

JUNE DOCUMENT 2006

EVENTS

QUEENSLAND ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 19th – 20th 2006 Maryborough, Queensland

(Incorporating the National Orienteering League and Australia v New Zealand)

Compete near the area to be mapped for 2008 Australian Championships Carnival. The 2-Day event offers 2 new and exiting Geoff Peck maps with very fast, gently undulating spur-gully terrain that has extensive tree cover with little undergrowth. There are some rock and erosion features on Day 2. Start times have been set to allow competitors to spend the weekend in Queensland or plan a winter holiday in the sun with visits to Hervey Bay, Rainbow Beach, Fraser Island, Bundaberg, or The Town of 1770?

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For full details and to enter on-line go to www.qoa.asn.au/champs

WELCOME to new member Lee McAuslan 😊

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Jane Forsyth

GRAVEL ROADS AND FARM TRACKS

It has been reported that some people have been driving rather fast on dirt roads etc around events. Please slow down, be considerate of runners, course setters etc, and be aware that other members of the public, or the farmer, may be just around the corner and not expecting to see you!

CONTROLLERS' COURSE

We will be holding a course in the second half of the year (date not yet known). This will most likely be 1.5 or 2 days and be taught by a member of the NZOF Technical committee. It will probably be in town (adjacent to a town map) so not much travelling required. Everyone who is controlling club events, or would like to in future, should be there. Please watch this space and sign up when the details are confirmed.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Jane Forsyth reported that she and Sally Pilbrow (from Duntroon) visited the Elephant Rocks and Earthquakes areas in North Otago, checking them out for O maps. The results are very promising, with 2 friendly farmers and a large area of suitable limestone cliffs and boulders located. Also some cliffs and chasms that are way too dangerous! A further visit will check out a big slumped area in the same vicinity and the old Livingstone gold workings. If you have any local knowledge (or know any farm owners) in North Otago, please let Jane know. It would be good to have 2 or more maps there to make it worthwhile travelling.

We've been successful with one of the grant applications for Ski-O, and Brian reported that he has some new ideas for the format of the events. The snow is already falling, so keep this weekend free cos it's going to be a good one!