

Urban Orienteering Subcommittee Report – March 2013

Orienteering Victoria Board Meeting

Guidance Required

Please provide guidance on if the Board believes it is worthwhile to expand Sprint series scope and the role of the project officer to include promotion to primary schools.

Note:

- 1) This would involve additional on the day planning plus additional VOA funding may be required to meet all the requirements of extending the scope.
- 2) The Urban Orienteering committee reserves the right to make the final decision at its May 2013 committee meeting.

OVERALL STATUS

Business as usual

ACTIVITIES & PLANS

1. ASC/OA funding for participation projects

Sprint Series

Mapping is progressing well on the maps for the first series.

Geoff Adams has offered to support Ted vanG in the series technical advisory role, particularly in quality control to the mapping standards required.

A concern has been raised that Dave Lotty has commenced mapping areas without the okay of the Urban Orienteering committee. This involves 2 areas that are covered within the Sprint series plan. The Urban committee will be responding to Dave requesting that he liaise with the Urban Committee re potential map areas and not to just commence mapping the 2nd area.

Should any Board member receive an offer to map a Melbourne urban area as a Sprint map, please refer the person to the Urban O committee to ensure that the request does not conflict with plans already in progress, including allocating ownership of Sprint map areas.

The Urban O committee has received an approach from John Harding about extra ASC/OA funds being made available if we promote our sprint series to primary schools. The amount of additional funding is not large and is in the order of \$3000. Could the board please provide guidance on if they believe it is worthwhile to expand our scope and the role of the project officer? Note: Additional VOA funding may be required to meet all the requirements of extending the scope. The Urban Orienteering committee reserves the right to make the final decision at its May 2013 committee meeting.

2. PAS Summer Series 2012/13

Overall the summer series were well attended, with numbers very similar to the previous summer. A drop in Thursday attendances is noted, no doubt caused by Thursdays experiencing some extremes in weather (rain in the early season +very hot days later on).

The average number of attendees over each series was:

Southern Series	80 (79 last year)
Western Series 1	85 (90 last year)
Western Series 2	110 (104 last year)
Eastern Series	155 (148 last year)
Northern Series	52* (65 last year)
Geelong series	44 (55 last year)
Macedon series	19 (18 last year)
Overall	414 (350 last year)

*Thursday series 21 events counted as one cancelled due to weather

The new Surf Coast series has attracted approx 40 attendees per event.

Total attendees across all series were 8,740 (8,769 last year)

3. PAS Winter Series 2013

The winter season has started well with generally good attendances across all the series. *However a slight dip was noticed the week prior to Easter due to the focus on the Easter 3 day event.

Average attendance up to week finishing 13th April (excludes Saturday series)

Average number of attendees per week

Monday series: 52 (50 last year)

Tuesday series: 95 (90 last year)

Wednesday series: *90 (104 last year)

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND RISKS

Sprint Mapping

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