



Thursday 23 July
Powell family home, 13 Newlands Ave, Lenah Valley

MINUTES

1. **Meeting opened at:** 7:41
2. **Attendance:** Bert Elson, Mike Calder, Rosie Rutledge, Geoff Powell, Sandi Powell, Ian Rathbone, Julian Roscoe, Jane Calder, Jeff Dunn, Sally Wayte, Robyn Chapman
3. **Apologies:** Jan Hardy
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** (Thurs April 23 2026) Passed with Sally's corrections to event organisers. Moved Geoff, Seconded Rosie.
5. **Correspondence:**

30 April from COTA Tas re **Seniors Month 1-31 Oct 2026**. Robyn has registered Sandown Park, 28 Oct.
31 May from Chris Brown recommending Clubs make use of the **new inflatable finish arch**. People recalled that it has been used since at a statewide event. We assume it is with EVOC at present.
17 June from Sally **Certificate of Incorporation** In case we need to prove our status as a Club, Sally has placed a link to a copy on our Australopers webpage. There is also a paper copy in the Secretarial Files.
6. **Action list from previous meeting**
 - **EPIRB**. The meeting decided that it should be kept in the Shed. **Robyn will give it to Bert.**
 - **Injuries of volunteers**. We have not had any clarification from OA, but as they are the insurer, we will refer claims to them.
 - **Inventory of equipment** **Bert will talk with Martin when Martin returns from Latvia.**
7. **Financial Report (Julian)**

We have had a fair whack of expenses with our junior support, so we transferred \$3,303 from a Term deposit to the Current Account.
Claim from Jeff: \$250 to replenish First Aid Kit.
Travel expense reimbursement. No claims since we increased the rates. OT is paying OST expenses anyway and Petrol/diesel prices are still high, so keep at 50c per km and 95c per km if towing.
Total balance as at 23/07/2026: **\$25,056.80**.
Julian moved that the report be accepted and that Jeff's claim be approved. Seconded, Mike. Passed.
8. **OT Report**

Nothing requiring our attention. Last meeting was 2 months ago.
9. **Junior Report**

The Tasmanian School Team has been announced. 17 out of 20 are Australopers. The meeting acknowledged Mike's work with the Encouragement Awards and congratulated Ella and Liana in representing Australia in Europe at JWOC (both) and the World Cup (Liana).
10. **Technical and Equipment (Bert)**

Bert is transferring National Carnival equipment to his shed for safekeeping. No obvious alternatives to the Regatta Ground shed. Athletics Centre is only a temporary solution.
Jeff: OT has purchased 4 new radios which can use the mobile networks. Very good. Can be tracked.

11. Events:

Past Events (all rated v good)

- Sun April 26 **Waverley Park** (Southern Local #3) (Sue Hancock, Karen Wild-Allen) **67**
- Sun May 10 **Waterworks** (Southern Local #4/Mothers' Day BBQ (Isaac & Bonnie Butler) **93**
- Sun 17 May **Currawong Lakes** (Tas Schools Champs/OST #7) SHOC] **95**
- Sun 31 May **Lovely Banks** ((OST #4) (Claire and Liz Butler) **86**
- 01-07 June **Mt Nelson** Hobart Winter MapRun #1 (Ella Clauson, Liana & Ali Stubbs) **15**
- 08-14 June **Lower Domain** Hobart Winter MapRun #2 (Ella Clauson, Liana & Ali Stubbs) **10**
- 13 June **Taroona** Hobart Winter MapRun #3 (Ella Clauson, Liana & Ali Stubbs) **11**
- 15-21 June **South Hobart** Hobart Winter MapRun #4 (Ella Clauson, Liana & Ali Stubbs) **19**
- Sun 14 June **Knocklofty**, Southern Local #5 (Beatrix and Simon Louis) **84**
- Sun 5 July **Geilston Gully**, Southern Local #6 (Henry and Tim Jordan) **80** *Terrific job by new organisers.*

Future events

- Sun 9 August, **Coningham**, Southern Local #7 (Hilary Cane, Lindsay Pender) *Open for entry*
- Sat 12 Sept **Littlechild Creek**, Tas Long Distance Champs (David Marshall, Klaas Hartmann)
- Sun 20 Sept **Seven Mile Beach**, Southern Local #8 (Scott family)

Sally: *Twilights need volunteers. Two events don't yet have organisers.*

Ian: *are we acknowledging place winners at end of Local Series? Medals – could give at Christmas event. **Will sort out later (Geoff)***

12. Other Business:

- **Reward scheme for volunteering (Mike)** Finding volunteers for events is a continuing problem. Mike suggests acknowledging volunteers more systematically and introducing a Club rewards scheme where volunteers can earn points towards, for example, a T Shirt or Cap. **Mike will draft a proposal and circulate it for comment. Will be put to the next meeting.**
- **2027 Calendar, review of 2025 (Geoff)** We would like OT to bring out next year's calendar draft as early as possible - by Oct/Nov
- **Maintaining calendar on website (Ian)** Helen Burfett is doing an excellent job. **We should and will acknowledge her efforts.**
- **Cancellations (Sally)** We need to include more events than are likely in the draft to maximise options for volunteers. This will also mean more cancellations. **Rather than highlight cancellations as a problem, any surplus local events will just be dropped off the Calendar.**
- **Eventor changes – blue and yellow forms will need updating (Ian, Julian)** For simplicity and clarity, meeting decided that we will have one form, light green in colour. Eventor now requires email addresses and emergency contacts for all, including Casuals. **Ian will design a new form.**
- **Membership (Mike)** We have 217 members. EVOC have 70, Pathfinders have 7, SHOC have 21
- **Defib (Geoff)** Our machine is a bit out of date. Pads hard to come by. May need to buy a new Defib if we can't find pads. \$2000.
- **Social event on Sat evening prior to Glen Stuart?** (Geoff?) Ducane Brewery? All agreed.
- **OT Service Awards (Sally)** Nothing last year. **Mike will bring this up at the next OT meeting.**
- **First aid certificate renewal. (Mike)** **Geoff will talk with Colin.**

13. Next meeting: Julian's. Grange Avenue. Taroona.

Meeting closed at: 8:51