

Melbourne Forest Racers welcomes orienteering back to Chewton Diggings

Melbourne Forest Racer and Orienteering Victoria recognise that Chewton Diggings is on the Country of the Dja Dja Wurrung People. We acknowledge that their forebears are the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on and have been for many thousand of years. The Dja Dja Wurrung People have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

When: Sunday 25th August

Where: The arena will be at the Castlemaine Clay Target Club on Colles Road, Castlemaine

Organisers:

Carl Dalheim and Nicola Dalheim

Course Planners:

James Robertson and Jayne Sales

Course Setters Notes:

The Box Ironbark forests around Castlemaine are at their best in August with the wattles and other flora becoming showy, and hopefully not too distracting for the competitive orienteer. The courses will start in the Castlemaine Heritage park approximately 500m from the arena. The gold mining features adding interest and challenges in the undulating to sometimes steep and rocky underfoot spur gully terrain. Most courses will head into the pine plantation to finish the courses with the finish across the road from the arena at the Castlemaine Clay Target Club.

Both the native forest and the pine plantation are areas with many gold-mining relics. As such everyone must be careful to avoid mineshafts and no-one may enter any caves, adits and the like.

Entry Fees Adults:

Pre entry via Eventor is preferred. Online Entry closes Wednesday 21 August July, 11:59 pm

Adult: OV Members \$25; Non-member \$35

Juniors: OV member \$12; Non-members \$22

Family maximum \$62

Start times:

Course 1 to 5: 10.00am – 12 noon. Courses close 2:30

2-hour Score Course: 10.00 - 10.30 Course closes 12:30

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Start: The start will be along Colles road about 500m from the Clay target club. Care need to be taken crossing Colles Road to follow the taped route to the start, which is about 500m from the arena. There is a small section of Colles Road which is part of the taped so please be careful.

Finish: The finish control will be across the road from the Clay target club. Care should be taken crossing the road on the way back to the clubhouse where the download and results display will be.

As this is the 6th and final event of the Vic Bush Series prizes will be awarded to overall winners, along with spot prizes for those who have pre-entered via Eventor.

Courses: (provisional)

Courses	Classes	Length	Description
1	M1, W 1	7-9km	hard
2	M2, W2	4.5-6km	Hard
3	M3, W3	3-3.5km	Hard navigation, easy physically
4	M4, W4	3-4km	Moderate navigation, moderate physically
5	M5, W5	2-3km	Easy navigation, moderate physically
Score	Score	2 hours	As hard or as easy as you make it

Catering : Please support the the Victorian Junior squad who will provide basic catering i.e. cakes and refreshments.

This is a vital fund raiser for the Junior team to take part in the Australian Carnival later in the year. The 7 events of this Championship carnival are based in and around Armidale and Uralla, NSW. <https://aoc2024.com.au/events/>

Toilets: will be at the arena

Directions:

From Melbourne: take the Calder Freeway/M79 towards Bendigo. Take the B180 exit towards Elphinstone/Castlemaine continue on the Pyrenees Hwy/B180 towards Castlemaine. After approximately 10km turn right onto Murphy Street. After 400m turn left onto Colles road crossing the bridge. Travel a further 2km and turn left into the Clay target Club.

From Bendigo: Take the Calder Hwy/High Street/Midland Hwy/A300/A79 Southbound. Take the Castlemaine/Harcourt exit/A300. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Midland Hwy/A300 and travel approx 7km In Castlemaine turn left at the traffic lights onto

Forest Street/Pyrenees Hwy/B180. After 1.8km turn left onto Murphy Street. After 400m turn left onto Colles road crossing the bridge. Travel a further 2km and turn left into the Clay target Club.