



# Tintookies Newsletter January 2018

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## The first newsletter for 2018. Happy New Year.

Let's be systematic about 2018 as we go through the months to come.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**....one of the summer Friday events which made use of a TT/YA map. There was angst because the course setter a) didn't use an up-to-date map, but rather one used for a previous event and its corrections appropriate to that occasion. At that time the Torrens was low as water had been released for the dam/spillway redevelopment. That meant you could cross the Torrens without getting wet and without having to go to a bridge. Not so on Jan. 12 so some people got very wet when they relied on the ) (. So, please, when course setting, make sure you use the latest version from Ken's collection of all digital maps. And don't re-use it without checking for a later event you are planning.

b) Leave yourself time to visit all planned control sites before the day of the event and the overprinting of the maps. Then in this case you would have discovered that a building on the map was, in fact, no longer there. What now? It took some people a while to spot the plate hung in a nearby tree. More angst.

PS There is the progressive addition of new bits of map on the North side of the Torrens. The earlier aqueducts taking water down to Hope Valley Reservoir have been put under ground so the area of OOB land around them has been landscaped and opened up to public access. So, if you're course-setting on the Highgate part of the Torrens, make sure you've got an up to date map from Ken.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**...The first TT committee meeting for the year where Fi had provided us with a blank roster. As the first TT event is in March, we did some arbitrary filling in of names on that roster-to be checked out in good time of course. I suggest that everyone lets Fi know what they would like/can do before she gets desperate.

**February Friday events** The annual OSA programme of events will be available on Friday evenings for those of us who like to have a paper version up above the phone!

**Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Next TT committee meeting.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**. OSA AGM . See you there if possible.

**Mack Creek, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.... At last a bush event and in an area unused for some time as it got burnt. It's a pity the fire couldn't reduce the steepness of the western part, only the thickness of the vegetation. It is one of the early TT maps where everyone who wanted to, got an area to map, so the finished job allowed the orienteers to recognise when they went from one mapper's bit to the next! We're lucky that TT has a growing number of mappers with the time and skill to do a uniform map.

Please put your name on the list for Registration, collecting controls etc before Fi gets arbitrary.

**Black Hill, Athelstone. April 29<sup>th</sup>.** A bit of bush and park and streets---and close to home, and still needing volunteers.

**May 12-13<sup>th</sup>. A TT outing to the South East.** We talked about it last year but the snakes put us off. By May it will be quite safe so we intend to take up the Lloyds' kind invitation to explore their property at Reedy Creek. Possibly it will not be suitable for a serious event but it will be great to look at it, then "camp" in the old Reedy Creek school building and move on to a training session at Cantara on the Sunday. This would be similar to what Bob organized the last time we went there... each person puts one control out and everyone chooses their own course from what's on offer.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> World Orienteering Day--- a Wednesday, 6.15pm.** In 2017, Clive and Marian put on a night event in Thorndon Park where orienteers had to check the country of their control, not its number. This year it will be in Thorndon Park again and perhaps you'll be checking out the correct mountains! Then discuss it all over supper. It would be a good occasion to invite friends from other clubs --or non-club members. The more people the better as event fees are the best way to boost TT's flagging finances, apart from drawing attention to the international aspect of orienteering as requested by IOF.

Followed by a scrumptious supper, I hope.

**June 17<sup>th</sup> North Adelaide** A good chance to hand out some TT membership forms to any newcomers and follow up the contact at the next TT event.

**Pymton on July 22<sup>nd</sup>,** again not used lately. It always helps to remember not just the black rocks but also that white blobs are one or more sizeable trees. But don't chase rocks: brown first.

**August 19<sup>th</sup> Mulga Valley for the State Championships** We are lucky to have a challenging map fieldworked and drawn so well by Paul Hoopmann and only used once before. Plenty of TTs will be needed as befits its status eg course setter, catering and RESULT BLOCKS!

**September 15<sup>th</sup> "Talk Back" at Hazelwood Park.** Some of you took part in this a couple of years ago and enjoyed the experience of escorting various disabled people with whom Cheryl Mason-Fyfe is in contact around the Hazelwood Park DYO course. She is responding to their request to do it again, so let's get TTs and our other friends to walk --and talk---with them again. More details later.

**September or October, the annual Boneseed Pull.** Revisit the area we cleared last year and do it again or get directed to another bit of Para Wirra

Back to a suburban event...**October 28<sup>th</sup> Keithcott Farm**

Then there are a few items which are dateless.

**First, the Club Relays.** I ought to know the date. So should John N, our club president, as he is the course setter. More later. (Vanessa, I hope you'll be around to run for TT then.)

That is always a Southern Arrows affair and the club whose map is used is asked not to charge royalties as the Club Relays are a fund raiser to help the Southern Arrows get to the interstate NOL series. At the moment the practice of paying royalties seems to have lapsed. So much per map used (per person) used to add up to \$100 or so a year to TT's budget, mostly from school use. Perhaps now that schools print their own maps for the DYO courses it is hardly worth the time. Nevertheless, TT will ask OSA to ratify a new policy.

**Para Wirra.** Did you notice it was not mentioned in our 2018 programme? That is because our map is being made drastically out of date by the construction of camp sites and new roads and tracks. Perhaps we will be able to update and use at least parts of it by next year.

[The odd Christmas Card](#) map in the last newsletter was promptly identified by Gil as the trunk of a sugar gum. I can't remember where it was, but definitely not Eyre Peninsula!. John says it was at Springton. I don't propose to quibble about that so here comes a bumper stick to Gil.

[Thanks to Phil](#) for taking responsibility of the latest DYO map and its control sites. It's St. Peters River Park.

[The Heights School](#) is acquiring an O map thanks to Jack with help from Manu. Will it be a TT map?

[Uganda travels.](#) The Whittakers walked into an inaccessible park in search of orangutangs. I have probably got the details wrong so I hope they'll put us right and show us some photos at our end-of-the-year occasion.

[TT Web site.](#) I thought it was my ineptitude which prevented me from being able to access it. But, no. It is the students(?) at Uni SA who can't seem to do the job. TT has decided instead to follow the example of other SA O clubs and come in under the umbrella of OSA's web site. Perhaps we can help delete out-of-date information on it?

[The only colour is in the headings.](#) No photos. No maps. For the next issue I'd love to receive either or both, or any comments without my having to ask for them! Please!

[May the Tintookies help you in the bush this year.](#)