

BULLETIN 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

2021 VICTORIAN MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 NATIONAL MTBO SERIES – ROUND 1

15-16 MAY 2021



The 2021 Victorian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships will be held in Victoria's Central Goldfields region at Maryborough and Dunolly. There will be three championships contested over the weekend of 15 and 16 May 2021.

The Sprint and Middle Distance events are both within riding distance (<4 km) of central Maryborough. The Long Distance event is in Dunolly, just 24km to the north.

The three event maps were first used for the 2019 Australian MTBO Championships. Copies of these maps will be posted on Eventor for each event.

Note that these events will be subject to Victorian COVID-Safe restrictions that apply at the time. If any entrants are precluded from attending because of COVID restrictions, their entry fees will be refunded.

EVENT SCHEDULE			
Saturday 15 MAY	morning	SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Maryborough
	afternoon	MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP and PRESENTATIONS	Maryborough
Sunday 16 MAY	morning	LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP and PRESENTATIONS	Dunolly

CLASSES

Age classes offered at each event: M/W 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80.

e-Bike.

Recreational classes for each course – eg Rec 2 rides Course 2.

COURSE DETAILS

Full course lengths and elevations will be included in the next bulletin.

The table is a guide (in minutes) of what the expected winning times will be for the various age groups.

Expected win time	Sprint	Middle	Long
Elite	20 - 25	55 - 60	105 - 115
Masters	20 - 25	55 - 60	105 - 115
Juniors	16 - 20	44 - 48	84 - 92

PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using the SPORTident Active Card system (SIAC) – the contactless timing system. We will be using the latest control boxes (BS11) that have a range of 1.5 metres. **These units will only work with a SIAC stick.**

The entry fees include the hire of an SIAC stick for the weekend. **If you have your own SIAC stick** (number in the range 8000000-8999999), **you can claim a \$2 discount** (via 'Services') **for each event you enter.**

All riders need to use a SIAC stick. ie the older SI sticks will not work.

More details on how the SIAC punching system operates: <https://www.sportident.com/news/385-fast-faster-siac.html>

ENTRY PROCEDURE AND FEES

Entries to be made via [Eventor](#) and will **CLOSE at midnight on WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY.**

Start lists for all events will be posted on Eventor on Saturday 8th May.

Entry Fees	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	\$27	\$27	\$32
Junior	\$14	\$14	\$17

RESULTS

So that competitors can maintain Covid-safe distancing without gathering around a results display, results will not be displayed at the event assembly. Instead, results will be posted up to Eventor progressively throughout the event, and a QR code printed on each map will enable competitors to quickly access the results page on Eventor for each race. So make sure your phone is charged ready to check your results after you've finished.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be made to the first three placegetters in the competition classes. Presentations for the Sprint and Middle Distance Championships will be made as soon as possible after the Middle race on Saturday, and the Long Distance Championships presentation will be made as soon as possible after the race on Sunday.

DINNER

Subject to COVID conditions, we are encouraging competitors to join us on Saturday at 6.30pm at the [Maryborough Golf Club](#) for dinner. To assist us making the booking, please indicate your intention to attend by selecting the "dinner" option in the Services menu for the Middle event. Pay for dinner yourselves on the night.

NATIONAL MTBO SERIES

These three events comprise the first leg of the 2021 National MTBO Series. The 2021 series also includes the Queensland, Australian and ACT MTBO Championships. For full description, see:

<https://orienteering.asn.au/index.php/national-mtbo-series/>

VICTORIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 15 May 2021 – Starts from 10:00 am

Map: *Bristol Hill / Flat Creek*

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:5,000

Organising club: Eureka Orienteers

Course setter: Mark Valentine

Organiser: Ian Chennell

Event Advisor: Blake Gordon

Terrain: Fast undulating terrain with low hills. Mainly mixed gum and ironbark open forest. The track network is forest roads, bush tracks and many single tracks, some fairly indistinct.

Course	Sprint Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21, M40		9
2	W21, M17-20, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	8
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60	Rec 3	7
4	W50, M70	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	6
5	W12, W14, W16, W60, W70, W80, M12, M14, M80	Rec 5	4

VICTORIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 15 May 2021 – Starts from 1:30pm

Map: *Tullaroop Forest*

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:10,000

Course setter: Rob Edmonds

Organiser: Nilumbik Emus OC

Event Advisor: Peter Hill

Terrain: Fast undulating terrain through mainly mixed gum and ironbark open forest. The northern part of the map is used for firewood collection with old rough tracks being progressively overgrown. The track network is forest roads and bush tracks with only a few short single tracks. The most obvious of these tracks have been mapped but progress may be a bit slower in these areas.

Course	Middle Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21		20
2	W21, M17-20, M40, M50, M60	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	17
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M70	Rec 3	14
4	W16, W50, W60, M14	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	12
5	W14, W70, M12	Rec 5	9
6	W12, W80, M80	Rec 6	7

VICTORIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Sunday 16 May 2021 – Starts from 9:00am

Location: Dunolly, Vic.

Scale: 1:15,000

Organising Club: Bayside Kangaroos

Course setter: Natasha Thackray

Organiser: John Gavens

Event Advisor: Tim Hatley

Terrain: Fast undulating terrain with low (some would say 'insignificant') hills. Mainly mixed gum and ironbark open forest. The track network is forest roads and bush tracks with only a few short single tracks.

Course	Long Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21		36
2	W21, M17-20, M40, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	29
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60, M70	Rec 3	23
4	W16, W50, W60, M14	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	18
5	W14, W70, M12	Rec 5	15
6	W12, W80, M80	Rec 6	12

OTHER ROLES: In addition to the above listed roles for these championships, Kathy Liley (YV) has taken on the task of Championships Treasurer, and Peter Cusworth (BK) is handling publicity and promotion.

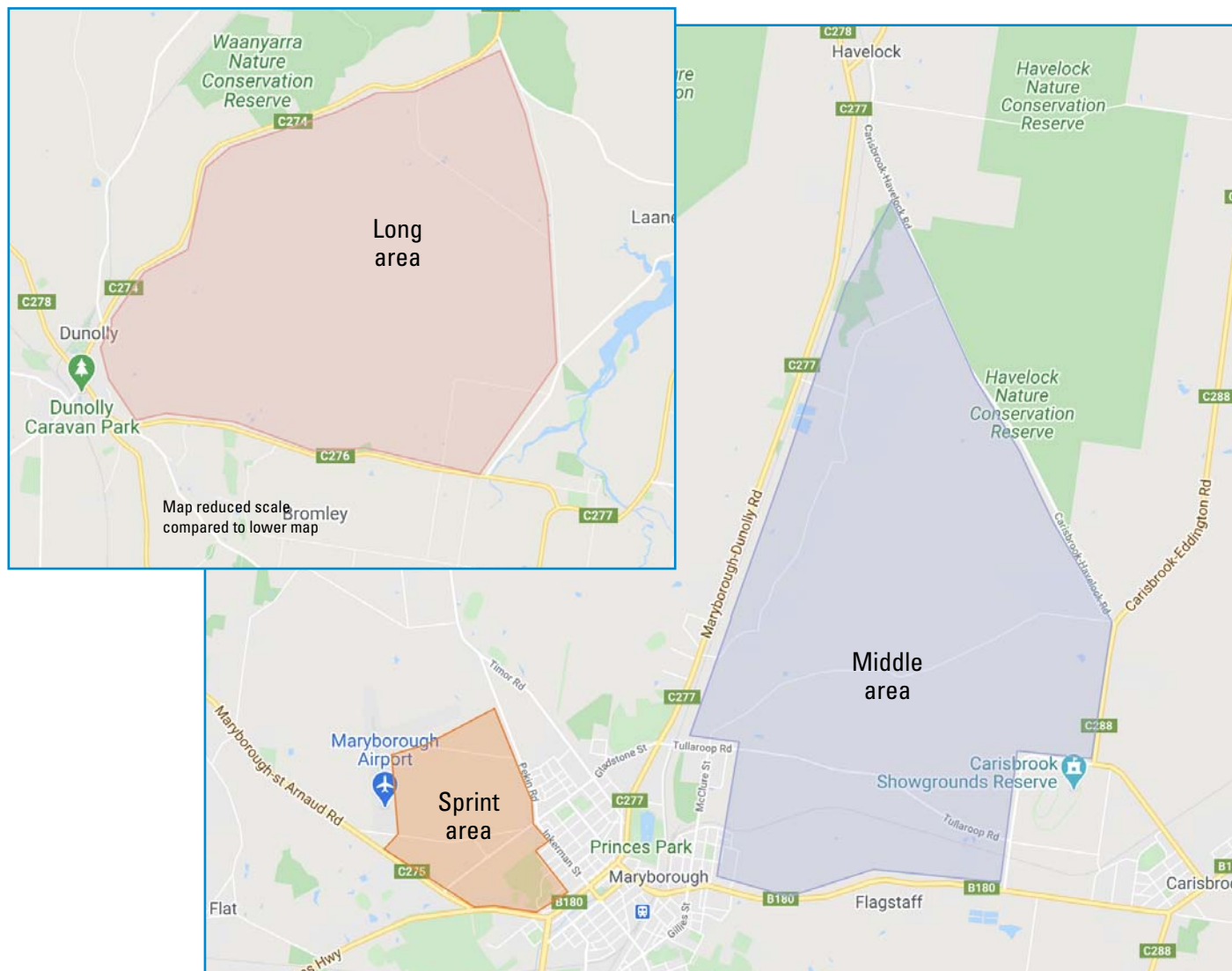
ACCOMMODATION

There are two caravan parks and several motels and hotels. Failing that, Ballarat, Bendigo and Castlemaine are less than an hour's drive away. Options in Dunolly are limited. Get in early!

For information about accommodation and what to do in and around Maryborough, check out www.visitmaryborough.com.au

EMBARGOES

The EMBARGOED areas for these championships are shown here, or you can see in more detail on [this link in Eventor](#).



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There are two excellent MTBO maps not being used for this weekend that can be used for training purposes – *Mosquito Flat* and *Bull Gully Wells*. Both maps are in Maryborough itself. To receive a PDF copy of these maps please [email Peter](#)

MORE INFORMATION

Bulletin 2 will be released by the end of April. It will contain final details about each event, including travel directions, final course distances and climbs.

Information is also available on the [Orienteering Victoria website](#) and also for each event on [Eventor](#). Updated news will also appear on the [VicMTBO facebook page](#)

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