

## **Hermann Wehner Tribute**

**Sunday, 2 June 2024**

### **Mount Stromlo Observatory**

Organiser: Maurice Patten

Course Setter: Martin Wehner

Controller: Kirsten Wehner

Event Mascot: Rosie (pats very welcome)

Map: Mount Stromlo Observatory (2024), 1:3000, 5m contours

Today's event celebrates the late Hermann Wehner's contributions to Mt Stromlo and to orienteering. Hermann passed away in late 2023 at the age of 99. This week, wherever he is, he'll be celebrating his 100th birthday - with cake, of course! Hermann was for almost 50 years an enthusiastic orienteering competitor, mapper, organiser and mentor, as well as an astronomical engineer and resident at Mt Stromlo Observatory. We hope you enjoy navigating this place that Hermann loved. This is meant to be a fun event, we plan to have cake at the finish.

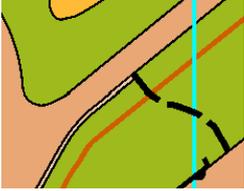
Competitors can choose from the following courses:

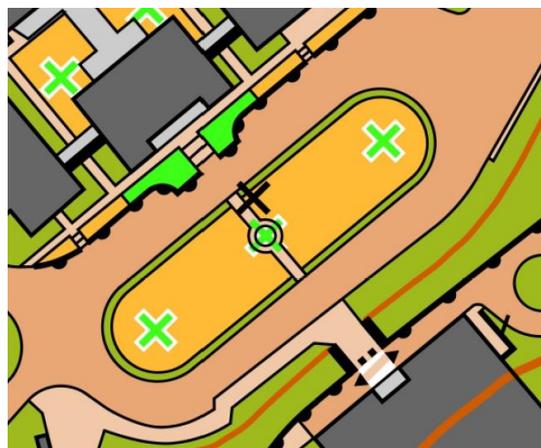
- Long Sprint, 3.4km, 30 controls, bush and urban terrain, easy – moderate navigation
- Short Sprint, 2.0km, 17 controls, urban terrain, easy navigation
- Very Easy, 1.2km, 14 controls, urban terrain, very easy navigation
- Score event, 30 controls, 1 hour limit, controls of all navigational difficulties from Very Easy to Hard

Starts: start at any time between 10:00am and 11:30am. Courses close at 1:00pm, please report to the finish by then even if you haven't finished your course.

### Special Note

The Observatory has kindly given us permission to use the area for this event. Please don't give them reason to regret their decision by crossing features that are mapped as:

	<p>Garden beds or private land (khaki colour). In particular watch out for narrow garden beds such as are shown around the oval lawn in the map extract below. Mapped paths that cross garden beds may be followed such as in the example on the left.</p>
	<p>Impenetrable vegetation as this symbol is used to represent hedges.</p>
	<p>Uncrossable marsh.</p>
	<p>Uncrossable fences and walls (thick black lines).</p>
	<p>Out-of-bounds areas</p>



## **Directions**

Travel west on Cotter Road for 0.75km beyond the Cotter Rd / Eucumbene Drive intersection. Turn right onto Mount Stromlo Road and follow this uphill for about 3.7km, ignoring all side roads to the left and passing through the open boom gates after about 2.2km, until reaching the first ruined telescope building on the left. Turn left here (O sign), avoiding orienteers crossing to the start, and proceed for 200m past the large white 74" dome (avoiding the concrete bollards in the road) and park as directed (35.3192S 149.0089E). It is likely there will be a fair few cyclists on the Mount Stromlo Road. Please drive carefully and follow the road rules when passing cyclists.

## **Course Setter's notes**

There will be a lot of controls in a small area. Please check the control codes carefully. There may be head-to-head racing available on the sprint courses if demand warrants.

Note that the observatory roads will be open to traffic although on a Sunday morning cars should be few. Take care when crossing or running along sealed roads. The Long Sprint course passes near to the observatory houses. Please avoid the private gardens mapped as private land (khaki colour).

## **Mapper's notes**

Isolated trees are mapped as white unless very slender in which case they are mapped as a green cross.

Movable tables and benches are not mapped.

The bush areas contain numerous mountain bike tracks, some of which are abandoned. Only the most obvious tracks are mapped.

Bush is mostly casuarina of varying density but generally fast running. Following the 2003 bushfire some has been thinned and the slashed stems lie on the ground. Where warranted these areas have been mapped as slow-run good visibility or walk good visibility. Boundaries between clearings / semi-open / open bush / varying degrees of green are usually transitional and ill-defined on the ground.