CORDINATOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

AUGUST 2021

- Tasmania 2021

  As most of you will have heard, Tasmania has had to cancel this year's Australian Championship carnival, although they may be continuing with the Turbo-Chook 3 day event and the Tasmanian Middle Distance Championships. They have indicated that this time, they regard the event as cancelled, rather than postponed, so there is no push to displace Victoria from the 2022 date. Whilst I feel really sorry for Tasmania's orienteers, who have always made our family feel very welcome, this is probably a bonus for our 2022 carnival, as it will be the first Australian Championships for 3 years. Demand is likely to be unusually strong, hopefully including from New Zealand.

- Event locations.

  The program is now essentially locked in, with at least in-principle permission received for all event locations. Whilst the Musk Vale and Blackwood maps were both affected by the early winter storms, with patches of forest essentially levelled, we were very lucky in that the damage in the key competition areas was minor. We will be able to work around areas like this:



- Personnel

  We now have a full “dance card” of key event personnel (attached below). It is a great mix of ages and talents that I’m sure will deliver excellent courses and events. With Warren as Technical Director conducting the band, there is a lot to look forward to.

- Mapping

  Warwick Davis has been diligently gathering base mapping data for our team of mappers. The mappers have done a great job of processing these data into draft maps on their computers, and are now being frustrated from undertaking field work by this latest batch of lockdowns. Our initial aim to have a first cut of fieldworked maps by the end of 2021 may not be achievable, but we have time to extend this programme into 2022, if required.

- Sponsorship

  David Jaffe and I have made some early approaches to potential sponsors, so far without success. David has indicated that he feels that his talents would be better used in pursuing these opportunities than his existing role as Finance Director. Any offers to take over as Finance Director will be welcomed.

- External funding

Sports and Recreation Victoria have allocated us a grant of $10,000 under the Significant Sporting Events program. We had sought $20,000, but the funds allocated are most welcome.

- COVID Risk

  Although we all hope that COVID restrictions will be a thing of the past by September next year, and there is every reason to believe that will be so, David and I have given some consideration to the financial risk to Orienteering Victoria of the carnival being disrupted by COVID. Whilst obviously we stand to forgo the anticipated profits to O Vic and the clubs from the carnival, the only presently sunk costs to O Vic are the deposit paid for the use of the Campaspe Downs Camp ($10,000), and the costs of making and updating the various maps (presently budgeted at $20,000). We will also not receive the $10,000 grant from Sports and Recreation Victoria unless the carnival proceeds. Of these , the only element that will draw on O Vic's present cash reserves is the mapping. Whilst this is plainly a significant sum, it will be spent on the acquisition of significant assets for the sport, which will be able to be used for future events, and (if OVic so decided) could be sold to clubs.

Warwick Williams.

Event No.	Date	Event	Map(s)	Course Setter	Event Advisor	Mapper
1	24-Sep	Victorian Middle Distance	**Musk Vale**	Geoff Adams	Blake Gordon	Fredrik Johannson
2	24-Sep	Australian Short	**Lake Daylesford** (new map)	Sophie Taverna	Steve Bird	Peter Dalwood
3	25-Sep	Aust Middle Distance	**Blackwood** (new map)	Neil Barr	Chris Norwood	Fredrik Johannson
4	26-Sep	Australian Schools Sprint and	**Sacred Heart & Kyneton Community Gardens**	Aston Key	Dennis Trewin	Roch Prendergast
5	27-Sep	Australian Schools Long and 3-Day Event Day 2	**Wattle Gully**	Aislinn Prendergast	Don Fell	Alex Tarr
6	28-Sep	Australian Schools Relay and	**Mount Alexander**	Brodie Nankervis	Ted van Geldermalsen	Warwick Davis
7	30-Sep	Australian Sprint	**Salesian Sunbury**	Clair Brownridge/Dion Keech	Kathy Liley	Geoff Adams
8	1-Oct	Australian Long	**Nuggety Range** (new map)	Kerrin Rattray	Tim Hatley	Fredrik Johannson, Neil Barr
9	2-Oct	Australian Relay	**Wattle Gully**	Russell Bulman	Blair Trewin	Alex Tarr