

## Metro Series – Koondoola Bushland

Please read the following notes on the map and course for this event.

The Koondoola Bushland is a near pristine, and precious, remnant of the Swan Coastal Plain. It is designated for passive recreation, and all access is restricted to the path network. For orienteering some particular rules apply, as follows:

1. Access to the bushland area **MUST** be via one of the access gates. Pedestrian gates are of the metal swing type, allowing one person through at a time. Vehicle access gates are locked, but may be climbed over – less agile orienteers should avoid these.

1.1 **Mapping:** pedestrian gates are shown by a gap in the perimeter fence; vehicle access gates are shown by the gate symbol | |, except where they are next to a pedestrian gate, in which case a bigger gap in the fence is used.

2. Although it is not high, the perimeter fence has been mapped as ‘impassable’ – orienteers **MUST NOT** cross this fence except at the gates (see 1 above). Some control points may be close to the fence, but access to them is **NOT PERMITTED** except via one of the gates, which may involve a long detour, so read the map carefully.

3. The bushland is shown with the 100% Green symbol, normally used for thick vegetation. **ALL GREEN AREAS** are out of bounds to orienteers, except on tracks and paths.

4. One area in the South East of the bushland park is fenced and signed as a Rehabilitation Area – this area is mapped in 100% Green with Purple Out of Bounds vertical lines.

5. There are some open areas in the South of the bushland park. These are mapped as Rough Open or Rough Open with Scattered Trees, and may be used by orienteers.

6. There are three grades of tracks and paths in the bushland park:

6.1 Limestone tracks are very runnable and are mapped as a normal footpath.

6.2 Smaller tracks are mostly sandy (but still runnable) and are mapped as small footpaths, with a narrower line and shorter dashes. (NB The small footpath symbol is also used for paved footpaths in the urban part of the map.)

6.3 Some small footpaths are quite indistinct, but may be followed with care. These are mapped as small footpaths with some dashes missing.

7. There are two Water Corp. facilities in the park, which are surrounded by high cyclone fences, and are mapped as Out of Bounds (Purple vertical lines).

8. For orienteers with prams or wheelchairs, the Short course may be completed by using either: only the controls in the urban area, or a combination of controls in the urban area and those on limestone tracks in the Bushland park.