

TT Newsletter June 2018

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Sorry this is slow in coming but I have been preoccupied with setting diabolical legs for the hard courses and manageable ones for the easy courses at the State Championships at Mulga Valley, so please come to test the courses I have set for you!

Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS to Olivia Sprod for winning a place not only in the Australian University Team for the World University Games to compete in Finland but also in the Australian team. I hope you will not feel too embarrassed to tell us all about it!

Congratulations, also on becoming the OSA Publicity officer who feeds our State news to OA and the Australian Orienteer such as a write-up of the World Orienteering Day at Thorndon Park recently.



Clive and Marion setting up for World Orienteering Day, and one of the country-coded punches. Which country?

Welcome to the newest members of Tintookies: the Williamsons of Angle Vale (you've guessed that the connection to TT was via the Marschalls) whose family includes twin daughters....Do you think there is any other club in Australia which has 2 pairs of twins?

On the other hand we have to **farewell** Antonio Garcia Couce who is returning to Spain in July at the end of his involvement in the Submarine Project. We have enjoyed his regular attendance at events, always wearing his TT top. I hope he continues to wear it in Spain and then sends us a report to go in this newsletter.

Not a member of TT but a valued supporter, we also have to **farewell** Steve Taylor, the Head Ranger at Para Wirra, who is retiring. Perhaps he will join us in our Boneseed Pulls rather than just tell us where and when and to provide the tools. We will miss your ready agreement of all our requests over the years and wish you an enjoyable retirement.

DIY...in every newsletter we seem to need to report on the latest developments.

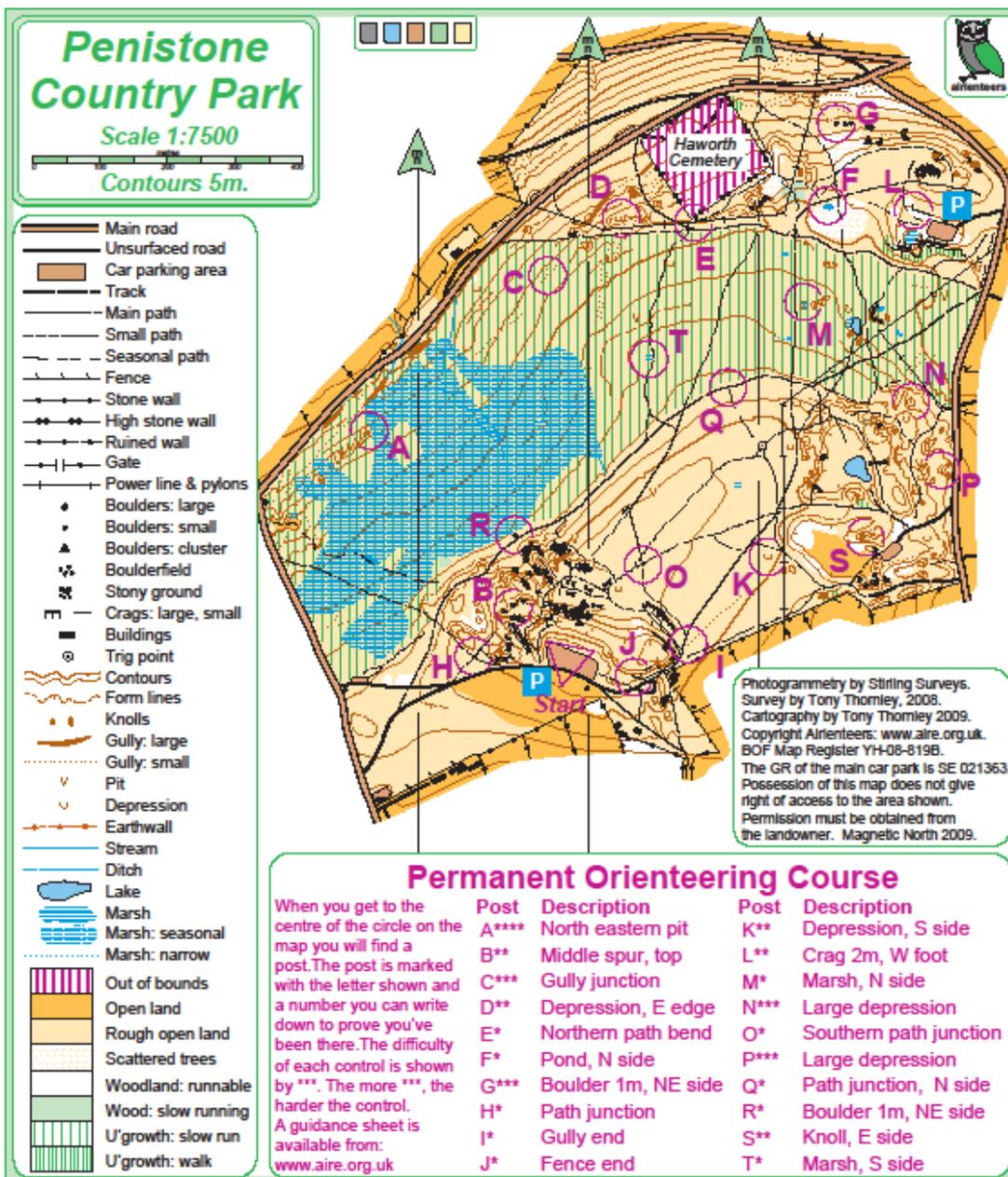
One amazing proof of their wide popularity is that the most used courses have been recorded at **Melrose**. There is a school camp there and they use both the Foot O courses and the ones for MTBO.

Para Wirra DIY is another popular set of courses---even if they do get disrupted by the recent redevelopment of some areas for camping and Nature Play areas. Several orienteers went to the Opening Day and were able to help a number of novices on their way. One comment was to add a sign post to deflect the public to the DIY rather having them spend all their time at the Nature Play area! **Erica**

Thorndon Park. There's always some minor adjustment needed. This time it's closure of part of the duck walk. Of course it would be the bit where there's a control. How long will it be closed? Is it worth a permanent change?

Hazelwood Park DIY is in the news too. Don't forget we are going to meet the Mason-Fyffes and their friends there to escort them around a course or two as we did a while ago. (That includes one especially tailored for people in wheelchairs) Afterwards we intend to pool our culinary efforts and enjoy a leisurely lunch. Remember---*Sunday, September 15th*.

More details to follow.



PS. OSA receives \$5000 SA Gov. for the next 3 years to fund all SA's DIY expenses.

DIY in England and France

Karen and I spent some time in England and France last month visiting friends and relations. Karen's parents live in Haworth, in West Yorkshire, famous for being the place where the three Bronte sisters, Charlotte, Emily and Anne grew up, daughters of the vicar. The parsonage there is visited by thousands each year, especially

Japanese!, keen to see the place where 'Wuthering Heights', 'Jane Eyre' and their other novels were written. Only a ten minute walk from where Karen's parents live is Penistone Hill, an area of moorland typical of West Yorkshire and it was with pleasure that I discovered a permanent orienteering course there, with a map downloadable from the Airienteers website. So on a cold and windy morning we gave it a go using, for the first time for me' a map displayed on my tablet. While much of the area was bland, there were some interesting areas of contour detail around old quarry workings. We found all the controls we navigated to, except for one (B) which I was confident was missing. When I looked again at the club's website I noticed that it had been reported missing in 2016!



A couple of weeks later we were in SW France staying at Carcassonne with our friends Peter and Paula Ashforth (Wallingrangs). During our stay there Karen and I went for a walk in the forest near a small village called Arques. We followed trail-markers when we could find them (stripes of coloured paint on tree trunks, rocks etc) having to double back at one point where we missed an unmarked turn. After a couple of hours we arrived at a pleasant spot by a lake, just right for our lunch. Nearby there was a big notice board for a permanent O course! The mapped areas was the other side of the village and this time there was no downloadable map, it had to be obtained from the tourist office in the nearby town, so we didn't get to try the orienteering here.



Thanks to the Lloyds for inviting us and feeding us in their cabin that evening, to David George for doing the “mud map” and to Jemima for setting a couple of courses. Erica’s photos below show the ‘bathroom’ with hot water heater, the accommodation and the lovely vegetation on the property.





Only 3 TTs went on to Cantara (above) which Erica described as “DAUNTING”.

SA Schools Champs

Quite a few TTs competed, notably Joanna and Abigail George, Max Grivell, Jemima Lloyd and Ben Marschall.

The only oddity was that this TT map did not include a TT logo nor any reference to Barry Wheeler, the original mapper. Why? I trust Ken will have the “master map” in its correct format to supply to later users.

Some Committee business

** As always past events are discussed. Black Hill and the previous Wednesday event, (set by the Arthurs) experienced financial problems in that some people turned up with no cash in their pockets! We are not set up to deal with Paypal, credit cards etc especially when there’s no reception –for example at Mulga Valley—or because there’s a Windows update in progress! Perhaps a reminder would be timely for the State Champs.

One very good idea for future organizers. After the event, go through the registration cards of all newcomers and follow them up with a phone call “Did you enjoy it? Shall we see you again soon? Are you thinking of joining a club? TT of course.”

**Geoff reported on his latest enquiries/purchases ready for organizers to borrow from the shed. There are now 2 new “O Turn 500m” signs complete with straps to slide over a suitable short pole. Much easier than before. We decided not to lash out on a new heater for the shed: John N has a spare one in his shed!

** The roster was reviewed. The gaps seem mostly to be for SI assistants, not for the SI Boss. This is a good way to start if you think you’d like to become an expert.

** The next committee meeting is on Thursday July 5th