

Principle Objective

- To stage mountain bike orienteering events in a summer series, DuO (run, ride, run), Victorian Series (4 courses at each event), Victorian Schools Championship, Victorian Open Sprint, Middle, Relay and Long Distance Championships, and several ultra long distance events each year from 2013 to 2015

Key Outcomes

- Promote mtbo in low-key summer scatter events using new technology developed by Geoff Hudson to simplify the processing of results with use of mobile phone / tv screen
- Increase participation from casual orienteers in two DuO's with a run-ride-run format using mass starts and simple scatter courses for the runs, classic rides for the bike legs; utilize sponsorship from Bikecorp and Silva to establish good links to bike shops and gym programs
- Increase junior participation through the Victorian Schools MTBO Championship and school mtbo events as part of the orienteering curriculum of primary/secondary schools
- Increase interstate participation by staging the Victorian Sprint, Middle and Long Championships over a weekend in April incorporating the AUS MTBO World Championship team trials and a round of the National MTBO Series
- Increase junior participation by promoting the Victorian MTBO Series and 2013 Victorian MTBO Champs with target schools (ie Braemar, Macedon PS, Castlemaine schools)
- Maintain and enhance the MTBO Orienteer of the Year awards and National MTBO ranking scheme recognition in Victorian and Orienteering Australia magazines and webpages

Actions

2013

- Work with Communication and Marketing Officer to promote all series and events with the target audiences – juniors, casual orienteers, adventure riders, gym members, active outdoor enthusiasts
- Recruit and instruct new organisers, course planners, mappers and Eventor –friendly helpers to reduce the organisational load on experienced mtbo organisers
- Keep the summer series simple utilizing new technology to attract younger organisers and participants who are new technology users
- Divide-up and re-allocate the roles that Peter Cusworth has managed – webpage, series calendar planner, communication via mtbo webpage, mapper and event organiser
- Stage the April National MTBO Event #1, AUS Selection Trials / Victorian MTBO Championships in the professional manner that has been the Australian standard over the past 5 years; utilize new technology to increase visibility on the results board and webpages

- Attract junior participants in the April Victorian MTBO Championship by liaising with target schools and providing incentives to attend events in Castlemaine and Rushworth
- Establish a mtbo coaching group in Victoria with task to develop protocols and guidelines for teaching mtbo in schools
- Suggest possible inclusion of two (2) mtbo events in the 2015 Australian Orienteering Championships program
- Promote the participation of Victorian MTBO riders in the National Championships in Queensland (July) and Round 3 in ACT (October) by offering VOA financial assistance to defray costs of transporting bikes to these events (hire of van dedicated to carrying bikes)
- Encourage participation of Victorian MTBO riders in the 2014 Oceania Championships on North Island of New Zealand, early January 2014, building on the good representation of Victorians in January 2012 Oceania MTBO on the south island NZ

2014

- Tender for a round of the National MTBO Series in Victoria
- Participate in the Oceania MTBO Championships on north island of New Zealand
- Evaluate the performance of the various 2013 mtbo series and recommend changes to the 2014 yearly calendar to better promote/increase participation
- Investigate the inclusion of mtbo in the Australian Championships (2015) program

2015

- Tender for a round of the National MTBO Series in Victoria
- Evaluate the changes implemented in 2013-14