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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	
June Events			
10 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
12,13,14 th	Alpine Rally #52. Long weekend Prepaid only http://alpinerally.webs.com/	Paul Corradini 0409963801	10
12,13,14 th	NATIONAL MOTORRAD RALLY. Condobolin NSW further information to come ,7 accom places in Condo, caravan park 68952611 Go to bmwmccact.org.au to register	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
24 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
25 27 th	36th Casper Rally Banks of the Abercrombie river Scum Tourers	Dave Ramsey 0427264196	10
30 th	Club Meeting and AGM 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall.	Jason Boyd 04128588880	4/ 6
July Events			
8 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
9 th 10 th	40th Winter Rally. Nerriga NSW. Refreshments and food Ava. www.unitedtourers.com		10
17 th 18 th	Annual Awards Night. Canowindra NSW Services Club From 6pm See Flyer	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
28 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall.	Jason Boyd 04128588880	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	Dave Ramsey	10
August Events			
8 th	New Members Ride. Leave Westbound M4 MacDonald's See Flyer	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	6
25 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall.	Jason Boyd 04128588880	4/ 6
28 th 29 th	TTT Rally Near Taralga		10
September Events			
4 th	BMWTCNSW Movie Night. Grey Gums International Café, Putty Rd, Putty See Flyer	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	10
11 th 12 th	Dargo High Plains Rally. Talbotville VIC		10
29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meeting at the hall.	Jason Boyd 04128588880	4/ 6

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@bmwctnsw.org.au

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

Presidents Report



The BMWTCNSW follows all official COVID19 guidance from the government regarding travel or social events. Social distancing at all events is mandatory; masks and hand sanitiser are encouraged.

By the time you read this, you will have either missed it, or are now getting ready for the next one... **We are running club meetings online AND at the community centre Toongabbie.** If you cant make it to Toongabbie (*for a pre-meeting pub meal or Indian banquet*) and haven't received a WebEx meeting invitation from me, it means your email address is not current with the club - update your records with the Membership Secretary.

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting on June 30th. If you... **YES YOU!** have a desire to actively assist with the running of the club and steering its direction, let us hear your voice.

A thankyou to Henning for putting on the 4th Nords Wharf event. The weather was a little drizzly and the return Mothers Day traffic was HORENDOUS for me... but the event and company were significantly above par 😊. Seriously though, thank you to all that attended.



I am SO looking forward to these events, I really don't want to have to choose between them. The **BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 2021** – will be held on the Queen's birthday long weekend 11-14 June 2021 in Condobolin, NSW. This is the same weekend as the **52nd Alpine Rally**. You need to book in advance for both

Please note that if there is another COVID outbreak, events may need to be revised at short notice. The best place to confirm is via the contact name on the event, or on Facebook. While many including myself have a love – hate relationship with social media, it does offer a convenient way to communicate. I personally get a kick out of seeing members from the 70's touching base with others from their heyday via Facebook. For new members (*and this doesn't happen as often... maybe an opportunity for the club to grow*) there is an opportunity to ask who else is going to events and to get some insight into what they may need to bring? Please also note that not all events are in the newsletter... and not all events are on Facebook... it's just too hard to keep tabs on. Join up to Facebook, you don't have to use it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bmwtcnsw/>

Upcoming Events Create Event

- TOMORROW AT 9 AM UTC+10**
A DECADE OF DAPPER - DGR Sydney, Australia 2021
Created by The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride
Interested Going Invite
- SAT, JUN 12 - JUN 14**
BMW Clubs Australia - National Motorrad Rally 2021
Created by Michael Sarah
Interested Invite Edit
- FRI, JUN 25 - JUN 27**
2021 Casper Rally
Created by South Coast Motorcycle Tourers (SCUM)
Interested Invite
- FRI, JUL 3 - JUL 11**
United Rally 2021
Created by United Motorcycle Touring Club
Interested Going Invite
- FRI, OCT 15 - OCT 17**
October 16th 2021 - BMW /5 & Riders Tribute Gathering
Created by Jason Boyd
Invite Edit

Please maintain social distancing at all events and at home. Keep an eye on Facebook for any last minute changes

Cheers, Jason,
President, BMWTCNSW
Contact Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au



BMWTCNSW General Meeting Minutes

Date . 28 April 2021

Chairperson – Jason Boyd

Meeting Opened – 7.30pm Online and in Andrew Cooke Room Toongabbie

Apologies – Al Peters, Warren Buffet, Paul Loakimidis, Trevor Dean

Visitors – None

Previous Minutes – Accepted by Bob Mandell
Seconded by Steve Treloar

New Members None.

Correspondence -

Bank Statements, Receipt from Steve Treloar & Cumberland Council room hire.

Presidents report -

As per Newsletter May 2021. Members not receiving the invitation to the online meeting, please contact Marie Pennykid and update your email address and contact details.

Vice Presidents Report – C

Check out the newsletter for information on the Motorrad Rally on the June Long-weekend in Condobolin. Please register.

Secretary's Report – No report (Absent).

Treasurers Report – as of 31 March 2021

Regular bank balance at end of month	\$2,042.84
Savings Account balance at end of month	\$28,725.16
TOTAL IN BANK	\$30,768.00
Summary	
Total Income	\$520.25
Total Expenses	\$1231.77
Total Interest earned	\$0.25

Can anyone who hasn't given me financial reports for the AGM please send them.

Membership Secretary Report – Very quiet month only one late membership renewal.

Editors Report – Very slim month. April instead of May on front cover of the mag. I tried to change but the printer is really good, and already had them printed.

Public Officer's Report – No report

Assents & Archives – Nothing to report

Regalia - No sales this month. Woz is looking into ordering new flags with the new logo. (via phone)

Clubs Australia – No Report (Trevor away)

Webmaster –

Email and website has been down for a few days. If you have a club email the provider has changed server name in POP account contact Michael if you need help receiving your email.

MCC Report –

No report. Bob did not attend meeting. MCC uses Teams for their online meetings, but as this is Microsoft base people would have to buy Microsoft products to use, so not viable for us to change to and Webex is working fine.

Past Events –

Steve Treloar had an impromptu ride with the Far South Coast group with lunch at Tilba. They are taking advantage of the good weather and getting out and about.

Steve also went to the Autumn Leaf Rally and dropped into the Talbingo RFS and presented the cheque for raffle money collected at the South Coast Christmas party. Talbingo is a lucky town to have survived the summer bush fires. Wobbly Boots got the largest attendance even though BMWTCNSW had more people present, not everyone checked in having too much fun.

Rob Edgar attended The Motorcycle Exhibition – QAGOMA and really enjoyed it, was well worth the time, travelling 2000km via Lions Road, Beaver Dam on the Triumph.

Mal attended the Victorian Rally along with Frank and Bala and a number of SA club members around 100 people attended.

Alison attended the Bundarra/Inverell ride – Leaving Raymond Terrace up to Bundarra on the Thunderbolt Way a pleasant night at the Commercial hotel Bundarra before a wet ride around Copeland Dam to Inverell the Transport Museum was well worth the time and we even went to the pictures in Inverell. Continued the ride for another week taking the M1 from Murwillumbah to Raymond Terrace which surprisingly was a great adventure and interesting ride.

Coming Events –

Gloucester Motorcycle Expo – Rob Tiedeman organising

Nords Wharf BBQ always a great lunch put on by Henning and Lucy.

Far Cairn Rally the racecourse has been booked for 17-19 September hopefully back to normal.

AGM will be held at the July meeting at Toongabbie and online.

See club calendar for all events.

General Business

Going forward we would like to have both platforms online and in person attendance of the club meeting allowing all members to attend. Dave Beers asked about the points structure and after some discussion it was suggested that the points system remain the same whether attending in person or online. 4 for city and 6 for country members.

Steve Treloar spoke of the National Motorrad Rally on the June Long weekend 44 registered so far and the information is in the Newsletter and on BMW ACT website. It was suggested that all clubs donate \$150 towards raffle prizes – not necessarily motorcycle related. This was approved and BMWTCNSW will donate \$150 towards raffle prizes.

Note: You do not have to attend the rally to buy raffle tickets. Closing date for registration is the 4 June for catering purposes.

New Flag for National Rally with New logo on it still waiting on information from Trevor Dean whether we can go ahead and order merchandise with the new logo yet.

Steve Treloar asked when Karuah River Rally Badges will be sent out – to be followed up as they were ordered after the event closed. Alison to follow up.

Marie Pennykid– Movie night to be programmed for later in the year along with a new members ride. Grey Gums is now only open on Friday, Saturday and Sundays. Steve to send Marie calendar to make dates.

Awards Night will be held on the around 10 July Steve is waiting for venues to get back to him with Menu's in Canowindra.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Post script – the Karuah River Rally badges have arrived and be sent ASAP.



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Financial statement May 2021

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of
April \$1,282.62
Savings Account balance at end of
April \$28,725.39

TOTAL IN BANK \$30,200.01

Summary

Total Income \$192.23
Total Expenses \$952.22

Total Interest earned \$0.23

Please remember when depositing into the club account to put your name in the description of what the deposit is for ie Name Membership FCR/KRR etc

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

WANTED

Functional 5 speed gearbox or good internals for 1974-90 Airhead.

Contact Adrian on 0429354440.

Free to good home (or a black beer or 3)

BMW K75 bits

- Gearboxes (2)
- Heads
- Blocks
- Sidecar experimental frame et
- Various bits and pieces

Located Newcastle
Contact Jack Blair 0407131114

Incidental tech for riders

Justin Dorward

Technology is a part of motorcycling. Riders make decisions on how much tech is involved in their motorcycling habit. From the level of technology in the motorcycle to the number of gadgets and gizmos collected along the way.

But sometimes riders incidentally benefit from technology which was never intended for motorcycle practicality.

A most recent example is iOS 14.5 (for iPhones) and WatchOS 7.4 (for Apple Watches). Granted, riders would already own the necessary hardware, but that's the point of incidental tech benefits for riders. Apple, in their infinite wisdom, has developed a viable alternative to their Face ID feature that has been spoiled by necessary mask wearing around the world. Normally, the front-facing camera would scan faces to authenticate the owner.

Incidentally, as far as Face ID works, a full-face helmet is much like a mask, covering our faces except for the eyes. The solution is simple. As long as the rider is wearing an Apple Watch (and it is unlocked), Face ID will use the visible part of the face in combination with the watch to authenticate and unlock the phone. So now riders do not need to remove either (or both) helmets and gloves to access iPhones, which is very useful when on the roadside to check Google Maps, check a message or another small but important task. Responsible riders would not be using their phone while traveling.

BP developed an app that doesn't require the parent to leave their kids in the car to enter the shop and pay for the fuel. On arrival at the pump, the driver opens the app (which has already detected their location) and selects the pump number. The app unlocks the pump and once the nozzle is returned, it charges the cost of fuel to your credit card or PayPal account. Jump in your car and off you go.

In the hands of a motorcyclist, this app allows the rider to unlock the pump without having to remove their helmet or gloves. Or fish out their wallet, as long as their phone is in reach. Typically, petrol station operators wouldn't start the pump until the rider has removed their gear.

And of course, the BP app is accessible because the rider has unlocked their phone with the new Face ID feature, watch on wrist.

2021 Cane Toad Rally

Mount Perry Qld

By Morro



I had been planning to head to Mapleton (just west of Nambour) in Qld for a while. I promised a couple of cousins that I would come and visit. Then Covid forced border closures. With the uncertainty of open and closing at short notice finally over I started my planning again. I noticed the Cane Toad Rally was 'just up the road' from my cousins so that went into the plan as well. The Cane Toad Rally was on the ANZAC weekend so I took off on Thursday morning before to be able to fit my visits in with ease.

I head up Thunderbolts Way toward New England Hwy for a blast north on the open road. Lots of poor road conditions due to the heavy rain a few weeks ago but nothing I could not put up with. Got halfway between Walcha and Uralla and I noticed the fuel light was on so I slowed down and cruised to Uralla to fill up. It had me thinking I must not have put the last couple of gurgles of fuel in the F700 side fill fuel tank before I left home. I still had 2 litres in the tank by calculations when I filled up so I then had a gauge to go on for fuel consumption. I did calculations in my head from then on to plan my fuel stops at about 280km to cover extra miles incase the town I had planned to stop at had no fuel. I was aiming on Warwick or Toowoomba for the night. At Ballendean I spotted a large stone pyramid through the trees so I diverted to look at it. Apparently it was built as a tourist attraction for a vineyard. Took some photos and headed north again. After roadworks all over the place slowing down my travel time it was still just light when I got to Warwick so I headed for Toowoomba to make the next day an easy day to catch up with my cousins. In the dark I spotted a motel opposite some golden arches so thought an ideal spot for the



night. Surprised myself it was a 700km day. I have never been in SE Qld area so I don't know the area at all (I did pass through Toowoomba once 40 years ago on my R90s without stopping).

Leaving Toowoomba I head north for a small distance then head east to Esk. I followed the road along the side of Somerset Dam to Kilcoy where they were just happening to be resealing the main street. Finally got my turn in the stop go cycle and headed towards Melaney. I got my first sight of the Glasshouse Mountains along the road and thought they were spectacular. Found a lookout for a break and some photos then headed to Mapleton Tavern for a lunch with my cousins. After a couple of hours I was on the road heading down to Nambour and north up the Bruce Hwy. Thought I would head into Hervey Bay rather than straight to the Rally to set up in the dark. Got a motel at Hervey Bay and gave an old workmate who lives there a call. I did not know if he would be home or away as it was a long weekend in Qld. Luck was he was home and the next morning he met me on his F700gs for a coffee and pie breakfast.



On Saturday morning I had to replace a blown headlight bulb before heading to Gin Gin and Mount Perry for the rally. On the way to Mount Perry I diverted through an old railway tunnel. The Boolboonda Tunnel is 192m long cut through rock and was built in 1883/4. Good setup rally site with canteen with the local hotel licence selling beer and the local community club supplying food and soft drink. There was a gymkhana with go slow races and egg and spoon races in the afternoon before presentations. They had just under 200 rallyists attend the rally. I bumped into fellow club members Gary McCarthy, Tom and Waz? overnight. Following a well-attended Dawn Service I packed up and headed south toward home. Travelling through the little towns and villages various morning ANZAC services were being held

with large turnouts even though they did not seem large enough for so many people. I was heading for Warwick and to then head towards Woodenbong.



Near the border town of Lugume the Mount Lindsay Hwy is a mess. There was reconstruction dirt and potholed surface virtually all the way to Woodenbong. I had wanted to visit



the site of an old rail station north of Casino. I had a photo of taken in the 1930's with my mother on the platform.

I had been planning to get to it from Kyogle Lismore road but the road I was expecting to use is closed by landslip at the moment. As I had an early start I headed to Casino and gave a friend, who lives in the area, a call and he led me to the site for a look. Amazing thing a distinctive tree in the background of the photo still exists. I head to Grafton arriving at skippy time, although I never saw any, headed to the Crown Hotel but alas it was all shut up. Closed for ANZAC. I found a motel, booked in, then headed up the road to a good old fashioned fish & chip shop for a takeaway tea.

Checked the mileage and it was another 700km day. Two in four days! Monday morning travelled past the Big Banana at Coffs Harbour and call in and visit an Uncle and Aunt for morning tea then head towards Newcastle and home about 1430hrs after a quick 5 day ride of 2449km. Carried out a few promises to myself and to family and friends and caught a Rally in the middle.



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Talbingo RFS donation and Autumn Leaf rally



With the bike ,R80 G/S PD ,packed and the sun shining I headed off around 8 o'clock to meet my son, Oliver on his lovely RnineT GS Urban, in Cooma. Heading west from the coast towards Candelo turning off on my new shortcut to head up the mountains 10 k's of dirt road following the ridge line through the lush dairy farms of the Bega valley. Then 15 k's of freshly laid tar through to the snowy mountains highway east of Bemboka, called Kamarooka lane. I wound my way up the Brown mountain past all the land slip road works. Let's hope the surface is sorted once all the stabilisation is complete.

Our meeting point worked well as we both arrived within 5 minutes of each other. After fuel and a quick chat, unable to pair two different intercoms, Oliver just rang me and off we went . We continued further along the Snowy mountains highway, through to Adaminaby.

Up in the mountains the evidence of the massive bush fires ,still quite eerie . Huts burnt to the ground .ridge line trees in the distance clearly seen as trees trunks, not bush. Re growth , hairy trees as such everywhere. The riding was fantastic as the snowy always is. We stop at Yarrangobilly Homestead, Alpine site, for a comfort stop and chat about the Brumbies, road and corners as the phone reception had long gone.

Next stop Talbingo RFS shed, after traversing down the Talbingo range, that had loose gravel on it. John Scott ,the captain and his offsider ,Glynn Davy were there ready for our pre arranged arrival. After a good chat about the closeness the fire had come to the town , well into the town , the whole community were extremely lucky to only lose 2 or 3



buildings, the roar of the fire along with the dense smoke must have been terrifying for all those that stayed to fight the fires.

With the formalities of handing over the proceeds from the clubs southern Christmas party raffle, a cheque for \$200. John Dan Glynn were most appreciative, we bid our farewell, we stopped into the local shop to pick up a few supplies and continued onto Tumut to the Oriental Hotel, our lunch stop.

Matt Ball from Thirlmere on another lovely RnineT, my brother mark and Damon Howey, Bruce Campbell's nephew had also arrived around the same time.



After lunch we wandered over to the lolly shop.... to decide on the evenings beverage. The consensus Was Tooheys Old. Now how much and how is it all getting out to the camp. Once all sorted we moved on out into the timber Forrest and the great access roads.

With the rally a pre booked event selling out early , then more tickets released the realestate was limited , filling in any spare bit a grass still available.

This year , I was supporting the Ducati owners club meals , usually I cook up a feast, though not this time. The usual huge fire was ready to ignite and the band was doing their, one, two, one two's tuning in. The usual gymkhana And afternoon activities kept everyone entertained.

The night continued on, rotating in-front of the fire, gas bagging to one and all. Burnouts, more burnouts ,music and more cold.I wondered off to the warmth of my feathers on my feather Exped listening to music.

In the morning I was quite surprised how well I had surfaced .It must have been all the fresh mountain air....usual Sunday morning procedure ,warm up by the fire after getting out of the feathers ,breakfast ,packing up ,bidding farewell and heading home.

The Rebuilt R80G/S PD, now a 100 is going quite well besides always looking for a taller 5 th gear. Mind you the Ramon's RnineT PD is a weapon.

The trip home was uneventful except for the loose gravel on the Talbingo range that gave Oliver a bit of a scare. We parted at Cooma ,i ventured across the Monaro plains checking out a few dirt roads that came to dead ends,so returned to the highway way head east and done the hill.... To home. A great weekend catching up with Family and friends

BMW R1250RT (ELEGANCE)

– MY PERCEPTIONS



Just for the record and a bit of background.....the bikes I get roughly every month are new demonstrators from City Coast, Wollongong, who are agents for BMW, Yamaha and Triumph. So, my ride could be any one of these. I, more or less, have the bike for 24 hours and usually cover an average of 400-500 kilometres on it. I'm blessed with the location of where I'm situated as I'm relatively close to both urban and rural environment with plenty of hills, curves and all sets of road conditions to really get a feel for it. My only gripe is that my connexion with the bike is too short – but then again, anyone interested in a new bike and takes one for a test ride is usually limited to a relatively short time with

it and in an urban situation – so my review, for what it's worth, should be of some assistance to a would-be prospective purchaser.

I sometimes joke about big/large Touring/Cruiser style motorcycles reminding me of a 'Battlestar Galactica' but this bike has more technological gizmos to put the 'Starship Enterprise' to shame. Now for my, and I reiterate my, thoughts on the BMW R1250RT (Elegance).

How do I rate it? Well, as far as the basic bike went I couldn't come up with enough superlatives for it. It did everything right – power (twin cylinder 1,254cc Shift Cam motor), acceleration, handling, suspension, braking, lights (LED adaptive cornering), ergonomics all like a dream.....and here I didn't mean a Honda Dream – showing my age here. The R1250RT retains the Telever front suspension which together with the linked brakes really work a treat. One of the features of this set-up is that the front does not dive under brakes (therefore no bounce back so the front remains settled), coupled with the ABS system results in improved stopping distance and stability – can certify all this really works. Additionally, it has, what is termed Dynamic ESA, basically electronically adjustable suspension with load compensation which adjusts damping and has rear 'self-levelling' preload – especially in the 'Dynamic' riding mode, which I obviously kept the bike in – Rain and Road modes also available plus Hill Start.

The only real issue I had with the mechanical side of the operation was the quick shift – found it to be notchy, for want of a better word, and not very precise – again, bear in mind the bike was still new and maybe just needed bedding



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in, but for a high-end unit, not good enough. In retrospect, somewhat surprised that BMW Motorrad haven't, as yet developed a sort of dual clutch system a la Honda.

Now for the electronics – just too much technology and too many things to scroll through, found playing with them to be acutely distracting and possibly unsafe - it took some concentration away from riding. A multitude of things to work through to get to what you desired. I'm not one of those who find electronic apparatuses fascinating and to be honest find a lot of them a waste of time – though, I should add and probably be a little contradictory in that as I became more familiar with most of the functions, found it a lot easier to get to what I wanted – still requires a steep learning familiarity curve and remained a distraction though.

Another similar factor was the GPS system which didn't overly impress me. It is linked to your smart phone and displays on the 10.25 inch colour TFT full connectivity instrument cluster – more about this later. However, when using it I found it kept cutting out, for reasons unexplainable. Did, nonetheless, like the inductive compartment for a smart phone. Don't know why with all their technological expertise available [BMW Motorrad](#) didn't incorporate a more appropriate navigation system into the RT – they have their Navigator approach or maybe a proper Garmin/Tom Tom – would have been more user friendly.



BMW Motorrad rave about the instrument cluster – personally would have preferred the TFT screen as on their other up-market models together with a separate and better GPS unit.

The ACC (Adaptive Cruise Control with radar sensor) worked a treat. On my R1200RS when I set the cruise control it does not tell me what speed I've dialled in, nor hold it through the gears. The one on the BMW R1250RT does and when approaching another vehicle matched its pace and accelerated back to the selected speed when clear or you changed lanes – also, left a generous gap and had a few additional useful features – overall a fantastic element.

I would also note here that in the land of Oz, versions of this bike and other BMW models, have a lot more standard features/specifications than overseas models - where most additional functions come at an added cost – how cool is that. Also, if I was planning a high mileage trip the R1250RT would be the bike of choice as it's in a class of its own and probably the best all-round motorcycle of its type on the market – but, if I was just looking for a City hack for buzzing, blitzing or punting around, the G310R, as previously reviewed, would be the go.

Thanks again to Paul Dos Santos City Coast's Sales Manager and Tim Sim for again giving me an unbeatable machine to play with. There's also a lot of additional factors pertaining to the BMW R1250RT that I haven't mentioned due to lack of space or inability to comprehend and would strongly suggest you contact either of them for additional enlightenment. Need I say, it was a demo, but be warned a highly contagious/addictive one for those willing or game enough to give it a try.

Some interesting/useful Specifications:

Engine size	1254cc
Max. power	100kW (136bhp) at 7,750rpm
Max. torque	143Nm (105.4lb/ft) at 6,250rpm
Seat height (unladen)	805mm/825mm
(SE high seat:	830mm/850mm
low seat:	760mm/780mm)
Usable tank capacity	35L
Weight	279kg – fully fuelled/road-ready
Price	This model: \$38,800 Ride away



Gerry Bloemen

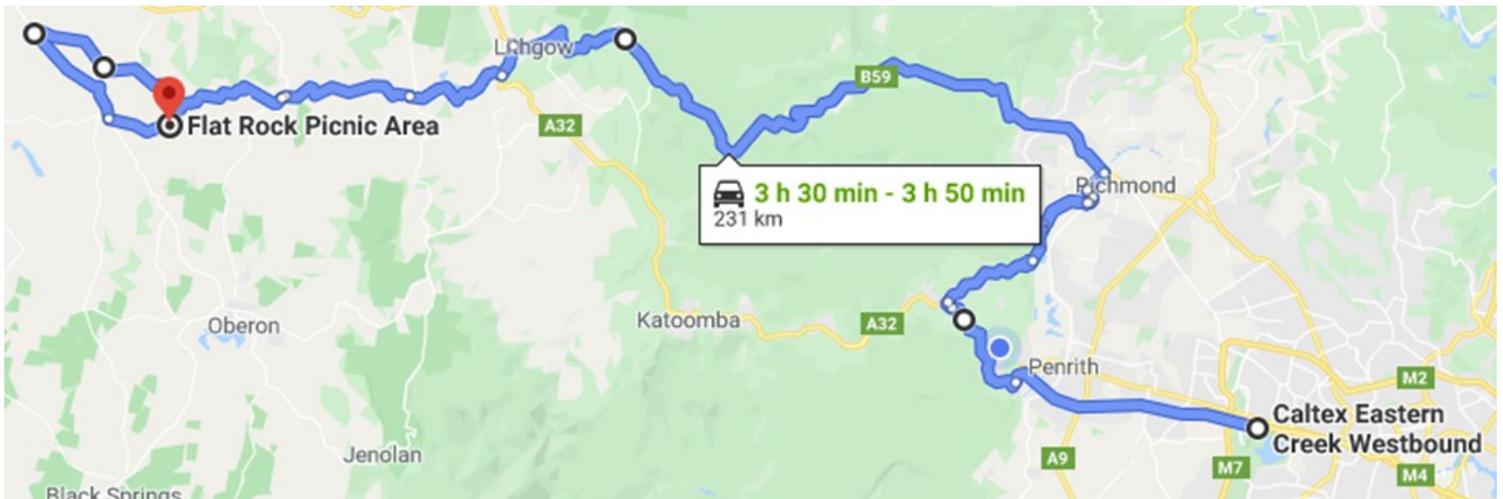


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New Members Ride – August 8th, 2021



We'll meet at Westbound M4 McDonalds at 8:30am, **fuelled** and ready to go. **Leave 9:00am.**

- All existing, new and potential members are welcome.
- Route via Penrith, North Richmond, Lithgow and Locksley, the final destination being the Flat Rock Picnic Area on the Fish River, Mutton Falls Rd, O'Connell, estimated distance of 231km. The road surfaces on the planned route will be all sealed.
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The Grey Gum International Café, Putty Rd, Putty



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Contact Kim on (02) 6579 7015**

The café will be putting on dinner (pizza) and breakfast at normal prices. More details to come.

Reply is required for catering purposes.

A raffle will be run to raise funds for the Rural Fire Service. (Additional prizes would be welcome)

Dinner from 6pm, Movies from 7pm. Bring along your motorcycle DVDs/Videos.

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RSVP (Mandatory) 27th August 2021

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BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Incorporated (Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984)



The BMW Touring Club of NSW was founded in 1965, with an initial membership of 15. The aim of the club is to provide a social medium for BMW riders and motorcycle touring. It is not necessary for you to own a BMW motorcycle to join the club. There are a wide range of activities throughout the year, ranging from regular day rides, rallies (local, interstate and other BMW club rallies), runs with interstate BMW clubs and camping weekends. We have gained a large number of trophies from our attendance at rallies. The club also has regular maintenance days (where you can tap into a vast range of knowledge from our members). We have spare parts available at a slight discount for members and a variety of special tools for use when servicing, repairing or replacing components. We also have social evenings, an annual presentation night/dinner and a Christmas party. The club encourages family involvement in all events.

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Current Membership Number: _____

I, _____ and _____
(Full name of applicant) (Additional person/s)

of _____ Postcode: _____

Preferred Phone No's: 1) _____ 2) _____

E-Mail address: _____ Motorcycle/s Make, Model & year: _____

I hereby apply to join/renew my membership of the above named incorporated association & I agree to be bound by the rules of the club.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

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31st July-1st Aug	Hat Rally
8th Aug	New Members Ride
28th-29th Aug	TTT Rally
4th Sept	Movie Night, camp at Grey Gums Café
11th-12th Sept	Dargo High Plains rally
15th-17th October	BMW /5 Tribute Gathering