

## **Vetrun Extra – April 13**

### **Mike Berry – r.i.p.**

WE were sorry to hear this Easter weekend of the death of Mike Berry, an early member of the club (no 18.)

Although I never met him I believe we shared a similarly, slightly irreverent attitude, as shown in the photograph (below) which Mike staged in Kings Park many years ago.

We were in email contact in recent years, while, according to friends and colleagues, Mike was not in the best of health. He was a keen photographer and sent me pictures taken in the early days of the club. One of the more notable was of a club AGM, held on the grass at McCallum Park.

I will attempt a more informative biography of Mike Berry in the next full edition of Vetrun.

*In April 2017 Vetrun carried this story about that photograph. Two editions later Mike was in touch to fill in some missing names.*

### **Put the blame on Berry**

RESEARCHING rugged runs after the cancellation of this year's inaugural Woodbridge (see page12) I stumbled over Jorgensen (again!)

The event is marked each year by John Pellier, but it was originally set by an early member, Mike Berry.

We're not sure of his whereabouts right now; and we weren't too sure way back in June 1991, when this picture staged in Kings Park appeared in *Vetrun no. 224*.

It was part of a feature that sought club members who ran in the first, 1979, Perth Peoples Marathon.

Mike was one of them. The unfortunate bucket-carrier following him in the photo is wife Nora; but we can't name the other two walking wounded.

Possible candidates are: Bob Hayres; Dennis Batherham; Geoff Price; Jim McLean; Sid Bowler; Bob Johnstone; and Ian Sutherland.

If anyone knows, please let *Vetrun* know.

Meantime...wonder if Mike Berry used that stick to feel his way around Jorgensen? It could explain why the original course was so terrifying. We used to start in the opposite direction, which meant a blind descent through bushes into the stream.

*Mike Berry's response – August 2017*

## Past blast!

Hi Vic,

Although I am no longer a member I like to read the Vetrun on line and was amazed to see a photo of a few of our Saturday group (April 2017, page 3) obviously taken with my camera.

In 1991 Ian Sutherland was transferring to Canberra and we wanted to give him a farewell photo album of ourselves - included Bob Hayres; Bob & Allison Johnstone; Dennis Batterham (with the priests habit on, he was a Lay preacher); Nora (the water carrier); Sid Bowler (wearing the tin hat - he died age 90); Tim Fry [he died a few years ago in cycle accident].

I was having eye troubles, hence the stick!



*Vetrun Extra* is a new service from Masters to keep our members in contact with each other and with their club during this difficult time.

Please do just that –stay in touch!

Let me know how you're coping, staying fit, occupying your time.

Email contributions for me to include in *Vetrun Extra* –send to [vfdwaters@gmail.com](mailto:vfdwaters@gmail.com).

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