

**MelBushO report
Orienteering Victoria Council Meeting
19 October, 2012**

So far ...

Two series in the middle of the year:

- 2011 3 events with access problems for 2 out of the 3 (due to heavy rain).
Events run by YV and DR
- 2012 7 events with no major access problems but Parks Victoria charges for 5 events. Events run by YV, DR, NE, TK, MF

A grant in 2011 from Sport and Recreation Victoria to pay for setup – website, orange caps, first aid.

Success!

- Numbers around 100 attendees per event in 2012
- Families prominent and good atmosphere for newcomers
- Many people came to more than one event.
- A good place for new coursesetters and organisers to have a go
- Separate MelBushO website including photos and reports of previous events
- Simple format of event – in number of courses and number of controls, in charges, using SI

Statistics from participation officer (Kathy Liley)

Melbush participations in 2012.

834 total participations

415 individual participants

232	1 event	(ie melbush event)
77	2 events	
37	3 events	
27	4 events	
27	5 events	
11	6 events	
4	7 events	

246 individual participants who are not VOA financial members

175	1 event	(ie melbush event)
43	2 events	
11	3 events	
8	4 events	
7	5 events	
2	6 events	

of these 246:

142 this was the only event they have attended this year (ie others have been to non-melbush events) -

104 have attended more than one event in the year (might be melbush, might be others).

46	Vets from previous years
12	seniors (12-35) from previous years
11	juniors - most are known
35	others

Warning bells!

- Simple format of events in danger of becoming more complicated by clubs used to running state series events
- Parks Victoria and other land owners nervous about the use of their land.
- Car parking difficult in some of the areas.

Aim for 2013

- Another series of 7 or 8 events involving as many Melbourne clubs as possible. Contact Ruth Goddard as soon as possible with your ideas of running an event preferably with a map in mind.
- Increase the number of coloured maps (with contours) in the pool of possible maps. Bush rather than park (or bushy parks!)
- Keep the events low key – instructions will be in the event organisers toolkit and on the MelBushO website.
- Know your ranger/landowner and communicate with them and the neighbours of the map.

Please note: there is a more comprehensive report in Spring OVic by Debbie Dodd.

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