

Convict Trash



Run 1770: 19th October 2020

Hares: Grewsome - Allawah
Goldmark - Matraville



Gritty Grewsome's Gutsy Grunt

Here we were another **Grewsome** run, his fifth this year and I'm running out of "G" words. This time had special significance, being thirty years since his first run at the same pub, Allawah, which was to prove a great venue, good food at unbelievably cheap prices. It was also our 1770 run, which coincided with Jimmy Cook's landing in Botany bay, just down the road, in that year. That's the last bit of history you'll find here as it's one of the few bits I can remember.

Bingo said there were three no shows, which would've counted 17 starters but there were 19 starters and maths isn't her best subject and, although counting **Duck** and **Dirty** as no shows, it was later realised that they hadn't actually nominated for the run as it was already full and chose to attend the East run instead. So our esteemed Editress then suggested we could take another three members if anyone was interested, which, if accepted, would've had us with 22 attendees and nowhere to seat them cause the pub was chockers.

The greyhounds – **Cam** and **Andy** – were pacing out the front of the pub, looking to show up all the old bastards, when **Grewsome** called the pack to order for instructions. Taking advantage of the lull in proceedings, devious old **Dundee** snuck across the road to the walkway up the railway station and took the lead for all of about 30 seconds before the greyhounds reeled him in and telling him he was a shortcutter. Oh the lack of respect for those of an elderly age.

Down and around the park, the greyhounds, with **Dundee**, bringing up the rear, panting to extreme, it was noticed **Bingo**, **Sir Les** and **Scotch Mist** were shortcutting across the park and circling back to where **Pig**, a late starter, had found an On Back. **Bingo** was in the lead, showing off her newfound athleticism from having rested for the past month, as we headed down to Forest Road and **Dundee**, taking full advantage again from the pack's reluctance to play with the traffic, had used his Langlands sidestep on a bus and was heading off down that street that runs at a 75 degree angle to the curve in Forest Road, where the bus was sidestepped.

The greyhounds were furious and again roared to the lead across another park where stupid old **Dundee** was the only one to find the On Back, allowing **Merkin** to take the lead (being the last to an On Back automatically makes you the leader). Down another side street and right then onto another park, **Dundee** was again the only one to find the bloody On Back as the Hare suggested the rest of the pack head off to another side street.

Bingo was in the lead again as we headed up another bloody hill and **Grewsome** was heard to suggest there weren't this many hills when he set the run because he was walking, which means hills are only relevant when you run or something. I think he better enrol into first class again with the greyhounds.

Back up onto Forest Road again, heading west towards Hurstville, then down another side street, **Dundee** was again the only one to head down a hill to another On Back, causing laughing **Cam** to tell him that he was the only one to do three On Backs – fucking hilarious sense of humour these kids.

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Back down to the park and across the railway station again, **Dundee** was sprinting, until caught by **Cam**, who was jogging and told **Bingo** that the reason he ran past **Dundee** causing a wind storm was because **Dundee** was relaxing. **Dundee** was too fucked to answer.

Another great run **Grewsome**, I did 6.25 kms, the rest probably ran about 4.5 kms.

On On **Dundee**.



Goldmark's triple loop run around Matraville

6.00pm and **Goldmark** already had eager runners assembling in the Matraville Hotel. **Cold Duck** and **Dirty Weekend** are looking very relaxed with a glass of red wine in hand having a meaningful conversation with **Hannibal** who was enjoying a cold beer.

6.30pm and **Blondie** headed north on to Bunnerong Road with **Cold Duck, Shortn Curly, Ice Box** and **Hot Dick** in hot pursuit. The rest of the pack followed at a more leisurely pace and so after one long mad woman's loop **Doc, Hannibal, Spinifex, Tickle, Goldmark, Dirty Weekend, HellIsmellher, DoubleBangher** and **Dish** found themselves a block west of the Hotel. Heading west along Perry Street to another loop taking them back to Bunnerong Road and two blocks south of the Hotel.

7.00pm and the runners were spotted crossing Bunnerong Road heading east and so the walkers followed them to the third big loop of the run. Past the horse paddocks, the flourishing Chinese vegetable gardens and the housing estate that now fills the area that once was the Matraville Star Drive In. (1958-1984. Last show screened was The Exterminator). Then **Goon** appeared walking in the opposite direction. We will say no more except he blamed the map he was given. Along Franklin Street and across Barwon Park and now we were one block north of the hotel.

7.30pm and all are back in the Hotel seated and enjoying a cold ale, wine bubbles etc. and contemplating the menu. Thank you, **Goldie** for lots of loops around "Matto" and the delicious dinner that followed.

OnOn Dish

RA's Report

Allawah

- We haven't had a run from Allawah Pub for many years
- Nothing very exciting about Allawah, because it's an "in between type suburb ". In between Hurstville and Kogarah.
- Only notable thing about Allawah is the Pub, which opened in 1928.
- Allawah in Aboriginal means "make your home here". The area was originally called "Townson's Farm", after a local landowner.
- Then it was called "Bellevue".
- Even though the Train line to Hurstville opened in 1884, Allawah station only opened in 1925. A housing boom commenced with the opening of the Railway Station.
- It is a very ethnically diverse suburb, with only 35% of the population born in Australia.
- Around WW1 it was nicknamed "Struggletown", as a lot of British migrants moved into the area and lived in tiny, shabby houses. There was a lot of poverty in the area.
- Average Unit price \$668,000.

Matraville

- Named after James Matra, an American Sailor, who sailed on the good ship Endeavour with Jimmy Cook when they landed in Botany Bay in 1770.
- The area was originally home to a large school known as the Crossroads, and then Matra, and then the school, and the suburb became Matraville in 1904.
- When the area was settled after WW1, the land, owned by the Crown, was allocated to Soldiers returning from the War.
- Hence the names of street in the area honouring WW1 battles Somme Way, Lone Pine Pde, Bullecourt Rd, Hamel Ave etc.
- Hefron Park was the site of a naval stores base during WW2.
- Matraville High School is a well-known nursery for Rugby League and Union players, most notably the Ella brothers.
- Matraville had its own Drive Inn, the Star (did we go there **Dirty**?). It closed in 1984.
- The area is very multi-cultural, with only 58% of the population born in Australia.
- Notable residents and ex residents:
 - o Bob Carr ex Premier of NSW
 - o Mike Witney ex Cricketer and Presenter of Sydney Weekender
 - o **Dirty Weekend** ex Bunnies Cheer Leader and current B2H3 Legend.
- Average house price \$1.4 Million.

OnOn Cold Duck.

Athletes Birthdays New Shoes
Not this week. Not this week Not this week.

Committee 2020-2021

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