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## Knox SOW NEWS



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By David Mallen

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Tags and highly visible Emergency Markers. However, over time some have been removed due to infrastructure repairs and changes. Of the thirty-four original Control Tags that I maintained, as a Knox SOW Walk Organiser in the early 2000s, only twenty are left. Some of the original twenty-four green or black Emergency Marker signs have also been removed. The system has been replaced with the *Emergency Plus* app on smartphones that automatically displays your exact GPS location coordinates.

The group usually walks on the

first and third Friday of the month. This year the third Friday in April is a public holiday, so the scheduled walks are for Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April starting at 10:15 am. The cost is \$1 per person. You will be given a map

showing twenty Control Tag and Emergency Marker clues, and you will have about one hour to complete the course.

Both courses are between four and five kms long and include the path around the lake so you can get closer to the birdlife. After the walk the group will be having a coffee and chat in Madeline's Café at the Visitors Centre. If you would like to come along and try orienteering, please register with David on 0419 337 311 or david@knoxow.fun. ■

**Street Orienteering is Fun**

[www.knoxow.fun](http://www.knoxow.fun)



Clue 15  
Control Tag behind the post at the lagoon platform



Clue 19  
Black Emergency Marker on the half demolished Jells Lake jetty



Jells Park Playscape

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Above: Clue 15-Control Tag behind the post at the lagoon platform. Below: Playscape at Jells Park

