

Urban Orienteering Subcommittee Report – February 2013

Orienteering Victoria Council Meeting / Strategy Day

Decisions Required

none

OVERALL STATUS

Business as usual

ACTIVITIES & PLANS

1. ASC/OA funding for participation projects

Casey Southern Series

The 5-event Casey Challenge has been run very successfully, with 85-90 participants per event, and over 50 newcomers for the series – about half of these did two or more events, and some have since been to events on other nights. Regular Monday night competitors also endorsed the series by attending with only about half a dozen opting not to come due to the extra distance. Greg Andrews has produced flyers for local distribution, had an article and advertising in the Berwick and Cranbourne Leader newspapers (which resulted in our biggest influx of newcomers), and used social media such as www.meetup.com, to promote the series. Greg has also produced a weekly report and results for the OV website, and has been hosting the events and liaising with the newcomers. He will compile a report for the OV Board in coming weeks.

Sprint Series

Map production is about to get under way with Aaron Dodd to upgrade Darebin Parklands and Westgate Park, and Greg Tamblyn to map Newport Lakes. Other potential maps are still being negotiated and it is likely that an advertisement will need to be placed soon for another mapper. Tuckonie is investigating the possibility of conducting the Sprint Championships at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds in November. All mapping is to be completed by the end of July, with Ted van Geldermalsen to sign off on the finished products and ensure they are of appropriate and consistent quality. The final program of maps will be selected mid year and will include a mix of parkland and more complex urban terrain. The Spring Sprint 6-event series will be run on Saturday afternoons from mid October to mid November, culminating in the Championship.

2. PAS Summer Series 2012/13

The summer continues to be well attended, with numbers slightly less than at the same time last summer. Thursday has suffered the biggest attendance drop (due to some extremely hot weather and one very wet day) The average number of attendees over the first 15 events (to week ending 4 Feb) is:

Southern Series	81 (79 at same point last year)
Western Series	86 (92 at same point last year)
Eastern Series	136 (133 at same point last year)
Northern Series	50 (67 at same point last year)
Overall	353 (371 at same point last year)

The new Surf Coast series has attracted approx 40 attendees per event, and series have been run in Geelong and Macedon.

3. Winter Fixture

The winter fixture for 2013 is finalised. The fixture will contain the usual weekly Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening events, plus a weekend program of 20 Saturday events, and 13 Sunday events (7 MelbushO, 5 EndurO, 1 RadiO). Thanks to the Fixtures group led by Ian Stirling and Marta Salek, and Katherine Dent for the cover.

4. Eventor

Eventor is not yet ready to use for season ticket sales and this has been postponed until summer 2013-14. However the winter fixture will be imported, enabling a revamped online calendar.

5. PAS Championships

Qualifying races have commenced and will continue during February, culminating in the final at Warralong in March. The Championships have generated plenty of interest and we thank Ray Howe and his team for organising them. A report will be compiled at the conclusion of the Championships.

6. Millennium Club

The annual dinner has become a highlight of the PAS calendar. This year's event will be held in March in Doncaster and we expect another large turnout. Members who have passed milestones will receive formal recognition, in addition to awards for Course Setter of the Year, the MEFTY award (most events for the year), and the usual hotly contested trivia competition. Our thanks to the Howes for organising and hosting the event once again. There are now 22 Legend members of the Millennium Club.

7. Website

News reports continue to be well received. Thanks to Finlay Stuart who continues to provide excellent ongoing support, as well as all the scorers who do a terrific job each week.

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND RISKS

nil

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