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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			
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	
July Events			
28 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online		4/6
29 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
31 st -1 st Aug	Hat Rally. Araluen NSW POSTPONED	Dave Ramsey	10
August Events			
8 th	New Members Ride. Leave Westbound M4 MacDonald's See Flyer TBA	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	6
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 0407 494 229	2
25 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall. TBA	Justin Dorward	4/6
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
28 th 29 th	TTT Rally Near Taralga TBA		10
September Events			
4 th	BMWTCNSW Movie Night. Grey Gums International Café, Putty Rd, Putty See Flyer TBA	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	10
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
11 th 12 th	Dargo High Plains Rally. Talbotville VIC TBA		10
17 th , 18 th , 19 th	Far Cairn Rally .Tottenham details TBA	Paul Evans	10
29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall. TBA	Justin Dorward	4/6
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
October Events			
9 th 10 th	40th Kosciuszko Rally, hosted by BMW/MCCACT, Geehi Hut , Alpine Way. See flyer for details		10
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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 Minutes

Date: 30 June 2021

Chairperson: Steve Treloar

Meeting Opened: 7.46pm Online Webex.

Apologies: None

Visitors: None

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Dave Beers
Seconded by Barry Watkins

New Members: Online attendee Paul Kersten is a new member and rides R1200GSA [and also has](#) a 29 year old K1 which he has been restoring for 18 months also has a number of dirt bikes and a Harley Davidson Road King.

Correspondence: Bank Statements & Membership forms with cheques and a refund invoice from Cumberland Council for the room hire tonight.

Presidents report: Absent from meeting. Al Pennykid read Jason's [report from](#) July Newsletter.

Vice Presidents Report: See Past Events

Secretary's Report – Nothing to report..

Treasurers Report – as of 30 May 2021

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of May	\$712.18
Savings Account balance at end of May	\$28,725.63
TOTAL IN BANK	\$29,437.81
Summary	
Total Income	\$853.24
Total Expenses	\$1,423.44
Total Interest earned	\$0.24

Membership Secretary Report: Renewals are coming in [steadily steadily](#), any not paid will be sent a reminder in the coming weeks

Editors Report: A good selection of articles this month. Because [to-of](#) the end of year financials the newsletter had to be made up to 20 pages.

Public Officer's Report: The application to Fair Trade will be made after the AGM.

Asserts & Archives: Nothing to report

Regalia: No sales this month.

Clubs Australia: A very successful National Motorrad Rally on the long weekend with 75 participants, the raffle raised \$1100 for local Condobolin charities.

The business chamber asked if we could supply how much the event and participants contributed to the local community with an estimated \$36900.

Webmaster: Absent no report.

MCC Report – No report.

Past Events:

Steve Treloar and Hamish– Attended the National Motorrad Rally in Condobolin also agreed it was a great event. A bit of snow was around Brown Mountain but it was thawing and the road wasn't icy, they did arrive in Condo in the dark though.

Saturday the spent a lazy day checking out the town with a great lunch at the pub also when to see the painted utes just outside town and well worth a look.

The Services club even supplied a couple of bottles of wine for the raffle. Next Rally will be on the Gold Coast.

Dave Beers attended the Casper Rally, where there was showers all night but not too cold due to being overcast. 9 members attended. The wobbly Boot Club won the club attendance award.

Coming Events – See Club Calendar for details

40th Winter Rally. Nerriga NSW.
17-18 July Annual Awards Night. Canowindra NSW
Services
Hat Rally. Araluen NSW
8 August New Members Ride
4 September Movie Night –Grey Gums
17-19 September - Far Cairn Rally

General Business

[No New Business AGM held.](#)

Meeting Closed at 8:28?pm For AGM

JUNE 2021 Financials

ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance at end of June	3565.92
Savings Account balance at end of June	28725.86
TOTAL IN BANK	32291.78
Summary	
Total Income	4317.62
Total Expenses	1463.65
Total Interest earned	0.23
Please remember when depositing into the club account to put your name in the description of what event the deposit it for Mship, FCR/KRR, awards etc	

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

Well here it is July and the new committee has been installed and a big thank you to the outgoing committee members for all their hard work especially our last President Jason Boyd for his 5 years of service, 2yrs as Vice & 3yrs as Pres. Correct me if I'm wrong please Jas.

Sooo just when we were starting to line the ducks up for the Far Cairn Rally (FCR) the dreaded Covid strikes again and it is looking that it may need to be run in some sort of format as last year and this all depends if restriction get lifted at all and not screw down tighter. We'll keep you posted on that.

For people that don't know me, I'm Dave Beers and I've been a member since 2005 and I've been riding since the early 80's and my first BMW was and is my R90s that I've owned since 86 and I currently am riding an '07 R1200G-SA that I consider to be a fantastic bike for touring on and I live on the outskirts of Sydney just south of Waragamba at Werombi (where the bushfires were 2020) and the riding is great and various from here to and including the Southern Highlands, not that we're able to do much ATM.

I'm not very good with remembering names so please help me out if meet and I have that blank look in my eyes and I'm not much for emails so feel free to give me a call and have a chat the old fashion way and who knows maybe we'll actually get to meet face to face one day when we're allowed out to play.

So that's it for me.

Let's go for a ride, the world never seem so bad when your holding onto a set of bars.

Dave Beers



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Position Vacant:

Required urgently; **Webmaster** to manage the club website.

Questions from the members:

You should be aware that Justin Dorward has been writing articles for riding and safety tips and techniques. If you have a subject that you would like Justin to address please contact him on secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au

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BMWTCNSW Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 26 July 2021

Chairperson: Dave Beers

Meeting Opened: 7.07pm Online Webex

Present: Dave Beers (President), Steve Treloar (Vice President), Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Justin Dorward (Secretary), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Alan Pennykid (Editor), Warren Buffett (Regalia), Mal Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Bob Madell & Paul Ioakimidis (MCC Delegates), Michael Sarah (Webmaster).

Apologies: None

Visitors: Ken Lovgrove, Rob Tiedeman, Paul Evans, John Rayner.

Previous Minutes: Accepted:
Seconded:

General Business: Far

Cairn Rally (FCR)

Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary) recommended the FCR go ahead, with the support of the Lachlan Shire Council, with a plan to announce in early September whether the physical component of the ride will occur.

Marie recommends badges and shirts are not ordered ahead of the ride as usual, but paid for by riders on the day and posted to riders afterwards, to ensure no excess stock.

Discussion & reference to last year's FCR. Steve Treloar (Vice President) said he received feedback from a staff member at the service station and supermarket on last year's adjusted FCR, in that business from riders flowed over the month, instead of a flood of business in a single weekend. These businesses didn't need to prepare extra stock and orders to cater for a large crowd.

Justin Dorward (General Secretary) advises communications on all options to take part in the FCR this year so members can make an informed decision.

Dave Beers (President) mentions that interstate attendees may not be able to attend based on lockdowns that may occur in those states. Marie does not see a problem with distribution of badges and shirts for virtual attendees or there being a mix of virtual and physical attendees. Justin clarifies that both versions of the FCR can be run simultaneously. Steve

queries whether we'd need a QR code for the showground camping. Alison Ashby (Treasurer) said it was not difficult to arrange a QR code but Lachlan Shire Council may have one already set up.

Marie mentioned shirt and badge quotes are higher than usual at \$30 (each) and postage (\$8.95) needs to be considered, and the breakfast will need to be \$10. Marie confirms prices as follows: \$35 per shirt, \$30 per badge. Alison said the previous shirt price was around \$22 each, and she has a contact to perform the artwork design. Alison confirms having only two colours in the design is cheaper. Bob suggests joint postage of badges and shirts to save postage costs. Marie confirms they'll be sent together and since badges are so cheap to send, virtually no savings are made.

Ken Lovgrove (MARI) said the Tottenham Hotel has new owners, Tom and Shelly Cutcliff*. Three meals are now available. Rooms have been upgraded with options from single to king beds. Rates have increased \$5, which is the only increase for the past thirteen years. The corner store has been sold and the new lady owner is prepared to support the BMWTCNSW, as is the rest of the local business community. Ken said she is able to provide breakfast with notice. Dave confirms that Diedre from the Lachlan Shire Council has renovated the pub over the past two months.

Warren Buffett (Regalia) asks about rally awards. Marie says something should be prepared, but badges can't be added until the event is confirmed as running and we don't want to post them. Dave said the specific clips can be posted afterwards, to the winners to attach themselves.

John Rayner mentions the raffle. Marie suggests it is only run if the physical ride continues as it is too hard to run otherwise. Trevor Dean (Public Officer) says the BCCP Program gives certain funds to the BMWTCNSW, which are used for the Awards Night, FCR, Karruah, Christmas Party and could be used. Trevor says he has heard from Rob Edgar, who says he hasn't approached BikeBiz for any raffle prizes but can do so if requested.

Ken reported that MARI is "strange" and is managing the charity nationally. Hospitals aren't seeking visitors and people are wanting to stay away from hospitals. Recent incidents have involved off-road riders and COVID has affected the ability to assist.

Ken says there has been interest from South Australia but COVID is affecting travel.

Steve asks how BMWTCNSW can contribute towards the ongoing costs experienced by MARI. Ken says they're "hanging in there" but mentioned things will change once

lockdowns ease. Alison says there was an issue with a donation this year but mentioned next year's donation could be doubled. Dave referred it to committee discussion. Dave asks Alison if a profit was made to donate to MARI at last year's FCR, since it was run differently. Ken, Rob,

Paul & John depart.

Action Point(s)

Person	Action	Timeline
Alison Ashby (Treasurer)	Call Lachlan Shire Council regarding 1) free entry to the showgrounds, and 2) whether they have a QR code for the showgrounds we could use.	Tuesday 27th July
Alison Ashby (Treasurer)	Arrange a QR code for showgrounds	Unspecified
Warren Buffett (Regalia)	Follow up trophy slips	Unspecified
Alison Ashby (Treasurer)	Provide Rod Edgar with letterhead	Unspecified

Positions

Clarification of all duties. Dave asks if Justin has received the duties document, written in 2005. Justin said he has not received it as yet.

PO Box

Alison lives next door to the Toongabbie PO Box and is happy to keep checking the Ermington PO Box as well, which won't be refreshed due to its \$900 annual fee. Alison says the PO Box is located at Toongabbie, which is near the clubhouse. Bob offered to clear the Ermington PO Box but since email notifications are sent to Alison, she is happy to continue clearing the Ermington PO Box.

Newsletters

Alison reports she has never received another club's newsletter in the PO Box. Alan Pennykid (Editor) says he receives New Zealand, Gold Coast, UK and perhaps ACT newsletters and forwards them to the committee. Justin expresses his plan to source other clubs' magazines to be uploaded to the "Other Clubs Magazines" section within the membership area of our

website. Michael Sarah (Webmaster) reports he is unable to upload at the moment due to technical difficulties, but is happy to receive the files as per Justin's arrangements. Alan clarified the newsletter files he receives will be sent to Michael.

Dave shares a car club approach, where members receive other clubs' newsletters by email, as forwarded. Justin informs the committee of the risk of too many of our sent emails being classified as spam and red-listed.

Marie informs the committee that the BMWTCNSW newsletters are sent soft-copies only while we're unable to prepare the hard-copies due to lockdown requirements. Marie also says the discussion on distributing other BMW club newsletters has been on simply emailing them to the BMWTCNSW list. Justin asked if the interstate newsletters would still be emailed once the website was fixed. Justin confirms to Marie that our website access to other state's newsletters is behind our password access, to protect that paid content.

Justin mentions if too many people mark our emails as spam, we will have issues with gmail, Hotmail (etc) spam filters. Michael has found breaking emails into separate groups tends to work.

Assets & Archives

Steve asks Dave if we have a list. Dave says Trevor has sent a list from Mal and a request to Rob has been made. Alison says she likely has a list from an old email and will find it, adding the list hasn't changed since then.

Dave asked if the first aid kit is regularly checked. Marie says it was last checked after Karuah, but some items need to be purchased in bulk. On Bob's question, Marie confirms the first aid kit is in the trailer.

Tools

Trevor says necessary tools, like the 911 Diagnostic Tool, are worthy and reasonable investments for the Club, adding that the list of tools ought to be published in the newsletter. Alan says the list can be published along with instructions on how to borrow them, if it is sent to him. Events receive two months' promotion in the newsletter with a flyer, stating that the Stroke Five event is many months away.

Dave suggests publishing the list on the website and on Facebook to promote membership features and increase the use of this resource.

Person	Action	Timeline
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Steve Treloar	Contact Rod Edgar for tools list and send to Alan for publishing in the newsletter	Unspecified
Alison Ashby (Treasurer)	Find old email of list of tools and send to committee.	Unspecified

Facebook

Justin asks the committee if we wish to keep Jason Boyd, previous President, as an administrator on the Facebook page. Existing admins are confirmed as: Michael Sarah, Steve Treloar, Alan Pennykid, Balaji*, Marja (Mal) Cattermole, Jason Boyd, John Visser. Agreed: Balaji to be removed. Steve asks if Jason is happy to continue in this role. Paul says, ideally, admins will be paying members and be prepared to mediate. Alison, Steve & Bob support Paul's comments. Justin says admins could also be *subject matter experts* could be required, that aren't committee members, but this isn't required in this

case. Dave suggests removing anyone that isn't a paying member but Jason can be asked if he wants to remain. Steve SMSes Jason to ask if he wants to remain as an admin.

Justin says the account information was updated by Jason. Steve says Jason removed his name from the President's role and the committee member's names need updating as per the latest AGM. Justin confirms him removing his name brought about the question as to whether he's like to remain as an admin.

Person	Action	Timeline
Michael Sarah	Update the Facebook account information to reflect the latest AGM	Unspecified

Justin suggests an idea from an early discussion with Dave, in the BMWTCNSW set up a second Facebook group for members only, and keep the existing page as a public only group. Bob, Dave, Paul and Alan express support. Steve asks if content posted to the member's only page can be shared to the public page. Justin explains that only anyone on the public page that is a member of the private page as well will see the content. Dave suggests a content plan to ascertain what should be shared on the member's only group and what can be shared on the public group.

Motion - Justin Dorward: Dave and I research setting up a second Facebook page for members only, and report back to the Committee for final decision.

Seconded: Bob Madell.

Passed: Unanimous.

Awards Night & Stickers

Steve reports he is awaiting confirmation on the cloth badges.

FCR (Continued)

Bob asks if the Club is financially contributing to the township, in some shape and form, outside usual Alison reports \$200 will be donated to the Showground Committee and funds will be donated to the Lions Club. Left over funds will be donated to MARI or the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Committee discussion to occur.

Trailer repainting

Bob asks Mal Cattermole (Assets & Archives) if the trailer has been repainted. Mal says it hasn't yet been repainted. Alison and Bob lend their support, subject to COVID.

Bob confirms Warren was confirming positions and it can be used to update newsletter data. Dave asks Alan if AGM minutes were received. Alan confirms in the affirmative.

Future Committee Meetings

Steve thanks Dave for accepting the President's position and everyone who attended the meeting tonight for contributing to the health and continuance of the BMWTCNSW. Steve expresses the importance of regular committee meetings.

Dave requests opinion on the committee meeting occurrences. Bob suggests quarterly meetings and Webex meetings are convenient. Justin says holding committee meetings before the general meeting in Toongabbie can make for a long night for anyone that commutes, and a committee meeting held in the evening, by Webex, soon before a general meeting allows more time.

Dave supports Webex and Justin adds each meeting method can be ascertained for each quarter's meeting, pending COVID and lockdowns

Christmas Party

Alison says if the next committee meeting is in late October, the Christmas Party will need to be discussed. It is agreed that a Christmas Party together is preferable, unless COVID prevents it and three parties, like last year, will suffice.

Next meeting will be scheduled for late October, before the October General Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.29pm

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-Chuck Hamilton

Wednesday

I woke up and looked toward the western horizon: Dark clouds. OK, it's that cold front moving in from the south dropping all that snow over the ski resorts in Victoria. I was planning on meeting Steve, Kevin and Soggy at Mike and Sue's place at Bulga and riding to the BMW National Motorrad Rally at Condobolin with them. I didn't feel like starting my trip by riding up the Putty Road in the rain so I climbed aboard the trusty R75/6 and headed up the M1 motorway instead. At the service centre at Wyong while enjoying a hot flat white I heard the thunder of an approaching Apache attack helicopter which turned out to be an Englishman on a tricked up S1000RR. They are a tough breed those Poms...he was in leather riding pants and jacket and only a tee shirt in the eight degree temperature AND no heated hand grips. I hated to think by how much the wind chill factor drove down the temperature (by about 5 degrees I think). Mounting up I pushed toward the turnoff to the Hunter Motorway riding through a couple of light showers of rain. Just as I rolled under the awning at Mike's house it started raining harder and two minutes later Kevin and Soggy rolled in. After enjoying a delightful dinner prepared by Sue and a few drinks we settled in while it rained all night.

Thursday

I woke to a cold, cloudy day and after packing our bikes Mike, Kevin, Steve, Soggy and I headed off up the Putty Road and after fuelling up at Bulga turned onto the Golden Highway towards Denman, our destination for the day being Crookwell where we were going to meet up with Graham and Trevor. Further along the road we turned south towards Bylong and stopped at the café for coffee and a bit of lunch. It was raining lightly on and off and the temperature was probably in the high single digits but if you're dry and warm it doesn't really matter how cold it gets – as long as the road doesn't ice up. Funny that I was thinking that because just as we were leaving Kandos the paddocks on each side of the road became coated in a layer of snow which became thicker and closer to the sides of the road as we progressed. A little further along the road became covered in snow too and we had to be careful to stay in

the two wheel tracks the previous cars had imprinted in the snow. Next thing we knew it started snowing and it became a bit of a challenge to ride with one hand on the throttle and the other hand wiping falling snow off the visor (which was fogging up despite having a Pinlock fitted) as well as concentrating on keeping way from the frozen pile of snow in between the two tyre tracks. What made it worse was my



breath was freezing up the inside of the visor so it was like looking through a pane of rippled, frosted glass and all I could see ahead of me was the tail light of Mike's R80/7. Except for the fingers on my left hand, I was feeling comfy and warm in my Dri Rider padded pants and rain pants over them and with a tee shirt, flannel shirt, lined riding jacket and rain jacket. My feet were toasty thanks to the warmth from the horizontally opposed cylinders and despite wearing Five brand winter gloves with rubber over mitts a slight trickle of water was finding its way down to the fingers of my left hand. The Oxford heated grips were amazingly warm but each time I pulled the clutch in, the freezing water in the fingertips of the gloves touched my fingers like an electric shock each time I shifted gear. When we pulled up at the Sofala turnoff the SES had the road blocked off saying that it was covered in too much snow to pass through. This left us no alternative but to press on to the Great Western Highway and turn right towards Bathurst. At this point Soggy on his newly acquired GS Adventure decided to turn back towards Sydney due to discomfort from surgery he had a couple of months ago. By this time the snow had stopped falling and the road became a bit more navigable but it was pretty obvious at this point that the road to Oberon was impassable (we found out later that this was the case) so we decided to head for Bathurst and stop there for the night. As we rode along the highway the snow had receded from the roadside but as we started up the grade toward Yethome

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the snow started again and the road became totally covered except for the two friendly wheel tracks left by the cars ahead. A truck hurtling along the road in the opposite direction threw up a bow wave of slushy snow which covered us and instantly froze into sheets of ice which cracked and slid away like miniature glaciers as I stretched out my arms. Finally we passed the service centre on the hill and started on the long, slow descent where the ice and snow gradually diminished once again, giving us a clear run into Bathurst. The first imperative was to find a hotel for the night and since the Irish Pub was conveniently located right in the centre of town and had a courtyard where we could lock the bikes up for the night it got our vote. We settled into our rooms and after a hot shower settled beside the gas fire in the lounge and enjoyed dinner with a few glasses of excellent Shiraz.

Friday

Next morning the intense cold front had passed us leaving behind a cold, cloudy day so we saddled up and headed towards Blayney where we turned north towards Parkes. After riding steadily over the range in a blanket of thick fog, it was a relief to emerge out the other side into cold, sunny conditions where the ride to Condobolin only took another couple of hours. After checking into our motel and enjoying a hot shower, a change of clothes and a cup of tea Steve and I wandered around to the car park to see who else had arrived. Sure enough, Graham rolls up on his newly acquired R100 which, unfortunately, had its alternator fail en route to Condobolin. Steve Treloar came to the rescue with a spare rotor and an hour later it was installed into the bike and tested OK. Later on our group walked down to the Riv-




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erside caravan park where the majority of rally attendees had occupied donga style accommodation and were gathered around a couple of forty four gallon drums full of flaming logs. Dinner was provided by the local Lions Club who manned a caravan sized mobile kitchen. I chose the curry and was served up a cardboard plate piled with tasty Thai food - superb! Around the fire I caught up with a few people that I haven't seen for many years, one being Noel Parry whom I last saw at the 1980 Centre Rally (I think it was). After a few hours of catching up with everyone over a couple of beers, it was time to wander back to the motel for some shuteye.

Saturday

After a comfy night's sleep it was time to rise and face the morning with the first order of the day to seek out a cafe for the usual bikers' fare of scrambled eggs on toast, bacon, mushrooms and coffee. After breakfast and a walk around town, Steve, Kevin, Graham, Mike and I made our way back to the motel. As we came into the car park our attention was drawn to a small crowd standing around a guy who was busy disassembling bits and pieces of his new GS 1250. When I inquired as to what was happening, he said it wouldn't start and he suspected an electrical fault. Steve asked the owner if he checked that the shifter was in neutral. As he said this, five heads pivoted towards him for a moment (including the head of the owner) then their attention slid back to the owner's efforts in tracking down the electrical problem. We looked at each other, shrugged and went over to our rooms, made a cup of tea, sat down and observed the goings on from a short distance. After about fifteen minutes one of the guys assisting the GS 1250 owner pushed the bike off the centre stand and rocked it back and forth obviously to check to see if it was in gear, which naturally it was. A couple of minutes later after sufficient electrical components were reinstalled and reconnected one stab on the starter button caused the engine to burst into life. With knowing looks we glanced at each other and shrugged...what else could you do? By this time we decided on a bit of lunch down at the pub's bistro and enjoyed a very generous fish, chips and salad meal washed down with a couple of ales. One of the points of interest in Condobolin is the ute art display which is a half hour's walk out of town - well worth a look. On the way back we dropped in to say g'day to the chaps camped at the caravan park only to be told that Luffy's bike had been stolen. This put a bit of a dampener on the weekend and resulted in Rod having to



book a bus ticket to get home. That night we descended on the Condobolin RSL for the dinner and presentation night. While we were enjoying our fine dinners one of Rod's riding companions came over to our table and gleefully told us that he and his mates had actually hidden the bike and let him think the bike was stolen for a bit of fun. Some people have a weird sense of what's funny. Naturally, we quietly notified Rod that his bike was not stolen so as not to totally ruin his night.

Sunday

We rose to a cold, sunny morning and sought out our cafe for brekkie and coffee after which we loaded the bikes and headed towards Forbes and then to Cowra for lunch. We then set our compasses for Crookwell and after an uneventful ride arrived at our destination and booked into the Criterion Hotel where the publican made us very welcome. After a hot shower we repaired to the bar and bistro to enjoy many a glass of fine Shiraz, a wonderful Atlantic salmon dinner and a fair bit of storytelling.

Monday

Low cloud and cold conditions greeted us next morning. As usual, we ventured out into the single digit temperature to seek out a cafe forgetting that it was was a public holiday. We

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wandered up and down the main street like the man from Ironbark finding that all the cafes were closed. By chance I noticed that Paul's cafe had some activity happening behind the counter so we hung outside the plate glass window in the freezing cold trying to get the attention of the guy who I assume was Paul. After ten minutes he finally noticed six cold, starving bikers leering at him through the window and opened the door. Luckily for us he had a huge gas fire cranked up so we took turns ordering egg and bacon rolls and coffee and standing beside the fireplace. By the time we got back to the hotel and packed the bikes the temperature had increased by maybe two degrees to a chilly eight. We struck off towards Goulburn (where Trevor turned north toward Sydney) then the rest of us continued to Braidwood under a leaden sky. As we headed towards Batemans Bay the sun started to peep out from behind the cloudy skies so we stopped for a coffee break at Nelligan to celebrate. At Batemans Bay I peeled off south to visit some friends while the others continued north to stay at Ulladulla.

Tuesday

I spent the day with friends at Batemans Bay and planned to meet up with Mike, Steve and Kevin on Wednesday to ride home.

Wednesday

After my usual quick morning check over of the bike I headed off towards Ulladulla intending to meet the guys at the Milton bakery but was delayed by twenty minutes by road works. By the time I arrived at the bakery, Mike and Kevin had decided to press on so Steve and I headed off together to Sydney under a sunny, cold sky via Kangaroo Valley, Mittagong, Thirlmere, The Oaks, Penrith and back home along the M4 motorway. As I rolled into the garage I noticed the odometer on my R75/6 was showing 199,995 kms but decided to let it clock over to the big 200K the next time I took her out.



August , Vice President ramblings

The new financial year roles over the new committee. Most positions rolled over and some new faces on the committee which is great to see. At the AGM the role of President was not filled. Though with a few conversations happening ,I'm happy to announce that Dave Beers has accepted the position as President. Thank you Dave ,I've taken on the vice president role again this year.

One of my roles is to organise the social calendar this month's calendar has not changed a great deal .The only difference is the unfortunate TBA's on most club events, rallies, due to the ongoing and increase in Covid activities within the state.

Our club meetings do you have an online presence I do encourage those that haven't been on the WebEx monthly meetings to join in. I've actually been a club member for many many years and due to my country locations I've never been able to really attend many club meetings. Since the start of Covid and our online meetings I've been able to participate more within the club meetings.

Most of our country cousins are still able to get out and ride about . Though I don't think it will be long before the premier decides to lock more down with the craziness of people not adhered to the current restrictions. Therese and I have been lucky enough to have had both our Covid jabs with no real side effects.

We did have a little winter sojourn, in our water cooled boxer, camper up to Dirranbandi QLD and Lightning Ridge among some places. I am happy to say I did not have to call and use my premium care NRMA roadside assistance.

Awards night has been postponed and a new date has not been organised at the time of writing although we did stop at Canowindra on the way home from Queensland. There were five or six others that decided to come as well as they had bookings and were allowed to travel had a nice night around the fire socialising. The Old Vic Inn previous week had lost over \$8000 in bookings. Once this Covid settles down and restrictions ease a new date will be decided on and we will head back out to Canowindra and help support some of the struggling small country communities. The trophies have been sought with names etched on them. The new Design Club stickers I have been made and looking into the New design club cloth patches.

If you would like some sort of activity included in the social calendar please drop me a line send me a text and I can include it in.

Until next time, stay safe ,enjoy. those still in lockdown do a bit of farkling on your bike.

PS, what sort of interest would there be in going to,

The Club In The Scrub, out at Glengarry ?.

Steve Treloar.

Moto DNA track skills day at SMSP

Hamish Treloar

Well the weather wasn't the greatest. It rained while riding all the way up from the far south coast to Sydney. Also on the way home.

The track day was at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. There were 7 sessions of 15 minutes fanging around the track .there was also classroom theory time where Corner, braking and physics of tyre and road interact . two laps where some what dry which was great. In the second last session one the rider's low sided, ending in the whole session, which canceled it unfortunately. The rider was ok the bike a little bruised.

In the last session I opened up Leia (the bikes name) leaning left and right through al the corners practicing what I had been taught. In fact at that stage I was keeping up and overtaking a couple of bigger CC track bikes . A couple of them where doing warp 9 without any questions asked. On the main straight I would be full throttle and basically maxing out every gear but that wasn't enough. The sports bikes were rubbing it in my face, going, see you later, catch me if you can.....

Trying to keep up while riding on a track on a wet surface was next to impossible, because the bikes in white group (Track intro) which was my group had technological advantage, speed on the straights and tyres designed of wet weather. The Metzeler LaserTec's held up pretty well on with the track being wet all round. One of the younger fellas was tearing up the track on an awesome 1991 CBR 250 ,overtook me on the outside with only a couple metres between us!! His tacho would rev out to 20,000 RPM as mine maxed out at around 8000 rpm .and sometimes I was very spirited with the tacho needle.....

Dads says it shouldn't go into the red....

All in all it was a fantastic weekend and I'll be doing it again though I do have to purchase a new rear tire now.



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The Far Cairn Rally is held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. The course's grassy paddock is a great camp site, has hot showers and some under cover space. There is limited accommodation available at the Tottenham Hotel. Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast will be BBQ cooked by the local Lions Club. Breakfast is included in the entry cost along with a rally badge. Other meals and grog are obtainable at the pub and supermarket. Saturday night will feature raffle and a bonfire. Please, no fires in the grassy paddock.

Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin and 120kms west of Dubbo. The Centre Cairn monument is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways and marks the centre of NSW. Fuel is available at Tottenham and Albert - 24hr fuel (credit card only and 95RON).



The locals are looking forward to the Far Cairn Rally as much as we are. Please remember we will be the guests of the Tottenham community, at all times please respect the township, its speed limits, showground property and the community amenities. The Far Cairn Rally is open to all motorcyclists who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt roads for off road riders, from several directions.

Please note that due to the Covid-19 situation, this may be both a physical and a virtual rally. In either case, the badges and t-shirts will be ordered and distributed after the rally. All address information must be completed. All payments MUST be received by September 30th, 2021.

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28th-29th Aug

TTT Rally (TBA)

4th Sept

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(TBA)**

11th-12th Sept

Dargo High Plains rally (TBA)

17th – 19th Sept

Far Cairn Rally (TBA)

9th – 10th Oct

Kosciuszko Rally (TBA)

15th-17th October

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