

Twenty seventeen we celebrate the fortieth birthday of Bendigo Orienteers - although, as you will see, it didn't start with that name. This is a brief summary taken from the minutes of the first meeting

### **Our club is born.**

On Monday, 7 February, 1977 a meeting was convened by Murray Boyd, Recreation Officer for the City of Bendigo, in a meeting room in the Town Hall: approximately 22 people attended.

The meeting opened at 7.40 pm and the Chairman called for nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer:

**President:** John Leonard, nominated by Peter Lawrence, seconded by Peter Galvin;

**Secretary:** Peter Lawrence, nominated by Peter Galvin, seconded by Charlie Parker;

**Treasurer:** Marg Metcalfe, nominated by Peter Lawrence, seconded by John Leonard.

All were elected unopposed.

Then the two proposed sub-committees were elected:

Walks Sub-Committee: Peter Galvin, Gus Bosch and John Leonard.

Orienteering Sub-Committee: Peter Searle, Peter Lawrence and Charlie Parker.

Additional Committee Members: Graham Hill, Eric Bugden and Dianne Searle

All positions elected unopposed.

The next item was the discussion and adoption of the proposed Constitution:

The Constitution called for the club to be known as the Bendigo Bushwalking and Orienteering Club: this was carried and discussion then followed on all the other clauses which were ultimately passed some with, but most without amendment.

Membership fees were set at \$6.00 for a family (including children up to the end of secondary school) and \$3.00 for an individual member and meeting dates were set for the first Monday of each month.

The first walk on the program was the Barfold walk on Saturday 19 February, and the first orienteering meeting was to be on (Sunday) 27 February at "One Tree Hill, along the continuation of Edwards Road, between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm"

The meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Thus, after a smooth, relatively painless labour the Bendigo Orienteering Club was born.

Come along to our 40th Anniversary Event, to be held on the 27 May on Wildflower Drive, when we will celebrate the birth and some aspects of 20th Century orienteering. Details can be found on our home page and on Eventor (Coming Events).