

The Eaglehawk YMCA Mystery Run was held at Shadbolt Picnic Area in perfect conditions. The course distances were given as the Short distance was more than 420mtrs but less than 1100mtrs, the Middle distance was between 1500mtrs but less than 4400 mtrs and the Long distance was more than 5000 mtrs but less than 21.1 k. Runners were to estimate the distance of their run at the finish line, with no watches allowed. The Short distance was run with all of the *young* runners completing the course accurately, following all verbal instructions, arrows, markers and signs back to Time Keeper as instructed. Some of the Middle distance runners and walkers had a bit of trouble following verbal instructions, arrows, markers and signs, sometimes passing the same marker and sign more than once, or not even passing any markers or signs at all, but although they completed a course of sorts, it wasn't quite the course that they were supposed to navigate. Time Keeper and Course Marker are unsure as to what course they did actually follow. It is a bit of a Mystery. Some of the Long distance runners completed the course in expert fashion, following all verbal instructions, arrows, markers and signs, finishing their run as instructed back to Time Keeper. Other Long distance runners had a tad more trouble. Some runners completed a course of sorts, but Time Keeper is unsure as to exactly what course they did navigate. Some of the Middle distance runners and walkers merged somehow with the Long distance runners, and some of the Long distance runners, merged with some other unknown course, and picked up some Middle distance runners somewhere in the Whipstick Forest, helping those runners back to the finish line somehow, it is a bit of a Mystery how that actually happened. Time Keeper and Course Marker were very relieved to have all runners and walkers back at the finish line. All races were held off scratch, no watches or GPS were allowed, (although that may have to change in the future, making GPS's mandatory for each runner and walker), and the winner of their event was the runner who correctly guessed the distance of their run, and won a chocolate bar as a prize. Julia Wellard, Matthew Cindric and Barb Cornell were the winners of the chocolate bars. As some runners and walkers didn't actually complete the marked course, it is unknown to Time Keeper as to how many K's they actually did run and walk; "quite a few" Time Keeper has suggested. Congratulations must be given to those runners and walkers on some sort of navigational skills they displayed, arriving back at the finish line in time for coffee and cake. Many thanks to Chook, Louise, Trevor, Hunter, course helpers, and all runners and walkers who helped make the day interesting and fun. Results of the Mystery run are below.

SHORT DISTANCE actual
distance 990 mtrs

PLACING	NAME	TIME RAN IN MINUTES	RUNNERS
			ESTIMATED DISTANCE
1	Nathan Perks	4.14	932mtrs
2	Kaolan Thornton	4.18	1006mtrs
3	Mack Wellard	4.32	1100mts
4	Julie Wellard	4.41	1000mts
5	Kiah Thornton	4.55	930mtrs
6	Aidan Wellard	5.09	1100mtrs
7	Elliott Wellard	5.28	800mtrs
8	Casey Crapper	5.34	1200mtrs

MIDDLE DISTANCE actual
distance 3.69 mtrs

PLACING	NAME	TIME RAN IN MINUTES	RUNNERS
			ESTIMATED DISTANCE
1	Matthew Cindric	32.49	3.8ks
2	Emily Perks	46.53	5.5ks
3	Heather Grimes	46.56	4.2ks

LONG DISTANCE actual
distance 8.26 mtrs

PLACING	NAME	TIME RAN IN MINUTES	RUNNERS
			ESTIMATED DISTANCE
1	Trevor Kelly	29.25	10.4ks
2	Kane Leach	32.47	9.7ks
	Michelle		
3	Stevenson	37.56	7.6ks
4	Ken Wellard	37.57	7.1ks
5	Hunter Gill	39.28	6.96ks
6	Tony Fahy	39.36	6.5ks
7	Brian Cornell	40.11	7.58ks
8	David Grimes	40.16	6.6ks
9	Kathy Heagney	50.02	10.4ks
10	Barb Cornell	52.44	8.2ks
11	John Knotts	53.05	21 ks
12	Lynn Perks	53.06	Course Marker