

# 2019 AUSTRALIAN MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 25 to Sunday 27 October – Maryborough, Victoria

## BULLETIN 1

### Incorporating:

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



Organised by Bayside Kangaroos, Eureka and Yarra Valley Orienteering Clubs.

**We have a terrific carnival of Mountain Bike Orienteering planned to round out the Australian MTBO year with FOUR championships to be contested over THREE days.**

The Mass Start, Sprint and Middle Distance events are all within riding distance (<4 km) from central Maryborough. The Long Distance event is in Dunolly, just 25km to the north.

We are planning an event DINNER on the Saturday night in Maryborough to incorporate presentations from the Friday and Saturday races.

ALSO, Orienteering Australia is organising a workshop in Maryborough for MTBO organisers, course setters and

controllers – to be conducted by IOF MTBO guru Sandor Talas – More details on Page 2.

A full range of Championship CLASSES (M/W12-80 with seniors in 10 year age groups) will be offered, as well as options for recreational and e-bike riders. Tracks are mainly 4wd/forest tracks with some single track and some suburban streets.

It is intended to use SIAC – the touchless SI system for recording your control visits.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

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|---------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Thursday or Friday</b> | afternoon morning | PRACTICE EVENT  | Maryborough |
| <b>Friday 25 OCT</b>      | afternoon         | MASS START CHAMPIONSHIP                                   | Maryborough |
| <b>Saturday 26 OCT</b>    | morning           | SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP                              | Maryborough |
|                           | afternoon         | MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP                              | Maryborough |
|                           | evening           | PRESENTATION DINNER                                       | Maryborough |
| <b>Sunday 27 OCT</b>      | morning           | LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP                                | Dunolly     |
| <b>Sunday to Monday</b>   | afternoon morning | MTBO WORKSHOP for Organisers, Course Setters, Controllers | Maryborough |





## MAPS

The EMBARGO NOTICE and map is available on the **Aus MTBO Champs** website [www.ausmtbochamps.com](http://www.ausmtbochamps.com) and also on [Eventor](#).

Links for previous maps applicable for the Mass Start event and Sprint event can be found on the [website](#) too. The Middle Distance and Long Distance events and most of the Sprint event are on new areas.

## 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. It's best to get in early.

For information about accommodation and what to do in and around Maryborough, check out [www.visitmaryborough.com.au](http://www.visitmaryborough.com.au)

## OTHER EVENTS AND TRAINING:

The **ACT MTBO Championships – 18-20 October**, are on the week before with 3 events: Mass Start, Middle and Long Distance events being held over three days ([check Eventor for details](#)).

**Maryborough Practice event** – Thursday 24th (afternoon) or Friday 25th (morning). This will use the existing *Bull Gully Wells* map adjacent to the Mass Start map area. This event will use the [MapRun](#) phone app. If you want to complete the timed course you will need to first [download the app](#). You will still 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. There will be no actual controls put out.

**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.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

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

General enquiries can be made to Kathy Liley on [kliley@netspace.net.au](mailto:kliley@netspace.net.au)

More details on costs and dates for entries to open and close will be available mid-year.

## MTBO CONTROLLING & ORGANISING WORKSHOP

### 27-28 October – Maryborough (Victoria)

This will be run by *Sandor Talas* (Hungary) who has conducted such clinics for the IOF in the past.

It will commence on Sunday afternoon (after the last race) in Maryborough and conclude about lunchtime Monday.

Participants will be reimbursed some of their accommodation costs for the Sunday night.

This workshop is suitable for all ranges of experience – and to those who wish to gain IOF accreditation to be involved with IOF-level events in Australia or New Zealand (or further afield). It is hoped to have participants from all states. Participants from New Zealand are welcome too.

More details will be provided later.

**To register:** send email to [kayhaarsma@hotmail.com](mailto:kayhaarsma@hotmail.com) providing name; phone number, and stating your present level of experience – nil, some, moderate, very.

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