



## **SYDNEY HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

Castro's Run Report; 23 December, 2019, Run 2741

Hares: Super Glue and Col Sanders

### **The Christmas Run**



The committee knew with certitude that we had the spirit of Christmas Present inside when the smoke cleared, the temperature moderated, and the road leading to the Seaforth Oval wasn't closed owing to bush fire as some had feared. Our intrepid and ever-patient Hares had gone through a week of back and forth on where to set the run, and "Plan C" became what had once been "Plan A", starting from the Seaforth Bowling Club. In a nice variety of shortish walks, though some attractive bush with vistas and "vu's" of the river, the sizable pack made its way efficiently over well-marked and interesting trails. Runners were treated to the delights of a seeming stairway to heaven, while walkers (including many partners) made their way over more level ground. The boldest move of the evening came from Hanoi Bill, who darted across the Wakehurst freeway at the bottom

of a blind curve. We all made it back to the Oval for the OnOn and party intact, and enjoyed an evening of wine, women and song – reflecting the changing age of some of the Hash, many members had inquired in advance, "What sort of wine?"





## The OnOn and Christmas Party



A not so friendly ghost of Christmas Past paid us a visit when the same caterer as utilized last year ran out of some food items for more than just a few of our guests, again. And, the bucket became a “fucket”, but with the rapid pivot this committee is becoming known for, we upgraded that portion of the evening to straight beer, wine, and bubbly. Having said all that, we would like to offer up that rarest of things in Hashdom, an apology to

all those who did not get the meal that they had hoped for. The meats were spectacular, and Duckweave distinguished himself with his selection of fine red wines, and white wines bought on the cheap from China Airlines.

Duckweave opened the festivities with a warm welcome to all, particularly the partners who joined us on the evening. He also gave apologies on behalf of President Wanker, who was not able to join us. The Committee was then introduced, and walked the assembled crowd through the planned proceedings for the evening. “Eat, drink and be Merry” were the standing orders of the day, and all who attended complied.



Down Down’s were in a much-abbreviated fashion to allow more time for entertainment from the “Paling Family” singers; a special recognition was accorded the Hares for contending with setting a run in challenging bush fire, and trail closure conditions. Paling Jr (Nathan) and Geoff (brother-in-law to Paling Sr) provided a guitar and fine tenor voice to lead the some 100 people gathered in a rousing selection of Christmas Carols. Pee Dub provided the humor, and E-Shit made an attempt to lead the group in even more enthusiastic singing.





The meal was a fine selection of quality meats, sides in a bit of short supply, and ample Christmas pudding for all that wanted it. The evening concluded with an extraordinary Tawny served in rather ordinary plastic cups (apart from the Bucket, the Hash crystal also failed to get itself in the trailer), and a warm, "Merry Christmas to all" from the Committee delivered by Duckweave. A good time was had by all.

## **Some More Photos of the Evening**



Left, Pee Dub tries on a champion's shirt as inspiration and prep for what turned out to be a fine bit of much appreciated humour. Above, Mrs. Castro and Wombat prepare to start the run. Below, some of the enjoyable ascents. Dave Beck, literally clambering to get his Hash name early next year.





Below left, E-Shit takes the lead on singing, producing the predictable “face-plant” crossed arms responses. Below right, some of the many revelers.



Above, one of Druid's fellow woodland spirits smiles up at the pack as we pass. Right, Paling gives a clean sweep to what had been a very fine evening.

## **Next Week's Run**

**Run number:** 2742

**Hares:** White Shit and TBD

**Date:** 30 December, 2019, @ 6:30 pm



**Starting Point:** Terry Hills Tavern. This will also be the site for the OnOn, PAYG pub food and drink. The Harriettes have also been invited. For map, [CLICK HERE](#)

**The Runs:** There will be an option of two runs to be explained on the evening, both start at 6:30 pm.

**NO DILLY BAGS NEEDED, DO BRING PHONE, TORCH AND HEAD LAMP.**

## Humour



*"I have to drink -it's critical that my nose remains red."*



**But Wait, What about the Ghost of Christmas Future?!**



The more experienced Hashmen tell me is that it is usually pulling off the Christmas party that gets committee members thinking about their replacement. So, whinge about the food or wine, correct the grammar in a report, complain about a run, and your future Christmas is sure to include time on Committee. A very Merry Christmas to all, OnSec Castro on behalf of the Committee.