GARINGAL GOANNA EVENT INFORMATION

Venue: Galston Recreation Reserve, Galston Road, Galston. Park in the reserve car park, or the swimming pool car park, or by the side of Galston Road.

Courses: *GOanna* (long moderate – 6.5km, 140m climb), *DraGOn* (medium moderate – 5.1km, 100m climb), *GeckO* (short moderate – 3.9km, 80m climb), *Long Easy* (3.5km), *Easy* (1.9km, a little climb). Distances are pretty close to actual.

Start time: The GOanna, DraGOn and GeckO all have a **mass start at 10am**. The Easy courses have a start window of 10.15-11am.

Cost: Adults \$10, Juniors \$7, Sub-juniors \$5. Family max \$30. Non-members add \$3. SI stick hire \$4. Extra maps \$2. **SportIdent** electronic timing will be used. Controls will be SI Air-enabled but the first person to each will need to punch normally.

Entry: Please note the Goanna, DraGOn and GeckO are **strictly pre-entry** via <u>Eventor</u>. Easy is Enter-on-Day or preentry (preferred).

Control descriptions: will be in English and **printed as a separate leaflet**. They will **NOT** be on the map.

Terrain: is runnable forest with lots of rock features and fire trails. Arm and leg protection is recommended on the 3 main courses. A lot of the bush is more runnable than the map shows. The Easy courses have some taped routes (in pink).

Scale: the scale is 1:6,000. The GOanna and DraGOn maps will be double-sided.

The 3 moderate courses are a type of goat racing, a rarely used format in orienteering. Features include:

- All 3 are line courses with a 10am mass start
- In the clearly marked box you may do controls A-B-C-D in any order (GREEN DESCRIPTIONS)
- Following is allowed
- There are some forked controls for these you must visit either 'a' or 'b' (ORANGE DESCRIPTIONS)
- You may skip 1 or 2 other controls depending on your course

GENERAL NOTES

- Control descriptions will NOT BE ON THE MAP but in loose leaf format only.
- Anyone who needs to abandon their course should make their way to the nearest track / road / fire trail, notify other competitors by calling out or blowing their whistle, and wait for assistance. The safety bearing is east to Galston Road.
- Ignore any numbers on the flags GO BY THE NUMBER ON THE SI UNIT.
- Please ensure you are adequately hydrated before setting off. There will be water and toilets at the assembly. There is no water on the course.
- Course closure is 12.30pm. If you are not finished by then you must return directly to the finish.

Garingal Orienteers look forward to hosting the seventh annual "Goanna" and hope you enjoy this unique format.

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