

BULLETIN 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

2022 VICTORIAN MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS

2022 NATIONAL MTBO SERIES – ROUND 1

14-15 MAY 2022 – BALLARAT



The 2022 Victorian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships will be held on the north eastern edge of Ballarat in the Nerrina area. There will be Sprint, Middle and Long distance championships contested over the weekend, which will also be a round of the 2022 National MTBO Series.

The assembly area for all three events will be the Little Bendigo Primary School which is just 6km from the centre of Ballarat.

The Nerrina MTBO map has not been used since the 2008 Victorian championships, but has been updated for this year's championships. A copy of the previous map is available on Eventor.

Note that these events will be subject to Victorian COVID-Safe restrictions that apply at the time. If any entrants are precluded from attending because of COVID restrictions, their entry fees will be refunded.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday 14 MAY	morning	MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Ballarat
	afternoon	SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP	Ballarat
Sunday 15 MAY	morning	LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP and PRESENTATIONS	Ballarat

CLASSES

Age classes offered at each event: M/W 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80.

e-Bike.

Recreational classes for each course – eg Rec 2 rides Course 2.

COURSE DETAILS

Full course lengths and elevations will be included in the next bulletin.

The table is a guide (in minutes) of what the expected winning times will be for the various age groups.

Expected win time - mins	Sprint	Middle	Long
Junior Women	16 - 20	40 - 44	68 - 76
Junior Men	16 - 20	40 - 44	84 - 92
W21-Open	20 - 25	50 - 55	85 - 95
M21-Open	20 - 25	50 - 55	105 - 115
Veteran Women	20 - 25	50 - 55	85 - 95
Veteran Men	20 - 25	50 - 55	105 - 115

PUNCHING SYSTEM

We will be using the SPORTident Active Card system (SIAC) – the contactless timing system. We will be using the latest control boxes (BS11) that have a range of 1.5 metres. ***These units will only work with a SIAC stick.***

The entry fees include the hire of an SIAC stick for the weekend. **If you have your own SIAC stick** (number in the range 8000000-8999999), **you can claim a \$2 discount** (via 'Services') **for each event you enter.**

All riders need to use a SIAC stick. ie the older SI sticks will not work.

More details on how the SIAC punching system operates: <https://www.sportident.com/news/385-fast-faster-siac.html>

ENTRY PROCEDURE AND FEES

Entries to be made via [Eventor](#) and will **CLOSE at midnight on WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY.**

Start lists for all events will be posted on Eventor on Saturday 7th May.

Entry Fees	Sprint	Middle	Long
Senior	\$27	\$27	\$32
Junior	\$14	\$14	\$17

RESULTS

Subject to COVID conditions and maintaining social distancing requirements, TV displays will be in use at event assembly for up-to-the minute provisional results. Results will also be posted up to Eventor progressively throughout the event, and a QR code printed on each map will enable competitors to quickly access the results page on Eventor for each race. So make sure your phone is charged ready to check your results after you've finished.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will be made to the first three placegetters in the competition classes. Presentations for the Sprint and Middle Distance Championships will be made at the Saturday evening dinner, and the Long Distance Championships presentation will be made as soon as possible after the race on Sunday.

DINNER

Subject to COVID conditions, we are encouraging competitors to join us on Saturday at 6.30pm for dinner – venue to be confirmed. To assist us making the booking, please indicate your intention to attend by selecting the "dinner" option in the "Services" menu for the Middle event. Pay for dinner yourselves on the night.

NATIONAL MTBO SERIES

These three events comprise the second round of the 2022 National MTBO Series. The 2022 series also includes the, Australian, Queensland and ACT MTBO Championships. For full description, see:

<https://orienteering.asn.au/index.php/national-mtbo-series/>

PREVIOUS VICTORIAN MTBO CHAMPIONS

This year's events mark the 25th running of the Victorian MTBO Championships, first held at Mt Doran / Lal Lal in 1997.

[This link shows the previous champions](#)

VICTORIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 14 May 2022 – Starts from 10:00am

Map: *Nerrina*

Location: Ballarat, Nerrina.

Scale: 1:7500

Organising Club: Bayside Kangaroos

Course setter: John Gavens

Event Advisor: Ricky Thackray

Terrain: Mostly native forest running through old mining terrain, lots of small gullies and some larger ones mean there are hills! A range of vehicle tracks plus some hand crafted single track and a very complex (mostly downhill) single track network in the east.

Course	Middle Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21		17
2	W21, M17-20, M40, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	13
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60	Rec 3	11
4	W16, W50, W60, M14, M70	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	9
5	W14, W70, M80	Rec 5	8
6	W12, W80, M12	Rec 6	7

VICTORIAN SPRINT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Saturday 14 May 2022 – Starts from 3:00pm

Map: *Monte Christo*

Location: Ballarat, Brown Hill.

Scale: 1:10 000

Organising club: Yarra Valley

Course setter: Kathy Liley

Event Advisor: Warick Williams

Terrain: Urban fringe with adjacent forest. Fast with some steeper sections. The track network is suburban and forest roads, bush tracks, suburban bike paths, single tracks. There will also be some grassy sections on open land.

Course	Sprint Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21		9
2	W21, M17-20, M40, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	8
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60	Rec 3	7
4	W16, W50, W60, M14, M70	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	6
5	W14, W70, M80	Rec 5	4
6	W12, W80, M12	Rec 6	3

VICTORIAN LONG DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: Sunday 15 May 2022 – Starts from 9:00am

Map: *Nerrina*

Location: Ballarat, Nerrina.

Scale: 1:15 000

Organising Club: Eureka Orienteers

Course setter: Gary Buchan

Event Advisor: Blake Gordon

Terrain: Mostly native forest running through old mining terrain, lots of small gullies and some larger ones mean there are hills! A range of vehicle tracks plus some hand crafted single track and a very complex (mostly downhill) single track network in the east, plus plantation and native forest with typical fire and logging access roads further north.

Course	Long Championship classes	Other classes	approx km
1	M21		34
2	W21, M17-20, M40, M50	Rec 2, e-Bike 2	29
3	W17-20, W40, M16, M60	Rec 3	26
4	W16, W50, W60, M14, M70	Rec 4, e-Bike 4	19
5	W14, W70, M80	Rec 5	15
6	W12, W80, M12	Rec 6	11

ACCOMMODATION

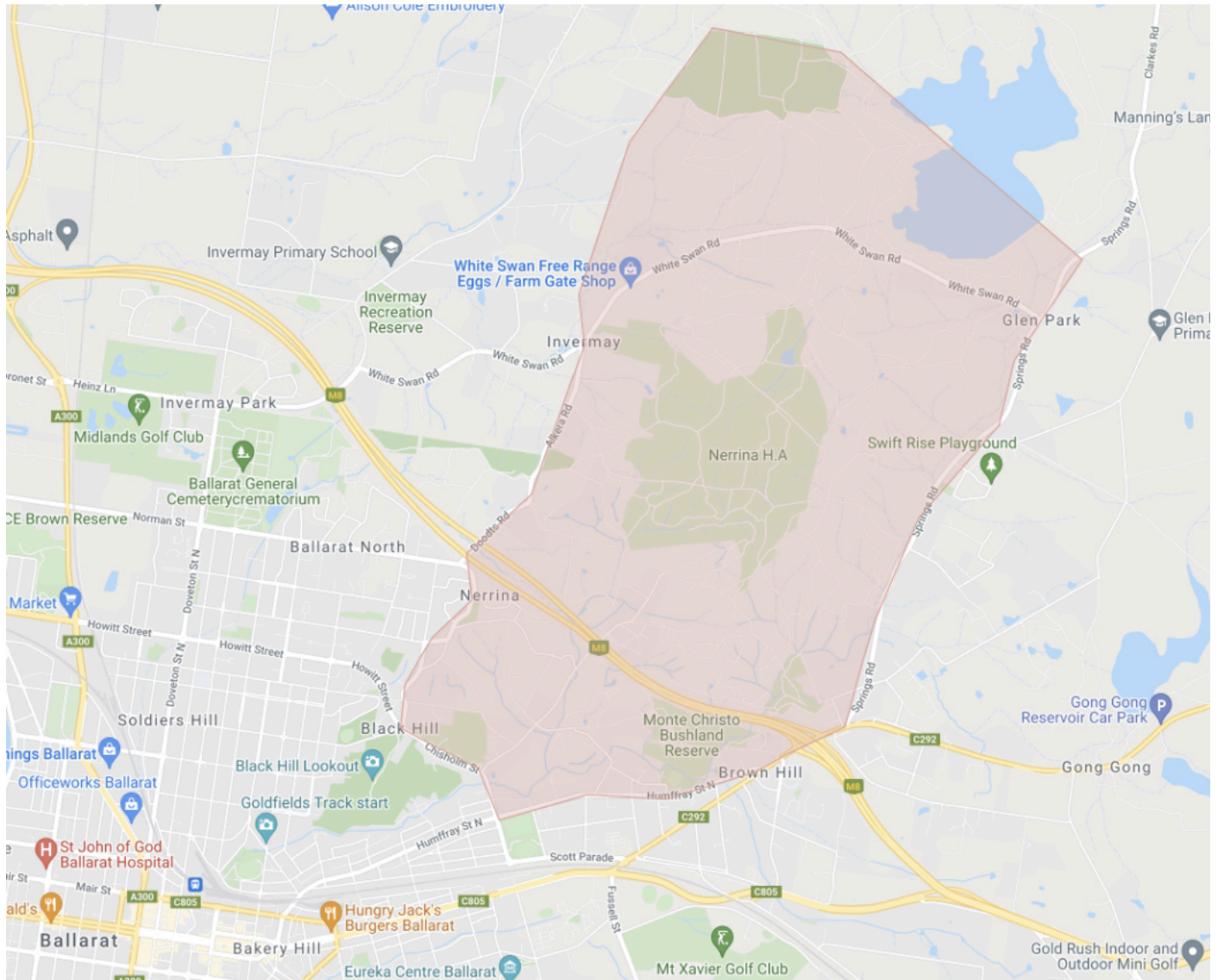
There is a large range of accommodation options in Ballarat. This website highlights places to stay.

<https://www.visitballarat.com.au/places-to-stay/>

For information about what to do and see around Ballarat, check out <https://www.visitballarat.com.au>

EMBARGO

The EMBARGOED area for these championships is shown below. You can see in more detail on [this Google map link](#).



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of [Victorian MTBO maps available set up with MapRun courses](#) including *Lal Lal*, approx 25km from Ballarat and *Bells Reef* near Daylesford 40km from Ballarat. After the Vic MTBO Series event on 24 April, 2022, the *Creswick Forest* map with courses, will be available for training.

MORE INFORMATION

Bulletin 2 will be released by the end of April. It will contain final details about each event, including travel directions, final course distances and climbs.

Information is also available on the [Orienteering Victoria website](#) and also for each event on [Eventor](#).

Updated news will also appear on the [VicMTBO facebook page](#)

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