

1965 Freedom Ride Blue Plaque Trail

Sydney Gadigal Country

Wayside Chapel, 29 Hughes St,
Potts Point NSW 2011

The Chapel was the operational base for the Ride. It was here that publicity, political support, and communications between the Riders, their families and the media was coordinated.

Dubbo Wiradjuri Country

Former Fire Station,
116 Darling Street, Dubbo NSW 2830

The Riders arrived in Dubbo disheartened after witnessing fear and silence in Wellington. Inspired by Charles Perkins they changed from being detached observers to respectful allies, committed to listening and standing firm.

Gulargambone

Wayilwan Country

Two Eight Two Eight,
28 Bourbah Street,
Gulargambone NSW 2828

For the first time on the Ride, Aboriginal families really opened up about the discrimination they faced, breaking the silence. The Freedom Ride turned into a push for national awareness and change.

Walgett Gomeroi Country

Freedom Ride Memorial Park
64 Fox Street, Walgett NSW 2832

Riders shone a light on blatant injustice when Aboriginal ex-servicemen were refused entry to the local RSL. The protest that followed, met with anger and violence, grabbed national attention and became a key moment in the fight for equality.



Moree Kamilaroi Country

Moree War Memorial Hall,
34 Balo Street, Moree NSW 2400

Segregation was laid bare as Aboriginal families and Riders stood together and forced Australia to face what was happening. Two brave locals stood up at the Town Hall and overturned the longstanding ban on Aboriginal people entering the swimming pool. A defining moment along the Ride and in Australia's history.

Boggabilla

Bigambul & Gamilaraay Country

Leonard Victor Waters Memorial Park,
Merriwa Street, Boggabilla NSW 2409

Aboriginal families spoke honestly about tough living conditions and constant control, even though it wasn't easy or safe to do so. Their courage helped reveal the depth of systemic injustice and pushed the Aboriginal rights movement forward.

Bowraville

Gumbaynggirr Country

Bowraville Theatre, 74 High Street,
Bowraville NSW 2449

The Freedom Ride confronted open segregation at the town's picture theatre, turning a local issue into a national conversation and adding momentum to the call for change.

Kempsey Dhanggati Country

Kempsey McElhone Swimming
Complex, 71 Belgrave Street,
Kempsey NSW 2440

The Freedom Riders challenged discrimination by bringing a group of Aboriginal people to the public pool, exposing segregation and racism.