

**RUN #2609 – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**  
**Joint Valentine's run with the Harriettes**  
**Shafston Hotel**  
**Hares: Anchovy & G String (the Harriette's GM)**

The Shafston car park was already almost full when your scribe arrived well before 6pm and it was very apparent that the guys had made a big effort to dress up in pink or red attire for the occasion. **Tinkerbelle** arrived sporting a skimpy, strappy red dress and proceeded to socialise with the Harriettes who had assembled in the opposite corner of the car park. By 6.15pm the whinging had already commenced as the pack was ready to get started but we had to wait a further 15 minutes for the standard start time of the Harriettes. When an unsuspecting skateboarder entered the car park, **Boxa's** dogs immediately fired up with barking and snarling ready to tear a chunk out of the guy's leg.

**Verbal Diarrhoea** called both packs together and hares Anchovy and G String indicated that they had set a short run/walk which in reality was just less than 3.5km. As we set out the pack had to negotiate 3 sets of traffic lights to cross Lytton Road to then head past the remains of the old bowls club and into Mowbray Park. The runners were led by **Tinkerbelle** followed at a safe distance by the most runners we have had in weeks including **JC, Royal Screw, Craft, Inspector Rex, Even Optus, Multiple Choice, Pee Wee, Bugs** and **Handjob**.

A 2-way check in the park did little to slow down the pace and the trail proceeded along Laidlaw Parade back to Lytton Road to cross the Norman Creek bridge before doubling back under the bridge and heading back towards the pub on the other side of Lytton Road. After taking a few back streets we eventually turned onto Mowbray Terrace and then into Williamina Park where **Anchovy** and **G String** were busily filling cups with a Hash brew of port & lemonade.

Having consumed our drinks and some of the chocolates on offer the runners didn't hang around for the walkers and completed a very short dash home to the area at the back of the pub where Boxa and the Harriettes had set up their eskies for the circle. Choirmaster **Fingers** led our pack into a rousing rendition of our Hash anthem in contrast to the subsequent Harriette's song which describes them as 'Penthouse Pets'!!!

Not to be outdone by the Harriette's 1500 run award to **Dribbler**, on-sec **Even Optus** then dished out a 1400 run award to **Handjob**. It was then the monk **Snappy Tom's** turn to take centre stage. After picking out **Kreepy Krauly** for not wearing anything pink or red (in fact he wasn't even wearing a Hash t-shirt), the contenders for SOTW were **Little Arseplay** nominated by the Harriettes for complaining too much, **Scruffy** who was sporting an appendage over one ear that **Snappy** likened to a tampon and then **Tinkerbelle** for his efforts in wearing a better outfit than any of the Harriettes for which he won the SOTW award hands down.

The pub meal was a reasonably priced special of either BBQ ribs or steak and most seemed to enjoy it. As is usual on these joint runs the Harriettes ran a raffle and **VD** managed to win a prize pack comprising Bombay Sapphire, Baileys and chocolates.

#### SUMMARY

Run/walk: 6/10 – too short for the runners but compensated by drink stop

Circle: 6/10 – kept brief as we all had to head into the pub

Food: 8/10 – good value and reasonable quality