

EASTER 2013 – Bulletin #3, December 2012

1. This is the third in an occasional series of ‘Bulletins’ to ensure everyone affected is kept up-to-date with preparations for next Easter’s “Australian 3 Days”. The next bulletin is expected to be circulated at end-January. The contents of Bulletins #1 and #2 (dated and circulated on 19 June and 14 October respectively) are taken ‘as read’, but if anyone needs a copy of either document please let me know.
2. Since Bulletin #2 was produced many of the actions envisaged at that time have come to fruition, thanks to the efforts (some herculean!) of a large number of people. A summary of key points follows:-
3. **Entries.** After extensive testing Eventor went live on c18 November. The huge effort put into it has been rewarded with almost 400 entries, and some \$36,000 in payments, by the cut-off date of 16 December for ‘early bird’ fees. This is indicative, so far as it is possible to gauge, that total entries in due course will likely be in the 700-800 range.
4. **Financial return to clubs.** At its meeting on 19 October OV Council resolved to share the sum raised* **equally** amongst all OV clubs (save the ARDF Group, whose members benefit per their ‘host’ club). [*Back in June the principle of “\$2 per entrant per day” was adopted: thus 700 entrants to the 3-days plus half that number on Good Friday will generate \$4,900 in total.]
5. **Event website** (www.easterorienteeing2013.com.au). This is our main communication tool with (potential) entrants, and is continually updated with new developments. If you are not currently familiar with the contents of the website, they are well worth exploring.
6. **Race-related activities.** Progress overall has been very good. The Saturday event is effectively ‘ready to roll’. The other three venues (for Friday, Sunday and Monday) need (limited) further work during January to tidy up a variety of ‘venue-specific’ loose ends.
7. **Non- race activities.** Progress in these respects has also been excellent, as reflected for the most part on the website (merchandise, camping venue, OA dinner venue). The camping venue (Mandurang Cricket Club) will also serve as an excellent Event Centre, soon to be promoted as such on the website.
8. **What Next?** As noted previously, any large O-event involves an ongoing set of ‘works in progress’ as the many facets of its preparation are tackled. Some of these are independent of each other, whereas others are closely linked and their timing and/or sequencing are critical. We have now largely worked through what were identified previously as “Pre-Christmas” tasks, leaving ...
9. **Post-Christmas**, in summary:-
 - (i) **By end-January** – all ‘technical’ work on maps, courses and map design/printing plans to be completed, plus ongoing work during January on race-site logistics, equipment procurement and so on;
 - (ii) **By end- February** – all “Event Programme” info for competitors to be ready. Most ‘traditional’ info will be placed as PDFs on the website for competitors to read/download as they wish. A ‘barebones’ summary of key points will be available both as (i) a PDF on the website and (ii) supplied as hard-copy in the ‘show-bags’ collected at registration;
 - (iii) **On 11 March** – entries (for age-group classes) close at midnight on 10 March, so by the next morning we will have a ‘fixed’ database for various purposes – numbers of maps to print, preparation of start-lists (for display in due course on website), preparation of ‘bibs’ etc
 - (iv) **Easter w/e and days prior** – set up, stage and then dismantle all aspects of E2013.
 - (v) **On 2 April** – relax!

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