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An experiment at creating a “quality” event with limited organisation. Similar infrastructure to a Bendigo local event, but on “new” terrain. [The terrain has been there for decades, but it will be new to you]. The usual five courses, but with variations and a mass start. Pre-entry as well.

Terrain: Gentle open spur gully. Two significant areas of sluice mining. One area of surfacing. Most of the rest of the map has a reasonable density of surface mining features. There are a number of deep mine shafts. I will be taping all that lie on plausible route choices. Course 4 and 5 keep well away from mines. More terrain preview here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/90P8gOsX8eCdmUzE3>

Addendum: Due to permit issues part of the area has been removed from the courses (the bit in the map excerpt to the right). There is still lots of mining terrain remaining.

Map: Mapped in late 2017 and early 2018 using a lidar base. I tried to comply with the new ISOM specification. It proved very difficult to map the features Australian orienteers would expect to find on a mining map and to comply with the new spec. In the end I used the new symbol set but mapped at 1:10,000.



Entry- This is a pre-entry event only. This makes it feasible for a couple of people to organise the event and provide individualized courses.

Date- Sunday 4-March

Courses-

Extra variations due to higher than expected subscription. The aim was to have a unique course for each competitor.

Course 1- 8k, 21 controls, hard navigation, hagaby 16 variations

Course 2- 5.6k, 18 controls, hard navigation, hagaby 16 variations

Course 3- 3.6k, 16 controls, hard navigation, hagaby 8 variations. Physically easy, keeping out of erosion gullies.

Course 4- 2.4k, 9 controls, moderate navigation. Mainly surface mining features near tracks.



Course 5- 2.7k, 8 controls, easy navigation. All legs have track options though these may not be the best options. Some track route choice.

Starts-

The start has been put back an hour thanks to a very clement forecast from the Bureau. Those of you travelling from Melbourne can get an extra hour of sleep.



Courses 1,2,3 have a mass start at 9.00am.

Courses 4,5 can start between 9.05 and 9.30 but are encouraged to join the mass start.

Entry Fees (by 28 Feb):

Course 1,2,3, 4 Adult \$14 Junior \$5

Course 5: Adults or Junior \$3

Entry Fees (on 1 March) No entry after 1 March.

Courses 1,2,3,4 Adult \$20 Junior \$10

Course 5 Adult and Junior \$6

Directions: From the main road through Heathcote turn south onto Spring Flat Rd. Follow signs from Headley's Dam Track.



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