

THE SHORT HOBART SHORTS 2026

BULLETIN 1

OVERVIEW:

Hobart is surrounded by varied bushland; some state forest, some council reserve and some privately owned, allowing for over 20 orienteering maps which are used for local and schools events. Terrain varies with areas of thick forest, areas of open forest and areas of parkland crossed by walking tracks, mountain bike paths and some roads.

The inaugural Hobart Shorts series was held in 2015 immediately following the World Cup and Oceania Carnivals. The second series was held in 2023 following Oceania and utilised another 6 maps, all different from those used in 2015. This is a short series of three events. The first being at the Hobart Waterworks to make up for the event which was aborted due to a map printing error in 2023. The other two events are on maps unused in previous Hobart Shorts.

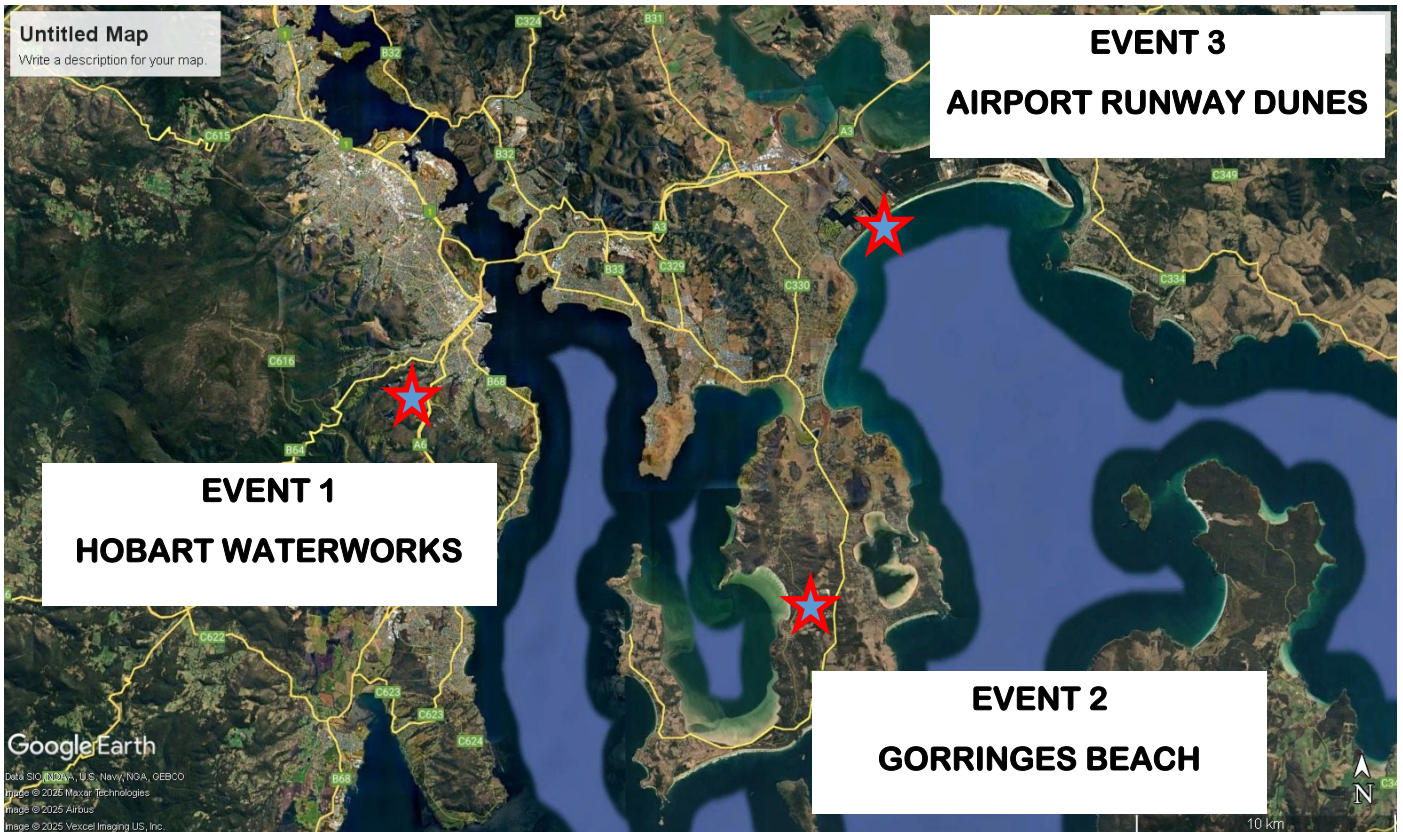
Hobart Shorts courses are NOT sprints. Their length is akin to Middle Distance events but with a few less controls than a normal middle distance and wherever possible a few longer legs and opportunities for route choice. Hobart terrain can be hilly and some maps can be complex. This event is not aimed at beginners but at those who have competed in the Easter Australian Championships.

This is not an official event as such and does not necessarily conform with all official rules. Accordingly participants can enter any course on any day. However if you wish to be in the running for a prize at the end of the series you must compete on the course associated with your age class shown below or a higher age class AND you must compete in and finish ALL 3 events.

COURSE	OFFICIAL AGE CLASSES	MAXIMUM DISTANCE	NAVIGATION	WINNING TIME
COURSE 1	M20, M21, M35	5.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 2	W20, W21, W35	4.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 3	M14, M16, M18, M40, M45, M50, M55, M60	4.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 4	W14, W16, W18, W40, W45, W50, W55, W60	3.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 5	M12, M65, M70, M75, M80+	3.0 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 6	W12, W65, W70, W75, W80+	2.5 km	HARD	30-45 min
COURSE 7	No age range	2.0 km	MEDIUM	30-45 min

PROGRAM AND LOCATION OF EVENTS

Thursday 9 April, 2.00 PM	Hobart Waterworks	3 km W of Hobart
Friday 10 April , 9.00 AM	Gorringes Beach	20 km SE of Hobart
Friday 10 April, 2.00 PM	Runway Dunes, 7 Mile Beach	20 km E of Hobart



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Entry: Entry is via Eventor with entries closing midnight Tuesday 7 April. Entry fee is \$15 per event and \$10 per event for juniors.

Maps: All maps in the series are at 1:7500 scale unless otherwise marked on the map. Maps have generally been updated in recent years but some immediate map changes may not be shown on the map. Where important these will be on display at events. Mountain bike trails are being built all the time and some may not yet be mapped.

Start Arrangements: All starts are queuing starts with 1 minute start intervals. There are no pre-arranged start times. You must start within the start window shown for the event (see individuals sections on events later in this bulletin). All events use punch starts—you must punch a START box after picking up your map.

Winning times: On all courses we expect winning times to be 30—40 minutes, average times 40-50 minutes and slow times 50 minutes to 1 hour. Make sure you finish by course closure time.

Course Closure: Course closure is 90 minutes after the last start. If you think you may be slow then get there early for an early start.

Toilets: The information provided later in this bulletin advises toilet availability for each event. For some events we will provide portaloos while for others there will be instructions as to where the nearest public toilet can be found.

Results: This is a low key event so most likely we will have result blocks with name/time stickers. As you finish collect your sticker from the download trailer's printer and attach it to a block to go on the results board.

First Aid: We have a first aid kit and some participants are doctors but as all events are on the outskirts of Hobart, any serious accidents will require an ambulance to be called or the person taken to the Emergency section of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

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EVENT 1, HOBART WATERWORKS

Date and Time: Thursday 9 April 2026, Starts 2.00 pm—3:15 pm

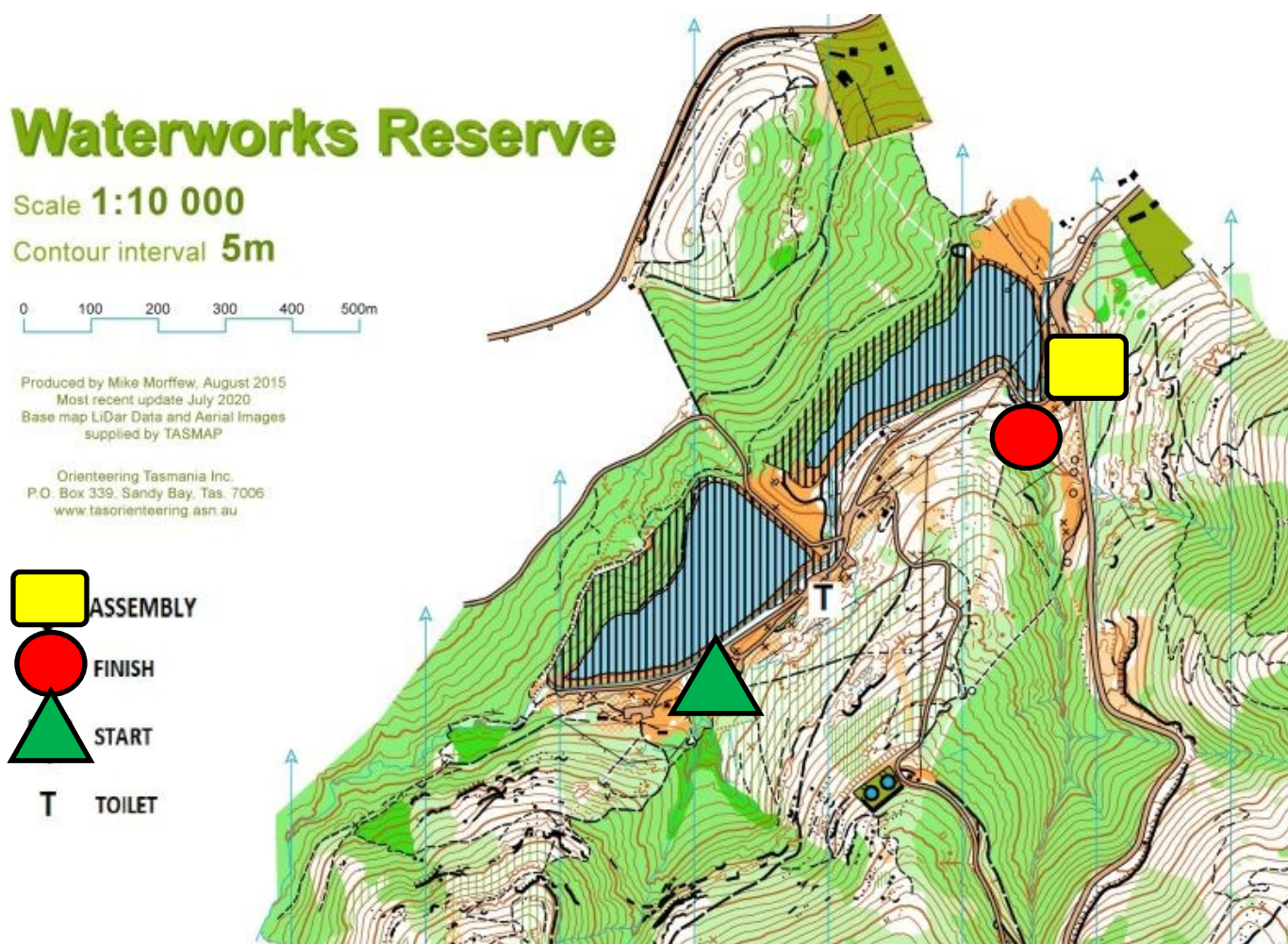
Getting there: From the shopping centre in Sandy Bay take King Street uphill to the Lynton Ave roundabout. Turn right into Lynton Ave and under the underpass turn left into Waterworks Road. Continue to the Waterworks entrance and park as directed.

Parking: Park as directed prior to walking 500 m to the start. You may have to park on the roadside uphill from the park entrance.

Toilets: There is a public toilet near the start.

Terrain: Steep hillsides with sometimes runnable and sometimes thick vegetation riddled with old sandstone quarries and cliff lines. Please Note: courses will be different from 2023.

Other Activities: Go for a walk on the many tracks after your run.



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EVENT 2, GORRINGES BEACH

Date and Time: Friday 10 April 2026, Starts 9.00 am—10:15 am




Getting there: From Hobart take the Tasman Highway towards Hobart Airport but turn left at the Mornington overpass following signs to Lauderdale, Clifton Beach and South Arm. About 2 km after Lauderdale turn right into Rifle Range Road. Follow this for about 4 km as it changes into Gelibrand Drive. When you see Orienteering signs turn left.

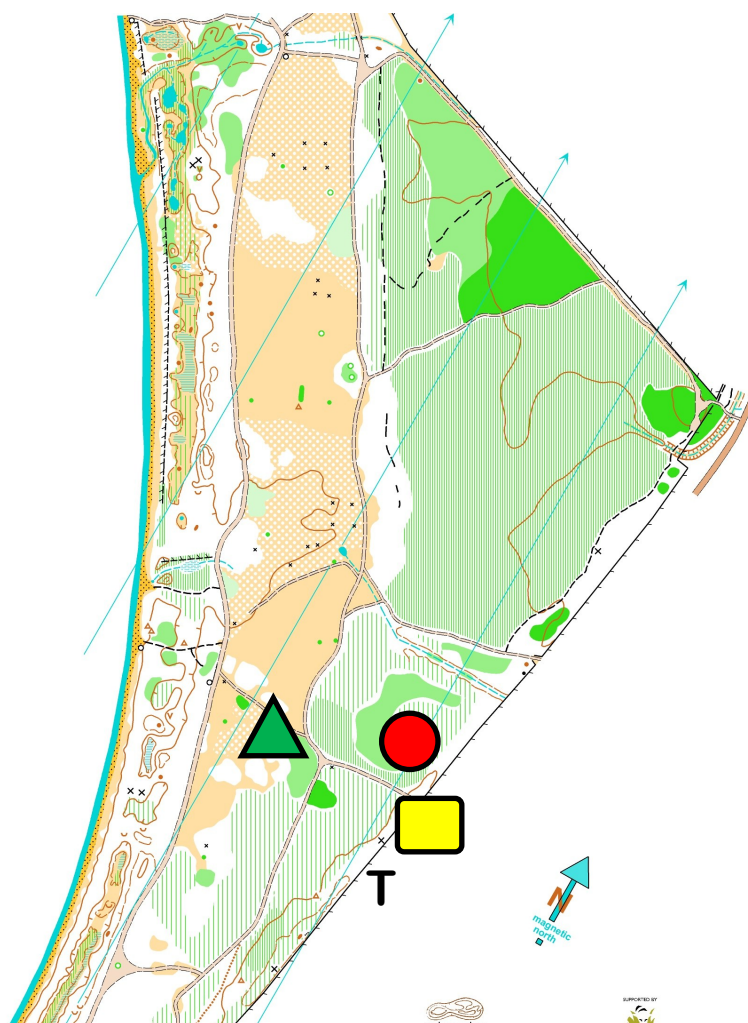
Parking: Park as directed prior to walking 300 m to the start.

Toilets: There will be a portaloos present.

Terrain: Flat running through open areas, light forest and scrubby areas as well as in and around coastal sand dunes.

Other Activities: That morning it will be a very low tide so not much chance of a swim after the event unless you like walking 400 m out across the sand flats. Better to drive on along Gelibrand Drive to Calverts Beach.

-  ASSEMBLY
-  START
-  FINISH
-  TOILET



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EVENT 3, AIRPORT RUNWAY DUNES

Date and Time: Friday 10 April 2026, Starts 2.00 pm—3:15 pm

Getting there: From Hobart take the Tasman Highway towards Hobart Airport. Turn off the Tasman Highway at the airport and drive down Holyman Drive. Drive right past the Airport on Grueber Ave and turn left at O signs near Surf Road.

Parking: Park as directed prior to walking 100 m to the start.

Toilets: There will be a portaloos present.

Terrain: Some times open and some times scrubby sand dunes with beach and track running options. Part of the map is right under the arrival path of aircraft when the wind is NW. Aircraft pass overhead so close you feel you need to duck for cover.

Other Activities: Have a walk along 7 Mile Beach or even a swim if its warm enough.

