Marasmius musisporus Desjardin & E. Horak 1997







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Cap: 15–45 mm diameter, dry, smooth, parabolic to broadly campanulate, central depression with flattened umbo, sulcate-striate, vinaceous buff (31) with milky coffee (28) radial depressions; umbo: light-brown centre and darker perimeter.

Stipe: $50-90 \times 1-2$ mm, wiry, base hazel (27), mid-section clay buff (32), apex pale vinaceous buff (31), powdery off-white coating; large yellowish-brown basal mycelial mat ($\sim 50 \times 20$ mm).

Lamellae: pale vinaceous buff (31), sparse (13) with 2–3 very short lamellulae, free to almost adnexed.

Flesh: white, thin.

Taste: not observed.

Spores: inamyloid, smooth, curved cylindrical-clavate; average $32 \times 4.5 \mu m$, range

 $30-33.5 \times 3.5-5.5 \mu m$ ('banana shaped').

Basidia: not seen. Pleurocystidia: nil.

Pileipellis: a hymeniderm of Globulares-type smooth, hyaline, thin-walled, clavate

cells, $16-28 \times 10-14 \, \mu m$.

Substrate: rotting wood, amongst litter.

Habitat: Wallum woodland.

Collections examined: QLD, Fraser Island, 24 May 2010, *RE Halling*, REH9358, BRI AQ0794204; Cooloola, Doggrell Track, 26 Jun. 2010, *SJ McMullan-Fisher*, QMS-030, BRI AQ0876971; Caloundra, Ben Bennett CP, 18 Jun. 2020, *WG Boatwright*, WGB857, BRI AQ1021464.

Notes: with its large, distinctive cap and enormous banana-shaped spores, this specimen is almost certainly *Marasmius musisporus* as described by Desjardin and Horak (1997) from PNG in '*Marasmius* and *Gloiocephala* in the South Pacific Region. I. Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia'. It is in Section Globulares and is the first specimen of the taxon to be collected and identified in Australia.

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