

Sydney Junior Orienteering League

Event 3 2011

Event 3 was hosted by Big Foot Orienteers and the setter had conjured a collection of fast but challenging courses around Nurragingy Reserve, Doonside. In contrast to the manicured lawn and gardens of Centennial Park, the reserve offered a bushland setting that was punctuated by numerous picnic areas. An extensive track network as well as lakes and ponds were useful navigational hand rails.

Whilst it was cool and foggy early, as the sun reached higher into the sky the day was magnificent: fine, clear, not too cold and perfect orienteering weather.

The fast setting suited some of the quicker runners with Aidan and Adam H taking making the most of the opportunity and recording 10 point runs on the harder courses. On the Very East and Easy courses, Ellen and Duncan showed their consistency by posting the quickest times for the third event in a row. Will anyone be able to meet the Currie family challenge?

The teams contest was extremely tight. Four teams posted 29 point runs with 27, 26 and 25 point scores close behind. This contest will very interesting as we head toward the latter part of the season, as only the 5 best scores count for the end of season results. The consistency of the Attack Points has certainly been impressive but then Team Jones is close behind, HH has speed to burn and Garingal as well as the young GO Fast team are likely to feature well in the final placings.

It was great to see some friends and family also taking the plunge into orienteering. Some of the mums and dads also recorded some competitive times and will no doubt be comparing splits and stories post event. We were also pleased to welcome back some Scouts that will undoubtedly benefit from the opportunity to log some navigation practice.