

Promotion and Development Report March 21st 2013

General

The continuing hot weather with high temperatures has led to the implementation of the heat policy and cancellation policy for days of total fire ban, extreme or code red days.

Two days of sessions have been cancelled and there has been modification of some sessions to prevent heat exhaustion.

1. Thursday 7th February was declared a Total Fire Ban day. It was hot and windy. The session at Westerfolds Park was cancelled.
2. Tuesday 12th March was a day of high temperatures 37C forecast. The heat policy was implemented and 2 sessions cancelled.

School /Tertiary Sessions

- Kingswood College Yr 7 & 8 (new school) booked 4 classes in for 2 sessions / class, at Westerfolds Pk. *Feb/ March is not a good time of year for orienteering due to hot weather. These sessions took place from 1 – 3pm. so the hottest part of the day. The school had no flexibility to alter session times or to consider using the cooler months.*
- Haileybury College – Castlefield campus (Brighton) Yr 8 at Gilwell Park.
- Gilson College – Brimbank Pk – yr 7 -2 groups/day
- Bentleigh SC –Yr 11 - Gilwell Park
- Hume Central (Town campus) SC-Yr10 - Brimbank Pk

Tertiary

- RMIT – Medical science students – 2 groups over days at Hanging Rock.

Mapping.

While working at Hanging Rock it became apparent that the paddocks to the east of the HR reserve were now linked with access tracks to the main HRR. An approach has been made to Macedon Ranges Council for permission to map and use for Vic PS Champs in November. Permission has been granted.

Jim Russell has accepted the mapping job, which will be done after Easter.

Schools Championships going electronic.

500 Pcards have been purchased from Colin Price. They cards carry our own design



- Jim and I have designed a new finish cum results procedure for VSSOC.
- Storage boxes have been purchased to accommodate the Pcards in numerical and start-time order.
- A new system is being established to allocate Pcard numbers etc. and to provide students with a label on their control description sheet (rather than the control card). This means each student has some information with them re their start time, course , Si number.

Sport and Recreation Victoria

Grant projects.

1. Controllers Course

Five (5) orienteers attended the course run by Kathy Liley. Level 1 x 4, Level 2 x 1. Each person is now required to get experience in the field in order to gain full accreditation.

2. Eventor Training Course

Nineteen (19) orienteers attended an Eventor Training session held at Westerfolds Park

3. First Aid Course

One orienteer has indicated they will be attending an 'Apply First Aid' Course before June 30th 2013.

4. Westerfolds Pk Permanent Course

Progress has been made.

- 30 control sites have been selected
- 30 sites have been visited by Parks Victoria Ranger – Shane O'Dwyer and Peta Whitford – all sites vetted and verified as suitable to use.
- Parks Victoria requested that recycled plastic posts be used rather than treated pine or cypress. PV use a company called Replas. *Replas is an all Australian company. Manufacturing is in Ballarat, HQ in Carrum Downs.*
- Contact has been made with Replas, demonstration trailer brought to Westerfolds Pk, quote obtained.
- Decision made to undertake ordering of posts plus designing work on posts - thru Replas.
- The final artwork is being 'tweaked' and should be ready for signing off within a day or two.

Jarrah Whitford is being employed to undertake the obtaining and supply of 30 QR codes and the setting up of the 'Smart Orienteering System' using the QR codes. A meeting is planned for this Friday 15th March to finalise details.

It is anticipated that the posts and systems should be ready for installation in about June, (bear in mind majority of Club members are very busy with Easter and then I have the VSSOC ...so best to take pressure off people at the moment). It is envisaged that Dennis Mews will work closely with me and YVOC club members to plan for an official opening with slick media/ marketing campaign.

Tour Operators Licence

Today I have received notification that the application for OV to become a Tour Operator(for schools O programs) has been successful and finalised.

OV now takes out an annual licence- at present \$110, rising in July to \$220...plus pays a per head fee for each student, currently \$0.75 and rising in July to \$1.60.

I will email out the TOL information so you are all aware of the details and responsibilities.

Ov Polo shirts

The saga continues!

Thought I'd managed to get 'off the shelf' readily available style on order. Ready to sign off when Kea said ...it will take 12 weeks! I demanded to know why....Kea had again used custom made and not off the shelf. May give up on Kea. Time runs out each day...will keep you informed. Maybe this is just "bad business".

Peta Whitford 14th March 2103

Correspondence

SRV – Re 2012 – 2015 Victorian More Active Agreement.

New schedule for payments.

Stat e-bulletins: - ONSW, Top End,

Hard copy - OAWA