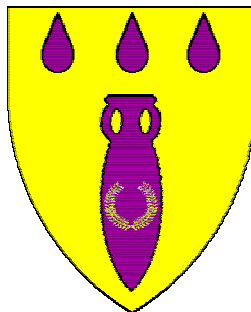




The Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

April
Festival Edition



AS-XLII
(2008)

REGULAR EVENTS

The
*Shire of
Bacchus Wood*
Meets every Tuesday,
7pm to 9:30pm
At:
Eridani Hall
Eridani Avenue
Kingston
Queensland.
(Maps on back page)

Everyone welcome

OTHER EVENTS

Arts & Sciences, Archery,
Armoured fighting
practice and other
activities - see the
Website Calendar for
details

Come along !

Bacchus Wood
Website:

http://sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

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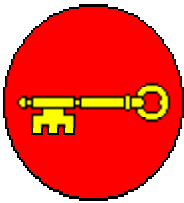


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1. EN'S SAY

Greetings everyone,

Well, Rowany Festival has come and gone for this year and what a wonderful and different Festival it was!

Bacchus Wood fielded just two fighters this year - both Combat Archers. For a change, I had House Drakkar on 'my side' (the Kings side) ☺

They were Great battles but I had to retire after lunch due to being unwell.

The weather was mild but damp. The fine days were very humid and the temperatures were warm. There was green grass ! While I miss some aspects of Crossroads, the new site was certainly a great change and much less traveling although still 12 hours on the road.

Great Northern War is coming up. In Festival jargon, it is only two weeks away !! (June 7th-9th) This is the BIG event this year for the Northern Duchy so please make an effort to be there, even if only for a day trip. GNW Last year was fantastic and this year will be even better as we will be on the 'other side' of the creek with more room and lots more of everything happening.

Closer still, is Willoughby Vales' "Tis the Tale of The Vale" event - and their 20th anniversary on the 12th April. This would also be a good event to go to for the fun and because they have supported us so well.

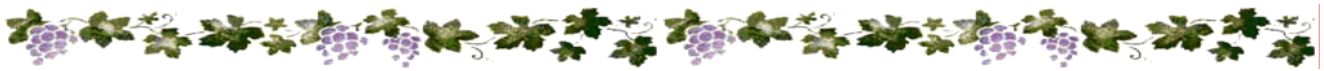
This looks to be an eventful and exciting year if you care to go places and find the fun. There is a lot on and some great friends to meet - some of whom you haven't even met yet ☺

Yours in Service,
Madog Llwyd ap Madog

Proudly from the Shire of Bacchus Wood.



Festival Lead up – just two weeks to go . . Sew some more and check the armour.
So much to do – so little time !



Are YOU a member of Bacchus Wood ?

To be a member of Bacchus Wood,
you need to be a paid member of SCAA.

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<http://www.sca.org.au/committee/d.php/AUmemform.pdf>



2. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on 1st April 2008 at Eridani Hall, Kingston

Minutes of Meeting 1st April 2008

Opened at 8pm

Present: Chris, Phil, Kim, Andy, Steve, Ben, Kitiara, Grahame, Alison, Ra'chel, and John.

Apologies: Mel

Previous minutes: Moved Chris, seconded: Phil to accept the previous minutes as circulated. Accepted.

Business arising from minutes: Roll/Passbook for Tuesday nights is being done – work in progress. Award arrows are being finished.

Seneschal's Report: (Tabled and read)

A Quiet month with Festival. Eight people went to Festival counting John and Jen. We had a great time on the new site and will go again next year.

More events are coming up for this year – Willoughby Vale 'Tale of the Vale', May the May Day long weekend at Burnfield, Riverhaven 'Baronesses Birthday Bash' coming up, and Great Northern War in June's Queens Birthday weekend.

Bacchus Wood still needs an A&S officer to coordinate A&S activities and Jen (Lady Genevieve) is willing to assist.

I had a good meeting with other Seneschals at Festival and now working on having all officers of Bacchus Wood properly appointed. The process is simple – Each officer asks to be appointed by asking the appropriate Kingdom Officer. The Kingdom officer would then contact the current Seneschal of Bacchus Wood for approval and the appointment should then be officially made.

Reeve's report: No Statement as yet as I have been unable to get to the bank (unforeseen circumstances) so it hasn't happened. Our current balance is unknown.

Herald's report: (Tabled and read)

This month we held no events.

I have provided feedback for a name consultation for milord Revan. We have found nothing definitive and are still working on it.

I have provided the group with a Latin translation of the much requested (*Bacchus Wood – Ed*) Archer's motto :

You can run (are able to move quickly) but you will just die tired

"Vos es validus moveo velociter tamen vos mos iustus intereo defussus"

If the group is allowed by 'law', prepared to pay, and if the populace wish it so, then I will help to design an Archer's Badge for those given the privilege to wear. - i.e. I don't believe we are allowed "Orders" or Awards, but could provide a copy of the badge for those chosen to wear (like champions or such). I will only ask Crux, if we want to go ahead with the badge.



[Steve confirmed we are allowed badges but not orders or Awards. A discussion started which Chris postponed for General Discussion]

WebMinisters report: (Tabled and read)

The website Events Calendar has been updated with the latest available event information.

Chroniclers report: (Tabled and read)

The March Grapevine was delayed by Festival but was published yesterday (31st March). The next Grapevine should be out on time on the 15th of this month. I need more articles (Chroniclers Lament).

Chirurgion's report: (Alison) I am now officially recognised as a Chirurgionate apprenticed under Master Hrothgar Breaksword and need to attend at least three events to be a rostered Chirurgion. This should be completed by Great Northern War.

General Business:

Alison – For those who did not go to Rowany Festival, Grahame bought 3 DVD's to watch. Thank you Grahame, the movies were great!!

Four newcomers came along – Andrew& Bernie, Ben and Zerena and enjoyed themselves.

John: I will be running a flint and steel fire-starting Collegia at Great Northern War. I will also run a competition on Fire Starting using flint and steel.

Kim: Please go to events apart for Bacchus Wood ones. Also please provide flyers for the collegia. I am organising the A&S classes at Great Northern War.

Grahame: Is there a feather cresting register for arrows? Maybe we should do a cresting register. If you want to learn how to crest an arrow, come to the collegia.

Phil: There an IKAC on this Sunday 5th April at Ipswich Central State School.

Chris: I am the Archery Officer at Great Northern War. Any suggestions, please contact me.

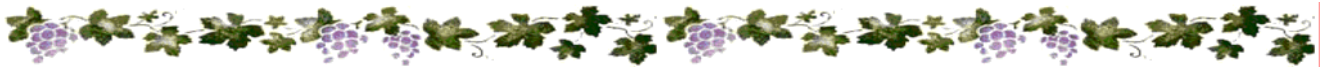
Ra'chel: Badges – can either do (be awarded) by polling vote, or by recommendations to CoA and Seneschal. Please consider and voice your suggestion next meeting. I will do up some designs for the group's perusal. (several suggestions were made by various people)

Steve: The King and Queen will be at Great Northern War so please put in some recommendations for people you think deserve an award.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm



Festival 08 - Genevieve the Wanderers Period Viking Tent and some of the detail on Jean the Hornmaster's fantastic period tent



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3. WHATS ON

Important dates to remember from the meeting and Website Calendar

Link

April 12th
April 26th–27th
June 7th–9th
Aug 8th–10th



Tis the Tale of the Vale – Willoughby Vale
Bacchus Wood Collegia. (Moved from March 15th/16th)
Great Northern War – BP Park, Samford. QLD.
North of the Border Rapier Fest V – Riverhaven

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= Royalty expected at this event

See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.



4. Articles

Festival AS XLII

Festival is over for this year. It was held in the very beautiful Glenvies Valley, about 60Km inland from Hexham in NSW, Australia.

The final site was the 'Plan B' site as the planned site was water sodden and unusable due to continual heavy rain.

The grass was green, moisture fell from the sky and the festival officially started on Thursday evening with it being declared open.

Bacchus Wood arrived on site on the Wednesday morning after we drove down from Queensland overnight. Lady Katherine and His Lordship William flew down in a silver dragon at short notice after hasty preparations and it was a joy to see them there. In all, eight Bacchus Woodians attended Festival this year.

The archery range was interesting with the 'underground arrow-eating monster' having quite a feast on arrows that missed the butt and burrowed under the long lush grass making it near impossible to find them.

Lady Sabine D'Antan conducted the archery after being called in evidently at the last minute. For the distance she and Lord Mercurio had to travel carrying target butts and gear, it worked out very well. Something behind the butts to catch errant arrows would be nice but that could be for next year if we are at the same site.



When we arrived (two days earlier than the event start) and set up, the sign-in tent was abandoned. No wonder really ☺

On the Friday, the sign in tent was operational near the main site entrance and I went to sign in and collect my token.

Like the previous Rowany festival's, it was no disappointment with an elaborate Gryffon in a circle with the words Rowany Festival XLII at the bottom.

As it had to be worn during Festival, it had a cord attached, which was long enough to hang around the neck (Which is how I wore mine).

Wednesday and Thursday were very hot and humid with clear skies and gentiles found the joys of the creek which while tidal, held mainly fresh water at low tide (late afternoon) and was a joy to bathe in and keep clean as well as cool. The humid heat was to change on Thursday evening the clouds gathered with the promise of rain. And rain it did for the following two days. It wasn't soaking rain, more like light showers with the occasional heavy shower at night.

Despite this, the atmosphere, which was vastly different to the last two at Crossroads, continued to be up beat and lively. No one seemed to mind the rain, and activities continued heedless of the moisture and damp.

Thursday evening had the Opening Court which had it's share of excellent acting and posturing from our wonderful Royalty and Rowany Festival was declared open by Baron Rowany. Festival was ON!



Lady Katherine Alicia of Sarum



and the King and Queen at Opening Court

On Friday, the first Archery events took place – the Royal Round. The lighting was good, no rain for the competition and the underground Arrow Eating Monster had his first feast. In the afternoon there was an IKAC after a meeting I had to attend. The IKAC was also well attended although less archers than the year before. The light was getting bad (for me) but some archers put in good rounds.

Cars were required to be off site by 8am Friday and the day also saw a lot of meetings of Officers, Fencing competitions and a Bardic circle and singing in the evening.



The Festival Stewards, Gillian and Hunnydd – They ran a great Festival with their team.

Saturday saw merchants arriving and setting up although Jean the Hornmaster was set up complete with his magnificent Viking period tent on Thursday and he had his store open. Business was good too as it was shelter from the showers on the way to or from the List Fields, Tavern and Village Green.

Saturday also had the Children's Boffer Tourney/Chivalry School on the list field and more rapier duelling. Saturday evening saw a Royal Court with more great acting and conversation around the War Theme.

War day was on Sunday, which opened a fine day yet not too hot nor cold. The three bears come to mind ☺

There were two scenarios in the morning where the combined Northern Forces helped to advance the cause of the King substantially. House Drakkar was on our side having been bought by an ally of the King. As we called a halt to fighting, the Queen announced her cause lost and in response, the King announced he relinquished all claims he had wrongfully made. The afternoon battles were to be against 'rebels' that the King and Queen were to join forces to try to crush.

At lunch, I decided to pull out of combat as I was still unwell and was in pain.

After lunch I attended the war field and watched the battles. The rebels lost the wars as expected but the battles were great. House Drakkar excelled in archery and some of the heavy battles were simply awesome.

War day was awesome.



Lady Melisant de Bergarac outside her tent.

On Monday there was a feeling of loss as people realised that Rowany Festival was about to finish that night. If only it could continue with the great atmosphere yet, wouldn't it be nice to have a pressured hot water shower in luxury. Hmmmm. It was a difficult choice but in any event, all choices were already made ☺

There was an early Royal Court, which I attended as a constable on duty. The constable duties went to Midday and so I missed the Marksman of Lochac competition on the Archery Field. Maybe next year ☺



Rowany Festival XLII – Monday morning: Mist over the nearby hills.

Also on the Monday, the Fighter Auction Tourney was held amid much chivalry and pagentry. In the afternoon, the Tournament of the thirty was held on the list field and all went quiet leading up to the final Royal Court at 5:30pm.

Royal Court was great with awards and recognition to all the victors of the various arts, sciences and warriors whom had all proved themselves in their respective fields.

Then, Baron Rowany declared the event ended and the court dismissed.

It was over. No! But yes it was. It was over. Rowany festival had ended.

The event had ended and we were planning the long drive back to the Northern Duchy in Queensland after a fantastic weekend at festival. Cars were allowed back on site and many of the 'local' people packed up and left that evening. Many of them would have returned to work the following day.

That night, most of the remaining people went to bed early as they had long drives back home and not just a few hours to get home. In the Terranu campsite, we dismantled half of the kitchen tent and got a lot of the rest ready for packing the following morning. We had just finished that when it rained so our timing was superb.

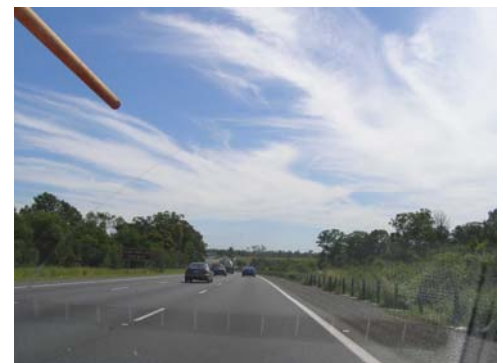
It was that night that the low point in the whole event occurred.

That night, some gentiles partied like there was no tomorrow, making the hills echo with their shouts, screams, and drumming until well after 4 in the morning, when finally a big voice behind a very bright light (one million candlepower) from the darkness told them to make silence and be considerate of those needing sleep so they could get safely home, which they then did (to their credit) and finally some sleep was gained by those held sleepless by their noise.

Tuesday morning the whole Terranu campsite woke almost as one and pulled down the campsite. That was one fast pull-down! After I packed down my tent and belongings and Melisant helped me pack my little car, I saw that the Terranu campsite had enough hands packing so I went and helped Jean the Hornmaster pack his truck.

By 9:45am we were all finished packing and started on our long way back home.

Next year, I'll be back!



Nearly home – Bruce Highway Nth of Brisbane

Events Notices

"North of the Border" Fencing Fest V 8th to 10th August A.S. XLIII (2008)

**Rapier Training, Tournament and Melee Weekend.
Open to all who have an interest in the Arts of Defence.**

Fencing Fest is a total weekend devoted to the Arts of Defence. Spread over just over two days will be training sessions, a tournament or two, melee sessions and a rapier game, a relaxed weekend of fencing and feasting. For the first time, the weekend will start with a discussion night on the Friday night before the event starts, included in the standard price. Lunch is served on both days, with a feast of simple foods on the Saturday night. Billets, booking and information can be arranged by contact with the Steward.

This weekend is open to all ladies and gentlemen who have an interest in the Arts of Defence. Current and future combatants, those who wish to watch and those who wish to learn. There should not be a time during the weekend where an enthusiastic lady or gentleman cannot find something interesting to learn or do. Need to brush-up on a weapon form? Need to authorise in another weapon form? Interested in rapier but did not know where to start? This is your best chance to get all of these things done. More to the point it is the chance to fence, and fence amongst others with the same interest. Also purchase your own limited edition Fencing Fest V long-sleeved T-shirt for \$25 ordered when you book for the event.

Where: Artesanos Hall, Wesley St, Lutwyche

Time: Friday from 7pm until 9:30pm, 10am Start Saturday and Sunday, Saturday until 10pm, Sunday until the early evening

Cost: \$30/35 (M/NM) for the weekend, \$20/25 (M/NM) day rate

Steward: Don Henry Fox (Henry Walker)

Phone: (07) 3219 6029 or E-mail: henry_the_fox@hotmail.com

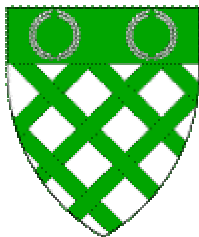
Yours in Service

...Henry Walker



AKA Don Henry Fox
Steward, "North of the Border" Fencing Fest V

Tis the Tale of the Vale
Tourney and Feast 12th April 2008



Canton of Willoughby Vale

Ipswich Vigoro Club

Joyce Street
East Ipswich
QLD 4305
Map UBD 213 N13

Start time : 10am
Novelty Archery : 10:30am

Armour Inspection : 1-1:30pm
Heavy Tournament Starts : 2pm

Event Cost

All Day (M2N/M) : \$20
Lunch only : \$15
Feast Only \$25
Child (6-14yo) : Half price
Under 4 : Free

A BOOKING IS REQUIRED !!

Booking Officer: Eleanor of Cathenes (Pam)
(07) 32885160 or <mailto:terranu@ozemail.com.au>
Bookings must be received on or before the 5th April 2008

Tis the tale of the Vale. Come forth and celebrate the 20-year saga of the Shire of Willoughby Vale.

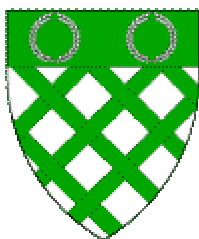
The tale itself has battles won and lost, intrigues, romances & Triumphs.

To honour our ancestors, we ask you to join us on a day of fighting, A&S competitions, Chariot Racing, Quests, Feasting & Merriment as we celebrate the last 20 years and we begin the next 20

A&S Competitions

Adults : Banner featuring old and new Canton Device (Separate or combined Device)
A Soltelte Themed 20 years

Childrens : A&S on the day



Other SCA Groups In Queensland

Baronies :

Riverhaven

Meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm at their hall in Wesley Street, Lutwyche.
<http://sca.org.au/RiverHaven/>

St Florian de la Riviere

Fighter practice and A&S - Monday evenings at the Scout Hall, Waterview Tce, Dutton Park.
7pm start
http://sca.org.au/st_florians

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the Guide Hut, Griffith Road (near Ipswich PCYC).
IKAC 1st Sunday of every month. 10am - 3pm at Ipswich Central School Oval.

Draks Fjord

Meet every 2nd Monday of every month.
Contact Seneschal for details.
Fighter practice - 2nd Sunday of every month at 29 Redbank Road, Redcliffe.

Burnfield

Meet every Monday at: Hallen's Hobbies, 34C Quay Street, Bundaberg.
Contact A&S Officer for more details

Castellum Montanum

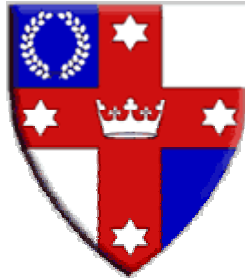
Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
7:30 - 10pm. Contact Seneschal for details





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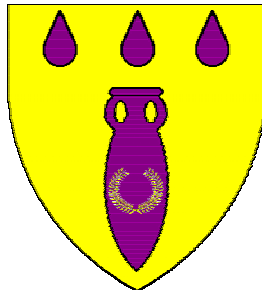
The Kingdom of Lochac



Our King: Sir Berenger of Nancy
&

Queen: Lady Bethan of Brockwood

Shire of Bacchus Wood



Seneschal

Reeve

Herald

Archery Captain

Chronicler/Webminister

Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

Ismena Gamel (Alison)

Kara Kirriemuir (Ra'chel)

Rastis Radoslav (Phil)

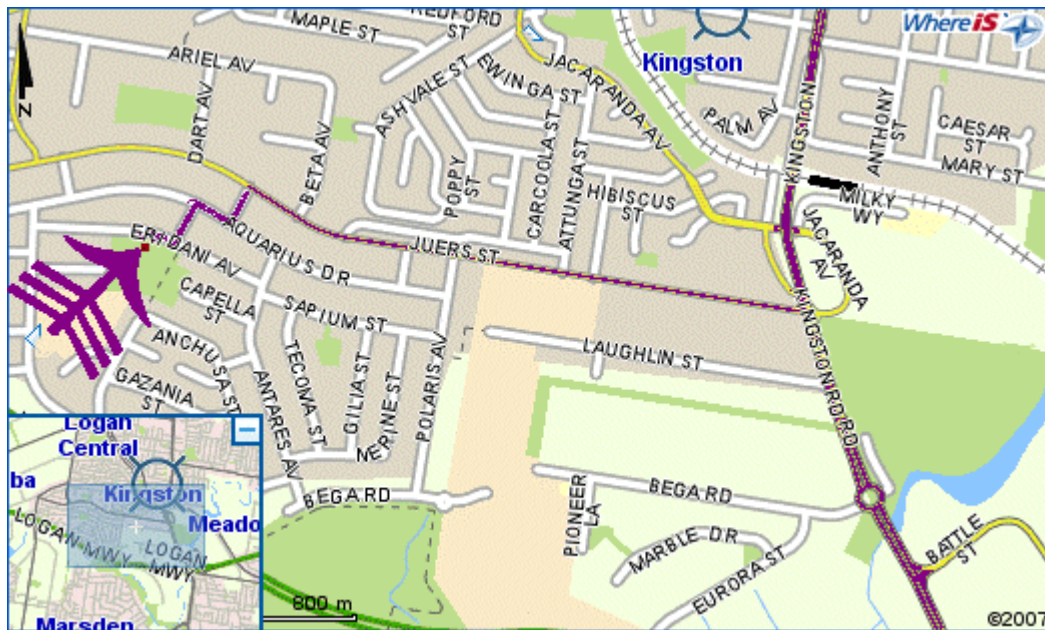
Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

Bacchus Wood meets every Tuesday at
the old Scout Hall in Eridani Avenue, Kingston from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
All welcome. Any queries should be sent to the [Seneschal](#).

Shire Website : http://www.sca.org.au/bacchus_wood/

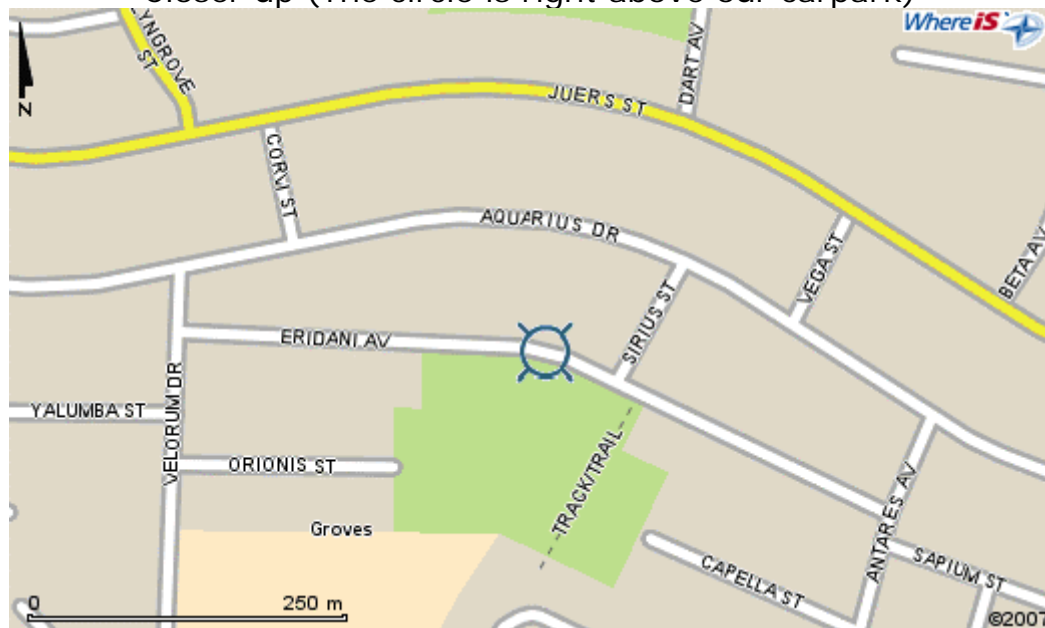
How to find the Shire of Bacchus Wood

MAPS



You can also come from the west (left side) via Third Avenue

Closer up (The circle is right above our carpark)



Maps from <http://Whereis.com.au>

The easiest way - From Kingston Road:

Turn into Juers Street and proceed until Vega Street,
Left into Vega Street
Right into Aquarius Drive
Left into Sirius Street
Right into Eridani Avenue
We are 70M up on the left side – pull into car park.