

Run 1871 – 23<sup>rd</sup>. January 2023

# Hare – Stopcock's Scenic Sylvania Slowplod

Ending to many of the holiday trips saw a larger than normal, spritely looking pack assemble at the Taren Point Bowlers for Stopcock's inaugeral run for 2023, Great to see Canon & Bower Bird make the effort as he lamented he was having trouble walking, which meant there would be many old cans available to be picked up in the area.

The Grewsome/Scotch Mist clan back from their overseas jaunt, which sounded exciting & exhausting, allowing him to wash the Dirty jumper after he seemed to wear it every day on the trip. (Not suggesting the jumper was necessarily dirty but was supplied by Dirty, I believe).

Incredibly there were ten running starters, which made the running group of three over the past weeks insignificant, with Scotch Mist, nursing a crook foot or leg or something being the only non starter,

Over to Merkin:

# **Run Report**

Stop Cock had been setting the run late due to the inclement weather as the pack gathered at the Taren Point Bowls Club.

As the numbers swelled including the long awaiting return of Bower Bird and Cannon Mouth, the runners heading towards Captain Cook bridge with Cold Duck exclaiming he wasn't going across the bridge for love or money. I think he would have done it for money.

After only 5 runners the week before we had 11 this week including Dundee who was setting the early pace, closely followed by Blondie, Rabbit, Bingo, Cold Duck, Blondie, Pig, Scotch Mist, Grewsome, Andrew, Cameron, Double Banger and Hell I Smell Her.

As we weaved our way around the back streets of Sylvania and towards Dolton House and then Caringbah, Grewsome, Cameron and Andrew were dragging the chain as they discussed their holiday with Pig.

Walkers including Taxing, Doc, Dirty Weekend, Dish, Moa Goa. Stop Cock, QR, Slotcard, Ringless, Bower Bird, Sniffer, Climax, Short N Curly, Hannibal, Grenade, Gold Mark, Cannon & Sir Les (injured) all headed for a shorter walk with most coming back through the parks and home of the Giants Baseball before making it back to the bucket.

Bingo gave the run report and awarded a 9.5/10 to Stopcock who had set an excellent run and was to enjoy his birthday this week.

On On Merkin

#### Circle:

Merkin called on Bingo to administer the last rites to Stopcock's run, giving her a huge amount of time to prepare the presentation, which, if written, could have taken 100 pages of drivel.

Now the dissertation & the language she used to all & sundry during the run were dramatically different, "where are we going & why are we going up here & I'm sore & can't take much more" etc was replaced with "excellent run for a person who normally walks (he was a good runner), she thought it was a bit directionless (Bingo talking about directions is a bit like Slops discussing sobriety).

Long On Backs, long run with plenty of arrows to keep us all in check & a lovely finishing cross creek end, giving it 9.5 out of 10. Incredible!!

Over to Doc

Taren Point

Did you know there were over 5.2 million people living in the Greater Sydney area at the time of the 2021 election?

Less than 5% of Sydney-siders live in The Shire. Less than 1% of the people who live in the Shire live in Taren Point. (1876 residents). Box Rd is the southern border or Taren Point – any further south along Taren Point Road is part of Caringbah.

Like most of the Shire Thomas Holt had the original grant and there is still a Holt Rd here. Subdivision started in 1911, with access by small ferries and a vehicular ferry from 1916.

It was previously called Comyns Point, Cummings Point, Commins Point and Commons Point. I couldn't find why the name changed to Taren Point but I reckon you could call the area along Taren Point Road "Alice's Restaurant". Why? -

Because you can get anything you want from the specialist stores there, including Chainsaws, Jetskis, 3 wheel motorbikes, Caravan Parts, Electric Cars, Bikes, Massages and a Big Mac.

If you are old enough to remember the Alice's Restaurant reference you area also old enough to move into one of the 411 Retirement units in Woolooware Shores, selling for between \$760,000 and 4.4 Million Dollars plus \$400+ per fortnight in fees.

### Visitors

Bower Brd, Canon & Climax all returnees

# **Birthdays**

Stopcock, Dish & Goldmark all under 80.

## **Athletes**

Sniffer - 500

**Merkin** – 700

Goldmark - 450

**Dish** - 500

**Taxing – 1000** 

**Canon - 1400** 

### Pricks of the Week

Dirty was nominated by Duck for still not having a job

**Bingo** was nominated by Pig for swearing about it was a shit of a run, with the worst run home, being the exact opposite of what she reported.

**Sniffer** was nominated by Dirty for staying off the booze but we don't have any real close reference to the fact.

Rabbit was nominated by Merkin for being the Chinese year of the Rabbit.

**Cold Duck** was nominated by Hannibal for writing his name & number on the girl's dunnies so he can get a root.

**Dundee** was nominated by HISH for a) pushing over a very young lady, who was trying to push past him on a bike, which he premised by asking her did her mother ever tell to avoid old men, who pretend to run b) interrupting the run reporter c) not starting his phone recording in time.

Winners were Rabbit & Dundee

Sniffer then spent 30 minutes talking about a Hash relay or something. If you want know about it ask Sniff,

Then Rabbit proposed a drink for Pig trying to rescue a poor kid, who didn't make it unfortunately.

### Jokes

Have a look on the web site.