Ripartites sp?



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Cap: more or less applanate with a downturned margin; 15 - 30 mm diameter; matt, finely velutinate; chalky white, off white; margin entire.

Stipe: widening towards base, cylindrical or somewhat flattened; $20 - 25 \times 1 - 3$ mm; glutinous yellow disc at base stretches 1/3 way up stipe with white mycelium attached.

Gills: decurrent; pale grey brown.

Flesh: white.

Spore print: cream.

Spores: ellipsoid but some almost lachrymose; $3.9 - 5.4 \times 3.2 - 4.4 \mu m$, average 4.75 $\pm 0.4 \times 3.7 \pm 0.3 \mu m$, Q = 1.13 – 1.53, average Q = 1.29 + 0.11; surface irregular, lumpy almost warty.

Basidia: narrowly clavate, 2 and 4 spored.

Pleurocystidia: not observed.

Pileipellis: a hymeniderm, somewhat confused interwoven hyphae.

Substrate: growing on well rotted twigs and small branch of rainforest trees.

Habitat: wet sclerophyll forest.

Notes: this collection does not key to genus in Funkey or Mykokey. The pale greyish brown decurrent gills and somewhat warty spores suggest it is close to *Ripartites*, but this genus does not occur in Australia.

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