

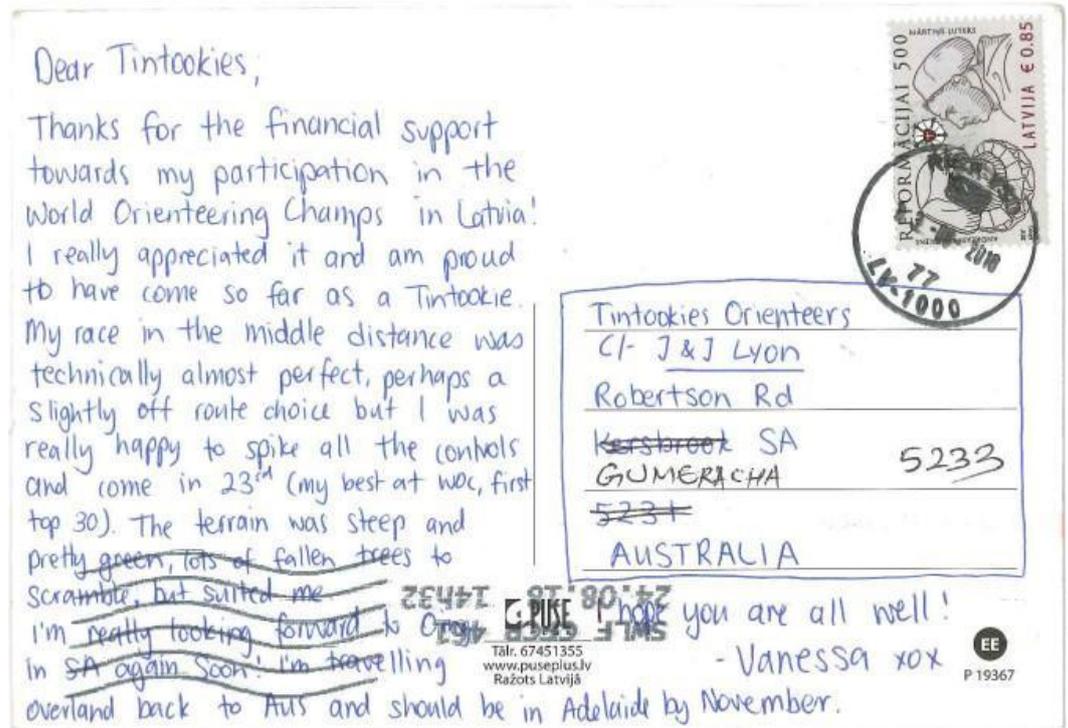
TT Newsletter September 2018

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This time we congratulate Vanessa Round. She came 23rd in the World Championships Middle Distance Competition in Latvia.

She wanted to thank TT for our financial help, but TT doesn't have an address of its own, so a card from Latvia came to TT c/o the Lyons. Here it is.



You can watch a (Russian) video of the WOC Middle Distance race here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FaqRjOnZcdo>

Vanessa started at number 33. She features well running through the forest between 11 and 13 minutes and can be seen finishing at 38.30 minutes into the 2 hour long video.

Not only Vanessa but TT member Olivia also represented Australia in the Australian University team.

Vanessa is due back here in November so we should be able to look at her maps and Olivia's at the

TT AGM on Sunday November 25th at 5pm.

There will be a reminder before then but write it in your diary now.

The State Championships which TT ran were at Mulga Valley the day after the Night Champs---making it convenient to camp at Briglen Springs in between. Despite its name the area is all mallee, beautifully mapped by Paul Hoopman. This combination of unchanging terrain and the mapper made it feasible for me to course-set without ever getting further into the area than a few metres! Thank you very much to my John, Bob Smith and Phil Hazell who taped the control sites, filled in the details of the control descriptions and put out the flags, thus foregoing their chance to compete officially on the day. Thank you, too, to Gil Hollamby for all the computer skills which I lack

and to John N who put out the water. It makes you realize how much work a solo course setter undertakes and why TT was short of them so close to our involvement in the Nationals. As for collecting the controls at the end, lots of people volunteered including some from Tj and Li. From them I got a hint on organizing this... the course-setter brings a laminated map of all controls and cuts off the part of the map needed, thus saving the chance of errors in copying the extra sites on their own maps and ruining their chance to put their own route and comments on the map. (I daresay some of you do it this way already.)

It was disappointed not to get more entries but a lot of people did well in the challenging terrain.

Annabel came 1st in W10
Jemima 1st in W14A
Joanna 1st, Abigail 2nd and Emily 3rd in W17-20A
Sue George 3rd in W45A
Erica 2nd in W55A
Helen 1st in W75A
Ben Marschall 2nd in M10
Max Grivell 3rd and Jack Marschall 4th in M16A
Andrew Slattery, over from ACT, 2nd in M21 A
John N 1st and Ian Grivell 3rd in M21AS
James Lloyd 1st in M Open B. You can't run that again!
Trevor 3rd and Adam Smith in a welcome return to South Australia in M45A
Rob Kriesl 1st in M45AS
David George 3rd in M55A
and George Reeves 1st in M75A



John and I find it hard to get out of a tent these days so we stayed at the Terowie Roadhouse instead. An appropriate decision as it turned out. Do you like their choice of doona cover?

At the committee meeting I asked if I was meant to lodge a copy of each course in the TT filing cabinet. The answer was a bit vague... "It can be useful". But no doubt it could easily be stored electronically.

Club Relays

Well, we're half way there. 3rd this time. Mike, Allison and the Doses let Bob know why they couldn't run---but the rest of you??? And only Carolyn came as a current non-member. Bob made sure we had runners in every class who did us proud. In A Jack and Max were 5th. In B, Abigail and Joanna were 1st and Emily and Olivia were 4th. Kate and John N were the 1st of 2 in C and David and Phil were 4th and Trevor and Rob were 6th in D. Like C, Erica and Sue were 1st of 2 in E. And the Arthurs 5th in F. In G Geoff and Ian were 3rd, Bob and John L were 5th and Barry and George were 7th. Fi and Julia were in H, James and Jemima 2nd in I, and Emily and Eliza were 1st in J, Ben and Annabel 3rd and Helen and Carolyn 5th in J. After the event we heard that winners in small classes earn us fewer points than those in bigger groups so perhaps there is room for more tweaking next year. But above all, more teams as only 36% of TT's membership was present.

Thank you, Bob. And he said "Thank you" to all the people who ran where he had placed them!

The usual committee business

Geoff had quite a lot of talking to do as Treasurer and as one of the TT delegates on the Council. Finances seemed connected to keeping up to date with current practice! Eg, only one cheque was processed since the last report whereas a Paypal Reader was bought so that we can handle people who arrive at an event with no cash. Provided the event is within range, of course!

We discussed our failure to organize a Boneseed Pull so far this year. Are we too late and all the seeds are already dispersed? I'll talk to the Friends of Para Wirra to see if we could work with them.

We heard that Manu's successor as a young overseas coach is Oliver Williams, a 23-year-old coach and mapper from Sheffield. I'm sure the juniors will enjoy all sorts of new training ideas.

Meanwhile we are to enjoy another new map, this one made by Jack Marschall of the area round his school. That event is on October 28th where we can sample catering by a local group raising money for their school Pedal Prix team. (That means you patronize them: don't bring your own food.) Recently we have been spoiled by Cheesy Toasties and lovely cakes and biscuits provided by the parents of the Schools Team. In this way they have been able to reduce the cost of being in the team by \$400 per team member. A marvellous effort.

By then we shall have recovered from our part in hosting the National Carnival...most jobs have been allocated, eg Barry with "his" truck, moving the tents etc from one site to the next. I hope he has lots of energetic helpers lined up.

First, of course, we have to have the Bagging Party at 2pm on Saturday September 22nd where we fill and label 600 bags for 800+ entrants to pick up with such valuable things as your chest number in it. (Only 2 people said they're coming so far). Then there is the matter of TT and Tj organizing the parking. But I understand we are still short of people who can take on the management of the Results Screens. Any offers? Tell Fi.

Looking beyond October to the June Long Weekend in 2019 we are planning to go to Port Lincoln by bus as we did last time. Accommodation all organized too and transport right to the event each day. It was so easy and great maps and courses last time. So don't just say "That's too far to travel."

More details such as cost coming soon. PS. Not just TT but up to 56 orienteers from all the metropolitan clubs.

That is fixed for 2019 but some other events are still not so sure eg, TT wants to have a 2-day visit with camping to the lovely terrain at Rock Oyster but so far it hasn't appeared in the draft programme.

We also feel we could profit by some training.

THE YEAR in WHICH O began in Australia. Oh, dear. The Victorians have got it wrong again. (An article in the Australian Orienteer.) They claim 1969 was the beginning whereas SA claims it was 1956 in Adelaide. In that year, Jesse Jarver organized several events for his university students to undertake. Maybe it wasn't quite as we do it today but it definitely involved navigating using a map and compass.... Jesse took the students and their 1:15,000 maps to the Start where they copied the location of the first control onto their maps. On finding that control, they were able to copy down the location of the 2nd one---and so on. The only snag was that if you couldn't find a control you could go no further! It had to wait a few years before the system was modified to get people past that hurdle. It's all a matter of definition. When do you think O started in SA? Then or later?

PS Dean Fyfe was quite right to postpone the session in Hazelwood Park due to take place yesterday, 15/9/18. The forecast was "rain and hail". Certainly we had both in the Hills. We will pick a date again after the Nationals.

PPS Bob Smith brought a punnet of strawberries to the Wednesday training event at Bundy Forest. They tasted good and quite safe to eat. Try some yourselves.

