

## Tamatea Setter's Report

At the Phillip's Field event near the end of June, Steve Armon mentioned that he'd like a third event for the handicap score series. I said that I could do a street event around Tamatea – all I had to do was download a street map from OpenOrienteering and get a controller. So the event was scheduled for the end of August and I got underway.

I wanted to set a course of about 14kms so that the best runners in the club might be tempted to go for it in 60 minutes, while the more pedestrian would make decisions about where to be or not to be. In truth, I think I was a little ambitious – I don't think Kevin's 18k was quite maximum efficiency but it was clearly closer than my estimate. I also wanted to use Park Island as a flip map, lots of low point controls with a little bit more detailed navigating than just stomping the streets; I even tried to tempt people to leave PI and pick up a control, then go back in to finish the set.

If I'm honest, it could've been easier. I had to redraw the area to the east of Park Island. It took a while for a controller to be found and then it seemed that we could never find time to get on site together and check out my ideas. Then, obviously, Covid. The event was cancelled and I thought, maybe next year...

Out of the wide blue Hawke's Bay yonder, I get a phone call from Steve one Monday evening: "Do you think you could resurrect your event in six days?" Well, why not? Then a day later, another wrinkle – the committee wants to make it a MapRun so that it's contactless. Unbelievably, 48 hours later, the maps were printed and we were ready to go.

Unfortunately, the problems didn't end there. It turned out that in my rush, I gave Kevin an inaccurate GPS co-ordinate for control 26, literally placing on the corner one street west of the map circle. Sorry about that. Therefore, in the results, you will see a bonus. Anyone who went to the right place but didn't go on to pick up the control receives the 30 points they would've got. Anyone who did do a little extra looking and got it gets 10 bonus points too. We also had a few technical issues with MapRun as we get used to it: for example, as of the moment I write this, we're waiting for one participant to upload his data.

I want to thank everyone who showed up – I hope you had a great time. It was especially fun to see a handful of new faces and a couple of older than the last time faces who are clearly doing Level 2 flatting with their whānau. More than that, I wish to thank Piret and Jane, who did controller stuff, and Steve, who helped out at the start while I was guiding some newbies around. Most important of all, I want to thank David and Kevin, who took my drafts, converted them to GPS locations and made working maps despite having to merge at least four different pieces of software together. They are mighty because they have done the impossible.

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