

Spring Classic and Wayne Cretney Memorial
13th October, 2019

33rd Anniversary



Race Report: Sunny Seatoun

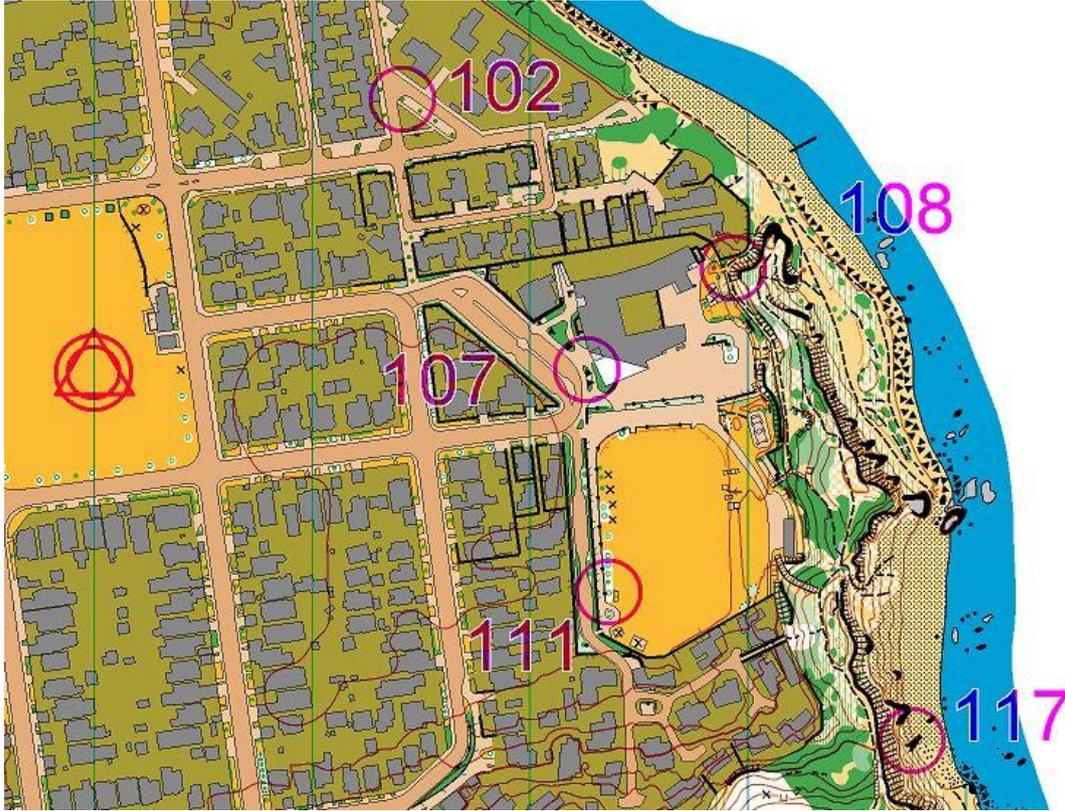
Maps: Seatoun, Beacon Hill, Moa Point

Weather: Fine

Organiser and Planner: Bryan Teahan

Unfortunately, 5 controls were moved (with one moved twice) even though controls were all checked about 30 minutes before event started. Two controls were moved into dangerous positions up cliffs - this was especially disturbing as some very young competitors had to scramble up an unsafe cliff and could have been hurt.

Here's the controls which were affected:



102 - thrown into garden beside tree

108 - moved up the cliff into an unsafe position - this was on the white course - sportident box lost (worth about \$150)

107 - moved from boulder cluster to garden against building

111 - control stolen and not found - replaced during event

117 - put out night before - moved to very unsafe position up cliff - checked just before start of event and moved back to right position. Moved by some moron again a few minutes later about 100m south near the walls on the beach - flag only found.

On Breaker Bay beach there were two nude men sunbathing and changing a few hundred metres apart when I once went for a walk with my wife, son and dog checking a few things - I had heard about this beach beforehand but never had the chance or horror to see this first hand (pun definitely not intended).

WWII bunkers, two holes-in-the-wall, gun emplacements, rocky beaches, iconic seaside suburb, old ruins, skeleton steering wheel, disused (cannabis?) pond, incredible vistas, mysterious construction in the middle of the bush, gnarly parts being lost in a jungle away from civilisation - what more could you want?

This year was a bit of a mission (which was why the event was later than usual) - it took extra effort (both physical and time) to fieldwork, and about 3 times longer to draw than expected and the map was only finished on the Sunday before event.

You've heard about the 80-20 rule in IT, haven't you? - known as the Pareto Principle, this rule suggests that 20 percent of your effort will account for 80 percent

of your results (and vice versa). This was so true for this event, that 80% of your time was probably spent on just 20% of the controls.

Sorry I was unable to have one extra route choice near the Beacon Hill bunker as we could not get permission to enter/exit from the bunker through the bush which I thought was perfectly safe for rugged bush people like us. Getting permission and communication for just this one control consumed a lot of effort - maybe call this the 99-1 rule. This site was an incredible vista of the whole Wellington Harbour - I'm sure you enjoyed it - this site is not open to the general public.

When putting and picking up the controls, I lost one control, dropped two sportident boxes and lost my map in different places - all in the thick bush - luckily all found again by backtracking my route.

I had a devil of a time putting out the controls as they would snarl every few metres and I would often do a face plant and do an up close and personal communication with nature. Not to mention sliding on my bum down slippery slopes and having to cover my car seat as my black o-suit turned from black to brown.

Special thanks to my wife, my son and my friend for the catering and the great food. Also to Alan for coordinating on the day, and the competitors for helping pick up controls after running their courses. It was a long, hard day but rewarding for the soul.

Maps, Courses and Route Choices

Classic Results:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/results2019.html>

Rogaine Results:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Rogaine_2019_results.html

Splits:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/splits_2019.htm

Rogaine Splits:

http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Rogaine_2019_splits.htm

Maps:

http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/nzof/WinterClassic/maps/2019_gallery.htm

GPS tracks for Course 1:

Watch live at: <https://events.loggator.com/NdIVMA>

Did you choose the right Route Choice?

http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/nzof/WinterClassic/maps/2019_routes.htm

Comments

Imogene Scott: (Woman's winner – Course 1):

Hi Bryan,

Just wanted to say thanks so much for the course on Sunday! I really enjoyed it, it was a tough challenge! I would have happily left out that last loop though, haha, but by then I was determined to finish!

Thanks again! Oh and by the way, we did make it in time for the wearable arts show - just!

Imogene

Note: Imogene had to rush off to WOW and she had to choose to run the last map as time was getting very short. She decided to finish even though she might have missed the \$140 show. Now that's dedication.

Simon McDowell:

Thanks Bryan. I loved the day and will be back!

Simon

Katie Hill: (Winner Wayne Cretney Memorial Trophy)

Hi Bryan,

Thank you, it's an honor as I always observed Wayne and Dad so the perseverance respect is there, even though I'm a different gender!

No Hurry. Hope your car is ok!

Cheers,
Katie

On Mon, 14 Oct 2019 at 09:50, Bryan Teahan <coldkiwihotchilli@xtra.co.nz> wrote:

Hi Katie,

As you were the quickest person over 40 on Course 2, I'd like to award you the trophy.

Sorry, I can't deliver it to you in the next week, as our car is at the panel beaters until the end of the week.

Cheers,
Bryan

Gavin Scott:

Hi Bryan

Yesterday was a marvellous event in a wonderful location!

Thank you very much for once again putting on this annual endurance event and keeping in mind of Wayne and other passed-away local orienteers.

The amount of skill and time you put in for developing these maps and courses is greatly appreciated and permits enhanced use of the area by all of us afterwards.

Also thank you very much to Ning and her co-cook(s) for the food after our challenge, completed or not!

Regards

Gavin Scott

Gerald Crawford:

Hi Bryan,

thanks for today, another classic (pun intended!).

Was a bit much for me today with a couple of clangers but liked the maps.

Cheers

Gerald

Tessa Ramsden:

Hi Bryan,

Thanks for the great event today!

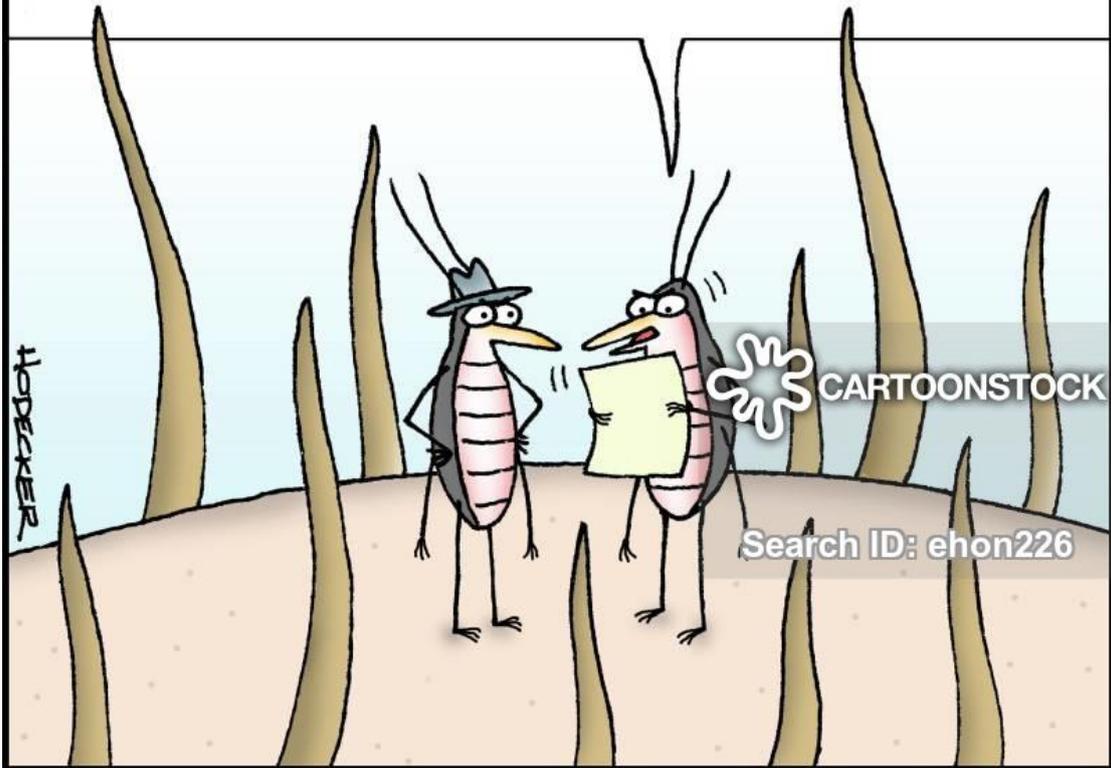
Tessa

Quotes, Jokes, Cartoons, and Maps

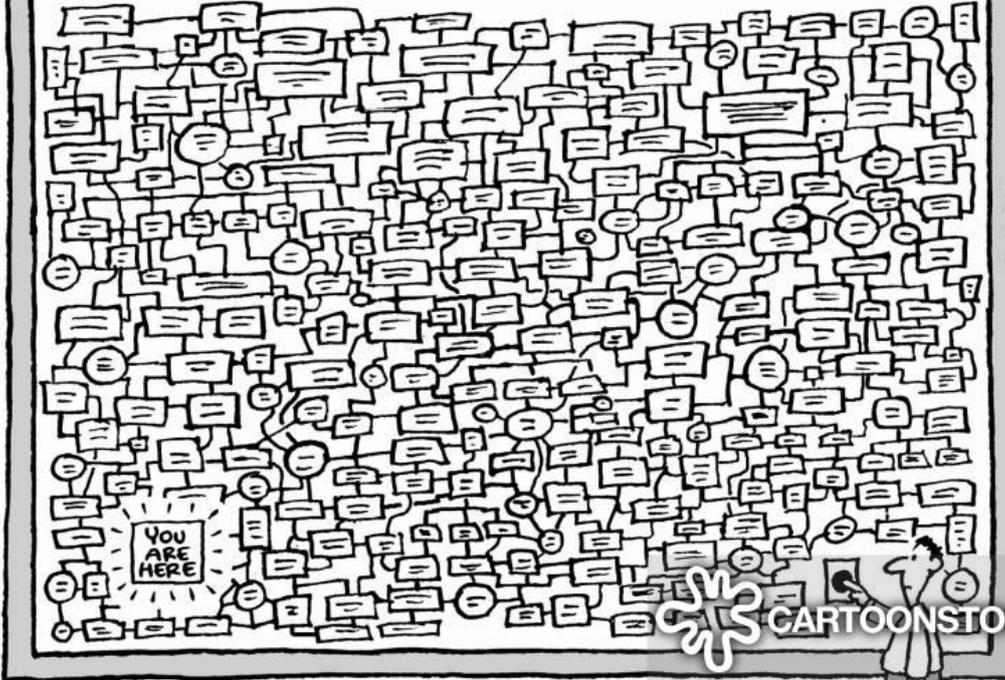
Now to sign off with some cool and funny stuff about maps:



SERIOUSLY? THIS IS EXACTLY WHY YOU
SHOULDN'T BE IN CHARGE OF THE MAP. NOT
ONLY ARE WE HOPELESSLY LOST, WE'RE
NOT EVEN ON THE DOG. *WE'RE ON THE CAT!*



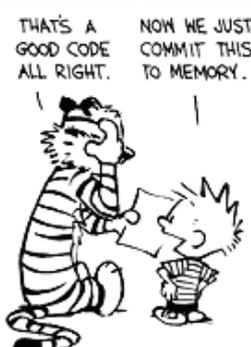
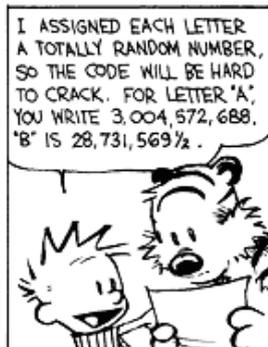
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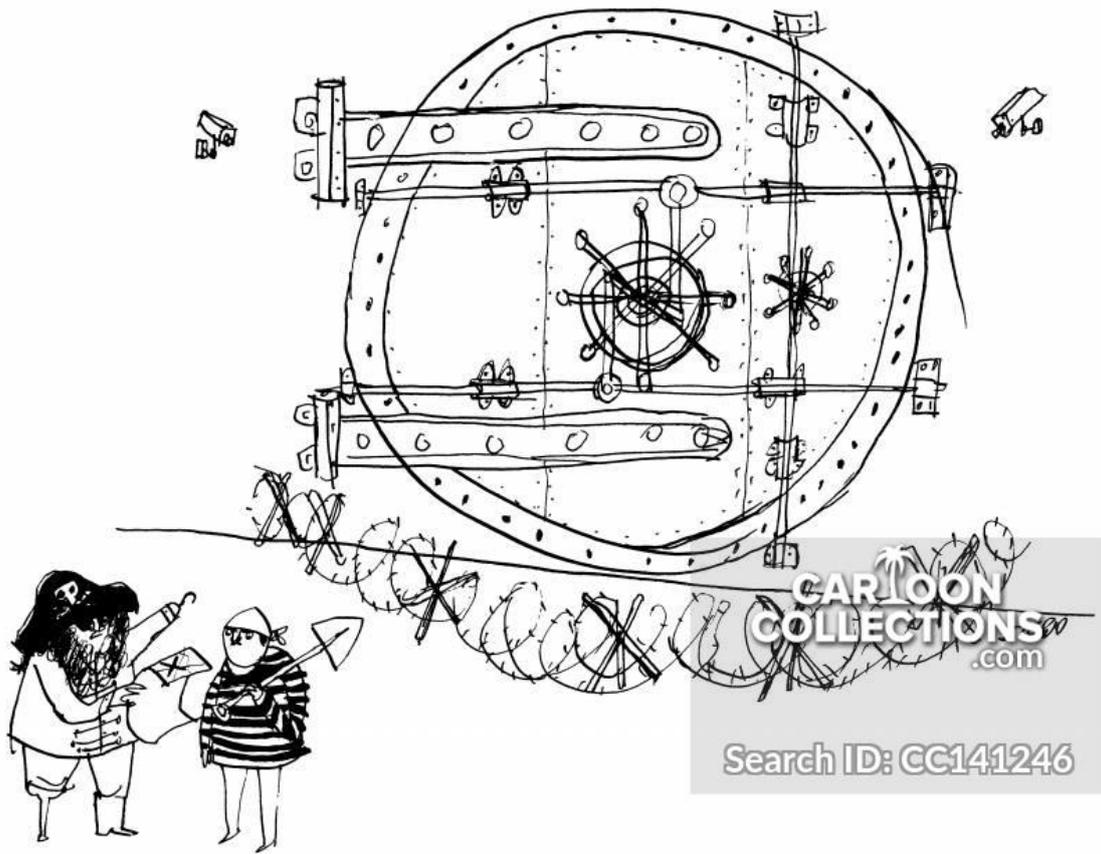
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"O.K., there's the sun, so that direction is 'up.'"



"According to the map, the treasure should be right behind that door."



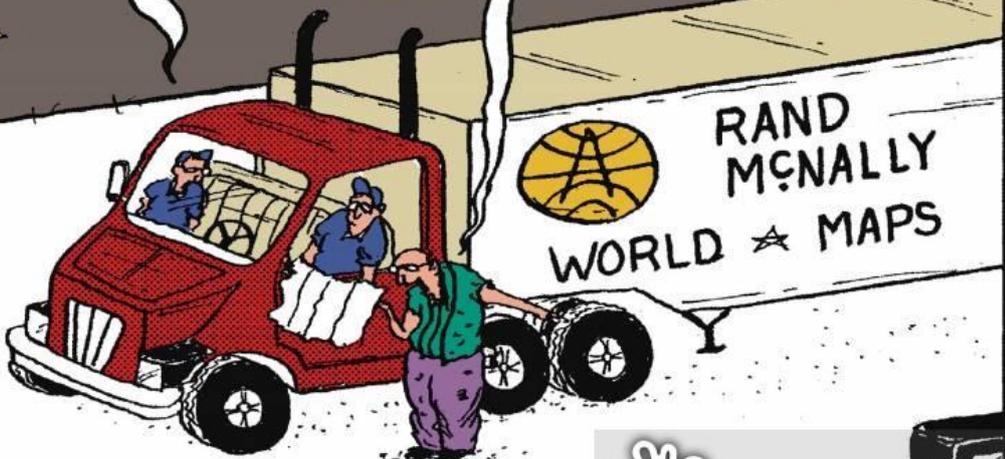


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**NO YOU DON'T GET A MAP READING
BADGE FOR KNOWING HOW TO
TURN ON A GPS!!**

IF ANYBODY BACK AT THE OFFICE GETS WIND OF THIS, WE'RE GONNA BE THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE COMPANY.

NO NO NO! YER LOOKIN' AT IT ALL BACKWARD! YOU WANT THIS HERE BLUE ROAD, 62!



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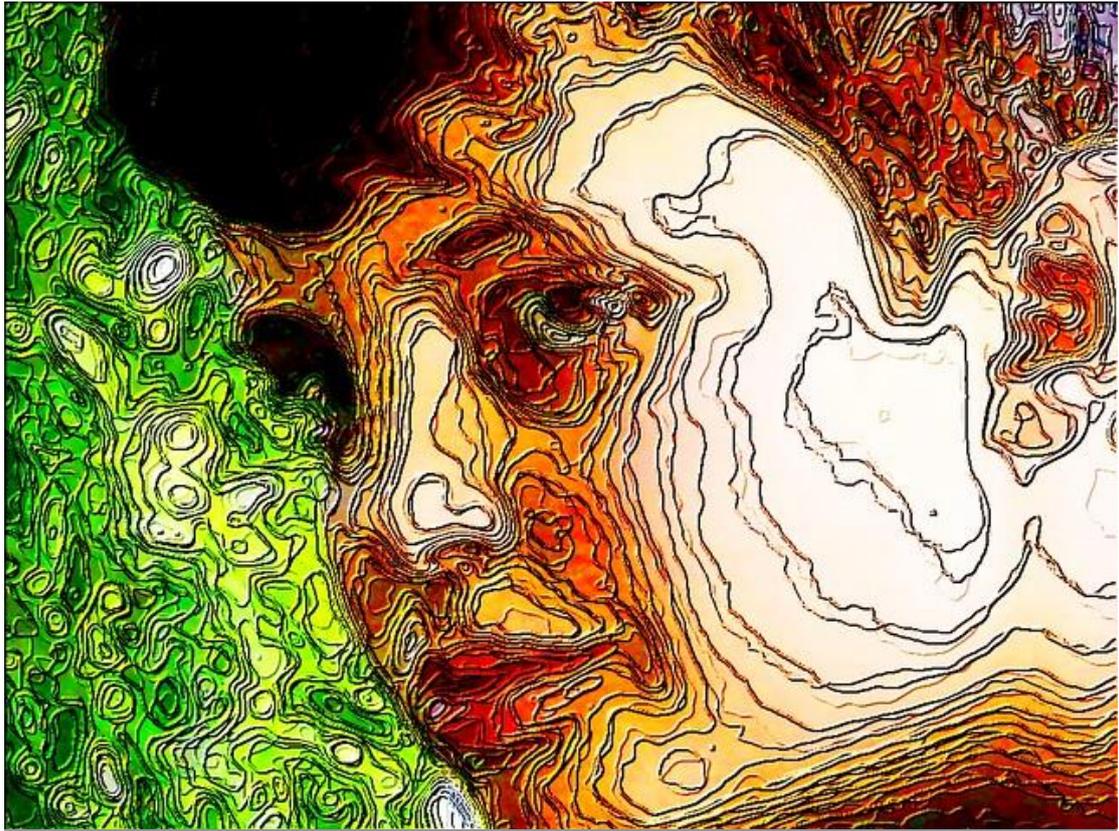
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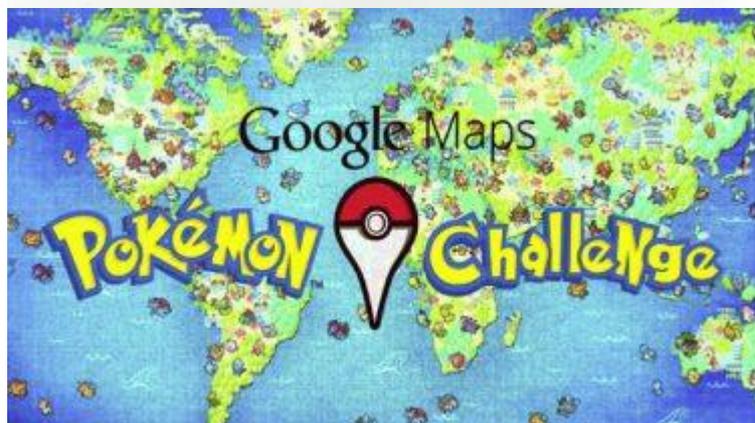
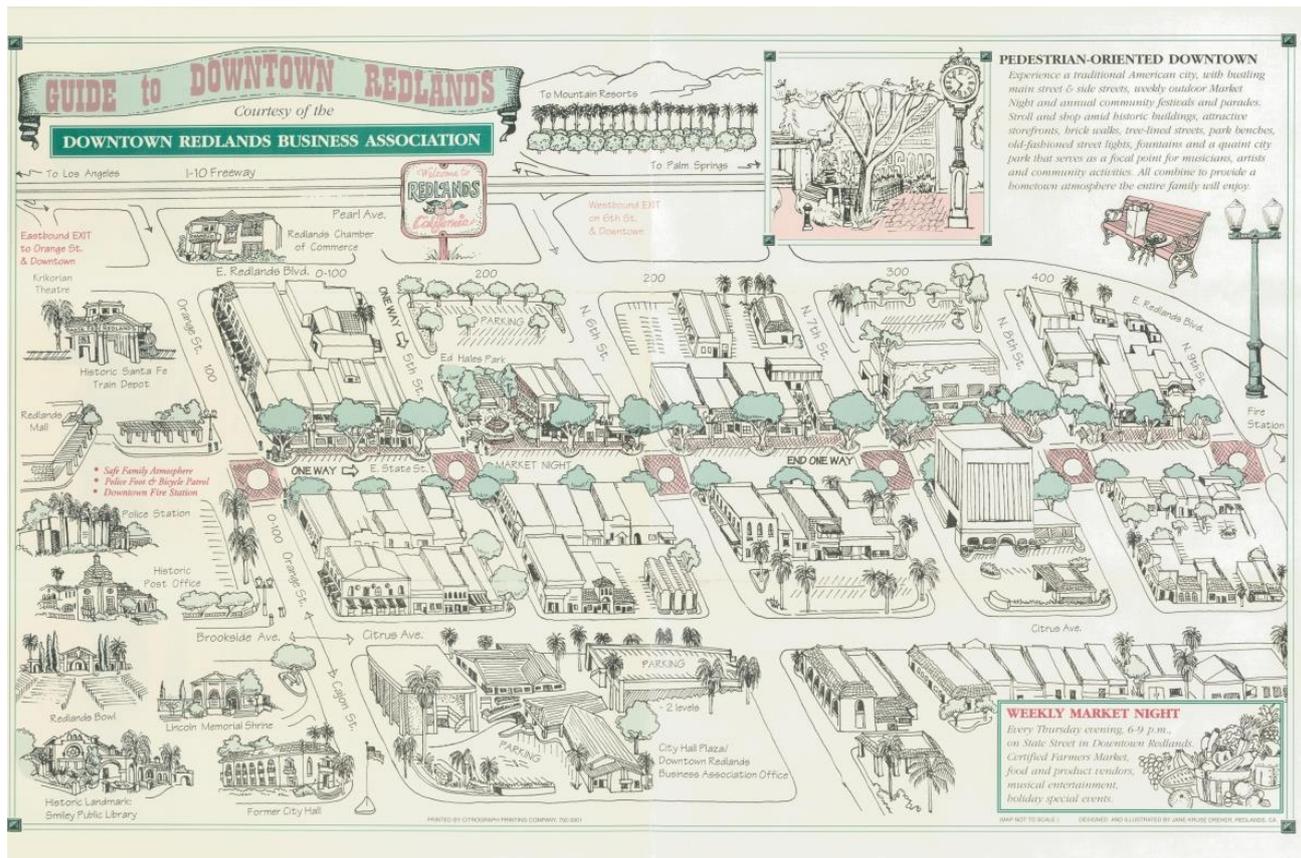
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Love IS THE GREATEST
Adventure



Joseph ♥ *Wanda*
EST. 2017



Further Information:

Seatoun suburb: (first settled in 1889): The name comes from a locality in Scotland: Its *Māori* name is Te Aroaro-o-Kupe (The front of Kupe), <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seatoun>

Seatoun School:

<http://www.seatoun.school.nz/home.aspx>

Enjoy the Outdoors: Breaker Bay:

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/beaches-and-coast/eastern-suburbs/breaker-bay>

NZ Coastal Defences: Fort Dorset:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nzcoastaldefences/wellington-s-coastal-defences/fort-dorset>

Traces of War: Fort Dorset:

<https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/10106/Fort-Dorset.htm>

Beacon Hill Signal Station (Wellington Regional Council): (and web cams)

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/beacon-hill/>

Old Beacon Hill signal station (1970's) plus bunker (where control was):

<https://nzshipmarine.recollect.co.nz/nodes/view/1665>

Eastern Walkway:

<https://wildbaynz.com/2012/08/17/wellington-walks-eastern-walkway/>

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/walks-and-walkways/beyond-the-city/eastern-walkway>

Atatürk memorial in Wellington:

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/media/photo/ataturk-memorial-wellington>

Rangitatau Reserve & Atatürk Park:

Rangitatau Reserve takes its name from a Ngai Tara pā which was situated on the headland on the western side of Tarakena Bay.

Oruaiti Reserve Military Structures:

<https://wellington.govt.nz/~media/recreation/parks-and-reserves/files/oruaiti-reserve-military-structures.pdf?la=en>

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/parks-and-reserves/suburban-and-city-reserves/rangitatau-reserve-and-ataturk-memorial-park>

Oruaiti Reserve:

The top of the ridge was the site of Oruaiti Pā, thought to have been built by Rangitane and later taken over by other tribes.

Features: The excellent views of the harbour from the ridge include:

- Barrett Reef, which the interisland ferry Wahine struck in 1968
- Steeple Rock (Te Aroaro-o-Kupe), where the Wahine finally capsized.

Te Aroaro-o-Kupe ('the presence of Kupe') is named after the legendary explorer Kupe, who visited the harbour.

<https://wellington.govt.nz/recreation/enjoy-the-outdoors/parks-and-reserves/suburban-and-city-reserves/oruaiti-reserve>

Working the guns at Fort Dorset, Seatoun:

<https://natlib.govt.nz/records/23203467>

Miramar/Seatoun Local History:

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/heritage/miramarseatoun.html>

Rangitatau - Poito and Oruaiti -

Te Tangihanga o Kupe Precinct: Maori Sites of Te Whanganui a Tara :

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/maori/wellington/ngawaahirangitatau.html>

Water tower in Seatoun for sale, but what can you do with it?

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/homed/latest/114106558/water-tower-in-seatoun-for-sale-but-what-can-you-do-with-it>

Waihine Memorial: Wahine disaster 50 years on: Those who died and a city's memorials:

Memorials in Churchill Park and Breaker Bay:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/102848402/wahine-disaster-50-years-on-those-who-died-and-a-citys-memorials>

Fort Dorset: Google Maps:

<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/Fort+Dorset/@-41.3289717,174.8359923,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m8!1e2!3m6!1sAF1QipNCNQQjJqEiK4m2voiJ4GJB12zkMZIPOHZnOxeP8!2e10!3e12!6shhttps:%2F%2Flh5.googleusercontent.com%2Fp%2FAF1QipNCNQQjJqEiK4m2voiJ4GJB12zkMZIPOHZnOxeP8%3Dw152-h86-k-no!7i4608!8i2592!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d38a5f4ccdbb701:0xd2d3a6196ae94d9c!8m2!3d-41.3289719!4d174.8359926>

Fort Dorset Layout Map:

<https://sites.google.com/site/nzcoastaldefences/wellington-s-coastal-defences/fort-dorset/layout-map-of-fort-dorset>

Architecture: the waterfront seatoun:

<https://www.studiopacific.co.nz/projects/2002/the-waterfront-seatoun/>

Mythical waka and pouwhenua: The mythical waka overlooks the Wellington heads, with the pouwhenua aligned to the distant Orongorongo Mountains:

<https://architecturenow.co.nz/articles/oraiti-reserve/>

Moa Point – why it's a special place:

<http://wellington.scoop.co.nz/?p=82735>