

OVERALL STATUS	Business as usual
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## ACTIVITIES & PLANS

### 1) Participation for Winter series 2 (July to October 10):

- Monday series: average of 43 participations per night, Total participation 595 (14 weeks)
- Wednesday series: average of 78 participations per night, Total participation 1092 (14 weeks)
- Saturday series: average of 66 participations per Sat, Total participation 1258 (19 weeks)
- The coldest winter in decades (and a mass exodus to Europe by a number of regulars) had a negative impact on attendance on Mondays and Wednesdays, with average participation dropping by 10 people per night. Conversely, Saturdays had an increase in attendance.
- The two Saturday EndurOs were well attended and had positive feedback. The move from Sunday to Saturday has been successful.

### 2) Sprint into Spring planning:

- The first SIS race for 2015 is imminent!
- Coaching by the British scholarship holders to be offered at three events
- Lanita Steer and Rosie Dalheim will share "Meet and Greet" responsibilities
- Vic Champs venue: final stages of negotiation with RMIT Bundoora taking place

### 3) Aus Champs Carnival Urban component:

- Three urban events run very successfully; hopefully future carnivals will consider similar programs.
- *Run for Hannah* had great community spirit and raised over \$4000. Big benefit in offering a public race with the Schools sprint – great atmosphere with so many extra people there, encouragement for Schools competitors, very little extra work required. 250 people took part
- *World Series StreetO Challenge* had 160 entries and was a very enjoyable event. Large proportion of competitors had previously done very little or no park and street orienteering.
- *Australian Sprint Champs* was highly successful with a great arena, plenty of action including local media coverage, and a big crowd staying on right till the end

### 4) March 2016 Sprint Weekend:

- Permission is in the process of being obtained for Melbourne University Parkville; have applied for WRE status for this map
- Currently seeking permission for other maps and finalising program
- Flyers distributed at Aus Champs Carnival; dedicated web page set up at <http://www.parkstreeto.com.au/msw2016/>
- Embargoes will be published on OV website as soon as all venues finalised. Embargoes will cover specific training with a sprint map at the venue. The existing sprint map of Melbourne University is not to be used.
- Geoff Adams is undertaking mapping for some of the venues

- A carnival director is being sought and several approaches have been made. Course setters and organisers will be approached when venues are finalised.

5) Other:

- Vacancies exist for a Northern Summer Series Coordinator, and for a Northern Summer Series scorer
- Season tickets will be sold for the first three weeks of each Melbourne series. Steven O'Connell will handle sales on Mondays and Wednesdays. Steven is also the winner of the MEFTY (Most Events for the Year) for 2015
- Melway have donated several boxes of print directories, which will be given to key volunteers in recognition of their efforts
- QR codes for control plates have been printed and distributed to all clubs; and printed on the fixture

ISSUES, CONCERNS AND RISKS - nil

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