

## 2017 NSW State Leagues 8 \& 9 Final Information

Welcome
Newcastle Orienteering Club thanks you for supporting our event(s). We look forward to hosting you this upcoming weekend. Pre-entries number around 180 competitors each day.

Start Procedure

Electronic Punching

Each control will be equipped with

- a control flag
- one (or more) electronic punching device (SI)
- a pin punch - only to be used if SI unit fails

Control Descriptions Control descriptions will be available during the start process.
Moderate, Easy and Very Easy will be available, both English \& symbols.
Hard courses will be in symbols.
Control descriptions will also be printed on the front of the maps.
They will be in English for Easy and Very Easy courses.
For all other courses they will be symbols.

Start Windows \& Course Closures

M/W10N

Map Collection

String Course

Individual start times will not be issued. Competitors can start any time during the start window - listed for each event below. Note: During the first 15 mins those requiring split starts \& volunteers may be expedited through the queue. On arrival at the start clear and check your SI stick then when ready line up in the appropriate course queue (there will be lane markers at the front - if you cannot see them then ask those already queued as to which lane they are in)
-6 Mins: move to the mark-off official, state your Surname then First name.
-4 Mins: move forward - collect the appropriate course control descriptions.
-2 Mins: move to your map box, check the label matches you course.
0 Mins: pickup a map but do not look at it until registering at the start unit.

Clear \& Check

Controls

The SPORTident (SI) punching system will be used.
Each SI-card needs to be cleared and checked before each race. Clear $\&$ Check stations will be in the pre-start (queueing) area.

- a pin punch - only to be used if SI unit fails

Times are listed below for each individual event. Please allow yourselves enough time to have either completed your course OR be back at the finish by this time. This is to assist with competitor safety and timely control collection.
M/W10N are permitted to receive assistance (shadowing or direct) and also be given an opportunity to study their course with a parent or mentor for up to 10 mins before starting. M/W10N isnt an OY class \& times won't be recorded.

Maps will not be collected. Please play fair and not show your map/course to any competitor that is yet to start regardless of what course they are doing.
A free, non-competitive string course will be available on both days. Upon completion of their course children will receive a small prize which may include confectionery. Please advise us if your child has allergies and/or you do not wish them to consume any confectionery items.

Enter on Day-EOD There will be 10 maps available for each EOD course. (see classes/courses) Register and pay at the Information tent from the times listed for each event.
Entry on Day Fees

| Type | Member | Non-Member |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EOD-Hard | Senior $\$ 25$ | Junior $\$ 15$ |  |  |
| Sub-Junior n/a |  |  |  |  |
| EOD-M | Senior $\$ 17$ | Junior $\$ 12$ |  |  |
| Sub-Junior $\$ 10$ |  |  |  |  |
| EOD-E/VE | Senior $\$ 10$ | Junior $\$ 10$ |  |  |
| SI rental/Extra Map - EOD | $\$ 4 / \$ 2$ |  |  | Sub-Junior \$10 |

Drinking Water There will be drinks on the courses and at each finish but none at the starts. Please supply your own for pre-run and general use.
Toilets Portable Toilets plus a Men's screened urinal will be available.
Catering The ONSW Junior Squad will be offering tea, coffee and cold drinks as well as the usual soup, bread rolls, cakes etc. Please support their fund-raising efforts.
Smoking/Dogs Remember-smoking and dogs are banned from orienteering events.
Smoking dogs are especially frowned upon!
First Aid Basic first aid will be available on-site at the Info/EOD tent.
Contact/Organiser Geoff Peel H: 0249680977 Mob: 0422471353 Email: leepback1@gmail.com

## SL8 - Middle Distance - Barraba Lane, Quorrobolong

Date
Location
GPS
Phone Coverage

Saturday $15^{\text {th }}$ July, 2017
Barraba Lane, Quorrobolong
-32.962846, 151.338284
There appears to be some coverage but testing has been very limited.
Please take some time to research your trip as there will only be limited Orienteering specific directional signs!
From Newcastle/Sydney: First, find your way onto Leggetts Drive (which runs from Kurri Kurri southwards, becoming Freemans Drive at Brunkerville Gap).

- If approaching from Sydney on the M1, take the Freemans Drive - Cessnock exit, then turn LEFT and proceed straight through Freemans Waterhole.
- If approaching from Newcastle on the M1, take the Palmers Road - Toronto exit, then turn RIGHT, with another RIGHT at Freemans Waterhole. This is probably the fastest route from Newcastle.
- Alternative/more scenic approaches are through Kurri Kurri, via John Renshaw Drive OR through Richmond Vale \& Mulbring, via George Booth Drive and Richmond Vale Road.

Then, at the intersection between Leggetts Drive and Sandy Creek Road (crossroad) south-west of Mulbring, turn west onto Sandy Creek Road (signposted to Quorrobolong). (This intersection is approx. 5.6 km north of the top of Brunkerville Gap, or 900 m south of the southern Mulbring turnoff.) Follow Sandy Creek Road for app. 13.3 km , then turn LEFT into Barraba Lane. Proceed a further 4.8 km , and watch for directions to parking. Please drive carefully - Barraba Ln is narrow \& unsealed.
From Cessnock: Leave Cessnock via the main street, Vincent Street (becomes Quorrobolong Road). Travel south through Kitchener to Quorrobolong. At the end, turn RIGHT into Sandy Creek Road for 950 m, then turn LEFT into Barraba Lane (unsealed). Proceed a further 4.8 km , and watch for directions to parking.
Please drive carefully - Barraba Lane is narrow and unsealed.

| Parking | Parking is in a large paddock on your right as you reach the event area. Enter the gate and continue as per the parking officials directions. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ANY OF THE ADJACENT ROADS. |
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| Parking Donation | If you have some spare change we'd be delighted to take a gold coin donation to assist the farmer that owns the area used for parking and assembly. He has been very helpful and has even slashed the paddock for us. |
| Assembly | Is adjacent to and in the same paddock as parking. Less than 100 m walk. |
| Start | There is one start location for all courses. From the assembly it is a short easy "taped" walk through the bushland. Allow 5 minutes. <br> See the following video - https://www.facebook.com/Newcastleorienteering/videos/1579310868786439/ There will be no drinking water or clothing return at the start. Clear and Check units will be at the pre-start. |
| Remote Finish | The finish is approx 200 m from the assembly. After finishing make your way back along the path to the download tent which will be just inside the paddock gate. If you fail to download we will assume you are still in the forest. |
| Map | "Barraba Lane" 2017 New Map <br> Ian Dempsey - Fieldwork/Cartography <br> Russell Rigby - Base map <br> Rob Vincent - Fieldcheck |
| Scales | 1:10 000 scale, 5 metre contour interval for Hard 1-4, inclusive, \& Moderate. 1:7500 scale, 5 metre contour interval for Hard 5, Easy and Very Easy. |
| Terrain | Undulating to steep, open eucalypt forest with an extensive track network in parts. The upper slopes comprise many parallel gullies and scattered sandstone rock features. The lower slopes include sections of subtle gully detail. Isolated patches of lantana throughout are easily avoided. |
| Start Window | 11:45 am - 1:45 pm |
| Course Closure | 3:45 pm |


| Course | Classes * Non-OY Class | Distance | Climb | Size | Scale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hard 1 | M21A, M35A | 5.6 km | 175 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 2 | M20A, M40A, M45A, M50A, M55A W21A, EOD-H2* | 4.2 km | 125 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 3A | M21AS, M60A, M65A W35A, W40A, W45A | 3.8 km | 95 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 3B | M16A, M35AS, M70A <br> W16A, W20A, W50A, W55A, W60A | 3.5 km | 80 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 4 | M45AS, M55AS W21AS, W35AS, W45AS, W55AS, W65A, W70A, EOD-H4* | 2.9 km | 70 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 5 | M65AS, M75A, M80A, M85A, M90A, W65AS, W75A, W80A, W85A, W90A | 1.9 km | 50 m | A4 | 1:7 500 |
| Moderate | M14A, M Open B, M Junior B W14A, W Open B, W Junior B EOD-M* | 3.0 km | 70 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Easy | M12A, W12A, Open Easy, EOD-E* | 2.4 km | 50 m | A4 | 1:7500 |
| Very Easy | M10A, W10A <br> M/W10N*, Open Very Easy*, EOD-VE* | 1.8 km | 50 m | A4 | 1:7500 |

## String Course

Safety bearing
Local Hazards

This course is free to enter. Registration will be available at the Info tent from 11:30 am. The course will be located just inside and to the SE of the National Park gate North to Barraba Lane \& farmland.

As well as the normal hazards mentioned in the entry procedure there are some local hazards worth noting.

- According to a sign on the N.P. gate, poisonous 1080 baits have been distributed in the area. We do not know when this was last carried out or how widespread the baiting is. If you notice a bait please do not touch it or allow your children to do so.
- Areas of dense and scratchy vegetation are present. Protective clothing is recommended for those undertaking the more advanced courses.
- Slippery embankments and slopes are present in the higher areas of the map. Take care, especially in wet conditions.



## SL9 - Long Distance - Wallaroo NP

Date
Location
GPS
Phone Coverage

Sunday 16 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ July, 2017
Twelve Mile Creek, Wallaroo NP
-32.660617, 151.843519

Planner Denis Lyons<br>Controller Scott Simson

## Directions

Telstra has good coverage in the assembly area. Other networks were untested but should be OK as we are adjacent the the highway.
Please take some time to research your trip as there will only be limited
Orienteering specific directional signs!

From Newcastle/Sydney: Take the A1 Pacific Highway north from Hexham, proceeding straight ahead at the large roundabout at Heatherbrae. Approx. 15.6 km from this roundabout, turn LEFT into Nine Mile Creek Road. (This turn is immediately before the large, overhead messaging sign.) Turn immediately RIGHT, then drive a further 1.5 km , marvelling at what used to be the Pacific Highway, before watching for directions to the parking.
From the west, via Seaham: Use either Seaham Road or Clarence Town Road to get to Seaham. From Seaham, take East Seaham Road over the river, proceed 3.1 km and turn RIGHT into Italia Road. Travel to the end and turn LEFT onto the A1 Pacific

Highway. Approx. 1.8 km from this intersection, turn LEFT into Nine Mile Creek Road. (This turn is immediately before the large, overhead messaging sign.) Turn immediately RIGHT, then drive a further 1.5 km , marvelling at what used to be the Pacific Highway, before watching for directions to the parking.
From the north: The turnoff (RIGHT) into Nine Mile Creek Road is 500 m after the Medowie Road - Williamtown turnoff (LEFT). Turn immediately RIGHT, then proceed as detailed above.

| Parking | Parking is in a freshly mown linear clearing under a power line. Please park as per <br> the parking officials directions. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ANY OF THE ROADS. |
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| Assembly | $200-400 \mathrm{~m}$ from the parking area. The later you come the further you'll have to walk. |

Map

Scales

Terrain

Start Window
Start

Course Closure
Safety bearing
Planner/Mapper's Notes
"Rocky Ridges" 5m contours. For scale see Course/Class table below Denis Lyons (Upgraded 2016/2017)
1:10 000 scale, 5 metre contour interval for all Hard plus Moderate. 1:7500 scale, 5 metre contour interval for Easy and Very Easy.

Rocky ridges (as the map name might suggest) with some thicker vegetated gullies. A major fire in 2016 has improved run-ability in some areas.

9:30 am - 11:30 am
The start will be approx. 400 m north of the North-East corner of the assembly area following the main forest road. There will be no drinking water or clothing return at the start. Clear and Check units will be at the pre-start.

2:00 pm
SE to Nine Mile Creek Road/Pacific Highway.

- The area to be used for this event consists of two sections: (a) Part of Wallaroo National Park which was mapped early last year and used for Hunter Valley Championships 2016; (b) An adjacent part of Wallaroo State Forest, which was first mapped many years ago, with an upgrade this year.
- The whole area has suffered from two significant events. Firstly the April 2015 super storm and then a major fire at the end of 2016. The storm uprooted many trees (some are still leaning and caught in other trees). An attempt has been made to map all significant tree-root mounds. The fire has reduced a few of these to a mound of ash. The fire has meant that the mapping of some green areas has been altered to indicate improved runnability. The drawbacks of the fire have been: (I) much of the regrowth has come from the base of the trees. This reduces the visibility of the ground and low objects such as tree-root mounds. Areas where this regrowth has been more intense have been shown with random "blobs" of slow run to indicate that, although you might be able to run at good pace, you may not be able to see far ahead or run in a straight line. (ii) the reduced density of the thicker vegetation means that the boundary between "white", "light green" and "medium green" has become less distinct.
- As with many sections of Wallaroo there are areas of intensely rocky ground which make running slow or even difficult. These areas are indicated with the rocky ground symbol. The closer the dots the more difficult the running.
- Three streamer trails (orange coloured streamers) have been created for the benefit of particular courses and will be shown on all maps for possible use by others.
- A barbed wire fence crosses the northern section of the map. This was built with taut wire and can be difficult to cross. Gaps where the wire has been cut
or flattened have been shown with the crossing symbol (NOT compulsory.) Some useful, but NOT compulsory, creek crossings will be shown on the maps and highlighted in the field with orange coloured streamers.
- A bridge on Wattle Flat Road has collapsed, with the previous road surface now sitting on the metal drainage pipes. Temporary repairs have been carried out, and have tested safely for pedestrians, however courses have been set to avoid this section of the road.
- Wattle Flat Road forms the western boundary of the map for Hard 3 to Hard 8 and Moderate maps. This road runs North-South to divide the map for Hard 1 and Hard 2 courses into a larger eastern section and a smaller western section.
- Meat-ant nests and native cherry trees will not be shown on maps for this event.
- A number of large, fallen tree canopies, which may hinder straight line running, have been shown with full green hatching.
Extra Hazards As well as the normal hazards mentioned in the entry procedure there are some specific local ones worth noting.....
- There is a dam adjacent to Nine Mile Creek Road and the parking area. Parents please ensure children are supervised around or near the dam.
- Trail bikes and 4WD vehicles are active in the area. Listen for their approach and give way by moving off tracks. It is safest to assume that they have not seen you.
- Be aware of the presence of leaning or damaged trees, resulting from past storms and bushfire.
- Drivers please exercise care at the Nine Mile Creek Road - Pacific Highway intersection when leaving the event. Remember it's a dual carriageway! It is normally busy and may be more so due to it being the end of school holidays.

| Course | Classes *Non-OY Class | Distance | Climb | Size | Scale |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hard 1 | M21A | 12.3 km | 290 m | A3 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 2 | M20A, M35A, M40A | 9.4 km | 215 m | A3 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 3 | M45A, W21A | 7.4 km | 150 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 4 | M21AS, M50A, <br> W20A, W35A, W40A, W45A, EOD-H4* | 6.2 km | 125 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 5 | M16A, M35AS, M55A, M60A, M65A, W50A | 5.6 km | 120 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 6 | M45AS, M70A, W16A, W21AS, W55A, W60A | 4.3 km | 100 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 7 | M55AS, M75A, <br> W35AS, W45AS, W55AS, W65A, W70A EOD-H7* | 3.8 km | 80 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Hard 8 | M65AS, M80A, M85A, M90A W65AS, W75A W80A, W85A, W90A | 2.1 km | 40 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Moderate | M14A, M Junior B, M Open B W14A, W Junior B, W Open B, EOD-M* | 4.0 km | 75 m | A4 | 1:10 000 |
| Easy | M12A, W12A, Open Easy, EOD-E* | 2.6 km | 30 m | A4 | 1:7500 |
| Very Easy | M10A, W10A, M/W10N*. Open Very Easy* EOD-VE* | 2.2 km | 25 m | A4 | 1:7500 |



