

Bush Orienteering Committee Report to OV Council June 2014 – by Mark Hennessy

Decisions required:

- 1 Clubs are requested to submit offers to conduct bush orienteering events in 2015, as from now.
- 2 Council is asked to endorse a Bush Subcommittee recommendation that Orienteering Victoria formally support proposal to restructure the Good Friday program by separating the elite Prologue from the Easter 3-Day competition, and replace it with a standalone NOL short distance race, to mirror the current format for age group competitors.
- 3 The following notes on committee discussions be noted.

A bush O Committee meeting was held on 3 May 2014. Here are some of the issues discussed, in some cases updated with actions subsequently taken

1 2014 Pocket Guide to Bush Orienteering distribution

Was mailed out with Australian Orienteer in early June. Thanks to Dennis and Pat Mews, and to Rob Edmonds for helping to make it happen.

2 Starting times of State Series events

It was agreed that registration to be open 9.30am-12.30pm, Start to be open 10am-1pm, course closure 2.30pm

3 Course lengths – course 6

Course 6 is a Moderate course which acts as a developmental course for those transitioning from Easy to Hard courses. As such, it has particular course setting requirements. Expressing the course length as a percentage of course 1 is not appropriate for courses 6-8, and should be replaced in the Course table with a distance.

Action: Laurie Niven to update Course table to remove percentage figures from courses 6-8; organizing clubs to be advised of change

4 Water on courses

All courses except the Easy and Very Easy to have water provided, as per OV guidelines. Minimum no of drink stations to be included in the Course table, together with advisory notes. Preference to place water at control sites (or place a control at drink station) but not mandatory, as long as route choice is not compromised. If no water provided on a particular course or courses, competitors must be advised prior to the event (via information sheet).

5 Course setters training workshops

Kathy Liley has provided a separate report to Council on these successful workshops.

6 Class winners for State Series

State Series events have been set up as a Series in Eventor, which allows automatic allocation of points per course (separated by male/female), starting at 25 points for fastest time. Minimum score for completing course = 10 points; Minimum score for starting a course = 5 points. At season end, eligibility criteria to be applied to determine overall **class winners**. Championships and Relays are excluded. Best 6 scores to count. .

Question of requirement to be an OV member to be referred to the Board/Membership Restructure group.

Structure of Rockhopper club competition to be determined at next meeting.

Action: State Series raw scores to be uploaded to Eventor – done. Debbie Dodd to update OY guidelines document in Toolkit. Change to be publicized to competitors.

7 2015 Victorian Long Distance Champs

Expression of interest from BGV using One Tree Hill. Date to be determined.

8 2015 Aus Champs Carnival update

Blake Gordon provided an update – the carnival theme/flyer (Dr Blake's Mystery Tour) was been well received at Easter. Current work focusing on landowner permissions and assembly areas. See updated list of organisers etc. Mapping is proceeding.

9 NOL events 2016

Lawfords happy to run the Ultralong – should use a Ballarat map, with a middle distance event on the Saturday (does not need to be NOL). Also consider offering a Sprint weekend on Labor Day weekend in March.

Actions: Bid for NOL events 2016 as per national requirements (no decision required at this time)

10 Easter 2017

Confirmation received that WMOC will be week after Easter in NZ. Tas has verbally (but not formally) advised that they do not want to host the Aust 3-Days at Easter in 2017. OA to ask other states to consider a swap. Victoria will not offer a swap for 2018. Likely scenario is that Oceania will be held in NZ at Easter; possibility of joint Aust-NZ carnival. Vic could potentially provide a low key event at Easter along lines of Christmas 5-Days but expectations are that many Victorian organisers and competitors will travel to NZ.

Action: Bush Subcommittee to recommend to OV Board that Victoria refuses any offer to swap Easter 2018 for 2017.

11 Easter 2018

Suggestion received from Alex Tarr to use Kooyoora. Bush Subcommittee accepts this in principle with option to use alternative (eg NE Vic) following feasibility study. Refer to BGV to provide advice on access to assembly area, club role, etc. If accepted, Kooyoora would be embargoed after this year's Victorian Long and Middle Distance Champs.

Action: Jim Russell to investigate access to suitable paddock for parking, and other issues, and advise Subcommittee

12 Easter 3 Days restructure of Good Friday program

Bush Subcommittee strongly supports the separation of the elite Prologue from the Easter 3-Day competition, and recommends that the Good Friday prologue for elites be a stand-alone NOL race, and that the Easter 3-Day become a true 3 day competition for all competitors; ie same structure for elites and age group competitors. This will dramatically reduce workload on organisers and remove confusion and complication for competitors with entry and results.

Action: Bush Subcommittee to recommend that Orienteering Victoria formally support proposal to restructure the Good Friday program by separating the elite Prologue from the Easter 3-Day competition, and replace it with a standalone NOL short distance race, to mirror the current format for age group competitors.

13 OV organisers toolkit update of mapping documents

Mapping documents are very out of date. Task of updating them should be given to the incoming Mapping Development Advisor (see 14 below)

14 Appointment of Bush Subcommittee portfolio holders

A – Convenor – Mark Hennessy would like to step down but no replacement found

B – Operations Coordinator – Laurie Niven to continue

C – Specialist Technical Advisor – Barry McCrae has now agreed to take on this role to replace Kathy

D – Map Registrar – Don Cherry to be approached to assist in this area. Note that Urban map registrations be referred to the Urban Subcommittee (Debbie Dodd/Margi Freemantle)

E – Mapping Development Advisor – Neil Barr to be approached

F – Controllers Education/Accreditation – Kathy Liley (new role)

15 Christmas warmup event pre-Tasmania

Southern Warmup (3 days December 2014 prior to Oceania) – Warwick Williams to be asked to provide a progress report to the Bush Subcommittee. Timing and organizing of sprint event to be determined.

16 2015 Australian Championships Carnival

A meeting is proposed for everyone involved in the three **Creswick Forest events**, to review progress and timelines for mapping, as well as assembly area selection. Proposed date is **Saturday 5 July at 11 am** at Eastwood Street Centre, followed by a visit to the forest.

An updated matrix of event details is attached.

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Date	Events	Status	Organising group	Controller	Course planner	Probable map	Map owner	Km from Ballarat	Travel time to assembly	Mapper	New / existing / remap
Sat 26 Sept afternoon	Vic Middle Dist Champs	State Champs	Yarra Valley	Warwick Williams	YV - Russell Bulman	Creswick Diggings	YV	20 km NE	20 mins	Alex Tarr	Remap
Sun 27 Sept morning	Aust Middle championship	NOL	Bayside Kangaroos	Ted van Geldermalsen	Geoff Lawford	Creswick Forest B	EU	20 km NE	20 mins	Alex Tarr	Minor update
Monday 28 Sept 4 pm	Australian Schools Sprint	Aust Schools	MFR	Mandy Hennessy	Aislinn Prendergast	Mt Helen Campus	EU	8 km S	10 min	Eureka	Minor update
Tuesday 29 September	Aust schools individual	Aust Schools	Vacant / Central	Mandy Hennessy	MFR	Deep Creek	NE	50 km NE	40 mins	Alex Tarr	Existing map
Tuesday 29 Sept	Midweek public race #1	Public event	Vacant / Central	Vacant	Vacant	Deep Creek	NE	50 km NE	40 mins	Alex Tarr	Existing map
Wednesday 30 Sept	Australian Schools relay	Aust Schools	Vacant / Central	Mandy Hennessy	MFR	Deep Creek	NE	50 km NE	40 mins	Alex Tarr	Existing map
Wednesday 30 Sept	Midweek public race #2	Public event	Vacant / Central	Vacant	Vacant	Deep Creek	NE	50 km NE	40 mins	Alex Tarr	Existing map
Thursday 1 Oct, 4 pm	Ballarat street O challenge	Public event	DROC	Urban committee	Urban Committee	Eastwood Street	EU/D R?	500 m	5 min	DROC / Eureka	New map
Friday 2 October, pm	Aust Sprint Championship	NOL	DR + EU	Blair Trewin	Ian Dodd	St Pat's + BC colleges	EU	3 km	5 mins	Eureka	New map
Saturday 3 Oct, midday	Aust Long Championship	NOL, WRE (?)	Eureka	Chris Norwood	Rob Plowright	Creswick Forest A	EU	20 km NE	20 mins	Roch Prendergast	Complete new map of old area
Sunday 4 Oct, am	Aust Relays	NOL	Nillumbik Emus	Kathy Liley	Paul Elam	Borhoney Ghurk	NE	35 km SE	30 mins	Alex Tarr	New map of old area