

Bush Orienteering Committee Report to OV Board November 2013 – by Mark Hennessy

Decisions required:

- 1 2014 Orienteer of the Year – the Board is requested to delegate decision making to some of its members regarding age classes and courses for SS events in 2014.

Bush O program for 2014

The program is now finalised and the events are on Eventor.

Laurie Niven is working with Dennis Mews to develop a publication to promote the 2014 Bush O program.

Orienteer of the year in 2014 – proposal to award points per course and gender, but not per age class

Feedback was invited in this week's Onews and I have received 6 replies already, mostly from substantial contributors to OV. The replies are of two types. The first are strategic views, which all support the proposition. Two responses are "personal reactions" from highly competitive over 60s orienteers lamenting the loss of competition. This is not unexpected. The likely losers in this matter are high achieving orienteers in age classes with more than about 6 competitors.

A number of people have suggested fewer courses, especially at the long end of the spectrum.

It is recommended that the Board delegate responsibility to the three members of the Board who normally attend Bush O committee meetings (Bruce, Don and Ruth) to make a decision, based on discussions at the Bush O committee meeting planned for the Ballarat weekend.

Blair has suggested a "per km" rating scheme for age based-awards, based on that used in ACT. This allows age based awards, with people completing different courses. It seems to me these could be offered for sub junior, junior, open, 40+, 50+, 60+ 70+ and maybe 80+. OV could offer medals, named after famous Victorian orienteers. It is possible we could implement this in 2014 – the main problem would be to press gang a statistician/scorer.

2014 NOL Event – Victoria, March 2014

Arrangements are proceeding. Dennis has offered to assist with publicity. The first bulletin is due on December.

2015 Australian Championships Carnival

- The organising committee will meet on the Ballarat sprint weekend, at a time yet to be determined.
- The current event details are as follows (map names withheld).

2015 Australian Championships Carnival - Proposed event details **DRAFT ONLY November 2013**

Required championships	Organiser	Controller	Course planner	Probable map	Map owner	Travel km ex Ballarat	Travel time to assembly	Mapper	New / existing / remap
Aust Long Champ'ship	Eureka	Chris Norwood	Vacant	CF	EU	20 NE	20 mins	Roch Prendergast	New map of old area
Aust Relays	Nillumbik Emus	Kathy Liley	Vacant	BG	NE	35 SE	30 mins	Alex Tarr	Remap
Aust Middle	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	SC	EU	20 NE	20 mins	Eureka	Minor update
Aust Sprint	EU + DR	Blair Trewin	Vacant	SMB or BG	EU	1 km	5 mins	Eureka	New
Schools individual	Vacant	Mandy Hennessy	Vacant	BA or DC	NE	50 km SE or NE	40 mins	Alex Tarr	New or existing
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Other optional events – yet to be determined which will be offered									
Midweek public race #1	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	BA or DC	NE	50 km	40 mins	Alex Tarr	New or existing
Midweek public race # 2	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	BA or DC	NE	50 km	40 mins	Alex Tarr	New or existing
Schools sprint	MFR	Mandy Hennessy	Vacant	To be determined		1 - 3 km	5 - 10 mins	TBA	TBA
Street O challenge	DROC	Urban committee	DROC	Ballarat streets	TBA	1 km	10 min	TBA	New
First weekend middle distance	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	CD	YV	20 NE	20 mins	Alex Tarr	Remap