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Kangaroo's Tale

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Hamburgers and ice-creams after Mt. Hotham, the 4-Peaks Event.

(Photo courtesy Jane Harries)

Stuart Elliott, Bryan Ackerly, Jane Harries, Jun Okabe, Miki, Greg Tamblyn

But there's more.....

The most difficult problem for the editor of Kangaroo Tales is space. For example, in this issue we only have the space to print less than half the material submitted. So for a trial period we will print only '**samplers**' of some submissions, and place the original full texts into our BK website.

President's Piece

What a year!

Bush Orienteering.

This year saw BK scale a major peak of achievement. Over the years BK has conducted numerous State Championships- and Australian Championships. This year we added the Australian Relay Champs to this list. This was an outstanding success and reflects great credit on the key members of the organizing team led by **Greg Tamblyn –Tim Hatley-Bruce Paterson** and **Steve Peacock**. A feature of the day as far as the club was concerned was the fantastic way that members were always on hand to assist with the myriad of jobs required to put on this type of event.



John Sheahan

Street O

Over the current Summer Series BK members are organizing a total of no less than a staggering **45** events.. The success of this mammoth undertaking is in no small way due to the team of Organisers led so ably by **Vic Sedunary**.

The team comprises

-**Andrew Baker**(Southern) **John/Jenny Sheahan** (Western)- **Vic** (Eastern)-**Ewen Templeton** (Northern)-and **John Gavens+ team** (Geelong). **Henk de Jong** is our map librarian and is doing a great job ensuring that BK maps are continually updated.

Matthew King successfully set his first State Series event and is one of the growing band of members able to set events of this standard.

Thanks to all our members who contributed in so many ways to make 2009 so successful. I'm sure with so much goodwill 2010 will be as good if not better.

- **Ewen Templeton** Has competed in the Lorne Pier to Pub event for the past 20 years. On the completion of 10 events he was admitted to the Shark Bait Club. His 20th event saw him coming forward to get his Double Shark Bait Award! His best time was recorded 3 years ago-so the sharks still have something to chase!
- Great to see **Paul Leicester** notching up some wins (coached by Aexandra) after his recent op.
- For a change of pace **Bryan Ackerly** was the sweep in the recent Bogong to Hotham event. A chance to look around!
- Visiting Japan is currently popular with BK. **Helen Alexander** and **Jun Okabe** have just returned from visiting family and friends in Japan.
- **Peter Brooks** is just back from skiing in Austria. He says it was hard work!

End of Year Awards.

Each year the club presents 3 awards.

The Tom Andrews Trophy (Named for Tom Andrews the founder of O in Vic and first president of Red Kangaroos) for Achievements in Orienteering –was awarded to **Judi Herkes** who has had an outstanding year in Bush “O”, Rogaining and StreetO.

The Ian Baker Trophy (Named after Ian Baker the first President of Bayside Orienteers) for the promotion of Orienteering –was awarded to **Alan Cooke** and his team at Geelong-**Tania Elderkin-John Gavens-Heather Leslie-and Stuart Lloyd-** for successfully launching street Orienteering in Geelong.

The Rod Miller Trophy. (Named for Rod Miller a tireless worker for the club who set the standard in cheerful cooperation and assistance) was awarded to **Bruce Paterson** for his tireless and cheerful assistance in the equipment and computing area.




Jill Miller presents Bruce Paterson with the Rod Miller trophy; Judi Herkes with the Tom Andrews trophy; the presentations were made in the delightful Sheahan gardens during the BK Christmas party. *For more pics of the party, see the BK web site.*

BAKER'S DELIGHT

Young BK members may not recognise this control card from a pre-historic era. In those days our perennial **Ian Baker** combined with 'Louie the fly' to initiate the O-shop that is now the domain of Kevin Maloney. Readers who would like to find out more about those early days are invited to read about it in the BK Website.

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LEGENDS OF STREET ORIENTEERING

Geoff Hudson and **Mike Hubbert** were both crowned Legends of Melbourne Street Orienteering recently when they completed 1000 Street-O events since the start of this millennium (1st Jan, 2009). Congratulations to Geoff and Mike.

THE MILLENNIUM CLUB acknowledges sustained participation in Melbourne Street Orienteering by inducting street-orienteers into the club as members according to events completed. Currently, 27 orienteers are Associate members having completed at least 500 events and 15 orienteers are Companion members who have completed at least 750 events. Geoff and Mike are the first Legend members.

(For more information on the Legend awards, see the BK Website)

It shouldn't happen to an event official!

Jon Sutcliffe

2001: Controller, British Championships, Magilligan, Northern Ireland

The Army were obviously concerned about terrorist activity. We had just about ironed out a strategy when Foot & Mouth Disease closed down the entire UK countryside for about 6 months

2002: Controller, British Championships, Magilligan, Northern Ireland

Almost the entire 2001 British calendar of events now moved to 2002, and with renewed enthusiasm the British Champs was given another go. The area was an army training camp & comprised of quality sand dunes. There were holiday resorts nearby & it was a perfect setting. But it so nearly did not happen. On an afternoon in February, a civilian security guard picked up a strange object from the perimeter of the camp. The device exploded and he sustained severe injuries losing both hands. After the initial shock & difficulties, the Army was still very keen to allow the event. With the confirmation that terrorism related problems would be covered by the British Government, in the absence of any insurance for such matters, we did get the 'go ahead'. Most of the final months on the site were spent with intense security both on land & from the air. I will never forget checking the markers on the day before the championships, with armed soldiers in helicopters hovering just above me, and constant armed patrols around all the vehicle tracks. But everyone was very helpful & the event was one of the best British Championships in recent memory. The north of Ireland really is a special place.

(The above is an extract from an extensive and amazing article written by Jon Sutcliffe, on the hazards of being an O-event controller in the UK. His full article can be found in the BK Website)

BUSH O

Greg Tamblyn

What a great year it has been for BK.

2009 was highlighted with our running of the Australian Relay Championships in October. It was an enormous amount of work by a lot of club members and we could not have done it without your help. There were some problems prior to the event and also on the day but we managed to solve them all and I think it worked very well. Thank you one and all.



This year 2010, the aim is to have a less stressful time and only run a couple major bush O events

The first event will be in May. It is planned to be a Hageby style event on a remapped section of Lake Wombat just outside of Daylesford. This will depend on getting the mapping finished in time.

Our big event will be a Badge standard event in July at the recently updated Jim Crow map, also near Daylesford. Further details of these two events will be on the BK website shortly.

The VOA recently received a grant from the government for remapping areas affected by last February bushfires. Our allocation from this will allow the remapping of Lake Wombat (bush O map) and Mirboo North (MTBO map). Because this is a government grant the hard part for us will be that both maps need to be completed this year. Work has already started and we are aiming to field check the first area in the next couple of months. Stay tuned we will need some help in the next couple of months.



Liliia Gluschenko (2009 Vic Sprint Champion)



Phillipa Lohmeyer Collins at Seaholme

It was a fantastic evening on Saturday 16 January with nearly 80 people turning up to enjoy the trails and trials of the Summer MTBO at Lysterfield. Course setters Suzanne O'Callaghan and Jane Harries got the riders to use a bit less single track and a bit more of the other trails, added to the challenge of whether to venture over to Churchill or not. Some did and got good scores, others did and got back late, and still others played safe and just visited the Lysterfield controls. Good to see lots of new faces enjoying the evening plus the post event BBQ.



Andrew Baker



Jane Harries and Kate Sanderson

Story of the night goes to Prue Dobbin who, with her bike, spent some moments teetering over the edge of the jetty near the busy control 15. And who had the greatest interest in seeing whether she and her bike could float? Was it her chief competitor at the end of the jetty, Ryordan Panter, who had punched just before her or the more serious MTBOers coming down the jetty who love a close shave??? Prue managed to save herself and her bike from a swim and managed to start quite a discussion about the value of this type of MTBO control setting on her Attack Point blog.

Having a few health issues, setting this course was a bit challenging for Jane and Suzanne. Thanks to the people who helped them out – Bruce Paterson who helped scope out some potential controls in the nasty hilly Churchill bits and suggested using one of the ubiquitous Lysterfield bears in trees as a bear control (although unfortunately for control placement, the chosen bear kept moving!); Lillia Gluschenko who went out on foot into the lunchtime heat to put controls out on the day; the Cusworths and the Sheahans for organising and advice; and the team of BK members who turned up on the day to put tents up, help with the event and pick controls up – a well-oiled machine!



The Bear Control

BK Web Site

Suzanne O'Callaghan

Have you had a look at the BK web site lately? If not, maybe it's time you did! www.bkv.org.au (in case you had forgotten! Put it in your favourites)

We've laid out all the sections that members requested and are starting to put all the information up. So far you'll find some interesting history, with pics of some much younger O-Legends (!), Club Committee members, membership instructions, a photo gallery and some news items from recent events, illustrated with photos.

The aim is to include all the events BK has some involvement in – that includes social events – and when the event has taken place, to replace how to get there with the report on what happened. Check out the Events section and you'll see what I mean.

So how do we keep this updated? That's where I'll need some help. I'm looking for a few people who would like to try updating the web site using the Socialfx content management system – it's pretty basic and not too difficult. You need to be internet savvy, pretty comfortable with MS Word and know how to use online login systems, like internet banking – and interested in taking responsibility for keeping a particular section up-to-date, eg maybe your interest is rogaining – you might like to take on the rogaining events section. If you are interested, contact me on webmaster@bkv.org.au or catch up with me at a street-o event (I'm there most Mondays and Wednesdays)



Suzanne O'Callaghan



And if you have a story for the news or the events section? Send it along to webmaster@bkv.org.au, and attach your photos! The more, the merrier...

Do you receive the weekly "O" news bulletin? If not notify Les Bright on onevs@iinet.net.au and have yourself included in the updates.

BK'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH ROGAINING.

John Sheahan

This has been a very successful year for BK Rogainers, so a note to explain BK's involvement and support for this navigation sport is opportune. In the 1980's and 1990's Bayside and Red Kangaroos members were heavily involved in all aspects of Rogaining.

In the first World Champs. Rogaine held at Beechworth in 1992 BK's **Jim Russell** and **Mike Walters** won the title, while **Eddie Wymer** was in the 3rd. placed team.

In 1996 **Jim Russell** and **David Rowlands** took out the world title –held in W.A.

In 1998 the World champs were held in Canada and saw BK member **Nigel Aylott** standing on the podium as No 1. This meant 3/3 for the World titles for BK.

BK members have also conducted complete Rogaines, on behalf of the VRA –the most recent being Paterson's Pursuit-where all aspects of the competition were carried out by BK. In addition BK members set up and organised the inaugural inter schools event in 1998 with 51 students taking part, and then conducted the event for the next 7 years to give it a continuity. It is now a successful fixture on the Rogaining calendar. With this pedigree, the results for this year fall into place.

The strength of our involvement was brought to our attention when it was pointed out that the first 22 teams in the Vic Champs were either completely or partly composed of BK members! This prompted a further look and listed on p7 are the BK Rogaining results for 2009.

The list gives you a snapshot view of those who have visited the podium, but does not cover those of us who take part regularly just to be out there in the forests and enjoying the whole Rogaining experience. If you are yet to try a Rogaine-don't put it off. *Do it and you will never regret the experience.*

Preliminary B.K. "O" Dates.

-Sun 28th. Feb. Du"O" at Gembrook

-Sun 2nd. May. Warburton MTBO Special

-Sun May 16th. Hageby Loop "O" at Lake Wombat –Daylesford

-Sun June 11th. State Series "O" on the Jim Crow map-Daylesford

-Sun Oct 24th. Australian MTBO Champs-Daylesford

-Sun Nov 7th. BI O Gaine centered in Port Melb-Albert Park

HARD SLOG !

Mick Worthington (far right) completes the 100 km Oxfam walk



Syd Boydell completes a marathon

BK ROGAINING RESULTS FOR 2009.

Metrogaine (March)	1 st (M). A Baker. K.Humphrey. 1 st (MV MSV) Len Budge 2 nd . (M) Jun Okabe. 3 rd (XV) Grant Jeffrey.
Cyclogaine	1 st . (X) Rob Davis-David Provan-Kim Willocks. 2 nd (X) Scott Gavens. Rebecca Shaw. 3 rd (X) Kate
Gavens.	1 st MSV) Rob Mason 1 st (XSV/ UV) Allan and Pat Miller
Barmah 6 Hr. (April) Baker.	1 st (O/X/XV) Thor Egerton. Jon Sutcliffe. 1 st (M) Andrew Brett Sparkes. 1 st (W) Kate Sanderson.
L'd'derg 24 Hr (May) 1 st . (M) Andrew Baker Jon Sutcliffe. 1 st (X/XV) Brett Sparkes. Allan and 2 nd (MV) Peter Brooks 3 rd (M) Jun Okabe 1 st (XSV/XV) Pat Miller.	
L'd'derg 15 Hr,	2 nd (MV) Grant Jeffrey. Rob Mason. 2 nd (MSV) Len Budge. Vic Sedunary.
Linton-Sat (June) Merv	1 st (M/MV) Greg Andrews. Bruce Paterson. 1 st (MSV) Trease. Vic Sedunary. 2 nd (MSV) Len Budge. 2 nd (X) Rowan Compagnoni.
Linton Sun Gavens.	1 st . (O/X) Andrew Baker. Kath Copland. 2 nd (O/X) Kate Tom Lothian. 3 rd (MSV) Matthew King. 1 st (W/WV/WSV/U) Helen Alexander. Judi Herkes.
Two Ronnies (July) Sedunary.	1 st (M/MV) Peter Irish. 1 st . (MSV) Merv Trease. Vic Lothian. 1 st . (XV) Brett Sparkes. 1 st (X) Kate Gavens Tom 3 rd . (M/MV) Grant Jeffrey. Rob Mason.
Won Wron 12 hr (Sept) Sparkes. Grant Jeffrey.	1 st (M). Andrew Baker. Jon Sutcliffe. 1 st (X/XSV) Brett 2 nd . (MV) Merv Trease. Vic Sedunary. 2 nd (XV)
Won Wron 6 hr	3 rd . (MV) John Davies. 1 st (W/WV) Jane Harries. Lillia Gluschenko. 1 st (UF/WSV) Helen Alexander. Judi Herkes.
Vic Champs 24 hr	1 st . (O/X) Kath Copland. Kevin Humphrey. 1 st (M) Andrew Baker. Jon Sutcliffe. 1 st . (W) Thorlene Egerton 1 st . (XV) Brett Sparkes. 2 nd (MV/MSV) Merv Trease. Vic Sedunary. 3 rd . (MV/MSV) Grant Jeffrey.
Vic Champs 8 hr.	1 st (M/MV/ MSV) Peter Irish. 2 nd . (M/MV/MSV) Len Budge. 3 rd . (M/MV/MSV) Matthew King. 1 st (U/XSV) Allan Miller Pat Miller.
Nov 8 Hr	1 st . (M/MV) Bryan Ackerly. 1 st . (MSV) Len Budge. 3 rd (X/XV) Rowan Compagnoni.

The “four peaks” event is run in conjunction with the Bright festival over the Melbourne cup weekend. The event has been running for more than 30 years and has been regularly attended by Bayside and other orienteers. It involves climbing several of Victoria’s highest mountains over four days.

Each day involves climbing a different mountain early in the morning and leaves plenty of time to take in other sights in and around Bright for the rest of the day. Most evenings also involve something for the social calendar. On one of the evenings around 30 orienteers get together at Pioneer Cottages in Bright for a Trout dinner organised by Helen Alexander.

Mount Feathertop (Day2, 12km) and Mt Hotham (Day 3, 15.2km) are probably the biggest and longest climbs. The event concludes on Melbourne cup day after climbing Mt Buffalo where presentations are done outside the Mt Buffalo Chalet. While some run most of the climbs many people just walk them. Either way you get to enjoy the impressive scenery and great views the area has to offer. Mt Feathertop in particular is stunning on a good day – and its an added treat to know that they only way to see it is on foot!

Hanny Alston scored overall second place in this event with a total time just over 5 hours for all four climbs and was only minutes behind the first male.

The event is a must do on many BK member calendars. Why not give it a go this coming November?



Jun Okabe and Miki on Mt. Feathertop



Jane Harries on Mt. Hotham

(Photos by Jane Harries. For more pics on the 4-Peaks Event, See the BK Website)

Club Members Selected in Victorian Schools Team for ASOC 2009

Juniors Angus Robinson (pictured left) and Nicholas Collins (right) along with Arneka Panter and Ryordan Panter (reserve) were recently selected in the Victorian State Secondary Schools team for the Australian Schools Orienteering Championship to be held during the Bushrangers Carnival in September/October this year. Both had strong runs at the second selection trial on 2nd August at Blow Mine track near Newstead. They will travel with the 16 member team, competing in most of the carnival events including the individual and relay Australian schools events.



The following are edited extracts. For the full account of Liliia's delightful story (a first timer who was encouraged 'to come along for a leisurely stroll'), see the BK Website.

Day 1. A walk up Mystic Hill. I think this trek was designed just to get the 'heart started' .

Day 2. A climb up Mount Feathertop. The final short trek from Federation Hut gives a good glimpse of the rocky peak of Mount Feathertop. Congratulations by the way to one of the participants who proposed to his girlfriend on the peak during the event – a good choice of venue (and woman we hope!). By the time we arrived back down to the base camp most people were sitting in the river in their shorts. Reg had organised the annual dinner at a restaurant in Bright.

Day 3. A climb up Mt Hotham. An enthusiastic Austrian self nicknamed "the wolf" (he said that he hunts down his prey) went screeching past us on the way up. Back down, Helen organised a great barbeque (the trout and cake were fantastic).

Day 4. –A climb up Mount Buffalo -. We got a nice light rain shower near the top (the first of the weekend) on the final run into the finish. After a good hot sausage and onion sandwich (you can't beat it) we picked up our certificates.

Overall this was a really enjoyable event and it will be well worth a second shot next year.



Mary Enter



Michael Dunbar (Event coordinator)



Bruce Paterson

BRAESIDE

Greg Tamblyn and
Jenny Sheahan



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Committee Members

Bryan Ackerly, Adam Scammell, Tina Smith, Ewen Templeton.

All members are invited to attend club committee meetings.

Club Clothing Update.

In the pipeline:

*New waterproof jackets for the worst of winter.

*New bike tops for muddy conditions

Committee List Adjustments

Matthew King replaces Di Shalders as the current Club Secretary. There is no VP-MTBO. Martin Boland is the MTBO coordinator.

Many thanks to Di Shalders for her enthusiastic work as Club Secretary, involving the numerous meetings and odd jobs that are required to fill this position.

Club Membership for 2010

If you have a red mark on the top corner of your address label, your \$5 member subscription is due for year 2010 – unless you have paid it since going to print. Could you please see to this at your earliest convenience.

If there is no red mark, you are paid in advance, but could you please complete the enclosed form anyway and return it to assist with updating records.

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