

Nillumbik Emus Online Newsletter – May, 2012

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Victorian MTBO Champs

The Victorian MTBO Championships were held in the Maryborough and Newstead areas in late April. The sprint and the Middle were held on Saturday and the Long on Sunday. Eureka and Nillumbik Emus staged the events in what proved a very successful weekend. We were blessed with a last burst of autumn sunshine for the entire weekend.

The Long was held in the Sandon State Forest near Newstead, on the new “Saligari Safari” map. The map was named after a local landowner and forest track. In the Long, the courses featured several opportunities to ride across farm paddocks adding to the route choice dilemmas. Ridability varied greatly from eroded single tracks to fast 4WD roads. There were 104 riders with representatives from every Australian state. The race was the final selection trial for Australian team to Hungary. It was great to see a large contingent from Braemar College, competing in the long.

The support from Club members was fantastic. Rex Niven, Tim Dent (YV), Helen Edmonds, Ann Hughes, Ron Frederick, Jim Taylor and Jeff Hughes, Robyn Sunderland, Janet Fitzwater and Joyce Rowlands, Geoff Armstrong, Sue Healy and Anthony Lynch made for a smooth running event. The controllers Peter and Shayne Hill and Judy Hill were especially helpful and supportive throughout. Judy, Peter and Shayne also assisted the MTBO training camp. Thank you also to Gill King and Robyn Sunderland for working the start at the Saturday events, in Maryborough, and to Jeff Hughes also helped out on the clean up after the middle and sprint events. The support and organisation provided by Peter Cusworth, Mark Valentine and Blake Gordon and the Eureka club was also greatly appreciated.

Saturday night's presentation dinner, at the Maryborough Golf Club, was a very enjoyable chance to get together with other riders. Joyce Rowlands' bike crossword kept people busy. The 'bike map' word search was more challenging but there were a few managed to solve it.

There were lots of favourable comments about the courses, organisation and the map. Riders loved the sweeping tracks, and the interstate riders are very envious of our fabulous terrain.



Sue Healy and Ann Hughes



Another happy M21E finisher



Helen Edmonds keeps an eye out at the finish

Club Committee Meeting

Thursday, 31st May at 8pm
Laurie and Rex Niven's residence,
15 Rockliffe St Eltham Melways: 22 A8
RSVP Rex or Laurie 9431 3803

All members are welcome to attend

Victorian MTBO Champs (continued)

Kay Haarsma sent a big thank-you for all our work on the long distance map.

"It was great to have another new map and everyone especially enjoyed the paddock route choice options that gave another dimension. On course 1 and 3 the only person I know who saw / used the 2nd paddock option was Steve Cusworth and it would have been quicker. I was "where is the choice on this leg" Dumb. Also it appeared like you had "raked up" at track up from the ruin, which certainly made it better. I took the track near the fence between C4-5 on Course 3 and would have mapped it "dotty."

The land owner, Susan Redlande, was very welcoming so I expect we will look at running other events there in the future.

Our next bush event is on Queen's Birthday weekend, a triple header with our event on our Glenluce North map, near Castlemaine. Our club is responsible for Day 2 on Sunday (June 10). Ron Wescott is course setting and Ron Frederick is the organiser.

Helen Edmonds organised a successful StreetO event for her colleagues at Concord School. 60 staff members got into a good competitive and social mood on the Bundoora Parade map in early May and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Melanie Simpson W21 E winner

2012 Bush fixture [click link to go to VOA website](#)

Future Club events 2012

Glenluce North, Queen's Birthday Weekend 3 Day (Day 2) - Sun, June 10

Course Planner: Cheryl Taylor & Ron Wescott

Organiser: Ron Frederick

Controller: Dave Lotty

You Yangs MelBush'O Series Sunday August 5

Course Planner: Don Fell

Organiser: Fiona Fell

Hepburn Diggings, Daylesford, State Series

Sunday Sept 2

Course Planner: Rex Niven

Organiser: Phil Giddings

Controller:

You Yangs, Maxi 3 Hour Adventure Series

Sunday Oct 14

Course Planner: Someone Needed

Organiser: Someone Needed

Publicity: Rob Edmonds

Catering: Someone Needed

Bunjil, Ballan, Victorian Night Champs & Score'O Nov 3/4

Course Planner: Someone Needed

Organiser: Someone Needed



Kevin Maloney towed his trailer to QLD. Here he is on Day 3 getting psyched up for his run.

Kevin had a bit of a problem with a water leak in his radiator system and was stuck in Beaudesert for 8 days, but eventually made it safely back home.

Welcome to the Fleming family from Kinglake. Steve, Ros and son Jeff have recently joined NE and the VOA. We look forward to meeting our new members at future events.