

**BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT  
AND  
EVACUATION PLAN**

**AUSTRALIAN MTBO  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Southern Highlands**

**4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

## INTRODUCTION

This plan is for Orienteering NSW and has been designed to assist the event organisers to protect competitors, volunteers and the general public in the event of a bushfire during the Australian MTBO Championships event in the Wingello Penrose and Belanglo State Forests.

Our aim is to have preplanning and procedures in place for evacuation or shelter of people from the event site to enhance the protection of these people.

Prior to commencing the event the organisers shall check media, websites and Local RFS for bushfire warnings in the event area.

**The event shall be cancelled when advised by RFS or NSW Forests.**

This management plan is based on the NSW RFS Bushfire Management Plan Template 2014.

**LOCATION:**        **Wingello, Penrose & Belanglo SF**

**Contact Person:**    Tim Hackney   Ph: 0412668012

**Date of Plan:**        February   2017

**Type of event:**       Mountain Bike Orienteering

## EVENT INFORMATION

Number of Volunteers:        6

Number of competitors:      120

General Public (approx)      20

Other: Family/Friends        40

## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Tim Hackney:	Main contact/liaison	0418660882
Andrew Power:	Account for competitors	0400301579
Greg Bacon:	Transportation & traffic	0401889688
Malcolm Roberts:	Evacuation assistance	
TBA :	Evacuation assistance	

**Main Contact/liaison:** Remain at the event centre and co ordinate with RFS Police and emergency services, oversee recall of competitors from course. Monitor and confirm accounting for competitors.

**Competitor accounting:** Update computer on competitors finish and start times. Advise liaison officer on accounting. Consult course maps on competitor location.

**Transport and Traffic:** Oversee competitors packing up of personal equipment and possible evacuation of the area, control local traffic around the event site.

**Evacuation Assistance:** Liaise with controlling officer on recovery of competitors from course, other duties as required.

## EVACUATION TRIGGER

- 1 Advice from RFS or emergency services
- 2 Fire or smoke sighted on course
- 3 Smoke causing poor visibility
- 4 Advice from local residents on nearby fire

## DESIGNATED ASSEMBLY POINTS

Wingello SF	Camping Ground at Start	(see location map)
Penrose SF	Rest area on M1 at Start	(see location map)
Belanglo SF	Belanglo House at start	(see location map)

## TRANSPORT DETAILS

### Course Closure

On course closure in the advent of a bushfire, the competitors will be stopped from starting the event. Evacuation assistance personnel will stop competitors at main road intersections on the course that are not at risk of bushfire. Competitors will be directed back to the event centre. All competitors have maps of the area.

On return to event centre and formal accounting of their whereabouts, competitors and family/friends will be advised to pack their equipment in their vehicles and await confirmation of evacuation or shelter details.

The majority of people at the event have their own transportation. The event officials have Hi Vis vests and will assist with traffic control in the area.

## SHELTER & EVACUATION LOCATION

**Venue 1:** Bill O'Reilly Oval  
**Address:** Kareela Rd, Wingello  
**Nearest Cross street:** Murrimba Rd

This is the evacuation centre for the Sprint, Middle and Long events being conducted in Wingello Forest. You will be advised at the assembly point when to move to the evacuation centre.

**Venues 2 & 3:** Rest area on M1 for Penrose and Belanglo events.  
You will be advised at the assembly point when to move.

## CONTACT DETAILS

NSW RFS:	48685500
NSW FIRE BRIGADE:	000
NSW POLICE:	48836044 (Bundanoon)
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE:	132500
NSW AMBULANCE:	000
LOCAL HOSPITAL:	Bowral District Hospital Ph: 48610200

## EVACUATION PROCEDURES

### Before event

- ◆ Brief volunteers on evacuation plan.
- ◆ Check mobile coverage.
- ◆ Copy of evacuation plan for volunteers and display on noticeboard.

### Action plan for evacuation

- ◆ Close course when bushfire warning received.
- ◆ Commence evacuation of competitors on course.
- ◆ Commence accounting for competitors, families and friends.
- ◆ Commence transport plan or evacuation.
- ◆ Contact RFS and Emergency services for updates on bush fire.
- ◆ Commence packing up event centre.
- ◆ Advise people to shelter at evacuation centre.
- ◆ Monitor accounting for competitors.

## SECURITY

No security required as event logistics take approximately 10 minutes to pack and remove.

Competitors and families/friends pack and prepare their own vehicle.