

Run 1875 – 20<sup>th</sup>. February 2023

# Hare – Goldie's Gruelling Gasper

Checking out the area for some flat ground – found none – whilst driving to the venue, it became apparent that tonight's run would be scenic & painful as usual as per previous runs set by Goon & Tickle. Yeah we miss you both.

With so many still experiencing holiday times in the south, it was pleasing to see a good group arrive for Goldie's first run of the new year, with the bucket responsibility in the hands of the Grewsome family sans Scotch Mist, who was nursing a painful slipped disc.

Hook, CB & Spinifex had returned from their Bundeena jaunt, looking like relatives of Blondie, from the prolonged sunfest they experienced & good to see Pig looking to enhance his recent athletic prowess.

Over to Merkin:

## **Run Report**

## 1875 – GOLD MARK – COOGEE DIGGERS

Thankfully a breeze had started at about 6.00pm and knocked about 10 degrees off the temperature which had been stifling.

On On was called and pack including Blondie, Rabbit, Dundee, Cold Duck, Bingo, Cameron (Cinderfella), Andrew, Grewsome and visitors from Vietnam Carpet Burn and Dr Hook headed off up the first of many hills.

Scotch Mist was notably absent having injured her back and Pig caught the pack at one of the first onbacks. Stairs, hills and around and around we went before heading towards the Coogee Beach.

Walkers including Doc, Spinifex, Sir Les, Dirty Weekend, Dish, Grenade and Hannibal followed trail, before Hannibal showed the walkers a shortcut home. Hannibal had lived up the road, as did Dr Hook, so they now the area very well.

Dr Hook again gave the run report given he has been away for 3 years and awarded Goldmark a well-deserved 6.5/10 for the hilly run.

On On Merkin

#### Circle:

Doc began by welcoming everyone then inviting Hook, once again, being a former resident of the area & wanting to take advantage of his recent presence, to administer the last rites to Goldie's Mountainous Meander.

Then he started by talking about golden sands of Coogee & was wondering why we didn't see any. He then spent a short time expounding the mercurial efforts of Hannibal & his Pride as he called it. Then mentioned something about the smell that it eminated – don't know if that was Hannibal or his Pride.

He thought it brought about good past memories, including some high value venue, which he used to attend but I missed the name. Then he used his ever faithful wife as a target for not checking On Backs or Checks.

His next point of concern was the Trail Master shortcutting the lazy bastards at the back of the pack, of which he was obviously one as was Pig cause he thought it was a good idea. Then he reminisced about former Hash runs, which lasted at least an hour & went for at least seven kms & now we only ran for 3.8 kms that's because he didn't run any of the hills or do the checks or on backs, cause my watch said 4.28 kms & Bingo's said 5.3 kms but that may have been because she wasn't moving in a straight line.

Anyway he thought the run was terrific (my word not his) & gave it eight out of ten. (I said that last week so I didn't change it).

#### Over to Doc;

#### Coogee Rules OK

- Coogee became a suburb name in 1838, 13 years before the more famous Bondi Beach.
- It 1833 it became illegal in NSW to swim during daylight hours within view of a public wharf, quay or bride or road so enclosed bathing pools started to pop up in places like the Domain.
- In 1876 The secluded rock pool at Coogee's south end was built up into the Mciver Women's Baths. It was frequently used by the famous Sarah "Fanny" Durack, prior to the 1912 Olympics held in Stockholm the first to allow women to compete in swimming. The pool is still for women only and exempt under the anti-discrimination act. Clothing is optional but sunscreen highly recommended. (Guess which Harriette found this out the hard way?)
- In the early 1900s public bathing became allowed and the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club was a foundation member of the Surf Bathers Association of NSW. In 2016, their club house was almost demolished by high seas

- This year high seas again exposed the foundations of the Coogee Pleasure Pier, which was demolished by high seas in 1934. Randwick Council removed the foundations with much objection from nostalgic locals.
- The famous Randwick Rugby club was formed in 1882 has produced 93 Wallabies. Their home ground is still at Coogee oval, but it's clubhouse has been replaced by a Dan Murphy outlet.

Visitors

CB & Hook

**Birthdays** 

None

**Athletes** 

Rabbit 500 runs & they were all run.

**New Shoes** 

Hannibal.

## Pricks of the Week

**Blondie** was nominated by Duck for getting horribly smashed on the weekend at Bundeena & having her ever efficient husband drive her home at some ungodly hour but then made him return because she forgot her handbag.

**Spinifex** was nominated by Dirty for picking up old blokes in the park, Bingo thought it was a dog. Hannibal thought that when he was lying on his back she was inspecting his testicles.

Carper Burn was nominated by Grewsome for spending the entire weekend on a layback chair, with an esky full of booze, in front of the TV, a picture of consumption. But there was some sex mentioned & I didn't understand the connotation.

**Duck** was nominated by Dirty for spending the weekend winning raffles & Keno & Horse racing & she didn't see any of it.

**Hook** was nominated by Grewsome for giving him two codes to remember about opening the gate & the toilet block but couldn't remember which was which. He was also nominated for not using the public toilets cause that's what they do in Vietnam.

**Grewsome** was nominated by Hook for arranging the wrong tow bar for something he needed to tow.

**Hook** was nominated by Sir Les for telling him about how much money he'd won on something when, it turned out he'd actually lost money.

Winners were Carpet Burn & Hook

## **Jokes**

Have a look on the web site.

Next week's run is Moa's from the park behind the Club on East (SUS Club), Sutherland