

Emus Online – March/April 2018 Edition



Pamela Braithwaite February 17 at 8:01am

“Who would have thought I would find myself back in hospital but here I am with a fractured leg? How was it possible I hear you ask? I was run into by a pack of guide dog pups. Put that in your list of ridiculous ways to injure yourself.”



Pam has had a rotten run of bad luck. It all started when she lost her bike off the back of her cat at Wangaratta in 2016 on the way to the Vic MTBO Champs at Beechworth. Since then Pam has been hospitalised for blood clots on the lungs and tore knee ligaments falling off a chair. I think you'll agree that Pam is due for a huge change of luck and we wish her the best for a speedy and full recovery.

MTBO Carnival March 17 & 18: The MTBO Carnival at Creswick near Ballarat was postponed due to the Total Fire Bans. Fortunately, the forests around Creswick weren't affected by the bushfires that wreaked havoc around the Western District of Victoria and at Tathra on the NSW East Coast. The event has been rescheduled for the June 2/3 weekend. This means that the You Yangs MTBO event scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled.

Club Website: The website for Nillumbik Emus has been updated.

Nillumbik Emus
A Club for Bush, Mountain Bike, Park&Street Orienteers and Rogainers

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Who we are

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<https://emuorienteers.com/>

We now have a choice of Unlimited Premium Themes, Advanced Design Customization, 13GB Storage Space and the Removal of WordPress.com Ads among other new features we may get to use sometime.

When a post is made on this website it is automatically sent to club members who have registered as followers. Members have been sent invitations to register as followers. If you have lost this message or would like to receive another invitation, please contact [Editor Emus Online](#)

Easter 3 Day Tasmania, March 30 – April 2

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

We wish club members, Ron Frederick, John and Leone Carberry, Sue Healy, Carolyn and Matthew Layton, Lincoln Erm, Geoff and Schon Hudson, Jenelle and Ewen Templeton, Jennifer Lindley and Barry Moore an enjoyable and successful trip. There are 515 entries.

Coming Club Events

			Course Planner	Event Organiser
Apr-15	Vic Autumn Series	Mt Lofty, Redesdale	Rex Niven	Ron Frederick
Apr-29	MelBush 2	Hawkestone Park, Plenty Gorge	David Prentice	Laurie Niven
July-15	MelBush 6	Woodlands Historic Park, Greenvale	Rob Fell	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

The club's new map at Mt Lofty (Redesdale) will be showcased on April 15. It has good spur-gully terrain with plenty of rock features, pretty gullies and a few good hills.

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

Winter Series

Lauris Stirling is coordinating the club's contribution to the Winter Series Fixtures. Please get in touch with Lauris if you can assist with course planning.

Series	Day	Date	Start	Melway	Course Setter
Autumn Classic	Wed	Mar-28	Bailey Reserve, Gardeners Rd Ormond	68 K12	Bernie Shuttleworth
Saturday Series	Sat	Apr-07	Kalparrin Gardens, Yando St Greensborough	20 J1	TBA
Autumn Classic	Wed	May-16	Capital Reserve, Capital Ave, Glen Waverley	62 G12	Rick Bailes
Autumn Classic	Wed	Jun-06	Anderson Park, sw cnr Park on Henham, Hawthorn East	59 G3	TBA
Saturday Series	Sat	Jun-30	Eltham Woods Pre-School, Frank St, Eltham	22 D3	Barry Giles
Spring Carnival	Wed	Jul-04	Schramms Reserve, JJ Tully Drive, Doncaster	33 F12	David Prentice
Spring Carnival	Wed	Aug-01	Swimming Centre Carpark, Linda Crescent, Glenferrie	45 D10	TBA
Saturday Series	Sat	Aug-11	Enduro Wattle Park – Chalet carpark	60 K3	Robert Hudson
Spring Carnival	Wed	Sep-05	Penders Park, Collins St, Thornbury	30 H4	TBA
Saturday Series	Sat	Sep-29	Bundoora Park, off Plenty Rd, Bundoora	19 F4	TBA
Spring Carnival	Wed	Oct-03	Canterbury Gardens, Allambanan Dve, Bayswater Nth	65 B1	TBA

Badge Scheme

The Orienteering Australia Badge Scheme recognises the achievements of a consistent orienteering standard relative to one's age-group peers.

The standard attained is recognised through a Gold, Silver or Bronze Badge. The year in which the badge qualification is achieved, and the orienteer's age-group are included on the badge. Orienteers qualify for an OA Merit Badge by earning three credits at specific events within a two year period. The two year period commences on the date of the event at which the first credit is earned.

1. Gold Credits are awarded to finishers in E and A Classes whose times are within the Winners time x 1.25.
2. Silver Credits are awarded to finishers in E, A and AS Classes whose times are within the Winners time x 1.50.
3. Bronze Credits are awarded to finishers in E, A, AS and B classes whose times are within the Winners time x 2.00.

The events at which badge credits may be earned are:

- Australian Long Distance, Middle Distance and Sprint Orienteering Championships;
- Australian 3-Days;
- Long Distance Orienteering Championships of ACT, NSW, Queensland, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and WA;
- nominated Orienteering Australia controlled badge events; and
- any other special event or Orienteering Australia controlled event as approved by Orienteering Australia.

The claiming of a badge using a credit of a higher standard shall not exclude the future use of that credit to claim a badge of higher standard i.e. a competitor can claim a Bronze Badge if they have two Gold and one Bronze credit. If they then attain a third Gold credit within two years of the first Gold credit, then they can then also claim a Gold Badge.

Individuals can claim their badges by applying in writing to John Oliver, OA Badge Secretary at oliver.family@bigpond.com and paying the prescribed fee – currently \$5.00.

The fee is used to administer the scheme and any surplus over costs helps finance Australian Teams to World Orienteering Championships.

Nillumbik Emus has a policy of paying for the badges earned by its juniors.

These members qualified for Badges in 2017

Geoff Armstrong	M60	Gold
John Carberry	M50	Silver
Helen Edmonds	W60	Silver
Mark Baxter	M55	Bronze
Leone Carberry	W21AS	Bronze
Rob Edmonds	M65	Bronze
Lincoln Erm	M70	Bronze
Geoff Hudson	M60	Bronze
Schon Hudson	W65	Bronze
Laurie Niven	W60	Bronze

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