



NEWSLETTER

JUNE
2022



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**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



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MEETINGS

Monthly Club Meetings	Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December)
Sydney Social Sip	Held at 6:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Members gather at the Toongabbie Hotel for a chat and something to eat before crossing the road to attend the club meeting.
South Coast Social Sip	Held anytime after 6.30pm on the 2nd Friday of the month. Members gather at the Great Southern Hotel, 95 Queen St, Berry, for a chat and something to eat.
Newcastle Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.

CLUB POINT SCORE

<i>Organise a Ride or Event</i>	2
<i>Attend a Social Sip</i>	2
<i>Attend a Social night (Restaurant night, party, etc)</i>	3
<i>Attend a Maintenance Day</i>	2
<i>Attend a Day Ride</i>	6
<i>Attend a Weekend Run or Rally</i>	10
<i>Attend a Long Weekend Run or Rally</i>	12
<i>Self-written Newsletter article</i>	4
<i>Attend a Club Meeting – City Member</i>	4
<i>Attend a Club Meeting – Country Member</i>	6
<i>Attend a Night Run</i>	6



Ride & Events Calendar

ALL COVID 19 RESTRICIONS WILL APPLY TO ANY RUN PROPOSED. PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING ATTENDING ANY FUNCTION

Regular Events

ALL RUNS THAT INVOLVE LUNCH STOP, SIT DOWN MEAL, COFFEE, WILL REQUIRE PROOF OF DOUBLE COVID VAXINATION. AS PER GOVT. REQUIREMENTS

Wed Weekly Meet at Jerry's Kulnura every Wednesday @ 10am Henning 0457 034 488

2nd Sunday each month Coffee morning and ride from Bolwarra Rob Teideman 0425 777461

once each month Far South Coast (Bega Valley) Steve Treloar 0439739876
RUN WEEKENDS MAY VARY message me if you want to be on the text list.

May events

Wed 11 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip Jack Duggans Irish Pub, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thur 12 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
13 th to 15 th	Loaded Dog rally. Tarago Showground	Mal Cattermole 0409179419	10
13 th - 15 th	Ruptured Budgie Rally Mingoola 60 km west of Tenterfield		10
Sun 22 nd	BBQ Lunch ride and BBQ lunch In the lovely Wollondilly area. Departing Curry reserve, Camden Valley Way 10am sharp.	Dave Beers	
20 th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE articles to the Editor, editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au Social Calendar to vicepresident@bmstcnsw.org.au		4
Sun 22 nd	BBQ Lunch ride and BBQ lunch In the lovely Wollondilly area. Departing Curry reserve, Camden Valley Way 10am sharp.	Dave Beers	
Wed 25 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCSW-General-Meetings (new updated URL)	Justin Dorward	4/6
Thur 26 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, limited numbers due to COVID. (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425777461	2
Fri 27 th	BCCM Live webcast Friday night 8pm https://www.bmwclubsaustralia.org.au/event-4612406#:~:text=Click%20the%20lin follow link		?
29 th	Lunch ride to Rockley Meet 10am @ 7-11, Great Western Hwy, Kelso	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	

June events

10 th -13 th	National Motorrad Rally Gold Coast https://www.bmwclubsaustralia.org.au/event-4427426	Trevor Dean 0409407409	10
10 th -13 th	53rd Alpine Rally Micalong Creek, Wee Jasper www.alpinerally.webs.com or via FB alpinemotorcyclery		10
Wed 8 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month Jack Duggans Irish Pub, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thur 9 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 24 th	BCCM Live webcast Last Friday of the Month 8pm https://www.bmwclubsaustralia.org.au/event-4612406#:~:text=Click%20the%20lin follow link		?
25 th , 26 th	Casper Rally Scum Tourers Bummaroo Ford Camp Ground		10

24 th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE articles to the Editor, editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au		4
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting AGM 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings <u>Don't forget to come or join for your chance to win 2 x \$250 vouchers</u>	Justin Dorward	4/6
Thur 30 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, limited numbers due to COVID. (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425777461	2
July events			
9 th -10 th	40th Winter Rally, Nerriga NSW united tourers		10
Wed 13 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month Jack Duggans Irish Pub, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thur 14 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat 16 th	Awards Night. Braidwood. Servicesmans Club from 4 pm. See Flyer RSVP to Steve, Text by Monday 11 th July, Please	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
24 th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE articles to the Editor, editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au		4
Wed 27 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward	4/6
Thur 28 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, limited numbers due to COVID. (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425777461	2
Fri 29 th	BCCM Live webcast Friday night 8pm https://www.bmwclubsaustralia.org.au/event-4612406#:~:text=Click%20the%20lin follow link		
August events			
13, 14 th	OCR 2022 ADELS GROVE NTH QLD Face Book, page 2020 OCR Rebooted for 2022	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
September events			
16 th 18 th	Far Cairn Rally Tottenham Race Course	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	10
October events			
7 th 8 th	41st Kosciuszko Rally Geehi Hut , Alpine Way Kosciuszko NP.	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
2023 events			
1 st to 7 th July	100 Years Celebration BMW Motorrad Days. Berlin Germany expressions if interest required. taking your own bike/going. Please contact Steve	Steve Treloar 0439739876	

Newly & updated items are highlighted ORANGE.

4/6* City members attending a club meeting receive 4 points, country members receive 6 points.

If you have been to an event & wish to have your attendance considered for the Clubman Point score, or have suggestions for a club ride or event, please email: vicepresident@bmwtcnsw.org.au

Please also feel free to contact your local Ride Coordinator (details inside cover of newsletter)

BMWTCNSW General Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: 27th April 2022

Chairperson: Justin Dorward (Secretary)

Meeting Opened: 7.34pm

Apologies: Dave Beers (President), Bob Madell (MCC of NSW Delegate), John Visser (IT), Bob Whitehead.

Present:

In Person:

Justin Dorward (Secretary)
Michael Sarah (Webmaster)
Rob Edgar (Spare Parts)
Mal Catermole (Assets & Archives)
Mick Goodwin, Marianne Catermole, Tony Wilton, Tony Conliffe, Tony Vlatko, Manfred Otto, Fernando Cortijo.

Via Zoom:

Steve Treloar (Vice President)
Alison Ashby (Treasurer)
Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate)
Warren Buffet (Regalia)
Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary)
Alan Pennykid (Editor)
Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate)
Chuck Hamilton, Hamish Treloar, Andrew Watson.

Visitors:

Ed Chapman

Previous Minutes:

Accepted: Mal Catermole
Seconded: Michael Sarah

New Members:

Manfred Otto

Correspondence:

PO Box:
- Bank Statements

Email:

- Mark Blackburn from Wraptie
- BMW Motorcycle Club of QLD newsletter
- BMW Owners' Club of South Australia newsletter

President's Report:

Dave Beers

As per the latest newsletter.

Secretary's Report:

Justin Dorward

From next month, our general monthly meetings will return to include a 20-min presentation after the formal meeting to share past photos, videos and memories. Please contact Dave or myself if you wish to present at an upcoming meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

As per newsletter

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$1927.24
Savings account balance at end of month \$32,153.02

TOTAL IN BANK	\$34,080.26
Summary	
Total Income	\$1,289.27
Total Expenses	\$66.00
Total Interest Earned	\$0.27

Membership Secretary Report:

Marie Pennykid

No new members and three renewing members.

MCC Report:

Bob Madell

Report as provided prior to meeting

I can advise that the Trailriders Sub Committee is still strongly pursuing the issues relating to access to dirt areas, for Dirt Bikers & those that choose, or want to Ride Dirt, noting that we were advised recently that the Newnes Plateau (known to many via the access at Zig Zag Railway / Clarence) has been wholly closed to Public Access, stated as due to Rain Damage to roads & tracks, & that they want to avoid more damage. No updated info. Re this closure.

There is also government action in place to reduce or possibly deny access to the Garden of Stone & Ben Bullen areas by making them State Conservation Areas. The MCC is pushing to maintain at least reasonable access for all, especially riders.

There is a review of the MCC Constitution underway & nearing completion & no radical changes are proposed. We're aiming to ensure the Constitution reads & is understood to do what the majority of Riders would expect. Much is largely TIDYING UP the document & making it more readily usable.

BMW Clubs Australia Report:

Trevor Dean

Motorrad Days in Berlin - 1st weekend in July, which is the 2nd and 3rd in 2022.

BCCM Live - last Friday of each month (the next event is this Friday). The link is in the newsletter.

BMW National Rally, 11th & 12th July in QLD. The link is in the newsletter.

Vice President's Report

Steve Treloar

Past Events:

- Bundarra Pub Stay
- Monarchs Outfit Rally
- Baxter Park, Nords Wharf
- Scrap Heap Challenge
- Cane Toad Rally in QLD

Please inform Steve when you attend events, to ensure the point scoring is correct for club activities ahead of the Awards Night (July 2022).

Coming Events:

- Loaded Dog Rally
- Bathurst/Central West Social Sip
- South Coast Social Sip
- Ruptured Budgie Rally
- BBQ Lunch (Wollondilly)

Alison attended the Scrap Head, driving the support vehicle. Marie said most of the club shirts have been done.

Steve said the SA Club is hosting the annual Hummertoph Rally to Robe in May. *Hummertoph is German for 'lobster'.*

Hamish said he rode to Eden on Friday. Steve said Mark Treloar had an off incident the weekend and sustained some injuries. Justin mentioned the club will send a card.

Manfred asked if there is a preference of BMW dealers for members. Alison and Steve mention a few dealers that offer discounts to BMWTCNSW members. Steve mentions dealers support the club in other ways, such as vouchers.

Rob Edgar appeared on the 7.30 Report, in the background audience.

General Business

Website Development

Justin Dorward

Courtney Dorward was in Sydney last week and made time to attend the Committee meeting to discuss essential elements for him to progress to the next stage. Courtney has moved forward with the wireframe model of the website and we'll soon be ready to flesh it out. [Two screenshots displayed].

Manfred asked whether selling merchandise through the website is possible. Justin said this could be a future feature, but most merchandise sold by BMWTCNSW is to new members at sign-up or for events.

Mal asked about the process of updating the new website. Justin explained the editor accounts and "wizard" like interface, which will allow three editors to maintain the website. Justin added there has been no discussion at Committee level as to whom these three Editor allocations will be assigned to, as yet.

Annual General Meeting 2022

Justin Dorward

Justin promotes anyone thinking about joining the committee to speak to Dave or any of the Executive. The date has been set for Wednesday 29th June 2022.

Far Cairn Rally

Marie Pennykid

Marie said she and Alison can use assistance with the FCR. Volunteers to assist please contact Marie.

Neck Warmers

Marianne Catermole

Available now for \$10 in black, blue, brown, red, purple and bright pink for the Pink Ribbon Ride in October. Please contact Marianne for more information and to purchase your neck warmer.

Spare Parts

Rob Edgar

Warren has made available a tool for the rear main seal for airheads.

Classifieds

Fernando said parts for a racer, including fairing, seat, mirrors for a 1980s 100, but is looking for handlebars, mirror and mirror bracket R100RT 1980.

Next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 25th May 2022.

Meeting Closed at 8.59pm.



Presidents Report

Vice-President's ramblings

Hi Members

June Newsletter WOW how the years is flying by without even giving us good riding weather, I managed to get between the rain drops now and then and even with the crap weather I've somehow managed to do four thousand klm since picking up the new GS (2010 model but new to me) in December with the KRR and a lot of small rides. I guess when your nearest town is 15km away even a short ride is 30km. anyway.

We have the AGM nearly upon us and if you want to give the club the benefits of your experience put your hand up and give it a go on the committee.

2023 marks the 100 years anniversary of the R32, BMW's first Production motorcycle and our Clubs Australia delegate Trevor Dean has sent through an Invitation from the BCCM team in Munich for members to attend the festivities in Berlin next year. Trevor has been working hard on this event putting forward a ride to Berlin for the festivities and if you are thinking of maybe going over to join in next year Steve Treloar is looking for numbers to see about organising a shipping container if he can get the numbers, so give him a call if you're interested.

Have a look at this year's event, the link below will take to the website to find out more about the BMW Motorrad Day 2022.

<https://www.bmw-motorrad.com/en/experience/stories/brand/bmw-motorrad-days-2022.html>

Dave Beers

The south coast ride in May was up to the motor heritage day which was a together put on by a number of car clubs in the region, up at Bombala.

As usual, with our south coast rides of recent the weather hasn't been the best. Like most places rain most weekends.

I had a number of pull outs. It had been constantly raining all night. We decided to take the Water cooled boxer up. Though it had a fail to proceed. Dropping power and missing. So home we struggled. Really not much slower then usual...

Michael Kavanagh from Bega called asked where I was, he continued in and we meet in Bombala.

Hamish and I donned on the riding gear and headed out. By the time we left the rain was easing. Had a shortened trip up Mt. Darragh. The day in Bombala was quite sunny. Wandering around the historic vehicles many marques represented including a extremely well presented 1980 R100. Caught up with Michael. Nice day out.

Our awards night, 16th July, has had a location change. It will now be at the Braidwood serviceman's club. Look for the add in this newsletter.\$30 a head which includes a

Chinese Banquet and a desert. The is pretty accommodation in the town. The function room can cater for 50 people. So first in to RSVP to me, via text on 0439739876 will get a seat. Hope to see a full room.

Steve



HYBRID MONTHLY MEETINGS - NEW LINK!

TOONGABBIE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ZOOM

The *BMW Touring Club of NSW* hosts its monthly general meetings at the Toongabbie Community Centre and via the popular cloud teleconferencing platform **Zoom**. It is an intuitive and simple platform.

<https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings>

Please use your name when logging in, instead of any aliases or nicknames. **The same link will be used each month, so feel free to bookmark it in your web browser.**

The General Monthly Meeting is 7.30pm on the final Wednesday of the month, except December. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Justin Dorward

Secretary, BMW Touring Club of NSW

Financial Statements

ACCOUNT BALANCES	
Regular bank balance at end of April	\$804.25
Savings Account balance at end of April	\$30,280.09
TOTAL IN BANK	\$31,084.34
Summary	
Total Income	\$2,263.43
Total Expenses	\$5,259.35
Total Interest earned	\$0.25
Please remember when depositing into the club account to put your name in the description of what event the deposit is for Mship, FCR/KRR, awards etc	
Notes: The Annual Council Meeting Room hire, and Storage fees paid this month. Also paid the 2022 KKR badges.	

Any questions or a full report please email treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au

Thanks
Alison Ashby
BMWTCNSW Treasurer
0422 077 583

Annual Awards Night - 16th July

Braidwood Serviceman's Club

4pm - ish. meal around 6pm
Chinese Banquet and desert
\$30 per head.

pay payable into the club account. BMWTCNSW
BSB 032173 acc 406259

Accommodation

Royal Mail Hotel 0248422488
From \$90

Colonial Motel 0248422027
From \$130

BnB in the area as well

RSVP to Steve via text 0439739876

By the 10th July

Please notify if dietary requirements required



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BMWTCNSW Income Statement 2021-2022

INCOME	2022
Memberships	\$ 15,600.39
Bank Interest	\$ 2.86
Membership T-Shirts	\$ 890.00
Magazine Advertisement	\$ 1,089.00
Club Regalia Income	\$ 468.00
Far Cairn Rally Income	\$ 260.00
Karuah River Rally Income	\$ 3,520.00
Awards Night Income	\$ 330.00
Christmas Guest Payments/ Raffles	\$ 351.00
Other	\$ 672.55
Total Income	\$ 23,183.80

EXPENSES	2022
Newsletter Printing	\$ 5,279.31
Newsletter Postage	\$ 1,870.28
Membership Postage/ Stationery	\$ 1,098.00
Meeting Refreshments	\$ 25.35
Council Meeting Fees	\$ 249.00
Membership T Shirts	\$ 1,470.00
Club Regalia Expenses	\$ 580.00
Far Cairn Rally Expenses	\$ 260.00
Karuah Rally Expenses	\$ 1,326.95
Asset Expenses	\$ 175.77
BMW Clubs Australia	\$ 301.00
Public Liability	\$ 961.00
Christmas Party	\$ 1,070.98
Awards Nights	\$ 512.00
Other Events	\$ 140.00
Donations	\$ 2,752.45
Other Expenses	\$ 1,799.45
Total Expenses	\$ 19,871.54

ASSETS	2022
Regalia Stock Cost at end of March	\$ 1,683.64

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES	2022	2021	Difference
Regular bank balance at end of March.	\$ 1,927.24	\$ 2,042.84	
Savings Account balance at end of March	\$ 32,153.02	\$ 28,725.16	
TOTAL IN BANK	\$ 34,080.26	\$ 30,768.00	\$ 3,312.26

Profit and Loss end of March	\$ 3,312.26	-\$ 1,989.76
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Compiled by Alison Ashby
The accounts have been checked by Trevor Dean 23 April 2022

Safe Riding Tip 5: The best technique to stop & move off.

Proper use of the rear brake when moving off and stopping is a tenet of safe motorcycle riding. When was the last time you disassembled your riding technique for something which seems so simple?

The default static position on a stopped motorcycle, otherwise known as the READY position, ensures a safe stop & move-off in the least. The READY position has many uses and benefits, such as easier hill-starts. Folding the READY position into your regular riding routine enhances basic vehicular control and confidence when stopped, coming to a stop, and moving off.

The READY position is as follows:

FEET

- Left foot on the ground, right foot on the rear brake

HANDS

- Left hand on the clutch, right hand on the throttle

HEAD

- Looking up and ahead



The two most common mistakes riders make when attempting the READY position is:

- Front brake is still on when stopped, and/or their right foot is on the ground.

Notice in the below picture, the rider is balancing the motorcycle with their left foot so their right foot can remain on the rear brake, which in turn means their right hand is completely off the front brake and is free to use the throttle for moving off.

When coming to a stop in the READY position,

1. You have full use of both brakes even as you prepare to put your left foot down.



2. Weight is more evenly distributed, preventing excessive front-end dive on even slow stops.

When riding the motorcycle to a stop, keep looking up and ahead. Use both brakes to modulate your stop to the necessary point. Prepare to put your left foot down in the approaching few metres and release the front brake only once you've come to a halt, using the rear brake to keep the bike from rolling.

When completely stopped in the READY position,

1. You are in full control of the motorcycle without overloading your right hand.
2. You can respond to hazards and risks intuitively and with minimal notice.

When moving off in the READY position,

1. You are able to hold the bike steady with the rear brake, allowing your right hand to be completely dedicated to the throttle.
2. You are able to achieve balance and slow ride more comfortably.

Looking up and ahead, drag the rear brake while effectively using the usual combination of throttle and clutch to start moving forward. Use your left foot to take one or two steps to balance the motorcycle at this slow initial momentum (especially on hill starts).

The confidence to be able to stop with one foot down (and not both) comes from looking up and ahead whenever stopping or moving off. Our balance comes from looking up. When coming to a stop, look ahead, through the intersection, not down at the point where you are stopping. If a car is in front of you at the intersection, look over or through the car to be able to keep your balance.

Hummertopf Rally at Robe S.A.

In the previous picture, the rider can be seen steadily coming to a stop comfortably by looking ahead. They are steadily using their front brake and clutch. The rider will come to a smooth stop by timing the following three events together:

1. Their braking force (both front and rear), and
2. Their left foot to balance the bike upon stopping, with
3. The required stopping point.

Hill starts are the precise definition of this technique, since you're taking-up the motorcycle's weight with the throttle and clutch while preventing the motorcycle from rolling backwards with the rear brake in the meantime. Once the resistance of the hill is overcome by the power from the engine and the gearbox is engaged with the clutch, ease off the rear brake.

This technique is easy to practice, but remember to look up and ahead.

Ride safe,

Justin Dorward

Former Motorcycle Instructor

-Chuck Hamilton

Mike Dawson, Graham Johns and I decided to ride to Robe in South Australia to attend the Hummertopf Rally which was to be hosted by the BMW Owners' Club of South Australia. I decided to take my R1200r on this trip as I had just finished replacing the rear main and balance shaft seals, the clutch plate and all gearbox seals. In addition I had the final drive overhauled (as it was leaking oil) and had the rear shock reconditioned.



I arranged to meet Mike, who was coming down the Putty Road from Bulga, at Luddenham on Wednesday at 11am. As I headed west over the Anzac Bridge cold grey skies accompanied me but I didn't

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mind as I prefer this weather to summer heat. I wore my Dainese Gortex trousers and an RST jacket over which I had my Ixon rain proof jacket, BMW waterproof boots, Five brand gloves with rain proof overmits and a Shoei Neotech helmet.

I met Mike on his silver R100RS at Luddenham and after fuelling up we rode down the Northern Road through Narellan and onto the Hume Hwy down to Yass where we turned west towards our meeting place at Boorowa pub. Just off the highway it started raining and continued to do so until we arrived at Boorowa pub at around 4pm. I had clocked up 320 kms from Sydney while Mike had done 390 kms from Bulga. A few minutes after we entered the pub and ordered a beer the sound of a big twin penetrated the pub's lounge signalling Graham's arrival on his black R100R.



We enjoyed a few beers while we chatted with Sue the barmaid. Later after dinner and a shower we sacked out at around 10pm to the sound of rain on the pub's iron roof.

Thursday dawned with light rain so after a breakfast of cereal and toast we packed the bikes and headed off towards Balranald via Harden, Temora, Narrandera and Hay. It showered with rain all day but I remained dry and comfy in my wet gear although I have to admit I did miss the protective full fairing of the R100RS I recently sold. After 560 kms we reached Balranald and checked in at our accommodation at the Shamrock Hotel where, after the obligatory refreshing beers, we had dinner and hit the beds at 11pm.

More rain showers greeted us Friday morning as we packed up and turned the bikes towards Murrayville. From there Graham and I followed Mike with his GPS directing us towards Pinaroo along good C roads and then on to Kingston to finally arrive in Robe mid-afternoon after completing 566 kms. After checking in at the Lakeview motel and enjoying a hot shower the three of us walked down to the Tooraki camp ground to the rally site. We were met by Bailey and Sarge from the South Australian BMW club and after a chat we were ushered into the hall and were served up with grilled lamb chops, pork, lamb and beef sausages along with potato salad and some other tasty salad dishes. It was a fun night talking with the guys from the S.A. Canberra and Victorian BMWs clubs while enjoying a few glasses of finest Barossa Valley reds. We reckoned there would have been around sixty attendees with a fair few of the S.A. guys driving down from Adelaide in cars. When raindrops started to tinkle



on the iron roof of the hall we decided it was time to wander back to our room at the motel before the deluge started.

Saturday dawned cold and cloudy but dry. We rose late and wandered into Robe for a bit of a look around. After enjoying a light breakfast we checked out some shops and cafes, finally ending up at the Caledonian Inn for lunch. Mike and Graham decided on a half lobster each. I thought about ordering a half lobster myself but my OCD set in and I was disturbed by the thought of the other half of the lobster sitting in the kitchen uneaten. Anyway I spotted a grilled chicken, walnut and seed salad on the menu and decided to try it instead – an excellent choice! After whiling away a few hours sampling the local brew in the beer garden we found the main street and discovered a cosy café where we enjoyed coffee and cake for dessert. Before long the sun started to sink and we made our way back to the motel to shower and dress for dinner at the



rally site. We joined the other rally attendees for a wonderful dinner of chicken cacciatore followed by black forest cake and coffee, all the time lubricated by excellent Shiraz left over from the afternoon's wine tasting event. Yeah, I know...Shiraz with chicken??? Tasted great anyway. Mike ended up winning the longest distance rider award, beating me by 60 kms. I ended up winning a bottle of Shiraz in the raffle so that was a satisfactory consolation prize. Graham, Mike and I were the only NSW attendees followed by eight riders from Canberra and twelve from Victoria, the latter taking the trophy for the best attendance. As the time approached eleven, the wine had taken effect and since we finished off the last of the Shiraz anyway we decided to call it a night and find our way back to our motel.

Sunday dawned cool and sunny, making it a nice change to suit up without it raining. Since none of us had been to Millicent we turned south along the coast road and half an hour later trundled through the resort town. Mike's GPS steered us along smooth C roads across to Penola, then Naracoorte, Apsley, on to Horsham and across to Echuca ending the day with 490 kms on the tripmeter. After cleaning up and finding the local workers' club for a meal, we returned to the motel and watched the MotoGP on Graham's mobile because the primitive TV in our room was unable to interface with the phone.

Rising to a cool and sunny Monday we packed the bikes and turned towards Cobram and over the course of the day rode through Tocumwal, Urana, Lockhart, Wagga, Junee, Cootamundra, Harden and found our way back to our favourite pub at Boorowa where we settled in for the night enjoying a meal with a few beers with a nice Shiraz for dessert.



Tuesday morning was cool and sunny once again and after a quick breakfast we loaded up and headed back towards Yass and onto Gunning for breakfast at the Merino café where Graham split from us to ride home to the coast. Mike and I turned north and headed up the Hume Hwy towards home. By the time I rolled into my garage I had covered 1,850 kms from when I had left home. The R1200R performed flawlessly during the trip except for one annoying issue – the clock intermittently resets itself when the ignition was switched off.

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BMW Airhead Instrument Models Explained

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The BMW R75/5 was released for sale in 1970. The speedometer with an embedded tachometer (and no trip meter) was recessed into the headlight shell (below) and all the /5 models used the same ignition key (der Zündschlüssel in German). This same design continued until the introduction of the /6 model introduced in September 1973.



The first separate instrument binnacle with bright orange pointers and white numbers appeared on the 9/1973 built /6 series BMWs. Below is the first /6 model with German lettering with the speedo calibrated in kilometres. The top warning lamp, BREMSE ('brakes' in English) is red. This lamp came on if the brake fluid level in the master cylinder reservoir dropped too low. The second lamp is green and

is the neutral indicator. The first year models had a 0 label where later models had the word 'neutral' printed here (see photo below). Next was a red BATT lamp for the alternator warning followed by an orange OEL lamp for oil pressure warning. The bottom orange lamp is the turn indicator lamp. This lamp arrangement continued until 7/1977.

The instrument cluster below is from a 9/1973 R90S made for the USA market with English titles for the lamps. In addition, the first model R90S instruments had white rings surrounding the speedo and tacho dials. This model of instrument cluster had the blue high beam indicator lamp at the bottom of the tacho dial. The cluster below has the excellent Katdash LED circuit board installed. This is a great modification that adds brightness to the indicator lamps, replaces the original, aged flexible circuit board and most importantly, removes the need to disassemble the instrument cluster to replace a blown globe.



From 9/1977 the later model instruments changed to green numbers and white pointers (EURO model above and US model below). On this series of instruments the



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A photograph of a BMW motorcycle rider on a road, with a scenic mountain background. The rider is wearing a black jacket and helmet. The motorcycle is a BMW R90S. The image is part of a BMW Motorrad advertisement.

turn indicator and brake failure warning lamp swapped places so they are not interchangeable with the earlier instruments with the Bremse lamp at the top of the light stack. The blue high beam indicator remained at the bottom of the tacho dial. This arrangement continued until 7/1980. This and following models changed from a cable driven tacho to an electronic unit.



The final iteration of this style of instrument cluster continued from 9/1980 until the last of the /7 bikes which finished in 1995. The theme with green numbers and white pointers continued but with several changes. The orange oil indicator lamp became red, the brake warning lamp was removed (due to the master cylinder being moved to the handlebar) and the blue high beam indicator was moved from the tacho dial to the bottom of the indicator lamp stack.



Above, a UK instrument cluster from a 1992 R80/7 combining MPH with km/h on the speedo dial.

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