

Southern Twilight Series Week 6 Botanic Gardens

The rain held off for our exciting run around the beautiful Botanic Gardens. See [here](#) for Eventor results, Livelox tracking, cumulative series results and a short report on the event. For the final event in the series this week we are at Hobart College in Mt Nelson.

Week 6 Botanic Gardens

Cool weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 180 people who turned up for a run around the Botanic Gardens. Paul Enkelaar's courses had us running madly from one corner to the next, and doing circuits of the duck pond and the Japanese Garden.

Week 7 Mt Nelson

For the final event in the series this week we are at Hobart College in Mt Nelson, with courses set by Jan Hardy. This event doubles up as the Southern Schools Championships. The only difference between this and other Twilight events is that students compete on one of five courses according to their school year, ranging from Primary to Long 11/12. For adults it's business as usual. Great courses in and around Hobart College grounds on Mt Nelson with plenty of bush running for the longer courses. Follow signs from the entrance to Hobart College.

Results Botanic Gardens

Lots of ways to relive the last event: the overall summary results on the Eventor page for the event, the Winsplits results (click on 'Tasmania Results in Winsplits' at the top of the Results page), the Livelox routes (tracking of some competitors' routes), and the cumulative series scores.

In Women's Long Zoe Dowling was ahead of Ainsley Scott and Cathy McComb. Ex-junior elite Callum Fagg made a return to the orienteering scene to beat Allan Hood and Jemery Day in Men's Long. Sue Hancock won Women's Medium, with Canadian visitor Marion Owen in second and Lynley Hocking and Kate Lucas dead-heating for third only 24 seconds further back. Unfortunately Kirrily Moore missed the map change, but had a good unofficial second run. Steve Watson led again in Men's Medium, with Anthony Stoner not far behind in second and Bert Elson third. Toby Koerbin and Lynda Berrett were the winners in the Short.

Things have been shaken up in the series cumulative points, as points have now been calculated using your best 5 out of 6 scores. Liz Canning is just ahead of Zoe Dowling in Women's Long, and Liz will need a good run next week to maintain the lead. Cathy McComb is in a solid third position. It will come down to the wire in Men's Long with Allan Hood ahead of Jemery Day by only 1 point. Matt Cohen, Mark West and James Sugden are fighting it out for third. Kate Lucas is just ahead of Lynley Hocking by 2 points in Women's Medium, with Jan Hardy third. Steve Watson now has a comfortable but not unassailable lead in Men's Medium, with Ian Rathbone and Bert Elson hot on his heels in second and third. Melinda Walters has Women's Short in the bag, but in Men's Short Dean Jones is being challenged by Toby Koerbin.

In the cumulative Twilight Point scores Liz Canning is still out in front. Lynley Hocking, Simon Allen and Dion McKenzie are equal second, and Matt Cohen and Jan Hardy equal third.

You'll have to wait until mid-May for the final cumulative results to be calculated, as Jeff and I are off to NZ on Monday 27 March. Thanks to Jan Hardy for organising the final event of the series in our absence.

Thanks

Thanks everyone for participating. This series was run by the Australopers Orienteering Club, with help from some WROC members. Thanks to those who set courses – Zoe Dowling, Michal Hubacek, Robyn Chapman, Peter Shaw, Charles Dragar, Paul Enkelaar and Jan Hardy - and those who helped at registration, in the trailer, helping newcomers, or collecting controls – Elizabeth Bicevskis, Jane Calder, Mike Calder, Lindsay Pender, Julian Roscoe, Jim Laver, Robyn Chapman, Michal Hubacek, Zoe Dowling, the Poortenaar family, the Enkelaar family, Allan Hood, Bert Elson and Gary Carroll. Thanks to Mike Morffew for printing the maps. Extra special thanks as usual to Martin Bicevskis who managed the computer timing system, set up the grid courses, helped set up and pack up, kept the trailer operational and always stayed calm.

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