

RUN 2501 – EKKA PLAZA RUN – Virgins 70th

HARES: VIRGIN, XXXX

Looks like a run report is not forthcoming and as I put weeks of planning and reconnoitre walks into it, I decided to write it myself. The aim was to take the trail through new territory with mostly bushland tracks with as minimal roads as possible.

By the time we got back from setting the run in 33 degree heat and humidity, I was a little stuffed and a cold beer most welcome. Snappy was one of the first to arrive and by 6:15pm there were about 35/40 runners and walkers. GM Lufty called the pack to order and as I clearly said both run and walk would be a goodly hour. I also emphasised that that there are only 2 flat streets in Tarragindi and we would be on one of them for the first 300 metres. The pack set off across the Tarragindi Recreation Reserve to a 360 in Cracknell Road. From here the trail went flat for 300 metres as promised then up the first hill in Weller Road, another 360 at Effingham Street then up and across Toohey Road. A CB further on bought the trail back to the community centre, then through a break in the fence and further upwards through the bushland behind Wellers Hill Primary. Near the western end of the reservoir the walkers turned right onto a bush track while the runners went around the reservoir to the southern side. A CB down the access road was designed to slow down Tinkerbelle but unfortunately he was not running and I caught Optus instead. The trail went through an inconspicuous gate in the fence that Scruffy claims he had prior knowledge of. Further down the track the walkers chimed in, then on to a 360 again in the bushland behind the houses in Heathwhile Street. Down to Marshall Road for a 2 way then up another hill in Garioch Street, then down a steep street to a little park in Greenhalgh Street. XXXX was waiting here with the typical hash brew for the drinks stop. From all reports most of the walkers made it to here. The walkers departed close to here up a short steep hill in Craymont Street then down to Monash Road where they would be joined later on by the runners, then home. The runners turned left up a connecting pathway then up a steep hill in Craigmont Street to a 360 in Monash Road. From here the trail went via the Bloodwood Track in Toohey Forest with a 2 way at Tallowood Trail. At a 360 a little further on the trail went via the Toohey Ridge Track to a 2 way at the Natham Track then on via the Toohey Ridge Track to RG and song at the Toohey Picnic area. So as not to cross busy Toohey Road the trail went downhill via the pathway to a 2 way at Barnhurst Street, then down via another connecting pathway to Monash Road which later joined up with the walkers trail. From here it was across Toohey Road down Windmill Street to eventually join the southern end of the Tarragindi Recreation Reserve then on the bikeway to eventually end up at the start.

By the time the front runners and walkers arrived home I had cooked up a copious amount of snags with the much appreciated assistance of Vaseline. Must be one of the few times not all snags were eaten as I found a couple of strays in the cast iron pot when I got home. Being my 70th all beer and snags were free with the Kirin super being the most popular. GM Lufty called the circle to order and asked for comments but most were too stuffed to reply. A well set and marked trail through new territory, but a little long was the general consensus. Monk Pushup called a few miscreants out but it was F***nut who earned SOTW. F***nut seems hell bent on getting this years whinger of the year award. The OnOn continued for some time from this very amenable location.

Venue 10/10

Beer 10/10 (free)

Food 10/10 (free and plenty of)

Run 9.9/10 (new territory, well marked trail, drinks stop, lots of bushland, a tad long)

Circle 7/10 can't remember as serving up food

What do you expect when you have to write your own run report.

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