

# Carnival That Never Was

## Information Update

### History



The extension to the western edge of the Golden Fleece map has been undertaken by Roger Harlow. Being a local he knows a little about the history of mining in the area.

This 1914 photo shows a wooden flume taking water across Terryvale Road from one of the two smaller mine races on the new Siamese map, which takes its name from the much larger water race on the

164m contour. The Siamese Tin Syndicate was an English mining company which came to Tasmania in 1932 to mine the Argonaut. They built the Siamese Race - a 2m deep channel which brought water from the Intake Bridge on the George River below St Columba Falls. The remains of the intake are seen in the 2020 image at right. The race took 100 workers 18 months to dig and travelled a total distance of 45 km around the contours from Pyengana to Mt Nesbit above Terryvale Rd. There a steel siphon pipe carried the water along the valley floor across this road and up the hill into a continuation of the Race around Coplestones Hill, the southern boundary of the Siamese map. All that remains are steel pegs in the rock. Finally, the water was delivered to the Argonaut mines through a 1400m steel drive pipe, falling 60m from Race to mines. Three major water jets were used to sluice and separate the cassiterite (tin oxide) from gravels across the Argonaut area, creating most of the mining detail we enjoy today, but also destroying the navigability of Medea Cove and producing the bar way across Georges Bay.



You can see the Race and the major erosion breakout at its end if you walk up to the end of the access track after your event. Make sure someone knows when you go and return.

## COVID-19

Competitors throughout the carnival are reminded to ensure they are aware of the COVID-19 Safety Plan that OT have in place. A quick check of the plan can be found here [OT COVID-19 Safety Checklist](#)

## Water

In line with the plan, there will be no water available at each event. Competitors need to ensure that you have sufficient to drink, before, during and after each event. The organisers would be very happy if competitors carried water on their runs. The events are quite long, the terrain is demanding, and the weather could be warm. If you make a mistake you may be out for longer than you expect. Your brain and body will function better if you are adequately hydrated.

## Daylight Savings

On Saturday night October 3 into Sunday morning October 4 Tasmanians need to put their clocks forward for Daylight Savings. The times of the event will occur as advertised. (You will be starting earlier than you thought you might be.) The advertised start times are 9:00am – 10:30am. The SI Units will NOT be changed to daylight savings so please do not worry when you check your splits. It will make no difference to your elapsed time for your run.

## Change of event locations

Due to proposed fuel reduction burns, the event known as Chiron Chaos has been moved from the map known as Chiron and will now be held on an area of the Golden Fleece map accessed from the Tasman Highway. Please look for orienteering signs soon after you pass the “Shop In The Bush”. It is a turn that is easy to miss. Please drive safely as you enter and exit this area. The event is now called “Never Was Chiron”

Night Event - The burns have also impacted on the night event. This will now be held in St Helens. The start point will now be on the north eastern end of Georges Bay Esplanade (waterfront St Helens).

There will be some road crossings during this event so competitors will need to take care. Also, the courses are a little shorter and definitely easier than they would have been at the original location. If you would like to change course then please email Cathy ([cathy@cakewoman.com](mailto:cathy@cakewoman.com))

## Parking

Some assembly areas are quite tight. Please park as directed so that we can fit in as many cars as possible.

## Live Results

Whilst we will endeavour to have live results, the assembly areas on the maps we are using have limited mobile coverage. Organisers will try to get the results onto the website asap when they return to civilisation.

Thank you for entering the Carnival That Never Was. The organisers are delighted with the number of entries and we hope that you enjoy your orienteering in the St Helens area and get a chance to undertake some of the other wonderful activities that St Helens has to offer.