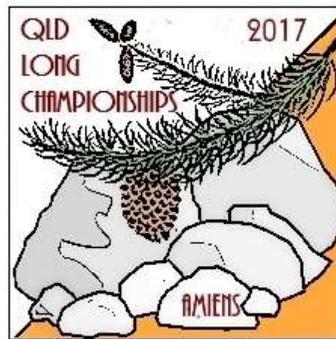


2017 Queensland Orienteering Championships

Long Distance

PROGRAM



Stanthorpe

9 and 10 September 2017



Bullecourt Boulder Bounders
Orienteering Club



PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Sat 9 September - DAY 1		Sun 10 September- DAY 2	
11:00 am	Registration opens	8:00 am	Registration open
12:00 am - 4:00 pm	Drinks, coffee and snacks available for sale	9:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hot food, drinks, coffee and snacks available for sale
12:30 pm	First official starts	9:00 am	First official starts
		1.00 pm	Presentations
4.30 pm	Course closure	2.00pm	Course closure

INQUIRIES

Email

qldchamps@oq.asn.au

Phone

Liz Bourne – (07) 4683 6374 or 0477 059 063 (during event only)

Entry inquiries should be directed to Rob Crosato – Ph 4698 1538 or 0427107148

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The sponsorship support of the Southern Downs Regional Council is also gratefully acknowledged.

KEY PERSONNEL

Co-Ordinator	Liz Bourne
Controller	Liz Bourne
Course setters	Day 1 – Neil Gannon Day 2 – Felicity Crosato
Administration/ Entries	Rob Crosato
Logistics	Wim de Jong

WELCOME

Welcome to all orienteers heading to the Queensland Orienteering Championships. This is the premier event in the Queensland Orienteering Calendar and is always a great event to participate in. Following a long tradition, the competition extends over two days, with cumulative time from each day deciding the winner. This year we return to the Southern Downs featuring some of the best granite orienteering in Australia. Orienteering here is a true test of fine navigation skills, presenting a challenge for all skill levels.

The organisation of this event is by no means a small task. So, on behalf of Orienteering Queensland and all competitors, I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in putting on this event. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

This event brings together orienteers from across Queensland, interstate and sometimes overseas. The courses cater for all levels of experience. So enjoy your time out in the forest, and the opportunity to catch up with other orienteers. Also remember to take some time to enjoy a selection of the other tourist activities available in the region.

I wish you all the best for the event and hope to see you out in the forest.

Tim McIntyre, President, Orienteering Queensland



STANTHORPE INFORMATION

Stanthorpe, the centre of the Granite Belt, supports a diverse fruit and horticulture industry as well as over 60 wineries and a thriving ecotourism industry. The town boasts an interesting mix of cultures and the wide ethnic background is reflected in the range of art and craft produced by the local community. The monthly *Market in the Mountains* is one of the best local markets in South East Queensland and will be on at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds from 9am - 1pm on Sunday, 10 September. The Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery hosts travelling exhibitions and community shows. The Historical Museum, near the Showgrounds, consists of many buildings of historical significance brought together to preserve the town's colourful past.

There is a range of accommodation options in and around Stanthorpe. For further information on accommodation and tourist attractions, go to www.southerndownsandgranitebelt.com.au



EVENT INFORMATION

Directions

Allow at least 3.5 hours' drive from Brisbane airport and 2.5 hours from Brisbane West Wellcamp airport in Toowoomba to the event.

From Warwick, take the New England Highway south from Warwick approx. 47km to the Thulimbah turn-off. Turn right here at the Big Apple/Vincenzo's Cafe and cross the railway line and then take Amiens Road (signposted to Passchendaele Forest) west for 16km to a cross roads. Continue straight ahead on Bapaume Road to its intersection with Amiens Road. Turn right and travel west on Amiens Road for 1km, before turning left into Spring Creek Road. Follow for 1km to a T junction and turn right into Boatfields Road, Follow this good gravel road for a further 1km before turning left into the pine plantation. Continue south for a further 2km and park as directed. Allow 60 mins from Warwick.

From Stanthorpe, take the Texas Road (Connor Street) off High Street (the main road through town), about 750 metres north of the Post Office. Follow westwards until you pass under the Stanthorpe by-pass and then take Amiens Road to the right. Follow the bitumen for 13.3km before turning left into Spring Creek Road and proceed as above. Allow 20 mins from Stanthorpe.

From the south, travel to Stanthorpe and after the highway crosses over the Texas Road, turn right into Pancor Road (Murray's Motel is on the corner) and follow to the T-junction with the Texas Road. Turn right and follow back under the by-pass then right into Amiens Road and follow directions as above.

The gravel roads are suitable for all vehicles although they may be a little bumpy through the pine plantation.

Car parking

This will be along the forest roads and will vary from Day 1 to Day 2. Please park as directed by the parking attendants.

Assembly area

The Assembly Area, which is common to both day and is close to the parking on both days. Shade is available under pine trees.

SEE MAP AT END OF PROGRAM

Registration

The Registration and Information Tent will be open from:

- 11:00 am on Day 1 – Saturday 9 September; and
- 8:00 am on Day 2 – Sunday 10 September.

It will be the information centre for the Championships.

A registration bag will be available under the name of the contact person and will contain a copy of the program, hired SI sticks and camping tickets, if ordered. A limited number of start lists will also be available at Registration plus tourist information.

Any outstanding settlement of entry fees must be made at the registration tent before commencement of your course.

Details of Enter on the Day courses will also be available here.

Catering

Catering will be provided by the Amiens School P and C. Please support this community group's fundraising efforts. A coffee van will be on site both days.

Facilities

Basic bush toilets will be provided at the Assembly Area and at the Start. Water will be available near the Finish and Starts. To assist the organisers, please bring along your own supplies as well. Water points have been placed at designated control sites as shown on the control descriptions.

Camping

Camping will be available at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds from Friday night to Sunday night. The showgrounds are extensive and offer basic facilities of toilets and hot showers. Powered site - \$22/night; unpowered site - \$15/night. The showgrounds are located on the northern entrance to Stanthorpe. If you have not booked a site with your entry, please contact Rob Crosato on membership @oq.asn.au or see the people in the Information Tent at the event.

The local Market in the Mountains will be happening on Sunday 10 September and there will be a lot of additional traffic around the Exhibition Hall that day so campers may prefer to set up in a quieter place away from this area if they plan to stay.

Social Dinner on Saturday night

A social dinner will be held on Saturday 12 September starting at 6:00pm at the Stanthorpe RSL on the corner of Marsh and Corundum, You can view the menu and price list on <http://www.stanthorpersclub.com.au/menu/> with payment made on the night.

There will be reserved tables set aside for orienteers so you can socialize with your club members and friends.

We asked those interested in coming along to the RSL to indicate their interest as part of entering on Eventor. If you did not do this but would now like to come along, please let the people at the Registration desk know on Saturday before 2pm.

Enter on the Day

Limited Enter on the Day courses will be available on both Saturday and Sunday of an Open Hard, Open Moderate, Open Easy and Open Very Easy standard. Entrants to these courses will not have Championship status.

EOD Registrations:

Register at the Registration tent on Saturday from 1pm and you may start between 2.30 – 3pm. Report to the "Late Start" official at the start. On Sunday, register from 9am and you may start between 10.30 - 11am.

General Enquiries

All comments, queries about results or complaints will be dealt with at the Registration and Information tent. **Please do not disturb the officials in the Finish tent.**

Safety

Whistles should be carried by all competitors but should only be used in cases of severe injury where assistance is required. Whistles will be available for sale at the Registration and Information tent. The distress signal is six short blasts repeated at short intervals. If you hear such a signal, you are requested to abandon your course and give assistance. Where vehicle or medical assistance is required, this should be reported to the Information tent as soon as possible. Please report overdue competitors to the Registration and Information tent – DO NOT organise your own search. In the event of an emergency, the event organiser should be contacted, via the Registration tent.

Snakes are unlikely to be encountered during bush orienteering events. They will generally move away if they sense you coming. Should you be unlucky enough to be bitten, blow your whistle to attract assistance and stay still. If possible, the bitten limb should be immobilised by firm strapping to prevent the venom from travelling to other parts of the body.

If first aid is required, report to the First Aid tent for assistance.

Mobile phone reception is reasonable in the forest. If required during the event, contact the organiser, Liz Bourne, on 0477 059 063.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards will be presented to all place-getters at approximately 1pm on the Sunday, using the combined times from both days of competition. Combined times will be calculated for the overall winners on Sunday.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Competition Rules

The competition rules of Orienteering Australia shall apply to these Championships. A copy of these rules will be available for perusal at the Information Tent. In particular, competitors are reminded that controls must be visited in the order shown on the course and that talking to, collaborating with or distracting other competitors during the competition is not permitted.

GPS Devices

Competitors are reminded that you may not use or carry telecommunication equipment between entering the pre-start area and reaching the finish in a race. GPS devices with no visible display or audible signal may be carried.

Control Descriptions

Individual international control descriptions for each course will be provided to competitors at the pre-start on each day with those for the Easy and Very Easy standard courses being in English. Control descriptions will also be printed on the front of the maps. For all Hard navigation courses, international control descriptions, only, will be used on the maps. English descriptions will be provided on the maps for all Moderate, Easy and Very Easy courses. An international control description sheet will be available for viewing at the pre-start.

Control Stands

Standard blank control flags will be suspended from T bar stands with an SI unit and punch. The control identification number will be on the top of these units. Please note that some controls will be in close proximity to others. It is the competitor's responsibility to **CHECK** the control number before punching.

Sportident Electronic Timing System

The Sportident electronic timing system will be used for the Championships.

All competitors should remember to bring their SI stick with them and ensure that they use the same one on each day. Family groups should take particular care not to mix their sticks as this will create major administrative problems for the Finish team at the event. Please check the details on the Start List to ensure we have your correct SI number recorded. If there is an error, please email qldchamps@oq.asn.au or call (07) 4698 1538 as soon as possible, prior to the Championships.

For those competitors who are hiring an SI stick, these will be in your registration bag. Please remember to return your hired stick to the Finish tent after Day 2. If you lose your own stick during the event, replacement sticks may be hired at a cost of \$2 per day from the Registration tent. If a hired stick is lost, the competitor will be charged its full replacement cost of \$72, so please make certain it is attached with a piece of string or elastic.

Clear and Check

It is important to remember to “clear” and “check” your SI stick prior to each event, to delete previous event information stored on it. “Clear” and “Check” units will be positioned on the way to the pre-start area on each day.

SI use on the Course

If an SI unit at a control malfunctions and does not “beep” or “flash” when the stick is inserted, the competitor must use the punch on the stand to mark one of the reserve boxes printed on their map. Failure to do this will result in a DNF being recorded. If you need to use a punch at any control, please advise the Finish officials as they will need to take your map at the completion of your course.

Map Scale

The maps for all courses on both days will be 1:10,000.

Map Presentation

Maps for the Championships are being printed on waterproof and tearproof paper.

START INFORMATION

Start Times

Start times have been randomly distributed. To maximise the participation of volunteers, they have been allocated special start times to allow them to fulfil their official duties before or after they compete. Request for changes to start times cannot be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances. Starting times for those children who require shadowing on Course 13 will be later in the day to enable parents to accompany them to the start and shadow them.

M/W10 N Courses

Shadowing is permitted on this course. Entrants may start at any vacant time during the start window but “shadows” must have completed their course first. Report to the “Late Start” official at the start. Shadowed runners will use a punch start so will not need to start at published start times.

Start Procedure

Both days will use a 2 minute start sequence.

The starter will **not** repeat information provided in published event information.

Clear and Check your SI card before entering the Pre-start.

Competitors enter the pre-start area when the Prestart clock shows your race time (Call-up time). This will be six (6) minutes before your official start time.

Your name, the last two numbers on your SI stick and whether your SI stick has been cleared will be checked by officials, so please ensure your stick is clearly visible and that it has been cleared. Only competitors missing from the pre-start area will be called by name.

At the four (4) minute mark, starters will move forward to a table to collect the control description for their course.

At the two (2) minute mark, competitors may move to their map box which will be marked with the course number and age classes. The starter will give any special instructions.

Check that the map is the correct one for your course by looking at the number on the top right hand corner on the back of the map. If you do not appear to have the correct map, please immediately draw this to the attention of the Start Official. You will be required to write your name on the map. **Please ensure that you only pick up one map.** On the final “beep” of the start clock competitors must follow the streamers to the Start Triangle as marked on their map and on the ground. A stand with blank control flag with **no** SI unit will be placed at this location.

For Day 1 competitors on Courses 12 and 13, the start triangle will be at the map pickup point.

Late Starts

Competitors who miss their allotted start time on any day should report to the pre-start officials who will direct them to the Late Start Official. They will be started as soon as possible but will be regarded as having started at the time stated on the official start list, unless the organisers are at fault.

FINISH INFORMATION

Finish Procedure

After punching the last control, each competitor must navigate to the Finish banner where there will be multiple units on stands, one of which must be punched. After finishing, you will be asked to place your map in the appropriate box for your course before proceeding to the Finish tent to have the information on your SI stick downloaded into the computer. Your SI stick will be read to record your course details and elapsed time and a print out of your split times will be made available. If you have had to use the traditional punch boxes on your map because of a unit failure, please notify ‘Finish Officials so they can take your map and verify the punch marks. Please collect your result label and hang it in the appropriate class on the Results Display.

If you are using a rental SI-stick and this is your last event, please return the SI-stick to the Finish Tent after completing the downloading process.

You must report to the Finish even if you have not completed your course. At the course closure time, you must return to the Finish as soon as possible or a search will be mounted for you. Go to the Finish control and proceed up the Finish chute. If injury prevents you from doing this, please ensure that your return to the Assembly Area is reported to the Registration and Information Tent. The officials will pass the information on to the Finish team. Any complaints or comments about the course should be made to officials at the Information tent. **Please do not disturb the officials at the Finish.**

Map Return

Maps will be available for collection each day after the last starts. They will be distributed in boxes according to course numbers. Maps not collected at the end of each day and those for people who did not start will be available from the Registration and Information Tent.

Results Display

Provisional results will be displayed on the result board as soon as possible after each competitor has finished. Queries about results are to be made at the Registration and Information Tent, NOT at the Finish Tent!

Complaints and Protests

Any complaint shall be made in writing to the organiser within 15 minutes of the result being posted. A complaint is adjudicated by the organiser. The complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately. If the complainant is still dissatisfied, they may lodge a formal protest, in writing to a jury appointed by the organiser and approved by the controller. The controller will chair the jury meeting but will not vote on the outcome. The decision of the jury will be final. There is no fee for lodging a complaint or protest.

Restrictions

We would ask that you respect the land and try to keep disturbance to a minimum.

This forest is the habitat of a number of rare and threatened plants, particularly the pink flowering granite boronias (*Boronia granitica*). Try and avoid trampling them!

In keeping with Orienteering Queensland policies, competitors are requested to abide by our rules of **no smoking, fires, dogs or littering** at the event (this includes in the Assembly Area).

Out-of-Bounds Areas

Competitors and spectators must obey all out-of-bounds signs and keep within designated areas on both days, both near the Assembly Area and on the way to the Starts. Any competitor seen in an out-of-bounds area without the permission of officials, whether before or after their run, will be disqualified.

Day 1 – Saturday 9 September

Map:

Cascades North mapped by Eric Andrews in 2000; updates to the vegetation by Felicity Crosato, Stuart Watt and Liz Bourne in 2016 and 2017

Amiens, 2016 mapped by Gareth Prosser, Scott and Rob Simson for the 1991 Australian Championships. Updates to the rock mapping by Eric Andrews and Felicity Crosato in 2015/16/17 and to the vegetation by Felicity Crosato and Liz Bourne in 2017.

A copy of the original maps will be on display near the Registration tent.

Scale: 1:10,000 for all courses

Course planner: Neil Gannon **Controller:** Liz Bourne

Landowners

HQ Plantations – pine plantation area of Amiens
Qld Parks and Wildlife Service – The *Cascades*

The Hard, Easy and Very Easy courses will all be on *The Cascades* map while the Moderate courses will also go onto the *Amiens* map.

Terrain and Vegetation

The *Amiens* map is predominantly exotic pine plantation with an extensive network of major and minor tracks in generally flat to undulating terrain. There are scattered areas of boulders and rock slabs in the pine. Remnant areas of native forest occur throughout, and adjacent to, the pine and contain thicker areas of vegetation as well as more complex granite boulder areas and heathland around rock slabs. The areas on the western side of the map contain steeper and more complex granite terrain. There is some limited former tin mining detail along the creeks.

The *Cascades* map consists of eucalypt forest and areas of heathland amongst exposed bare rock and complex granite outcrops, in generally undulating to steep terrain. Runnability is variable with some thicker areas amongst the granite outcrops. Full body cover is recommended for those on the hard courses. Spikes are allowed to be worn.

Mapping notes

The vegetation in some parts of the area, particularly in *The Cascades*, may be thicker than shown.

The entrances to the minor tracks in the pine plantation are often marked by blue painted pine trees or yellow and white posts.

Starts

Start times will be from 12.30pm.

The Day 1 start will be an easy 1km walk west from the assembly area down a gravel road. Allow 20 mins. There will be a toilet and water at the start.

Warm up areas

Along the road to the start.

Out of Bounds

All forest areas beyond the access roads and either side of the road to the Start

Safety bearing

All Hard, Easy and Very Easy courses, north to Forestry Road (the east-west gravel road). For the Moderate courses, either north or south to Forestry Road.

Course closure

Courses close at 4.30pm.

Day 2 – Sunday 10 September

Map

As for Day 1.

The Easy and Very Easy courses will all be on the *Amiens* map while the Moderate and Hard courses will also go into *The Cascades* map.

Scale: 1:10,000 for all courses

Course planner: Felicity Crosato **Controller:** Liz Bourne

Landowners

As for Day 1

Terrain and Vegetation

As for Day 1

A section of pine plantation near the start has recently been logged and is now “rough open”. This area may be burnt prior to the Championships which will affect its runability. The entrances to the minor tracks in the pine plantation are often marked by blue painted pine trees or yellow and white posts.

Starts

Start times will be from 9am

The Day 2 start will be an easy 500m walk north of the assembly area along a gravel track. Allow 10 mins. There will be a toilet and water at the start.

Warm up areas

Along the road to the start.

Out of Bounds

All forest areas beyond the access roads and either side of the road to the Start.

Safety bearing

North or south to the main road. There is a track running down the eastern edge of the whole map

Course closure

Courses will close at 2pm.

NOTE: COURSE DETAILS OF BOTH DAYS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

DAY 1 AND DAY 2 COURSE DETAILS

Course	Day 1		Day 2		Men	Women	Open
	Distance	Climb	Distance	Climb			
Hard 1	8.8km	290m	11.5km	270m	M21A		
Hard 2	6.9km	250m	9.0km	225m	M-20A; M35		
Hard 3	6.2km	165m	8.5km	215m	M45A	W21A	
Hard 4	5.6km	165m	6.9km	175m	M21AS	W-20A; W35A	
Hard 5	4.9km	130m	6.5km	165m	M-16A; M35- 44AS; M55A	W45A	
Hard 6	4.3km	110m	5.4km	130m	M-20AS; M65A	W-16A; W21AS; W55A	
Hard 7	3.7km	100m	4.9km	110m	M45- 54AS	W-20AS; W35-44AS	
Hard 8	3.0km	100m	3.6km	80m	M55+AS ; M75A	W45-54AS; W65A	
Hard 9	2.7km	80m	2.4km	55m	M85+A	W55+AS; W75+A	
Moderate 1	3.5km	85m	5.0km	170m	M-14A Men Open B		
Moderate 2	2.7km	80m	3.9km	140m		W-14A; Women Open B	Open Moderate
Easy	2.0km	70m	2.9km	95m	M-12A	W-12A	Open Easy
Very Easy	2.0km	50m	2.3km	70m	M-10A	W-10A	Open Very Easy M/W-10N

ASSEMBLY AREA SCHEMATIC

