



A new MTBO season begins.

MTBO World Champs Lithuania

First up we would like to wish Glen Charlton from Newcastle, Fergus and Lucie Mackie from Bigfoot all the best at the Elite and Junior MTBO Championships in Lithuania. The events are on between 20th to 26th Aug. Unfortunately Rickey Thackray had to withdraw due to a major bike accident. We wish Rickey a speedy recovery. Keep an eye on the Aust MTBO Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/ausmtbo/>



Queensland MTBO Championships 26th and 27th August

Details are on Eventor for the Queensland MTBO Championships with entries closing on 20th Aug. We wish the NSW competitors well for the three events.

MTB Rogaine Penrose 3rd September

ACT Rogaine Association will be running a combined Foot and mountain bike rogaine at Penrose State Forest on the 2nd and 3rd September. The event Hash House and camping will be at Kirrikee Outdoor Centre. The MTB Rogaine will be a six-hour event starting at 9.30am and finishing at 3.30pm on Sunday 3rd. You can enter a team of two or up to five for the event.

Details are on the ACTRA website and entries are now open. This is a great chance to get in some solid practice before the Australian Championships in October.

They will be using the Penrose Forest maps and Jumping Rock, which has a good selection of single tracks. These areas are not embargoed as part of the Australian MTBO Champs.

<http://www.act.rogaine.asn.au/>

BOSS SEASON 2017/2018

BOSS 1	22 nd	Oct	17	O'Donnelltown	Kim and Burt Van Netten
BOSS 2	12 th	Nov	17	Glenrock	Steve Todkill
BOSS 3	17 th	Dec	17	Killingworth	Andrew Gilbert and Wayne Hawken
BOSS 4	14 th	Jan	18	Holmesville	Lucie Mackie
BOSS 5	11 th	Feb	18	Darkinjung	
				Central Coast	Graham Fowler
BOSS 6	11 th	Mar	18	Hebburn Dam	New map at Kurri, Greg Bacon

There will be two courses at the events:

Line /Score, same as last year with a line course on one side and the score course on the other side (More of a challenge for the diehards)

All Score, a single sided map with all the controls on the map, visit as many as you can in 75 minutes.

The older map areas have been updated due to the large number of new bike trails in the area.

The new map at Hebburn Dam is a MTB paradise with heaps of fast, flowing single tracks and not many hills. With the new format the BOSS season is going to be great!

KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEWCASTLE EVENT PAGE FOR DETAILS.

Australian MTBO Championships Wingello 4th to 8th October

Entries are steadily flowing in for the MTBO Carnival. With well over 60 entries to date and a large number of Kiwi competitors still to enter the events, this is one carnival to put on your Bucket List. The NZ team has nominated 44 competitors to compete in the Aus/NZ Challenge. The NZ team is posted on the Aust MTBO face book page. I am not sure what the Australian Team looks like; hope our top riders nominate, as the NZ Team looks very strong.

Even though this will be a very competitive event for the Elite riders, the courses and areas will suit all levels of competitors and we encourage everyone to have a go and join in the fun.

The recreational class will have the option to ride in either Course 4 or Course 5 to suit their abilities.

Kirrikee Outdoor Centre will be a great venue to relax, have a spit roast and chat about your experiences at the carnival.

The bunkhouse beds are all but taken however; there are heaps of tents with stretchers available plus plenty of room for camping. The Shower/Toilet facilities have recently been up graded to cater for larger groups of people.

Thanks to Wildfire Sports, Miry Map boards and ONSW there will be some very good lucky draw prizes and the odd award at the organiser's discretion. You do not have to be a top competitor to come away with a prize.

Keep an eye on the Aust MTBO Website for news updates and the final Bulletin.

<http://www.ausmtbochamps.com/>

ACT MTBO CHAMPS

The ACT MTBO Champs will be held on the weekend of 14/15th October. Details will be posted on Eventor shortly.

Greg Bacon

