



# Nillumbik News

## May 2004

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### Coming NE Events

12 May	Wednesday Night Series - Belmore
30 May	Metro – Toorourong reservoir
12 June	Saturday Series - Quambee Quandary
19 June	NE Bush Walk & Picnic
17 July	Saturday Series – Burnley Maze
25 July	State Series #6 – Whroo
28 July	Wed Night Series - Dandenong Creek
31 July	Xmas in July (at Adrian's house)

### Warrandyte Bushwalk & Picnic

Thanks to Joyce for organizing another of her popular metropolitan bushwalks – taking us to places in the environs of Melbourne that many of us have never visited before.

10:00	Meet at Jumping Creek Reserve in Warrandyte State Park. Melway 24A10.
10:30	Walk alongside the Yarra River to Blue Tongue Bend.
11:15	Continue up the spur to Stone Brae an old dairy site – there are many kangaroos etc in the area.
12:00	Picnic – BYO lunch – explore the river and surrounds
2:00	Return via an alternative Nature Trail to carpark.
3:00	For those that have time - afternoon tea at The Stonehouse, corner of Tills Drive and Warrandyte Road.

Please register with Joyce Rowlands on 9729 5247 – or leave a message with name and phone number if she's out. For more information contact Joyce.

### Whroo Event

Our next major bush event will be held at Whroo, just South of Rushworth. This area of State Forest has good camping facilities and is an ideal area in which to train new orienteers.

We'd like to organize a social activity before on the Saturday before the event – a training activity during the afternoon, dinner at a local pub or similar and then an evening around the campfire before the event the next day. A terrific opportunity for all.

If you are interested in coming along – either to assist and/or to participate in the Saturday social / training activities, please let us know by email on [Hudson@bigpond.net.au](mailto:Hudson@bigpond.net.au) or by phone on 9888 8121.

### Why Join Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club?

Awarded "best bush-orienteering club in Victoria" for 6 of the last 8 years.

A club that provides training – to participate in events, to organize events and to set courses.

A club that organizes social events for after-running enjoyment.

A club whose junior members play a major part in the State Squad each year – the Captain of the squad in recent years has come from Nillumbik Emus.

Regular newsletters that keep you in touch with what's happening in orienteering.

The best website of any Victorian Club – a focus on training for new orienteers.

Nillumbik Emus provides the street-orienteering website – a key resource for street-orienteering in Melbourne.

**All for only \$5 per year!! Membership form available at the rear of this issue of Nillumbik News.**

### Club Championships

The Vin Maloney Trophy is NE's club championship award. Each year, it is awarded to the orienteer who runs best, relative to their class. It uses a handicapping system that is based on class winning times relative to the winning Elite Male time for recent Victorian State League/OY events (last 3 years).

The winner is the person with the fastest adjusted kilometre rate on a selected event, obtained by dividing their course distance by their time and multiplying by their class handicap.

Last year's winner was Colin Steer – competing in the M70A age-class.

This year's winner was to be selected from the results of the Glenlyon Event – more details in the next newsletter.

## Orienteer nominated for 2004 Citizen of the Year Award



Congratulations to Lauris Stirling for her nomination as one of the dedicated volunteers recognized by Maroondah Council's Citizen of the Year award. Lauris has worked tirelessly for cub/scout groups in the Eastern suburbs for more than 20 years.

Representative of Maroondah Council, CR Willmot said "These people give selflessly and tirelessly to our community, but seek no reward or recognition for their efforts. They have all made wonderful contributions to the community and I am sure that all Maroondah community members are immensely proud of their achievements."

Congratulations Lauris!

## Reports on Recent Events

### Bush Events

**Glenluce North;** NE ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Eureka Challenge. Run in ideal conditions, we were presented with a number of organizational challenges on the day. Fortunately, NE members pitched in to help and we were able to provide a great event to all that ran on the day. NE results with position in their class and times were:

2 Peter Mallen	95.35
1 Hugh Mallen	90.39
6 Alan Watts	77.09
10 Ron Frederick	87.28
12 Geoff Hudson	92.55
14 Don Fell	97.55
8 Ron Wescott	84.31
1 Rachel Edmonds	101.45
3 Janet Johnson	137.18
8 Russell Yeoman	109.43
1 Alice Edmonds	98.05
1 Helen Edmonds	64.29
8 Cheryl Taylor	122.06
1 Colin Steer	56.43
2 Bill Johnson	122.40

2 Dorothy Adrian	74.31
3 Gill King	98.17
4 Janet Fitzwater	98.51
1 Joyce Rowlands	90.09
3 Sue Healy	96.43
1 Kevin Maloney	55.14
4 Fiona Fell	69.11
7 Laurie Niven	79.26
1 Dave Mallen	46.49
6 Lucy Cartmell	62.38
9 Judith Staudte	98.21
1 Bruce/Emma Johnson	65.02
1 Jessica Niven	51.01
1 Schon Hudson	71.16
1 Kate Edmonds	32.21
1 Marion Johnson	71.17
1 Johnson family	42.11
2 Jesse Mallen	47.58

Particular congratulations to new members – Lucy Cartmel, Rhonda DiBiase and Bruce and Emma Johnson – who all ventured out into the bush for the first time with little difficulty.

**Kooyoora;** many had left for Easter, others were running in OXFAM and it was a long way to Mt Kooyoora – so numbers were down. NE results were:

1 Peter Mallen	94.53
1 Hugh Mallen	91.23
5 Rex Niven	100.4
7 Don Fell	103.0
3 Ron Frederick	90.44
3 Helen Edmonds	103.2
3 Janet Johnson	162.2
2 Rachel Johnson	81.20
2 Laurie Niven	135.2
2 Bill Johnson	109.4
2 Paul Adrian	136.1
1 Dorothy Adrian	70.48
3 Gill King	91.07
2 Joyce Rowlands	93.52
5 Kevin Maloney	93.16
3 Fiona Fell	92.16
1 Marion Johnson	78.44

**Glenlyon;** many of us returned from the Easter 3 Day to take part in this traditional Victorian spur-gully event. In spite of warning from Alan Watts to be careful on the first control, I still stuffed up this one badly. Several people were disadvantaged by a control that was placed too far down a gully – in a group of trees. NE places and times were:

1 Peter Mallen	80.19
2 Stuart Fell	73.47
3 Hugh Mallen	61.23
2 Alan Watts	59.56
5 Geoff Hudson	69.56
7 Don Fell	80.43
8 Rex Niven	85.55
6 Lincoln Erm	92.16
2 Russell Yeoman	73.05
3 Geoff Armstrong	50.01
2 Laurie Niven	75.50
1 Colin Steer	41.43
2 Bill Johnson	86.49
1 Dorothy Adrian	49.16
2 Gill King	58.05
3 Janet Fitzwater	71.19
1 Sue Healy	59.20
1 Kevin Maloney	39.11
1 Dave Mallen	86.59

1 Jessica Niven	56.27
1 Fiona Fell	65.45
1 Judith Staudte	48.45
2 Marion Johnson	64.32

road...completing the leg in 12 minutes and 22 minutes respectively.

Positions/times on Day 1 were as follows.

## Street Events

With the completion of the Northern Series, NE members can relax for a while. This series proved very successful and we welcomed many new members into our club as a result of participation in the series.

The Winter Night Series has now commenced – with events being run on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. John and Jenny Sheahan have put in a terrific effort to get the Western Night Series up and going and many NEs are taking part in these events. An interesting approach put forward at VOA Policy Day and now used by John in running the series is that the organizing club takes the funds for the evening – although it may pay a small levy to the map owner for use of the map. This is a fair and reasonable approach – one that was endorsed for the Eastern Series, but has yet to be put into force for the Night Series.

	Fell, Rob	mp
8	Hudson, David	74:05
19	Fell, Stuart	55:53
27	Fell, James	67:00
43	Fell, Don	89:00
47	Hudson, Geoff	102:18
3	Adrian, Paul	58:47
5	Edmonds, Kate	35:05
14	Edmonds, Alice	60:55
11	Edmonds, Rachel	48:38
11	Hudson, Schon	131:32
2	Edmonds, Helen	51:15
17	Fell, Fiona	71:00
1	Adrian, Dorothy	44:15
6	Rowlands, Joyce	55:57
8	Healy, Sue	115:09

## Easter 3 Day – Southern Queensland

Long grass, hot conditions and lantana made the courses at the Easter 3 Day more difficult than they might otherwise have been.

Many NE Orienteers had made the long trip to Ipswich in Southern Queensland to take part in this annual orienteering festival. The main event centre was located in Ipswich a dormitory suburb about 40km West of Brisbane. Although camping was available at the showgrounds, it was pretty limited – and horror tales of the limited washing/shower facilities abound.

The first event on the program was the Galaxy Elite Event – a sprint event through the grounds of the university campus adjacent to the showgrounds. Lots of elites running – and sort of interesting to watch for a while – and an element of excitement as runners finished and places were shuffled. It was unfortunate that the organizers had learned little from the feedback on AWOC's successful event at Beechworth last year – that orienteers like to have a run themselves – not just sit around and watch others compete.

Attendance at the Family Relay seemed low – after driving almost 2000 Km to get to the event, many people just couldn't be bothered driving 40-50 Km to get to a non-critical relay event. The Goddards, Cusworths and a scratch Sheahan team made the effort – Steve Cusworth's 8 minute run was an excellent result (but what a long way to go for an 8 minute run!).

Unusually for an Easter 3 Day, all 3 days were held on the same map; Day 1 on the middle bit, day 2 on to the North and day 3 on the southern portion of the Hidden Vale map. The terrain was basic spur gully – although erosion gullies near the finish caused some difficulty on days 1 and 3.

Day 1 was a scorcher – hot conditions and little water on the course caused distress to some. Sensible folk like Don Fell took their own water on the course and had few problems in this regard. Geoff had a nightmare leg through lantana infested gullies – taking more than 40 minutes to cut his way through and find the next control. In the meantime, Ted van G. and Don wisely accepted the extra climb and ran a nearby

Day 2 was a little cooler and most of us now followed Don's lead and took our own water. As we ran to the start triangle, we were presented with a wide, flat flood plain with waist high grass. A thought of snakes fleetingly crossed my mind – but no time to worry about that. There were three distinct elephant tracks through the grass – flattened by earlier runners. I picked the centre track and followed it all the way to the erosion gully containing control 1. As I climbed out of the gully, I dropped into another elephant track and headed off towards control 2. Passed by Ted as I approached #2 – he had made 4 minutes on me over 2 controls - darn he's fast! Aware of Geoff's problems in the gullies on the day before, Ted decided to run the roads – a long way around with significant rise and no clear indication of where to leave the road. This was unfortunate as the route along the valley was much easier today – costing Ted about 3 minutes.

Don had an unfortunate run – losing vital minutes on a short leg and then getting caught in a parallel feature as he descended towards a control on a steep slope. The places on Day 2, were now:

D1			D2
	Rob Fell	93:48	10
8	David Hudson	129:36	8
13	Stuart Fell	47:55	8
22	James Fell	62:14	20
42	Geoff Hudson	63:25	31
45	Don Fell	97:19	49
3	Paul Adrian	52:29	3
4	Kate Edmonds	38:41	5
15	Alice Edmonds	46:38	11
12	Rachel Edmonds	79:02	12
10	Schon Hudson	96:37	10
2	Helen Edmonds	39:02	1
16	Fiona Fell	59:16	15
1	Dorothy Adrian	46:34	2
4	Joyce Rowlands	37:22	2
8	Sue Healy	43:10	5
	Kevin Maloney	55:48	2

Several NEs were doing well – Helen Edmonds had taken 1<sup>st</sup> place in W45A – a very competitive class. Others such as Joyce, Dorothy and Kevin had 2<sup>nd</sup> places with Paul Adrian and Kate Edmonds putting in good results too.

On Day 3, the assembly area was moved 500m South; we were spoiled by a completely new set of pit toilets – apparently, one can't hire portable toilets in Queensland

(or chose not to...). The line of thunder-boxes surrounded by a single wall of Hessian provided a new meaning for the word toilet humour – the less kind suggested that QOA could have located the dunnies alongside the finish chute to provide entertainment as one did one's business.

The start at Day 3 was at the top of nearby hill. Everybody hoped to do well on the day – to make up for transgressions on the previous two days. It's unlikely that many bad mistakes were made – by now everybody was used to the terrain. The only real challenges mentioned on this course were an incorrectly placed control on M50 and the creek area near the finish. The last leg should have been an easy 2 minute control (or 1.5 minutes for Ted), but Don and Geoff both managed to stuff it up and lose 3-4 minutes.

Final results for Easter, for NE members and friends, were (Overall place and Day 3 result shown):

9	Stuart Fell	NE	51:09	7
22	James Fell	NE	83:49	26
12	Blair Trewin	YV	80:47	11
13	Simon Goddard	YV	79:14	10
17	Jim Russell	BG	91:14	20
1	Tim Hatley	BK	78:43	1
3	Peter Cusworth	BK	38:59	3
15	Phil Poulton	BK	74:47	17
20	David Knight	BK	89:07	21
2	Ted van Geldermalsen	YV	42:53	1
10	Peter Jackson	MF	55:51	13
42	Geoff Hudson	NE	73:56	40
44	Don Fell	NE	81:30	44
2	Tim Dent	YV	35:38	1
8	Alex Tarr	YV	45:32	10
14	Blake Gordon	EU	46:43	11
16	Peter Searle	BG	51:33	12
17	John Meeking	YV	57:11	18
24	John Sheahan	BK	56:52	17
27	David Goddard	YV	63:46	25
4	Barry Sampson	YV	47:35	3
16	Allan Miller	BK	64:25	15
9	John Dempster	YV	53:40	10
10	Graeme Cadman	YV	41:23	6
2	Gordon Clarke	YV	46:23	2
3	Paul Adrian	NE	55:48	3
4	Kate Edmonds	NE	37:01	3
14	Alice Edmonds	NE	57:19	15
12	Rachel Edmonds	NE	81:03	13
9	Moirra Goddard	YV	65:35	11
10	Elizabeth Hatley	BK	69:04	10
2	Mary Enter	BK	79:09	4
10	Schon Hudson	NE	101:58	11
2	Helen Edmonds	NE	61:20	5
8	Margi Freemantle	YV	70:38	11
3	Sue Neve	MF	41:49	2
13	Carolyn Cusworth	BK	57:30	12
15	Fiona Fell	NE	61:28	14
2	Kathy Liley	YV	46:56	4
6	Christine Sinickas	YV	46:11	3
8	Libby Meeking	YV	54:56	9
9	Ruth Goddard	YV	49:15	6
14	Jackie Dempster	YV	80:03	13
15	Jenny Sheahan	BK	84:32	14
1	Dorothy Adrian	NE	53:12	3
4	Helen Alexander	BK	48:05	2
6	Patricia Miller	BK	82:57	6
6	Joyce Rowlands	NE	57:22	7
7	Sue Healy	NE	38:44	4

#### Comments from participants:

I took a tape recorder along and interviewed a number of people that took part – unfortunately, it has since passed away....some of the more memorable comments were lost - however:

**Kevin.** I was lucky to get a late start and could follow the elephant tracks – unfortunately I chose the wrong one to the first control. Eventually finding the right one by a process of elimination. Spiked most of the other controls on his course and managed to get 2<sup>nd</sup> in my class.

**Sue Neve;** 3<sup>rd</sup> in W50A. Day 1 – a steep learning curve initially – hard for Victorians to adjust to the terrain – Vics could get into circle but found it hard to close in - the combination of long grass and hot conditions were very difficult. Lantana was daunting initially, but once you got used to it, it was OK.

**Bendigo orienteers;** never have so many paid so much for so little. All three days on an existing map – one that could have been improved if they had been prepared to put the effort in. The Day 2 courses set by a junior provided little route choice and minimal challenge. Pit toilets must have saved a packet. They charged top dollar for mediocre courses and services – not even providing good family entry support for some of our more active/larger families. QOA must have made a fortune!

#### Kanagaroo Attacks Orienteer...

Well not quite....

It was a little after 10 o'clock and lots of orienteers had already started. Apparently, one of them had spooked a small kangaroo and this bounded up the gully towards the start area at high speed.

Glenn Meyer, an elite runner from NSW, was pushing against a tree doing one or two last minute stretches before heading out.

Dion Keech was in the start area and saw it coming directly towards him. He threw his hands in the air and yelled and the kangaroo bounced directly in front of him and did a 90 degree turn – without losing any speed. The out-of-control kangaroo didn't seem to notice as it steam-rollered Glenn, hitting him in the side and cracking 2-3 of his ribs. The kangaroo disappeared off into the bush.

Glenn made his way to the first aid tent and was later transported to the local hospital for X-Rays. Up to then, Glenn had been running 17<sup>th</sup> in the Men's Elite category.

#### Orienteering Training Game

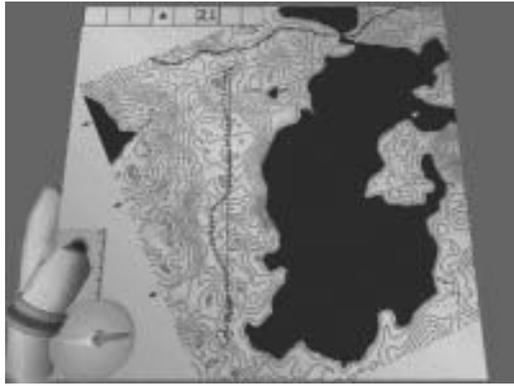
by Rob Fell

A number of us have been playing *Catching Features* – a recently released virtual reality game that simulates an orienteering course.

Available from [www.catchingfeatures.com](http://www.catchingfeatures.com), the game simulates an orienteering event – the beeping clock, the map and thumb compass, runners on other courses, sportident controls – they are all there.

The sensation when you get lost is exactly the same as in a real event (although not as tiring). Initially, you're convinced that you can find the control, then you consider following other runners....only to find a control on another course. Eventually, you relocate and work

your way back towards the control – still having trouble with it because it's in a green/low visibility area.



*Just like the real thing*

The game allows up to 8 players to compete in a single event – and this adds even more pressure. In addition, it supports map import from OCAD – so expect to see a lot of local maps translated into CF format before long – Rob is translating NE's Tourourong Reservoir Map at the moment.



*Darn – that's not my control*

Interestingly, the program handles bush orienteering (although the terrain is likely to be European), park and street orienteering, night orienteering and a variety of meteorological conditions.

This game is ideal for training beginners – it teaches basic skills such as interpreting the map, staying in contact with the map, navigating by features, using a thumb compass and relocating....all useful to both beginner and intermediate orienteers (I note from Google that the current Orienteering World Champion plays CF and found it useful and fun).

Catching Features is available from the website above. If you don't have broadband, send a note to Geoff Hudson – he's offered to burn some CDs for people in the club to use. Finally, note that you will also require a 3D graphics card.

## NE New Members

Robert Plant is a software engineer/testing specialist who works for Oracle Systems in Melbourne. Although trained in forestry (at Creswick) and in computing, Rob has been unable to find a single role that allows him to exploit both skills. Rob is mid-20s and initially took part in the PW section at street-O – but transferred to B grade running when the walking versus running controversy surrounding 2-3 top entrants

## Street Orienteering – Course Setting

Course-setters required for coming events.

Would you like to contribute to course setting but have never set a course before? The Saturday afternoon and night courses are usually Score events, these are very easy to set. Put your name down as assistant course setter if unsure.



Ian Stirling, NE's street-O coordinator will be pleased to hear from you at [ianstirling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ianstirling@optusnet.com.au) or by phone on (Hm) 9876 3643

Saturday Series			Setter
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Quambee Quandary	Ringwood Nth	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Burnley Maze	Burnley	Geoff Hudson
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Eltham	Eltham	

Wednesday Night Series			Setter
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Belmore Parklands	Balwyn Nth	Phil Torode
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Dandenong Creek	Heathmont	Antony Ball
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Surrey Hills	Surrey Hills	Schon Hudson
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Camelot Rise	Vermont Sth	

Sunday Metro / Micro Series			Setter
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Toorourong Reservoir	Whittlesea	Ian Stirling / Lauris
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Scotch College	Hawthorn	David Hudson

## Membership Records being Updated

Please note that we're in the process of updating our membership records – and as part of this, we're ensuring that everybody's membership fees are up-to-date.

Included with this edition of the newsletter, you'll find a current membership list which lists Nillumbik members and friends.

In addition, we hope to include an insert and this provides all currently recorded information about you and family members covered by your membership.

Can you check the details recorded and note any changes required on the sheet – and then pass this information back to Schon Hudson. If your membership fees are due (and let's face it – at only \$5 per year it's probably the best value around) – it would be good if you could forward that at the same time.

If it's easier to send information by email, Schon can be contacted at [schon@orienteering.com.au](mailto:schon@orienteering.com.au).

(P.S. Please don't send your \$5 by email).

## Adopt a Map

Volunteers are sought for maintaining the established NE Street-O maps.

Responsibilities are:

- Keep a soft copy of the map up to date
- Periodically, supply a paper or soft copy of the map to course setters
- Update map from advice from course setters, map corrections offered at an event and your own observation of changes/inaccuracies in the map

Most of NE's maps have been created using Ocad software. This is a very simple drawing program - beginners can be up and running in an hour or 2. There are many experienced users in the club who will be pleased to provide assistance.

If you live or work near any of these map areas, or simply think one of them is an interesting area why not give it a go!

Contact Ian Stirling at [ianstirling@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ianstirling@optusnet.com.au) or by phone on 9876 3643 if you would like to give it a try.

## OXFAM – 100km Walk

On the 28<sup>th</sup> March, the legendary Gurkhas were beaten for the first time in an Australian long-distance running event. The team that won the event were all rogainers/street-orientees – well known in Melbourne.

The 100Km Oxfam Trailwalker event began in 1981 as a military training exercise in Hong Kong for the Queen's Gurkha Regiment, the Nepalese regiment of the British Army. It now takes place annually in Britain, Hong Kong and Australia. This year 337 teams of four raised more than \$700,000 for Oxfam Community Aid Abroad.

For the first time since the 100km endurance event began in Melbourne, a Gurkha team was beaten by an Australian team, *Groin Sprains Again*, who finished the event in 11 hours and 59mins, 95 minutes ahead of a team from the famous Queen's Gurkha Signals Regiment. Crossing the finishing line in official third place was *Spur of the Moment*, a team of three women and one man, in 14 hours and 5 minutes.

In perfect weather conditions, over 1300 Oxfam Trailwalker participants left Jells Park in Wheelers Hill at 9am on Friday 26 March, aiming to complete the 100 kilometre-long endurance event within 48 hours. Trekking through some of Melbourne's toughest bushland, 333 of 337 teams finished before 10am Sunday 28 March at the spectacular summit of Mount Donna Buang. Of the 1348 individuals who started the

race, 1140 finished the gruelling event – a very good ratio and effort!

The Gurkha Signals team were hampered by illness, with one of their members suffering a virus, but in the true spirit of the legendary regiment that has won the most bravery medals in the British military, they soldiered on to finish in second place. The *Groin Sprains Again* team should be proud of their result having decisively defeated the reigning champs on their second try in Melbourne.

The winning Groin Sprain team members are Nigel Aylott, Damon Goerke, Peter Mitchell and Mark Phillips.

An NE member was among the participants in this event – Geoff Hudson was asked to join a team from Surrey Hills Primary School when one of their members dropped out due to injury. While the team finished the event, Geoff turned his ankle at the 58 Km mark and by 75Km decided that he was not going to make it. He did, however, learn a lot from the event:

- Most of us can walk 100 Km; all in the team were in good condition at the 58 Km mark (Mt Evelyn).
- A well trained/knowledgeable support crew is critical! You must have a dedicated crew for the event – switching from person to person increases the possibility of error/delays.
- The support crew can meet you anywhere along the way. This reduces what you carry and is good for morale (the winning team met their support crew every 5-6 Km).
- Walking poles were used by many to allow the upper body to help – these seemed a good idea.
- Don't spend too much time at check points – you get cold quickly – particularly in the evening.
- A massage on the back of the legs is terrific for eliminating tight muscles (I was getting quite sore about 35 Km out and a 5 minute massage cleared this completely).
- Do whatever you need to do to prevent blisters and cramps. None of our team had problems in this area.
- Changing socks every 20Km or so helps a lot – you feel like you've put new feet on.
- Don't stop too often – travel at a slower pace if you have to – but keep moving. (We spent 40-60 minutes at most check points ...losing 6-7 hours overall)

**NE Running Tops still available**

**Where else can you get a \$50 running top for only \$20?**

**Call Schon on 9888 8121 for details**

## Training Activities

Fiona fell presented a paper to the committee last month to establish a more formal training program for club members – particularly for beginner and intermediate orienteers.

More details of the program after the committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

All are reminded that Ruth Goddard's excellent introduction to bush orienteering training program will be run again this year – this course runs in the Christmas Hills area and is held over 3 weekends.

Call Ruth on 9457 1836 for details.

## Sniper rifle to be used at street-O?

*Computerworld, 3 May 2004*



If the thought of a government secretly inserting miniature tracking chips into persons deemed enemies of the state seems a little Orwellian,

a Danish company is doing its best to bring this technology into the hands of authorities.

Specialising in a variety of surveillance technologies, Copenhagen-based firm EmpireNorth has demonstrated a modified sniper rifle as a means of injecting unsuspecting targets with a RFID tag in order to track their movements. "The microchip will enter the body and stay there. It feels like a mosquito bite lasting only a fraction of a second" the firm's marketing material says.

As for who would use such a device, Empire North is pitching its new toy at what it calls the "urban battlefield" for the purpose of crowd control.

When contacted for comment locally, street-O representatives noted that such a device might have use in monitoring those with questionable Power-Walking styles. It is clear, they said, that the more competitive PW entrants would not willingly carry such monitoring equipment – a request by Ken James for Len to carry a GPS several weeks ago was rejected – because the extra payload would slow him down and cost him points.

Conspiracy theorists within the street-O community have suggested that the problem with questionable walking style is an attempt by Bayside Kangaroos to take control of the rapidly growing Power-Walking category. Leading BK representative Jenny Sheahan commented that the fact that the four most questionable male walkers were all BK members was "just a coincidence". Only time will tell if the other clubs will fight back – either by training their own "walking squads" or by purchasing one of the rifles above.

If you see  
somebody in an NE  
running top and  
don't know who they  
are, please go over  
and introduce  
yourself

## Nilumbik Emus – Bush, Metro & Mountain Bike Events 2004

We have been asked to provide controllers for these events in 2004

- State Series # 11 Map: Bayside Kangaroos  
August 8: Ron Wescott

In addition, the club is currently rostered to organize/run the following events:

### State Series # 10, Sunday July 25 - Whroo

Course Setter: Geoff Hudson

Organiser: Schon Hudson

### MTBO Series # 8, Sunday September 19 - Whroo

Course Setter: Rob Edmonds

Organiser: Joyce Rowlands

### Maxi 3 Hour, Sunday October 17 – Little Hard Hills

Course Setter: Ron Wescott

Assistant Setter: Cheryl Taylor & Geoff Hudson to assist with SI set up

Entries: Rob Edmonds

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