

## The Boggo Road Run – 25/7/16 – Layup and Waste of Time

Memories flood the senses when considering both the venue and the hares. Firstly the venue, made famous by Effluent some zonks ago, when not only did the run start from inside the gaol, but finished inside with a bbq, a tour of inspection and.....camel rides! Full marks to Effluent for one of the most innovative run concepts.

Interesting that Coventry attended last Monday's run. He may have felt drawn to the location, having been a guest of Her Majesty for, was it 30 days, following his umpteenth DUI. This enforced vacation made little impact however, as events unfolded.

As for the hares, Layup is one of the FXXXup brothers, who sealed their reputation with a run from Gap Creek road, which went on forever in new territory at the time, and finally just terminated. The pack ended up strewn from the Gap to Brookfield, and came in ones and twos until midnight, with just a handful of survivors meeting at the Kenmore Tavern. I don't think Embryo ever did make it back. So, to have one of the FXXXup brothers as hare would normally be a warning, however he's somewhat local to the area, and if he was teamed with a reliable co-hare one may have some confidence of an outcome. But, the co-hare is Waste of Time!

Actually Waste of Time is not a bad hare, but he spends too much time living up to his name. You know about hash names, either the candidate is named appropriately or lives up to the name. In WOT's case the name was appropriate, and he's left no stone unturned to keep it way. His most recent campaign to uplift to Total Waste of Time (TWOT) has been in fact a waste of time.

There was one visitor from Florida, with a complicated name which now escapes me, but an actual runner is always welcome to keep Bugs honest.

So to the run. A surprisingly large turnout really, but the venue was convenient, so that's the payout. There's plenty of parking and a nice BBQ area, and runs can go off in every direction. In this case the trail went down to the round-a-bout at the back of the Ecosciences precinct, a CB and then up to a crossing of Gladstone Road to a circuit of the South Brisbane cemetery and back past the Uni busway. A slight fear of a runners trail around Qld Uni passed, as then as the trail went down past St Ita's and through the little scenic paths and footbridges of Highgate Hill. I recall the walkers trail veering off at some point, but can't be sure where, but the trail passed St Laurence's, rounded the Red Brick, and ended up over at the freeway. I was fortunate to jog along with Cream Puff, who I was surprised to learn was both a resident again of Brisbane and not wheelchair bound!

The hares used an unusual trail marking technique, which started with a premise to not place a mark where it would usually be expected. Thus a pair of lagging runners were always on the brink of believing they'd lost the trail when, lo and behold, there's an arrow!

But some things can be counted on, and that's Little Arseplay's late entrance to the circle. The GM made his usual formal welcome to the circle, to the US visitor and other visiting luminaries, but there was no Irish Joke, and the stand in was also absent, so Multiple came out of the woodwork with, wait for it, a tale about Luftwaffe's sex life. There were also a variety of other excellent nominations for SOTW, unfortunately not remembered. Twin Tub told an off-colour joke that I've succeeded in also wiping from memory. The hares catered well, and without \$ contribution for steaks or beer, but the pack were left waiting for the free T Shirt distribution; you just can't please some people.

So, excellent venue Hares, one which should be used again, a trail of the correct length, good catering and free beer. The assumption was that both hares were trying to burnish their sullied reputations, but it would have taken something of the class of Effluent's Boggo Road run to dent a combination of 60 plus years of haring malpractice.