

AN INVITATION TO PAST AND PRESENT ORIENTEERS

Orienteering in the ACT is turning 50!

To mark the occasion, a 50th Anniversary event will be conducted as part of the Midweek Series on Wednesday 19 May. This will include a short 'Flashback' event using part of the 1971 Black Mountain (black-and-white) map and 1971 style equipment, as well as a historical display.

Past and present orienteers are welcome to take part in one of the courses, or just come along to see the display and renew old acquaintances. Details are as follows:

Date and time: Wednesday 19 May, 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Assembly location: Black Mountain Reserve Car Park/Aranda Snow Gums entrance. Follow brown signs from William Hovell Drive. If you are not familiar with this car park, please see detailed instructions for accessing it [here](#). Drive past the tent at the Snow Gums entrance and park along the access road or in the Black Mountain Reserve Car Park.

Start and finish location for courses: In Black Mountain Reserve 500 m along cycle path from the assembly (or 300 m from car park).

Courses: Two courses are planned, both using the 1971 black-and-white map with limited updating and with plastic buckets as control markers:

Course 1. Moderate, approx. 4 km (equivalent to usual Wednesday lunchtime Moderate 1 course, includes some steep gully crossings).

Course 2. Moderate – easy, approx. 2 km (mainly along tracks with some controls a short distance off tracks, designed for the not-so-fit).

No SI units or punches will be used. Competitors copy code numbers off the buckets at each control (pencils will be tied to buckets for those who need them).

Timing: Self-timing on honesty system (as for normal Wednesday lunchtime events).

Entries: Pre-entry is not essential and there is no entry fee. However, if you have access to Eventor, it would assist the organisers if you register your intention to come through Eventor, even if you have a season pass for Wednesday events (no payment involved).

Clothing: Participants are invited to appear in their oldest (respectable) orienteering gear.

COVID-19 measures: All participants are requested to read the OACT COVID-19 Return to Play Plan ([available here](#)) and to comply with its conditions. Hand sanitiser will be provided. If you prefer not to use the pencils attached to the controls for recording your visit, you may carry your own pen or pencil.

For COVID reasons, maps will be available with courses pre-marked. If, however, you prefer to do the event properly in the traditional style, you can copy your course from a master map before starting. (You can use your own pen if you prefer not to share pens).

Note that water will not be provided at the assembly – please bring your own. We plan to have some special orienteering biscuits served in a COVID-safe manner.

Historical display: There will be a historical display listing significant developments in ACT orienteering over the years, with maps, photographs, press clippings and other items.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

We have lost contact with many of our past participants but, if you know of any who might be interested in coming, please pass this invitation to them or send their contact details to David Hogg at dhogg@home.com.au.