



The annual Boneseed Pull

Do you fancy navigating through this area where boneseed has taken over? You'd never see the control until you fell over it. The photograph is in Lamp and Collet's book on Australian weeds written in 1976 and they wrote that "it has colonized much native bushland where it competes vigorously with native species since its arrival from South Africa". No wonder Steve Taylor, the Para Wirra ranger,



notices and pulls it out wherever he sees it before it gets to the size shown in this photograph.

In Ann Prescott's book, she says virtually the same..."It is aggressively invading native forest and coastal scrub. It is a branched and woody shrub to shoulder or head high. It flowers in spring and early summer and sets and disperses numerous seeds (a shiny black seed with a bony centre, hence its common name.)". That's why this date was chosen--- before this year's seeds set and disperse.

That's why TT is having a BONESEED PULL DAY on Sunday August 13th That's why you are asked to keep that morning and lunch time free to make sure you and other TTs don't have to navigate through a boneseed forest in the future. ALL TTs are asked to show up this morning even if you're not yet navigating off tracks--- or are so tall you can see over that awful stuff.

BONESEED PULL AUGUST 13th

This is an excellent way for thanking NPS for their unfailing helpfulness to us when we use Para Wirra.

Another way we can support Para Wirra is **by signing the petition** which the Friends of Para Wirra are organizing to prevent the use of the park by Mountain Bikers. The use of existing tracks is never enough for them (unlike Mountain bike orienteers who know they must stick

to the tracks): they would create new tracks and make it very difficult for us to maintain an up-to-date map and would cause damage in a Conservation Park, defeating the purpose of its status. Fi has sent us all a proforma so please use it.

If you doubt this, visit Cobbler Creek and look at what has happened there.

While you're noting dates in your diary, add **Sunday October 15th** for the Club Relays. Note that, before then, you will be contacted by Bob or Clive to find out if you have any preference as to who you team up with.

Another possibility is to ask a non-TT member to join you as the other half of your team. If we are to regain the trophy, we need as many teams as possible. And maybe they'll enjoy it and join TT in future.

Another date for the diary. The TT AGM is on **Sunday November 12th**. Is it time you served on the committee? You don't need to wait to be invited.

And another date. Reedy Creek is a potential map area within reach of Cantara and Beachport and the earlier maps of the erstwhile South East club. So keep the weekend of **October 21-22** free. It belongs to Jamie Lloyd's family and we plan an overnight camp and a map run or two on the map area. If you like the idea of being in on the beginnings of a new map, keep that October weekend free.

We haven't got a date yet but TT is putting in a bid to host the 2018 State Championships on Mulga Valley, near Burra, as part of a long Weekend.

A belated welcome to Woodside Primary School who have recently joined TT. They have the orienteering advantage of having Steve Hicks as School Principal. They have already made their presence felt at the Schools Championships and we hope to see more of them at the Schools Relays and the Club Relays.

You remember the discussion and production of the new TT stiles? I thought of them during a discussion with Evelyn Colwell, controller of the recent Rogaine at Bangor and their solution to the problem of fence crossing. Not for them the job of deciding where a stile is needed and getting it there and back. Their competitions never have prescribed legs so you can't cater to any prescribed crossing point. Instead, everyone carries a small piece of "padding" to put over the fence when necessary. Something else to remember to take....especially if the map area has recently been burnt. Then the wiring is still taut!