

2008 HHRUFC Byron Bay Tourists – The HHRUFC Goodride Skunks & Whats That Smell Hunters Hill.

1. Chris Groves (Schapelle) (Tour Director)
2. James Wookey (Ralph) (Assistant Tour Director)
3. Dave Weston (Harpoon) V
4. Jim Bone (Mini-Me)
5. Renny Isles (Stimpy)
6. Pat Feige (Lara)
7. Cam (Cumshot)
8. Chris Collins (Mr Movies)
9. Tom (Killer) V
10. Greg Forsyth (Foreskin) V
11. Tim Dodds (Snoop Doddy Dodds)
12. Irish (Harris)
13. Glen Truelove (Fairytale) V
14. Matt Shelton (Chunks) V
15. Andy Johnson (Uluru)
16. Rob Gray (Rapunzel) V
17. Eamon Croucher (Acom) - Jesse's Bro V
18. Jesse Croucher (Crouching Tiger)
19. Ron White (Churchill)
20. Will Wright (Corey) V
21. Woody (Rags) V
22. Ben Smith (Chippy)
23. Gak (Merkin)
24. Oz (Panda)
25. Matt Macrae (Noose) V
26. Fiji Tim

The 2008 tour commenced in much the same fashion as years before, with most of the Skunks sprawled through the airport bar for early tour beers. Foreskin took out first beer of the tour in 2008, however he also took out the first skull of the tour, forgetting in his excitement to down his beer, which hand he was supposed to be drinking from. He also took out the second skull of the tour, having used the wrong hand to complete his first skull...

The joy experienced by the Skunks on the plane when we found out that beer was again to be served on intra-state flights was immense! However the Virgins on the flight were not able to enjoy this as they foolishly locked Pepe, our mascot, in the overhead locker for takeoff, & had to spend the entire flight dry whilst the senior tourists enjoyed Crownies, Bundies & Bourbons!

Schapelle's mystery tour from Ballina didn't disappoint, with the first stop being Ballina Woolies liquor. The Skunks were excited & no longer thirsty (having found the Ballina airport bar closed). Our youngest virgin Corey received the first of his many fines for being last on the bus at the airport. From Woolies it was onto the highlight of the Mystery tour – the BIG PRAWN!!!! Much to the disappointment of the Skunks we found you can no-longer venture into the Prawn's insides. So we made do with having a beer outside it...



Those that had flown to Byron then made our way to the Rails Hotel, where our bus driver (Alfred) beamed as he deposited us on the main street of Byron.... Once safely ensconced in the Rails beer garden, it didn't take long for the Skunks to attract the attention of the local crazies, who delighted in shrieking "SKUNKS, SKUNKS!!!!!" at us for the rest of the weekend. A few hours of 'bonding' & giving Chunks grief about his skunk hat & tail saw Bally's joke about Snoop walking into a bar come to true...



Once we'd met up with Harpoon, Noose, Rags, Mini-Me & Chippy who'd all driven up, it was onto the 2008 tour house. Whilst not quite as flash as last years house, the 2008 Hillies tour home stood strong against abuse to its walls by Ralph & Harris, to its Lawn by Snoop, & to its bathroom by Lara...

Once rooms had been decided upon ("No Chunks, this is my bed, but you can have the floor..."), we broke out the first batch of Steaks on a plane. Cumshot & Lara arrived, & both set-up camp in their mobile homes (Lara's looked much more comfortable than Cumshot's Commodore...).

The first night on tour saw Snoop receive the Idiot hat



Noose & Rags were crowned biggest pests of the night, Foreskin met the Pink ladies for the first (but not last...) time, Rapunzel met someone from Luxembourg, Fiji Tim told everyone to be home in bed by 10pm ("rugby tomorrow boys"...) & then got in at 4am, Acorn (our Petersham import) marveled at the beer drinking prowess of the Hillies on tour, & Harpoon, Rags, Noose, Merkhin & Mini-Me created the Knob song...

Saturday was a slow start:



Panda Warms up...

Skunks getting ready...

however it saw the Skunks first win in

Byron in years! 41-12 over the Flying Montgomery's saw us singing the club song on Byron Oval!



Above: Skunks Celebrate the 1st win in Byron in years.

Schapelle got his revenge on Norths by smashing a Norths player in a bear hug style tackle, the 6 props (Harpoon, Schapelle, Cumshot, Panda, Uluru & Foreskin) & Lara had a rolling maul go 70 metres down the pitch (much to the confusion of the Bustards Eagles).



Above: "Super" Coach Churchill & Lara discuss tactics. Acorn takes the piss... bloody Petersham players!

Saturday arvo saw a trip to the beach, Chunk's clothes fell off, & all agreed they were glad there wasn't too much surf after Ralph assured everyone he could save them, as he was a lifeguard in the off-season...

Saturday night saw Harris crowned as the biggest pest of the night, & Killer strutted his stuff, alongside Panda with the ladies at the Beaches Hotel. Foreskin made a big impression on the Pink Ladies, joining them on the stage at the Great Northern! Panda tried to convince all present that Chocolate Éclairs had healing properties (Schapelle was of the opinion that Kebabs were much better), Churchill wouldn't stop telling us about the Ex-Wallaby he'd met, Cumshot did his Wolverine impression, Corey was asked repeatedly if he knew where you could "score some" (must be the haircut mate...), & Noose had an early night.

Sunday was an even slower start, but a good one nonetheless! For the first time in many many years the Hillies had a team starting the day in the C division comp rather than both in D division. A narrow loss for the team in D division (28 – 19) showed that the work we'd done with Coach Axe in Sydney was well worth it! (Cheers Axe – without your coaching we'd have been in deep shit mate!), & a game of soccer for those in C division (believe it or not it was far more dignified than taking the Marist Bros on in Sevens football). Fiji Tim was crowned the highest scorer on tour (19 points) & 2008 Tourist (Skunk) of the year! That afternoon there was a trip to the beach for some, a few bebies in the bowlo for others:



Chunks struggles

Churchill: "I met a Wallaby!"

Stimpy struggles...

For the more metrosexual of the squad some shopping & a massage (Stimpy & Panda...) & then Kangaroo Court commenced.

With 26 tourists to get through, a mammoth 4 hour Kangaroo Court, followed by People's court, commenced. Crouching Tiger again demonstrated his taste for Chum, Harpoon displayed his fashion sense in a LBD, Rags coughed up a hair ball, Panda lost his gear (but found some Bamboo to chow down on), Mini-Me led the people's court (viva la Revolution! viva Mini-Me!), Harris provided unintelligible defences, Lara fell back on the Chewbacca defence, the Virgins got dizzy, & Corey met his match (a chum wielding Stimpy!).



Killer tries to wash the taste of Kanagaroo Court away with an Irish Coffee (18 parts whiskey : 1 part coffee)

Fiji Tim's cousins cooked up a wicked Chicken Curry for us (Thanks Ladies!), the last of the Steaks on a plane went on the BBQ, & off into the last night of the tour we went...where we met the Fiji Uprising Resort team at the Beaches Hotel. They'd just won the A-Division Grand Final that afternoon, so of course they wanted to swap shirts with the Skunks! The Fijian Ralph swapped with got a muscle shirt, & Ralph got a tent... There are now a dozen Fijian Seven's players running around Fiji with 2008 HHRUFC Skunks polo shirts...

Midnight Sunday night saw more Pink ladies brought back to the tour house, & all of our beer drunk....

Monday morning was a flurry of cleaning, re-building & hiding of bodies (mainly Merkhin hiding himself...). Lara left Byron at 4:30am (& got home late that night), Foreskin, Killer & Fiji Tim had a (lite) beer for Breakfast, & then it was off to the airport. The flight home was much quieter than the flight there, & at Sydney Airport a (slightly beaten) Pepe was returned to Schapelle.



Snoop re-charges for next yr...



Stimpy down...



Mr Movies Investigates what makes the bus seats so comfortable

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our great & valiant Sponsor, Goodride Tyres. Thank you so much for your much-valued sponsorship in 2008. We hope to continue the relationship in 2009.

Thanks for the Tour. One of the best yet. See you back up there in 2009!

-Schapelle



2008 HHRUFC Goodride Skunks / Whats That Smell Hunters Hill? Byron Sevens Team.
Back Row: Schapelle (Tour Director), Fiji Tim, Fairytale, Mini-Me, Moose, Churchill ('Super' Coach...), Crouching Tiger.
Middle Row: Lara, Acorn, Chippy, Ralph (Assistant Tour Director), Foreskin, Rapunzel, Chunks, Stimp.
Front Row: Killer, Merkhin, Cumshot, Harpoon, Woody (with Pepe; 2008 mascot), Uluru, Corey, Mr Movies, Panda.
On Ground: Snoop Doddy Dodds.