

## **Eureka Orienteers**

**Summary of Meeting – Jan 20, 2009 – Attended by Mark V, Roch P, Blake G, Tom N.**

### **Mapping Issues**

- Started with the view that maps relate to events – that we need to look at what it is we want to do and we then initiate a map or a revision to suit the event.
- What do we want to do? We agreed that we would establish a rotation system for both Foot O and MTBO events. It would involve us nominating or agreeing for a State Series event each year in both disciplines, and then on an alternating two yearly cycle we will bid for an NOL event and a State Championship level event for Foot O, and similar for MTBO, where we would look to add a State/Australian Championship event each second year.
- Victoria will host the Easter 3 day event in 2013 and we believe we can mount a strong case to centre the event in Ballarat with Chapel Flat and Petticoat Gully being the main areas.
- A draft spread sheet has been prepared with some suggested locations, including Smythesdale area for Foot O and Glenlyon for MTBO.
- What else do we want to do? We need to enhance the local series and we believe this can best be done by developing a selection of “in-town” maps. A range of options has been proposed.
- We cannot ignore the schools and we need to develop a strategy for offering a program which maps the school grounds and/or nearby park, teaches the fundamentals of the sport, trains the staff to a level which sustains the program, links the students with the local series and encourages them to enter school championships – and hopefully they and their family become supporters of the sport and members of Eureka! Again a range of options has been drafted.
- Where to from here? This sub-committee can see good reason to pursue the following :-
  - a) identify now the major events and areas for the period 2010 – 2014
  - b) prepare a case for Easter 2013, after completing mapping of Chapel Flat and the link to White Swan in 2009.
  - c) Explore a range of mapping projects to the south of Ballarat in a sweep from south of Buninyong west to Linton, and extending into Berringa/Staffordshire Reef area. Re-map as deemed appropriate existing areas such as Chinaman’s Flat.
  - d) Commit funds now to the local series and schools projects mentioned above. This is looking very like a Development Officer Position, whereby a person is appointed to map, engage groups, teach and run events. The funding for such a position could be supplemented through map sales, program fees, grants, VOA support etc.