

BATHURST RALLY—A NOTE FROM LEE WRIGHT

This year was the 45th running of the Bathurst Rally, now widely known as the Bathurst Tour. Entrants came from as far as Western Australia and were treated to eight days of beautiful riding weather.

Daily rides varied from 70 to 150km and we toured to places such as Trunkey Creek, Burruga, Sofala and Forrest Reefs. Old gold mining towns and small villages with a single pub were our lunch stops. And we dined on hot dogs at Carcoar Dam courtesy of our mates from the Newcastle Vintage Club, and got stuck into hot cross buns at Chifley dam too, thanks to Rob & Beth Woolley from Canberra.

Around 187 entrants brought about 250 bikes and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Our Saturday night dinner BBQ was a success with another cooking contribution by the Newcastle folks.

My thanks go to Graham Froud and Erik Larsen for making Happy Hour— (read Riders Briefing) a great social occasion. Our editor and my son Rob gave me relief from back-up duties on a couple of days and our great VMCC backed us with accommodation relief. To all I say thank you.

We hope to see everyone again next year. Safe Motorcycling,
Lee Wright.



Chief organizer Lee enjoying a day off from backup vehicle duties to ride his BSA M20.

EVENT REPORT - BATHURST EASTER TOUR 2019

The 45th year of the Bathurst Easter Tour may have been one of the best regarding weather, with temperatures in the low 20s and not a drop of rain in sight all week. I would attest the weather was most conducive to riding enjoyment. Lee and Graham had prepared thoroughly, as usual, and shuffled the week's runs so they were held on different days to those in 2018. This is a smart move, allowing those who are only able to attend a portion of the week to savour a different experience.

The first Sunday ride was to Trunkey Creek, which is one of my favourites. Our attendance coincided with a pre-Anzac Day celebration, with a local march and commemoration supported by the Veterans Motor Cycle Club of Australia. It was pleasing to see everybody getting on and there seemed to be a common interest in both events.



The run to Sofala, later in the week, saw a larger contingent of bikes, as more entrants had arrived through the week. Parked on both sides of the road, the bikes ranging from veteran to later classics and moderns presented an impressive, if undisciplined, display. The additional coffee shop, which had only just opened prior to last year's event, was a popular spot for refreshments. I had ridden early to enjoy the peaceful roads in solitude and had a great vantage point in the grounds of the establish-

ment from which to view the bikes arriving. Eventually somebody decided to return to Bathurst and that was the catalyst which commenced a steady stream of riders leaving. I decided to ride back via Turondale Road with a few friends, which is very scenic route and a most enjoyable ride.

After the rides there was plenty of time to catch up with friends at the afternoon rider's briefing and also at evening meals. With all the other rides to local places, including Chifley Dam, Oberon, Tarana, Carcoar Dam, Burruga, Neville, Millthorpe etc, the Bathurst Easter Tour was another great success. Thanks to all those involved with the rally organisation, including: backup services, Terry's Tasty Terriers, Hot Cross Buns and, without doubt, Lee and Graham's efforts through out the year. Let's hope the tradition continues with another great rally next year.

Rick Nabkey. *Photos on following pages: Rick Nabkey, Jo Monk, Graham Goodwin.*



Ian Richardson, 1928 E28 Douglas.
Below: Eric Steinhaus, with his little Douglas.





Above: Andrew Butcher with 'as found' 1920 Triumph. Above right: David Brown, Ariel. Right: Ian Hudson, 1935 Triumph





Left: Rob Woolley and Graham Goodwin talking Ridges.

Below: 'Sergeant' Carmody, BSA M20.

Bottom: Hans Sprangers, KS800 Zundapp.

Photos, Rick Nabkey.





Above: Jim McCusker, veteran BSA. Below: Jo and Arid with friends (1931 Rudge)

