

MetroLeague #4, Scheyville National Park

Sunday 13 September 2020

Location: Scheyville NP, Scheyville Rd/Memorial Drive, see page 2 for travelling instructions

Map: 1:10000; 2m contours

Starts for vulnerable groups from 9.30am, all others may start between 10.00 – 11.00am.

Course closure is 12 noon.

Event information

Due to government area restrictions, entry may only be permitted for participants from Greater Sydney – see Eventor for updates closer to the event.

COVID-safety conditions will apply, as shown in <https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Documents/Event/8286/1/Covid-safety-information> which must be read and acknowledged before entry is accepted.

Do not attend if you are unwell, if you have been in Victoria recently or have attended any of the hot spots listed by the NSW government (see <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates> or <https://onsw.asn.au/covid-19-updates>). Refunds will be available for those who cannot attend because they are unwell and/or need to self-isolate.

Features of this event:

- Basically, "Arrive, Orienteer, Go home". Social distancing must be maintained at all times
- Toilets are limited. Please "go" before you arrive. Bring your own water.
- Group gatherings are not permitted before or after the event
- Spectators are limited to one parent or guardian only
- Print your loose Control descriptions at home prior to the event
- SI-Air+ will be enabled on all field controls. However, Start and Finish must be physically dipped
- There are no set start times. Queue to start.

Competitor flow at the event

1. If you need to leave belongings outside your car, please drop them in the area that corresponds to the district that you live in (not your club) as clearly marked on the large lawn assembly area. These districts are: NE Sydney, Western suburbs/Hills district, Eastern suburbs-Lidcombe-Bankstown, St George & The Shire, SW Sydney.
2. If you are part of a MetroLeague team, please check in with your Club Captain at the Assembly area. If you are not in a team, go straight to the Start area (see map overleaf).
3. At the Start, please line up at least 1.5m from other competitors and cooperate with any instructions from event officials.
4. Once finished and downloaded, please maintain social distancing and cool down only in your own district's designated area before returning to your car.

Entry

Pre-entry is essential even for non-ML recreational participants. See Eventor for details.

All attendees at the event must register online, even if not participating; choose the "Spectator" class.

Fees Adults: \$14, Juniors: \$8, Non-members: +\$4, SI Stick Hire: +\$4

If you wish to use Garingal Gobies, select the appropriate 'Add Service'.
Active Kids participants should select the Active Kids Service.

Registration & download desks

You should only visit the Registration Desk (located in the Assembly area) at the event to:

- Hand in your Garingal Gobies
- Have your Active Kids card stamped

You should only visit the Download Desk prior to running if you need to:

- Make corrections to your pre-entry details
- Pick up your hired rental SI stick.

Please be COVID-Safe!

Travelling and Parking Instructions for Scheyville National Park

ALL orienteers must enter the park **via the main entrance on Scheyville Rd.**

Drive south on Memorial Dr (the main park road), past the main administration buildings. Turn right to the parking area. There will be orienteering signs from the administration area.

BE AWARE that there is potential for runners to be crossing the road at all times. Drive cautiously as you enter (and leave) the park.



Parking

PLEASE read the parking instructions carefully! To ensure Covid-safety, parking helpers will only be ensuring cars are going in the correct direction as you enter, and not providing specific instructions on where to park

Parking will be on the Parade Ground. There will be up to 5 rows of cars, with the first row parked along the eastern edge of the parade ground and 2 double rows of parked cars. The map shows the 5 rows of black, purple and green cars. Allow space for 3 N-S driveways and 3 E-W driveways to allow easy access to all parts of the parking area.

Parking officials will set-up bollards and red and white safety tapes (shown in red on the map) to mark the rows.

A parking official will be in attendance throughout the event, to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Please move your car if asked.

Start, Finish and the Assembly Area

The start and finish areas are shown on the map. At this event you are expected to "Arrive, orienteer, go home". However, the green A shows the location of the so-called "assembly area", where you can obtain assistance from the Registration desk if it is needed.

Toilets

There are a limited number of toilets in the administration area. (Please "Go" before you arrive.) If you need to visit the toilets, follow Memorial Drive back along the route you used to enter the park. About 200m from the assembly area you will see a sign pointing to the toilets. If a queue forms, remember to wait outside.

Mapper's notes for Scheyville National Park

Scheyville N.P. is a historic area which has had many different occupants. From the 1890s William Schey (MP) promoted experimental farming on a government farm which trained British youths to become farm workers. During World War II, an Anti-Aircraft Company and a Parachute Battalion were stationed at Scheyville. Then in the post-war years (1950s) it became home for thousands of immigrants seeking a new life in Australia. Finally, from 1965 to 1973 Scheyville housed a training unit for officers for Vietnam. Scheyville was finally gazetted as a national park in 1996. The land has been affected by all these users.

The map scale is 1:10,000. It has a 2m contour interval as the area is undulating farm country with a total change in elevation of only 40m. The 2m interval is needed to show the shape of the landscape.

The main features of the map are the vegetation and farm remains. There is no rock – not one!

Rough open areas dominate the map, but native vegetation is becoming re-established. The grass is long, but happily in September the number of grass seeds is very small. Native vegetation species are Eucalypts and Bursaria. The common name for Bursaria is Black Thorn - a name which says it all!

Full body cover is recommended on the longer courses. Bursaria is present in both rough open areas and as an understory in some areas of Eucalypts. It is mostly mapped as mid-green (walk), but traversing large areas is not recommended.







There are many ruined buildings and other relics from earlier years. They range in size from the Parade Ground, which we will use for parking, to items such as an old bath tub. Early farm buildings were built from wood and corrugated iron sheeting. Their remains are mapped as ruins, and consist of the corrugated iron sheeting and some larger structural timbers, which are often burnt.

There are 10 dams of various sizes. The water level in them has changed dramatically over the mapping period, and the water's edge and extent of surrounding marshy areas are very variable. Be prepared for changes to their extent depending on the weather over the next couple of weeks.

There were many farm fences, which are now ruined. There are many, many fence posts. Lines of 3 or more fence posts with or without wire are mapped as ruined fences. Prominent single fence posts are mapped with a black 'x', other single fence posts are not mapped. Single star pickets are not mapped. However, there are a number of locations where 3-or-more star pickets have been placed around a historic relic. These features have been mapped with a single black 'x'. Wooden electricity poles are not mapped.

NOTE: there are 2 large but unfenced out-of-bounds areas (mapped in olive green). One is near the start and the other near the finish. They are used by NPWS to store various things. DO NOT cross them.

The new symbols in ISOM2017 have been useful in depicting the many features. For example:

	is used for termite mounds
	is used for water tanks (mostly ruined)
	is used for rough open land with scattered bushes (Bursaria or other natives);
	(green dashes) is used for distinct vegetation boundaries in rough open areas
	is used for ruins
	is out of bounds!