Carolyn and Matthew Layton. There are already nearly 350 entries. Entries close on the 28th February.

Membership

Nillumbik Emus has three levels of membership. Orienteering Victoria membership combined with NE membership, Social membership and Additional Club membership.

Members who join OV get free club membership and the choice of the glossy quarterly Australian Orienteer magazine or the online version. Adult membership is \$35 and Junior Membership is \$6.

Social membership costs \$5 is intended for members who don't take part in OV events.

There is also an option for members of other orienteering OV or Interstate clubs to take up Additional club membership for \$5.

Membership fees are due on the 1st January of each year. but can be paid anytime from now.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need any help with your membership application.

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