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Runners go the distance



Runners and walkers of all description and ages took part in the annual Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run held on Sunday.

On a sun soaked Sunday morning more than 500 runners and walkers took part in the annual Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run.

The runners of all ages and fitness levels gathered at the start and when it was time took off for a 10 kilometre or five kilometre run and brisk pace around the eye-catching Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park.

Organisers were pleased with the large turn-out - numbers are increasing each year.

Ron Bishop of Macarthur Lions said the event is certainly making its mark in the

Camden area, but would like to see the word spread farther afield and take in the whole of Macarthur and attract more school children.

So the invitation is out for primary and high school students to mark the event in their calendars for next year.

Federal MP for Macarthur, Russell Matheson, who opened the run, was impressed with the turnout and said the event will give the Mt Annan Challenge a bit of competition.

"It's a great family day. Macarthur Lions have put on a great event and it's getting bigger and better each year."

He added the venue contributed to the atmosphere.

Camden councillor and supporter of the Bicentennial Park, David Funnell, said the run will continue to have the backing of the council and the venue is the most suitable place to stage it.

"What could be a more idyllic park?"

Iain Richard-Evans, president of the

Camden RSL Sub-Branch which pushed for the Memorial Walkway at the park is pleased that the fun-run is taking off and people are recognising it as a worthwhile event.

Mr Richard-Evans said the money raised from the run by Macarthur Lions will help the work of Lifeline and the Camden RSL Sub-Branch, which plans to plant more trees.

To find out more about the event for 2012 email: macarthurlions@hotmail.com or call 0438 572 281 for more details.