

Get ready for the start of the Dubbo Dash

IF you spot some young people running around the Dubbo area with a compass and map over the next week, stop and give them a clap.

The Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) are about to start and Dubbo has the honour of being the host of this international event.

As Member for Dubbo Dawn Fardell tells competitors in her welcome, Australia is proud to be the first nation in the Southern Hemisphere to have been chosen for this competition which was first held in 1990.

One of the public events on the program is a race called the Dubbo Dash which will be run this Sunday afternoon, July 8.

Everyone is invited to witness competitors and officials marching from the Visitor Centre to the RSL Club on Saturday afternoon, July 7, from 3.30, followed by the official



Aussie Aussie Aussie! Simon Uppill, seen here in recent competition, is one of Australia's hottest chances for a gold medal at the Junior World Orienteering Championships which are about to be held in Dubbo.

opening ceremony at the RSL from 4pm.

There'll be a sprint spectacle at Western Plains Zoo this Sunday morning starting at 9.30 and then competition continues throughout the week ahead finishing with the closing ceremony and banquet next Friday night, July 13.

Competitors will be arriv-

ing from all over the world to compete here in Dubbo.

Unfortunately for some, the high security alerts at some international airports have already had an effect. Competitors from Spain and Slovakia have had their luggage held up by the baggage handling system at London's Heathrow airport.

Do you speak Russian?

Whilst Australian-based organisers have been working hard preparing for JWOC in Dubbo for months, things inevitably go wrong.

The lady they had lined up as a Russian translator has fallen ill. JWOC Team Liaison officer Nick Dent contacted *Dubbo Photo News* on Tuesday asking if we can help track down someone in Dubbo who can help. If you can, call our office and we'll put you in touch.

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Dubbo hosts
the Junior World
Orienteering
Championships

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Fanfare and colour as we welcome the world

THERE were smiling faces, colourful flags and a few crazy costumes as representatives of orienteering nations from around the world marched through the main streets of Dubbo on Saturday afternoon to help launch the 2007 Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC), being hosted here this week.

It was enough for at least one local businessman to ask the obvious question: "Where are A Current Affair and Today Tonight now?" The two TV shows have infamously swept through town in recent times to film negative stories about our city but were nowhere to be seen for this good news story on the weekend.

Young competitors from Canada, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland and more



joined with our own Aussie contingent and marched from the Visitor Centre to the RSL Club ready for the 4pm Opening Ceremony in the club auditorium.

The march was led by the RSL Youth Club

Baton Twirlers, while members of the PCYC carried the banner for each country.

Mayor of Dubbo Allan Smith and Aboriginal community member Dianne McNaboe welcomed the visitors who

were also entertained by young dancers and the Sing Australia choir.

The JWOC events are being held over five days, consisting of four disciplines – the Sprint of about 3km, the Middle Distance over ap-



Warm welcome:

Dubbo's welcome to competitors in the 2007 JWOC included young Aboriginal dancers, above. **Above:** Our cover picture shows members of the Lithuanian team during the march.

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proximately 5km, the Long Distance over about 11km, and a relay event for teams of three runners.

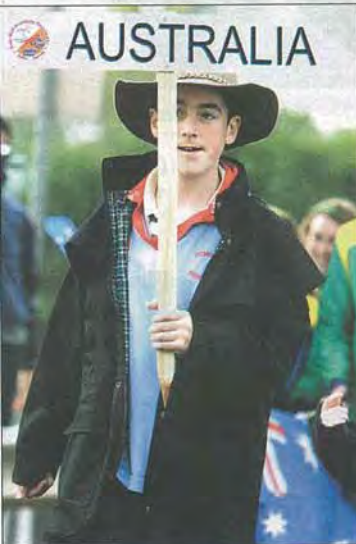
JWOC concludes tomorrow (Friday).

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THE world has come to Dubbo this week for the 2007 Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC). The event officially kicked off on Saturday afternoon with a march through the main streets of Dubbo, followed by the opening ceremony at the RSL Club auditorium.



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Welcome to Dubbo, JWOC!

Pictures from the Opening Ceremony and march



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