

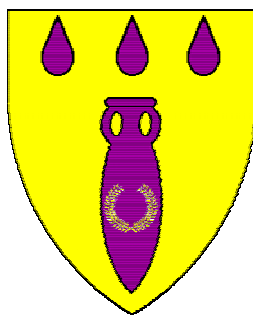
The



Grapevine

Shire of Bacchus Wood Newsletter

September



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(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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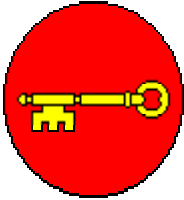
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1. EN'S SAY

Greetings one and all.

The days are starting to warm up and events are getting squeezed in at the end of the active SCA event year. The River Haven Baronial Championship was held at Burnfield on Sept 13/14th. In simple words, it was great. Our own Archery Championship will be on Sunday 12th October at Meadowbrook. Please see the events calendar for more details.

Tuesday nights are fairly buzzing now. If you aren't coming along on Tuesday nights, you are missing some wonderful evenings. Sir Gabriel and his squires are helping William with Bacchus Wood heavy training and it is going very well. Come along !

Lots of other things are happening too. Archery, A&S activities. A wide range of things to do and people to ask questions of.

I am getting some great resources for recruitment and retainment of new members. We have a heck of a lot to offer people and so I ask you all to consider taking on the role of Hospitaller. If you don't know what that entails, please come and ask me or one of the other 'old hands' in bacchus Wood. It isn't hard and mainly requires enthusiasm. I am sure you will get a lot from it as well.

Again, I would remind you all that Rowany Festival is only 'Two Weeks' away. Are you going or thinking of going ? I know I will be by hook or by crook. It's a great event to go to. Start making plans to go =now=.

Finally, I want to thank all the people making the hall buzz with activity this year. Katherine, William, Andy, Rastis, Kara, Grahame and Alison in particular but all the regular members turning up to make it feel very cosy and nice with lots of interesting things happening each week. Thank you.

Bacchus Wood ROCKS!

Until next month . . .

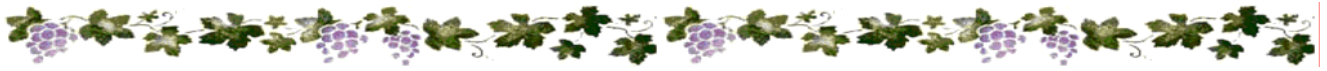
Yours in Service,
Llwyd
(Madog Llwyd ap Madog)
Seneschal – The fabulous Shire of Bacchus Wood



Rapier Combattants
Battle of Stamford Bridge



Archers on the 30yard line.
RH Baronial Championship



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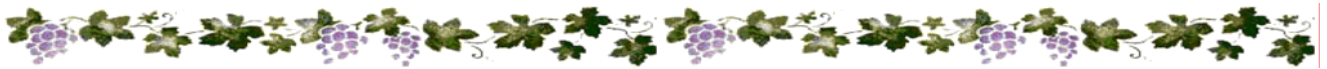
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Just \$45 per year and as a bonus, you get the monthly
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<http://www.sca.org.au/lochac/Library/AUmemberformOct07.pdf>



2. Bacchus Wood Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on 2nd September 2008 at Eridani Hall, Kingston

Meeting Opened: 8:07pm

Present: Chris, Phil, Kim, Alison, Jenny, Lee, Scott, Clare, Steve, Andy

Apologies: John P. Late: Kit

Mail incoming: Heraldic Tourney Flyer and Musgrave Tourney paperwork.

Mail Outgoing: Musgrave Park Tourney paperwork.

Reports:

Seneschal: Tabled

Reeve: Tabled

Captain of Archers: Tabled

WebMinister/Chronicler – August Grapevine will be published within the week

Chururgeon: Stamford Bridge – 1 pre-received injury treated, some band aids were given out for minor scrapes. No other incidents. Warrant is with Master Hrothgar so I am officially a Journeyman Chirurgeon. The first aid kit has been upgraded with small items.

Constable: Battle of Stamford bridge: No incidents

A&S: With the assistance of Kim and Jenny, there has been a lot of activity.

Marshal: The Marshal's report from Baron Giles for marshaling the Battle of Stamford Bridge has been received.

Fighter practice is happening regularly and we should have one fighter re-authorized this month (Lord Ramon).

Webminister: A Photo Album has been made operational on our website on bacchuswood.org and is accessible from the main website or at <http://bacchuswood.org/photos> . This makes it very easy now to put photos up on the website.

General Business:

The Battle of Stamford Bridge report is forthcoming. Current guestimate of income is \$724.50 with expense to come out of that.

Musgrave park Tourney – Sept 20/21. Josh Mullins is the event co-ordinator. 40 stalls, 22 re-enactment groups, roving entertainers. Equipment required: - Tables, fire cauldrons, banners, hessian/nuslin/calico, sign (SCA), Starpickets and driver, Bacchus Wood Pavilion Green tent, John and his tent, 2 x St Florians tents, Stripey pavilion, jenn's Saxon wedge tent. Cheque required for poles for BW pavilion \$20 – Approved by Seneschal, Reeve, Herald, CoA.

Overhead projector – Alison may be able to aquire for Bacchus Wood

B&B River Haven are stepping down. Kim and Steve assure all of BW that although they have put their names forward, they are not abandoning the group. All Bacchanalians need to place their opinion of thew candidates to the King and Queen in the forthcoming poll as it will affect how each person plays in the SCA here in BW.

Kit has mnaterial for Bacchus Wood. Mostly suitable for patterns and similar.

Lee (Tomas) says it is nice to be here ☺

Steve said thank you to Tomas and and Mari for coming along and helping Bacchus Wood with training.

Burnfield – Sept 13th and 14th – Unfortunately there will be no combat archery at rthe River Haven Baronial Championship as the field has been plowed.

The Bacchus Wood Archery Championship will be on October 12th – Steward is Kara of Kirriemuir.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:04pm



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3. WHAT IS ON

Events in and around Bacchus Wood

13th – 14th Sept	River Haven Baronial Championship – Burnfield (Gin Gin)
12th October	Bacchus Wood Archery Championship – Meadowbrook
22nd November	River Haven Baronial Divest/Invest – Venue TBA

See the Bacchus Wood Website Calendar for more details.



4. ARTICLES

Coffee – beverage extraordinaire

Lady Genevieve the Wanderer

As a lover of coffee, I had a favoured theory about the cause of the second crusade:

Whilst in the Middle East during the First Crusade, the Knights discovered Coffee. However, on their return to Europe they suffered such withdrawals and were so grumpy that their wives sent them back thus the Second and Third Crusades were spawned.

Sadly for the romance of this, according to further study, coffee came into general use in the lands of Islam in the mid-fifteenth century and there is little mention of this stimulating drink before the 1400s. Alas, too late for the crusades.

History

There is an account written in the 1500s by Abu al-Tayyib al-Ghazzi where Solomon was said to come to a town during his travels where the inhabitants were afflicted with an unspecified disease. On the command of the angel Gabriel, he roasted coffee beans from the Yemen and brewed a drink which was given to the sufferers who were miraculously cured. Was this the first hang-over cure? We will never know. European writers have their own version of the origins likening it to the famous 'black broth' of the Spartans.

Be as it may, coffee or at least the consumption of the fruit of the coffee plant is usually traced to Ethiopia. The use of coffee is almost invariably traced to the Yemen and most stories connect it to a man or men of the mystical Sufi Religious orders. The first account states:

"At the beginning of this [the sixteenth] century, the news reached us in Egypt that a drink called qahwa had spread in the Yemen and was being used by Sufi shaykhs and others to help them stay awake during their devotional exercises which they perform according to their well known Way."

We have no direct evidence of how coffee came into general use in the Yemen outside the Sufi meeting. It was perhaps brought into other areas of the Arabian Peninsula by traders and others (who were also Sufis) who traveled outside the Yemen or perhaps it had become so generally familiar to those in the Yemen that almost any traveler from there might have known of it and used it. Whatever happened, the spread began at the end of the 15th Century. By 1511, its use was well established at Mecca, and in Cairo sometime in the first decade of the 16th Century. Soon, it was being sold in the streets immediately around the mosque and drunk openly in must of the rest of Cairo.

It was another decade before coffee reached Syria and then carried to Istanbul by the middle of the 1500s. In the meantime, opposition arose to its consumption. It was suggested that the beverage was endowed with all sorts of vile characteristics, likening growing number of coffee houses to the low taverns. In 1511, a council of leading Shafi'i, Maliki and Hanafi ulema (men of learning, in particular, religious) were convened and the meeting of people to consume coffee was banned and furthermore, the drinking of coffee (because it caused mental and personality changes) was forbidden. It was proclaimed throughout Mecca that the sale and consumption (public or private) of coffee was forbidden on the pain of severe punishment. Coffee was burned in the streets of Mecca and many of those who trafficked in or consumed it were beaten severely.

The official decree arrived sometime later from Cairo, however though it echoed the original disapproval of the social gatherings for coffee drinking, it did not prohibit the drink itself. This leaked out to the general public (many of whom had continued to sup coffee in secret) and coffee was once again consumed in the open in Mecca.

In 1534-1535, proponents of coffee took to the streets in Cairo and the treat of civil violence was such that the question was brought before a Hanafi judge whose seemed to have adopted an experimental approach. He held a council where he offered coffee to those present and observed them for any signs of intoxication or other mental effects. Finding none, he ruled in favor of coffee.

During the pilgrimage of 1544, the caravan from Damascus brought word that, by order of the Ottoman sultan, coffee was forbidden and those who sold it were to refrain from doing so. Jaziri tells us that the prohibition was observed for all of a day and then things returned to normal. Coffee was here to stay.

However, coffee was little known in Europe until the 17th Century. It made its first appearance (with tobacco) in Venice in 1570 and was first imported to Venice, Italy in 1615 where the wealthy paid a high price for its acquisition. It had its opponents and about 1600, Pope Clement VIII was asked to ban it. He took a sip, found it delicious and promptly 'baptized' it thus making it an acceptable beverage in Europe.

It became available in England through the British East India Company and Dutch East India Company and the first coffeehouse was opened in Oxford 1650. Women were banned from the coffeehouses in England and in 1674, they complained that men were never to be found at home during times of domestic crises, since they were always enjoying themselves in the coffee houses. They circulated a petition protesting "the grand inconveniences accruing to their sex from the excessive use of the drying and enfeebling liquor".

Coffee houses

In the Near East, coffee was consumed primarily in the coffee houses or coffee shops or purchased from vendors who cooked their brew over a small spirit lamp for those passing by.

The shops were small and local acting as a take away with some space in the shop for customers to sit and consume their beverage, spilling out onto the front stoops of shops adjacent and opposite the coffee house/shop. Coffee houses in the grand style were luxurious with an attempt to create a park or gardenlike atmosphere, to surround the patron with refreshing sights and sounds unlike those of either city or desert. In all coffee houses, the customers sat on long benches or divans stretching along the walls. In some corner was the service bar where coffee was prepared and picked up by waiters.

They were a social meeting place for men where they came at night to drink, meet others, exchange information, ideas and pleasantries. Games such as backgammon were played. In fact, the view of this game changed from being a tool of Satan due to familiarity of use in the coffee house. It was essentially a Muslim establishment as opposed to the tavern which was forbidden to Muslims and run by non-Muslims for non-Muslims.

In England and Europe, coffee shops were influential places used exclusively by artists, intellectuals, merchants, and bankers. In 1675, King Charles II tried to ban them as hotbeds of revolution. His proclamation caused a huge public outcry and lasted a mere 11 days.

Physical and mental effects

Physicians were divided as to the benefits and harms of coffee. According to one side it promoted melancholia, insomnia, exciting and disturbing the mind, killing the appetite for food and sex, caused hemorrhoids and recurring headaches, if drunk with milk, one could contract leprosy. On the up side of the argument, it dried up moisture, phlegmatic coughs and colds, the diuretic effect was good for the kidneys, stopped boiling of the blood, small pox, measles and bloody skin eruptions.

Preparation of coffee

There are three basic sorts of materials – water, ground coffee and additives. Sugar was seldom if ever used while milk was never added. There was occasional use of cardamom and reports of mastic or ambergris being added. Also, other less wholesome but more stimulating additives were often used. The majority of receipts list only coffee and water. However, there is a little confusion as to whether the husks of the bean alone or the husks and kernel were used. The husks only look and taste like a sort of oddly spiced tea and indications are that the kernel was used in Europe.

The coffee was ground either in a mortar and pestle or in a mill. To cook the coffee, they used a type of kettle (called an ibriq or ibrik) made of copper, tinned inside and out with a particular design consisting of a broad base which receives more of the flame and a narrow opening to retain the volatile essence of the brew.

The coffee was poured into serving cups of clay or porcelain (depending on the class of the establishment) immediately after cooking.

Coffee and the SCA

As our time period in the SCA is between the 6th Century and 16th Century, we can probably just squeeze it in as a rare and valuable commodity obtained from a far traveling trader from the Middle East. Any attempts in banning it as not being 'period' would have the same effects as when the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire and King Charles II attempted to suppress its consumption.... Actually probably worse.

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Musgrave Park Medieval Tournament – SCA setup.
Jean the Hornmaster on the left boundary and the Trebuches on the right boundary.



Hearts Noble and True

Now listen to this story,
A tale that needs be heard,
Of a knight in all his glory,
And a maid to hear his word.

A maiden she was born
A maiden she will stay
Til from her home she's torn
Until her wedding day

He was a noble knight
A noble knight he'll stay
Til his soul dost take flight
Until his dying day

They met down by the lake
The water clear and blue,
He was eating picnic cake
She with her chores to do

No sound did pass their lips
Their eyes did say it all
Their eyes like passing ships
Upon the Straights of Gaul

He courted her endlessly
Though he was of gentle birth
She responded graciously
Her family toilers of earth

To slay a beast he left
To win her father's heart
She was alone and bereft
Hoping they'd never part

And while her knight was away
Another came to court her
To win her heart he'd say
Is the only reason he sought her



She said my heart is taken
By a knight who's gone a-slaying
My love will not be forsaken
By another man's waylaying

Your wishes are my command
A black cloud he spoke from under
No love is forced by my hand
Two hearts never brought asunder

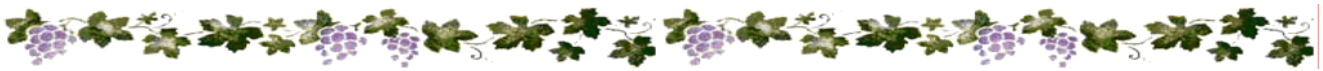
As one moon waxed and waned
She sat by the window waiting
Her knight to return unpained
But of word she was still waiting

Til a dragon's head was brought
To the maid sitting in the wood
Her knight's body was still sought
Now thought to be the dragon's food

So the maid set out to find
The other who came for her love
Only to discover his mind
Taken by another fair dove

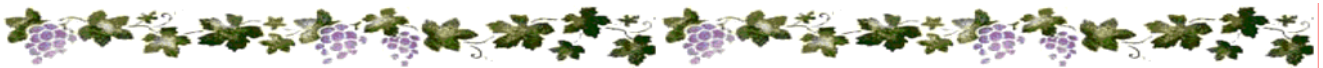
So the maid who loved her knight
Was alone with all her pain
With no other love in sight
Alone she would remain.

By Lady Kara of Kirriemuir
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Lady Katherine Alicia of Sarum



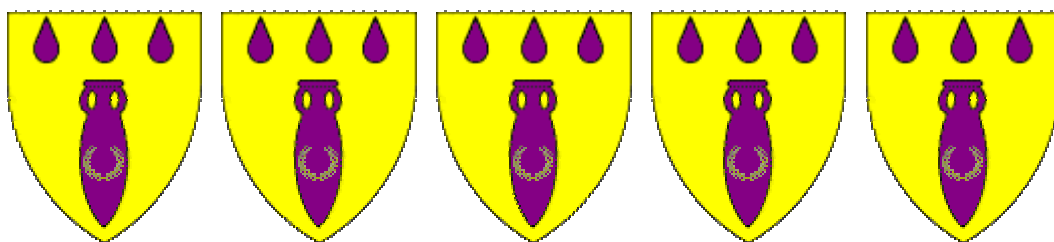
Baron Giles leabrook

"Chop, chop, chop. Off with their heads I say ..."

Musgrave Park Medieval Tourney



BACCHUS WOOD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP



Please book if you intend to come along

When: Sunday 12th October 2008

Where: Little Athletics Club Grounds
Golf Course drive
Meadowbrook,
QLD. 4114

Who will be the next Bacchus Wood Archery Champion?
Bring your bows and arrows along and find out!

Sausage Sizzle Lunch provided. Cold drinks available for sale.

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IKAC, Clout and Combat arrow Shoot.
(Combat arrow shoot similar to IKCAC)

Come along for the fun!

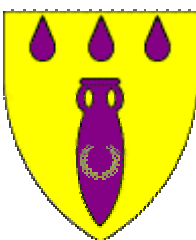
Start time: 10AM sharp
Finish around 4PM

Lunch: 12:30

Cost: Just \$5 per person.

Steward: Kara of Kirriemuir (07)3290-4183

Email: archery@bacchuswood.com or chel_sihto@hotmail.com



Battle of Bottony Cross



Pray gather! for once again it is time for the Battle of The Bottony Cross!

To keep with tradition this will be a melee tournament.
Teams of 5 with one knight per team , with the winners taking home the
much coveted bottony cross!

Inspection at 1pm for a 2pm start (this time frame will be adhered to).
Then with high spirits and song in our heart we will gather in the
tavern for a hearty meal and a fine ale or two.

Tournament and tavern will be at the Morningside School of Arts.
The Feast starts promptly at 6pm.

So bring your armour, hunger, tankard and your cheer
and we will see you there!

Address: Morningside School of Arts,
cnr Wynnum & Thynne Rds,
Morningside

Inspection 1300 hours;

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Cost \$18 M / \$20 NM

Steward Lord Edmund of Shotley
0419 115 895

Bookings Lady Der-Draigen Rhoad
0416 559 473
Email nemain@iinet.net.au

Bookings Taken until 14th October 2008

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Please advise of dietary requirements, billeting or loaner equipment is needed when booking.
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Enquiries regarding Kids/family prices to go to the steward.



Other SCA Groups In Queensland

Baronies :

Riverhaven

Wednesday evening 7pm for Fighter & Archery practice, A&S.

1st & 3rd Friday in each month - Dance practice

All activities at Artesanos Hall, Wesley Street, Lutwyche. 7pm start

Website: <http://sca.org.au/riverhaven/>

St Florian de la Riviere

Monday evenings - Fighter practice

Tuesday Evenings – Performance Night

Thursday Evenings - A&S

Performance night is for Music / Singing / Dance / Acting / Rehearsals etc

All activities at the Scout Hall, Waterview Tce, Dutton Park. 7pm start

Website: http://sca.org.au/st_florians/

Cantons:

Willoughby Vale

Meet every Thursday, 7 - 10pm at the

Vigoro Grounds, Joyce Street, East Ipswich 4304 – (NOT the Hockey Grounds). IKAC 1st

Sunday of every other month. 10am - 3pm at the Ipswich Central School Oval.

Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month.

Burnfield

Meet every Monday at Hallen's Hobbies, 34C Quay Street, Bundaberg.

Contact the A&S Officer for more details

Castellum Montanum

Meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

7:30 - 10pm. Contact Seneschal for details.





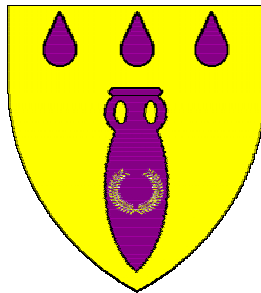
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The Kingdom of Lochac



Our King: Siridean
&
Queen: Siobhan

Shire of Bacchus Wood



**Seneschal
Reeve**

Herald

Marshal

Chirurgeon

Archery Captain

Chronicler/Webminister

Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

Ismena Gamel (Alison)

Kara Kirriemuir (Ra'chel)

Ramon de Cordoba (Andy)

Ismena Gamel (Alison)

Rastis Radoslav (Phil)

Madog Llwyd ap Madog (Chris)

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the Scout Hall in Eridani Avenue, Kingston from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

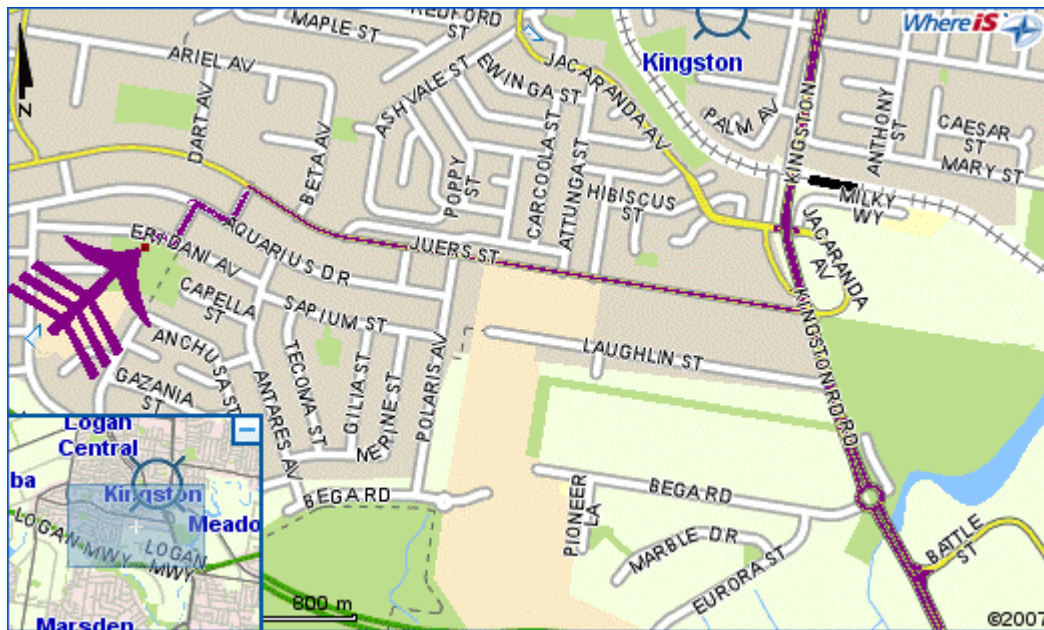
Cost: \$5/night ; \$8 couple ; First night free

All welcome. Any queries should be sent to the [Seneschal](mailto:Seneschal@bacchuswood.org.au).

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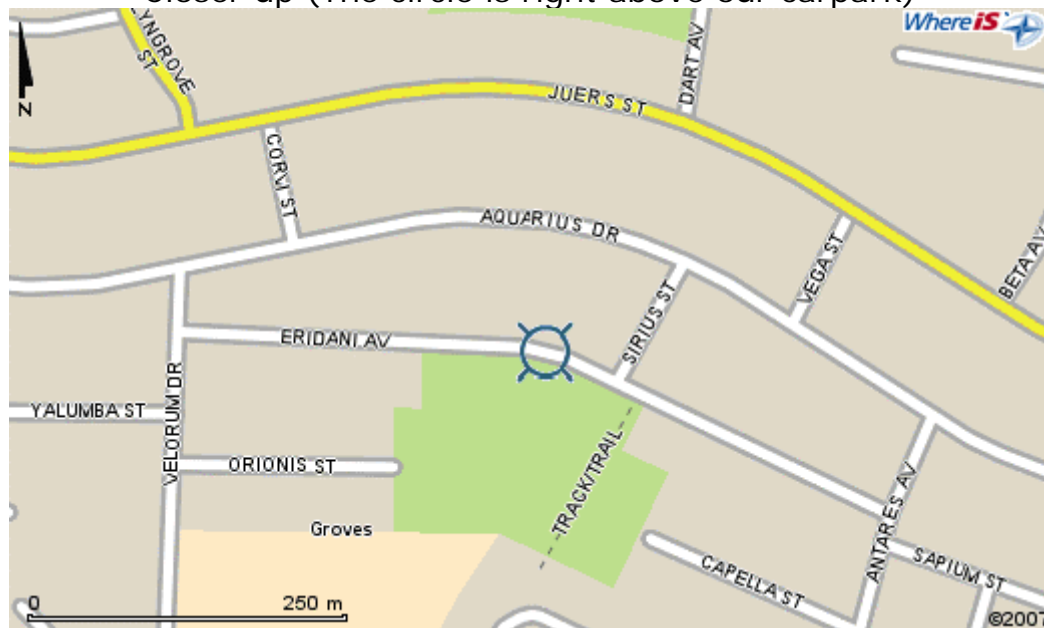
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MAPS



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.