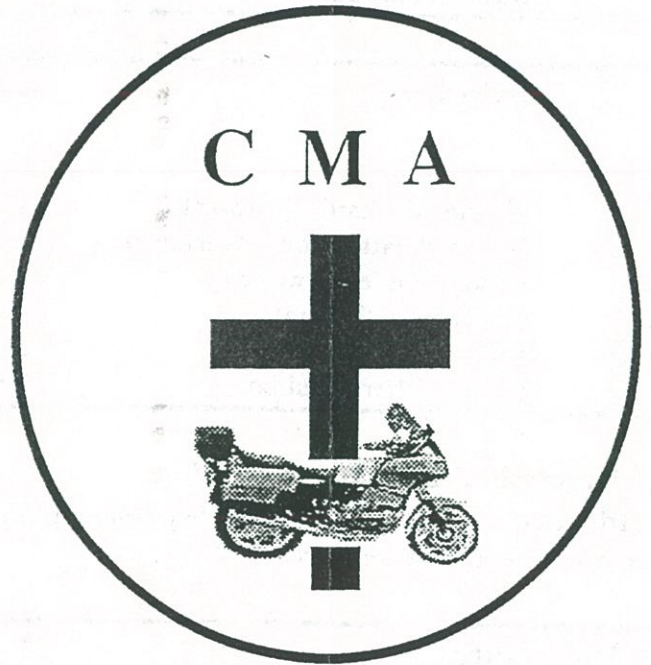


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CMA Members STATEMENT of BELIEF

1. I believe GOD to be the Creator of all things
2. Jesus Christ is the only answer to every person's spiritual needs
3. Jesus Christ's death for our sins and his resurrection are the basis of all Christian living
4. The Holy Spirit is the source of power for Christian living :
5. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three persons yet one God
6. The Bible is the authoritative word of God in all circumstances of life.
7. I have turned away from the sins of my past life, confessed them to God & asked him to forgive me for them.
8. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ & now acknowledge Him as my Lord and Saviour.
9. I will endeavour to remain faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible and to the aims of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

CMA Membership Application Form

NAME

ADDRESS

TOWN Postcode

Telephone

Other Motorcycle Clubs

I hereby apply for membership of the Christian Motorcyclists Association of NSW and declare that I agree with the STATEMENT of BELIEF.

SIGNED Date

Nominated by

Enclosed please find \$20.00 individual - \$25.00 family membership fees.
(Send to CMA PO Box 311 BERRY 2535)

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

From Howard Mole

pieces. Not so funny as the bolt did come from the BSA, apparently from the tappet cover which allowed oil to blow out up under the fuel tank then drip down when I stopped onto the hot engine creating a smoke screen. Quite spectacular during the Toy Run and at lights. Also the 'old girl' became more stubborn to start, but we survived all activities. Ian Weekes also made it to the Toy Run.

Yes, it was a worthwhile time both socially and from a witness point of view as we had the opportunity to encourage others.

I thank those who turned up and were involved as I must admit that I was concerned that we were not going to have the numbers attending (me of little faith) and I thank God for providing this weekend.

God Bless Roy Breyley.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

1. Well God created man in his own image and like all things He made, He made us wonderfully. We all work the same and yet we're all so different. But like a giant jigsaw puzzle we should all fit together. Uplift one another and bring glory to God.

2. Instead of God getting glory from this creature that He made, we followed Satan and tried to stand alone. Rebellion and Selfishness. A life of sin and pain. Without the blood of Jesus Christ our lives would be a waste. We'd all go to hell and miss out on eternity.

CHORUS Jesus said to me take up your cross today, you must deny yourself and come unto Me, for the only way to save your life is to give it up to Me, 'cause in the death there is new life, new life eternally.

3. Now God's word has made it clear for each in Christ today, that we should work as for the Lord in things we do each day. The talents that He's given us, from many to a few, are for the blessings of each other. That's what we're meant to do, and love one another as God first loved you.

4. So, if you're in your office, take your Saviour too. The farm, the factory, the yard, only Jesus will do. If it's riding bikes or playing trains or camping in a tent, if it's teachin' or preachin' or even being taught. Remember and don't forget it's from God we're sent.

CHORUS ----- AMEN.. Gordon Frencham. (1-12-97)

Well we have certainly had a busy few months leading up to Christmas, with some exciting moments in ministry being shared by members.

There has also been a number of exciting testimonies coming out of some pretty tough months for many of our members. I would encourage each of you to pray for one another regularly, it is so important to support each other in their faith. We don't always know when each other are under attack, but one thing we can be sure of is that if we are active in our commitment to the Lord then we be under attack, and Satan will do his very best to destroy us, and our faith. There are times in our Christian walk when it is difficult, perhaps even impossible to pray, and it is then that we need to know that someone else is praying for us, supporting us, upholding us.

As I type,- our CMA calendar is drawing to a close, with the Christmas run taking place this weekend at Berri. Toy runs are taking place all over the State and everybody seems to be very busy leading up to Christmas. Before long it will be Boxing day - that great day of relaxation, when so often we realise that Christmas is over, and we've virtually missed it. Sure, we've shared presents, eaten our ham and pudding, and attended a few parties, but in the rush of everything we seem to miss the enormity of God's gift to us on that first Christmas.

Not only did God give us the Christ child,
Not only did God give us the one to be our Saviour,
But, on that first Christmas God gave us Himself.

"He came right down to me, (to us)
To condescend to be my friend.
He came right down to me."

This is the enormity of Christmas -
God's gift to every man and woman and child,
and yet his personal gift to me-
-Himself.

May you be immensely blessed this Christmas as you accept God's gift of
Himself.

FOR THE CALENDER

21ST-22ND FEBRUARY: QUIRINDI OUTREACH
CONTACT ROSS SYLVESTER 02 6746 1844

28TH-29TH MARCH: NEWCASTLE OUTREACH
CONTACT HOWARD MOLE 02 4943 5268

2ND-3RD MAY: TEACHING WEEKEND, MT VINCENT

6TH-8TH JUNE: Qld/NSW HALF-WAY MEET INVERELL

18TH-19TH July: TAREE OUTREACH
CONTACT WAYNE WITCHARD 02 6761 8518

28TH-30TH AUGUST: AMBASSADORS KINGS RALLY

3RD-5TH OCTOBER: ORANGE

14TH-15TH NOVEMBER: NATIONAL RUN RENMARK SA

MARK YOUR DAIRIES FOR YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN

SUSSEX INLET BUSH DANCE & TOY RUN.

It was just after midday when people arrived and we went / 'rode' across the road to Clelland Lodge an aged Hostel for lunch. This gave us a chance to have lunch and talk to the residents, even though we did not take any people for rides. The Edney's came up from Mollymook, they were out celebrating Andrew's birthday, Alan Watkinson & Barry McGovern from Sydney, then Norm arrived later to line up for a nice lunch with Tony Keene, John Crockett & me.

A time to sit around & chat at the Breyley's residence before heading out to Sussex Inlet meeting Gordon & Michelle at South Nowra. Great to have Tony's wife Helen along on the Guzzi as their boys were away for the weekend. Andrew & Zelpha with Hanna Bevan joined us at Peter's with the CBX & Commcore. With some more time to share then off to the bush dance led by Peter Burge for a tour of Sussex. Norm slowed rather dramatically when some friendly kangaroos hopped out across the road from people's front yards. Maybe they should have pedestrian / kangaroo crossings installed.

The Lions and Rotary clubs were set up with food for sale when we arrived, as Paul Dumm and his father in law Peter joined us to park our 13 bikes as a display. This gave us the opportunity to talk with people as they arrived to follow with a night of bush dancing, a demonstration of country line dancing by four young girls with a little assistance from a toddler, a couple of items from both the Lions and Rotary clubs and Alan talking about CMA. Thanks to Peter & family for the effort placed into this event. Thanks also to Peter & Gaye for their hospitality which allowed us to have a good sharing time together.

Church on Sunday at an early starting time which confused some of the locals. Gordon sang a new song for us which he had written. I hope to have the words for this Newsletter. Norm a children's talk which turned into a 'mini' sermon. (I should have known better!), and I gave the message about we, as the ordinary bloke, can share the Gospel. Also Peter was having his last Sunday as Pastor of the church before he moves to Camden. A 'cuppa' / 'chat' and off to Berry for the start of the Toy Run to Nowra organised by the Ulysses Club. Whilst we were at Peter's I had been saying how the BSA was starting okay lately when somebody had noticed a bolt on the ground under the BSA and joked about the British steed was vibrating to

Prayer and News

with our best foot forward, and through the Grace of God, and nothing else, these two passages of Scripture change from written Words of God, into real life applying actions.

We thank all the Members who have been affiliated with our Church in some way and look forward to our next meeting in The Body of Christ

Your Sister In Christ, Wendy Lawson
In voice of Peter Lawson
Simon Adamo
Sheryl and Leon Griffith
Geoff and Sue Graham
Wauchope Prebyterian



The Wauchope Crew: Jim, Geoff, Sue, Wayne, Debbie,
Sheryl, Leon, Howard, Wendy, Peter

Father God,

We give you thanks for you have been with us this year gone by.

When we have been down you have been there to pick us up.

You have hedged us about with your protection.

Nothing has happened to us without your knowledge.

Some of us have had accidents, and there have been breakdowns, but we know that all work together for our good.

Help us to lift our eyes above the circumstances that surround us.

We thank you for blessing our work in CMA this last year, and look forward to the opportunities this coming year.

We pray for CMA this year and the Clubs and individual riders, that we will walk in your will.

We pray for all Christian bikers across this State, that the knowledge of yourself will be in our minds, and dwell in our hearts.

Bless also Queensland, Victoria, South Oz and Tasmanian CMA's and their work. Be particularly close to those going through tough times.

We pray for Steve Myers and his family in Coonabarabran, for the rebuilding of their home, we pray that you will supply all their needs, and all that is needed.

We pray for Jim Browns' family after the recent passing of his mother, that you will be close to them, even in their grief.

Continue to be near us and protect us, O Lord, on the roads and in our homes, at work and at play we pray.

Lord hear our prayers this day in Jesus name we pray.

Amen

☪ Peter Burge has now shifted from Sussex Inlet to Camden

☪ Jim Brown and Warren McLaren were baptised on the 14th of December at Kurri Kurri Baptist Church

☪ Anor and Kei, our new Chaplain were married out Dubbo way on the 20th December

☪ Norm & Margaret Carter are now in Ingle Farm SA waiting for visitors

☪ If anyone wishes to make a donation to help the Myers family financially, you can do so through the postal address, marked for that purpose

Please feel free to send prayer requests and news item to the editor.

EDITORS RAMBLE

Welcome to another year!

A lot has happened in this last one, both within the CMA and certainly in the big wide world out there. I wonder what myriad of images pass before our eyes as we review the year gone by, and I wonder if we would do it again. I know at times the only thing that has kept me going has been the constant hand of God on my life, the encouragement of my wife, and my brothers in Christian Riders.

New years resolutions anyone? No thanks!

But what are we to aim for this year? Family, friends, work and play, Bikes and God and CMA. "The aim of the CMA is to promote and encourage Christian Motorcycle Clubs and individual Christian riders in their God given ministries".
Keywords: promote, encourage, clubs, riders, ministries. Let's see it happen more, Amen!

More frequently nowadays Churches are crossing congregational and denominational boundaries in the name of unity. Not just unity in word, but unity in relationships- restoring relationships and breaking down walls of division, becoming more like a body and less like a bunch of individuals.

CMA IS a diverse group of Christians. We have members from all quarters of the body, and with it many varied views which could lead to division. But there are more worthwhile things than arguing my own or my churches view. Just look at the CMA Statement of Belief, that's what it is all about. "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know..." John 17:23. I praise God that unity is one of the distinguishing marks of CMA. Let's see it happen more, Amen!

You will notice a few changes (I hope you will anyway) to the newsletter. I think that it is the first time that we have had an editor as such, and my aim is to produce an even better mag for our members (that's you).

You will notice a few more names in the front cover. We have now appointed a Chaplain, one of our members Kel Cherry, to better serve our needs. Also you will notice a bunch of Area Convenors. These are guys who have unofficially been acting as reps for those areas, but are now officially recognised and authorised (or something) to be responsible for those areas. If you want to know something, or have a problem- get in contact with them.

Newsletter items please send direct to me, my address is in the front cover. Please note also a cut off date for the next newsletter.

And now the real important stuff, does anyone know what type of Bike and chair was pictured underneath the poem 'As You Ride' a couple of issues ago? Answer next issue (I worked it out myself!).

Ride with Christ
Biggles

Blessings Abound

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Well, once again we had the absolute Blessing of yet another visit from some C.M.A. Members to our Wauchope Prebyterian Church. This time, they came away with our signed and paid for membership forms!!!!!!

In the membership application form (on the back in the what is C.M.A. section), there is, quote, "The aim of the C.M.A. is to promote and encourage Christian Motorcycle Clubs and individual Christian riders in their God-Given Ministries". This is exactly what the C.M.A. visits have done for us. We all feel that Our Lord is moving us into great areas of Ministry for Him on the Mid North Coast.

On Tues 25th Nov, our new C.M.A. members were invited to Wingham to meet the local Church Ministers and the leaders of the Youth Drop-in Centre. The purpose of C.M.A. was explained by Peter Lawson and inroads have been made to be able to access local schools in the area. Invitations have also been extended to these C.M.A. members to participate in some of the Church Services. Praise Our Lord!!!

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you do not know".

We here at Wauchope, will always feel honoured and Blessed for the great work that the C.M.A. visitors to our Church have achieved.

We have all been encouraged greatly by this association. Phillipians 4:13 "I can do all things in Christ Jesus, who strengthens me". So we step out

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY ~~TO~~ FROM NARRANDERA.....

Poor old Tom Lucas from Willow Tree, and on his new Goldwing tool Got rid of Kwaka VN1500, too many vibrations you see. What do you do with an electricity jizzler and a flat battery? Jump start it I suppose! Anyway, they make it to Wagga Wagga, Tom and Wayne at the servo, and Peter heads off down the local "Stable" (Honda dealer). As Peter rides up the drive, the proprietor is about to drive out. I think was called a divine appointment. He had just dropped in for a minute before heading off to Griffith. Not only did he stop to supply the said battery, but he waited until it was installed and the bike was going before he left! How much, you may ask. Nothing, he wouldn't take a cent as the bike was still under warranty. Gods timing is perfect, and I can't praise "The Stable" Wagga Wagga's Honda dealer too much.



And what about Barry McGovern out western Sydney. When we first found him he was trying to start his CB900 by the railway line somewhere in the middle of nowhere, with about a dozen others. Finally after much energy expelled in pushing, it fires up and they quickly get moving. Bye Bye. Several hours later there he is again, this time with the bike on a trailer! We weren't going to stop, but wasn't Norm there too? Better stop seeing that we're going to his place. They had been there half an hour before someone had stopped to give him a lift. With the bike safely aboard the trailer and Barry safely aboard our car we head off to Sydney. Somewhere around Liverpool we stopped at a servo, off-loaded the bike, made some calls, and not too much later the Ghost Riders took him away! (ie Motorcycle Removalists) What was the cause of this breakdown? A kinked choke cable!
Again God knows our needs, and in the end He works all the details out. Praise him for His concern for us, and His impeccable timing.

CMA GRAND PRIX EXPEDITION

On Wednesday 1st October, 9am., we assembled at the Shell service centre on the freeway near Exeter. (Except for one high ranking CMA member, who was only one hour late). So Howard, Roy, Alan, Michael, Andrew and myself commenced our journey down to deepest darkest Victoria. We travelled down the Hume until a few hours into Victoria, turning off to a much more picturesque route and arriving at Alexandra. At Alexandra we shared a cabin normally designed for 5 people, and had a lovely dinner at the nearest pub,

The next morning we set off on some great roads which passed through spectacular forest and countryside. (Only getting lost once!). We stopped at Palmerston for some final provisions, and finally arrived at the GP site around lunchtime. After not too many arguments, we chose a site in the middle of the Trakside campground. This was a paddock of lush green grass which had the full view of the southern loop of the track.

Late that evening, Alan and I went off to see the famous Phillip Island Fairy Penguins. Very cute little creatures staying out at sea for up to one month feeding. Then causing us great amusement watching them bolt up the beach in groups.

Thursday night proved to be a lot of fun. Bass Strait decided to bombard us with rain, hail, and strong winds. One CMA member, who had already brought many extras, lost most of his tent poles that night. Michael then had to bunk up with Alan for the rest of his stay.

Friday and Saturday saw the start of practice and qualifying sessions. As well there was 250 Proddies, 600 Supersport, and Supercart racing. Phillip Island is a great track for spectators. There are many vantage points where a majority of the track could be seen at any time. The availability and variety of food outlets on the track was great as well.

Sunday was the big day at the track. After much discussion, we all agreed to sit inside turn 1 to watch the race. Most of us went down quite early to get a good spot. At the beginning of the 500cc race where we were was about 4-5 people deep. As it turned out it was probably the most eventful corner (poor Mick!!). Many people left

very soon after the crash, as we discovered when we turned around and wondered where everyone had gone at the end of the race.

That night Roy and Michael left camp to stay with friends and family. The next day, Alan, Andrew and myself left Howard and rode to Nowra along the Princess Hwy. It was a great ride with bikes everywhere you looked. It's a great fun road to ride and I would recommend it to anyone who's not in too much of a hurry to get to Victoria.

The GP was a great excuse to get on a bike and tour with fellow Christians, it was really good to renew and get to know good friends. I find that just being with other Christian people helps my own walk.

Thank God for; The cold and rain, the fun we had, and for bikes.

Steve Morris

Australian CMA's National Meeting

Saturday night at the National Run has always been a time of sharing what is happening in the different States, Last year it was decided to form CMA Australia, a loose binding together of the State CMA's in name, with the Chairman of the next hosting State being the National Chairman.

This year it was proposed that we further this bond by standardising each States' name to 'CMA Australia (State) Chapter'. Much talk ensued about the subject and there seemed to be problems relating to the change, so the proposal was withdrawn for the time being. No doubt at next years National Run in Renmark the subject will be brought up again, so hopefully this year the various State committees will work through the issues involved so that in unity we may be united.

NARRANDERA NATIONAL RUN 1997

Well, after 7 weeks of 'patiently' waiting for injuries to heal from the 'Small 4 wheel drive takes on Large semitrailer' incident, it was time to take the much neglected Kwak out of the shed for 'airing'. The Narrandera run seemed a good place to start, nothing too strenuous, just a round trip of 1500kms- piece of cake!

Of course if we had 'aired' the bike a little sooner, we'd have noticed the much worn back tyre, which due to lack of time, was replaced with 'not' the usual brand.

The trip was good and we only got wet once when we went around a storm, but one of the good things about being on a bike is, that it doesn't take that long to dry (if the rain stops).

Once the new tyre settled in, we relaxed for a wonderful ride admiring Gods handiwork in the scenery we felt part of, Thanks Lord!

After an overnight stay at Young, we arrived at Narrandera around lunchtime and enjoyed catching up with those who had already arrived. Some were camping and others were booked into cabins. Lake Talbot caravan park was lovely and the management were very hospitable. I have to admit though, that the lake looked a little more like a river to me.

After lunch, a few of the CMA went for a sight seeing tour, while others settled in or went swimming.

A committee meeting was held around 3pm, and afterward a social time of a 'cuppa' and chatting was very enjoyable. Talking about enjoyable, the meal that night (Saturday) was great! We had a delicious lamb dish with mashed potatoes, pumpkin and greens, followed by a mouth watering desert. Thank you to the Griffith contingent for your Christian hospitality.

Around 7.30pm a formal meeting was held in the marquee with members of CMA represented from NSW, QLD, SA, VIC and TAS. Reports were given on progress and coming events. There were some interesting discussions, then God took over and we had a wonderful time of praising, prayer, sharing and Christian togetherness that can only happen when Gods is there- And He Was!

This was the case for the next morning also, when we came together for a great breakfast and then Bikers Church. there was Praise and Worship backed by gifted guitar work. Communion was beautiful, so was prayer time. Gods presence was Powerful and Howard's message 'Blessed'. There was some very touching moments as people shared feelings and emotions.

Sadly it was time to say goodbye to our Christian brothers and sisters.

The fellowship and love shared by the CMA members must have put a tear of joy in Jesus eyes and a tremor of fear in the enemy camp. God has a mighty force to work with - and He will!

Yours in Christ
Warren and Lyn