

Can you believe it is already ½ way through March!!

I remember New Year's Eve well & I can kind of remember New Year's Day.

I also remember the Australia Day weekend..... a great time with Mackay HHH and a little bit wet up this way.

Townsville is still drying out so we won't be able to call them 'Brownsville' for quite a while.

February?? Not sure where that went, and now March!! According to my countdown timer there is 42 Days, 6 hours & some minutes before the first event of 2019 Croc Aussie Nash Hash starts!!

Are we ready?? I hope so, but maybe pass me another beer anyway.

Believe it or not but this may be the last newsletter from Shazza. Will you miss me? The next time you hear from me you will be shaking my hand & buying me a beer (or I will be hiding), but I do have a couple of things to pass on and to remind you of for Croc Nash Hash 2019.

Goodies Bags/shirts – when we started ordering things, we were thinking, 650-700 hashers, but then the regos kept coming!! So after much scrambling we up'd the orders to 800 for most things. At the moment we have 776 Hashers paid & registered. So if all goes to plan (it's Hash so that never works) we should have around 20 left which we will be trying to sell. If you know someone who can't come but still might like a goodie bag, bring some cash. While there are amazing things in your goodie bag there is no hat so please bring one with you.

The trails are starting to take shape. There was a fair amount of damage done by Mother Nature in February which is still being cleared, so hopefully in 42 Days, 6 hours & some minutes it will be completed.

We hope to get some information up on the web site in the next few weeks about the runs.

There will be no runs on Saturday from the main venue so everyone will get on a bus and go out of town.

We have the circle venues locked down & the caterers for the lunches at the end of the runs booked in, so all looking good for the runs.

The bus timetable may change a bit from what is on the web page at the moment, but it will all be updated in the Croc Nash Hash 2019 magazine. Remember if there is a run you really want to go on, be early because only so many buses will go to those runs.

There will be a Recovery Run on Sunday from the venue. Also on Sunday morning is the infamous Port Douglas Markets held each week on the foreshore, so some of you may prefer to do that.

Red Dress Run – I did the trail the other day starting from Hemmingway's Brewery. The short run is only 3klms with only 1 hill, the long run is only 5 klms with only 1 hill and the walk is 2.5 klms with no hill. But remember that the Red Dress Run is a fun run, raising money for Mossman Hospital, so enjoy yourself and we will have few locals joining us for the fun. There will be donation buckets supplied by the FNQHF and we have Paddy's Irish Bar & Rattle 'n' Hum Bar & Grill as the sponsors so visit them, you won't be disappointed and they will treat you like locals – that's a good thing! Check the happy hours at all the bars in the magazine.

The first event on the calendar, 42 Days, 6 hours & some minutes is the Mossman Hash Run on the **Monday night the 29th** from the Barrier Reef Tavern (or 4 mile beach tavern) 5.30 for 6, \$5 for circle, BYOG see flyer on web page for more information.

The second event is 'a thinking man's run on **Tuesday the 30th** and it is being set by Brisbane Southside HHH. Not sure of the connection between A Thinking Man's Hash & Southside HHH? A bit of an oxymoron. See flyer on web page for more information. (ED – an oxymoron is not a cross a between hasher and an ox, but close). Maybe it should be 'a thinking woman's run' as they do it better!

Check 'Wot's on' on the webpage for all the runs during the week.

What do I need to bring to Registration? – Good question –

We are going to use the Australian government standard information required for anything. Birth certificate in **current** name & gender, in triplicate, parents birth, immigration, adoption certificates, bank details of all loans, a declaration of any union affiliation or a declaration of any donation to a political party (dependent on who is in government), a copy of any income since 1942, including all Tax returns and any other invasive information we feel like on the day.

No really, all you need is some form of ID or just remembering your name will get you a long way, especially after a few beers!

I will pass you onto the other Shazza now for all the serious stuff

RIGHT – ARE YOU LISTENING?

Douglas Shire is a single use plastic free shire (ED:- no it is not the shire from the Hobbit), what does that mean for you? There will be NO beer/wine throw away cups at the venue on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday, so bring your drinking vessels, you paid for them use them!! The plates & knife & forks are bio-degradable

On the runs – if you take anything on the run **BRING** it back. These farmers are doing us a favor, they like showing off where they live and they **DON'T** need your rubbish. The creeks you may be running through are still pristine enough to drink out of (just be careful that there is not a Hasher pissing upstream from you). It is a beautiful area, so enjoy it and leave it for others to enjoy!!

The area we will be running through is in or bordering the World Heritage Rainforest and being so is fairly isolated, meaning that your Mobile phone won't work a lot of the time. The sweepers & the medical team will have mobile communication devices. The bitumen road finishes about 100 kls north and there is very little anything for a 100 klms to the west.

THERE ARE CROCODILES in the rivers so **DO NOT SWIM** in any rivers in this area. You might have seen the Irwins from Australia Zoo saying the Crocodile numbers are declining, well they don't live here. If you talk to the locals they will tell you that they can no longer swim in areas that for generations were safe. The creeks & streams you will be running through should be safe and we do have trained medical people on trail just in case but stay on trail (and run through the creeks). I would hate to think that you met one of Bazza's mates by mistake!

Safe swimming spots – the lifesaving flag area on 4 Mile beach – do not swim at the southern end as there a number of small creeks and it is known that there are a couple of larger reptiles in this area.

Hotel/motel swimming pools – as long as you are fairly sober (maybe that's another oxymorn)

Mossman Gorge – beautiful!

The Friday lunch events are all going well but if you have booked & not paid means that you are not guaranteed a spot (except the Club 1000 Legends Lunch). There may still be a couple of seats in the other lunches but you better check with them – see web page for more information.

We have been asked by McTaf to include these messages.....

HASH HERITAGE BANNERS

For those of you that have been lucky enough to attend a UK Nash Hash, you would have noticed and been impressed by the full set of UK Nash Hash banners that hang proudly at the main venue. It is a fantastic visual history of that event.

I have taken on the task of gathering or recreating a full set of Aussie Nash Hash heritage banners to hang proudly at each Aussie Nash Hash, declaring our proud history and generating great memories of each event.

This is a long term project. If you are happy to donate a banner to this worthy cause please contact me at mctaf@yahoo.com or 0419288101. I am now retired so move up and down the East coast fairly regularly.

BIKE HASH INFORMATION

Tour de Bazza Preamble.

All information about the 3 day preamble can be found by pushing the "Prelubes" button on the Aussie Nash Hash web page. There you will find a precis of the ride, bike hire information and the registration form.

The Nash Hash Bike Hash on Saturday

Due to transport limitations this event is capped at 30 participants

If you wish to participate, you must fill in a rego form. The registration form can be found by pushing the "Bike Hash" Button on the web page. Bike hire options can be found by pushing the "Pre lube"

Also, Foreskin has asked about some missing 100 kgs shirts he has mislaid (oxymoron again!). If you can help please contact him on foreskin@iinet.net.au

That's about all for now, but remember to keep checking the web pages for the latest, state of the art, up to date, current, on the front burner, cutting edge, just out, avant-garde news at

<http://www.crochash.com/>

See you all in 42 Days, 6 hours & some minutes in FNQ Port Douglas

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At least I only have 42 Days, 6 hours & some minutes left to do this