

RUN REPORT 2173 - Grassy Park, Coombabah

This Run was originally to be set by SQUARE ROOT. However he was still away sampling the delights of the East so two knights, SIR JO and SIR RABBIT stepped up.



And what an effort they put in. Starting last Friday they found a venue, recced a Run, prepared the Nosh and were ready to go when we turned up at 6.15 last evening. Not enough time to get the gate to Grassy Park unlocked but that was just a detail for most of us. But KB found that he could not get his go anywhere Range Rover to open the gate

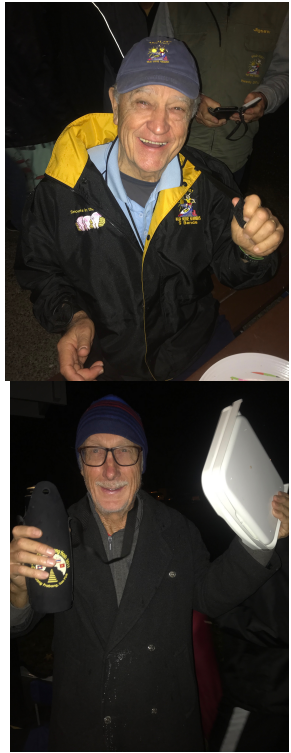


A strong wind kept us cool, GM ICEMAN called us together, SIR JO complete with trusty gyprock gave instructions, including details of a seldom used Live Hare Walk and away we went. The Walk went west on Hansford Road then north into a beautiful paperbark park where we wandered to the shores of a large body of water then east past keen tennis players and south again until we were back at Grassy Park. A sprinkle of rain along the way was a threat of what

may be coming. Back at base the BoozeMasters had set up in their efficient pattern and the returning Runners were soon enjoying their stocks. A call from SIR TWO DOGS - "grubs up", got a line going to where SIR RABBIT had brought together his famous Chili con Carne with a piquant salsa. KB was handling portion control as usual and everyone was quickly enjoying the nosh just as the heavens opened and the kitchen team rushed to shelter. As the food disappeared the rain eased and we were treated to Sticky Date Pudding. Does it get better than this?

As there were plenty of seats there was no need for our trailer so no chair and table collection as the ones in the park were firmly tied down.

Quickly GM ICEMAN called the Circle and immediately we had:
Run Report by SIR BOTCHO - He congratulated Hare SIR JO on bringing the Run together at short notice and judged it 75/100
Walk Report by SIR TWO DOGS, completed in 32 minutes by his GPS, also received 75/100
Nosh Report by FERRET - 75/100, can you see a pattern here?



This brought a Down Down for the Hares

Then came Returning Runners:

WRONGWAY from scuba diving in Iceland

SBENDS with a new shoulder inserted in Sydney

SIR BLACK STUMP who drove south while everyone else was driving north for the winter - he passed up to 900 vans a day!

MAGICIAN from Cooper Pedy and the rest of the west.

And JIGSAW. He was in Armidale.. no one in their right mind goes to Armidale in winter. However, being a good Grandad he turned up to watch his grandsons play soccer. One was beaten 11-0 and the other scored two goals for his winning side. Good on you Grandad!

POW - PEPE LE PEW called out SIR BOTCHO, FERRET and TRUCKIE. After much ado about nothing only FERRET remained and he was given the despised award complaining that the videos were not in the bag.

Next weeks Run will be at PHANTOM'S Haunted House in Sorrento. He promises vegan organic fare from shared plates. We can only hope.

The evening finished with a rousing rendition of our Hash Song led by Choirmaster KWAKKA together with Composer PHANTOM. Getting better!!

Coombabah - History

Coombabah, a residential suburb and wetland area, is immediately west of Runaway Bay and Hollywell, Gold Coast. The wetland adjoins Coombabah Lake, the mouth of the Coombabah Creek, just before the creek joins the Coomera River. It is thought that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word meaning a place of turtles.

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Coombabah was a residential extension of Hollywell and Paradise Point, taking advantage of the wide creek mouth. It began with the Esplanade and a few streets running back toward Oxley Drive. Paradise Lake was formed, and remains among the best addresses for houses. Places overlooking the creek have good views, and some of the fibro holiday homes of the 1970s seemed destined to become choice locations in the 2000s.

During the 1990s and 2000s residential development proceeded along the boundary with Runaway Cove. The former Cable Ski site became part of Runaway Lagoons, giving numerous waterfront sites for new homes. On Coombabah Creek, Edgewater Landing and The Estuary were built in the late 1990s. The Coombabah Lake wetlands (partly in Arundel) received national recognition for their conservation and bird habitat qualities. The Lakeside golf course is next door, close to the Lakeside Manors estate.

Coombabah is a mixture of older average homes and modern upmarket estates. There are also relocatable home parks, caravan parks and retirement villages. There are State primary and high schools (1981, 1986) and a community hall and local shopping in Hansford Road. The airport at Coombabah (Southport Airport) is in the south of the suburb and operated by the Southport Flying Club.

