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**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



JUNE 2023

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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.
Bathurst Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month for a chat and something to eat. Venue is the Kings Hotel, George St BATHURST

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



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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	
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			
Wed 10 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Kings Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th	Loaded Dog Rally. Tarago Showground, Tarago		10
Fri 26 th	2023 BCCM Live 8.00 pm https://tinyurl.com/BMWClubBCCMLive		0
June			
Thur 8 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 9 th – Mon 12 th	#54 Alpine Rally back at Cotterill's Cottage Yarrangobilly River PREPAID WEBSITE. //alpinerally.webs.com or via FB		12
Wed 14 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Kings Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Sat 24,25 th	Casper Rally Bummaroo ford campground Abercrombie river.		10
Sun 25 th	Dayride (Bathurst, Cowra, Orange) Destination Milthorpe for lunch, route to be discussed at the meetup. Meet 9:30am, Leave 10am from Ampol Kelso (near Bunnings) <i>or meet at Milthorpe</i>	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	6
Wed 28 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
Thurs 29 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)		2
Fri 30 th	2023 BCCM Live 8.00 pm https://tinyurl.com/BMWClubBCCMLive		0
July			
Fri 7 th – Sun 9 th	BMW Motorrad Days Berlin	Steve Treloar 0439739876	
Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th	40 th Winter Rally Nerriga NSW		10
Wed 12 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Kings Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thur 13 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat 22 nd	Awards Night Molong RSL See Flyer in April newsletter PLEASE PAY INTO CLUB ACCOUNT ASAP \$35.00/HEAD BY 8 TH JULY FOR CATERING. Any dietary requirements please let Marie Know	Steve Treloar 0439739876 Marie Pennykid 0428393093	10
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Sat 29 th – Sun 30 th	Hat Rally Araluen NSW BYO – Basic to Basics Rally		10
August			
Sat 5 th – Sun 6 th	Border Run . SA/WA border Village SA		10
Wed 9 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Kings Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
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Sat 12 th - Sun 13 th			
Sat 20 th - Sun 21 st	Royal Hotel Pub Run Carcoar NSW 02 6367 3009 Make your own room booking, camping available out the back. Book online at https://carcoarroyalhotel.com/	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Fri 25 th	2023 BCCM Live 8.00 pm https://tinyurl.com/BMWClubBCCMLive		0
Sat 27 th - Sun 28 th	TTT Rally Taralga NSW. Follow Red & White TTT signs, 10ks north of Taralga. Huge Bonfire – Water, BYO – Basic to Basics Rally		10
Wed 30 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 31 st	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)		2
September			
Wed 13 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Kings Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thur 14 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 15 th - Sun 17 th	Far Cairn Rally Tottenham race course	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Sat 23 rd	BMWMCC 100 th year Celebrations, Brisbane Queensland See flyer in May newsletter		10
Fri 29 th	2023 BCCM Live 8.00 pm https://tinyurl.com/BMWClubBCCMLive		0
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Sat 30 th Sun 2 nd	BMWMCC, 40 th Anniversary K Series Rally Woodstock NSW Register on bmwmccact.org.au	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
2023 EVENTS			
7 th Oct	42 nd Kosciuszko Rally Geehi Campground Snowy Mtn Highway	Steve Treloar 0439739876	10
6 th Nov	Ferry Run 3 to 4 day run See Article in June newsletter	Dave Ramsay 0427264196	12

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: 26th April 2023

Chairperson: Justin Dorward (Secretary)

Meeting Opened: 7.34pm

Apologies: Nic Mercieca, Warren Buffett, Kelvin O'Malley

In Person:

Justin Dorward (Secretary), Michael Sarah, Mal & Marianne Catermole, Tony Conliffe, Graham Hayden, Chuck Hamilton, Mick Goodwin, John Trenerry, Bill Looyen, Dave Beers, Ed Chapman, Bob Whitehead, Bob Edgar, Fernando Cortijo, Bill Sparks

Via Zoom: Steve Treloar (President), Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Alan Pennykid (Editor), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Thomas Rostig, Stan Kucera

Visitors: None

New Members: None

March General Meeting Minutes:

Accepted: Mick Goodwin

Seconded: Chuck Hamilton

Secretary Correspondence & Report:

AGM will be 28th June 2023. Nomination form will be in the June newsletter. Two lucky door prizes, signed book "Along for the Ride" by Jim Scaysbrook. I'm to follow-up two remaining advertisers that haven't yet paid their 2023 invoice.

Email:

BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria magazine

BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Gold Coast magazine

BMW Motorcycle Club of QLD magazine

PO Box: Bank statements

President's Report:

Steve Treloar

See newsletter. Unfortunately, some funerals to attend. The New Member's Ride was well attended. The AGM is coming up and there has been interest in the vice president casual vacancy.

Vice President's Report

Casual Vacancy

None

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$871.34

Savings account balance at end of month \$34312.15

TOTAL IN BANK \$35183.49

SUMMARY

Total Income \$2547.44

Total Expenses \$4845.30

Total Interest Earned \$37.44

Donations paid to Black Dog Institute \$401 raised from the Amaroo Museum event, also paid \$600 to RFDS Pudding Log raised at the Earle's Fork Event. \$159.00 was also paid to the RFDS Pudding Log for Woz's Forks. Expenses have been paid for the Earle's fork, Amaroo Museum and First Aid courses room hire.

Membership Secretary Report:

Marie Pennykid

One new member, 350 in total. Membership plastic cards are required.

MCC of NSW Report

Bob Madell

Not present.

Further Committee Member Reports

BMWCA Report

Trevor Dean

BCCM Live Sessions time has changed due to daylight savings in Australia and Germany. Now 6pm on the stipulated dates. Eva Moga is departing BCCM.

Regalia

Alison Ashby

If you haven't received merchandise, it will be posted this month from the clubhouse. Newer merch is ordered to the provider directly, and sent to the purchaser. If you find merch on JB Wear or Biz Collection you'd prefer, they can be ordered (fee may apply).

Tool Library

Rob Edgar

A compression testing tool has been acquired and added to the library. Steve mentions the GS tool needs an app downloaded & suggests perhaps a cheap Android device could complement it. Rob to investigate.

Past Events

Steve Treloar

Movie Night at Neville

Social sips

Vince Cahill & Angela Tiedeman funerals

Angela Tiedeman Memorial Ride

Alison Ashby

While the gentleman rode all day the ladies went into town for shopping. Many riders from Sydney. A successful weekend. A breakdown did occur, but he got home later that night.

General Business

Pre-Mother's Day Gathering (Sunday 7th May)

Steve Treloar

Barefoot bowls at Budgewoi. Halekulani Bowling Club.

Awards Night (22nd July)

Steve Treloar

The caravan park is now open, but whether the cabins are open is unknown at this stage. Freemasons Hotel doesn't have any rooms available. The Telegraph Hotel will be renovated by the time we get there. The RSL Club is discussing home billet people, which they have done in the past. The Showgrounds has caravan facilities. Thanks to Marg Barlow for researching plenty of information, which was published in the last newsletter. Marie has offered to assist with accommodation. The meal (\$35) is paid through the club (and stipulate to Alison that's what the \$35

First Aid for Riders

Justin Dorward

Bookings are consistently coming in. 27 so far. Most bookings are members. Posters have been distributed to some popular motorcycle locations around Sydney. If you had previously expressed interest and haven't yet booked your spot, please consider the dates and contact Alison.

Far Cairn Rally (15th - 17th Sept)

Marie Pennykid

Two or three volunteers are required to assist. Please contact Marie. Job lists exist and involve tasks to be done prior to the event and on the day. Steve says AMX Canberra is prepared to contribute to raffle prizes.

Bathurst Day Ride (25th June)

Marie Pennykid

Day ride to Milthorpe for lunch. Route determined on the day.

BMW 100 Year Anniversary Polo Shirt

Justin Dorward

Still available. View the BMW Canberra website to purchase.

Website

Justin Dorward

Monthly WIPs instead of fortnightly. Member's login demonstration set for July.

Alpine Rally (9th - 12th June)

Steve Treloar

It is back at Cotterill's Cottage.

Inverell Ride Report

Rob Edgar

Inverell Restorers' Rally. Over 200 registrations. British & American bikes. Keep an eye out for next year, usually near ANZAC Day. A number of members attended.

On the Hunter Expressway near Singleton, some of the road is grooved, which can be uncomfortable and riders ought to be careful. It may be in preparation for sealing. Alison had lunch with some people who attended this event at Tenterfield.

BMW Motorrad 100 year QLD event

Chuck asks if it is known who is travelling to the QLD 100-year event. Trevor reports their website is now updated and 50-60 display bikes are booked.

BMW Group Australia is sending the head of motorcycling and head of corporate communications will be attending, representing the brand and event. The local motorcycle dealers are supporting the event. Trevor says he is not sure if stalls and a context similar to a trade show or expo, though the latest motorcycles will be available and will fol-



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low-up.

Next Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 24th May 2023.

Next General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 31st May 2023.

Meeting Closed at 8.37pm

April 2023 Financials	
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	524.27
Savings Account balance	29346.16
TOTAL IN BANK	29870.43
Summary	
Total Income	904.01
Total Expenses	6217.07
Total Interest earned	34.01
<p>Please remember when depositing into the club account to put your Name in the description of what event the deposit is for Mship & Number, FCR/KRR, Awards etc The First Aid courses have been paid which is the largest expense this month. The movie night was a great success.</p> <p>Anyone going to the Awards Night please ensure you mark your payment clearly and email the Vice President.</p>	

BMWTCNSW Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: 29th June 2022

Chairperson: Justin Dorward (Secretary)

Meeting Opened: 8.34pm

Apologies:

Craig Halton, Mark Donaldson

Present:

In Person:

Justin Dorward (Secretary)

Alison Ashby (Treasurer)

Warren Buffet (Regalia)

Michael Sarah (Webmaster)

Rob Edgar (Parts & Spares)

Perry Gilsenan, Mick Goodwin, Bob Whitehead, Trevor Hooker, Bob Madell, Stan Kucera, John Trenerry, Marianne & Mal Cattermole, Warwick Low, Hans Bielaczek, Max Brettargh, Fernando Cortijo, Steven Farrawell, Tony Vlatko, Paul Ioakimidis, Bill Sparks, Danny Hedge.

Via Zoom:

Dave Beers (President)

Steve Treloar (Vice President)

Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate)

Alan Pennykid (Editor)



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Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary)

Michael Kavanagh, Chris Kowal, Ian Goodwin, John Visser, Colin Watkins, Shane Madrid, Ross Dalton, Colin Watkins, Chuck Hamilton, Thomas Rostig, Geoff Olsen, Shaun Garvey.

Visitors:

Ed Chapman, Riley Low

Review of actions from previous annual general meeting

None

Previous Minutes:

Accepted: Alison Ashby

Seconded: Dave Beers

President's Report:

Dave Beers

As per published in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

ACCOUNT BALANCES

1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Regular bank balance at end of month \$1,924.24

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

TOTAL IN BANK \$34,080.26

SUMMARY

Total Income \$23,183.80

Total Expenses \$19,871.54

Total Interest Earned \$2.86

Profit / Loss: \$3,312.26

The Club always runs at a loss and the money in the bank is from previous years' rallies. The interest may be better next year as the RBA has increased interest rates lately.

Karuah River Rally expenses are yet to be finalised.

Assets are written off at time of purchase.

Other Committee Reports

Regalia

Alison Ashby

We have \$1683.64 in stock to sell.

Membership Secretary

Marie Pennykid

28 new members in the past twelve months, which is quieter than usual. Retention rate has been better over the past few years.

Vice President

Steve Treloar

More volunteers are required to do ride runs. For instance, a

new member's ride could be organised for every second month.

Secretary:

Justin Dorward

As per the latest newsletter(May).

Election of Committee Members

Returning Officer: Warren Buffett

Position	1.Nominee 2.Nominated by 3.Seconded	Result
President	1.Steve Treloar 2.Alison Ashby 3.Justin Dorward	Elected unopposed
Vice President	None	Casual vacancy
Treasurer	1. Alison Ashby 2. Ian Goodwin 3. Steve Treloar	Elected unopposed
Secretary	1. Justin Dorward 2. Paul Ioakamidis 3. Bob Madell	Elected unopposed
Membership Secretary	1. Marie Pennykid 2. Hans Bielaczek 3. Bob Madell	Elected unopposed
BMW Clubs Australia Delegate	1. Trevor Dean 2. Bob Madell 3. Alison Ashby	Elected unopposed
Newsletter editor	1. Alan Pennykid 2. Alison Ashby 3. Bob Madell	Elected unopposed
Regalia	1. Alison Ashby 2. Trevor Hooker 3. Michael Sarah	Elected unopposed
Assets & Archives	1. Mal Cattermole 2. Rob Edgar 3. Warren Buffet	Elected unopposed
Public Officer	1. Trevor Dean 2. Justin Dorward 3. Bob Madell	Elected unopposed
Spare Parts & Club Tools	1. Rob Edgar 2. Trevor Hooker 3. Bob Madell	Elected unopposed

Appointed positions

MCC of NSW Delegates	1. Bob Madell 2. Paul Ioakimidis 3. Justin Dorward
Webmaster / IT	John Visser & Michael Sarah
Newsletter Distribution	Tony Conliffe & Tony Wilton

Returning Officer

The chair thanks Warren Buffett for his service as returning officer tonight.

Competitions

Vouchers supplied with thanks by BMW Clubs Australia.

-Lucky Door Prize

\$250 BikeBiz voucher, won by Shaun Garvey.

-Member's Draw

\$250 BikeBiz voucher, won by Roger Cooper.

Winners will be informed by the Secretary and vouchers will be posted by mail.

Next annual general meeting to be announced in a timely manner in 2023.

Meeting Closed at 9.14pm



Notice: Speed Limit Changes

21 May, 2023

Transport for NSW has published many speed zone changes across the state since the last BMWTCNSW Newsletter was published. These changes have occurred in the following LGAs:

Albury City, Armidale Regional, Blue Mountains, Clarence Valley, Eurobodalla, Glen Innes Severn, Inner West, Narrabri, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Uralla

For more information on these changes, feel free to contact me via secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au

Presidents Report



June 2023.

Since the last newsletter the days are getting decidedly colder. My weekends consist of cutting firewood and stacking for the winter. Mind you we will miss 6 weeks of cold weather with heading over to the Motorrad days in Germany, catching up with some 1990s motorcycle world traveller friends and basking in the Maltese sun.

I did get away to the Autumn Leaf Rally at Tumorrarama Hall, Tumut. Left the coast and headed up the Hill, Brown Mountain. Meeting up with Rob Pinter in Cooma. If raining in the underground Coles car park... it wasn't though still met there. Picking up some supplies before heading on to Adaminaby. Fuel in the R80s and GS, then around to the Bakery for a warm pie and Coffee, the pub wasn't open... we were trying to pair our intercoms Scala to a Sena. It can be done. We didn't have any 20 somethings to do it. So decided on phone chatting on the road, till the signal dropped out about 5 minutes out of town.

The heated vest, powered by the bike worked extremely well. Thank Rob. Too hot at times. Only attempt to turn it off on a straight section of road. Not many on the snowy mountain highway. Now have a handlebar controller. Kiandra was an idea distance for the 60 something bladders. And near blizzard conditions though no rain. Spotted a few Brumbies in the distance. The road had a lot of Snowy 2.0 traffic and at least it was repaired in sections.

We arrived into Tumut with the towns Autumn leaf festive in full swing. The main st was blocked off. We parked and wandered along the street. The smell of the sausage sizzle drew us towards the huge line up. We could see looming rain clouds forming, we opted for the hotdog stand that had no line up.

Headed onto Tumorrarama Hall. Getting in off the road was muddy and slippery. Apparently, it had bucketed down the Friday night. Set up camp.caught up with friends new and old.

We saw a caravan being towed into the sight. And we all started, gees who's getting soft... well that was until we read the side of the van. "Tumut Brewing Company ". Well, I'm always one for supporting a local town business. And they came to us... the Porter was to die for, as was the Ginja Ninja according to others.

The usual huge fire was lit, the afternoon activities started and the rain as well. 25 single track riders arrived, muddy as...

Jelly shots around the fire listening to the band washed down with coopers and Tumut brewing porter.

It rained all night. My tent survived not being flooded. I believe a few others weren't so lucky. The morning pack up was a wet affair. The trip home was wet and cold, with stops at Kiandra and Adaminaby bakery, inside this time. Bid Rob farewell at cooma as he motored further north, as I headed east. Stopping a Nimtabel for fuel, absolutely bitter. Got home and the garage resembled a Chinese laundry, hanging out all the camping gear to dry out over the next week ensuring all dry before packing it all away.

The Outfit Rally in Vic and Cane Toad Rally in Qld also attracted a few TC club members. Hopefully there will be some other articles. As the also attract club points. Dave Beers's part 4 Vietnam trip was a great read.

The first ,first aid course has been held at Toongabbie , the next one at Bathurst 24th June and Newcastle 16th July. Remember 50% to club members , seats still available.

Annual membership is now due The AGM is in June, Awards night at Molong on the 22nd of July. For those on social media you will be seeing post from various people re accommodation. The Motor inn has 1 family room left, sleeps 4 adults as at 23/5/23. The Telegraph hotel still have 4 rooms available in Molong. There is a hotel at Manildra and also a motel Cudal . Some members are also booked in, in Orange.

Until I return enjoy, stay safe, enjoy the Alpine for those going, back at Yarrangobilly this year.

Steve

WHAT ARE YOUR GO TO PODCASTS.?

With all my commutes there are a few podcasts that I listen to.

They are all worthy in my view. Im sure there are many others. let us know your go to podcasts.

I have listened to Sam Manicom's, a world traveller, into Africa. A few years ago, to help get through many miles while travelling to The Kimberley OCR. I'd been through all my music and also thinking time...

Audible wanted a monthly subscription and did take some time cancelled.

ADVENTURE RIDER RADIO, the voice of motorcycle travel, Jim's weekly episodes are about, world travellers, rider skills, tech talk and guest speakers.

ADVENTURE RIDER RADIO RAW, a round table talk on anything and very thing motorcycle travel related. Co-hosts from all around the world.

AIRHEADS 247 podcast. Classic airhead BMW boxer motor bike. 1970s to 1995. Speaking with industry specialists and knowledgeable people, mechanics. New episodes every 2 weeks.

Just to get off motorcycling, Science with Dr. Karl.

What are your go to podcasts.

Steve

40th Anniversary of the K—series:

The BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra is planning and invites all motorcyclists to a celebratory K Series 40th Anniversary rally at the Woodstock Memorial Showground @ Woodstock (near Cowra NSW) over the weekend 30 September - 2 October 2023 the October long weekend for some. The Club event website and information is here

<https://www.bmwmcc.au/event-3716482?Calendar-ViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/25/2023>

The event contact email is k40@bmwmcc.au.

BMWCC members will be in Woodstock from PM Friday 30 September until Monday 2 October with catering on Saturday night and Sunday morning. The Club is working with the Woodstock Progress Association to provide meal options from Saturday lunch to Monday (work in progress) and depends on the number of rally registrants. The showground has plenty of grassed camping, hot showers and toilets with room for the less mobile in cars or with vans (the new rallyists).

For Sale:

R1200GS 2004 model with 133000 kms. very good condition, all servicing carried out over life. Hard shell top box and Andy Strapz soft saddle bags. Near new Michelin adventure tyres. Registered till November 23

After looking at the current market I believe \$7500 is a reasonable price.

Bob Lowe - member number 67
0410 457 039
boblowskipwright@gmail.com

Welcome to the New Members:

- John Ivin (Broadmeadow)
- Craig Shaw and Jennifer Cornish (Moss Vale)
- Andrew Nobbs (Middle Cove)



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5. Talk with a councillor, get free legal advice (conditions apply)
6. Help arrange free access to a loan vehicle (conditions apply)

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Riders helping fellow riders beyond medicine. All you need to do is ASK.

Announcement (att South Coast members)

City Coast Motorcycles has been a long and active supporter of your Touring Club's members, however we will need to stop running our BMW ads in the monthly newsletter.

Earlier this month, our new **BMW Motorrad** sales migrated to the local BMW car dealership. That said, our Keira Street showroom will continue to stock a wide range of BMW quality used motorcycles covering most eras. The City Coast Motorcycles team know BMW bikes well, based on our extensive on and off-road riding experience. We can competently advise and support motorcyclists with any parts, accessories, luggage, and rider wear required for their next BMW experience. As always, we continue to invest in BMW Motorrad resources and the necessary equipment to service them. Our factory trained BMW technicians continue their great work and passion to support each rider's relationship with their BMW. Our Service Centre staff have the required repair procedures, BMW diagnostic equipment and other special tools necessary to service and repair BMW motorcycles. We reset service lights and can complete a diagnostic health check of your motorcycle's systems as well as provide a report, as necessary. Our technicians are qualified to complete all logbook servicing requirements but unfortunately, can no longer complete warranty work or software upgrades. City Coast Motorcycles continue to do all insurance work and have a good relationship with most motorcycle insurance providers.

Warm

regards

Jane Sim , City Coast Motorcycles

-Thanks for the support over the years, I appreciate it and the club appreciates it. AI (Editor)



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~~Saturday 20th May: Teongabbie Community Centre~~



Saturday 24th June: Hope Church Auditorium (Bathurst)



Sunday 16th July: Bolton Point Community Hall (Newcastle)



\$95 per person. Payment: BSB 032173 Acc 406259

Email secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au or SMS 0418 266 924 to book

Income Statement from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

INCOME:		
Memberships	\$ 17,410.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 235.31	
Membership T-Shirts	\$ 1,000.00	
Magazine Advertisement	\$ 3,168.00	
Club Regalia Income	\$ 1,788.00	
Far Cairn Rally Income	\$ 6,118.00	
Karuah River Rally Income	\$ 4,266.25	
Awards Night Income	\$ 1,352.00	
Other Events	\$ 8,000.11	
Other Income (Donations,Refunds)	\$ 45.88	
Total Income		\$ 43,383.55
EXPENSES		
Newsletter Printing	\$ 7,868.62	
Newsletter Postage	\$ 3,950.60	
Membership Postage/Stationery	\$ 1,204.61	
Meeting Refreshments	\$ 69.15	
Council Meeting Fees	\$ 431.80	
Membership T Shirts	\$ 1,870.50	
Club Regalia Expenses	\$ 1,320.50	
Far Cairn Rally Expenses	\$ 2,788.91	
Karuah Rally Expenses	\$ 4,666.39	
Asset Expenses	\$ -	
BMW Clubs Australia	\$ 336.00	
Public Liability	\$ 1,025.00	
Christmas Party	\$ 2,793.20	
Awards Nights	\$ 1,410.95	
Other Events	\$ 5,464.13	
Donations	\$ 4,677.41	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,402.55	
Total Expenses		\$ 42,280.32

Profit and Loss March 2023		\$ 1,103.23
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ACCOUNT BALANCES	2023	2022
Regular bank balance at end of March.	\$ 871.34	\$ 1,927.24
Savings Account balance at end of March	\$ 34,312.15	\$ 32,153.02
TOTAL IN BANK	\$ 35,183.49	\$ 34,080.26

Trevor Dean has reviewed the accounts submitted by the Treasurer and have found them to be a true and accurate record for 2022/23.

Treasurer - Alison Ashby full report to be tabled at the June AGM

2023 Cane Toad Rally - Morro

Thursday

I had decided to go to the Cane Toad Rally again after going in 2021. I booked a room at Warwick first night as last time I rode through to Toowoomba which was just a bit too far arriving in the dark. Plan was stop at Gloucester top up the tank to get me to at least Guyra for next fill up. Topped up with fuel and just leaving the servo stopping to wait for a break in the traffic and about to put foot down and my high grip boot caught in the high grip foot peg and over I go. Doing 0 kph flat on my side still sitting on the bike. I got up and looked at the bike lying in the servo driveway looking like a bloated cow on its side. No chance of picking it up so I started to unpack it. In the meantime at least 30 cars drove past until a tradie ute pulls up "Do you need a hand?" "Yes please" was my reply. Within a minute the bike was back on its wheels, the tradie wishes me a good trip, shakes my hand, and hops back into the ute and off to his job for the day. Thanks mate. Not hurt and nothing damaged except my pride and only 100k from home I head off up Thunderbolts Way. It was a good ride up the mountains to Walcha with the now standard road works along the way.

It was a cruise up the New England Hwy, fuelling up at Guyra as planned and heading to Tenterfield. At Deepwater, north of Glen Innes, I was hit with a heavy rain squall as I entered the 50k zone and as I exited back to the 100k zone the sun was shining. A town living up to its name. Got to Tenterfield and decided to take the Mt Lindesay Hwy through to Warwick. Just out of town was a small memorial so I stopped to have a look. It was a memorial to the pilots that died when an F111 fighter jet crashed there many years ago. Heading on I pass the turnoff to Bald Rock and remember scaling it for work



back in 1979. North of here were road works again with the unsealed remaining section of road being readied for sealing. I had an escort vehicle on the perfect smooth clay surface for most of the distance. As it was raining at the time it was greasy but ok at a steady speed. The escort finished and the last couple of km was a challenge as it was still in my head about what happened at

Gloucester earlier in the day. Made it through ok and I would say that section of the Hwy will be sealed very soon if not already done. The ride into Warwick was a pleasant cruise arriving at about 1630hrs. Settle into my Hotel/Motel room and then to the bar for a drink and a meal. (abt 660km for the day)

Friday

I take off early in fog not knowing if there was rain or sunshine ahead. Luckily it was sunshine. I head toward Gatton. I have never spent much time in Qld so it is enjoyable riding new roads. It was a nice narrow winding sealed road similar to what the Putty Rd was many years ago. Along it were sections where land slip was being worked on to keep road open. Coming into Gatton was open and flat with chocolate brown soil mounded up in rows and rows of freshly planted vegetables. I headed to Esk and then to Kilcoy where I was supposed to meet up with a cousin on his Royal Enfield 500 single. He did not show so I headed off to Mapleton, where he lives, and found him in the bar waiting for me. Heading west from here was a short narrow downhill road (one way down) with very big drop offs to Kenilworth. From here I head north to Gympie. I was planning on catching up with an old work mate who has retired and now lives in Hervey Bay. He didn't know it, I was just taking pot luck he would be around. There was a hot rod show on in Hervey Bay as it was a long weekend in Qld (the weekend after ANZAC) so I got a basic motel room in a dodgy looking motel and gave him a call. (abt 520km for day)

Saturday

All good my mate was about and I caught up at bakery in the main street Saturday morning. I wished him well and the plan was to catch up in September on our annual ride to Far Cairn Rally. I headed into Bundaberg just for a photo of the Big Bundy bottle. I swore off ever drinking the stuff after the 1978 Centre Rally but that is another story. On to Gin Gin fuel up and feed up and head to Mount Perry for the rally. I called in to see an old railway tunnel on the way. It is a very impressive structure. Lots of people at the rally (abt 350 I think) with a very big range of motorcycle brands. Rally gymkhana was held with go slow races, go fast races, thong (footware) throwing and



even a first for me, Cane Toad racing with money raised to go to local school. I settled into my tent after a few lightning flashes while the bar was still raging. During the night it poured and blew a gale. There was a bit of dampness in the tent overnight and around the campsite. (abt 265km for day)

Sunday

I packed up and headed west early. Deciding on a sealed road (after the rain) exit via Eidsvold, Mundubbra, Gayndah (the oldest town in Qld the signs said), Ban Ban Springs, Murgon and to Kingaroy. I was trying to get as much distance as I could but also on roads I had never been on before. At Kingaroy I found the Big Peanut. It was not as big as I expected but it was an impressive bit of sculpture using old machinery parts and tools. After a



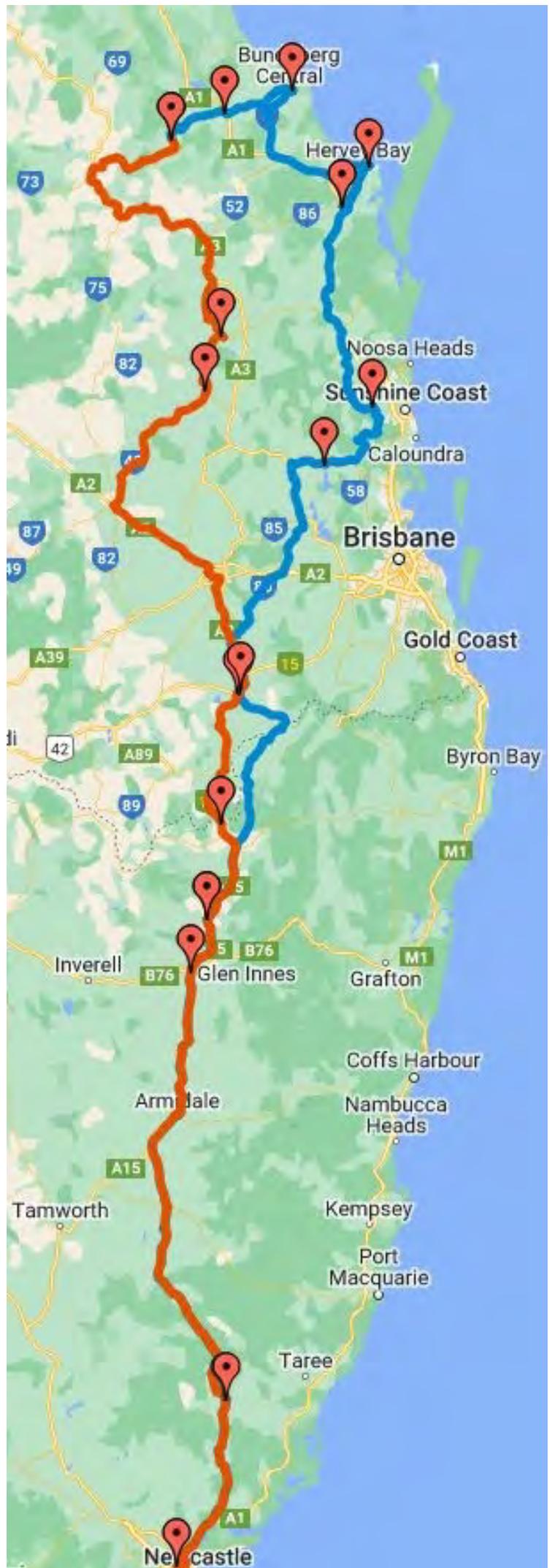
small break I headed off to Dalby. I was originally going to head to Inverell but time was starting to beat me so I decided to head to Toowoomba and head south from there. Along the road the cotton crop was looking good with the white cotton balls everywhere, on the plants and along the roadside. My GPS took me on a rat run to the south Toowoomba which a few others road users were taking so I was happy I was

not being led astray by the GPS. Head to Warwick and fuel up and decided to stop at Tenterfield for the night. No, Tenterfield was booked out and it was starting to get cool and darker. Heading through Deepwater I spot a motel sign and turn around and found it was a pub as well. Yes they had a room and had meals (and beer) great luck as it was now dark. (abt 760km for day)

Monday

Off to an early start after a good night sleep and head towards Glen Innes. About 6 km north of town I hit pea soup of a fog. Workers were setting up for road works along the side of the road but forward visibility was only 50 to 100 metres. Riding with hazard lights on following the white line along left of the road no way I was going to stop or pull over. A semi appeared behind me and I am glad he stay a nice distance behind as I knew he had seen me. Lights of a service station lit up the fog and I pulled in and gave the semi driver a wave as he went past. Had a hot pie and a drink waiting for a while hoping the fog would lift. I decided to head off as it seemed to get better. Got into middle of Glen Innes and it was a clear as a bell so my decision to ride on was a good one. Down the hwy to Uralla and head to Walcha to fuel up and head for home. With a small wait (engine off) for roadworks near Nowendoc the trip back to Newcastle and home was a pleasant ride, getting home mid afternoon. (abt 470km for day) Total of about 2675km for the trip.

-Morro



November South Australian Punt Ride - 6 November 2023



Hi all, this an update of the previously announced November ride across the 9 or so South Australian Murray River ferries (punts).

This event will begin in Mildura (Vic) on Monday 6th of November 2023 with a welcome dinner (location TBC most likely at a central location). Next day will be a ride to Renmark for morning tea and a pastie with opportunities for an R80 pic. We are still nailing down the Tuesday / Wednesday night dates with a concluding dinner scheduled for Goolwa (I hope to call on some local knowledge).

We are **very** likely to be joined by members of SA and ACT BMW clubs - It should be a jolly affair!

Early November weather can be perfect but also windy and with the odd shower. There is some distance involved for riders from the east, make sure you have good tyres and are fully fettled.

This event also fits between the Tumut Valley Riders Trout Rally and the South West Touring Clubs famous Fish Holes Rally near Portland (recommended). You may also wish to use this run as a stepping stone to explore Fleurieu Peninsula, Adelaide or the Barossa.

Mark out the week beginning the 6th of November in your diaries.

Please let me know if interested by emailing ram-saydave01@gmail.com so we can plan numbers.

A detailed itinerary and accommodation options will be provided closer to the event.

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HOW WEIRD IS THIS!

What in the hell would possess you to be using a bike produced 40 years ago as your main rally bike?? When you've got the answer let me know. In my case, back in early 2010, Wozz had put me onto a tidy looking R80ST and I jumped in with the bike having 37,366 miles on it. A few local experts reckoned the mileage was genuine so I was onto a good thing.

The bike was brought brand new in London on 30 March 1983 for £2,244.56 and was first registered on 12 April 1983. In '83 it was shipped to Australia and registered in Canberra on 25 July that year, then it moved to Sydney and was off the road for a decade or so. I had quite a lot of minor work done to it to make sure I was starting with the right baseline (eg carb gaskets, needles & seats, floats, diaphragms, cables, and new cam chain). And most importantly, nice wide R100GS handlebars, a 21 inch front wheel and R80GS forks made it perfect for the Cold Flame and Alpine Rallies.



With all this out of the way, I reckoned she was ready for a good ride with Garry Smee (R100GS PD) and I heading to the 2012 OCR at Bramwell Station, Cape York. It was a fantastic run but less so for Garry whose gear box bearing at the propshaft end failed (or was it the propshaft? – can't remember). During the trip, the R80 would lose interest in idling and became sluggish (bearing in mind that in top nick it's still pretty sluggish). At Cairns, I discovered the valves had practically no, or very little gap - but I'd had them adjusted before I left and after an adjustment ceremony it was happy again. At the rally itself, Beetle Bailey suggested I should get the steering head bearings done which explained its terrifying behavior in the 800k or so of sandy road (each way). But, bad luck as I'd just have to live with it until home again.

It felt pretty terrifying on long remote stretches worrying about whether the bike was going to expire or not. On the return trip I performed several other valve adjustment ceremonies thanks to motels and



pubs letting me use their sheds - and it got me home in one piece.

Once home, I had a long list of other things done including hardened valve seats (a problem for that model), swingarm and steering head bearings, rings, valve guides, a clutch, shiny stainless steel pushrod tubes - and new grommets of course. She was ready to rock and roll considering I'd now spent more on it than its purchase price.

Since then, the bike has done a stack of other rallies and club runs. At 50 horsepower, it's no missile; it feels ponderous, sluggish and tractor-like until warmed up. Overtaking has to be carefully planned but she keeps herself together on flooded roads and plods along on dirt quite nicely – but not by modern GS standards. Windy days are demanding but on the plus side, your feet touch the ground and a 24 litre tank gives you about 360k before reserve. There are no computers so a battery lasts forever. Oil changes are easy (all 3 of them) but it has tubed rims so carry replacement tubes and changing gear – just in case. Unlike modern adventure bikes, (excluding DR & DRZ Suzi's) the R80 is less than 200kg; it can take pretty big loads and is confident in the rough stuff. Highway speeds up to 120kph are no dramas (at 5000rpm). Once warmed up it's a sweet little bike to ride – within its limits - and there's a lot you can do yourself to keep it on the road. There's also a pretty solid after-market support industry and not much you can't get for them. And maybe, these things explain why so many old BMs (R and K models) are still on the road and why so many are riding stuff that really belongs on the rubbish tip, the wreckers or a museum.

Rob Lovett

FCR Committee and Organisation (15\16\17 September – Tottenham Racecourse)

We are looking for assistance in organising this years **Far Cairn Rally**.

We are looking for people to source raffle prizes, and would appreciate your help in sourcing these from vendors. Do you know someone who would be willing to provide vouchers or appropriate (bike related) goods for prizes?

Can you contact vendors and organise the prizes to be delivered to the August Club meeting or to the rally in September?

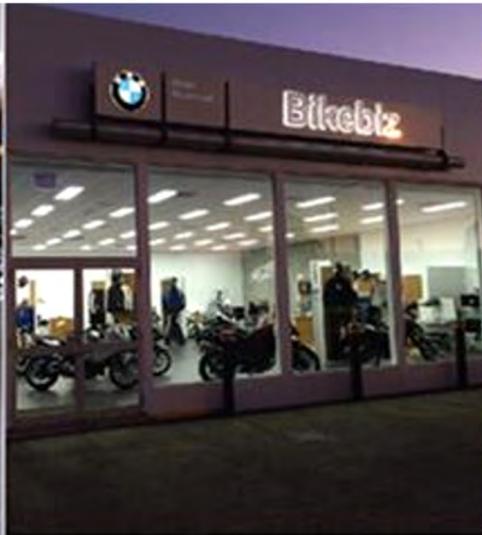
Are you able to distribute rally flyers to bike shops in your area?

We will be also looking for assistance on the day:

- Setting up the entry awning.
- Manning the entry for rally entrants/registration
- Moving tables etc as required.
- Packing up the entry awning.
- Cleaning up on Sunday morning.

We also need to transport the entry awning (pickup from Hebersham or from a meeting, regalia from the hall, raffle prizes etc out to Tottenham. Maybe you can assist with this?

Contact Marie 0428 939 093 or Alison 0422 077 583 for further details.



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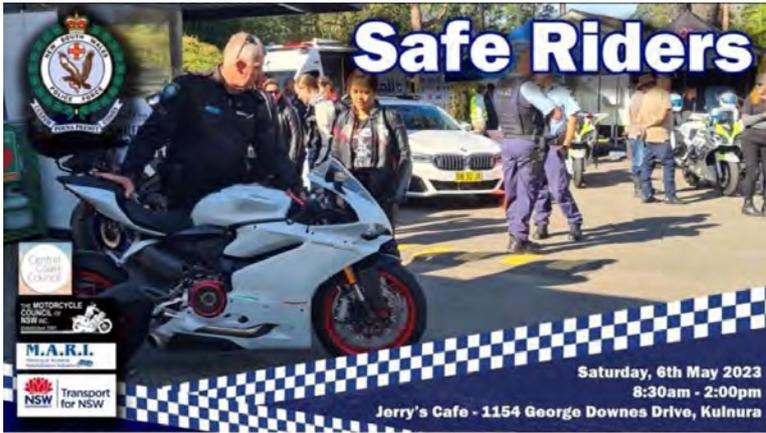
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'Safe Riders Day

Jerry's Cafe is always well supported by riders and the 'Safe Riders Day' drew even more crowds.



Of particular interest to me was the M.A.R.I./Dr Wings information stand, within the MCC of NSW tent. In case you are not aware, the 'M.A.R.I / DR Wings Bike Force' head office is based on the Central Coast, just an hour north of Sydney. The Initiative was formed from members of the M.A.R.I team based at the time in St Vincent's Hospital Darlinghurst Sydney.

The team consists of members from the Sydney Motorcycle Club, the BMW Touring Club of NSW as well as Members of the Ulysses Club, Central Coast Vintage Motorcycle Club & lastly the Committee For Safer Motorcycle Routes in the Hunter.

On Sunday 6 May I called in at Jerry's Cafe Kulnura to attend the 'Safe Riders Day', an initiative of the Central Coast Highway Patrol, an active supporter of riders and safe riding, with the goal of improving safety for motorcyclists on our roads, something every rider aims for.

Team members have been involved first hand with motorcycle accidents. It makes it easier to assist people if you have been there yourself. If you would like more information about M.A.R.I, need help yourself following an accident or know someone that does, reach out to them at info@mari.org.au or by phoning 0449 186 761. Support the people that support us.

The event was attended by NSW Police, The Motorcycle Council of NSW, M.A.R.I (Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative), Transport for NSW and the Central Coast Council.

All in all, the day was a great success, giving us the opportunity to interact with those groups that are there to help us.



Safe riding, Ed Chapman.

HYBRID MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

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/BMWTNSW-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

16 Days In Northern Vietnam part 5.

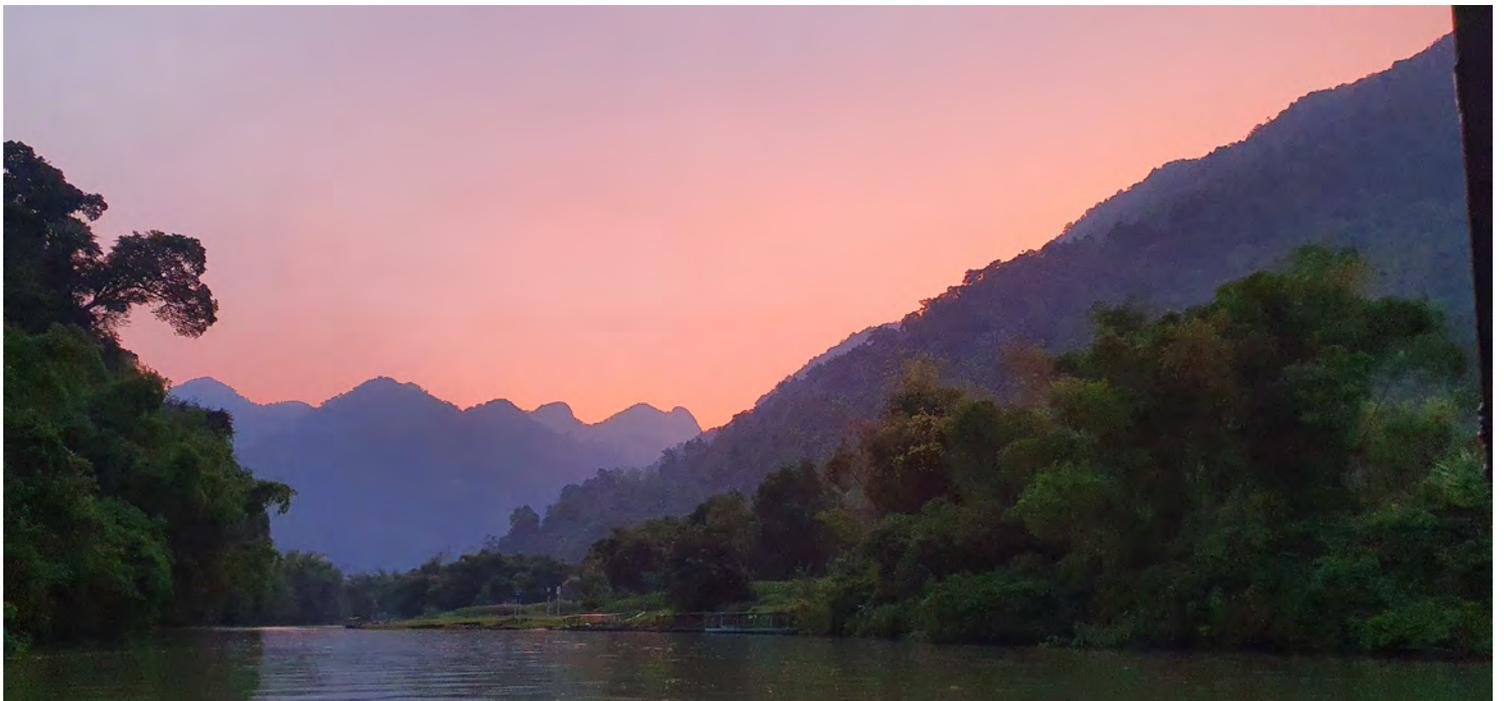
Day 10 and we had breakfast but more wondering around town, we'd done that the night before so we packed the bikes and out the door. Today's destination was the world heritage ecco park of Ba Be Lake and as usual we were out on the paved roads dodging truck and buses, you tend to get use to these but my Chris was still getting a bit too close to oncoming vehicles before ducking back in for my liking but I'm sitting further back and for me it looks close but he tells me there's plenty of room. We ran on paved back roads here and there passing through a Bamboo forest and eventually stopped for lunch and a shot siesta then back on the road.

After a while we turn onto dirt tracks and eventually onto the backtracks that are mainly scooter and walking tracks and this is where I had an off, we weren't travelling fast but the track had been wet at some time dried leaving hard wheel track and I managed to get front and back wheels into two different tracks and down I went on the left hand side trapping my foot and giving my ankle a bit of a twist. I managed to drag my foot out from under the bike and with Dave's help stood it up. Eventually Xuan and Chris came back to see where we were and as we got ready to ride off I notice my gear lever was not there and after finding it you could see it had been repaired before and that there was not much actually holding it on. Xuan told me to jump on his bike and he would ride my bike to our next stop. I was in 2nd gear when I crashed but we think the crash pushed it into 3rd and at one stage we were travelling on this road that was road base with a light layer of gravel on top ready to be concreted and Xuan ran wide on a bend and had a massive lockup skidding sideways trying to avoid running into the front of a small truck coming the other way, in fairness to Xuan the truck was in the middle of the road as well and not to the left. In the next town we stopped at a bike repair shop and after speaking to the local me-

chanic Xuan told to get some refreshments and wait while he got it re-welded.



One hour later Xuan appeared and we were off, we had a boat to me that would take us up Ba Be Lake to our accommodation and it would be dark before we arrive. Arriving at the river a 20 foot open canopied steel boat was waiting for us and Xuan and the owner backed the bikes down onto the front ramp of the boat parking them two on each side at the back of the canopy and we were off down the river and surprise, surprise there was an esky full of cold beer so we sat back and relaxed while enjoying and lovely boat ride on a beautiful and watched the sun set. Arriving at the beach where Xuan unloaded the bike and we rode the 3km to our homestay that happened to be next to the





one I stayed at last time we showered had dinner and too many happy waters and a great evening I turned in for the night.

Day 11. The next day we awoke to rain, not heavy, not light but constant. Time to try out the new rain pants I'd bought in Hanoi meanwhile Chris and Xuan are wearing emergency plastic ponchos with equally thin plastic pants. This was a slow day only 100km on main roads with a lot of slow moving traffic at times. Eventually my new pants let the rain through and my boots filled up, that's what I get for buying walking pants with a zipper instead of riding pants L.

Because of the constant rain other than lunch there were



no photo stops and we reached our hotel mid afternoon which I prefer because it gives us a lot of time to explore. Cao Bang is a large town around the size of Liverpool with medium buildings all around and the Bang Giang river running through it. One of the things I really like about Vietnamese towns is they have these indoor markets just like the outdoor ones, you can go in and wander around and they just wait for you to approach them, could be the language barrier or their attitude if



you want something you'll ask. Dave and I bought Red Army hats there, everyone working in the fields wear them and when I left there last time I regretted not buying one and I had intended to get one when we got back into Hanoi but these were better quality than the ones they sell the tourists in Hanoi and they were half the price we just had to work out how to pack them for the next 5 days without damaging them.

Dinner tonight we walked to a nice restaurant near the river and today was women's Day in Vietnam with a lot of traditionally dressed ladies everywhere and a large group in one of the private dining rooms and later they performed a dance on the forecourt between the restaurant and the river.

For dinner Xuan cooked us an on table BBQ of the usual beef, pork and prawns and bacon wrapped bean shoots while owner's young daughter wanted to see Santa Claus.

After dinner we walk along the river bank and back



to our hotel where we drank beer and played pool in pool hall on the second floor of the hotel before heading back to my room to rotate my drying riding gear and shifting the hair dryer into my other boot .

FIRST AID FOR MOTORCYCLISTS



Myself and 10 other likeminded and safety conscious riders attended the inaugural First Aid For Motorcyclists (FAFM) course at Toongabbie on Saturday 20 May, a course offering a generous rebate to BMWTC of NSW members. With two courses remaining you could still take advantage of this rebate.



The FAFM mission is to provide training, developed specifically for individuals to learn practical and highly relevant skills in trauma management. The course teaches you, as first responders in most cases, what to do during that critical time before emergency services arrive.

FAFM do offer training courses that offer individuals formal certification following their course, however this one day course, designed with riders in mind, does not, but covers off on many issues that are not covered in traditional first aid courses, for example, safe helmet re-

moval, limb immobilisation in remote and difficult circumstances, how to manage an accident scene and some options in terms of EPIRB facilities that are available. One Application that was recommended is 'Emergency Plus'.

It was also interesting to see a defibrillator not much bigger than a large mobile phone, at a price that does not break the bank. Most attendees took the opportunity to express interest in purchasing the FAFM rider first aid kit, myself included. Along with other products, they are available for purchase at the FAFM website <https://www.fafm.com.au/shop/>

The course was valuable, relevant and well presented by our trainer, Rodd Sanchez. Rodd has been a Registered Nurse, Paramedic, is a registered acupuncturist and is the Deputy Chief Training Officer at Cronulla Surf Club. With this impressive background, Rodd was well qualified to both deliver the course, and answer all our questions.



There are two remaining BMWTC of NSW supported first aid courses. The first is on Saturday 24 June at Hope Church Auditorium Bathurst, with the third and last course on Sunday 16 July at Bolton Point Community Hall at Newcastle. If you are interested, you should contact the Club Secretary @ secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au or by SMS to 0418 266 924.

The course is recommended highly.
Safe riding



Far Cairn Rally



15th to 17th September 2023

The BMW Touring Club of NSW proudly presents the 15th Far Cairn Rally to raise funds in support of the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI) and Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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, awards 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 on Saturday 8 -noon and Sunday 8-11 am or 24hr fuel (credit card only and 95RON) at Albert.



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.

While paying entry fee is possible on arrival, please consider pre-entry and payment to help us with ordering the correct quantities of badges, shirts and catering. Please ensure t-shirt pre-entries are received by 31st July 2023, entry only prepayments will be accepted until September 1st.

Entrants Full Name:			
Pillion/Partner:			
Address/Contact details:			
Club (if any):			
Entry fee/ person (includes a Badge & Sunday breakfast)	\$35.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – Size Black or Green	\$30.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – Size Black or Green	\$30.00		\$
TOTAL			\$

Please make cheques/money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW
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Toongabbie, NSW, 2146
EFT: BSB 032173 Account 406259
Please include your surname and "FCR" in the transaction description
Email entry forms to: membership@bmwtcnsw.org.au

For more information: contact: Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093

Or visit our website : www.bmwtcnsw.org.au and follow the links for contacts.

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For more information on MARI, have a look at this website: www.drwings.org.au

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS BMW Touring
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- At the AGM to be held June 28, 2023, all committee positions are declared vacant and all nominations will be voted on by the membership present. It is not essential for all committee positions that you attend meetings regularly.
- All nominations must be accepted by the nominated person.
- Any Nominations must be received by 31st May, 2023. Please post to :
 The returning officer c/o BMWTCNSW, PO Box 549, TOONGABBIE, NSW 2146

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
Your Name/Membership No		
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	Position Nominated	1. Nominated Member 2. Nominated Members Signature
PRESIDENT	Responsibilities include chairing meetings and representing the club. Currently held by Steve Treloar	1. 2.
VICE PRESIDENT	Responsibilities include keeping the members points score and organising the events calendar. Currently held by Position Vacant	1. 2.
SECRETARY	Responsibilities include incoming /outgoing communications with the club and keeping minutes of the meetings. Currently Justin Dorward	1. 2.
TREASURER	Responsibilities include keeping all financial records of the clubs operations. Position currently held by Alison Ashby	1. 2.
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Responsibilities include keeping records of the club membership, processing membership applications. Position currently held by Marie Pennykid	1. 2.
EDITOR	Responsibilities include preparing and publishing the clubs monthly newsletter. Position currently held by Alan Pennykid	1. 2.
ASSETS & ARCHIVES	Responsibilities include managing the security of and access to club assets. Currently Mal Cattermole .	1. 2.
PUBLIC OFFICER	Responsibilities include preparing and filing the clubs documents with the Department of Fair Trading. Currently Trevor Dean	1. 2.
WEBMASTER	Responsibilities include maintenance of the clubs website, keeping information on the site current. Currently held by Position Vacant	1. 2.
REGALIA	Responsibilities include selecting, sourcing and selling club regalia items. Currently held by Alison Ashby	1. 2.
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT/S	Responsibilities are various and negotiable. Currently Tony Conliffe (distribution)	1. 2.
SPARE PARTS/CLUB TOOLS	Responsibilities include keeping track of the location of tools belonging to the club and issuing tools to members on request. Position currently held by Rob Edgar	1. 2.
BMW Club Aust Representative	Responsibilities include liaising with the BMW Clubs Umbrella body. Currently Trevor Dean	1. 2.
NSW MCC Representative/s (2)	Responsibilities include representing our club within the NSW MCC and reporting MCC activities back to our club. Currently Bob Madell and Paul Ioakimidis	1. 2.

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Watch out for the following events:

9 th – 12 th June	Alpine Rally (Kings birthday weekend)
7 th – 9 th July	100 Years of BMW Motorcycles -Motorrad Days in Berlin
8 th – 9 th July	Winter Rally
29 th -30 th July	Hat Rally
22 nd July	Awards night @ Molong RSL
27 th – 28 th August	TTT Rally
15 th – 17 th Sept	Far Cairn Rally
23 rd Sept	100 Years of BMW Motorcycles -Concours (QLD)
30 th Sept – 2 nd Oct	40 th Anniversary of K series
7 th Oct	Kosciuszko Rally