

Report – Monty's Indooroopilly Bridge Run #2666

That I was nominated as scribe for this polished event failed to lodge, as pointed out to me last week by GM Fingers at the Jindalee run. I had to check with VD as to which report was outstanding.

If this knowledge had lodged, greater attention would have been paid to commentary from the runners which may have provided a framework on which to base a report. Sans such framework, we must press on.

For starters, in walking from home to the start in the little park under the Indooroopilly Bridge, a foot injury resurfaced, so I rather opted to remain in Monty's company at the BBQ, thus this run report shall be lighter on detail than usual.

The trail used the footpath on the side of the road bridge to firstly cross the river, then somehow got to Priory St, thence through the stormwater easement to Goldieslie Rd and hence past the Julius Kruttschnitt Mineral Research Centre, the UQ Mine to you, to somewhere near the Ambrose Treacy College, Nudgee Junior to you.

At some stage the walkers and runners diverged, and then miraculously merged for the run-in along the Indooroopilly bike/walkway installed in the river, under the collection of Indooroopilly Bridges and then over the dedicated suspension footpath back to the southern side. Pretty good trail really, with the main ingredient being the inaugural use of the bike track by the hash. Fortunately, much of this was sighted by this scribe from the vantage of the BBQ by the river.

Monty's snag feast was certainly looking good, but the pack ended the circle before the seagulls zoomed in for the attack. Recall of the circle is limited to standing on newly but poorly laid turf. After the money splurged on the bikeway project, why would not someone pay heed to a careful restoration of the site?

The On On was a genteel affair, lovely spot overlooking the river, and the opportunity to measure the decibels coming from the railway bridges. There is no doubt, the old railway bridge, stone and iron arches, is much quieter than the newer box frame bridge.

Most notable was that this was the last normal run before the AGPU and the change of committee. The 2020 committee didn't know their fate at the time, for their year of appointment was extended to end of financial year. One year is enough, but to trudge on for a further 6 months was a sentence not befitting the crime, or quite befitting the crime. GM Verbal and committee are commended on their endurance.

So, Monty's run, great location, great and interesting trail, gratis and generous catering, full marks.

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