

## Foxtrot Oscar Cheltenham Oval Robina

This is a good Hash venue with plenty of cover and interesting country in the heart of suburbia. After a preamble we were off ambling. Essentially we went around a lake with the Runners taking a detour to stretch out their effort.



### Run Report:

Mistake No.1 The GM invited a visitor KY Jelly to give the report.  
Mistake No. 2 KYJ innocently proceeded to tell us how this is judged where he comes from. No one was the slightest interested and calls of 'what time does Q&A start?' echoed around.

Lesson: 'Keep it brief or keep them laughing'

Anyhow, KYJ is with us for a year and being a decent sort of bloke, wisely living in Main Beach, he will make amends.

BTW: The Run scored 17/40 on the Melbourne Scale.

**Walk Report:** Shat knew the locals better and quickly delivered an 8/10 score.



**Nosh Report:** Halal saw it as Halal food and was delighted, 9.5/10. Certainly FOXTROT OSCAR deserves praise for an excellent meal on his first attempt. Entree was good. Main was special - Spicy chicken with rice and Arab bread. I saw some with ice cream sticks for dessert but missed out. Then came whisky/jelly shots - superb! And no sparing of the whisky! KB helped out as usual. Well done.

Note the rice pyramid by FOXTROT OSCAR



### Next was Birthdays:

SKYHOOK - his birthday is 3 weeks away but he will be in Cambodia. PEPE has been pressed into a frontline role.

JIGSAW - Not sure how old and he gave a story about being told not to bring beers - a likely story! There is always next week JIGSAW.

**RA SPV:**

Told a story about MUFF who has passed away. It involved a nude Run at midnight on Russell Island, a gay fire truck driver and PIZZA sitting in the truck beside him. Also girls were involved.



**POW:**

To the musical strains of the Boozemasters we heard an involved explanation which was cut by the GM and the POW went back to SWOLLEN COLON in absentia. POXY was the Proxy. And the bag is still in my car boot!



**Brengun:**

Had a major head on while cycling on Monday and has been in GCUH. The bruise on his back has resulted in two cracked vertebrae. He has been restored to his usual good humour and will be back to tell the tale soon.

**No Jokes tonight**

**Addams Family Promo:**

Bar on site  
Pre Play dinner at Bombay Affair  
Extra Tickets now available.  
See website for full details.

Cut and Paste the link below and try the test:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo&feature=youtu.be>

### **Bored on the train**

Three men and a young woman are travelling on a train. The four passengers get talking and the chat soon takes an erotic turn.

The young woman proposes: "If each of you give me \$1 I will show you my legs". The men, charmed by the woman, all pull a dollar out of their wallet and she proceeds to pull up her dress a bit to show her legs.

The woman then says: "If each of you gentlemen give me \$10 I will show you my thighs". Again the men pull out their wallets, hand over the money the money and the woman pulls up her dress to show her legs.

The woman continues: "If you give me \$100 I will show you where I was operated on for appendicitis". All three hand over the money.

The woman then turns to the window and points outside at a building they're passing. "See there in the distance, that's the hospital where I had it done!"

### **Robina History**



#### **Planned communities**

Towns and communities have generally grown around features such as rivers, harbours, beaches or along transport routes.

In the early days, settlers avoided areas which were flood prone, isolated from markets or disadvantaged by a lack of readily available services.

It was only in the last decades of the 20th century that massive earth moving equipment made it possible to reshape a landscape and build a road system on a grand scale.

On the Gold Coast, the rapid population growth and influx of investment capital in the late 1970s made the concept of a major planned town and residential centre, such as Robina, feasible for the first time.

When master planned communities were first developing in North America in the 1960s, the Gold Coast scene was still one of fibro, timber and brick family homes and weekenders.

Increasingly, these homes were dwarfed by the first high rise apartments lining the coastal strip.

In the hinterland, traditional farm houses surrounded by sheds and dairies were the main architectural features in a rural landscape.

The small towns and villages of the Hinterland were linked by mostly unsealed roads since the main road, today's Gold Coast Highway, was centred on the coastal strip.

### **Arthur Earle**

When grazier/realtor, Arthur Earle, came to the Gold Coast in 1964, he purchased about 3000 acres of land situated between Nerang and Mudgeeraba and set about dozing a track through the middle of his land. The track became a busy road eventually and when it was linked up with the cuttings of the old railway line, it formed part of today's Pacific Highway.

Meanwhile developers were slowly dredging and reshaping land in the low lying areas along the Nerang River. They were creating canal estates where many housing allotments included much sought after water frontage.

### **Home of the Bunyip?**

At this stage, the future site of Robina was still untouched - a wilderness of lagoons, paper barks and casuarina and home of the mythical Merrimac Bunyip.

The **great swamp**, as it was once known, was largely unexploited except as a leasehold for grazing cattle in a dry season. It was a difficult landscape for development and it had withstood many attempts by investors to reshape or transform it into a profitable asset.

### **Robina Land Corporation**

In December 1980, Arthur Earle and Singapore developer Robin Loh purchased the 1658 hectare site for A\$11.2 million from the liquidators of the Cambridge Credit Company.

The local real estate market was booming and the area west of Broadbeach was one of the few large undeveloped sites, close to the beach and commercial areas and major road systems.

The name Robina had been used by Robin Loh for a number of projects in South East Asia but eventually in Australia, Robina became associated with the business partnership of Arthur Earle and Robin Loh. The company was incorporated and given the name Robina Land Corporation and was managed by their Chief Executive, Rob Hill.

### **Planning a community**

An urban planner, Moshe Safdie, who was based in California, was commissioned to develop the master concept plan that reshaped a landscape.

A group of surveyors and engineers established their headquarters in an old farmhouse in Gabriels Road and set about raising a lot of land above flood level.

Flood prone areas were built up from fill which was dug from artificial lakes. The first of a series of freshwater lakes, Lake Hugh Muntz, covering an area of 17 hectares, was completed in 1982.

Despite the use of massive earth moving equipment and what seemed to be bottomless amounts of investment capital, the project was still shaped by the land's location on a flood plain.

### **Robina community**

Meanwhile in 1981, the first stage of housing blocks were on the market.

Neighbouring farm properties were purchased and the land holding was enlarged to over 1850 hectares and Robina became Australia's largest privately owned master planned residential community.

The Robina Town Centre was opened in 1996 and a community with the services of schools, hospital, rail link, police and fire stations has become a reality.

Burchills - Our Sir Prince Valiant is a senior partner - were the engineers. He may tell us more.