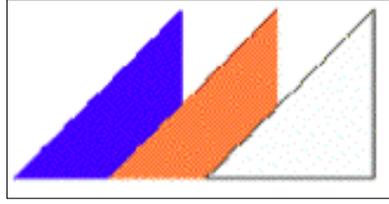


**WALLARINGA****ORIENTEERS****NEWSLETTER****June 2020****Editor: P. Kreminski****Publisher: F. Tomas****Club Committee for 2020**

**Our club held its most recent committee meeting this year on May 25. Meetings are held every sixth Monday or so, at 7:30 pm at Association House 132 Rose Tce, Wayville but the last took the form of a Zoom conference.**

**New committee members required! Please let Secretary Rachael know if you are attending if not a committee member, or an apology if you are on the committee:**

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**Club office bearers for this year are as follows:**

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Other Committee Members – Peter Cutten, Frank Tomas, Tony Roberts

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WALLARINGA CLUB  
EVENTS SEE PAGE 5**

If you have the time please consider becoming a committee member, as any input would be greatly appreciated. It is not onerous and you would be warmly welcomed. Of course any club member can attend a committee meeting if they wish – we meet every six to eight weeks. Please contact any Committee member as to the exact time and venue.

**Newsletter Content**

Readers are urged to send contributions to Peter Kreminski [pvk@internode.on.net](mailto:pvk@internode.on.net). Unless stated otherwise, all content is authored by Peter Kreminski.

## Overseas News

On May 18 our intrepid Kiribati member Ben Schultz sent an email to our immediate past secretary Frank Tomas. Ben wrote:

*Well done to all of you in South Australia; leading the way as per usual. Hopefully soon you can be out and about in the bush zipping about with maps in hand enjoying the freedom that orienteering embraces.*

*When the flights all stopped I found myself in Vanuatu, which is rather comfortable so I am in no position to complain. I have work however since the Japanese government evacuated my wife (but not me!) I have time on my hands so drew a map and voila, Vanuatu had an orienteering competition last weekend. It went well and people are enthused with another event tentatively scheduled for next month. I say tentatively as they want to run from a certain beach and I need to create a useable map.*

*Already there is talk of setting up a permanent course along the Port Vila waterfront for tourists (once they eventually return) and for locals to use as they wish.*

*Have fun. Ben*

Your editor sent Ben a copy of Peter Ashforth's Kuitpo course as described in the next article and week later Ben answered:

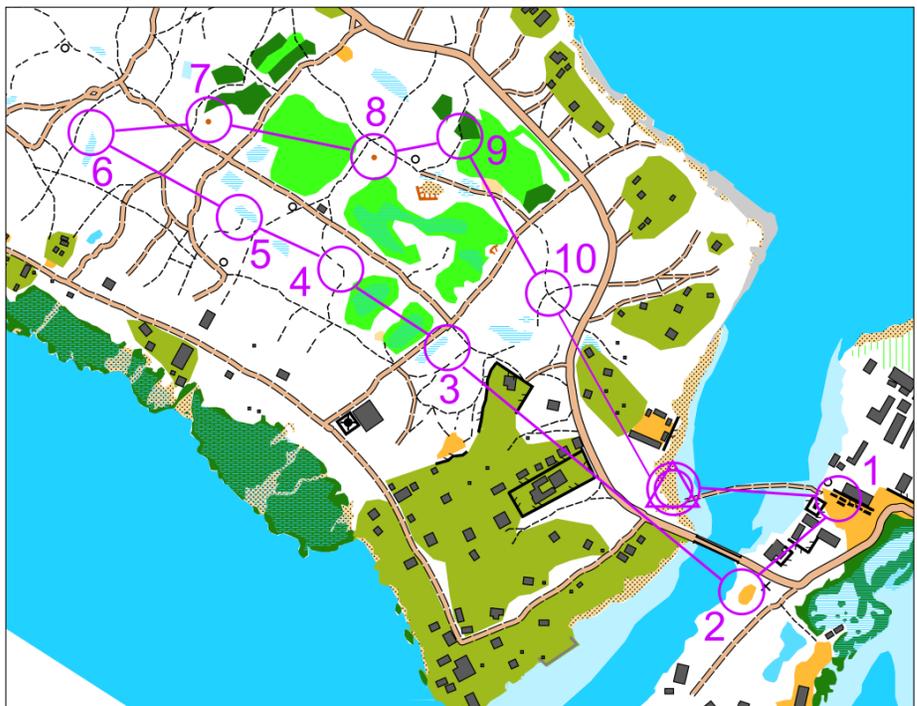
*[Vegetation] is one of the biggest problems I find mapping in the tropics; the pace vegetation changes. You can put together a map showing a clear field and come back a month later and it is impassable grass. It is same with paths that disappear as soon as people stop using them.*

*I went for a run this morning in a gorgeous area where I plan to set the next Vanuatu orienteering event (starting and finishing on the ocean). I went face-first through several spider webs which provided an added dimension that will be difficult to mark on the map. Perhaps a water-mark underneath the main map that reads "here be spiders".*

*I'll let you know how it goes. I only have a few weeks to make the map so it will be rough but good enough for people to find their way and enjoy themselves.*

Ben then kindly sent one of his maps with the comment:

*Please find attached a PNG file for a run on the islet of Buota in Kiribati early this year. Some areas are not complete as we didn't use them in the competition (so I didn't include them in the competition map) however it gives a decent feel for what orienteering in the Pacific can be like; mangroves and islets!*

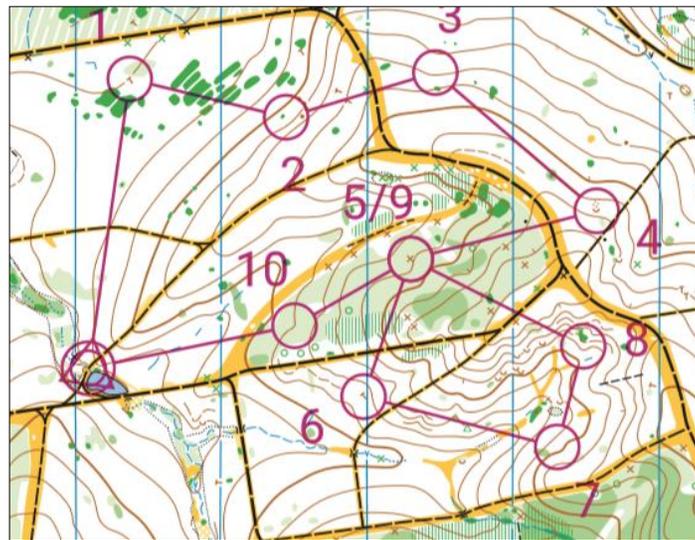


## Orienteering in the Year of Covid-19

The Wallaringan Belair event scheduled for March 29 and the Mitchell Park one of June 21 were cancelled, as were all Orienteering events in Australia from March 23 to late June. However, orienteering courses were available for training during the two months of social restrictions. One was set and taped by Wallaringa life member Peter Ashforth in the Kuitpo forest in May and numerous orienteers took advantage of going out for a run (or walk). One M70 reported as follows:

*I spent a long time looking for 2 & 3 mainly due to a lot of prickly thickets – maybe many were not mapped due to re-growth? I was pleased to spike 4! Then 5/9 was tricky both times. It was difficult to use an attack point here as most of the termite mounds along the yellow track had disappeared! Then I couldn't find a ribbon on 8. On what I considered to be the correct spur were two thickets close together. I did figures of 8's both ways round with no luck and went up to the tracks and all seemed to be correct. Was I in the wrong place??? The rest I did OK.*

Your editor also had difficulty finding C.8 and only realised his error when he followed the spur up to the main track and realised he had only gone as far as the east by north east spur, south of the correct north by north east one. Thanks and congratulations to Peter A.



### A Historical Reflection

The June edition of The Australian Orienteer published an article authored by an English sports historian. Its title was ‘Despite the Epidemic; the 1920 Olympics went ahead’. Here is the most pertinent paragraph:

*No thought was apparently given to the idea of suspending major international sporting events attracting thousands of spectators. Already in 1919, in the euphoria of peace at last, there had been an Inter-Allied Games held from 22 June to 6 July at the Stade Pershing, in Paris, specially built for the occasion by the US Army, in which 1500 athletes from 18 nations took part. Then, when the protracted Olympic Games of 1920 opened in Antwerp as per schedule on 20 April, lasting until 12 September; there were actually more competitors than there had been in the Stockholm Olympics of 1912 (2607 as against 2547) and one more country (29). Why was there such indifference at these mass gatherings to the health implications? Well, that's a question which needs more expertise to*

*answer fully than that of a mere athletics writer with an interest in history, but perhaps a salient factor is that the populace of a century ago lived with the impact of infectious diseases every day of their lives to a far greater extent than we do today, and though there were strong views expressed on the wisdom of taking part in an Olympic Games these were for other reasons entirely.*

The world of a hundred years ago certainly lived with the impact of infectious diseases more than they do today. Nevertheless, 5.5 million people world-wide still die from infectious diseases every year (and 1.3 million from motor vehicle accidents). Most of these diseases are to a large extent preventable and treatable. What made Covid-19 stand out? No doubt because it affected rich countries as much as the poor, but also because it was new, hence newsworthy. Then, with modern communication, including social media and a 24 hour news cycle the 'Fight against the Virus' took on a life of its own. Now, Victory has been declared and the younger generations are left to deal with the resultant economic downturn and the health ramification thereof – as well as a population still susceptible to the virus. The adjectives 'hollow' and 'pyrrhic' and the metaphor of 'kicking the can down the road' come to mind.

On the other hand, will a vaccine be discovered? Will the virus mutate to something less virulent? Or will it be more virulent? Do we feel lucky?

At least the hospitals are now in a position to cope with any new (inevitable?) outbreaks.

Correspondence on the issue will be welcomed, but whilst awaiting the flood of letters, congratulations and threats, let us keep orienteering and staying physically active, as this no doubt improves the quantity and quality of our lives.



## Wallinga T shirts

These are available through Jenny Casanova and are unique in their styling, especially the  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve style. They are worth having, and not just for orienteering events.

**Men's/women's  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve with blue trim**

**Unisex t-shirt with orange trim**

**The  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve are \$35 and the unisex T-shirt are \$30.**

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## Information for event Course Planners and Organisers

Orienteering South Australia has comprehensive information freely available for orienteering course planners and organisers. Please go to the following website (which is within the overall OSA site) to avail yourself of it:

<https://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/about-us/event-management>

## Remaining 2020 Wallaringa Events

Wallaringa is hosting three events on the Orienteering SA Calendar in the remainder of this year. Please hold yourselves ready to act as helpers on all three dates.

1. **Moon Rocks - Minor Event - 2/8/2020. Tony Roberts is the planner. There are two possibilities for the organiser.**
2. **Narrinyeri Hills - SA Long Distance Championships - 13/9/2020. Jenny Casanova is the planner. Peter Kreminski and Frank Tomas are the organisers. A controller is being sought.**
3. **Mt Crawford Goldfields - SA Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships - 18/10/2020. Amber Tomas will be setting as well as organizing with the assistance of her father Frank.**

## New Wallaringa Maps

Long-term club member David Simmons has mapped a section of Mitchell Park. It was to be used this month, but now we will have it in reserve for the next Wallaringan suburban event. Thank you David.

Thanks also to our president Tyson Hillyard for arranging Narrinyeri Hills and the Belair National Park to be imaged using LIDAR. As a result, Adrian Uppill has begun remapping Narrinyeri in preparation for the state long distance championships in September. Belair will follow at a later date. We can look forward to having precisely mapped contours and rock features.

## ‘SA Orienteer’ Online

Remember that our state newsletter, the South Australian Orienteer, is now published on line and available on:

<https://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/about-us/news/sa-orienteer> .

## Club History on our Website

The Wallaringa Orienteers history is on:

<https://www.sa.orienteering.asn.au/clubs/wallaringa/history>