

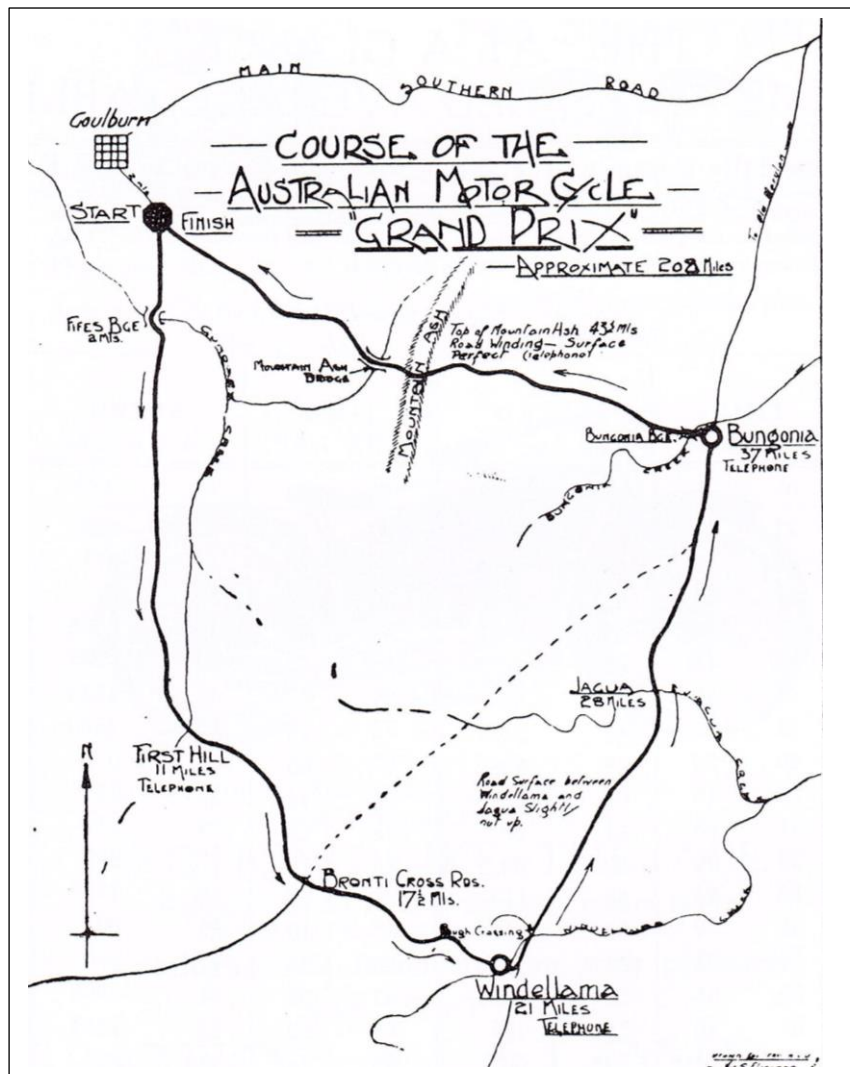
100TH ANNIVERSARY

GOULBURN'S MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX

21-23 June 2024



On 23 June 1924, the Auto Cycle Union of NSW and the Roads and Traffic Authority, partnered with each other to hold the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Goulburn NSW. The Grand Prix route would cover a triangular circuit from Mountain Ash Road/Windellama intersection just outside Goulburn, to Windellama, then to Bungonia and back to the starting point. It ran over four laps of a 52 mile triangular course.



This track exists today, and will be the feature point for a re-run of the 1924 circuit, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Goulburn's Motorcycle GP.

Preparations have commenced for a three day event commencing on Friday 21 June 2024 and concluding with an anniversary ride on Sunday 23 June 2024. Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Goulburn Chamber of Commerce, Celebrate Goulburn, Goulburn Motor Cycle Club and Classic Riders Club of Goulburn have come together for these preparations. The event will be a wonderful draw for the Goulburn community and a much deserved acknowledgement of the place this area holds in motorcycle history.

The schedule for Friday 21st June and Saturday 22nd June will offer a little something for everyone - street parade, exhibitions, in-town displays - with a focal point at One Raceway along Braidwood Road. Here, stations of interest from motorcycle clubs, related business displays, merchandise specific to the 100th celebrations, history displays, track features and more.

An official dinner on Saturday 22nd June will host racing dignitaries, family members of the original race team - and there will be a few surprises.

Sunday 23rd June will be dedicated to the 'track re-run', set to commence at 11.00am and conclude by 3.00pm. Riders on the day will gather at One Raceway for registration and grouping. At the intersection of Brisbane Grove and Windellama Roads, participants will 'form up'. Period motorcycles will be released first, and the remainder will set out in order of chronology, groups being spaced at 20 minute intervals. Spectators wishing to view the event will be given the opportunity to make their way to observation points via shuttle bus. Possible options for stop off points will be Windellama Public School, Windellama Hall, Johnno's General Store & Café and Bungonia Hall. These venues will provide a perfect spot for audience set up - a refreshment stop, on site displays, catering options and best viewing of the motorcycles as they run the same track as did those racers in 1924.

At these points, spectators will have the opportunity to see 'motorcycles over time' - originating from the early 1900s to those most recent. The procession will offer a rare opportunity to witness motorcycle life from its earliest, through each decade up until today.

Locals are talking about setting up along the roadside to their properties for best viewing, and the community is very much looking forward, not only for the chance to celebrate history, but to welcoming visitors from far and wide, to Goulburn.

The community is at its best 'together', and this 100th Anniversary Rally will be without doubt, one of those times to be remembered.

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MEDIA RELEASE: 100th Anniversary of the Australian Grand Prix

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Goulburn Australia to celebrate the Centenary of Hosting the First Motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in the Southern Hemisphere: An Historic Event Celebrating the Spirit of Speed and Braver

Goulburn, NSW - June 23, 2023 – With one year to go the Organising Committee is proud to announce the centenary celebration of the first Motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in the Southern Hemisphere.

This landmark event will be held over three days from June 21 to June 23, 2024, and will commemorate the historic race that occurred on the 23rd of June in 1924. The highlight of the celebration will be an escorted, re-enactment ride along the original 80-kilometre course.

The original event, which was sanctioned as an official Grand Prix by the Auto Cycle Union of NSW, and organised by the Goulburn Motorcycle Club, took place on the 23rd of June 1924, on a bitterly cold winters day over a 43 and a half mile testing course that ran from the outskirts of Goulburn, to Windellama, across to Bungonia, and back along Mountain Ash Road to the start finish line. Amazingly, the original course exists almost entirely and can be ridden today.

The Senior Grand Prix was won by Dave Brewster riding an Indian Chief, with T Benstead and R Preston coming in second and third respectively riding Harley Davidsons.

The three-day event is a collaborative effort between the Classic Riders Club of Goulburn, Goulburn Motorcycle Club, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, and the Goulburn Chamber of Commerce. With their shared passion for motorcycle racing and commitment to preserving Goulburn's rich motorsport heritage, these organisations have joined forces to create a truly unforgettable experience for enthusiasts and spectators alike.

Bruce Tinsley, President of the Classic Riders Club of Goulburn, expressed his excitement for the event, saying, "The centenary celebration of the first Motorcycle Grand Prix is a wonderful opportunity for all motorcycle racing enthusiasts and the public at large to see how it was done 100 years ago. It's an opportunity to showcase the remarkable history of motorcycling in our region and to celebrate the timeless thrill of speed. We are honoured to be part of this historic occasion and look forward to welcoming riders and fans from around the world."

Peter Walker, Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree Council, added, "Goulburn has a proud tradition of motorsports, and hosting this event is a testament to our commitment to promoting tourism and fostering community spirit. This event will allow us to share our beautiful landscape and warm hospitality with visitors from far and wide."

Richard Toparis, President of the Goulburn Motorcycle Club, remarked, "As the oldest motorcycle club in Australia, and the organising club of the first event, we are delighted to contribute our expertise and passion to this historic event. The re-enactment ride will be a thrilling experience,

providing riders with a unique opportunity to follow in the tyre tracks of those who came before them. We are proud to be part of the revival of this iconic race."

Darrell Weekes, President of the Goulburn Chamber of Commerce, emphasized the significance of the event for local businesses, saying, "The first Grand Prix which was held 100 years ago, was not only the first Motorcycle Grand Prix to be held in Australia, but the first to be held in the Southern Hemisphere. This celebration event, which we intend to host on an annual basis, will generate substantial economic activity for Goulburn, benefiting a wide range of industries, including hospitality, tourism, and retail. This event is an exceptional opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services to a diverse audience, and we are thrilled to support its success. Wakefield Park Raceway and Pheasant Wood Circuit, both top notch motorsport tracks will be hosting events which will provide spectators with an up-close experience that will surely be remembered"

The first Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix centenary promises to be an historic celebration of speed, heritage, and camaraderie. The re-enactment ride and the accompanying festivities will pay homage to the pioneers of Australian motorcycle racing while creating memories that will endure for generations to come.

Goulburn is the true birthplace of Grand Prix racing in Australia, hosting not only the first Motorcycle Grand Prix in 1924, but also the first Car Grand Prix in 1927, and, the first Australian Motorcycle TT (Tourist Trophy) in 1914.

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