

THE HOBART SHORTS 2023

BULLETIN 1

OVERVIEW:

Hobart is surrounded by varied bushland; some state forest, some council reserve and some privately owned, allowing for over 20 orienteering maps which are used for local and schools events. Terrain varies with areas of thick forest, areas of open forest and areas of parkland crossed by walking tracks, mountain bike paths and some roads.

The inaugural Hobart Shorts series was held in 2015 immediately following the World Cup and Oceania Carnivals. This second series follows the 2023 Oceania Championships and uses 6 maps, all different from those used in 2015.

Hobart Shorts courses are NOT sprints. Their length is akin to Middle Distance events but with a few less controls than a normal middle distance and wherever possible a few longer legs and opportunities for route choice. Hobart terrain can be hilly and some maps can be complex. This event is not aimed at beginners but at those who have competed in the Oceania Championships.

This is not an official event as such and does not necessarily conform with all official rules. Accordingly participants can enter any course on any day. However if you wish to be in the running for a prize at the end of the series you must compete on the course associated with your age class shown below or a higher age class AND you must compete in and finish ALL 6 events.

COURSE	OFFICIAL AGE CLASSES	TYPICAL DISTANCE	NAVIGATION	WINNING TIME
COURSE 1	M20, M21, M35	5.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 2	W20, W21, W35	4.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 3	M14, M16, M18, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60	4.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 4	W14, W16, W18, W40, W45, W50, W55, W60	3.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 5	M12, M65, M70, M75, M80+	3.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 6	W12, W65, W70, W75, W80+	2.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 7	No age range	2.0 km	MEDIUM	30-45 min

PROGRAM AND LOCATION OF EVENTS

Sunday 15 January, PM	Coningham	20 km S of Hobart
Monday 16 January, AM	Tolosa Park	9 km N of Hobart
Monday 16 January, PM	Geilston Gully	6 km E of Hobart
Tuesday 17 January, AM	Waterworks	3 km W of Hobart
Tuesday 17 January, PM	Calverts Beach	30 km E of Hobart
Wednesday 18 January, AM	Queens Domain	1 km N of Hobart



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Maps: All maps in the series are at 1:7500 scale with the exception of EVENT 5, Calverts beach which is 1:5000. Maps have generally been updated in recent years but some immediate map changes may not be shown on the map. Where important these will be on display at events. Mountain bike trails are being built all the time and some may not yet be mapped.

Start Arrangements: All starts are queuing starts with 1 minute start intervals. There are no pre-arranged start times. You must start within the start window shown for the event (see individuals sections on events later in this bulletin). All events use punch starts—you must punch a START box after picking up your map.

Winning times: On all courses we expect winning times to be 30—40 minutes, average times 40-50 minutes and slow times 50 minutes to 1 hour. Make sure you finish by course closure time.

Course Closure: Course closure is 90 minutes after the last start. If you think you may be slow then get there early for an early start.

Toilets: The information provided later in this bulletin advises toilet availability for each event. For some events we will provide portaloos while for others there will be instructions as to where the nearest public toilet can be found.

Results: This is a low key event so most likely we will have result blocks with name/time stickers. As you finish collect your sticker from the download trailer's printer and attach it to a block to go on the results board.

First Aid: We have a first aid kit and some participants are doctors but as all events are on the outskirts of Hobart, any serious accidents will require an ambulance to be called or the person taken to the Emergency section of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Coffee: Hopefully we will have a coffee van at all events.

HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 1, CONINGHAM

Date and Time: Sunday 15 January 2023, Starts 2.00 pm—3:15 pm

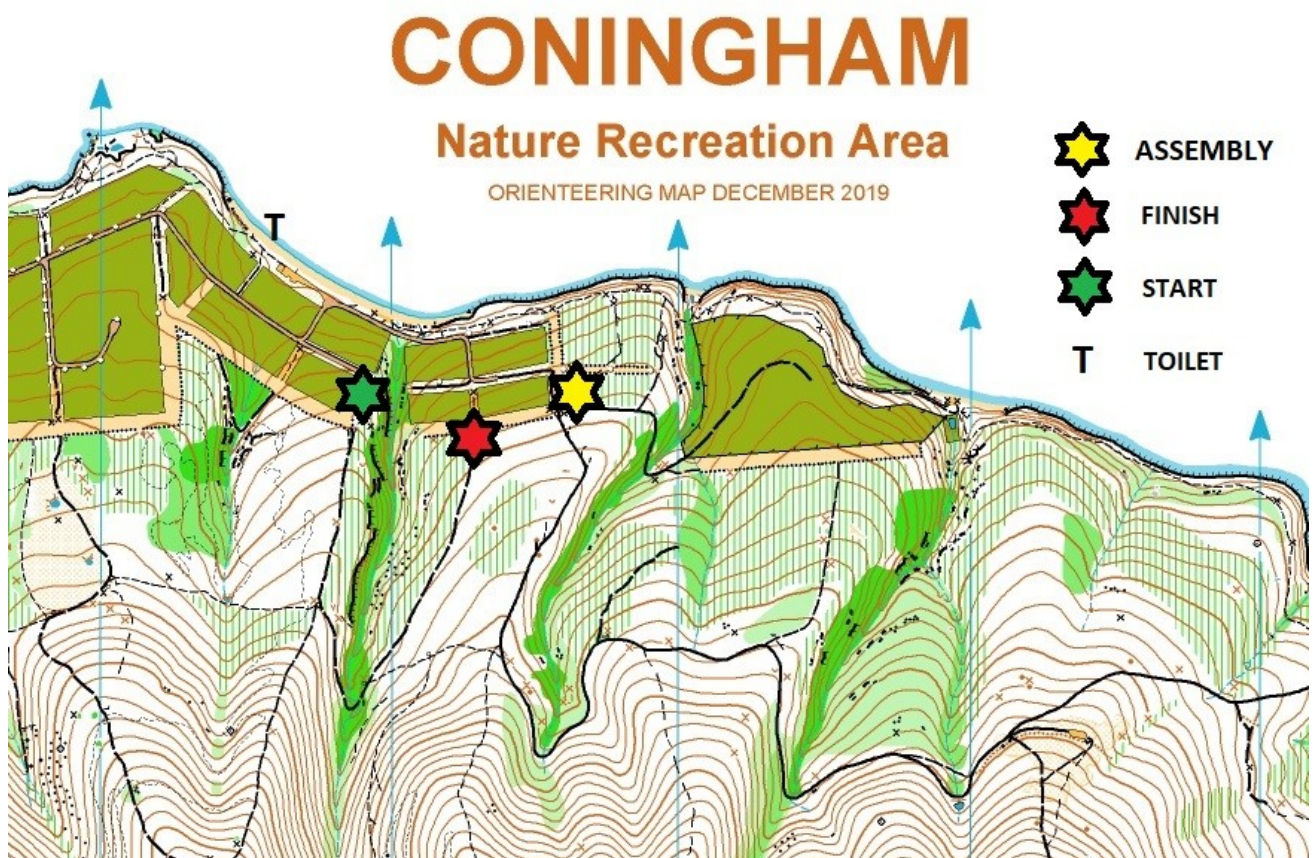
Getting there: Take the Southern Outlet out of Hobart towards Kingston. Stay on the outlet past Kingston on to the Channel Highway through Margate and Snug. There is a Banjo's Bakery in Margate and a supermarket in Snug so opportunities for lunch on the way. 1 km south of Snug turn left towards Coningham on Old Station Road and follow Orienteering signs to the event centre approximately 4 km from the Channel Highway. Note that parts of the road in are speed limited to 40 kph.

Parking: Park as directed on the vacant land or roadsides. There is a 500 m walk to the start so make sure you arrive early for this event.

Toilets: There are public toilets at Coningham Beach, 300 m before the event centre and just off the walk to the start.

Terrain: This is one of the more difficult events in the series with steep hillsides, often thick undergrowth and complex sandstone cliffs and boulders along valley sides.

Other Activities: Coningham Beach is popular in summer though if it is a warm day a cool sea breeze is likely to arrive by midday. Consider arriving in the morning and having a swim before the event.



HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 2, TOLOSA RESERVE

Date and Time: Monday 16 January 2023, Starts 9.00 pm—10:15 pm

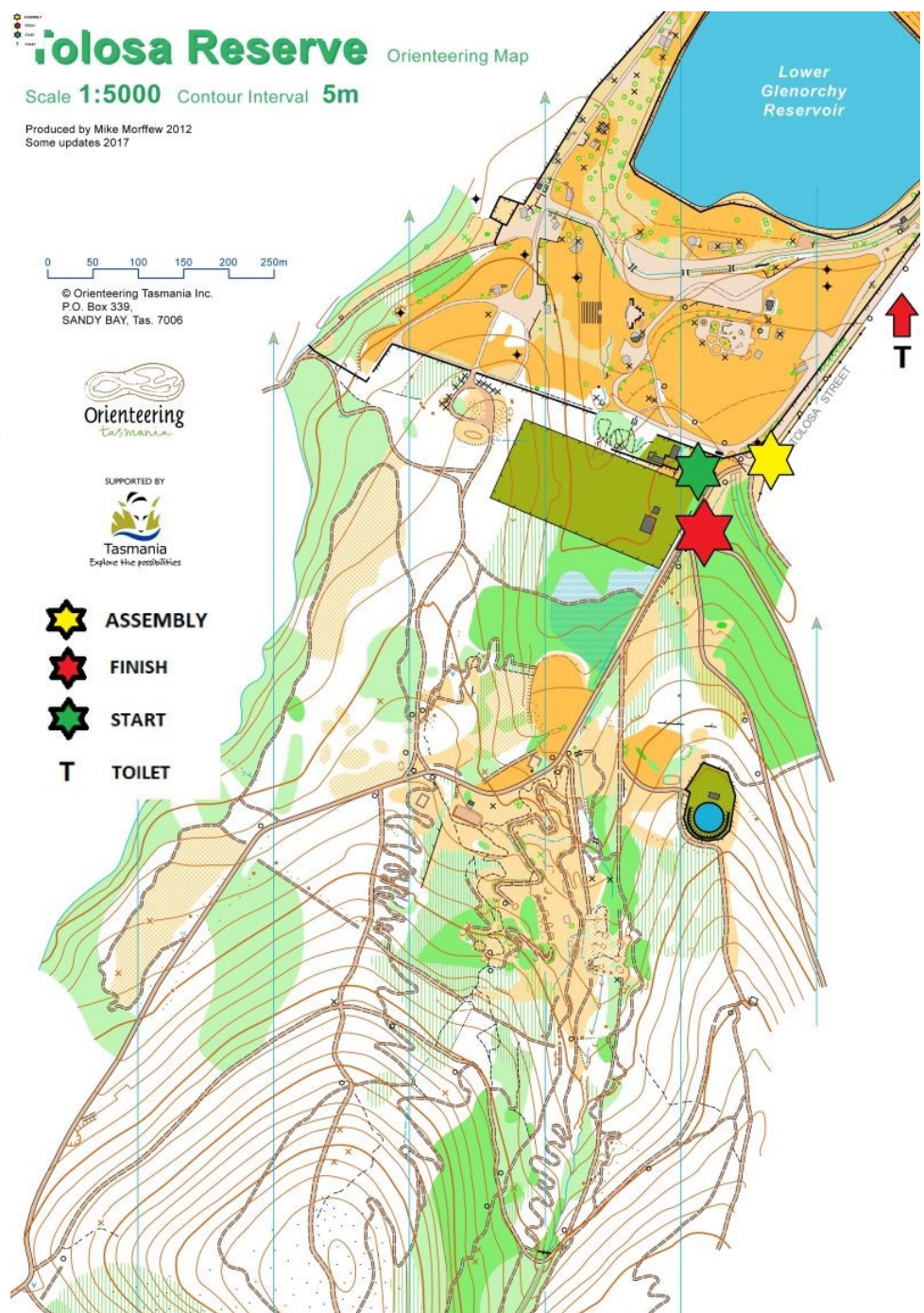
Getting there: Take the Brooker Highway north out of Hobart turning left in to Glenorchy on Elwick Rd. Continue through Glenorchy on Eady and Bowden streets eventually turning left into Tolosa St at the roundabout. Continue to the western end of Tolosa St beyond the reserve entrance.

Parking: Park on the roadside as directed. Start and finish are within 100 m.

Toilets: There are public toilets at the last bus stop in Tolosa St, just before the entrance to the reserve and 300 m before the event centre. There are also toilets inside the reserve.

Terrain: Courses start outside the formal reserve, run through the reserve then run across surrounding hillsides which are criss-crossed with mountain bike trails. As this event will occur in school holidays please give way to any cyclists.

Other Activities: Feel free to picnic in the reserve after the event.



HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 3, GEILSTON GULLY

Date and Time: Monday 16 January 2023, Starts 2.00 pm—3:15 pm

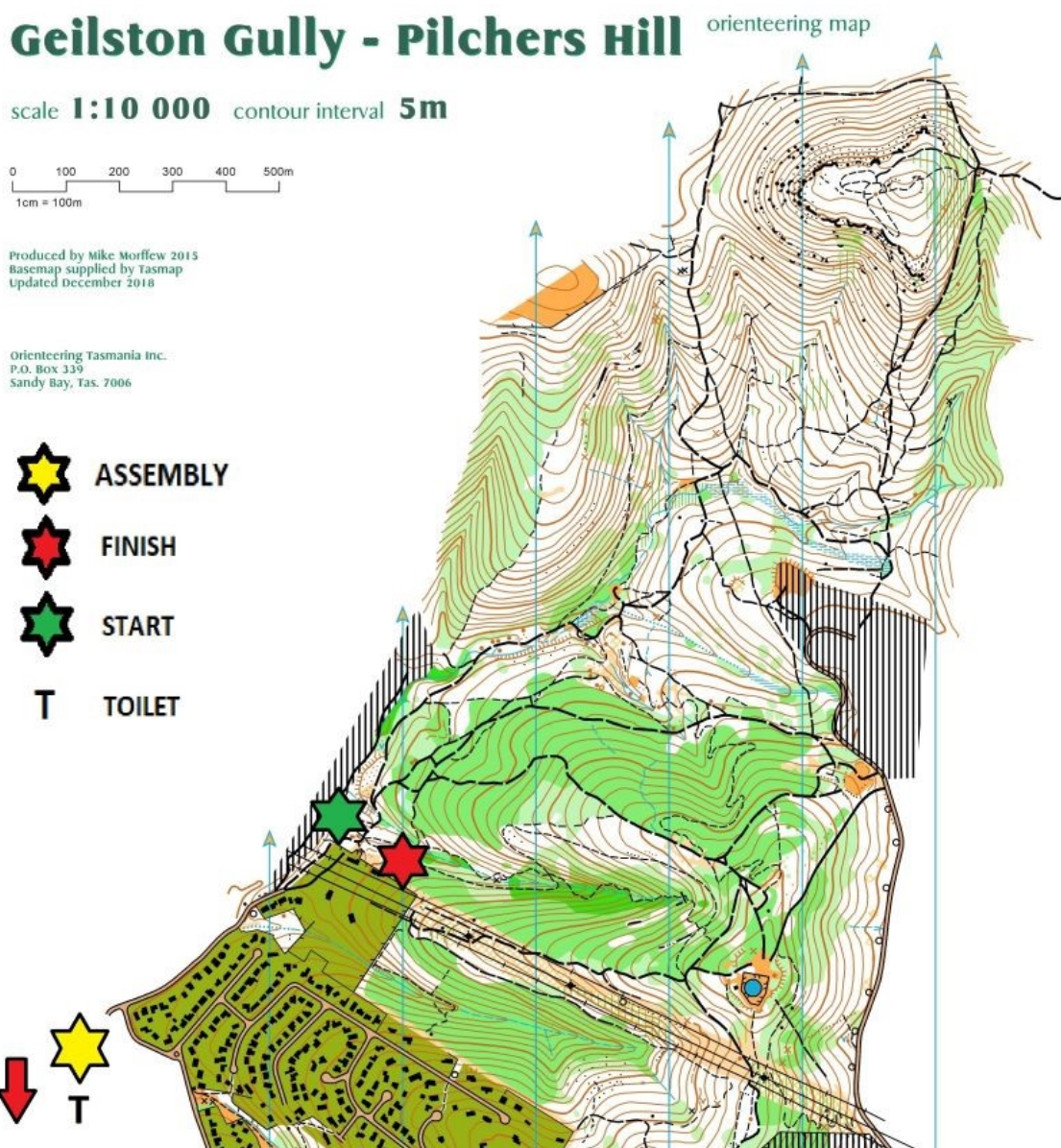
Getting there: Cross the Tasman Bridge on the Tasman Highway but stay in the far left lane towards Lindisfarne and Geilston Bay. At Geilston Bay turn left at signs. There is a 500—600 m walk uphill to the start, finish and download area.

Parking: Park as directed prior to walking 500 m to the start.

Toilets: There will be a portaloos near the starts.

Terrain: Spur and gully terrain with mostly open bushland but some thicker areas. Again a network of mountain bike trails so give way to any bikers you may encounter.

Other Activities: Continue on to Risdon Brook Reserve after the event for a pleasant walk around the lake.



HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 4, HOBART WATERWORKS

Date and Time: Tuesday 17 January 2023, Starts 9.00 am—10:15 am

Getting there: From the shopping centre in Sandy Bay take King Street uphill to the Lynton Ave roundabout. Turn right into Lynton Ave and under the underpass turn left into Waterworks Road. Continue to the Waterworks entrance and park as directed.

Parking: Park as directed prior to walking 500 m to the start. You may have to park on the roadside uphill from the park entrance.

Toilets: There is a public toilet near the start.

Terrain: Steep hillsides with sometimes runnable and sometimes thick vegetation riddled with old sandstone quarries and cliff lines.

Other Activities: Bring your lunch and stay on in the reserve. After the event you can relocate your vehicle into the reserve.

Waterworks Reserve

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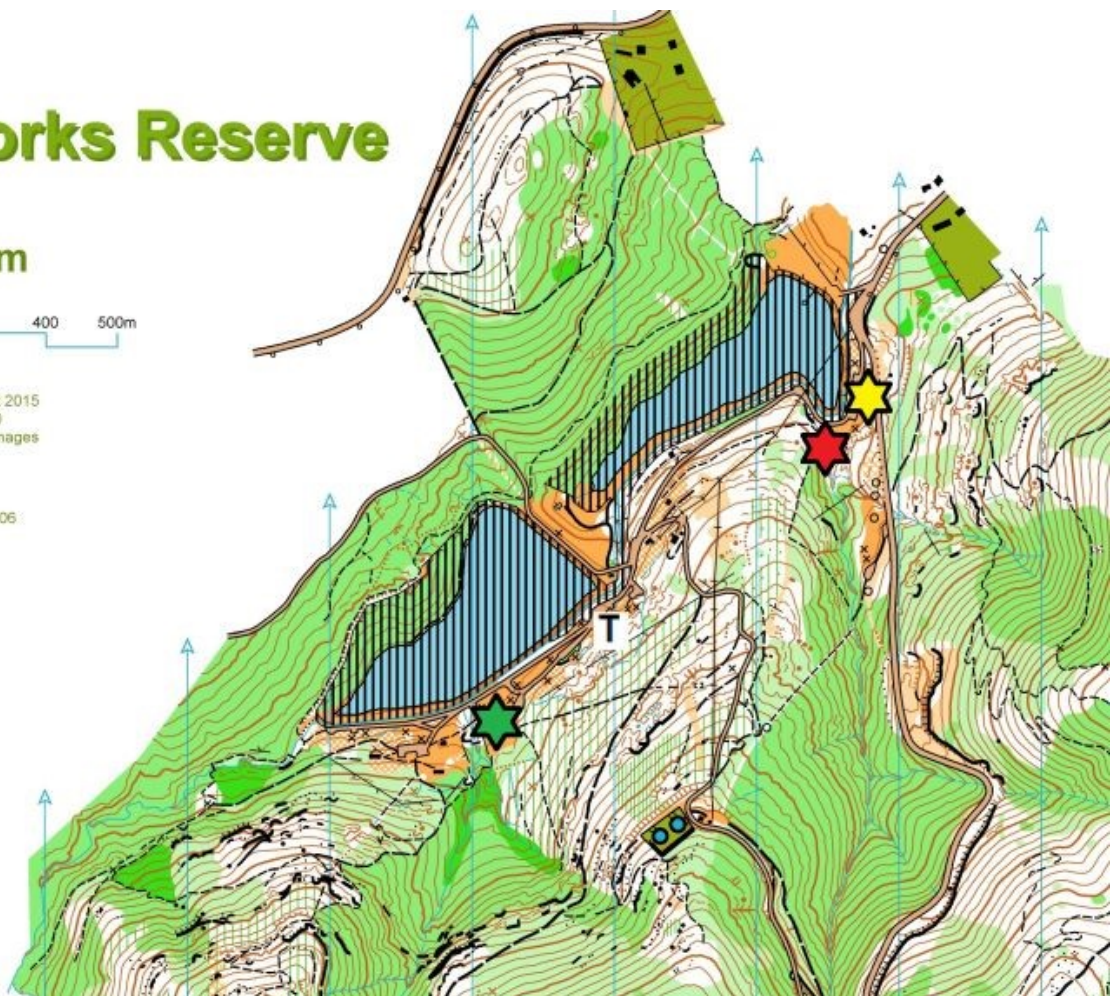
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HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 5, CALVERTS BEACH

Date and Time: Tuesday 17 January 2023, Starts 2.00 pm—3:15 pm

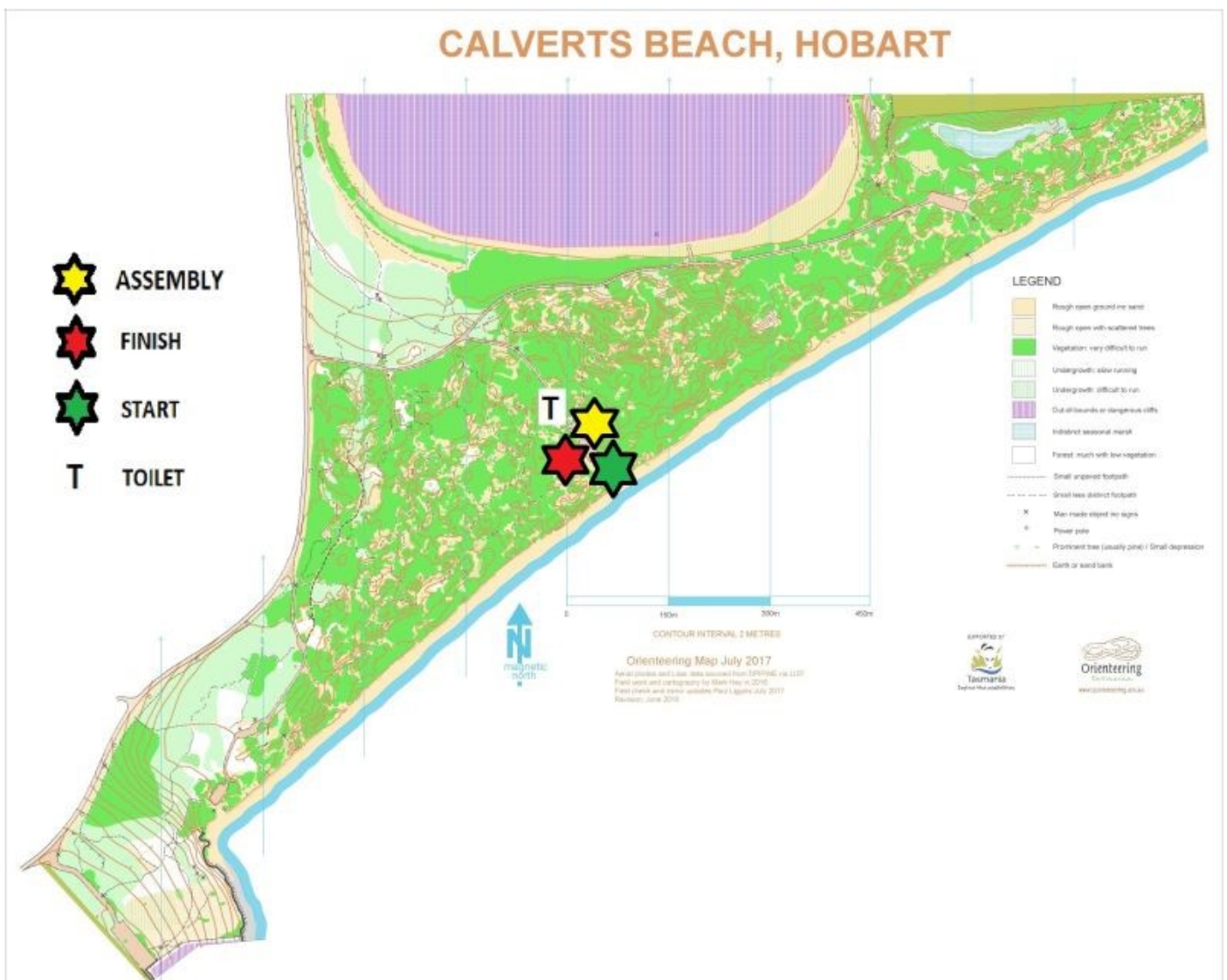
Getting there: From Hobart take the Tasman Highway towards Hobart Airport but turn left at the Mornington overpass following signs to Lauderdale, Clifton Beach and South Arm. About 5 km past the Clifton Beach turnoff turn left into the Calverts Beach Reserve.

Parking: Park as directed . Start and finish are nearby.

Toilets: We will have portaloos at the event.

Terrain: Thickly vegetated sand dunes with a complex network of tracks. Unlike other maps in the series this one is 1:5000.

Other Activities: This is one of Hobarts key surf beaches. Usually conditions are cooled by an afternoon sea breeze but if the surf is small and the weather fine stay on for a swim but note that the surf here can get large and there are no lifesavers.



HOBART SHORTS: EVENT 6, QUEENS DOMAIN

Date and Time: Wednesday 18 January 2023, Starts 9.00 am—10:15 am

Getting there: From Hobart head towards the Tasman Bridge but immediately after the Domain pedestrian overpass turn left into Davies Avenue which turns into Upper Domain Rd as it passes first the Swimming centre, then the Tennis Centre, then the Cricket Centre and finally the Athletics centre before crossing Clearys Gate Rd at a small roundabout and heading up to the highest point on the Domain.

Parking: Park as directed in the carpark or on surrounding roads at the top of the domain. Start and finish are close by.

Toilets: At the Athletics Centre Carpark is a public toilet in the Legacy Park Community Hub.

Terrain: Much of the Queens Domain is original vegetation as existed when Europeans first established Hobart in 1804. The ground is often rocky and there are the expected walking and mountain bike tracks but an additional hazard involves residue from clearing of invasive species by Hobart City Council.

This has left many fallen trees and shrubs and short stumps—be careful of these when running. Also several roads are crossed. Always give way to cars.

Other Activities:

Any help in collecting controls welcome!!

