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We are over the bump....

and cautiously heading downhill to the end of the year. Even though most of us look forward to our arrival in December, we can't help but gush as to how busy the road will be. Will we get stuck like last year? Some of us are even contemplating avoiding duties and take a different road all together, because we are so busy. Others have planned all their charity and lookout stops along the road they are taking. But now our plans are set and suddenly I can't take the detour God has planned. Whilst we are so busy with the good, we miss out on the God.

Even though we are busy we some times need to hit the pause button and ask what does Gods heart say about this? Pausing and creating space will help us take responsibility of our time and our lives. Martin Luther once said "I am so busy today that I shall spent the first three hours in prayer."

Discernment comes when we walk in step with God' heartbeat for our lives.

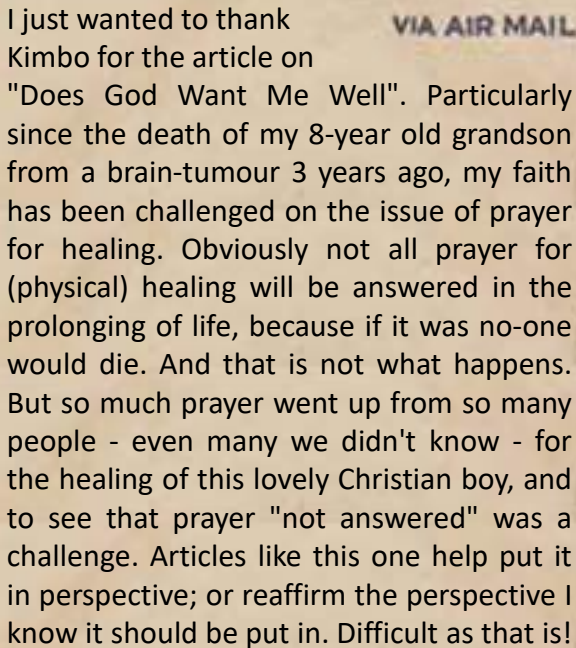
Matthew 11:28-30

As we embark on this journey to the finish line, we encourage you to not let it become a race. But seek God and he shall give you a unformed rhythm of grace.

With love in Christ
Andrea
National Newsletter Editor
Christian Motorcyclists Association

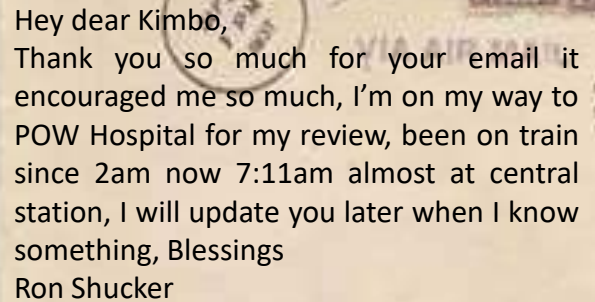


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.



I just wanted to thank Kimbo for the article on "Does God Want Me Well". Particularly since the death of my 8-year old grandson from a brain-tumour 3 years ago, my faith has been challenged on the issue of prayer for healing. Obviously not all prayer for (physical) healing will be answered in the prolonging of life, because if it was no-one would die. And that is not what happens. But so much prayer went up from so many people - even many we didn't know - for the healing of this lovely Christian boy, and to see that prayer "not answered" was a challenge. Articles like this one help put it in perspective; or reaffirm the perspective I know it should be put in. Difficult as that is!

Thanks,
Elwyn Jordan



Hey dear Kimbo,
Thank you so much for your email it encouraged me so much, I'm on my way to POW Hospital for my review, been on train since 2am now 7:11am almost at central station, I will update you later when I know something, Blessings
Ron Shucker

Ron Shucker, life member of CMA NSW/ACT passed away on 10 April 2018, he is now out of pain and is with his Lord and Saviour. RIP in peace Ron. WE continue to uphold Ron's family - sons Arron ,David and his daughter and their families.

*Thanks to all
contributions
we received for the
CMA Australia
National Newsletter.
We appreciate all
the stories, articles
and report of events.*



Dear CMA members

Can you believe we are already half way through 2018? The past few months in particular have been very busy for me.

The Triennial Combined Christian Bikers meeting at Stanwell Tops had around 100 Christian Bikers coming together. I rode from Brisbane with 2 Bikers for Christ members and 1 from Saints. It is great to build our relationships with these other groups and encourage one another. CMA was well represented at this meeting.



I have attended 2 bike shows, one at Gloucester with NSW CMA and the Laverda Concourse in Brisbane. Sometimes we may feel that we don't have much "success" when we are present at events such as bike shows. Quite often, CMA is the only Christian presence there

It may be that for some of the attendees to be the only interaction they have with Jesus, so don't be discouraged. You may be sowing the seed that someone else may harvest!

I have been down to South Australia for their AGM and have just returned from our Queensland AGM. It is encouraging to see the commitment and growth that is taking place as I travel. Next weekend I am off to Victoria to join in with their AGM.

Good progress is being made in raising funds to update and replenish our Biker Bibles. We are also looking to update the testimonies too. It is never too late to hold "Run for the SON" activities to keep funds coming in.

Don't forget the National Run is approaching fast, so make sure you get your registrations in!

1 Peter 3:15

"but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"



While the context of this passage (1 Peter 3: 13-16) deals with our response to persecution, we can also learn from this for other situations; are we prepared for "divine appointments"? We never know when an opportunity may come to speak and pray with another. If you feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit, follow as He leads, be prepared to step out in faith. Be practically prepared, such as keeping some Biker Bibles handy.

Keep On Riding for the SON

Chris Pilgrim
National Coordinator



I tried being a beauty queen and hoping for world peace but failed the swimsuit competition so these days I try and be more realistic... Like hoping for great things for my family, or for me a new bike etc. But what is hope?

Hope, in one sense, is the continuing state of being unfulfilled, it is the state we are in before our desires come into existence – for example if one of you did bless me with a new shiny big motorcycle I wouldn't have to hope for it anymore. Hope is based on not being complete. None of us really want to live a life where we don't achieve our material hopes and desires but we can learn to adapt to this reality.

According to the nun Joan Chittister *"Hope is not a matter of waiting for things outside us to get better. It is about **getting better inside about what is going on outside.**"*

Now if I take that approach it tells me to adjust my manner of thinking about that new bike to learning to be content with what I have. To be thankful for the distance my bike has carried me rather than envious of the lack of wear & tear on somebody else's shiny steed. To appreciate the comfort of how my bike feels rather than wonder what their setup feels like.

So where does that leave us as Christians when we consider these two statements?

1. Our hope is in Christ
2. Christ dwells within me

What do you *H*ope for?



Firstly it shows us that we must separate hopes into the tangible, material goals from the incorporeal aspirations for a better life. So many of our “I hope” statements are based on short term gains that leave us unsated, only in Christ can we achieve an everlasting completeness.

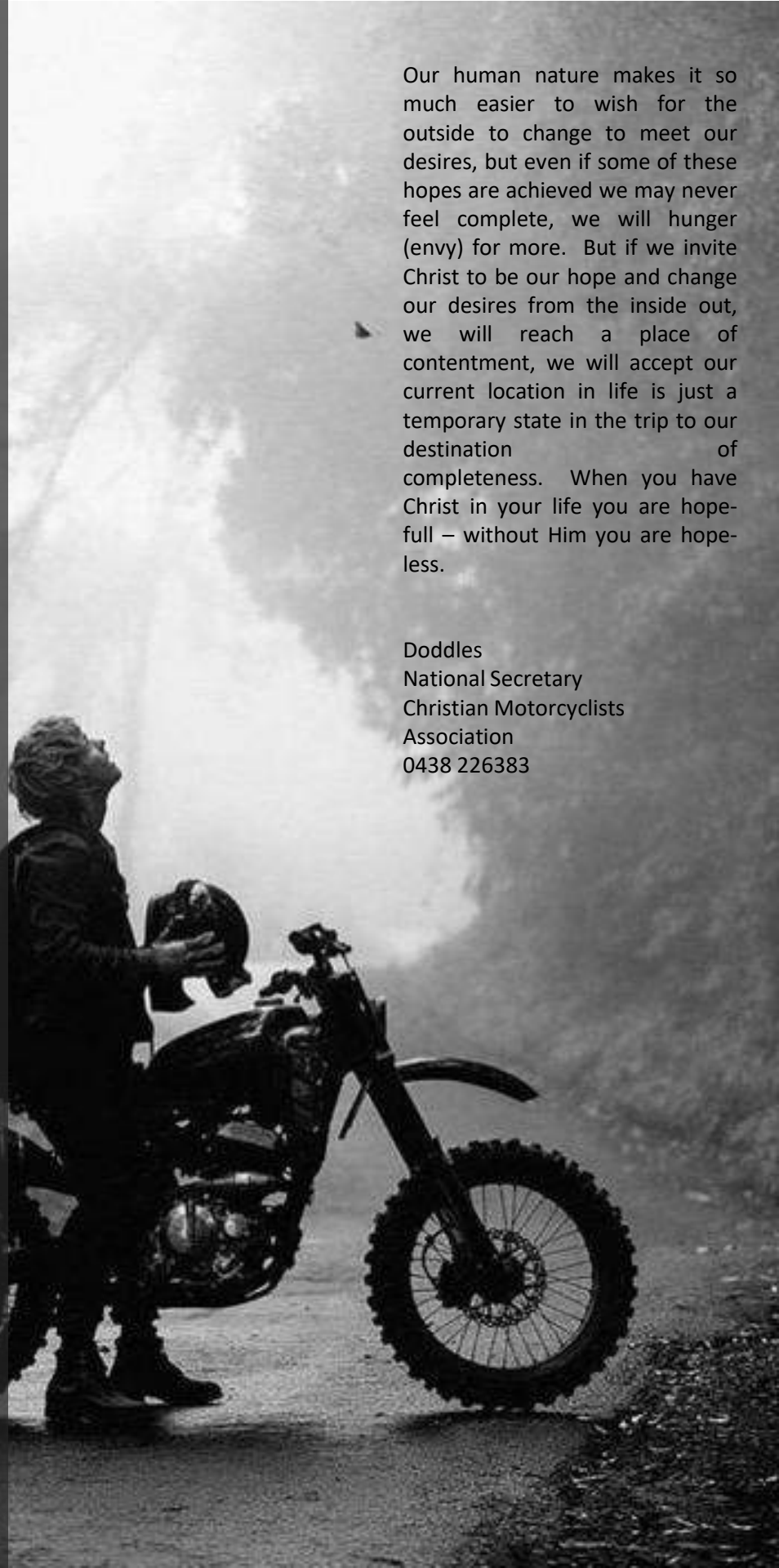
1 Timothy 1:1 Paul proclaims that Christ is our hope – not just part of what we hope for, not a means to an end – He IS our hope.

In this context we can then see that only through Christ will our desires, dreams and expectations ever be fulfilled. In 1 Corinthians 15:19 it says *And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.* From this we can grasp on to two things – we must cling onto hope (Christ) throughout our mortal existence because it will only be realised when we depart this life and enter into Heaven.

Romans 8: 10-11 says *And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.* How fantastic is that – Christ who is hope is in you - how much easier is it then for you to **get better from the inside about what is going on outside** because He is within and radiating out from you.

Our human nature makes it so much easier to wish for the outside to change to meet our desires, but even if some of these hopes are achieved we may never feel complete, we will hunger (envy) for more. But if we invite Christ to be our hope and change our desires from the inside out, we will reach a place of contentment, we will accept our current location in life is just a temporary state in the trip to our destination of completeness. When you have Christ in your life you are hopeful – without Him you are hopeless.

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CMA NATIONAL PRAYER TEAM GUIDELINES

In my two years of serving as National Coordinator, I am more and more convinced that prayer is the **beginning, middle and end** to all our business with God. I delight in the trust prayer brings as we petition Him in the beginning, anticipating answers in the middle, and finding his glorious rest in the end - even when the outcome is not what our heart has desired.

Three types of intercessory prayer.

1) Unseasonal burdens - the passion in your life that carries your heart - for me my man Terry, those often unloved and rejected like refugees, prisoners and LGBTI community. Fulfilment comes when I lift these unseasonal burdens to the Lord.

2) Seasonal burdens - Like the Thailand cave rescue, the farmers plight with drought.

3) Momentary - when you run into someone, get woken at 3am, see an accident.

NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR: The National Prayer Coordinator is appointed by the National Executive and in turn is responsible/reports to the National Body. Currently Helen Baillie in SA. The National Prayer Coordinator will support each State Prayer Coordinator and is the primary contact with our CMA International Prayer Partner in the US.

STATE PRAYER COORDINATOR: State Prayer Coordinators are appointed by their respective State Executive and are responsible/report to them.

Aim: to cover prayer needs within each individual state of CMA members and their families, events and meetings, in as quick a time frame as possible.

Expectations of a State Prayer Coordinator:

- * network to develop a specific team within their state who will regularly pray.
- * promptly forward prayer requests and pray diligently until an outcome has been reached. A medium of communication could be by a phone message group, email group, whats app group or a face book messenger group.
- * maintain confidentiality - all prayer requests are private information within the prayer team only and not for open social media.

As you read through the guidelines, whether or not you are on a prayer team, please don't hesitate to contact your state leader with prayer requests, whether it be seasonal, unseasonal or momentary.

All impact the cause of Christ and His Kingdom purposes for CMA and our members.

Thank you for the amount of support given to this inaugural position as it gains momentum from strength to strength.

Romans 8: 26,27,28

Much love in Christ
Helen Baillie
National Prayer Coordinator
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Current State Prayer Coordinators are:

QUEENSLAND

Dan and Suzie van Abkoude

NEW SOUTH WALES

Vacant

(Karen Nieuwendyk kindly filling in)

TASMANIA

Dini Groenewold

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bob & Beth Powell

SOUTH AUSTRALIA / NORTHERN TERRITORY

Beverly Bauer is main contact /
David Oakey

VICTORIA

Joyanne Ruby

CMA NATIONAL PRAYER TEAM GUIDELINES

How this prayer network works:

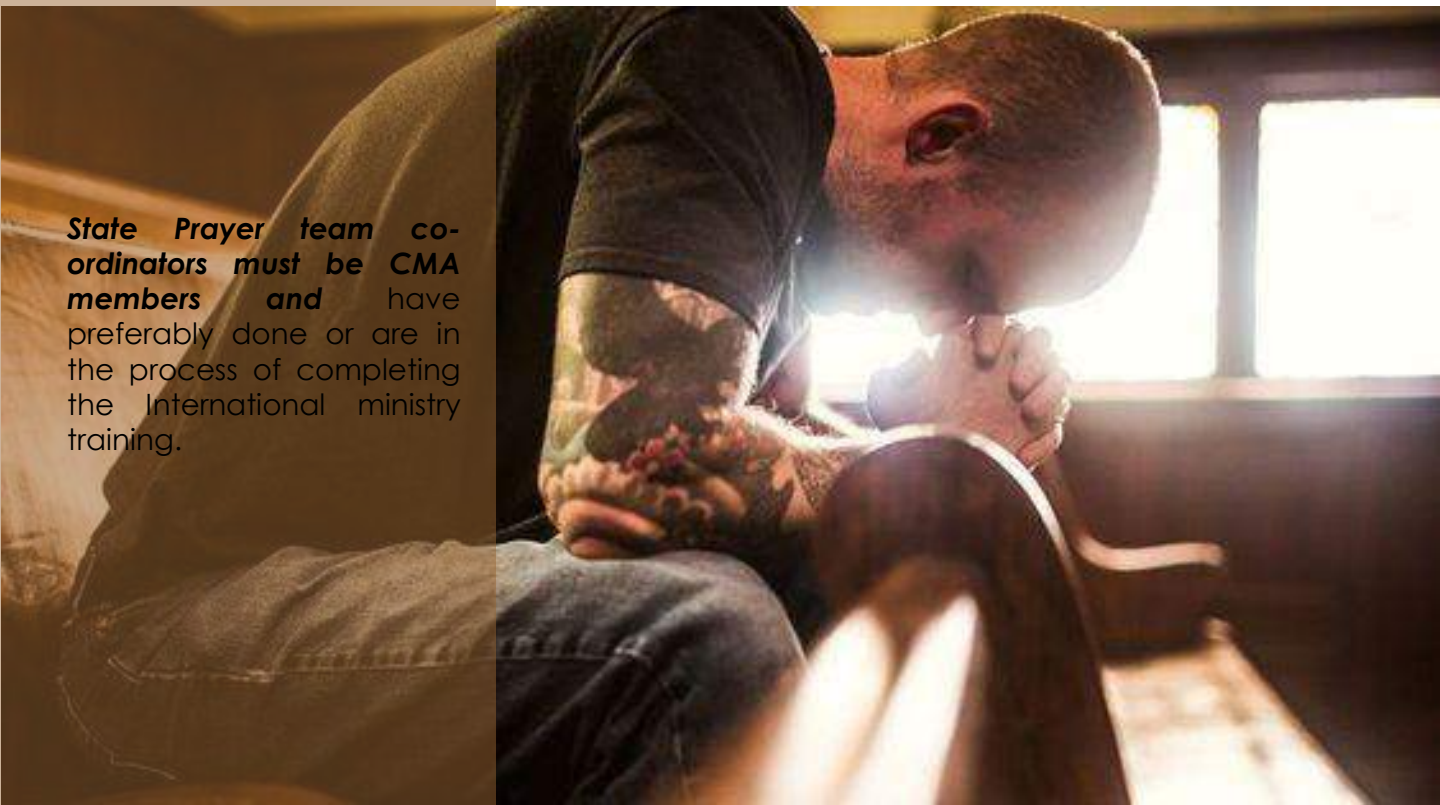
Step 1 - **CMA Members** who would like prayer for a specific reason are encouraged to contact their **state prayer coordinator**. The prayer coordinator will pass request to their prayer team; cc to our **National Prayer coordinator** as soon as possible.

Step 2 - The **National Prayer Coordinator's** job is to forward all requests to the CMA International Prayer Leader in US, who has a team specifically praying for Australia. All state prayer team coordinators and Presidents will be ccd into emails to the US where appropriate. This way all prayer needs across Australia are known by all state prayer coordinators and the US prayer team.

The **National Prayer Coordinator** *should only be contacted by the state prayer coordinators*.

Step 3 - **State coordinators** will issue at least monthly prayer and praise points to every member of their state prayer team and cc in **National Prayer Coordinator**.

State Prayer team coordinators must be CMA members and have preferably done or are in the process of completing the International ministry training.



Kentucky Eggs & Water Falls

Australia is a freaky country ! Found it hard to sleep on the night of the 11th, something was wrong !

5.00am the alarm went off ! Just got to sleep !! Crawled out and went through the usual ritual of mornings, coffee, wash, etc, dragged out the boots, pulled on the jeans, jeans?! In this heat ?? Better grab the leather jacket too, keeps the sun off. Slurped down the coffee, stuffed some toast into my dial, more coffee. Found my helmet, gloves, camera and some water. Forgot to take the water anyway.

Opened the door, stepped outside, Australia is a freaky country !

Hmmmmm is that the back fence ? Not sure can't see for smoke ! Pulled the bike out of the shed, fired her up and pulled all the gear on. Rode about 5k and felt the sting of cold air on my neck and chin. Hmmmmmmm a bit chilly on the flats here ! Sun is well and truly up, mind you can't see it yet through the smoke.

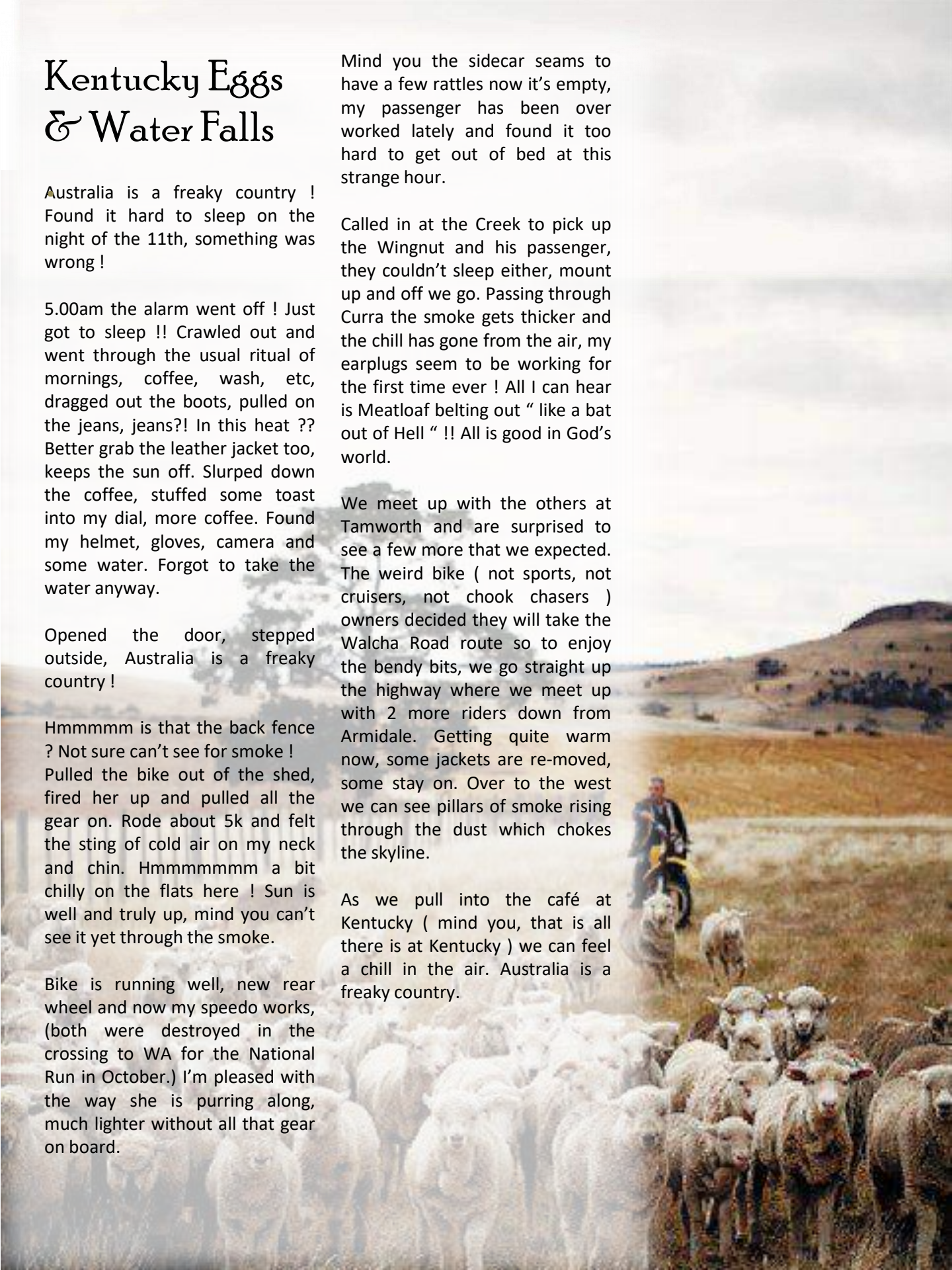
Bike is running well, new rear wheel and now my speedo works, (both were destroyed in the crossing to WA for the National Run in October.) I'm pleased with the way she is purring along, much lighter without all that gear on board.

Mind you the sidecar seems to have a few rattles now it's empty, my passenger has been over worked lately and found it too hard to get out of bed at this strange hour.

Called in at the Creek to pick up the Wingnut and his passenger, they couldn't sleep either, mount up and off we go. Passing through Curra the smoke gets thicker and the chill has gone from the air, my earplugs seem to be working for the first time ever ! All I can hear is Meatloaf belting out " like a bat out of Hell " !! All is good in God's world.

We meet up with the others at Tamworth and are surprised to see a few more that we expected. The weird bike (not sports, not cruisers, not chook chasers) owners decided they will take the Walcha Road route so to enjoy the bendy bits, we go straight up the highway where we meet up with 2 more riders down from Armidale. Getting quite warm now, some jackets are re-moved, some stay on. Over to the west we can see pillars of smoke rising through the dust which chokes the skyline.

As we pull into the café at Kentucky (mind you, that is all there is at Kentucky) we can feel a chill in the air. Australia is a freaky country.



Kentucky Eggs & Water Falls

After we stuff ourselves on Kentucky Eggs and toast, some decide to return or continue on to Armidale while the remainder head to Walcha. Uralla to Walcha is prime sheep country, the best in the land. It's all brown and dead !! Dams are dry, creeks not running ! Trees have died off. A pleasant ride none the less, over taken by a lone sports bike rider, unusual !

After fueling up it's decided to run out to Apsley Falls for a quick squiz, nice ride but the road is falling apart. Just a trickle of water is falling into the gorge, things are dry ! Some time is spent pondering the rock formations in the gorge walls then it's time to head home.

I love the Walcha to Bendemeer road, if you have never ridden it, you should, but stick to the speed limit, you'll enjoy it more anyway. Down the Moonbi's and the wall of heat hits you in the face, the

cage drivers, as savage as anywhere else, would kill for their piece of blacktop so you dodge them and bypass Tamworth to make the run home. Smoke seems to have lifted, air is getting a little cooler and a great ride ends at home all safe and well !

What a freaky country !!
What a gracious Lord we have.

While the above was written in 2009 it could well have been written yesterday! Conditions are exactly the same.

Things out this way are pretty grim at the moment, no rain. Stock are dying or needing to be shot as farmers can't afford to feed them or can't get any feed for them. Businesses in the towns are suffering also as no one will spend money as we don't know how long the drought will go. Farmers are desperate, overdrafts stretched to the limit, no relief or compassion from the banks and the government doesn't offer any tangible help either. Suicide is lurking behind every tree and depression is running wild!!
What is there to do ??

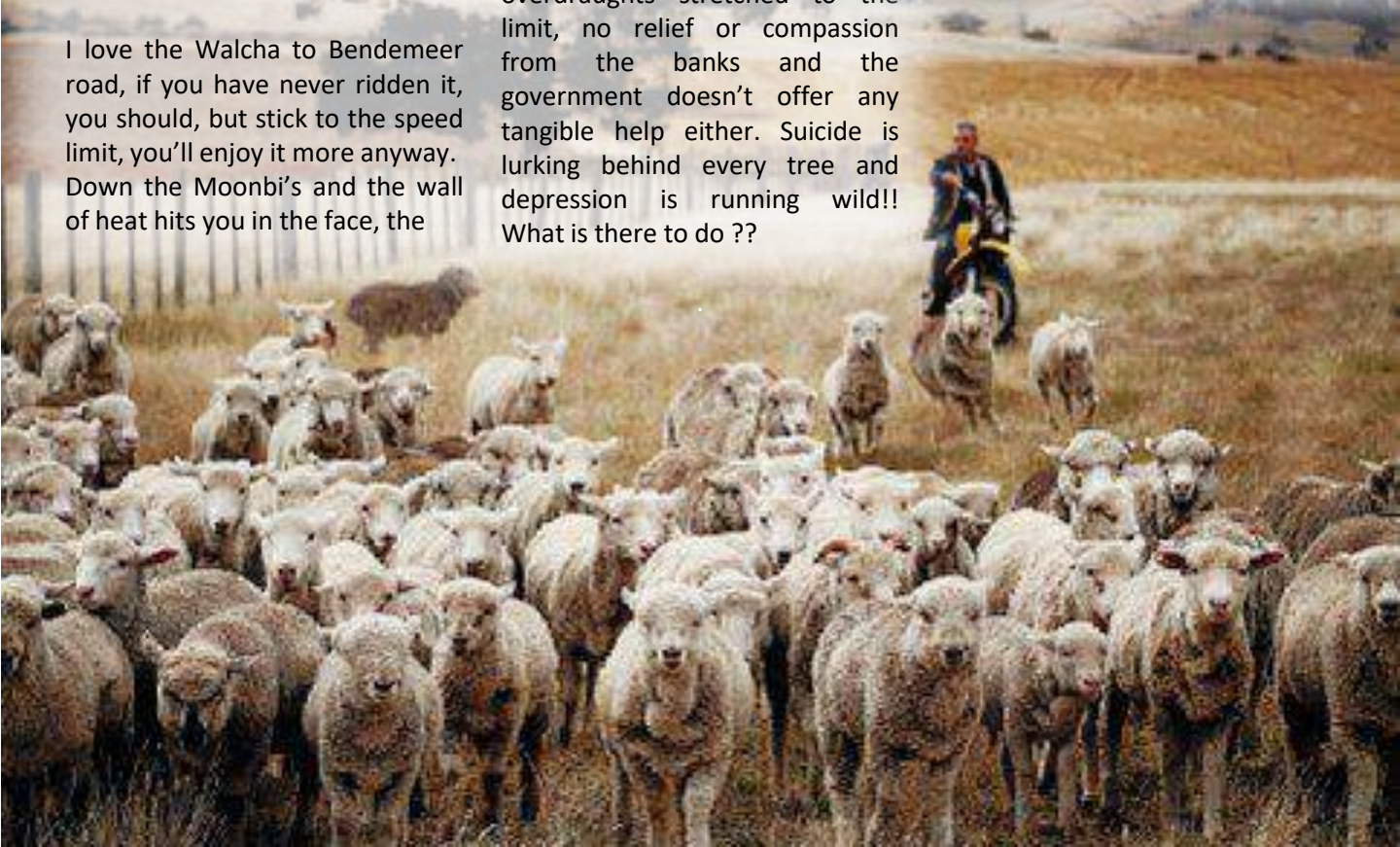
2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Our God is a gracious God, He keeps His promises, He provides all we need.

We need to remember though, He will and does test us. If we have faith and trust in Him He will deliver us. He will send the rain, in His time, not ours. We need to have faith and trust in Him for all things.

kimbo



Greetings Riders

It's been a busy catch-up time, compounded by appointments and eye surgery but I've finally cobbled a report together.

While Graham rode north and linked up with Alan from Gladstone and thence to catch up with the Mackay riders, Regan and Bill went direct. Meals on the road can be a bit spartan, I'm sure Regan will attest, and this was lunch in Blackall.



The other stops were four refuels and "dinner" at sunset at a rest stop. Oh, and a nap at Ilfracombe.

In Mt Isa we met up with the AOG Pastor and a Christian rider who works in the mine.



Two ladies who gave up riding some years ago came along for fellowship. Perhaps Alan's Spyder gave them a few ideas. Then by sheer "coincidence" a Christian family of 7 enroute Uluru stopped by to have their dinner. They're from Albany Creek.



Turning towards home, we indulged in a bit of tourism, paying a visit to Dundee's watering-hole.

In Longreach I shared our vision with the Baptist congregation, with accompanying old ride photos.

The Roma meeting was disappointing, as only one rider attended. He is the Church of Christ pastor.



The results weren't surprising. The citizens of western towns typically don't buy touring or sports bikes. And riders out there are on Ag bikes for practical purposes. There are a few miners in Isa who have sports bikes, but their interest centres on proving their prowess to each other and wouldn't be likely to be moulded into a CMA chapter. The Pastor has an immaculate Harley which he rides two blocks to work in Winter, and once a year he trailers it to Toowoomba to meet up with like-minded riders who tour the twisty northern NSW mountain highways. He's already over-committed with responsibilities in his Church and the other guy sees his shift-work as an impediment to involvement.

My assessment is there might be potential for a young people's gymkhana-style gathering like our National Run fun Sunday afternoons, but it would only be occasional, at best monthly, and would require a dedicated co-ordinator which we didn't encounter. Nathan, the Youth Pastor in Longreach, is a rider, and showed some interest.

But we had fun! Graham did an excellent job of planning the travel and accommodation and managing the bookings and finances.

Blessings,
Bill

Have you heard of the Paraplegic Benevolent Fund (PBF)?

I hadn't until a fellow rider came off his bike some years ago while bush bashing and sustained a permanent spinal cord injury that left him paralysed from the waist down.

Rob was a PBF member and at that time was eligible for a \$60,000 payout to assist him immediately while he was still in the spinal unit at PA Hospital in Brisbane.

After he got out of hospital, which was way earlier than others in the same situation because his house had been modified to suit his needs, he had a wheelchair and could afford to continue to feed his family until welfare and medical assistance commenced many months later.

As a result, all of us who knew Rob have been PBF members ever since and I also joined-up my son and step sons with PBF due to the increased risks they were exposed to in their extreme sports and apprenticeships.

I have had three offs in the intervening years and have had no injury that needed the benefits of my membership of PBF but had any one of those resulted in a permanent spinal cord injury I would have been afforded immediate financial help.

The benefit today is \$250,000 for an outlay of \$50/annum. The Fund grows through the memberships to afford members immediate financial assistance and the peace of mind that allows a member to focus all his or her attention on the initial healing and coping stages of this horrible incapacity.

I also have the comfort in knowing that should a permanent spinal cord injury occur, my family would be spared much anguish and financial outlay. In addition, my membership of PBF is going to a pool of invested money to assist those members who have received a permanent spinal cord injury through whatever event.

By the way, Rob has been back on his modified bike with an extra wheel for many years.

For more information view

www.pbf.asn.au

There are Branches of PBF in each state with representatives willing to talk to groups.

Head office is located in WA at

PO Box 538,

FLOREAT FORUM

WA 6014

Phone: 08 93883366



BIKES FOR PASTORS

Pastor John Chandra Singha is the supervisor of Evangelical Cell Church and he used to travel more than 15 churches with his motor bike but other places is so far therefore, he goes by bus 18 hours journey.

He normally, sit with other Pastors and while they organize Baptism service Pastor John conduct the service.

He teach others and send the report to National office.

Pastor Ratan Roy: He is the Pastor of Laxichapur, Nilphamari church but he has 3 more preaching are where every week he used to travel and take church service.

His church runs pre-school where 2 teachers are teaching 5 days a week.

Both of them are very grateful to CMA.



Evangelical Cell Church Pastor Rotan Roy's Testimony

First of all, I praised God, because of HIS mercy and grace to protect my family and using my family for HIS glorious service. I am Pastor Rotan Roy serving at 3 churches Laxumpur, Basdaho and Horonshora under Nilphamari district. I have two children and beloved wife. I accepted Jesus as my personal savior in 1999 and received the Church planting training from Campus Crusade for Christ and now God is using me at Niphamari district. I had so many obstructions while share the gospel but God protected me and still using me therefore praise HIS name.

At present we have 3 churches at Nilphamari district where 99 Baptized members and 7 of them came from Muslim background. In the mean time we found 2 more preaching filed and they are ready to accept Jesus Christ and please pray that God may prepare their hearts fully and ready to get baptism.

Finally, this is my heartfelt thanks who generously contributed this motor cycle and now I could visit all 3 churches very frequently. May the Lord bless the donor and make you channel of blessing.

Pastor Rotan Roy
Evangelical Cell Church
Nilphamari

NATIONAL RUN



Friday:

Breakfast Argosy Motel East Devonport
Foody Tour: Commencing at Anvers
4.00 pm Registration Camp
6.00 pm Welcome Dinner

Saturday:

Bike maintenance
Short rides to selected places
Reliquaire/Anvers tour - ladies
National Ride to Boat Harbour
Travelling along Bass Highway through
Wynyard to Boat Harbour. 140 km return.
Silver Service Dinner
Featuring Tasmanian dishes
Guest Speaker

Sunday:

Worship led by Steve Atkins
Nationals Photo
Afternoon Activities
including Train rides
Short Rides to Leven Canyon
Port Sorell,
Devonport Bluff, Kaydale
Pearn's Steam World
Camp activities such as flying fox, swing
Evening Games night

Useful Planning:

Repairers:

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03 6326 2729
www.suzukimotorcycles.com.au/dealers/tas/cycle-world
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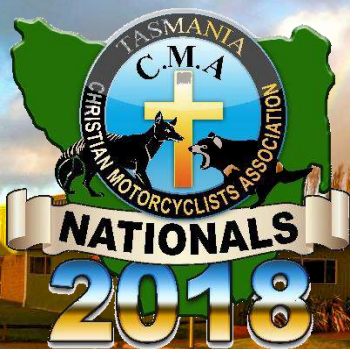


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POST RUN TOUR



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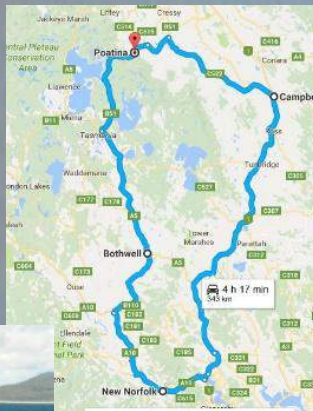
Post run tour:
Head to Poatina
Via Richardson's
Museum, The
Gorge, Burt
Munro Café,
Batman Bridge,
Evandale



Book in at Poatina Chalet:
bookings.goldenchain.com.au/TAS/Poatina/Poatina-Chalet
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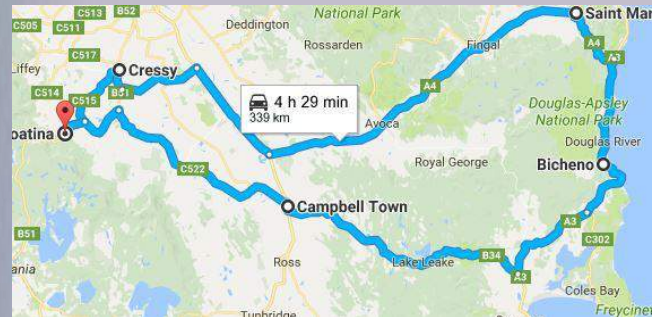
Tuesday:

Day Ride Great Lake,
Bothwell, Gretna,
New Norfolk,
Melton Mowbray
Self-guided ride to
Lake St Claire



Wednesday:

Day Ride: Fingal.
St Mary's Pass, Bicheno,
Lake Leake



Thursday:

Head towards Devonport through Bracknell
Deloraine Lunch at 50's Diner

Dinner at Argosy and board Spirit



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We are excited to be progressing in the production of our new 'Biker Bible/Riding With Purpose'. We are almost out of the previous edition produced in 2005 so this is pretty urgent. We have decided to stick with Mark's Gospel and add a few Psalms and perhaps a few verses from Romans as part of the "How to become a Christian" segment.

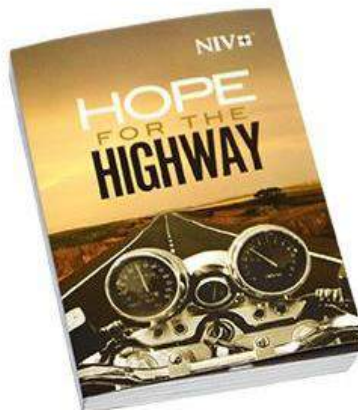
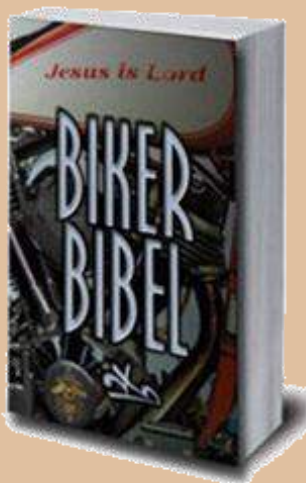
Also we will include a list of Christian Motorcycle Clubs/Associations in Australia and NZ in the back. The idea is to keep the 'Bible' small in an effort to make it acceptable to those we hand it to.

These decisions were based on discussions Lisa had with every state before she finished her term as Nat Coordinator.

There are 2 ways we would like CMA members to participate if they want to:

Please send Testimony and/or Cover design to Lisa Mellor at email: gypsy4him@gmail.com

Waiting to hear from you, lisA



Be Part of New Australian Biker Bible and your chance to win a prize

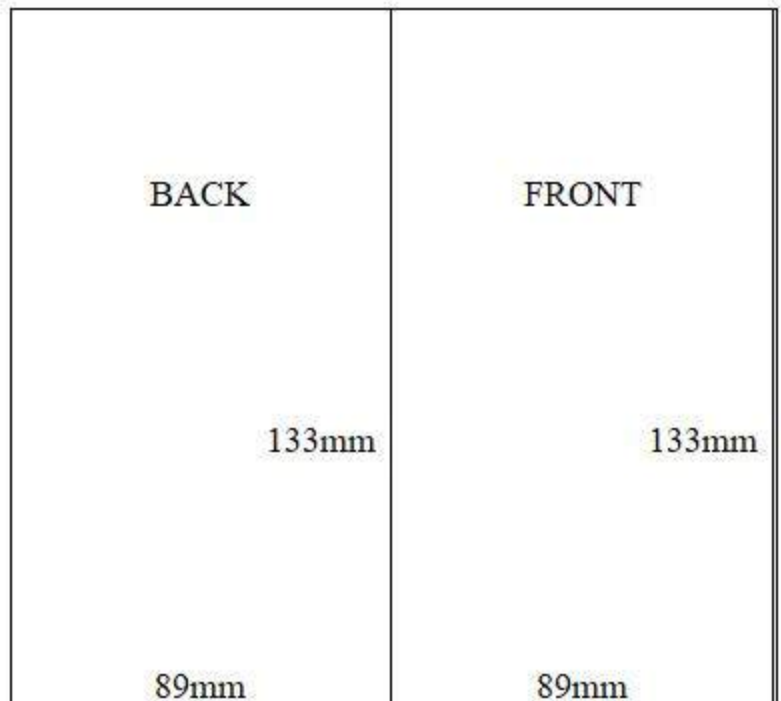
1. Submit a Testimony of up to 500 words.

With your testimony provide a hi-resolution image (to accompany testimony). A **minimum** image requirement would be **300dpi**- the actual size of the file isn't as important as the quality. DPI is dots per inch, so the higher the DPI, the better quality the image will be.

An independent person (probably our Bible Society Contact) will be instrumental in choosing the testimonies to be included.

2. Submit a Design for the Front & Back Covers in Design File.

There will be a **Prize** for design chosen. Front/back cover (image sample below): Length (89mm) v Height (133mm). Back cover: Length (89mm) v Height (133mm)





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