

## Bush Orienteering Committee Report to OV Council June 2013 – by Mark Hennessy

### Decisions required:

- 1 Council is asked to note the new portfolios and office holders within the Bush Orienteering Sub committee.
- 2 2015 Australian Championships Carnival – note developments so far.
- 3 Accommodation in Ballarat for 2015 states' schools teams be investigated and secured as soon as possible.
- 4 A coordinator for the Australian Secondary Schools program (other than orienteering competitions) needs to be appointed.
- 5 Clubs who wish to run State Series events before May in 2014 should contact Laurie Niven as soon as possible to enable scheduling around NOL weekend and Easter.

### Reactivation of Bush sub Committee for 2013-2014

The Bush subcommittee met at the State Series event at Sailors Diggings in May. The following people agreed to take on roles within (and reporting to) the committee:

Kathy Liley	Specialist Technical Advisor, Bush Orienteering (advice, education, accreditation).
Laurie Niven	Operations Coordinator, Bush Orienteering (schedule, appointing controllers, quality, etc).
Rex Niven	Map Registrar (keeps records of past map usage, map ratings and future mapping claims)
Mark Hennessy	Convenor, Bush Orienteering Sub Committee (services the committee).

The position of Mapping Development Officer was not filled, but I am in discussions with some potential helpers in this regard. This person will advise on long term mapping needs and opportunities, on technology such as LIDAR, as well as encouraging and promoting mapping of bush areas.

In addition to the above people, general committee members will be part of the committee for 2013 – 2014.

The sub-committee determined that the best time to meet was 1 pm at selected bush orienteering events.

### 2014 NOL Event – Victoria, March 2014

OA has offered Victoria a two-day NOL weekend, with a middle distance at Rowdy Flat (AW have offered to organise) and a long distance at Kangaroo Crossing (YV have offered to organise). The date is 22& 23 March 2014, with middle late on Saturday and long at the normal time on Sunday.

### 2015 Australian Championships Carnival

Eureka have been invited to form the nucleus of an organising committee, with Nillumbik Emus being the other major partner. It is expected that all clubs will play some role in the carnival. A committee chair has yet to be appointed. The committee will report to the Board via the Bush Orienteering Sub-Committee. Alex Tarr is available for mapping in 2014 and has spoken to Eureka and Nillumbik Emus.

#### Note:

- 1 Events will preferably be held within about 1.5 hours of Melbourne or closer, to encourage greater participation in subsequent events on those maps.
- 2 The Australian middle and long championships will be held in Creswick Forest and at Borhoney Ghurk, subject to advice of the technical controllers (who have already been appointed). Alternate areas may be proposed by clubs. Eureka and Nillumbik Emus will organise these two events.
- 3 The Australian sprint championships will be held on an urban area to be selected from among several suitable areas on advice of the technical controller, and mapped for Eureka.
- 4 Areas for the schools championships and the Australian Relays will be determined later, noting that there is plenty of suitable forest terrain near Ballarat for Schools individual and relays, and for Australian Relays.
- 5 Accommodation for states' schools teams needs to be investigated and secured as soon as possible.
- 6 Key services will be centralised and run by OV.
- 7 Relevant areas will be embargoed immediately.
- 8 Consideration is being given to including an urban challenge event (in addition to the Australian Sprint Championships), to encourage Park and Street orienteers to participate in the Australian Championships Carnival, and to showcase Victorian urban orienteering to other states.
- 9 It is expected that in 2015 the Victorian Long Distance Orienteering Championship will be scheduled at a separate time from the national carnival. The sprint will be scheduled on the first Saturday.