



A Carnival for everyone!

Round 1 MTBO National League

17-20 September 2020



Welcome to the 2020 Australian MTBO Championships

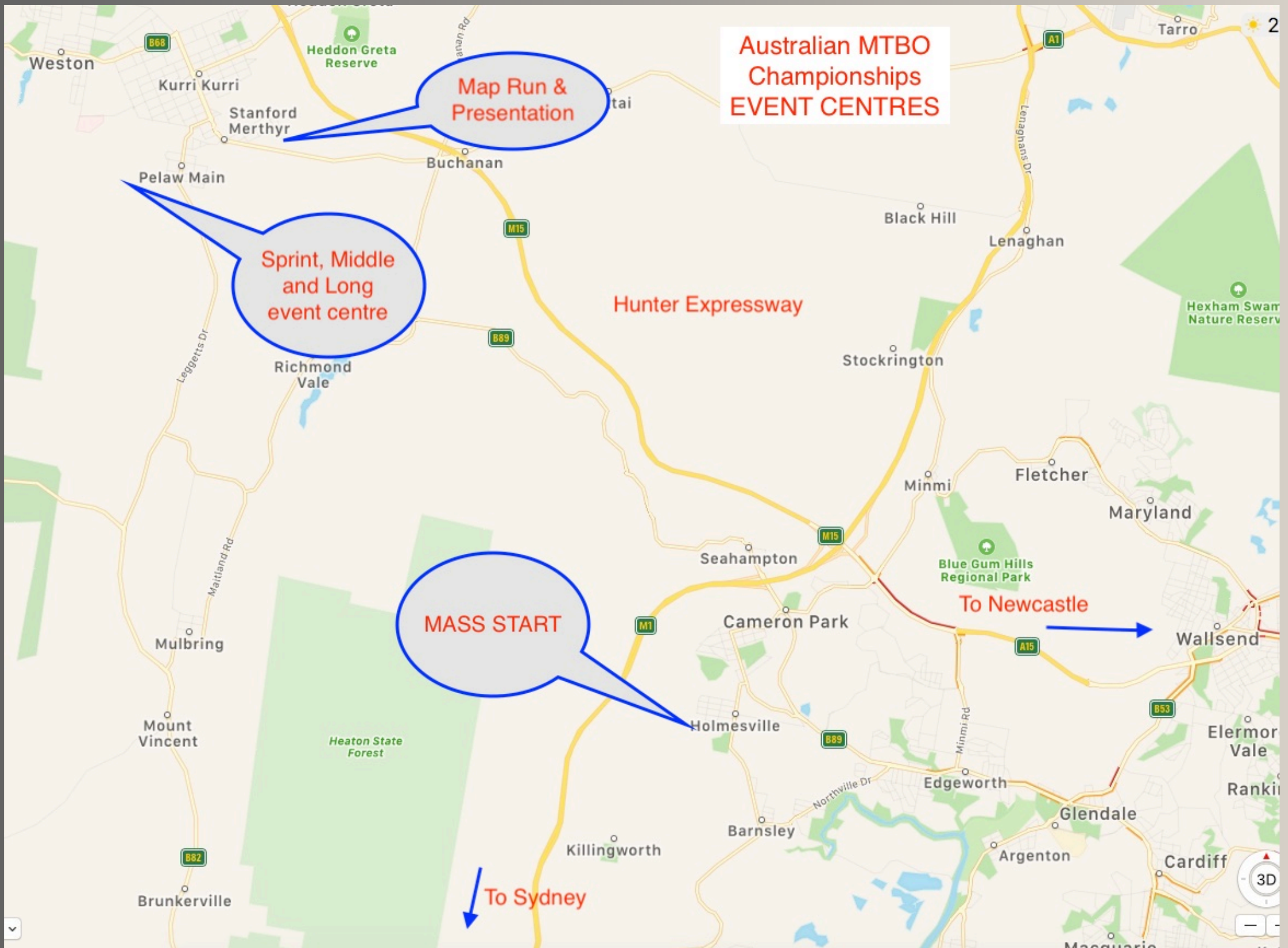
The events will be held in the Kurri Kurri and Newcastle area with the championship events from the 18th to 19th September.

Thu 17th	Map Run	From 1.00pm	Stanford Merthyr
Fri 18th	Mass Start	From 2.00pm	Holmesville
Sat 19th	Sprint Distance	From 9.00am	Kurri Kurri
Sat 19th	Family Score event	12noon to 1.00pm	Kurri Kurri
Sat 19th	Middle Distance	From 2.00pm	Kurri Kurri
Sat 19th	Presentation Dinner	From 6.30pm	Stanford Merthyr
Sun 20th	Long Distance	From 8.30am	Kurri Kurri

The event centre is Richmond Vale Colliery museum, Hebburn St, Pelaw Main. Camping will be available at the event centre on the 18th and 19th September.

The presentation dinner and the Map Run course are located at the Pelaw Main Bowling Club.

The event centre is a little over 34k from the centre of Newcastle.



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COURSE DETAILS

The full course details with lengths and elevations will be included in Bulletin 2

The guide below is in minutes for the expected winning times and there may be adjustments for the Recreational class and some master classes.

	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	45-50	80-90

PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using SIAC- the contactless version of Sport Ident with the range to controls set at 30cm. You must approach within 30cm to register your visit to the control. There will be a limited number of hire SIAC for the weekend. Details on the number of SIAC for hire and the cost will be in Bulletin 2. If you need to hire a SIAC stick ensure that you enter early. Standard punch SI units may be used if you do not wish to use SIAC. There will be a limited quantity of standard SI sticks available for hire.

START TIMES

The start times are listed on page 1 of this bulletin. The start draw will be undertaken on Monday 14th September and the details posted on Eventor as soon as possible. If you have a special request for a start time please email gregbacon63@gmail.com

The Mass Start event is in age groups and it may be difficult to organise start times to meet family needs at this event.

AWARDS/PRIZES

For the Australian Championships age classes, awards will be made to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. In the Recreational Class awards will be made to 1st place only.

There will be a random prize draw at the Presentation Dinner.

Awards will be presented at the Presentation Dinner for the Mass Start, Sprint and Middle events.

Awards for the Long Distance will be presented on completion of the event at approximately 12.30pm.

PRESENTATION DINNER

The Presentation Dinner will be held at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club, Victoria Street, Stanford Merthyr.

The dinner will be from the Bistro menu and you can choose and pay for your own meal. Competitors are advised to attend the Bistro after 6.00pm to ensure that they can complete their meal by 7.30pm. The presentation will commence at 7.30pm.

A function room has been booked adjacent to the Bistro. If you are not dining at the Bistro you are still welcome to attend the Presentation at 7.30pm.

We will be asking for numbers attending the Bistro through Eventor. The numbers are required for catering and seating arrangements.

RULES

The event will be held under the Australian MTBO Rules as described in the following link.

<https://www.orienteering.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/OA-MTBO-RULES-2014.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION/CAMPING

Camping will be available at the event centre on Friday 18th September from 12 noon to Sunday 20th September until completion of the Championships. The two nights accommodation fee is \$20 per head, with a family maximum of \$40. This will be payable via Eventor when entries open. The camping area has toilets onsite however, there are no showers. There are several motels, hotels and resorts in the Kurri Kurri/Cessnock area that are within 15 minutes drive of the event centre.

Check out the various accommodation booking websites for the best deals, Wotif, Trivago and Expedia.



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ENTRY FEES

Entries are to be made through Eventor. You may select more than one event to allow a single payment. Instructions on how to use Eventor are :

<https://www.onsw.asn.au/events/eventor-faq>

NORMAL ENTRIES CLOSE ON 6th September.

To be eligible for an Australian Championship award you must be a member of an Orienteering Australia club or another National Orienteering Association.

Non members may compete in the Recreational Class.

Children under 14 Free Entry. There is no entry fee for the Map Run event



CLOSING 6th Sept	Mass Start	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$40
Junior (M/W 14-16)	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$18
Recreation	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$20



ENTRIES ON THE DAY

All entries for the championships events must pre -enter through Eventor.

There will be a limited number of maps available on the day in the Recreational class.

There will be no enter on the day for the Mass Start event. If you wish to enter on the day it is advisable to attend registration as early as possible to reserve a map. Enter on the day competitors will use a normal Sport Ident stick.

CLASSES

A full range of classes will be offered for the Championships :

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

Two Recreational classes will be on offer at each event. Details on the classes will be in Bulletin 2.

There will be a E-mtb Recreational Class for Men and Women with two courses on offer.

Pairs. You may ride as a pair in the Recreational class with the standard event entry fee applied to each competitor.

Families. Children under 12 may ride with their parents in the Recreational Class. Single entry fee applies to the family class.

WEATHER/TRACK CONDITIONS

The average temperatures in September are between 23 deg and 8 deg. It can get a little chilly in the mornings.

September has the lowest rainfall with between 50 to 60 mm.

The tracks dry out quickly in the area after rain with the majority of the single tracks still being in good condition when wet as it has a gravel and ash base.

Some of the fire roads can get a little tacky with water puddles to negotiate.

TERRAIN DESCRIPTION

Mass Start: The event will be held at Holmesville which has a 25k mtb loop with numerous inter connecting tracks and trails around the circuit. The tracks are generally fast riding and have numerous tight and twisty sections. Tracks can be negotiated in both directions. The area is generally flat with numerous short pinches to get the legs going. There are numerous route options and intense navigation may be required around the course.

Kurri Kurri Event area: The terrain and riding conditions are similar for the Sprint, Middle and Long events.

The start and finish for the Sprint and Middle will be adjacent to the event arena and camping. There will be a 1.5k ride to the start of the Long event. The mtb single tracks are mainly graded as fast and the Moto X trails in the area will be graded slow due to the ruts and erosion on bends and climbs. Some of the mtb trails are very lengthy and crossing points will be marked on the map and taped on the ground to allow crossing and route choice. The forest varies from very open to thick undergrowth. The thick undergrowth has been marked on the map to aid in navigation. The fire trails are very fast with the odd rut thrown in. Bulletin 2 will contain more details of the track conditions with some pictures and map samples. No major hill climbs on any course.

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