



Monthly Meeting Thurs April 23 2026

Rosie's

7 Miley Place Mornington

MINUTES

1. Meeting opened at: 7:31

2. **Attendance:** Julian Roscoe, Klaas Hartmann, Martin Bicevskis, Sally Wayte, Rosie Rutledge, Jane Calder, Mike Calder, Sophie Hartmann, Tara Powell, Geoff Powell, Robyn Chapman

3. **Apologies:** Jeff Dunn, Bert Elson, Jan Hardy, Alison Stubbs Liana Stubbs

4. **Minutes of previous meeting** (Thurs March 19 2026) Moved, Robyn; Seconded, Rosie; Carried

5. Correspondence:

16 April from Liana requesting assistance with expenses for her and Ella to travel as part of the Australian Junior World Team, to the Junior World Championships in Sweden in June. Liana has also been selected to represent Australia at the World Cup Round 2 in Sweden at the end of May.

The meeting agreed to grant Liana \$1800 and Ella \$1500, with the condition that they write reports for our club newsletter.

6. Action list from previous meeting

- EPIRB has been found. We will alert Club members about its availability via our Newsletter.

7. Financial Report (Julian)

Our current account is up again after a major inflow from OT. Total funds \$26,640.

Expenses to approve: travel costs for Anthony Stoner and Sue Hancock for Lieemunetta.

Mileage reimbursement rate: In response to recent petrol and diesel cost escalations, we decided to follow OT and increase our rates to 50c per km car only and 95c per km if towing. Will review in a couple of months.

Julian moved that the above decisions and the Report be accepted. Seconded, Geoff. Carried.

8. OT Report (Klaas)

Mileage reimbursement: OT will now pay all mileage reimbursements for OST events, with rates increased as above. To be reviewed in 2 months.

Committee: There is a full board. The committee remains as per last year, apart from matt Cohen who has resigned.

Mapping: the Board wants to improve the structure around mapping across the state.

Profit from Carnival: should be pretty good.

9. Technical and Equipment (Martin)

Martin proposed the purchase of another lockable steel cabinet for smaller items of equipment at a cost of \$200-\$300. Seconded Geoff. All agreed.

Bert and Martin are sorting the shed contents. We will keep 80 of the steel stands and offer remainder to other clubs.

10. Events:

Past events

- Sun 22 Mar, **Lieemunetta** (OST #3) 96 Good challenge.
- Wed 25 Mar, **Mt Nelson** (Southern Autumn Twilight #6) 166 Geoff thanked Mike for organising prizes for the kids.
- Fri Apr 3, **Hagley Farm School** (Aust Sprint Distance Champs) Joe Dickinson, Bert Elson 714 Great venue and clever idea to include the maze. The 2 starts were a bit confusing.

- [Sat Apr 4, **Hercules Creek, Fingal Valley** (Aust Middle Distance Champs) (Cathy McComb, Mike Morffew) 742]
- Sun Apr 5, **St Paul's, Fingal Valley** (Aust Long Dist Champs) (Dion McKensie, Mike Calder) 718
Excellent courses and lovely open countryside. Lots of discussion afterwards. Geoff congratulated all involved on their preparation – some tough Specifications as it was a World Ranking event.
- Mon Apr 6, **Verwood, Midlands** (Australian Relay Champs) (Clare and Greg Hawthorne) 175
Went well. Minor issues re start barriers sorted.
- Thu Apr 9 **Waterworks** (Hobart Shorts #1) (Bert Elson, Jan Hardy) 96
- Fri Apr 10 **Gorringes Beach** (Hobart shorts #2) (Bert Elson, Jan Hardy) 116
- Fri Apr 10 **Runway Dunes, 7 Mile Beach** (Hobart Shorts #3) (Bert Elson, Jan Hardy) 127
The Shorts were very well organised and good fun.
- Sat Apr 11, **Sorell school** (Tas Sprint Champs) (Matthew Cohen, Jeff Dunn) 250 Well done organisers so soon after the big Carnival.
- Sun Apr 12, **Pittwater** (Tas Middle Distance Champs) (Diana Cossar-Burgess, Sebastian Burgess, Mike Dowling) 256 Excellent event under somewhat challenging circumstances eg tree clearing of assembly area.

Future Events

- Sun April 26 **Waverley Park** (Southern Local #3) (Sue Hancock, Karen Wilde-Allen) Sue and Karen have organised their volunteers
- Sun May 10 **Waterworks** (Southern Local #4/Mothers Day BBQ) (Isaac Butler, Bonnie Butler) Sally has booked a site. It will be a BYO BBQ.
- Sun 17 May **Currawong Lakes** (Tas Schools Champs/OST #7) SHOC
- Sun 31 May **Lovely Banks** ((OST #4)
- **Other events:** Sally suggests Knocklofty instead of Ridgeway as the former offers more interesting terrain/features. Brookstead – access issues and Mike Dowling does not have the time to organise this. May change to Stonehenge? Littlechild Creek – Sally is contacting possible organisers. NW event – OT will help with expenses if nec. Prob a joint Pathfinders and Australopers event.

11. Other Business:

- **Membership** (Mike) Australopers: 212 members (145 adults, 67 juniors); EVOC have 69; Pathfinders 4; SHOC 20 Klaas noted that Tassie has the second highest rejoin rate.
- **Encouragement Awardees** (Mike) All are enthusiastic and making great progress. Mike keeps in touch with both current and past awardees.
- **Discover Orienteering Program** (Mike) A come and have fun in the park, pre-Learn to Orienteer initiative. OA is giving the State \$1000 plus flags and merch.
- **Map run** (Mike) Map run series are becoming popular with each event opening on a Monday and closing the next Sunday. Results appear automatically on your phone. Mike suggests we run 6 events. As a taster and fund raiser Liana and Ella are thinking of running a couple in the near future. Geoff raised **safety issues** eg crossing roads esp in twilight conditions. We will minimise these eg by using parks and quiet streets only. Geoff also suggested having the series in summer months.
- **Junior report** (Sophie) Lots of top 3's at the Australian 3 days/Auschamps. An exciting time with lots of up and coming juniors. Junior performances were a huge contributor to Australopers winning the Best Club trophy.

12. Next meeting: Thursday June 11 at Mike's and Jane's

Meeting closed at 9:04