



# Convict Trash



Run 1678 - 5 November 2018

Hare - Spinifex

## Hareline:

1679	12/11/18	Tickle	Coogee - Run start and bucket at the park on Dudley St. (usual place). On On Coogee Diggers
1680	19/11/18	Grewsome	Caringbah
1681	26/11/18	Hare Required	TBA
1682	3/12/18	Bren Gun	TBA
1683	10/12/18	TBA	TBA
1684	17/12/18	Cannon and Bowerbird	X mas run – Poplar Place - Kirrawee

We were welcomed to the run with the not “unexpected news” that Thirsty had set one of their regular Saturday runs in the same area, and the region was littered with white HHH Arrows. Spini advised us all that she had reverted to her stash of pink chalk – and that we should only follow the pink arrows – which was sage advice if we wanted to find our way home.

## Run Report – 1678- Hare Spinifex

The clouds were threatening to rain on **Spinifex**'s pink parade at Waverton.... and they fulfilled their promise with a few drops during the first part of the run..... but I have jumped the starter's gun (Melbourne Cup fever does that to you).....

The hare provided two scraps of maps with some pink lines on it (one guess on what is Spini's favourite colour)...and a verbal explanation of what they meant....where the tunnel was (it would definitely be open promised the hare), where the steps were (to be the curse of the full pack by the end of the run).... an explanation so long that **Scotch Mist** was getting worried about whether the pack (and the TM) would be able to follow it (the trail, that is)....

As usual for one of Spini's runs, another hash club (Thirsty this time) had decided it was the best place to set a run at exactly this time and as close to Spini's trail as they could. Just follow the pink arrows declared the hare..... and dodging a few dozen commuters from Waverton station, we were on our way....

We started uphill – to the groans of **Bingo** (and the rest of the pack). **Merkin** was making an early bid to be the runner who stayed closest to the TM.

A few twists and we were heading to the Harbour.... past **Hannibal** and **Rabbit** taking a stroll.... down through an old coal-loading tunnel with **Blondie** and **Squatting** skipping through the puddles....and **Pig** catching the pack after his usual late start

**Loaner** led the way through Balls Head Reserve (with great views) where **Meltdown** was to later spend more time taking photos than finding trail.... so had to linkup with a local who could lead him back to the bucket....

Out of the reserve to find Spini and **Goldie** providing guidance...

Across a park where the locals were more focused on their soccer game than why a bunch of straggly-looking (I can say so as I was one of them) runners were heading for the stairs. **Grewsome** spent some time explaining to a couple of locals that yes we were having fun. A check had a three options – up, up or up .....so we picked the middle one.

The twists at the top had **Dundee** doing his usual ‘I can’t find the trail so I will just keep running.... and see you back at the bucket...’

**Sir Les** (who only heard me when I had to resort to calling him Barry – he is obviously not yet adequately hash-trained) reluctantly accepted the offer of a short cut – while the rest of pack did a cruel loop of more stairs uphill only to come back down again (leading to **Cold Duck** making a special request to do the run report at circle).... a few more stairs (why not, said the hare) and then twists and turns to home.

The runners beat the walkers back (obviously taking in the sights). **Goon, Doc** and **Stopcock** had solved most of the world’s problems by the time they returned to the bucket, with **Dish, Sniffer** and **Digit Digester** solving the rest of them. **Rim Liquor** claimed lack of running training as an excuse to stroll, while **QR** didn’t bother (with an excuse).

Time to fit in a few stories about the stairs and the views.... before it was time to circle up.

ON ON

Tickle

## CIRCLE UP!!

**Hannibal** changed tack this week and improved our general knowledge with some interesting insights about Spinifex. I know we have all long suspected that Spinifex was flexible, strong, sensitive and could be put to many uses, but even knowing all this, Hannibal surprised us even more with these revelations – read on.

A grass native to Australia has been used to create condoms as thin as a human hair, but with no loss of strength. Spinifex grass has long been used by Aboriginal people to create adhesives for tool making, but researchers have now found a way to extract nanocellulose from it, which can be used as an additive in latex production.

A researcher said,

"We tested our spinifex latex formulation on a commercial dipping line in the United States and conducted a burst test that gets a B2H hashman to test the volume and pressure, and on average got a performance increase of 20% in pressure and 40% in volume compared to the commercial latex control sample." Only extra large condoms were used.

He said with more refinement, they should be able to create a latex condom that is 30% thinner but still able to pass all the B2H3 standards. "With more process optimisation work we will be able to make devices even thinner than this," he said. "Late last year we were able to get down to about 45 microns on our very first commercial dipping run, which is around the width of the hair on your head."

The Australian team believes their findings will be of interest to condom manufacturers that are looking to make the "thinnest, most satisfying prophylactic possible".

Spinifex has traditionally been used by populations as a resin to attach spear heads to wooden shafts AS OPPOSED TO attaching rubber to skin shafts. The university and the Dugalunji Aboriginal Corporation has since signed an agreement acknowledging their local knowledge about spinifex.

Spinifex said she was very pleased to take part in the extensive dipping testing and noted B2H3 hashmen are fantastic condom testers and if it withstands the rigorous B2H3 testing it must be a good product.

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# Putting the sex into spinifex

## World's strongest condom born in the bush

**JANELLE MILES**

A TINY Queensland outback town may soon be known as the birthplace of the world's strongest and thinnest condoms.

University of Queensland scientists have discovered fibres, 1000 times thinner than human hair, in native spinifex grass growing around the northwest town of Camooweal that can be used to strengthen latex and other products.

Work by textile engineer Nasim Amiralian and UQ colleagues has created hope for much-needed jobs in Camooweal.

Distinctive nanofibres found in the spinifex species *Triodia pungens* are expected to be added to a range of products to improve strength and durability, including condoms, surgical gloves and cool-room door seals.

Science and Innovation Minister Leeanne Enoch has awarded Dr Amiralian a three-year, \$180,000 Advance Queensland grant to allow her to optimise her formulations for spinifex-reinforced latex and compounded rubber before any products are launched.

Ms Enoch said that spinifex nanofibres had the potential for wide application globally.

The State Government will spend almost \$1 million to kick-start a spinifex industry, upgrading a pilot plant at Long Pocket, in Brisbane, to produce the nanofibres. The investment will also fund research in Camooweal.

UQ's Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology has signed a deal with the Dugalunji Aboriginal Corporation recognising the traditional owners' knowledge of spinifex and ensuring that the indigenous community will have equity and involvement in the commercialisation of the discovery.

Dr Amiralian is one of Queensland Business Monthly's Top 20 Under 40.

EXCITING DISCOVERY: Dr Nasim Amiralian. Picture: Claudia Baxter

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QBM TOP 20 UNDER 40 INSIDE TODAY

## Run Report

Duck gave a run report that reported

- he was basically unaware that any human life existed on the North Side of the Bridge,
- he couldn't believe what a scenic beautiful run it was, and he now wondered why he had spent all his money travelling to Europe and other places – when he could have just visited Waverton.
- He was also surprised by the number of steps on the run – as there are hardly any steps where he lives

**Visitors** – Visitors came from far and wide to enjoy Spini's run – including Meltdown, Digit Digestor, Glow Job, Bren Gun and Rim Liquor. We love visitors

## Announcements

- Venus has made a great recovery and is planning to hop on a plane to San Diego – so she can get as far away from us as possible and attend a party at her daughter's place.

## Prickette of the Week

**Spini** was nominated by Scotch Mist for not including enough steps in the Run

**Rim Liquor** was nominated by Dirty Weekend – for visiting Sydney in the past and not coming to our runs. We love it when she comes to our runs

## Prick of the Week

**Bren Gun** was nominated by Sniffer for firstly listening to Spini's preamble and then expressing great surprise when the trail had pink chalk.

**Pig** was nominated by Merkin, for making the Bankwest tellers piss their pants as they imagined him at the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – the week before the AGPU

**Dundee** was nominated by Grewsome for doing the old "General Custer" maintaining the high ground and avoiding going down when he had the opportunity.

Winners – **Rim Liquor & Bren Gun**



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**LAUGHS FOR THE DAY :)**

*At a U2 concert in Glasgow, Bono asks the audience for some quiet. Then in the silence, he starts to slowly clap his hands.*

*Holding the audience in total silence, he says into the microphone "Every time I clap my hands, a child in Africa dies."*

*An Aussie voice from near the front then pierced the silence,*

*"Well, stop f\*\*cking clapping ya stupid dickhead!"*



A Mafia Godfather learns that his bookkeeper has embezzled ten million dollars. The bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place.

It was assumed that a deaf bookkeeper would not be able to hear anything that he'd ever have to testify about in court. So when the Godfather interrogates the bookkeeper about the missing \$10 million, he brings along an attorney who knows sign language.

The Godfather asks the bookkeeper, "Where's the 10 million you embezzled from me?"

The attorney, using sign language, asks the bookkeeper where the 10 million is hidden.

The bookkeeper signs back: "I don't know what you are talking about."

The attorney tells the Godfather: "He says he doesn't know what you're talking about."

The Godfather pulls out a 9 mm pistol, puts it to the bookkeeper's temple, cocks it, and says, "Ask him again!"

The attorney signs to the bookkeeper: "He'll kill you for sure if you don't tell him!"

The bookkeeper signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed in my cousin Enzo's backyard in Queens!"

The Godfather asks the attorney, "Well, what'd he say?"

The attorney replies, "He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger."

Don't ya just love lawyers...

**Runs and Events of Note :**

17 Nov 2018	Marrickville	Marrickville Golf Club	Organiser – Stringbean
17 Dec 2018	Xmas Run	Kirrawee	Cannon and Bowerbirds place
23 Feb 2019	Pub Crawl	TBA	Pub Crawl Committee
8 April 2019	1700 Run	TBA	Committee

## Marrickville Golf Club

### 62nd Annual -Crystal Bowl

Wharf Street, Marrickville

NSW 2204

Clubhouse: 02 9558 1876

Pro Shop: 02 9558 6862

## Saturday - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Prizes totaling \$1000

*Nett & Scratch events*

#### Major Prizes

Men's Crystal Bowl (0 – 8), Vase (9 – 13), Plate (14 – 36)

Ladies Bowl (0-25) Vase (26-45)

Seniors (Over 50 y/o)

**Entry fee: \$25**

**NOTE:** *Secure your time NOW!*

*Bookings & payment can only be made through the Pro Shop*

On Wed, Oct 31, 2018 Brian Frazer <[kombie@westnet.com.au](mailto:kombie@westnet.com.au)> wrote:

Hi all..... See the attached flyer for this year's Bowl.... This time please book in at the Pro shop and mention that you are part of the Brian Frazer group. I have secured tee times commencing 10.15 am for AGU handicap players and 11.00 am for non handicap players so we all end up at the 19th to celebrate our victorious Hashers. The course copped a hiding during the drought but responded well after recent rains and is playing well. Looking forward to catching up with all of you  
Stringbean