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MTBO
championships
2019 Maryborough, VIC

BULLETIN 2

Friday 25 October to
Sunday 27 October 2019

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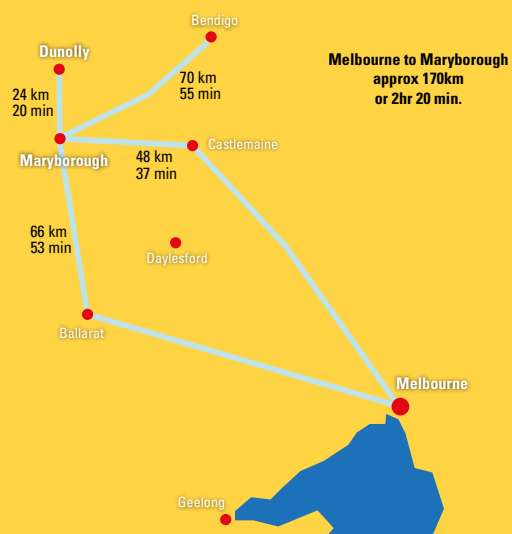
- 2019 National MTBO Series, Round 3
- 2019 Australia-New Zealand MTBO Challenge
- 2020 World Masters MTBO Series, Round 1



Organised by Bayside Kangaroos, Eureka and Yarra Valley Orienteering Clubs
on behalf of Orienteering Australia and Orienteering Victoria..

EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday or Friday	afternoon morning	PRACTICE EVENT	Maryborough
Friday 25 OCT	afternoon	MASS START CHAMPIONSHIP	Maryborough
Saturday 26 OCT	morning	SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Maryborough
	afternoon	MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Maryborough
	evening	PRESENTATION DINNER	Maryborough
Sunday 27 OCT	morning	LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Dunolly
Sunday to Monday	afternoon morning	IOF MTBO WORKSHOP for Organisers, Setters & Advisors	Maryborough



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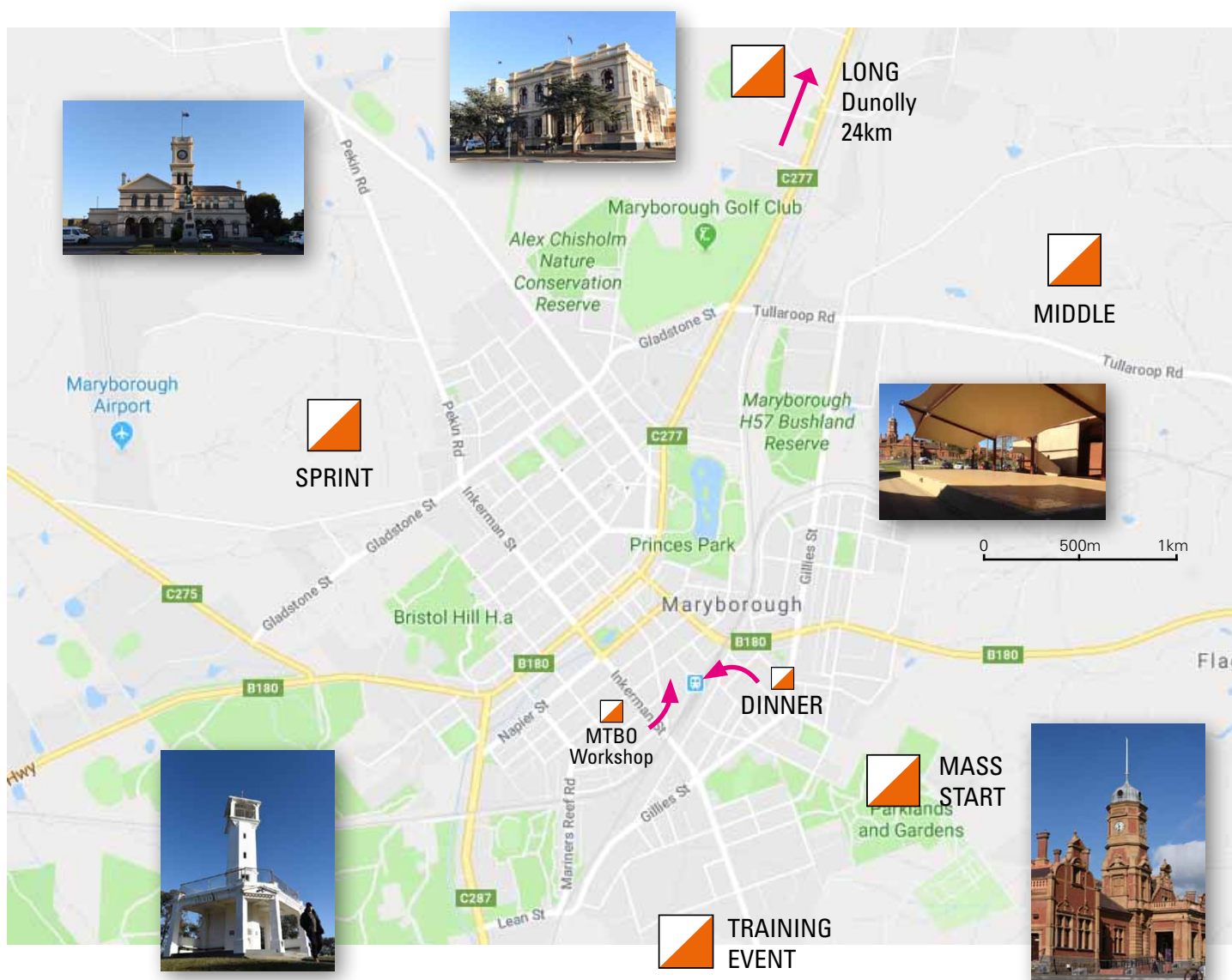
INTRODUCTION

We would like to invite you to join us in Victoria's Central Goldfields region at Maryborough to contest the 2019 Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships. There will be 4 championships contested over 3 days starting on Friday the 25th of October through to Sunday the 27th.

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

There will be a Championships Dinner on Saturday night at the iconic Maryborough Station Cafe and Restaurant with presentations for the Mass Start, Sprint and Middle Distance races.

Orienteering Australia is also hosting an IOF MTBO Organiser and Controller workshop conducted by experienced MTBO administrator, Sandor Talas from Hungary.



NATIONAL MTBO SERIES

These events comprise the final round of the 2019 National MTBO Series for Junior, Senior and Masters classes. More information on the series on this link.

orienteering.asn.au/index.php/national-mtbo-series

AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND MTBO CHALLENGE

The events will also see competition between teams from Australia and New Zealand. New Zealand, being the visiting country, has nominated W21, W40, W60, M21, M40, M50, M60 and M70 as the classes to be contested.

To nominate for the Australian team, you need to complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/4Ws3GCmRY8ygUZE19>

The ANZ MTBO Challenge rules can be [found here](#).

WORLD MASTERS MTBO SERIES

The Middle and Long Distance races will be the first two scoring events in the 2020 World Masters Series. Riders' placings will be scored as if in 5 year age classes from age 35 up. Read more about the series and future series events here: <http://www.mtbo-commission.com/wms-2019.html>

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

There has not been a separate Victorian Championship event for the various MTBO disciplines this year. Instead, the Victorian Resident Champion in each age class will be recognised for each race at these Australian Championships.

ENTRIES

Entries are to be made via Eventor – you can select more than one event to deal with them as one payment.

Normal entries close at midnight Friday 13 October.

To be eligible for Australian championship awards, competitors must be a member of an Orienteering Australia club or another National Orienteering Association. If you are not a member you can enter and compete in a recreational class.

Entry Fees:

Closing date: midnight Friday 13 October	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior (incl M/W20)	\$28	\$32	\$37	\$45
Junior (M/W12-16)	\$10	\$13	\$13	\$18

Late fees payable 14-18 October	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior (incl M/W20)	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$56
Junior (M/W12-16)	\$12	\$16	\$16	\$22

Higher than usual entry fees can be attributed to event levies, and contribution towards the costs of providing new maps. Junior fees are being subsidised by the Victorian Junior MTBO fund.

ENTRIES ON THE DAY

The Championships are pre-entry events. There will be a limited number of spare maps for on-the-day entries for the Sprint, Middle and Long Distance events (though not the Mass Start event) – but EODs will not be included in the official results and will not be eligible for awards.

The main intention for offering EOD, is to allow MTBO novices - volunteers and locals - to try the sport in a non-competitive situation. EODs will use normal sport ident punching.

EODs should report to Registration as early in the day as possible to reserve a map. They will be given a start-window time to report to the start (usually after the last pre-entry starter on that course).

FREE BACKPACK FOR EARLY ENTRIES

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor Wildfire Sports, the first 100 entries will receive this **FREE** souvenir drawstring backpack. So make sure you get your entry in **NOW**.



CLASSES

A full range of age classes are offered for the Australian Championships:

M/W 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80.

Recreational classes are also offered for entry to each course – eg Rec 2 rides Course 2. Some events will have a different number of courses so, for example, if you want to enter Rec 5 over each event you will need to enter Rec 4 for the Mass Start (when only 4 courses are on offer). Take care to check what class you are entering on each day.

Recreational e-bike classes – for Men and Women separately – will be offered at each event.

COURSE DETAILS

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

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

	Mass start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Elite	75 - 80	20 - 25	55 - 60	105 - 115
Masters	75 - 80	20 - 25	55 - 60	105 - 115
Juniors	60 - 65	16 - 20	44 - 48	84 - 92

PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using SIAC – the contactless version of Sport Ident – with the range of the control units set at 30cm (so you must approach within 30 cm to register your visit to the control).

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

It is our intention that all pre-entry riders will use SIAC. HOWEVER, we may only have a limited number of SIAC hire sticks – entry fees would be much higher if we order many more than we need. **If you need to hire a SIAC stick, you would be wise to enter no later than 30 September.** (Note that this is well before the closing date of the event.) **Later entries cannot be guaranteed that a SIAC will be available.** (There will be no change to the entry fee!).

If you are using a regular SI stick, you will need to physically 'dib' the stick into the control to register your visit, i.e. not using the wireless capability of the technology.

START TIMES

The expected first start times are as follows:

Mass Start	Friday 25 Oct	Age Class groups from 2:00 pm
Sprint	Saturday 26 Oct	From 9:00 am
Middle	Saturday 26 Oct	From 1:30 pm
Long	Sunday 27 Oct	From 9:00 am

The start draws will be done on Monday-Tuesday 21-22 October and published on Eventor as soon as possible.

Anyone with special requests for start times should email the organisers (email addresses on each event on Eventor). Please bear in mind that with small fields, limited start windows and possible longer rides to start, it might not be possible to grant requests for clear separation of two riders eg to allow child minding. In such circumstances, it may

be possible for the organisers to agree to keep an eye on children during any overlap period.

For the Mass Start event, the intent of this event is that there will be a Mass Start of people in each age group. Please organise your travel arrangements to arrive in time for 2:00 pm starts. And for this event, splitting start times (eg for child care) will not be possible.

AWARDS

For the Australian Championship age classes, awards will be made for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings.

For pre-entry Recreational Classes, awards will be made for 1st place only.

In lieu of a Victorian Championships competition, a separate award will be made for the Victorian Resident Champion in each age class.

There will be a prize table at some events, with names pulled at random to select from sponsor's products.

PRESENTATIONS

Awards for the Mass Start, Sprint and Middle Distance events will be distributed at the Event Dinner on Saturday night. If you are not joining us for dinner, you are welcome to come just for the presentations. Time will be advised in the next bulletin.

Awards for the Long Distance will be as soon as possible after the conclusion of the race – approx 12.30pm.

RULES

These events are being held under the Orienteering Australia Competition Rules for MTBO.

<https://orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/OA-MTBO-RULES-2019.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION

October is a busy time in Maryborough. 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

MARYBOROUGH WEATHER

Month	High / Low (°C)	Rain	Rain month
October	20° / 7°	7 days	50.6 mm
November	24° / 10°	5 days	44.5 mm

TRAINING EVENT – *MapRun*

Date: Thursday 24th (afternoon) or Friday 25th (morning).

Map: *Bull Gully Wells* (existing map)

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:15,000

Course setter: John Gavens (BK)

Organiser: Heather Leslie (BK)

The *Bull Gully Wells* map is adjacent to the Mass Start map area. The event will use the **MapRun** phone app. If you want to complete a timed course you will need to first **download the app**. You will receive a printed map, but the timing and control registering will be done on your phone. Alternatively you can just obtain a map and ride around visiting the control locations.

Order your map under “Services” when entering the Mass Start event in Eventor. Map cost is \$5



Mass Start area.



Sprint area.

AUSTRALIAN MASS START CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Friday 25 October 2019 – Starts from 2:00pm

Map: *Mosquito Flat* (updated existing map)

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:15,000

Organising club: Bayside Kangaroos

Course setter: Peter Cusworth

Organiser: Carolyn Cusworth

Event Advisor: Tim Hatley

Terrain: Fast undulating terrain with low hills and minimal climbing. Mainly mixed gum and ironbark open forest. The track network is forest roads, bush tracks and single tracks. In parts the track network is dense, in other parts more open and fast. Some small sections of sealed suburban streets used to enter and exit the forest at the beginning and end of courses.

Course	Mass Start classes	Rec classes	km
1	Open Men, M40		26.0
2	Open Women, W40, M17-20, M50, M60	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	22.0
3	W17-20, W50, W60, M16, M70	Rec 3	17.0
4	W12, W14, W16, W70, W80, M12, M14, M80	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	12.0

AUSTRALIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 26 October 2019 – Starts from 9:00 am

Map: *Flat Creek* (new map)

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:5,000

Organising club: Bayside Kangaroos

Course setter: Carolyn Jackson

Organiser: Peter Cusworth

Event Advisor: Geoff Adams

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 classes	Rec classes	km
1	Open Men, M40		tbc
2	Open Women, M17-20, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	tbc
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60	Rec 3	tbc
4	W50, M70	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	tbc
5	W12, W14, W16, W60, W70, W80, M12, M14, M80	Rec 5	tbc

AUSTRALIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 26 October 2019 – Starts from 1:30pm

Map: Tullaroop Forest (new map)

Location: Maryborough, Vic.

Scale: 1:10,000

Course setter: Kathy Liley

Organiser: Yarra Valley OC

Event Advisor: Rob Edmonds (NE)



Terrain: Fast undulating terrain with low (some would say 'insignificant') hills. Mainly mixed gum and ironbark open forest. The northern part of the map has been used for firewood collection with old rough tracks being progressively overgrown. Only the most obvious of these tracks have been mapped but progress will be a bit slower in these areas. The track network is forest roads and bush tracks with only a few short single tracks.

Course	Middle Distance classes	Rec classes	km
1	Open Men		17.0
2	Open Women, M17-20, M40, M50, M60	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	15.2
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M70	Rec 3	12.5
4	W16, W50, W60, M14	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	10.5
5	W14, W70, M12	Rec 5	8.5
6	W12, W80, M80	Rec 6	6.0



AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Sunday 27 October 2019 – Starts from 9:00am

Location: Dunolly, Vic.

Scale: 1:15,000

Organising Club: Eureka Orienteers

Course setter: Keith Wade (TK)

Organiser: Blake Gordon

Event Advisor: Warwick Williams

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 Distance classes	Rec classes	km*
1	Open Men		36
2	Open Women, 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

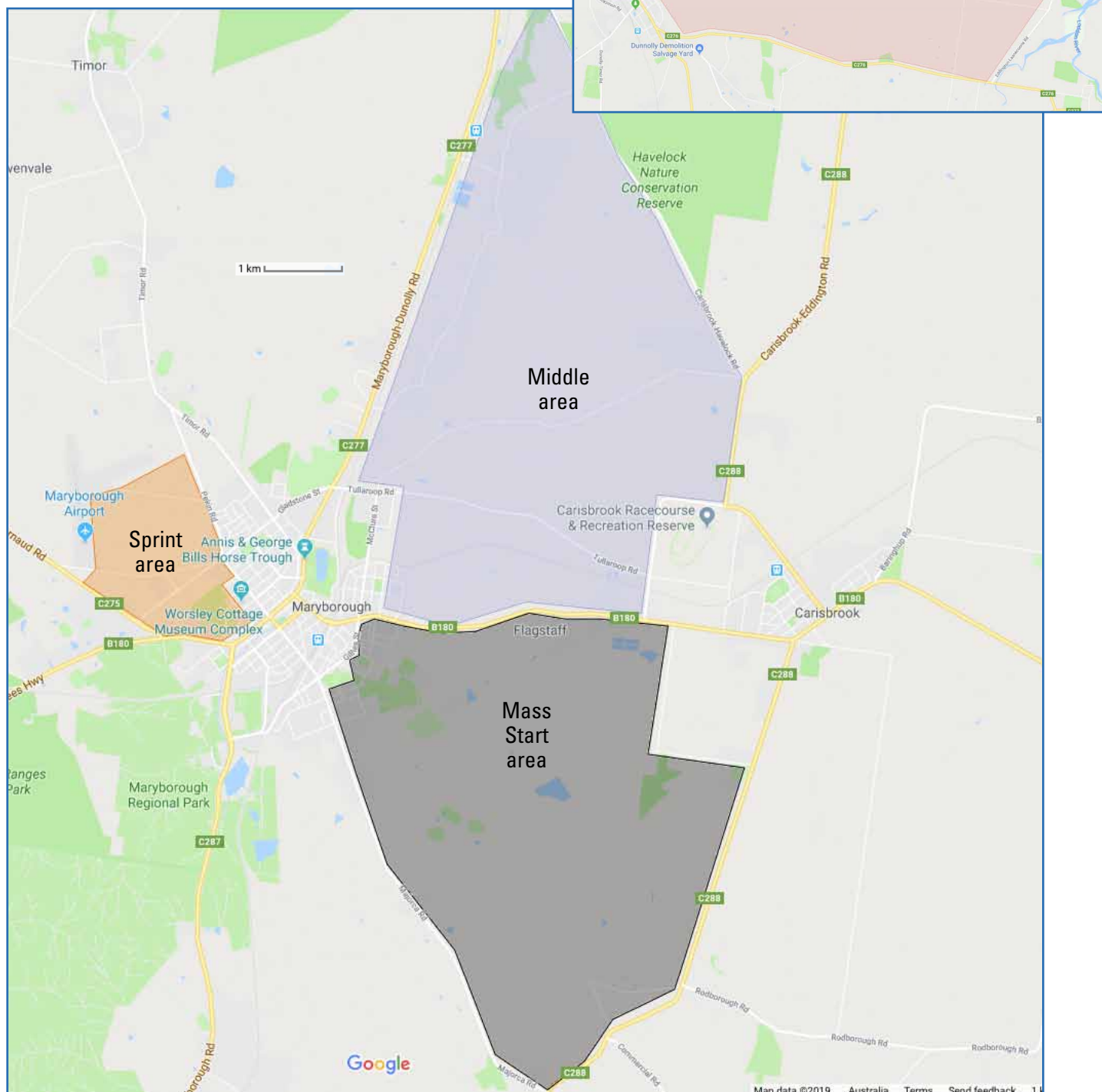
*Estimated km

MAPS & EMBARGOES

The EMBARGOED areas for these championships are shown here on this page, or you can see in more detail on the website www.ausmtbochamps.com and also on [Eventor](#).

The Sprint, Middle and Long Distance events will have new maps made by Andrew Slattery.

Links for previous maps applicable for the Mass Start event can be found on the [website](#) too.



OTHER EVENTS AND TRAINING

The ACT MTBO Championships – 18-20 October.

This is on the weekend before the Aus Champs and will be attended by many of the NZ crew making their way down to Victoria. Also a great chance to have a go at the new Mass Start format.

Mass Start, Middle and Long Championships will be held over 3 days and will provide competitors with some excellent single track and fire road riding in two very different locations.

The Mass Start will be the first ACT MTB Mass Start and will use a newly prepared map adjacent to the National Arboretum at East Stomlo. The Middle Distance will challenge competitors with a combination of excellent single tracks and undulating fire roads at Kowen Forest. The Long Distance, also at Kowen Forest, is predominately a network of fire trails with limited single track.

Read the information flyer available on [Eventor](https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/7527).
<https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events/Show/7527>



Other MTBO areas:

There are MTBO maps near Castlemaine, Creswick and Ballarat that can be made available for a small cost for training prior to 25 October. Please contact Blake blakegordon1@bigpond.com or Ph. 03 5331 7937.

MORE INFORMATION

Check the [website](#) for the latest information about the Championships.

Information will also be posted on the [MTBO Australia FaceBook page](#) and also on [Eventor](#).

General enquiries can be made to:
Kathy Liley – kliley@netspace.net.au
Peter Cusworth – 0409 797 023 – pcusworth53@gmail.com

IOF MTBO WORKSHOP

Date: 27-28 October – Sunday PM & Monday AM

Venue: Community Hub, 48 Burns Street, Maryborough

1. For people who would like to attain IOF event advisor accreditation.

2. For those who would like to update their expertise for running events in Australia.

Note that foot-O officials are quite welcome to expand their knowledge so that they can control / advise on MTBO events too.

A short evening session; Sunday afternoon (after the long event) and Monday morning.

Led by: Sandor Talas (Hungary).

Sandor was one of the main organisers for 2012 WMTBOC in Hungary and the Senior Event Advisor for 2013 WMTBOC in Estonia, as well as chair of the IOF MTBO Commission for some years. He has attended all MTBO World Championships since 2008.



Subsidy: Some recompense will be provided for the extra night's accommodation on Sunday evening.

Funded by: IOF grant

Topics covered include: IOF and its role; IOF event types; Leibnitz convention (balance between needs of sport and media); Controlling system and the Event Adviser; Competition rules and specific MTBO rules; MTBO mapping (preferably with short field exercise); Course setting considerations; Safety considerations, Injury database learnings; Key MTBO Rules; Role of Jury; Handling complaints and protests; Cancelling competitions; Jury and cancellation case discussions; Requirements for conducting a MTBO World Champs; Special challenges of World Championships.

Enter via Eventor: It is an Eventor event on 27 October. Please also email Kay – kayhaarsma@hotmail.com Ph. 0403 565 534.



The Maryborough Community Hub, venue for the MTBO Workshop.

CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER

Saturday 26 October 2019



Railway Cafe & Tracks Bar
Station St, Maryborough

We have booked a very special venue for the Championship dinner – the iconic Maryborough Station.

The dinner and presentations will be something to remember with the historic atmosphere of the Maryborough Station and delicious food making it extra special. If the weather is fine, we can also spread out on to the expansive station platform.

Dinner: 2 course meal. 4 alternative mains (vegetarian option available), 4 alternating desserts. Tea and coffee inc.

Cost: \$35 per head for food. Drinks at own cost.
Juniors (13 & under) \$15, inc soft drink.

Time: 6:30 for 7.00 pm.

Presentations: 8:15 pm for Mass Start, Sprint and Middle.

Book your place at dinner: via Eventor when entering the Middle Distance event.



Views from inside
the Railway Cafe
and Tracks Bar,
scene for the
Presentation
Dinner.



MERCHANDISE

Look really smart wearing a souvenir 2019 Australian MTBO Championships T shirt available in mens and womens sizing. Made from 100% ringspun cotton, soft and breathable.

Priced at only \$18, you can order and pay for T-shirts in the Services menu in Eventor when entering the Middle Champs race. Orders need to be in by 13 October.

Please also email Peter pcusworth53@gmail.com with the size you need, size chart as below.

2019 Australian MTBO Championships souvenir T-shirts



Mens



Womens

Mens T-shirt size chart (cm)

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Width	--	45.72	50.80	55.88	60.96	66.04	--
Length	--	69.85	73.03	75.57	78.11	81.28	--

Womens T-shirt size chart (cm)

Size	XS 0-2	S 4-6	M 8-10	L 12-14	XL 16-18	XXL 20-22	XXXL 24-26
Width	--	43.18	48.3	53.3	58.42	63.5	--
Length	--	63.5	66	68.6	71.1	74.9	--

BIKE SHOPS

There are no bike shops in Maryborough, however there are a number of bike shops in Castlemaine, Ballarat and Bendigo. Here are some:

The Bike Vault Castlemaine, 51 Templeton St,
Ph. 03 5470 6333 www.thebikevault.com.au

Bicycle Centre Ballarat, 112 Lydiard Street North,
Ph. 03 5334 4388 www.bicycle-centre.com.au

Moronis Bike Shop Bendigo, 104-106 Mitchell St,
Ph. (03) 5443 9644 www.moronisbikes.com