

2011 Qld CMA National Run Report – by Nicky Gray



On Sat 1st Oct a contingent of 9 adults and 3 children, five bikes and one support vehicle from CMA Tasmania left TAS heading to north Mt Tamborine to attend the 2011 Queensland National Run. We were away a total of 21 days and covered almost 5000km of bitumen and 67km's of gravel. Fourteen days were

meandering our way up the eastern seaboard along the Princess Highway stopping overnight in Bairnsdale after doing a lap of Phillip Island viewing the GP circuit and a visit to the Phillip Island Chocolate factory for



refreshments. Then onto Narooma, Port Kembla, Singleton after riding the famous Putty Road (rough in places), Foster-Tuncurry, Port Macquarie, Nambucca and Pottsville prior to National Run. We visited the Australian *Motorcycle Museum* in Nabic NSW where around 800 classic motorcycles were on display. Highly recommend if you are ever in the Nabic region.



Phil Murfet made his way north alone over 3 days meeting the TAS group on Mt Tamborine but travelled back with the group. Theo & Heather flew from W.A, borrowed a motorcycle and the TAS contingent grew to 15 at the National Run. Many were impressed commenting on the number of Tasmanians there. Well done Tassie!



Over 100 CMAer's attended the National Run from all over Australia. Kerry & Debbie Gibson from the USA – CMA International attended and Kerry gave some inspirational talks reminding members of the purpose of being in CMA along with insights to CMA International worldwide. It was great to have their visit and the opportunity to meet them.

For a look at the National Run please click this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulbFFcN6kQ4>

Journey highlights were oh so many! From the great group camaraderie, morning teas in remote places, watching whales breaching off the coastline, morning group devotions, group BBQ's, a boat cruise, riding in a Queensland storm, safety on many road surfaces and the freedom to ride and enjoy this great land Australia are just a few.

It is Tasmania's turn to host the 2012 National Run. This will be from Oct 5th – 8th followed by a weeklong Post Run Tour. See the Tassie promo link here <http://youtu.be/RVFUt390aic>