

## Park Tour Event 3 – Bluegum Hills Regional Park, Minmi.

It would be hard to complain about variety being offered in this current Park series. All three of the qualifying events have had different flavours and today's event was amazing, literally, with the last section of the course consisting of a substantial wooden maze that is a feature of this relatively new park that has never before seen an orienteering event.

This sprint map was prepared by Russell Rigby is another valuable club asset.

Quick changes of direction and some combined short legs kept competitors on the hop necessitating close map contact for most of the course. It was interesting to be able to see many competitors criss-crossing the small park area and also to watch them from the high ground of a viewing platform as they made their way through (and sometimes over) the maze. Thanks to course setter Greg Bacon for this interesting mental challenge.

Once again Josh Blatchford took the honours in the men's long category with Wes Dose dropping by to collect second. Alex Massey ran third ensuring today was a victory for the younger men.

In the women's long Jenny Enderby held off younger challengers Elly Ross and Nicola Blatchford. In the short course John Linich was first man home with Kathy Grace taking out the women's section.

Next week sees the final contested at Lambton Park.