

## 1993 National Run, NSW – Riverside Caravan and Tourist Park, Mudgee



Source: Karen Nieuwendyke, CMA NSW Presentation 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CMA in Australia 2014

As promised this is the report on the National Run. We can blame Aust Post, newsletter timing, etc., etc., for the delay, but the main thing, we hope, is it will inspire some more of you to attend this years!!

### 1993 NATIONAL RUN

I enjoy the time preparing for a trip almost as much as the trip itself so the effort put into preparing for the November 13, 1993 CMA National Run to Mudgee was well worthwhile. I was fortunate in that a meeting scheduled in Sydney for the Thursday following the Run meant that I could visit a daughter in Gunnedah, three hours north of Mudgee then make the round trip to Sydney and back to Melbourne.

I had intended to leave on the Thursday but work commitments delayed me till Friday which meant a stop at Bathurst on Friday night. This was just as well as the locals advised that the heavy rain that night would have made the road I had intended to travel impassable to anything but four wheel drives, and that certainly ruled out the GK.

This however worked to my advantage as the slightly longer bitumen route through Portland (NSW, not Victoria, I was not lost) proved to be magic motorcycling country. So too was the hour or so on the Melbourne side of Bathurst. I greatly enjoyed and would recommend the Olympic Way as an alternative to the Hume. Turn off just out of Albury and then through Wagga, Junee, Cootamundra and so on.

David Beard, CMA NSW Secretary was on hand at the Riverside Caravan Park to greet those arriving and then it was on to the serious business setting up the tent, talking, watching other people putting up tents, and more talking.

At the meeting on Saturday night Roy Breyley, the NSW President welcomed the Run participants and various people brought news of the state they represented. I was able to read an official letter on behalf of Tony McKenzie the Victorian President and Phil Lee brought news from Queensland. Various other people spoke with a major contribution from the Brotherhood's Greg Pendlebury who majored on the ministry opportunities available at the Brown's Farm Party.

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A late night turned into an early morning with an amazing thunderstorm with lightning, thunder, wind and rain in that order. If they had all come at once and got it over and done with we would have got more sleep. However it did give plenty of opportunity to contemplate the majesty of God in nature!

The singing at the service next morning was hampered by the early hour and the lack musical instruments but Peter O'Donnell from the Brotherhood brought our worship back on track with his address on "Going the extra mile".

Organisers put the number present at some time over the weekend at 41 and I am confident that a significant number of those will be present at this year's National Run which is to be run by the South Australian CMA. At this stage it is planned for Dareton near Mildura in November. Wait for the official announcement of the details and mark them in your diary. It's a great time of fellowship.

For me the fellowship didn't end on the Sunday because I found that Ross (Quirindi), Wayne (Werris Creek) and Wayne (Tamworth) were going my way so we all rode off into the sunset (and the rain) together and a jolly good time was had by all. Don't miss this year's run!

Barry Huggett

Source: Christian Motorcyclists Association of Victoria Inc. Newsletter April/May 94  
CMA Victoria website <http://cmaus.org/vic/news.html> Accessed October 2019

1994 National Run, SA – Private property, W



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1995 National Run, Qld – Stanthorpe Qld – Storm King Dam & Rec Camp



King Storm Dam, National Run.



Some of the group at the National Run.

Source: CMA Victoria Newsletter #6 1995 (approx. Dec 1995)  
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1996 National Run, Vic - Tocumwal, NSW



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Pictured above are some of the  
C.M.A. committee members from each state.

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1997 National Run, NSW – Lake Talbot Caravan Park, Narrandera



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## Round Trip to Renmark

Leaving on Wednesday from Melbourne for the weekend National Run at Renmark, I thought I would go via the south west corner of the state first. Not familiar with the area, and on good advice from the service station attendant at Morilake, I took a short cut via Woolthorpe and Bessiebole - or should have, til I missed a turn off in poor light and heavy rain.

After leaving Warmambool, I stopped at Killearsey Hotel/Motel - stuck out by itself somewhere between Port Fairy and Warmambool. The country hospitality soon had me dining with the publican and in an 8 ball competition; my partner in this event was the cook, being the publican's wife and business partner. I listened a lot that evening to the people I met - possibly because I was a new face with a new set of ears, and some of the breathtaking accounts of their lives made me ever so grateful for the good health of my family.

Thursday morning - the clothes just dried out, and the hit list read Nelson, Port McDonnell, Mt. Gambier, Millicent, Beachport, Robe, Kingston SE, Menage, Taillem Bend, Murray Bridge and Mannum. Some of these South Australian towns had a farming base, others a seaside holiday atmosphere, but all had a pioneer history. Not surprising when you consider travelling north, as there does appear to be a lot of unusable land between lovely little towns, and I was in a better part of the state. Unless my "eye was out" I could only see marginal land with mallee style trees roadside, in fact not until I saw the Murray did I see trees we Victorians would acknowledge as trees.

As for the people - they were most friendly.  
The speed limit [110 km/h: Ed] - lovely.  
Lack of police - lovely.

Meanwhile my task of following the Murray was encouraged by ferry crossings without the need to "pay the ferry man". The ferry is common place near Mannum - 3 within 50 miles, but plenty of others elsewhere. The river is wide with grassy banks and house boat hire, plus river frontage homes are in abundance. The locks, and I saw at least 3, were all a low rise of 1.2 metres, not like the Yarrowonga with a 10 metre drop.

Taking a dirt track on Friday morning out of Mannum I got lost in 30 kms, after a few unsigned Y junctions. Later I went through Swan Reach, Blanchetown and Morgan, Barmera and Berri, before Renmark.

At Morgan I bumped into a family from Port Augusta, who just had a week aboard a houseboat - no need for factor 15 that week!

On Saturday, a few bikes turned up and dispersed through a fairly big park, unlike Victoria a lot of host state members attended which was a delight, for their presence gave regulars encouragement. The New South Welshmen were down on numbers considerably, and so too Queenslanders and Victorians.

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The Victorians who attended were Peg and Barry Huggett, Kaye and Russell Painter, Jackie and Stewart Waterman, Ted Byrne, Shayne Brooks and myself - my apologies if I have left anyone out.

The National gathering was a peaceful affair in tranquil surroundings, and I must congratulate South Australian CMA for all their work and commitment.

Apparel sales were low due to the lack of large numbers.

Source: Christian Motorcyclists Association of Australia Victorian Chapter (Inc.) Newsletter Issue No. 1 '99 (Jan/Feb) Article by Alan Ames CMA Vic  
CMA Victoria website <http://cmaaus.org/vic/news.html> Accessed October 2019

1999 National Run, Qld – Top of the Town Caravan Village, Stanthorpe, Qld



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2000 National Run, Tas – Uniting Church Campsite, Turners Beach



*Source: Karen Nieuwendyke, CMA NSW Presentation 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CMA in Australia 2014*

2001 National Run, Vic – Yackandandah Back Creek Youth Camp



*Source: Karen Nieuwendyke, CMA NSW Presentation 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CMA in Australia 2014*

2002 National Run, NSW – Lake Talbot Tourist Park, Narrandera



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Mostly CMA Vic members

Source: Jackie Waterman CMA Vic 2019

2003 National Run, WA – Serpentine Camping Centre, Serpentine



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