



AGM - New Committee Elected

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At the AGM, held in Mudgee 13-14th November all Committee positions were declared vacant. Nominations were called and all positions were filled after a short deliberation.

Sadly Roy has stepped down from Chairman, mainly due to the fact that he has a very busy year coming up and will be away for most of it.

However we have a very capable new Chair in Ian Dodd who has finally broken the chains of the finance cage ! Congratulations oh 'great bald one' !

Aaron Little will be taking on the bean counting and we may need to keep an eye on him as he hasn't had a new bike in at least two years ! Looks like Ian will be stuck with the C50 for a while.

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Lisa Clarke Appointed National Coordinator

At The National Run in South Australia in October Rod Williams stepped aside from National Co-ordinator after a tumultuous couple of years and the search was on for a replacement.

After quite some deliberation Lisa Clarke was Elected to the position.

Those who know Lisa will realize she is a born Gypsy and capable speaker so should be suited to the role well. We wish her all the best for her term.



James 3: 6-10

New Committee Elected



Chairman

After several years of controlling the finances, and very capably we must say, Ian has been elected to Chairman status. We wish him well in his new position, which shouldn't prove to difficult as he has in fact been doing a lot of the work already over the last few years and we thank him for that.

Ian has a lot of contacts within the biking industry and is very well equipped for the position.



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Treasurer

Aaron Little will take charge of the treasury for the next term, **NO NEWBIKES!!** While you are treasurer 'Gadget Boy' it would not look good!

If you haven't paid your subs for the year then Aaron is the one to send \$30 to. He has a very heavily armed chopper to hunt you down otherwise.



Secretary

Sonya Little was brave enough to step up and fill the position of secretary after Lisa Clarke stepped aside to take on the position of National C-Ordinator.

While Sonya may not look like Aaron (thankfully!) she is in fact Aaron's wife so we can be sure that he will behave himself with the cheque book. Sonya is the stable one of the family!



CMA NSW supports Riders for Health

As many of you may recall, and for the benefit of those who have joined since, at the 2008 CMA National Run we undertook several fundraising activities to raise money to purchase a motorcycle to be used in the provision of ongoing health care in Africa. Originally this was to be purchased by Lisa on her return however plans changed and Lisa is staying in Sydney a lot longer than expected. In order for these funds to reach their desired goal the committee agreed that they be redirected to Riders for Health who have an ongoing presence and commitment to providing and maintaining motorcycles for health workers and to this end we have donated \$2500.



Thank you very much for donating to the work of Riders for Health. Your donation will make a vital contribution towards helping people across Africa access regular health care services.

In mobilising health care workers, like Bubacarr Jallow from the Gambia, Riders for Health is ensuring the regular delivery of vital health care to people living in rural communities across Africa. Bubacarr says:

'Before we had mobility it was extremely difficult. You could visit the villages at best once a month – the communities lost out on a lot of important health information because I couldn't get there. The availability of the motorcycle affects every bit of the work. Now I can be available to my communities 24 hours a day.'

Over one thousand professional health workers, just like Bubacarr, now have the means to reach all the people under their care. Working within Riders' system of managed transportation, they are able to do the job that they were trained to do and can repeatedly reach all the people they need to reach.

Riders are reaching over 10 million people with the kind of health care delivery we in the developed world take for granted. Our aim is to reach an additional 10 million people across Africa by 2015 and every donation we receive takes us a step closer towards this goal. But we would not be reaching the millions of people we do without the help and generosity of our supporters.



What's Happening on the International Scene

Dear brothers and sisters

Charmaine and I are back home from the USA where we attended the CMA Changing of Colors / 35th Anniversary Rally and International Conference.

This was the second time we had the privilege to attend both the Changing of Colors Rally and the International Conference. The 2010 Changing of Colors Rally was well attended with a record 3500 participants. The speakers who shared the Word of God during the 4 days of the Rally were both International and American leaders and all were very encouraging. The opening on the Wednesday evening was lead by John Ogden (CMA USA), the Thursday morning Carlos Fragelli (CMA Argentina) shared the Word and Rene Changioun (CMA South Africa) shared on the Thursday evening. Friday morning Mike Fitton (CMA UK) preached and that evening we had a concert by a local gospel group. Saturday morning Graham Stevens (CMA Ireland) gave a message and Saturday evening it was Herb Shreve, the founder of CMA. Sunday morning Roger Wilson (CMA USA) closed the Rally with another wonderful Word of God. All praise and worship sessions were lead by Jerry Williams, a CMA USA member.

At the International Conference there were leadership from United Kingdom, Ireland, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Germany, Finland, Italy, France, Portugal, Croatia, United Arab Emirates, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mexico, Canada, Argentina, New Zealand, USA and us. The Conference was over 4 days and the program was jam packed with training and sessions to better equip the leaders in the ministry, and to be accountable to God and each other.

Each country representative had an opportunity to stand to represent their country. We shared our CMA Australia experience and the news about the outcome of the Leadership meeting in Adelaide on the 10th October 2010. Everyone was very happy to hear about the unity between the States and they are very excited for us. Many were encouraged by what God has done here in CMA Australia.

CMA Ministry Team:

We would like to continue to develop a Ministry Team within the membership of CMA Australia. We want to keep it as simple and uncomplicated as possible, without compromising the standard of CMA Australia and the International agreement. This will give individuals the opportunity to get equipped and to be focused on going out into the harvest field to bring people into the Kingdom of God, using their motorcycles. Ministry Team members will also have the responsibility to disciple and help new believers that they will win for the Kingdom. All the tools will be to your availability to accomplish this.

The following would be the minimum requirement for an individual to become a Ministry Team Member and to have the privilege of wearing Colors and clothing with the CMA International logo.

- Be born again and have assurance of salvation
- Live a Christian lifestyle of integrity and accountability
- Members should not be seen drinking any alcohol or smoking while at a motorcycle or ministry event and/or while wearing clothing with the CMA Logo
- Have completed the CMA International Ministry Team and Spiritual Growth Course training

I would also like us to add to above, that someone must first be a member of CMA in your state for 6 months, and then will be eligible for Ministry Team Membership and be allowed to wear Colours. Charmaine and I will issue internationally recognized Ministry Team Membership Cards for all Ministry Team Members in Australia. This card is required as proof that a person is a Ministry Team Member and will allow that person to purchase goodies containing the CMA logo for him/her self.

There will be no separate or additional Constitution or Statement of Believe for Ministry Team Members, and they will be as much part of CMA in your state as any other member.

The leadership team in your state will be responsible for the Ministry Team members, and to assist in this, I would like you to please prayerfully consider appointing a State Evangelist within your state, whose main responsibility will be to Mentor and Encourage the Ministry Team Members in his/her state/area.

The State Evangelist will facilitate the Ministry Training and provide tools for evangelism to members. The State Evangelist will work closely with the state leadership and other State Evangelists.

Please also prayerfully consider and allow Ministry Team Members to freely use the greatest Ministry Tool to our availability, the CMA logo.

We have ordered a couple of sets of the International Ministry Team Training, and should receive it soon. I will let you know the price and context of the training for those of you who wish to go ahead and develop the Ministry Team in your State.



CMA International Goodies/Merchandise:

Currently we get our stock from the USA and South Africa. The funds these two countries receive from us for the goodies/merchandise is used towards the funding of salaries and ministry administration costs. Ministry Training and Bibles is sold with no profit. Negotiations are currently in place for us to have the authority to use the trademarked logo on locally manufactured goods. I would like us to work together, towards developing and manufacturing these items locally. I feel each state should share in the financial benefits goodies/merchandise can potentially bring.

The CMA International website:

I would like to change it completely and add local contacts on there. I have been contacted by people in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne through the website stating their wishes to get involved in CMA. I have forwarded them on to the leadership in these states. I trust God that we will get many more interests through the International website, including International CMA visitors who wish to fellowship with CMA Australia during their visit to Australia. We can be a blessing to each other in that regard.

Lastly, I would like to pray God's blessings over your state and your members; I pray that God will use you to be the shining light in the motorcycle community in your state.

God bless you

Johan and Charmaine Claassens

Riding for the Son

CMA International Coordinator Australia

Chairman's Response

Hi Johan & Charmaine

It is encouraging to see that the International run went well and that you were able to speak of the Australian resolution at this meeting. Thank you for referring the CMA Sth Africa members on to me as well. In brief I acknowledge the Ministry Team's intent and accept that this would be a good direction however I do believe that the agreement NSW proposed was that to be a member of CMA International a person first had to be a member of CMA of Aust <<insert state>>. This in turn gives the member local support and encouragement.

At our AGM last weekend we spoke of CMA International, those that had already done training and those that wanted to as well as appointing a CMA International point of contact within NSW so we look forward to a more cohesive future. I would also encourage the re-work of the international site as there is some text there about starting CMA Chapters which is not acceptable. And yes it would be good to list area contacts and as NSW Chair I am happy for you to put my name down for this area.

Bless ya and keep the rubber side down



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well here we are at the end of another calendar year and the beginning of a new year for CMA! Thank you for the trust that has been placed in me to act as Chairman and I pray that I will fulfill your expectations and that together we can continue to grow CMA, not only in membership, but in strength and purpose.

My desire is that as an organization we can impact our communities, both geographical and social. When I was reworking the website I decided that the front page had to grab attention and decided to add the following.

Do you love Christ?

Do you enjoy riding?

Do you want to know more people like you?



Which to me epitomizes our name and in doing so our objectives.

Over the course of the next year I would like to see us host 3 fellowship weekends, located so as to enable our far flung members to reach at least one, and already our Area Coordinators are seeing what they can pull together. Our teaching and AGM weekend was well attended this year and if we follow the same format for next year hopefully we can get an even better roll up.

Over the last year there have been many issues raised which the committee has dealt with and not always have these filtered down to the broader membership – of these there are 3 major issues that I feel we need to know where CMA NSW stands.

1. Incorporation of CMA state bodies to CMA Australia
 - a. This was seen as necessary by some states who felt threatened by CMA Internationals interest and wanted to copyright and protect our name.
 - b. CMA NSW was not in favour of this and the issue was resolved at the National
2. CMA International
 - a. The various states have agreed to accept the invitation to join the umbrella organization known as CMA International
 - b. Individuals within the states may undertake the Ministry Training available from CMA International and wear their logo
3. Anti-association Laws
 - a. CMA NSW signed a joint letter from the Christian Motorcycle Clubs and Ministries expressing concern at the implementation of this law and the fact that it could be abused
 - b. CMA NSW is not a member of the United Motorcycle Council and will not support any efforts by them to financially aid the court cases being conducted

Each edition of the newsletter I will try to keep you up to date on what else is happening “behind the scenes” and would welcome any questions .

Now as we prepare for Christmas I pray that each of you will be blessed, our eyes fixed on celebrating Christ's birth. For many of us it is a time of joy and family reunions, sadly there are those amongst us who will find it hard for one reason or another – so if you can, be there for them. Share and celebrate the Joy that is Christ – and yes this means no scrooges or Grinch's allowed!!!

Bless ya one and all Doodles



Of Jars & Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember this story about a mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things - your beliefs, your family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passions-things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else-the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important.'

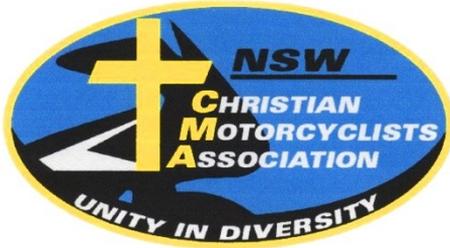
So, pay attention to the things that are most important. Take care of your health - cook with your kids - spend time with those you love.

There's always time to clean the house - it's a never ending job anyway.

Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

Wondering what the coffee represents?

No matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple cups of coffee with a friend.



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Unity in Diversity



Send a story or photo or both to the editor and we will include it in the next issue for FREE

For Sale

Got something bike related to sell ? List it here for free.

CMA Member Statement of Belief

1. I believe God to be the true creator of all things.
2. Jesus Christ is the only answer to everyone's spiritual needs.
3. Jesus Christ's death for our sins and his resurrection are the basis of all Christian Life.
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 repented (turned) away from the sins of my past life, confessed them to God and asked Him to forgive me for them.
8. I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and 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 Motorcyclist's Association.

I am interested in learning more about CMA, please send me more information:

Name.....

Address

Phone

Email



Sighting of the 'Bald Silverback' Yowie at Mudgee NSW.



The common ' Bald Silver Back ' as only ever seen previously by Dr Jane Goodall in Southern Mongolia.

There was great excitement during the CMA NSW AGM at Mudgee in November when a visitor passing by the canteen area thought they had spotted a rare and almost extinct (some scientists say they have been extinct for several hundred years) creature know as the 'Bald Silver-back Yowie'

On doing a double take and checking via the iPhone reference files it was discovered that they had indeed stumbled across the forgotten beast !

Unable to approach the strange wild animal, they are know to be even more violent than the infamous carnivorous Drop Bear of northern Queensland, the travelers managed to get the accompanying photograph which was quickly MMSed to the Dubbo Zoo.

Zoo keepers agreed that the beast should not be approached at any cost because they are known to blow smoke from their fiery nostrils and the smoke while it looks harmless is known to cause life threatening cancers !

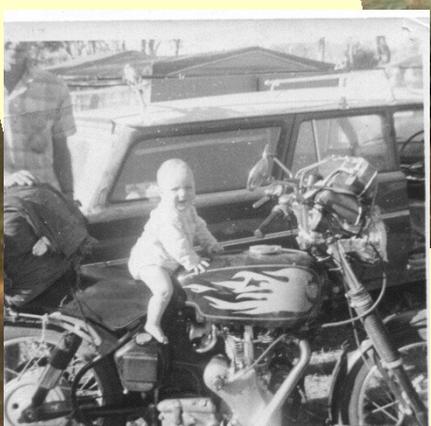
However a member of the Ambassadors Christian Motorcycle Club on hearing the ruckus managed to calm the disgruntled

old man of the Yowie family by sing sweet Hymns and praying of it. It wasn't long before the known biker eating savage was meowing like a kitten and lapping bourbon from a dish under a nearby tree. The beast remained there until the Dubbo Zoo team arrived and bundled him up in a white jacket and the old ' Silverback ' was last seen heading toward the city where it is believed scientists will do tests to see if the animal is in fact real or just another silly old biker trying to cool off !

Below— the only known photo of a female 'Silverback Yowie Taken on the salt flats in WA.



A few pics



From kimbo's album

