



# Convict Trash

Run 1874 – 13<sup>th</sup>. February 2023

Hare – Grewsome's Gyrating Gum Gallop

"Is this still summer?" Was the cry as we entered Loftus for our first real bush bash of the year, with the temperature hovering around the winter limits & a wind blast to exacerbate the feeling, CB & Hook were wondering why they didn't bring fleecy clothing to the run.

Good to see many of the holidaying group returning to the fold, looking forward to what promised to be a really interesting run around an area we've often used but not since Covid or the wettest couple of years in recent experience.

Pig was back after a long Christmas break, looking like he'd eaten a pig & some of his family but looks could be deceiving as his run prowess proved that you don't need to be a skeleton to maintain a reasonable run pace but I'll leave that to the run reporters.

Over to Merkin:

## Run Report

1874 – GREWSOME – LOFTUS OVAL AND THE PRINCE

It was a cold start to Grewsome's run at Loftus as many sat in their cars and looked for jackets to keep warm.

With one of the biggest running packs for some time, Cold Duck, Blondie, Scotch Mist, Rabbit, Dundee, Bingo, Cameron (Cinderfella), Andrew, visitors from Vietnam Carpet Burn and Dr Hook were led off by Grewsome who offered to stand in Trail Master due to the bush trial and some confusion by me as to where the trail, onbacks and checks were situated.

Pig who lives closest to the run, was late and chased down the front runners after his holidays were spent training and on a liquid diet, hence the huge uplift in fitness.

Walkers including Goldmark, Moa Goa, Sniffer, Climax, Doc, Spinifex, Sir Les, Dirty Weekend followed trail, before Grewsome had planned a walkers shortcut home. Hell I Smell Her and Bower Bird both met the pack back at the bucket, but not sure if they ran, walked or just enjoyed the peacefulness of the Royal National Park.

Dr Hook gave the run report and awarded Grewsome a well deserved 8.5/10 for the Pedo Run of the year.

On On Merkin

## **Circle:**

Doc began by congratulating everyone for coming bush for the run, then invited Dr. Hook to officiate in giving the last rites to Grewsome's bush bash.

Hook began mentioning the area's recent nefarious past by suggesting the run was loopy paedophilia or that's what it sounded like, then said he was running behind Rafael Nadal or someone who closely resembled that persons persona.

Apparently this person spent much of his time scratching his legs, scratching his arse, scratching his balls etc., which obviously meant he was a bloody good runner cause Hook couldn't catch him. Many of us thought of Duck, with all those mannerisms but no it was young Andy.

A couple or spills on the trail, someone, apparently pushed Duck over (I mean he'd never fall over by himself would he?) & the other one I think may have been Andy but I didn't catch it.

Anyway he thought the run was terrific (my word not his) & gave it eight out of ten.

Over to Doc;

## **Loftus**

- 29km from Sydney CBD, named after Lord Augustus William Frederick Spence Loftus, Governor of NSW. From 1879 – 1885. --
- The Royal National Park was established in 1879 and was only the second National Park in the world (Yellowstone was the first). It was renamed the Royal National Park following Queen Elizabeth's visit in 1954
- The train line into the Royal National Park was initially built to serve an Army camp in the park. Trains ran from 1886 to 1991. At its peak in the 1930s there were 25 passenger train services on the weekends. By the end of the 80s there were only 3-4 trains a day carrying an average of 3 passengers per service. It was replaced by free taxi from Sutherland,
- Loftus had a population of 4188 in the 2021 census with 45% of Aussie ancestry, 44% English ancestry and 16% Irish.
- Famous residents have included:
  - A cartoonist - Warren Brown
  - A one footed comedian -Adam Hills

## **Visitors**

### **CB, Hook & Climax**

## **Birthdays**

**Spinifex** again cause it's still February

## **Athletes**

None

## **Pricks of the Week**

**Sniffer** was nominated by Sir Les for something about mounting horses & riding them around the oval then having to bob down & bite into an apple in a large water bin.

**Duck** was nominated by Merkin for not realising the trail had many rocks & roots, falling over a number of times & pushing Cam over during the run.

**Andrew** was nominated by Hook for all the scratching stuff previously mentioned.

**Dundee** was nominated by Duck for not falling over on the run due to his knowledge of the poofter park & being mistaken for Grewsome when he was setting the run – i.e. Grewsome was mistaken for Dundee by someone who, apparently, knows Dundee but doesn't know what he looks like..

**Grewsome** was nominated by Pig for wearing a blanket in warm weather or something,

**Hook** was nominated by Grewsome for a very long story but ended with him worrying about his lovely wife having to negotiate a small set of steps after eating a meat pie or something like that. He was also nominated by Pig for believing every time he returns to Australia in summer it turns into winter.

**Winners were Sniffer & Hook**

## **Jokes**

**Have a look on the web site.**