

MELBOURNE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

FOUNDED, FORMED, AND FIDDED

1971

FIRST HARES : Jack Salmons and Jan Peppingale

RUNNERS : Eddie Gillespie - Doug Lennon -  
Des Nolan and son Bernie -  
Garry Smith - Kevin Thornycroft -  
Bob Wade and son John.

FIRST RUN : 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1971

HISTORY

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The idea of founding a HASH CLUB in Melbourne was formulated by Jack Salmon and Tom Ripplingale early in 1971, after their return from Penang, Malaysia, where they had been members of the Penang Hash.

Accordingly, they planned a run at Selby, starting from the Selby School Residence, Jack Salmon's home. To set the trail, they used confetti, which it was felt would obviate the litter problem. Jack Salmon contacted other ex-Penang Hashmen he felt would be interested.

This first run was held on 25-4-71. There were Jack Salmon and Tom Ripplingale. Runners included Eddie Gillespie, Doug Semon, Des Nelson son Bernie, Gerry Smith, Kevin Thornycroft, Bob Wade son John, and also present were Bill Seach and Anthony Salmon.

It was originally planned to have a run every 6-8 weeks. However, in 1972, Ed Davis joined us from Perth Hash and gave us the idea of runs around suburban streets, using chalked arrows. This idea was tried, and after some experimental Tuesday night and Monday night runs, it was decided to have a weekly Monday night run, with every sixth run a Sunday, family-barbecue run, a tradition we had established in the first 1½ years of operation.

We decided that, though growing slowly, we needed some publicity to make ourselves known. Hence, Jack Salmon contacted THE SUN newspaper

The result was an article by Judy Joy Lewis on 23/6/72, and a photograph taken in the Botanical Gardens and featuring Tony Wainford, Jerry Tipping, Doug Connor, Greg Perkins, Gerry Smith and Peter Pearce.

Peter Schultz made and presented the HWSH with its official sign early in 1972.

Gerry Smith was elected as inaugural Grand Master at the second run on 27/6/71, at Kevin Thornycroft's house in Brackston. Jack Salmons was officially named Hon Sec. These two held these offices until the evening of the first HWSH XMAS DO on 23/11/72.

NOV

Our first Annual function was held at Park Orchards Chalet. This was a true HWSH night and included the election of office bearers. 50 people attended, of them 24 were voters - 22 voted in Jerry Tipping and Peter Pearce as CM and CW SEC respectively.

Annual fees were established at \$2 half year or \$4 annually.

Runs each Monday night with a family run on each 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday finally was noted in officially.

The first Annual meeting concluded at a time unknown to any member present - all agreed a week later that it was a 'very good night'.

50 members became the aim during '73.

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MAY

50<sup>th</sup> RUN MILESTONE

HARE - TONY MUMFORD

SPECIAL FAMILY RUN - MARDONDAH DAM

DATE - 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 1973

JUNE

The second club gathering was held at THE SWANMAN at Fern Tree Gully on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1973. 50 people enjoyed the Hot + Cold Smorgasboard, dancing and excellent floor show - an excellent venue in fact. Cloth badges were purchased from club funds - these badges were designed to add colour to both shirts or track suits and to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> run milestone.

AUGUST

Track shirts with a redesigned foot mark on the back, and our usual track sign on the front were purchased for sale to club members. Most members running during the second half of 73 were effectively in 'uniform'.

First pub runs started at discretion of hare - most popular and are sure to continue.

OCTOBER

ELECTION night was held on 22 OCT - Jerry Lippin leaves for England on posting and our 3<sup>rd</sup> C.M. was SELECTED - Roy Lightfoot.

Jack Nelms was elected on sec on the retirement of Peter Burre. A third 'committee' man was recommended by the outgoing office bearers and Paul Hollister became the new member.

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