

Tintookies Newsletter - October 2017

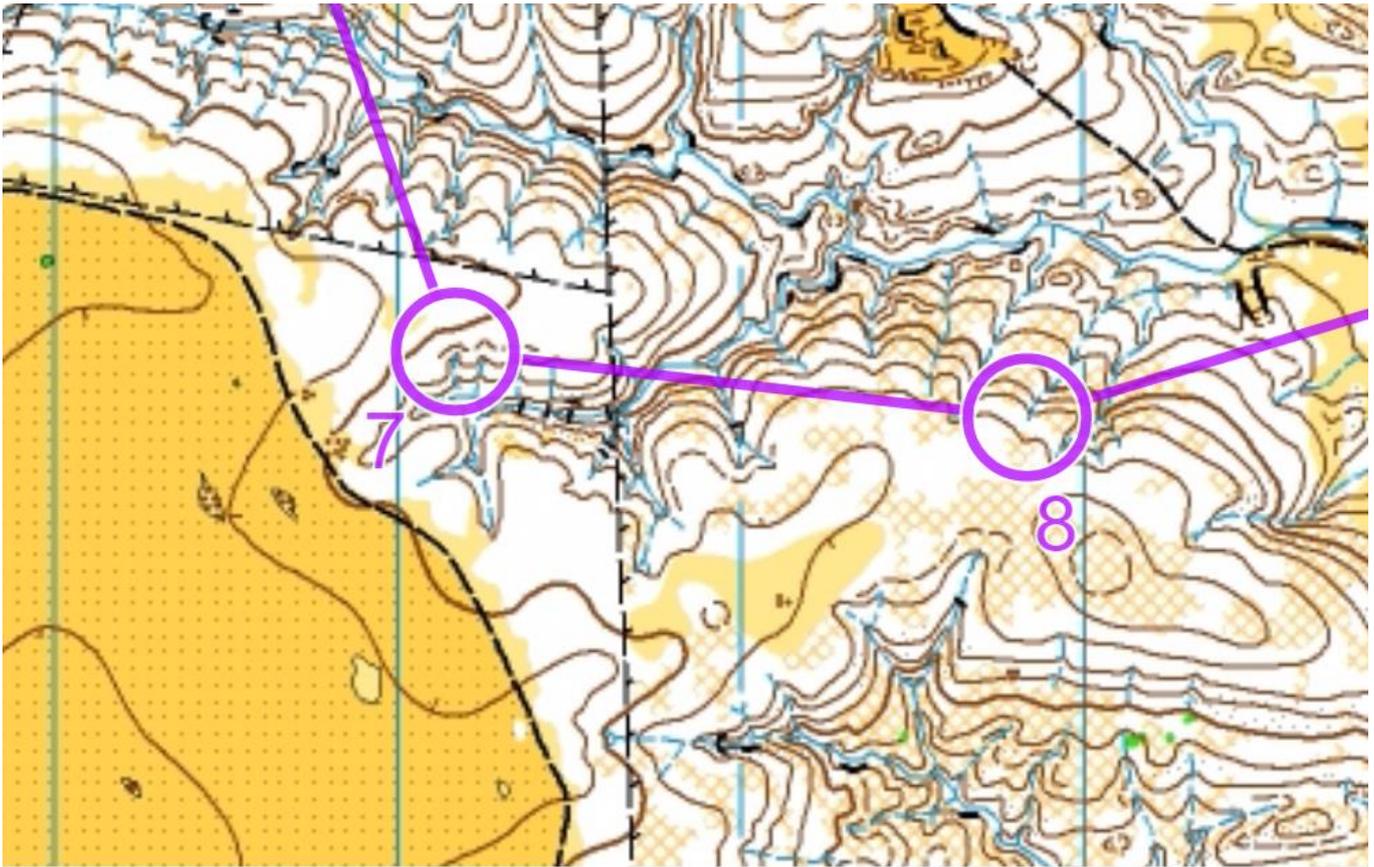
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Past events

Rock Oyster

It is always lovely to be back there, especially as John finished his course for the first time for months. Then he checked the splits and found he was fastest on one leg. He certainly didn't have a burst of speed so it must have been his technique. Here is the leg:



Rock Oyster, course 5, leg 7 – 8

Do you use this technique when appropriate? It works when you are moving along a valley or a ridge (as in this case). The west side had one distinctive gully head whereas his control was in one of several gullies on the east side. So the west side provided the ideal attack point for *his* gully on the east. Try it sometime.

PS. Every course had at least one person who pre-entered but didn't turn up. It is true EODs might use some of the redundant maps but it is potentially lost revenue for TT. Should the system be changed to "Pre-enter AND PAY" or else, if undecided, risk having to run on a hand drawn map as we used to!? John N., our President, pointed out that Rock Oyster is out of range for people wanting to pay on line once they arrive. He, for one does not travel with a pocket full of cash.



Boneseed pull

18 Tintookies took part. Tremendous record number. At the end of 2 hours it looked like a green battle field of dead plants. Clive reckoned he pulled up 2000, so multiply that by 18 and you can visualize the impact we had. We are now famous amongst the Para Wirra Friends.

On Sunday 13th of August the Tintookies went up to Parra Wirra and were weeding boneseed with Park Ranger Steve and a friend of Parra Wirra. We all had a great morning of weeding and according to Clive Arthur he had pulled 2000 boneseed plants! The sun was pretty hot but we cleared heaps and heaps of boneseed! We also saw some pretty green hooded orchids as well. After that we all had a nice lunch. We don't mind helping ranger Steve to pull out the boneseed if it helps protect Parra Wirra so we can use the amazing facility to orienteer. I also liked having lunch with the old chooks!

By Eliza Grivell

*On 13th of August a group of Tintookies members met at the Barossa Goldfields to do some weeding and have a shared lunch afterwards. We were weeding boneseed (or *Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) in the northern most part of Parra Wirra with the help of Park Ranger Steve and Phil Gillett from the Friends of Parra Wirra. Boneseed is an evergreen shrub that is native to South Africa and can grow up to 1.5m with a lifespan between 10 to 20 years. Luckily for us though, the boneseed we were pulling out were not as tall or old. We had quite a productive morning pulling out thousands of plants. Afterwards we had a shared lunch under an old peppercorn tree at the goldfields. The day was organised to ensure that the land we run through (and get lost in) stays a flourishing ecosystem full of native plants and animals.*

By Max Grivell



Paradise event

But that was a TJ event... That's right but TTs camped there the night before and Barry Wheeler has never felt seasick before as the wind buffeted his van. Also, we lent TJ our tent and it got blown over in the night. (Extent of the damage not yet known).

Cobbler Creek, Saturday Sept 30.

I'm not surprised if you missed the event there as a lot of you were at the Nationals and it was a MTBO event. We went because we hadn't been there for years but Bruce Greenhalgh, an ex-TT and now an ardent cyclist, told me they've used it several times and the map area includes the suburbs round Golden Grove though he still prefers to be in the bush. Every time they go there the vegetation has got thicker and the number of bike tracks has multiplied—all according to plan. The local council has invested heavily in maintenance of tracks, play equipment and carparks, all of which were well used when we were there. When we got home we got out the old Foot-O map: named Kelway Park and made by Ron Larsen in 1982. It was a little-used park and prone to arson attacks so, when Ron was investigating a thicket prior to mapping it and backed out, he found a posse suspecting him of lighting a fire! On the other hand he didn't have to map Grove Way: it was yet to be built. (Nowadays you can move North-South through a tunnel.)

A note to the mapping committee: I know it was a TT map but it isn't worth re-mapping for Foot-O as it is still as steep as it ever was and with kids zooming around on the official tracks as well as a few new ones they are busy making, our controls could well get moved/hidden by the end of the day.

This same weekend, Vanessa Round (she maintains her TT membership in order to run for Australia) competed in the **European Championship** (?) and came 34th... Doesn't sound great to us but then you realize there were possibly 150 in that class and her 34th was a mere 6 minutes behind the winner. Well done.

What she enjoyed, apart from doing so well, was going up to the Start in a cable car!

National Championships including the National Schools Carnival.

Before congratulating the TTs in the team, special congratulations to Jean Baldwin, an Honorary TT, for her win in W75A. I saw her interviewed and she modestly said she knew where she was **nearly** all the time on her course.

There was a full team of 16 plus 2 reserves of which **6** were from TT in the SA Schools team. Congratulations to the team for coming third out of the Australian teams, and to Joanna George for being selected in the All Australian Schools Team for 2017. Some other results from TTs at the championships:

- Abigail George:
 - 2nd W16A Australian Relay Championships
- Joanna George:
 - 1st Junior Girls, Australian Schools Individual Championships
 - 2nd Junior Girls, Australian Schools Sprint Championships
 - 2nd W16A Australian Middle Distance Championships
 - 2nd W16A Australian Relay Championships
 - 3rd W16A Australian Sprint Championships
- James Lloyd:
 - 1st MOB Australian Long Distance Championships
- Jemima Lloyd:
 - 1st WOB Australian Relay Championships (with Ana Penck and Sandra Afnan)
 - 3rd W12A Australian Sprint Championships
- Kate Marschall:
 - 1st W21AS Australian Long Distance Championships
- John Nieuwenhoven:
 - 1st M21AS Australian Long Distance Championships
- Emily Sorensen:
 - 2nd W16A Australian Relay Championships
- Olivia Sprod:
 - 3rd W21E Australian Relay Championships (with Bridget Anderson and Jenny Casanova)



Left: TT members of the SA Schools team (left to right): Joanna George, Abigail George, Jemima Lloyd, Emily Sorensen, Max Grivell, Jack Marschall

Below: Ready for the Schools Relays



Some Tintookies in action: Bob Smith, Emily Sorensen, John Nieuwenhoven and Joanna George



James Lloyd, Olivia Sprod, Max Grivell, Jack Marschall



I have been hearing rumblings of a few DNFs amongst the boys' team. It led me to reminisce about earlier events where I have been involved as Controller or on the Protest Jury. For a start, did anyone lodge a protest? ...and pay the fee that must accompany it? (Often that fee deters frivolous protest, whereas if a protest is upheld the fee is returned.) The Controller will not initiate a protest when he/she hears the rumblings although they might discuss any apparent hitch with the course setter and controller so that a course might be cancelled or the results list modified ahead of receiving a Protest. Once a Protest is received, the Jury and the Controller go to the control site involved. Is it in the right place? Is it too close to another control? Is it on the same type of feature as the neighbouring one, e.g. 2 boulders? Do the 2 controls have similar and easily confused numbers: e.g. - never put 69 next door to 96!

In the "old days", if a Protest was upheld the result was dire. Cancel all the courses affected by the offending control, not just the course the protester ran in. Sometimes it was a large number of courses and so the would-be protester would back off. These days electronic timing makes the consequence less dire as it is possible to subtract the split times both before and after the offending control and then re-order the results list as the DNFs would have been re-instated. All if a Protest was lodged.

Looking back now has been fascinating. I never regretted qualifying to be a Controller, nor ever declined an invitation to be on the Jury. Something to think about for a lot of you younger orienteers. PS I may now be out of date!

To come very soon, the *Club Relays*. Have you been in touch with Bob Smith to say you've lined up a friend to run with you in a 2-person team? At Flinders Uni on Sunday 15th. TT pays your entry fee. Who can miss such an offer?

John wondered whether Ron would still be able to run in the Relay but at 88 he says doing the shopping is enough for him. That and driving to the Nursing Home every day to be with Rita. Stephen Dose, on the other hand, is going well but is still frightened to be with other people lest he catch an infection which might set him back. We shall miss you both.

To come soon

The **TT AGM**
Sunday, December 12th, 6pm
In the Shed of course.

Come and hear our new member, Kathryn Ambry, speak. She is here at Adelaide Uni for a few months from an O club in Denmark (She and Olivia should make a good team in the Club Relays) On the other hand, don't come thinking to collect a Tintogie. None this year.

Please bring your own chair, drinks, plates etc and a salad or dessert to share. TT will provide pizza, chicken and something vegetarian: our budget is looking more healthy so what a way to spend the surplus than on a social gathering like this.

Coming in 2018.

The OSA programme is nearly finalized and it includes, among other minor events, TT to be responsible for the State Champs on Mulga Valley, beautifully mapped by Paul Hoopman and bought from OSA by TT. Ideal detail to test out the good navigators. It will be part of a long weekend of O.

It also includes **the 2018 National Carnival**, a huge responsibility. Over the years we have settled into a pattern of clubs taking on the organization of different jobs throughout the Carnival rather than the whole of one day. The TT jobs are:

- Running the Registration (very busy just before the first event but the tent is “manned” throughout.)
- Organizing the parking for the midweek events.
- Individuals volunteering for specific jobs for whom Robin Uppill, the overall organizer, is still searching.

DYO Courses will continue to be widely used by school groups next year.

The TT volunteers who check these courses and replace vandalized control markers feel their efforts are worth it when accolades come their way e.g. Burnside Council is ecstatic that they are the first council to provide a course suitable for wheelchair users. Now there is discussion about modifying the colours used on the map to accommodate colour blind people.

The Reedy Creek w/e in the South East to see if an area is suitable for mapping has been deferred to May next year when Mrs Lloyd pointed out that tiger snakes are hibernating, not in October when they are very awake!