

The First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix held in Goulburn.

On Monday 23rd June 1924 riders from across the country came together on a bitterly cold winters day to participate in the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Goulburn. The track stretched 80km, starting just outside Goulburn, to Windellama, Bungonia, then back to Goulburn along Mountain Ash Road. Three races were held on the day: The Moran 500, The Obrien Side Car Scratch Race and the Junior & Senior All Powers Handicap. The All-Powers Handicap was considered the main event and comprised of four laps of the circuit, totalling over 300km. The Winner was Dave Brewster on his Indian Motorcycle, finishing the race in 4 hours and 4 minutes.

On the 23rd of June 2024, 100 years on from the first race, Goulburn hosted its Anniversary Event

100 years later, Goulburn hosted an Anniversary Event, celebrating the historic occurrence while also commemorating Goulburn's rich history of motorsport. The three-day event featured a street cruise along Auburn Street, a two-day expo, an anniversary dinner, and reenactment rally of the original race on the 23rd of June 2024, 100 years to the day. Thousands of people gathered in Goulburn from across the country before over 500 bikes ranging from pre 1924 to 2024 took off on the original track.

For more information, visit: goulburngp.com.au



Front cover image: Image from the re-enactment ride held in June 2024



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Goulburn's First MotoGP *A Country Cruise*



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Recreate the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Goulburn

Driving Time: 56mins approx. - Distance: 78.4km

To truly follow the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Goulburn course, you will have to start, and finish on the corner of Mountain Ash Road and Windellama Road.

From here you will travel south along Windellama Road, passing the Goulburn Airport on your right. 29kms further along Windellama Road you could visit the beautiful vineyards of the Yarralaw Springs Winery. It will be on your left, along Muffets Lane, in the village of Quialigo. Continuing along Windellama Road into the village of Windellama, passing Windellama Public School on your right and St Bartholomew's on your left, before coming to the intersection of Windellama Road and Oallen Ford Road. As you approach this intersection you will have travelled the first leg of the trip, covering approximately 35kms.

At this intersection turn left onto Oallen Ford Road where, about 8kms along on the left, you will find the perfect mid-point stop, Johnno's Corner General Store.

After a quick bite to eat continue travelling north along Oallen Ford Road, heading towards Bungonia. Approx. 13kms along this road, you will pass the historic Bungonia Cemetery on your right before you descend into the township of Bungonia, where the road transitions to King Street. On your left as you enter the town you will see the Bungonia Community Town Hall before coming to Howick Street, where you could turn off to visit Bungonia National Park.

The trip continues along King Street out of Bungonia, departing over Bungonia Creek on Mountain Ash Road. This road will bring you all the way back into Goulburn. This 22.5km leg culminates at the 1924 Motorcycle Grand Prix Memorial on the right, where you can stand as a testament to what would've been an arduous, but beautiful trek.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all travellers to recreate history, to 'see' and pay respect to what it took to complete the First Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix here in Goulburn all those years ago. All makes and models of motorcycle have undertaken the trek, and a newfound respect can be gained by cruising the picturesque route.

