

MFR proposal for discussion at OV Council 7 November 2025.

How can the process of making the next year's fixtures be simplified?

How can we make the stellar job done by Laurie easier for Laurie and for the clubs?

Current issues:

- It takes months of emails, conversations and backwards and forwarding by and between Laurie and all the clubs.
- Clubs miss out on certain event types as they have been all taken earlier by other clubs.
- Clubs are pressured to take on events they may not want to take on.

Two strategies to simplify fixture discussions:

1. Consistent starting point for the fixture year-to-year by having regularity predetermined of which clubs do which events. Approximately when in the calendar and how many events each they are likely to organise.
 - Eg. MFR takes MelBushO on mother's day, Vic series at end of August each year
2. Roster for championships so clubs know in advance who will be hosting what event. This would mean every club would be organising a championship about every other year - relays, sprint, middle and long. (Although the relays are possibly now being organised by the Vikings). Clubs could team up if required.

Flexibility, of course, is essential allowing for changes around Easter and Australian Champs in the years they are held in Victoria, and Easter timing.

Clubs can negotiate changes with each other.

Benefits:

- Others better able to plan around it (MTBO event organisation, Bendigo events, Eureka events)
- Reduce burden on Laurie
- Clubs don't miss out on events they'd like to organise
- Capitalise on long term promotion, for example running MelBushOs on the same day each year at the same venues and partnering with other clubs for promotion.
- Allowing clubs to plan further ahead for planners, organisers and mapping requirements