

# VICTORIAN CLUB RELAYS

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2013

## PLENTY GORGE – HAWKSTOWE PARK

### EMBARGO NOTICE

The Vic Relays will be held in Plenty Gorge Park. The area of Plenty Gorge Park east of Plenty Rd, north from Gordons Rd to Wilton Vale Rd in South Morang, west of Plenty River and extending east across the river to the full width of the park in Yarrambat ARE EMBARGOED until after the event on 13 October.

The Vic Relays will be held under the rules as set down by Orienteering Australia for the Australian Club Relay Championships.

Age classes do not apply. Instead there are five divisions (A, B, C, D, E) with no age restrictions on entry. A, B and C are medium/hard navigation, while D has three easy legs, and E has mixed lengths (from courses B, C and D).

Each team consists of 3 members.

Div.	Distance	Difficulty	Map Scale	
A	Approx 8 km	Hard/Medium	Map Scale	1:10,000
B	Approx 6 km	Hard/Medium	Map Scale	1:10,000
C	Approx 4 km	Hard/Medium	Map Scale	1:7500
D	Approx 2 km	Easy	Map Scale	1:7500
E	Mixed	(1xB, 1xC, 1xD)		

The Victorian Club Relays are open to anyone who is a member of an affiliated or associated club or group. **Your runners will have to be listed in Eventor as members of your club to allow entry.**

### ENTRIES

Entries are to be made in Eventor by clubs on behalf of their members. Note that in Eventor, there is an administrative role "Entry Manager". The club member with this role can enter events on behalf of club members. (Separate advice will be provided to clubs on how to do this.)

Closing date for team entries (number of teams in which Division) is Monday 7 October at 9pm. (maps will be printed according to team numbers at that time.)

Final date for team changes (names, SI numbers, order of runners for Groups A, B, C, D) is Wednesday 9 October 10 pm. Only emergency changes will be accepted after that date/time.

**For Divisions A, B, C and D, please enter runners in the preferred running order.**

**For Division E, please enter runners in the order long, medium, short.** (We will change the running order in a random fashion, but we need to know who is to get which leg-length!). We will advise prior to the event of the actual starting order for your Division E teams.

### FEES:

Per person \$15 for seniors, \$10 for juniors. So a team of seniors will pay \$45 etc.

*Eventor will indicate the total amount owing. Please pay Yarra Valley Orienteering Club at the event when picking up the club teams' chest numbers.*

**EVENT LOCATION**

The Assembly area is at Hawkestone Park, Morang South (on the outskirts of northern Melbourne, off Plenty Road). Melway Map 183, H7.

If coming from Ballarat, Bendigo, or down the Hume Highway, take the Western Ring Road east to Plenty Road then turn north. After 6.5km, turn right onto Gordons Rd and then immediately left into Hawkestone Park.

**START TIMES:**

There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10:15 and mass start for all first leg runners at 10:30.

There may be a mass start for remaining runners after 12:15.

**MAP AND TERRAIN INFORMATION**

Courses for Divisions A and B will cross the Plenty River. There are 2 crossing places – the first at a ford on a major track, the second crossing is a compulsory crossing point marked on your map. If the water is high or turbid, then a rope guide will be placed to indicate the safest line for crossing at this crossing point. In this case, the crossing may be staffed.

Division A and B runners might also note that shortly after the first river crossing, there is a crossing of a deep side-creek. You will find it easiest (and safest) to cross this creek at one of the tracks marked on the map.

BEWARE there are many life-threatening cliffs along the river bank and on the side creeks.

All runners will find uncrossable fences: You will see gaps in the fences on the map, where there are gates or other gaps. There are also some marked crossing places – these are usually where trees have fallen on the fence creating a crossing place.

For Division D (easy navigation) and the short course for Division E, much of the course traverses open land. It would be helpful if you could remind your juniors and less- experienced runners that narrow strips of trees in the open land will appear as lines of white on the yellow background; distinctive individual trees show as green circles; and (as always) thicker bush appears as green on the map.

Be aware that other park users may be encountered. Please watch for traffic when crossing park roads, and be courteous of other users. Also please give space to the many kangaroos in this park.

Once you have parked your car, please minimise car movement until the event has concluded – runners may be crossing the car park.