# Muckleford Diggings, Newstead/Maldon

#### **VIC MTBO SERIES #5**

Sunday 19th November 2017

Organised by Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club

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**Location:** The assembly area is off the Mia Mia Rd, Newstead. Big thanks of appreciation to Robyn and Michael Ruggles for the use of their paddock for the assembly area.

GPS coordinates: -37.10421 S, 144.07771 E

**Directions:** From Castlemaine take the Pyrenees Highway / B180 towards Maryborough and Newstead. 2km after passing through Green Gully and about 1km before Newstead turn right (north) onto Mia Mia Rd and follow O-signs north for 2km to assembly area.

**Map:** Muckleford Diggings Scale: 1:20,000, Contours 5m. The map was first used for the 2008 Victorian Long Distance MTBO Champs. It has been updated for this event with several new single tracks being added, some tracks deleted and an upgrade according to the latest IOF standards.

**ENTRY:** Enter online through Eventor. Online entries close at midnight on Wednesday 15th November. If you don't have an Eventor account, please contact the organiser to register your entry and pay on the day.

## **ONLINE ENTRY FEES:**

Orienteering Victoria member \$20 Adult, \$15 Junior. Non-member: \$30 Adult, \$25 Junior

On-the-Day Entry is dependent on available maps.

COURSES: Choose whichever length course you like.

**Course 1:** 35.6 km – 510m climb – 18 controls

**Course 2:** 27.3 km - 395m climb - 16 controls

**Course 3:** 22.7 km - 350m climb - 13 controls

**Course 4:** 14.7 km - 180m climb - 8 controls

**Score course:** 2 hours – visit as many controls as you can in any order.

**Special Children's Course:** A special small children's course with 6 animal coded controls to find on a simple circuit. FREE ENTRY. Children to be accompanied by an

#### **Course Setter Notes**

- The map now takes in many new single tracks laid out by local MTB groups. The forest tracks are generally medium to fast. Some areas have been recently logged. Beware of unmapped snig tracks in these areas.
- Competitors need to be aware of other riders using the MTB trails and the possibility of motorbikes and 4WD vehicles on the other roads and trails.
- The roads and tracks are used by locals for firewood collection. Please take care.

### On the Day

Registration opens at 9.30 am

**Sportident electronic timing** will be used. Loan SI sticks will be available at Registration.

**Start times:** from 10.00am to 12 noon. Allowance made for any family groups needing more of an overlap in timing. Earlier starts may be possible.

The Start: adjacent the assembly area

**The Finish:** after finishing, please return to the Rego/Admin tent to download.

**Courses close at 2.30 pm.** All riders must finish by that time as controls will be brought in from then.

**Loan map boards** will be available, free of charge for new riders. See Ralph in the parking area, near Registration

**New to MTBO?** Please let us know at registration and we can give you extra info and instruction.

The link to create your Eventor account is https://eventor.orienteering.asn.au/Events

New memberships taken out before the end of the year will carry over till the end of 2018.



#### Important rules for the event:

- ✓ use mapped tracks only. Don't go through the bush
- ✓ You and your bike must stay together at all times
- ✓ Wear a helmet and carry water with you
- ✓ Keep left on tracks and be careful at intersections

Controls are marked on your map like this:

