

TRAILBLAZER N019 REPORT - Saturday 08/06/13 – “Tony’s Torment”, Dardanup

The latest Trailblazer expedition on the morning of Saturday 8 June was ably assisted by our guest Sherpa and soon to be dad – Tony Raudino. Tormentor Tony returned us to the site of his last offering but with a slight twist – taking us in the reverse direction around a route of mixed off road vehicle tracks in the Dardanup hinterland. Bounding mobs of kangaroos, misty valleys, grazing cattle, rutted washed out roads and of course who could forget ... the pungent aroma of the local rubbish dump yes Tony remember the pungent odour of the local dump!

Due to the tardy, wintery sunrise the start time was adjusted to allow the light to play its part in trying to keep everyone safe so the group of eleven set off for the 12km or 18km options available.

At about the 6km mark the group stopped for a photo opportunity (as we all do at the 6km mark ... don't we?), then spilt up to allow the front runners to take flight and add a bit extra to achieve their 18km route, whilst the others opted for the 12km route ... or so we thought. I for one was glad that I chose the shorter option as my post marathon blues were well and truly alive a kicking and I was needing some TLC.

It also appears that Titanium Tony decided he should have taken the shorter option, deciding to throw away his car keys as a desperate excuse to take a short cut home to look for them. This however resulted in Fiona and Brigitte having to run extra kms once they returned to the cars in the vain attempt to find them. Ladies I can report that the tea was hot and the biscuits delicious just ask Tony.

Whilst Tony may have cut his run a bit shorter than planned, the 12km group weren't so lucky as a missed turn added an extra 1km to their route and as he has proven in the past (during the Six Inch Marathon) Tormentor Tony also missed the turn and added the extra km his route, stretching Stretchy Simon that little bit extra.

All in all another enjoyable bush retreat away from the hot mix, concrete, traffic and barking dogs - and that is what Trailblazers is all about ... getting out into the bush, taking care of your mind, body and soul with likeminded company ... wouldn't miss it for quids.

So where to next Maidens Reserve, Ocean Drive, Bunbury on **Saturday 13 July at 6.45am** and guest Sherpa Natalie Gianfrancesco will keep us under control. Who will we see there this month?

Sherpa Whitfield (Allan)

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Trailblazer NO 19 – Tyrell Rd, Dardanup – “Tony’s Torment”