

Run 2308:

Embryo's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday Run

Robertson Park, St Lucia – where else?

As I was driving towards the venue an Ambulance went sailing past with lights flashing and sirens wailing and I thought “shit, I hope it's not going to the same place as me!”

A relatively small group turned up for this run, VD brought his dog and was most disappointed that Boxa's two ill-tempered mongrels weren't there for company

Virgin, Fang and Embryo had set up what looked like a tent embassy in Robertson Park, come to think of it Embryo may as well claim land rights as this is HIS venue.

There was a bit of concern about the state of the BBQ to cook the free snags and onions on so when the “rain” supposedly washed out the trail the excuse was made that they needed to watch the BBQ and make sure the snags were cooked rather than reset the run.

Brengun thought he'd make an appearance before embarking on his 77 day holiday, which coincides with his age, and his brother expressed his usual concerns about whether or not he'd get back in one piece and with all his belongings. Brengun is known to push his luck to the N-th degree when travelling.

Flush ( Waste of Time's better half) turned up to further flog the Harriette's Goose Chase before she took off for their run on the Northside. When asked where W.O.T. was she said “he never comes to Embryo's birthday run because the buggar might want a present”

When told that everything was free she assured us that he would turn up without fail next time – typical.



The hare gave the orders where we were to run and walk and with that we set off into the dark, up Indooroopilly Road, with the pack thinning out rather quickly. Tinkerbell was cruising out in front with Grewsome breathing down his neck, and JC trying to make a race of it.

The “trail” turned left onto Harts Road, which then became Meiers Road, and at the end of the long climb a regroup was called outside the old CSIRO Long Pocket Facility, which has been sold and is being redeveloped.

Runners at this regroup included Grewsome, Bugs, Tinkerbell, JC, Royal Screw, Scruffy, Craft, Turbo, Even Optus (who loves these Skinnychino trails), Multiple Choice, Push Up, Brengun, Dr Who and the trail master XXXX.

Just as the stragglers turned up the cruel FRTs took off again, down the hill towards the Indooroopilly Golf Club entrance. Before the gates we turned left towards the river, and the trail followed the river along the back of the CSIRO. It then went along the track behind the St Lucia Golf Course before another spontaneous regroup was called where the track came out onto the Esplanade, near the water tap.

At this stage we'd lost Multiple Choice, Brengun, Dr Who, and XXXX, so Even Optus ran back a few hundred metres to try and find them, unsuccessfully. We knew Brengun would be alright as he knows the area fairly well and we suspected he'd cut across the golf course and take the others with him. At this stage a discussion was had about fireflies in the bush, but I think it was really Optus' torch flashing about as he searched for the stragglers.

From here it was on up Hillside Tce alongside the golf course for a pretty solid run home, culminating in the short sharp hill at the golf course car park and a cruise down to the finish, where Brengun and XXXX emerged from the dark after fairway shortcutting. A short sharp 35 minute run.

There was no sign of Dr Who and Multiple Choice but the circle went on in ignorance of their situation accompanied by free beer and snags courtesy of Embryo. It wasn't until someone noticed the now infamous Assistant Monk wasn't there (by the lack of colourful language plus Luftwaffe not having sat on the ice) that some concern for their fate was shown. Eventually they turned up after having followed Meiers Road right to the very end following the first regroup, rather than turning left and back along the river. Multiple was given the chance to conduct a fark free solicitation but that lasted all of two sentences, much to everyone's amusement.

Dr Who was sent straight on the ice for having paid his fees twice but SOTW was rightly claimed by JC for not turning up for his birthday run the previous week.

Run: 6/10

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Food and Grog: 9/10

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