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## On The Cover

Pic of the month from Paul Hughes taken in Samford, Spring colours contrasting nicely with the 700GS!



BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland



BMW Clubs International Council



## Club Details

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Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the:

### Geebung RSL Club

323 Newman Road Geebung

A Club Ride is usually held on the first Sunday after the monthly meeting.

BMWMCQ AIMS

The objectives of the BMWMCQ are to increase the enjoyment of motorcycling by:

1. Improving the opinion of the public towards motorcycling in general and associated members

particularly, by careful, courteous, considerate riding, especially when riding with the Club, and rendering assistance to all road users in difficulty.

2. Improving the service and availability of spare parts for BMWs in Queensland using the advantage of a united effort.
3. Decreasing maintenance and running costs by mutual assistance on mechanical problems.
4. Organising day trips, tours and outings.
5. Encourage and support Regional Ride Groups
6. Affiliation with other clubs/associations where such affiliation would be of mutual benefit.

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## Duncan & Cindy Bennett

## Editor's Report

**B**ig win for the month was getting the bikes prepped and sent off for the Ultimate South America (USA) trip starting February 2023. USA! USA! USA! It is nearly 6 years since we last did this for the Africa trip. Cindy had pre-planned this time and her R1200C "Best in Show" now sits without peer or much air in the tyres in the carport. This time getting spares and stuff has been noticeably more difficult. Brakes pads, please Monsieur Dealieur? Moi only has one front set of pads in stock and OEMs are 2 months away! Sacred Blue! What on earth are you doing for services, letting people ride away metal-on-metal? No, luckily plenty of "after market" is still available, there will be no pressure on the Patagonians to raid their cupboards. So with the top-boxes crammed with stuff only useful to dock workers with certain motorcycle models, off they went. It is now real people.

### Duncan & Cindy

*The bikes strapped in. Cindy decided she needed "a mechanically-minded chap" for the trip so I managed to find one and fasten it to her pannier rail.*



*We took a trip out during the month to St Helena Island, the location of the BMWMCQ cemetery. Member No.2251 Schlomo Overpeck was seen riding a Harley past a club event, and by an amazing coincidence died the following day, choking on a Broncos footy sock. He was an Eels supporter. Just tragic.*

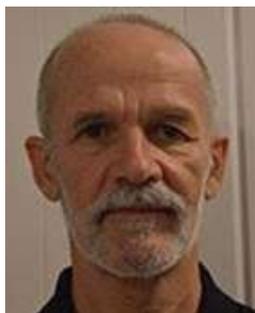


## Submissions for the Next Journal close 25th-ish January



**VENUE FOR BMWMCQ GENERAL MEETINGS**  
**GEEBUNG RSL CLUB 323 NEWMAN ROAD GEEBUNG**  
**MEALS OPEN AT 6.00 PM MEETING STARTS 7.30 PM**  
**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 1st December**



**Tony Gray****President's Report**

**A**nother year is drawing to a close and many will be pleased to see the end of 2022. For us here on the east coast it certainly has been a year of flooding rains which is not showing any sign of abating. The inundation of MMM Boxerworks premises back in March and the devastating effect it had on Mark Morrissey, his business and customer bikes was gut wrenching to witness. But as the old saying goes, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going". It is now an indelible part of this club's 64 year history that many club members, some who

came to meet Mark for the first time, rolled up their sleeves, donned their boots and got stuck in to proudly see the phoenix rise from the swamp. An integral part of our BMW Motorcycling history and all the bikes were saved by the selfless actions of many club members as well as other friends of Mark.

Covid continued to cut a swathe across the world disrupting events and stymieing world travel plans for many. Not to be deterred, local International Adventurers, Alan Cox & Bridget Hallam of 'Throw Your Leg Over' publications, have just completed a 156 day European odyssey covering over 20,000km and visiting 16 countries on their 2008 model GS1200. Alan & Bridget were guest speakers at a Club meeting before their departure and I will try to get them back for a return visit in the new year to discuss this trip. Closer to home our own intrepid world travelers, Cindy & Duncan, have shipped their trusty Triumphs to Melbourne en route to Santiago, Chile where they will start their 100 day South American tour in the New Year. Jane and I are shipping the Gray Ghost across the ditch to add another country to her bike passport where we will join her in January. Sadly there are only two other Queensland bikes joining the 'Get Routed' NZ shipment so we are all being loaded in Sydney on 29 December.

The journal that Cindy & Duncan produce every month is the lifeblood of the club and keeps everybody connected, no matter where they live or if they are social media savvy. Cindy and Duncan have put a lot of thought into how the journal may be managed during their overseas trip and initial plans were for the 'Special Ks' Klaus & Kerry to step into the breach. Unfortunately timing has not worked in their favour with sale of their home at Hervey Bay and a pending relocation to Cairns proving an insurmountable hurdle. Paul Hughes, with a little help from his friends, has offered his many talents to manage the journal for a few months. Lessons have been taken and running sheets produced so I am confident we are in good hands. I would ask you all however to dig deep into your literary well and supply Paul with an endless list of interesting stories (they don't have to be true!) to help fill the pages. *(Editor – and lots of photos, everyone loves photos!)*

On the positive side of the ledger it was great to welcome back the MotoGP and World Superbikes to Phillip Island after a covid related hiatus. The weather was not kind for either event with the big wet causing major disruptions getting to the event and at the Island with accommodation and track access thrown into disarray. We motorcyclists are a hardy bunch however and turned up in droves to see the type of close racing that Phillip Island always manages to produce.

I hope that you have managed to meet some of your bike related goals this year and have enjoyed some of the many events that the club has successfully staged during 2022. Jane and I have been very quiet this past month as we both contracted Covid but are looking forward to catching up with many friends at this years Christmas party at Evans Head. Covid put paid to last years event so we will have to have twice as much fun this year. **Tony.**



## BMWMCQ Club Events for DECEMBER 2022

Date	Start	Event	Details	Contact
<b>Thurs 1 Dec.</b>	7:30pm	Club Monthly Meeting	Geebung RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung QLD. Meals from 6pm	<b>President Tony</b>
<b>Sun 4 Dec.</b>	9:00am	Club Led Ride	Ride to Rudd's Pub, Nobby. Meet BP Blacksoil 9:00am	<b>Ride Leader - Charlie Brown</b>
<b>Sat 10 Dec.</b>	6:00pm	Christmas Party	Evans Head RSL <b>BOOK NOW - DON'T MISS OUT</b>	<b>VP Paul</b>
<b>Wed 14 Dec.</b>	9:00am	Mid Week Ride	Meet at Dayboro to depart 0915 to Linville Pub	<b>Ride Leader - VP Paul</b>
<b>Sat 17 Dec.</b>	9:00am	Coffee Meet-Up	Cafe 63, 72 Pickering St Enoggera	<b>Events Coordinator Mark</b>



**Merry Christmas to all!**



## EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact
16 - 20 Aug 2023	Bike Fest Oz	Tweed & Gold Coast	<a href="http://bikefestoz.com.au">bikefestoz.com.au</a>

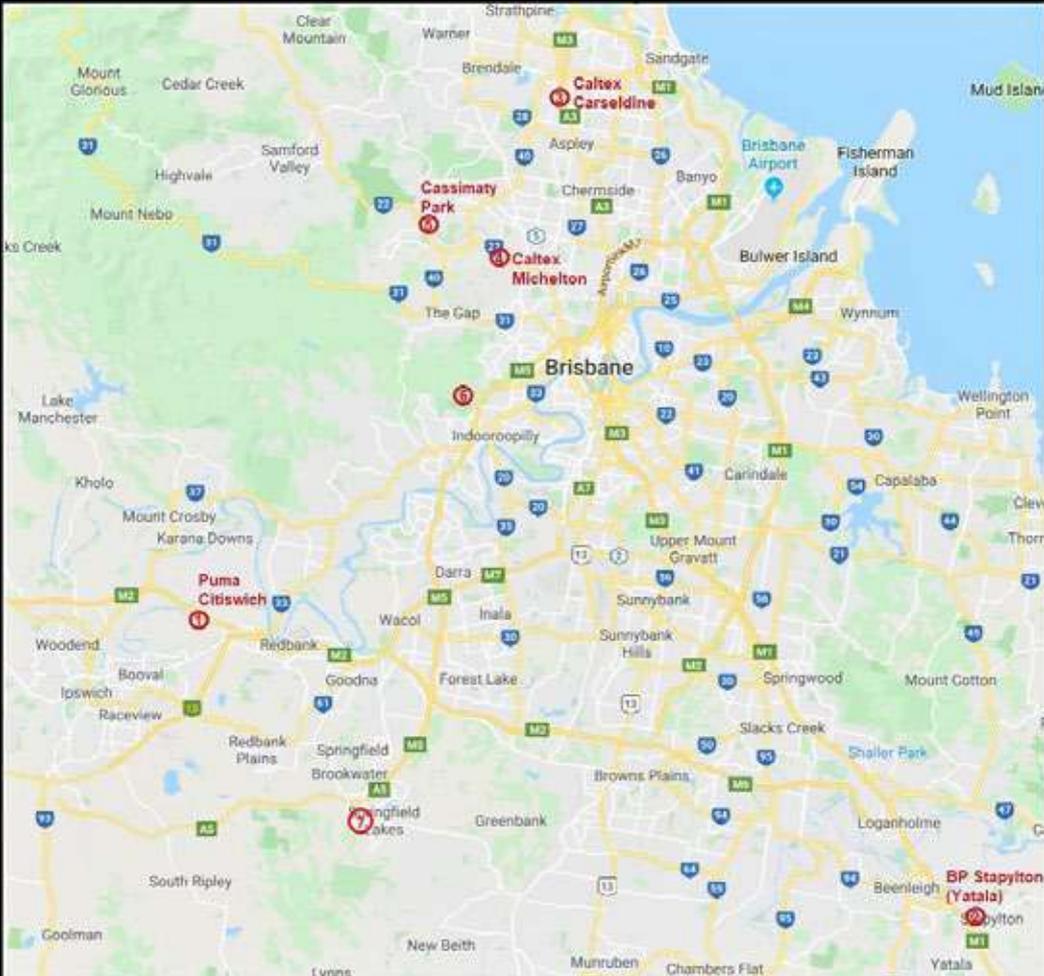
**Last chance to book in for the Christmas Party at the Evans Head RSL (can't beat this view) on 10th December - what are you waiting for....**



## BMWMCQ Club Events for JANUARY 2023

Date	Start	Event	Details	Contact
<b>Happy New Year to one and all !</b>				
<b>Thurs 12 Jan.</b>	7:30pm	Club Monthly Meeting	Geebung RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung QLD. Meals from 6pm	<b>President Tony</b>
<b>Sun 15 Jan.</b>	7:00am	Club Breakfast Ride	Jolly's Lookout	<b>Tony Malone/VP Paul</b>
<b>Sat 21 Jan.</b>	9:00am	Coffee Meet-Up	The Farmhouse Cafe, Wellington Point	<b>Events Coordinator Mark</b>
<b>Tues 31 Jan.</b>	6:00pm	German Club Dinner	German Club East Brisbane	<b>Events Coordinator Mark</b>

## RIDE MEETING LOCATIONS



1	<b>Puma Citiswich</b>	Cnr Ashburn Rd & Hawkins Cres, Bundamba QLD 4304
2	<b>BP Stapyton (Yatala)</b>	Cnr Pacific Hwy & Stapyton Jacobs Well Rd, Stapyton QLD 4207
3	<b>Caltex Carseldine</b>	1754 Gympie Rd, Carseldine QLD 4034
4	<b>Caltex Mitchelton</b>	550 Samford Rd, Mitchelton QLD 4003
5	<b>Cassimaty Park</b>	1312 Samford Rd, Ferny Grove QLD 4055
6	<b>Brisbane Lookout Mt Coot-tha</b>	
7	<b>Springfield Central</b>	1 Main St, Southern Cross Cct



**Paul Hughes****Vice President's Report**

**W**ell fabulous weather out riding this month. We have been very fortunate weather wise compared to other states. Hope you have made the most of it. On Saturday night I had an extremely pleasant night ride back from the Sunshine Coast event organised by Steve Maney (thanks Steve). Pleasant temperature and little traffic combined to make a very enjoyable ride.

I recently had the opportunity to first hand view a new prototype POV VR training aid developed by Bicycle Queensland. The animated program had about eight different scenarios of interaction between bicycles and heavy truck traffic. The program took you through each of the scenarios by viewing first off the issue as POV of the bicycle rider and then from the truck perspective. Finally it showed each scenario in a "helicopter" view. It is easy to understand how some of the interactions can lead to accidents. Trucks field of view, parked vehicles hiding sight lines, bicycles unaware of trucks iterations and bicycles ability to move (relative to the trucks) very quickly. It was uncanny the correlation between bicycles and motorcycles. Most of the scenarios equally could relate to motorcycles and trucks, especially in congested urban areas.

The program is in the early development stage but has obviously great potential in training the next generation in relation to the "culture" of road users safety. I think the program should be expanded quickly and introduced as a compulsory subject in primary schools all over the country. The kids all ride 'pushies" and situational awareness and application to personal safety will carry through to later life and four wheeling, when we want them on their best game at "sharing" the road.

The Christmas Party is just upon us. The Morgan and Wacker prize vouchers will be drawn at the function by the President for all financial members. We thank Tony Ward (Dealer Principle) for his generosity and also BMW Clubs Australia for providing the vouchers. Hope to see you all at Evans Head.

The Christmas season is upon us and I therefore wish you all a very merry Christmas with your family and friends and a very happy and safe New Year. First event of the New Year is Tony Malone's breakfast meet up at Jolly's Lookout.

Safe riding everyone.

**Paul**





## Darryl Gowlett

## Treasurer's Report

G'day everyone,

Christmas is just around the corner, but I suppose you've already noticed that. A couple of usual outgoings this month, and the bulk of the income being memberships and payments for the Christmas party dinners. We received \$95 from the service day, but have not donated that to the RFDS as we still have a shortfall from purchasing softdrinks in bulk for this event.

I went for a blat into northern NSW on the R80G/S this past weekend and had a ball. The softer suspension soaks up the bumps on these roads, but it appears that many are being repaired. Some haven't, so obviously no Councillor lives on those roads. I took a shortcut from Tyalgum to Nimbin through the Mebbin National Park and the roads have just been graded. No bumps, but a little skittish on the gravel, and they're very narrow, so caution is mandatory.

Past president Peter Allen is on the mend in the PA after being swiped off his bike, so a big shout out to him and wishes for a speedy recovery. He got a free helicopter ride in.

Be careful. They're out there.

Ciao, Darryl

Trading statement as at: November 28, 2022

BoQ Balance as at:		October 26, 2022	\$ 24,361.62	Year to date		\$ 16,165.68
<b>Income:</b>	Membership	\$ 900.00		\$ 11,492.00		
	Advertising	\$ -		\$ 5,900.00		
	Regalia	\$ 60.00		\$ 267.00		
	Tools	\$ -		\$ -		
	Events Xmas party	\$ 675.00		\$ 8,080.00		
	Interest	\$ 3.06		\$ 22.10		
	Sundry Service day	\$ 95.00	\$ 1,733.06	\$ 1,641.77	\$ 27,402.87	
			\$ 26,094.68		\$ 43,568.55	
<b>Expenses:</b>	Administration	\$ -		\$ 3,018.57		
	Website	\$ 385.00		\$ 3,989.83		
	Paypal	\$ 16.00		\$ 177.71		
	Regalia	\$ -		\$ 645.00		
	Tools	\$ -		\$ 159.00		
	Events	\$ -		\$ 3,244.47		
	Awards	\$ -		\$ 300.00		
	Sundry	\$ -		\$ -		
		\$ -	\$ 401.00	\$ 6,340.29	\$ 17,874.87	
<b>Balance</b>			\$ 25,693.68		\$ 25,693.68	
<b>BoQ balance at:</b>	<b>November 28, 2022</b>		\$ 25,693.68		\$ 25,693.68	
<b>Term deposit:</b>		\$ 20,577.44		\$ 20,500.45		
Interest		\$ -	\$ 20,577.44	\$ 76.99	\$ 20,577.44	
<b>Available:</b>			\$ 46,271.12		\$ 46,271.12	
<b>RFDS donations</b>			\$ -		\$ 1,908.27	



**Geoff Hodge****Secretary's Report****BMWMCQ General Meeting Minutes – 3 November 2022****Venue: Geebung RSL**

<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	7:30 pm
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mal Cremer, Jane Gray, Joe Ludwig, Frank Hills, Greg Dunne, Gary Bennett, Chris Bramwell
<b>Minutes of Previous General Meeting:</b>	<b>Accepted:</b> Darryl Gowlett <b>Seconded:</b> Paul Hughes
<b>Number of Attendees:</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>New Members (Name &amp; MC):</b>	Nil
<b>Visitors:</b>	Jamie Clinch R1150GSA 2005, F650GS
<b>Returning Members:</b>	Nil
<b>Treasurer Report:</b>	Nothing to report, accounts as per Journal.
<b>Editor Report:</b>	Last month for Photo Comp. Send in Photos.
<b>Tools Report:</b>	Tools Service day 5 November at Rob Wynne's place. Food and drink, bike service, see you there.
<b>Regalia Report:</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>Records Report:</b>	Currently 270 financial members.
<b>Events Report:</b>	Kandanga mid-week ride. Club Ride to the Eltham Pub. Richard M leading. Coffee Meet Up at Light House. Sunny Coast Dinner ride - Dicky Beach Surf Club German Club December we need a ride leader! Christmas at Evans Head. VP mid-week ride Springbrook.
<b>Secretary Report:</b>	RFDS letter of thanks for the support via donations.
<b>Dealer Liaison Report:</b>	Electric bikes have full charge time of 4½ to 5½ hours.
<b>Clubs Australia Report:</b>	Nothing to report.

<b>Vice Presidents Report:</b>	Attended Task force road safety meeting we are the only motor cycle club others are TransUrban, Bike Qld Walk Qld, NHVR Safety cameras, TMR. Two or three meetings per year.
<b>President Report:</b>	Two sub-committees working hard towards our twin BMW motorcycle centenary celebrations - dinner looking at options. Bikes coming along.  Mileage (kilometerage, otherwise only Merv would have won) Awards (all makes eligible): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Johnson 100,000</li> <li>• Paul Hughes 100,000</li> <li>• Mark Mustchin 100,000</li> <li>• Merv Bone K 1300 180,000</li> </ul>
<b>General Business</b>	Cane Toad have helpers recruited now. Ideas for events appreciated.  The team will meet with Mt Perry council.
<b>Buy / Swap / Sell</b>	Nil reported.
<b>Closed:</b>	8:30 pm, next meeting 1 December 2022



**Donna Wiltshire** [regalia@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:regalia@bmwmcq.org.au) **Regalia Officer's Report**

Hi all,

I have nothing much new to report on the regalia front.

There are 50 BMW 1958 MCC Queensland cloth badges remaining from the original 150 for your purchase.

Following one last rattling, at the Club's lunch ride to Kalbar Pub, I'll be taking the RFDS donation tin to their HQ for counting. Will report back to you soon on how much has been donated.

Check out the catalogue for a regalia Christmas gift.

*Wishing you all a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year.*

Kind regards,

Donna





## Geoff Hamon

## Tools Officer's Report

Hi from the Tool man.

Well, another successful service day has been and gone. Big thank you once again to Rob Wynne for opening up his home and great facilities for the club's use. Thanks for all those who turned up and made it a great day. We actually had several motorcycles on the hoist, both getting similar work done. Gearbox & final drive oil changes. Thanks again to Charlie Brown for manning the BBQ, ably supported by Chris Lancaster.

Take care and as always enjoy your Tooling Around.

Ride Safe

Geoff H.

### Repair Manuals

The Club has various Repair Manuals available to borrow, mainly for older bikes.

### Tools for loan

There are special tools available including the GS-911WiFi and 3 pin diagnostic tools.

### Special Tools

- 34mm socket for rotating crankshaft



- Twinmax electronic carburettor balancer (Twin BMW engines)
- Vacuumate (electronic synchronisation of throttle valves up to 4 cylinders)
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- Steering head bearing puller and seating tool
- Gearbox output flange puller
- GS-911 Wi-Fi Diagnostic tool (Wi-Fi and USB Version)
- GS-911 3 pin Diagnostic tool (for older bikes)
- Tyre Pressure Monitor Sensor (TPMS) tool
- Enduralast hall sensor tester
- Brake bleeding tool (suction bleeding via the brake caliper)
- Compression tester

### Club Tool Loan:

\$50 deposit (refundable) for GS911. Tools and spares can be picked up or brought along to the next meeting or Club ride.

### Contact Tools Officer

Geoff Hamon 0413 334 625

*email:* [spares@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:spares@bmwmcq.org.au)



## Greg Gaffney

## Records Officer's Report

Looking forward to our Christmas party at Evans Head again this year. It was great seeing the F111 display at the airport a few years ago having worked on that amazing aircraft in the 70s. This year I'm looking forward to having lunch at the Surf club on the Saturday as I haven't been there before.

*Cheers Greg.*

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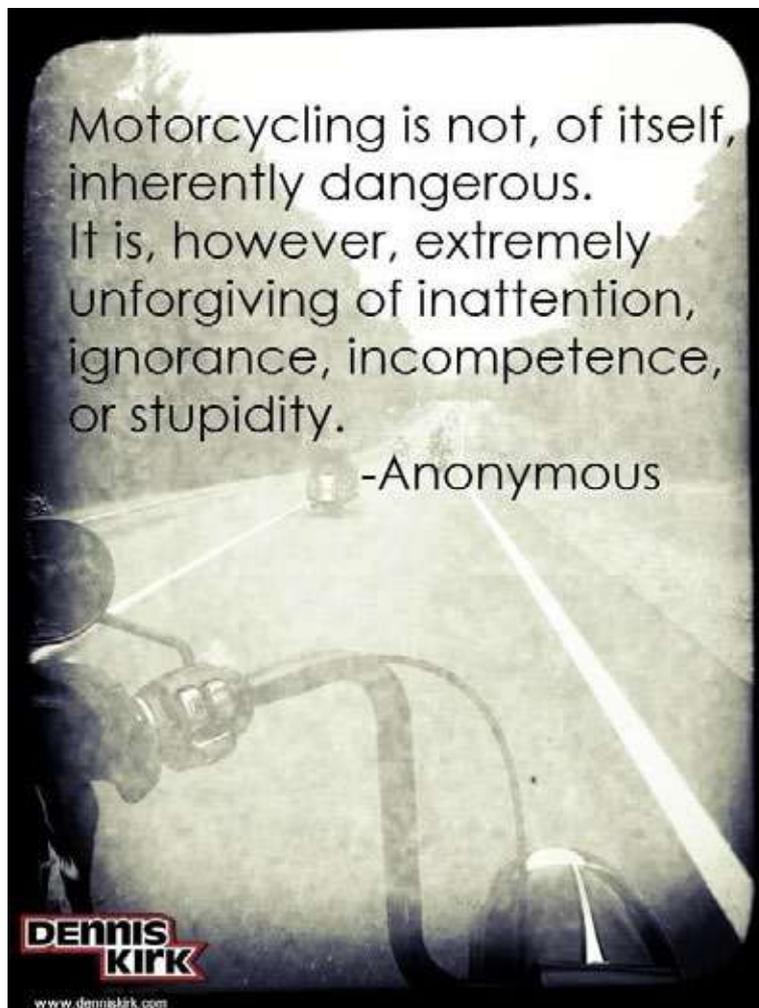
### Welcome to New Members:

Jamey Clinch, D'AGUILAR, **R1150GS, F650GS**

Keith Woolf, CEDAR GROVE, **R1250GS, Harley-Davidson CVO**

Marc Withnall, CLAYFIELD , **F800GS, G310GS**

Grant Billingham, R1200RS, **Laverda 1200, 1970 Triumph**





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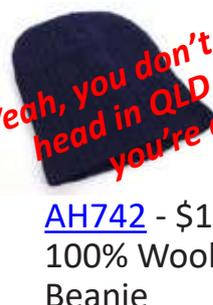
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Bag product name	Quantity	Colour
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Bucket Hat Sandwich AH695 - \$17 each			
Bucket Hat AH715 - \$16 each			
Wool Beanie AH742 - \$17 each			
Cotton Beanie AH770 - \$17 each			

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**Mark Mustchin****Events Officer's Report**

November events have been well supported. Big thanks to Richard Maher for leading the ride to the Eltham Hotel & Mark Gilbert for leading the mid-week ride to the Kandanga Hotel.

I'm writing this report on Sunday morning before heading off to the Kalbar hotel for the club lunch ride, looks like there will be 15 attending.

December kicks off with a ride to Rudd's Pub at Nobby led by Charlie Brown, the following weekend is the Christmas Party at Evans Head. Paul Hughes has put in a lot of time & effort organising the Christmas Party so it should be a really good weekend away. Paul will also be leading the mid-week ride to the Linville Pub on the 14th December. The final event for the year will be the Coffee Meet Up at Cafe 63 at Enoggera on Saturday the 17th December.

The Club's New Year starts with the General Meeting held on the 12th January (the 2nd Thursday of the month), this is followed by the Breakfast ride to Jolly's Lookout on Sunday the 15th January. January's Coffee Meet Up will be at the Wellington Point Farmhouse on the 21st. There will be a club Lunch Ride on the 29th January to a location TBA.

The Club's led ride & mid-week ride in February & March are open to anyone who would like to step up & run a ride, your choice of destination. I would like the mid-week rides to be BYO lunch, this format seems to be preferred.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Mark.

***Mark recently attended a Test Ride Day at Mt Glorious to ride the Aprilia 660 Toureg Adventure bike - looks good!***





## We are going back to Evans Head for this year's Christmas Party!

**When:** Saturday 10th December 2022

**Where:** Lower Level Balcony, Club Evans RSL - 11 McDonald Place, Evans Head NSW

**How much:** \$45 per person for a 2 course meal and canapes prior

**How to book:** To confirm your booking you must deposit \$45 per head into the BMWMCQ bank account. Include your name and the number of people you are paying for in the deposit description.

**BSB 124030**

**Acc # 10243020**

and then email the club Treasurer with the details of your deposit and how many you have paid for. Then click "going" in Facebook (no maybe's please). Email of Treasurer Darryl is:

[treasurer@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:treasurer@bmwmcq.org.au). *This is a very important step.*

**Accommodation options:**

The Bowl Cabins (02) 6682 4343 (*Par-tay Central* - mention you are part of the BMW group)

**Pricing:**

Hotel style room: \$119 per night

1 Bedroom Cabins \$149 per night

2 Bedroom cabins \$189 per night

3 Bedroom cabins \$249 per night

Reflections Caravan Park (cabins) (02) 6682 4212 (may require a 2 night stay)

Evans Head Pacific Motel (02) 6682 4318

Hotel Illawong (02) 6682 4222



**\*\*Note: Sat 10 December is the start of the QLD school holidays so booking early is advised!\*\***



# 100 YEARS of BMW Motorcycles



*23rd September 2023*

This event will be run by our club at the central location of **Reddacliff Place** in Brisbane. We are looking for suitable bikes from all years and all models to display at this special event to celebrate this enormous achievement of the BMW brand that we all love to ride.

Do you have a bike that is suitable? If it is an older BMW (60's or earlier) and it is completely assembled, presentable, registered or not, we want to hear from you.

If your BMW bike is from the '70's up to latest models and is in good visual condition, special or a rare model, we want to hear from you as well.

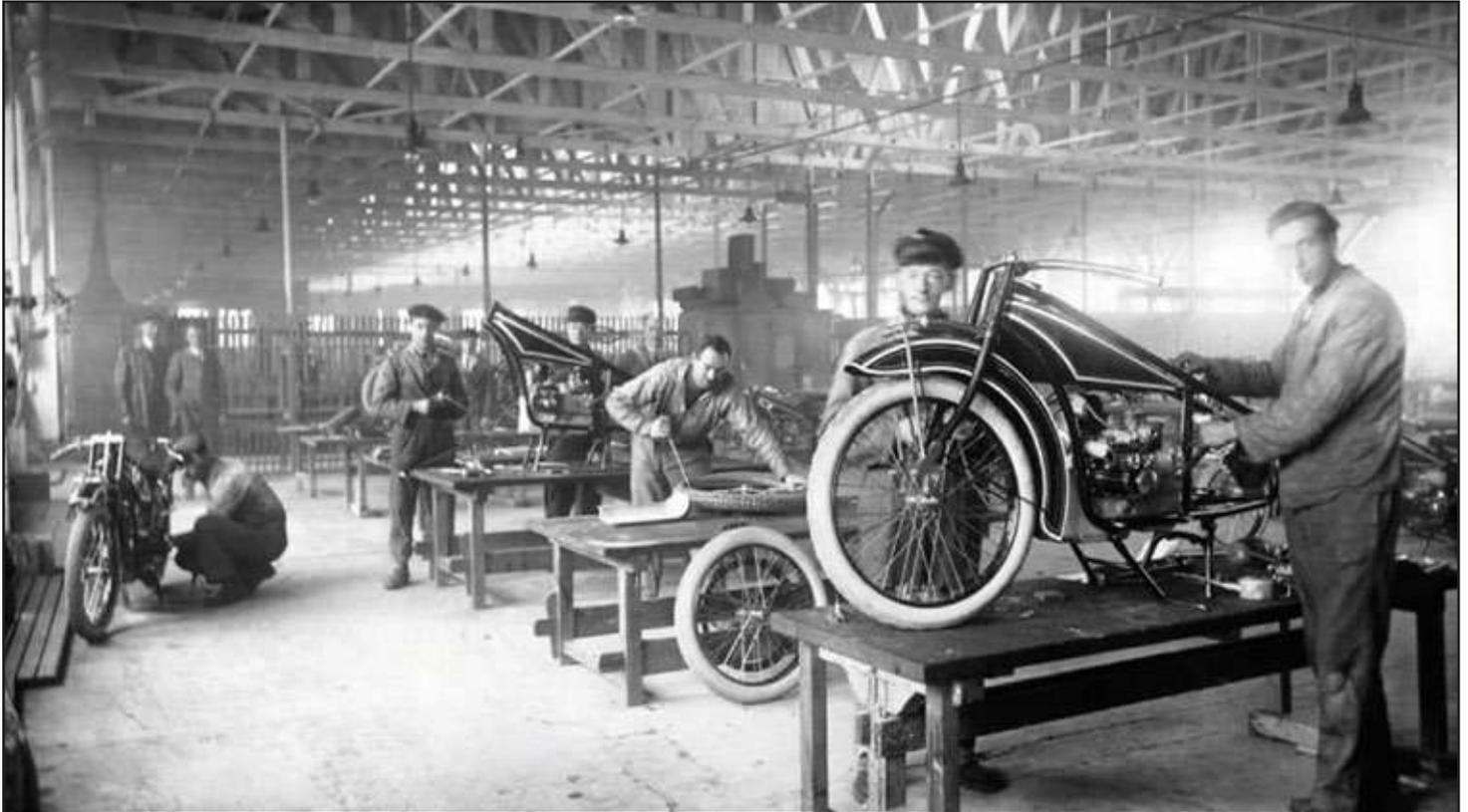
We have a target of one hundred bikes, to display an example of as many different models as possible. A selection process will be undertaken from the applications and consideration will be given to bikes that fit the above criteria as well as bikes with high kilometres or extraordinary travel achievements.

To nominate your bike, send the following details to [bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au):

- What Model it is.
- Year of Manufacture.
- Total Km's Travelled.
- Longest Journey Travelled.
- A Photo.



*If you've got an R1200CLC, don't park it behind my towel in the bathroom.*



**BMW started production of the BMW R 32 in Munich in 1923.  
That is definitely worth celebrating!**

## **As described by BMW Motorrad, the engine is the key element.**

Breaking with all convention, the BMW motorcycle did not have the geometry of a bicycle. The engine was the centrepiece. Max Friz and his team designed the BMW R 32 completely around the engine.

The highlights: an opposed twin-cylinder engine with cylinders mounted across the frame, a manual gearbox bolted directly to the engine and a shaft-drive powertrain. All these are distinct features of BMW motorcycles with opposed-twin engines to this day.



*In another of the popular "introducing" sections we shone the spotlight on Len and Pam Tunney. And copped the full and bedazzling reflection right in the eyes:*

## What got you into riding, and what was your first bike?

It all started in 1976 when Pam and I attended a British Singles Motorcycle Club display day in Brisbane with a friend who had a 500cc Matchless single. I already had a bike licence and we thought it would be fun to have a bike. I was keen on buying a Ural as you could buy a new one for around \$ 650 at the time. After hearing a few Ural reliability horror stories, we took the safe approach, spent about twice the money and bought a new Honda 400 Four which had recently been released at the time. A few months after we bought the 400, we finished our studies and moved from Brisbane to Townsville to start our careers in earnest. The bike was great, but after riding the bike up to Townsville and bouncing around North Queensland on it for a few months, we got sick of being almost blown off the highway when semi-trailers were coming the other way. We replaced it with a 1,000cc Honda not too much later. It solved the problem.



We stayed with the Honda for some years while buying a Queenslander in Townsville and spending lots of time doing renovations. Meanwhile, our Matchless friend in Brisbane bought an R75/7 which we rode a number of times when visiting Brisbane. This started something. In 1982 just when we had saved enough money to have the house re-stumped, I saw an ad in the Townsville Daily Bulletin for a '78 R100RS. After some quick discussions, we put off the re-stumping job for a while and bought

the RS. Now it felt like we had a proper bike that could go places; and we rode it to various places up and down the Australian east coast.

Two children later and a move back to Brisbane, I visited the Sydney Motor Show in 1989 and fell in love with a red pre-production K1 that was on display and due to be released in the coming months. After six months negotiation with the Management Committee to get a red one and a further six months discussion to keep the RS in the garage as well, I finally took Pam and our four year old daughter past Morgan & Wackers to show them a K1. The only real comment I got was from our daughter who said there was no way I could have a red one. Pam agreed, so I thought a blue K1 with yellow all over it was better than no K1. The bike was an excellent one person touring machine and I used it to meet Pam in Hobart, Adelaide, Leura and a few other places over the years once our kids were old enough to spend a few days with friends while Pam jumped on a plane.



In 1995, the opportunity came along for Pam and I to work in Vietnam. It took about two minutes to decide and the four of us moved to Ho Chi Minh City. After two & a half years and many great experiences in Vietnam, I received a phone call from a guy I knew a little asking if I was interested in a job in Luxembourg. We had to get the atlas out to see where Luxembourg was as Pam and I had only been to Europe once before when we spent a cold winter month

travelling around Europe before kids with back packs, Eurail passes and Europe On \$15 a Day. It was another two minute decision. An '89 K100LT was in the garage before our first summer in Luxembourg.

Once life looked to be probably long term in Luxembourg and housing had been sorted out, Management Committee discussions started on something better than the LT. This led to a new 2003 K1200GT being added to the garage. Over the next ten years or so, Pam and I toured around an awful lot of central and eastern Europe on either the LT or the GT.



And then we got a GS.

## How long have you had your R1250GS, I know it isn't your first BMW.....

By 2014 with both of our kids now re-established in Australia with their own careers, we finally saw the light and bought a new R1200GS from Adolf Hisgen, a small family run BMW dealership in Trier, Germany. Dealing with these guys has been a great experience since day one. On the day of delivery, Sasha, the son and his fiancé spent about an hour going through all of the technology surrounding the bike, navigation system, etc. Sasha's English was not very good, but a hundred times better than my German and quite a bit better than Pam's knowledge of the language. He and his fiancé had spent the previous evening practising their

English version of the hand-over. It was great.

## Any interesting trips on the bike to tell us about?

The plan for the bike was that it should fly places and that we should use it to see a wide range of places around the world. The bike's first significant trip was to the Faroe Islands and Iceland. We caught the vehicle ferry over from the north of Denmark to the Faroes and spent a week wandering around the various islands in the group through a range of tunnels and small car ferries. We then rejoined the ferry for Iceland and had two weeks circumnavigating the island staying close to the coast as much as possible. There are some great gravel roads in Iceland and we spent more time riding on dirt than we ever had previous to this.



The bike's first flight was to Bangkok in 2018. We went on what was called a South-East Asia 360 trip organised by Motorrad Tours UK. Along with almost 20 other bikes from the UK, we rode north-west of Bangkok out to the Myanmar border and then stayed reasonably close to the Thailand/Myanmar border and on into Laos. We travelled around the north of Laos for some days and then crossed into the north of Vietnam near Dien Bien Phu. After crossing north Vietnam quite close to the border with China, we spent a few days on Ha Long Bay. Hanoi was next which was then followed by the ride down to Ho Chi Minh City. Riding from Hanoi to HCMC had been a long held dream since our time living in Vietnam. A colleague from Danang and I had ridden a couple of Minskis over the Hai Van Pass

one weekend back in '96/'97 and after that I always wanted to do the full trip up or down the length of the country. Parking our own bike in the Rex Hotel in HCMC is one of those special things you don't forget. The trip then carried on to Cambodia through Phnom Penh, Siem Reap (and Ankor Wat) and back into Thailand to finish back where we started on the west side of Bangkok. It was seven weeks of fantastic riding with a great group of people all of which was extremely well organised by Motorrad Tours UK.



Another dream destination we had was Almaty, Kazakhstan. I had visited the country many times over a period of almost 10 years with work and had spent many hours on the flights over thinking we needed to ride over there some time. The opportunity came in 2019 when we rode from London to Almaty with Globebusters. We left from the Ace Cafe in London with quite a send off from a large group of people including the local mayor. We rode down the Croatian coast turning left in Albania to reach Turkey after crossing Greece. The first eleven days of the trip had seen us on reasonably high milages each day so a few days off in Istanbul to check the bikes and have some R&R were greatly appreciated. I missed a turn to reach our hotel in Istanbul and ended up bouncing along cobbled streets on the side of the Blue Mosque in busy, hot Sunday afternoon traffic to try to get where the Navigator system was telling me we should be. After crossing Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan, we spent an interesting night crossing the Caspian Sea to Turkmenistan. Turkmenistan is the most interesting country we have ever visited and

## INTRODUCING: LEN & PAM

could be a good subject for discussion over a beer some time. A range of other Stans then followed with some crazy dirt roads needing to be covered as we travelled through Tajikistan along the border with Afghanistan. All up we covered around 13,000 km in just over seven weeks and saw some amazing country and met some very interesting people on the way. These sorts of trips make you realise how lucky you are to have been born in a developed country as so many of the people in these parts of the world have so little.

The 1200 has now done something over 125,000 km and we have visited 44 countries to date on the bike. It has never let us down and Hisgen's and a few other BMW dealers around Europe have kept it ready for the next challenge.

### What is your favourite riding destination?

Germany. A few years ago I found a motorcycle tour around Germany that is off autobahns and travels through many small towns and villages. It is basically four circular routes covering the north, south, east and west of the country with each route suggested to start from the small town of Laubach which is in the center of Germany. The total distance is a bit over 11,000 km, all broken down into approximately 150 km sections which is not a bad distance for a day given the average speed you can cover on most of these roads is low and there is a lot of



interesting things to see on the way. We have covered about 35% of the route so far and stayed in some great German accommodation, eaten a few schnitzels and drunken a few German beers and glasses of wine. A Google search on 'Die



Motorradstraße Deutschland - MSD' will find lots of information on the route. Letting Chrome do an auto translation of the site makes it much more readable for this little person. GPX files covering the whole route can be downloaded for free (I have yet to find any errors on our travels over the route) and booking.com is very helpful in finding interesting places to stay.

## What is a "bucket list" riding destination for you?

Back in 1994, Pam gave me a Christmas present of approval to ride from Brisbane to Perth and meet her in Perth. I still have that Christmas card. I also now have a 1250GS in the garage in Maleny and we no longer need to go to work so we have more time available. Negotiations are still ongoing for both of us to travel around the bottom to Perth rather than Pam flying over. We could then continue heading north and maybe...

## Any future trips planned?

Trans Americas. Now that Covid looks to finally be under some sort of control in most of the world, it looks as though Globbusters' Trans Americas trip will run in 2023. We had booked to travel on the 2020 trip. This one had to be rescheduled for 2021 due to Covid and 2021 was also not possible. We are now booked on next year's trip. The bikes will fly from London to Anchorage, Alaska in early July. The 14 or so participants meet up in Anchorage on 20 July 2023 and head north for Prudhoe Bay. Once we reach the top, we then head south for Ushuaia in Argentina. The trip heads down through Canada, the west side of the USA and Mexico and a few other countries before reaching

Panama City. The bikes then cross the Darien Gap in a plane to Bogota and we continue down through Columbia, Equador, Peru and Bolivia before criss-crossing between Argentina and Chile a few times. On reaching Ushuaia, we head back up a bit to Punta Arena and Chile so the bikes can be shipped back to London and we fly home. Total distance is around 33,000 km to be covered in a little over 20 weeks. We will take the 1200GS

## The R100RS?

When we left for Vietnam back in 1995, I left the RS in the gentle care of Pearl and Peter at RACQ storage. While I took the bike out for occasional servicing and rides in the earlier years, I did not have many chances to visit it until around 2015. Sure enough, Peter was still looking after it, but now as part of CEVA logistics who had taken over long term storage from RACQ. After many discussions with the Management Committee over many years on why don't I get rid of this machine that just consumed money, I finally got permission in 2019 to ship the bike to Luxembourg. Once it finally cleared customs and was safely in the backyard, we put it on the trailer and took it over to Adolf Hisgen's in Trier with the request to do whatever they thought necessary for a full restoration. Sasha, the guy who originally gave us his excellent hand-over presentation when we picked up the GS years earlier spent quite a lot of time sourcing all of the small bits and pieces necessary for a bike that was 40 years old by then. Most of the bits were available from BMW with the remainder coming from Siebenrock, a German company specialising in parts for air-head BMWs. The next time we saw the bike, it was spread over a multi-level rack as it had been completely broken down for repainting, etc. As it tuned out, no work was required on the internals of the engine or the gearbox with only the clutch being replaced and the carburetters being overhauled. Sasha found a guy who used to work in the BMW bike factory in Berlin doing pin-striping by hand to redo the pin-striping once everything else had been repainted. The whole job took around six months, but the bike is now in much, much better condition than when I bought it back in 1982. It is back on the road and has been heaps



of fun to ride around Luxembourg and Germany now that it is fully registered.

**Do you have any advice or handy tips to share? (Could be a recommendation for a good bit of kit, or a travel tip....)**

- No farkles. Just leave the bike pretty standard
- No smart number plates like 'Tourist'. Guy on the Almaty trip had no end of trouble convincing customs guys that really was his number plate.
- Transylvania. We had a three week trip over to Romania in August this year and had lots of fun riding the Transalpina & Transfăgărășan and spotting bears
- Small roads west of Maleny, which require a lot more investigation by Pam and I as there is some great countryside out there.



Mark Gilbert recently went along to represent the BMWMCQ as a special guest of the Mount Perry Community Development board to cut the ribbon on the Mount Perry "Free Little Library" which was made possible through the money raised from the Cane Toad Rally.



From the Mt Perry Community FaceBook page:  
"Thank you to the people who came for the Little Free Library opening on Friday. Feel free to pop down and have a look. Huge thanks to Mark Gilbert, BMW Motorcycle Club Qld for coming to Mt Perry and cutting the ribbon."



*This months winner for the Pic of the Month is Paul Hughes. Congrats Paul, our final regalia voucher is coming your way. I have heard whispers that another photo comp could be in the works for 2023 - stay tuned!*

*Thanks to all who submitted pics for the last 10 months we have had some wonderful ones which we are revisiting on the following pages...*



*Paul Hughes - a look back at Christmas past with a nicely decorated 700GS!*



*Kate Farrar - November Club ride to Eltham, NSW*



*Rosi's bike looking very festive!*



*Here is a recap of our previous monthly winners for 2022, all very deserving! Please send us a pic of you in your regalia prize...*



*May winner - Merv Bone and "a Bavarian tractor in front of the Bavarian Grill Haus & Red Baron Brewery".*



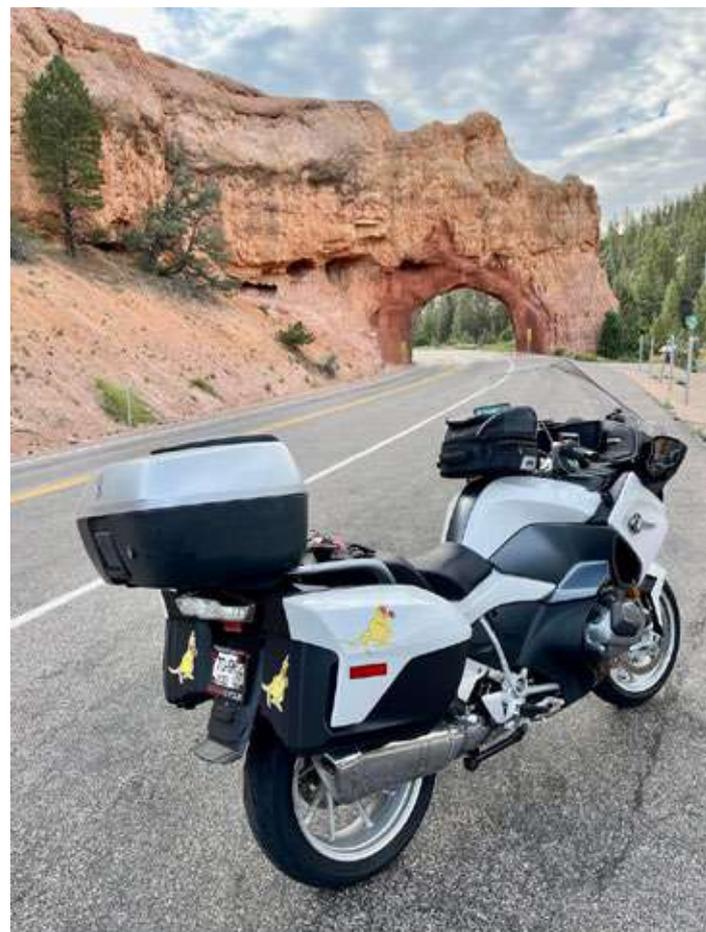
*March winner - Julian Davis' photo of "Sophia" his 1975 R90/6*



*April winner - Margreth van Aartsen - Kosciuszko National Park*



*June winner was Jane Gray with her pic of Tony and silo art in Gunnedah*



*August winner was Phil Gresham - travelling the USA, on the way to Bryce Canyon, Utah.*

*July winner - Peter Ferguson, "warming up on the first really cold day of Winter".*





*September winner - Charlie Brown, "Richard gets some advice..."*

*October winner - Michael Ahlberg,  
Cooktown*



*November winner - John Eacott "a wet ride"*

## Introducing.....Club Mileage Awards

Have you clocked up **100,000km**, **200,000km** or more on one bike?

To celebrate the epic achievements of these milestones, the Club will be issuing Mileage Award Medallions and Certificates to those who qualify. It can be for any make and model of bike that has reached these impressive kilometers in your ownership.

To nominate your bike, email our Secretary, Geoff Hodge on [secretary@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmwmcq.org.au) with:

- **Photo of the bike or you with bike - this photo will feature on your certificate so a good quality photo will enhance the certificate**
- **Where and when purchased and mileage at time of purchase**
- **Photo of the odometer to show the kilometers.**

Presentations have started at the monthly meetings – so get your details in! The first lot of certificate presentations are on the page following.... Congratulations to the recipients!





# MILEAGE AWARDS

*The first round of Mileage Awards for those Members who have attained over 100,000km on their bike were presented at the November General Meeting, congrats to:*

*Steven Johnson  
Mark Mustchin  
Paul Hughes  
Mervyn Bone*





## TO CRUISE OR NOT TO CRUISE

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My good friend asked me to go on a cruise  
And being great mates it was easy to choose  
But I knew I wasn't a cruise sort of girl  
Even before COVID took over the world  
Let's sail to Melbourne & go to The Cup  
Different theme nights when we could dress up  
8 days of relaxing & nights of fun  
And enjoy The Cup in the warm Spring sun

Then the world shut down for a couple of years  
I have to be honest I did have my fears  
Our cruise was postponed again & again  
Isolation on a cruise ship would drive me insane  
Then the world opened up, we got the green light  
Still a bit wary but the forecast was bright  
With all precautions taken we sailed away  
Happily looking forward to the big day

3 days of smooth sailing & then we were there  
We'd met lots of people with stories to share  
Weather predictions got worse by the hour  
It would be more than the occasional shower  
We got through the gates and placed our bet  
Then found some shelter so we wouldn't get wet  
Right at the Finish Line we has a great view  
Till the heavens opened & the crowds went askew

Hairstyles & hats blown all over the place  
Driving rain ruining both feathers and lace  
The coldest Cup for 100 years  
But the crowd stayed put with boozy cheers  
Now that was an experience I have to say  
Vastly different to how I thought it would play  
We sailed back home with lots of tales to tell  
Days of relaxing with nary a swell

Back to busy life when suddenly, whoa!  
Coughing and sneezing was the way to go  
Could it be hay fever, could it be viral?  
I'd better test before things start to spiral  
Of course, of course, it was positive!  
Although I'd hoped so hard it was negative  
Now I'll remember that cruise in so many ways  
More for the time spent with my mate from school days





**By Cameron Coles, Member #4051**

Here is the next installment of Cam's recent Australia Encompassed trip, this section Uluru to Marree. Click on the link to his Moto Vlog below to travel along with him on this journey. Also below see the Compass Expeditions description of this tour. If it is of interest, contact them to add your name to next years attendees!

<https://youtu.be/1xnm2lsPLYI>



Australia Encompassed Episode 3 - Uluru to Marree

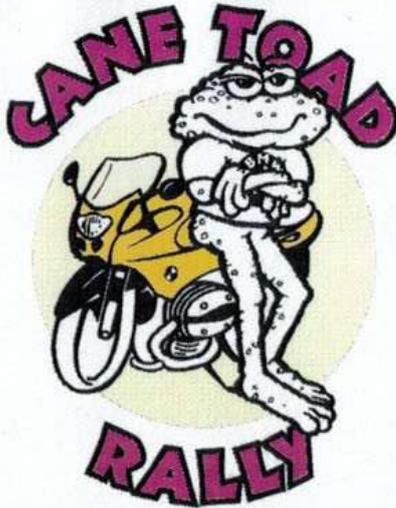


## Australia Encompassed

Duration	Ride Grade	Ride / Rest day	Sealed / Dirt	Distance
20 Days	3	15 / 5	90% / 10%	6,400 km / 4,000 mi

**Northern Territory, South Australia & Victoria: One of the most "iconic" motorcycle rides there is taking in some of Australia's most recognisable sights!**

Few countries in the world offer such variety for the adventure motorcyclist. Riding across the vast open spaces of the Outback or parking up the BMW in sight of incredible Uluru (Ayers Rock) are memories that stand the test of time. This incredible Australia motorcycle tour has it all from twisty corners through dense forest, a cruise on the river to feed crocodiles and rides through beautiful National Parks. Australia is a vast ancient land, a land of wide open skies and dramatic landscapes. There are few places left on earth that are truly remote, however, this is one of them. This extraordinary motorcycle tour of Australia will take us from the tropical north of Darwin to the cultural and sporting capital of Australia, Melbourne. In between we will visit ancient gorges, fantastic rock formations, world famous national parks and epic desert landscapes. We can sample Emu Mignon, Kangaroo steaks and Camel sausages and stay at still working sheep stations and underground cave hotels. Century old wineries, historic paddle steamers and world famous coastal rides all feature in this all encompassing ride from top to bottom.



The BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld.  
invites all motorcyclists to attend

The 29<sup>th</sup>

# CANE TOAD RALLY

Since 1978

**WHEN:** 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**WHERE:** Wolca Reserve, Bania Rd. Mount Perry, Qld.  
(5.5km North of Mount Perry)

**GPS:** -25.132795 151.619289

**COST:** \$25 Entry (includes Rally Badge and Camping Fee)  
*pre-registration can be made on website before April 23,  
saves time when arriving at the rally, just sign in and pay entry fee.*

**Camping** on large campground with hot showers, flushing toilets and **campfires**.  
**Catering of all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday morning breakfast.**  
The Mt. Perry Grand Hotel will have a **Bar onsite**, Friday and Saturday.

**Self-guided Bike Tours of local area** on Saturday.  
**Light Entertainment** on Friday and Saturday nights around campfires.

**Screen printing** of the "Cane Toad Logo" **onto your T-Shirt** done on site for \$2.  
There will be the traditional **Rum Hunt, Gymkhana and usual Awards**.

For further Details:

[canetoadrally.com.au](http://canetoadrally.com.au) email: [canetoadrally@gmail.com](mailto:canetoadrally@gmail.com)



Proceeds donated to:



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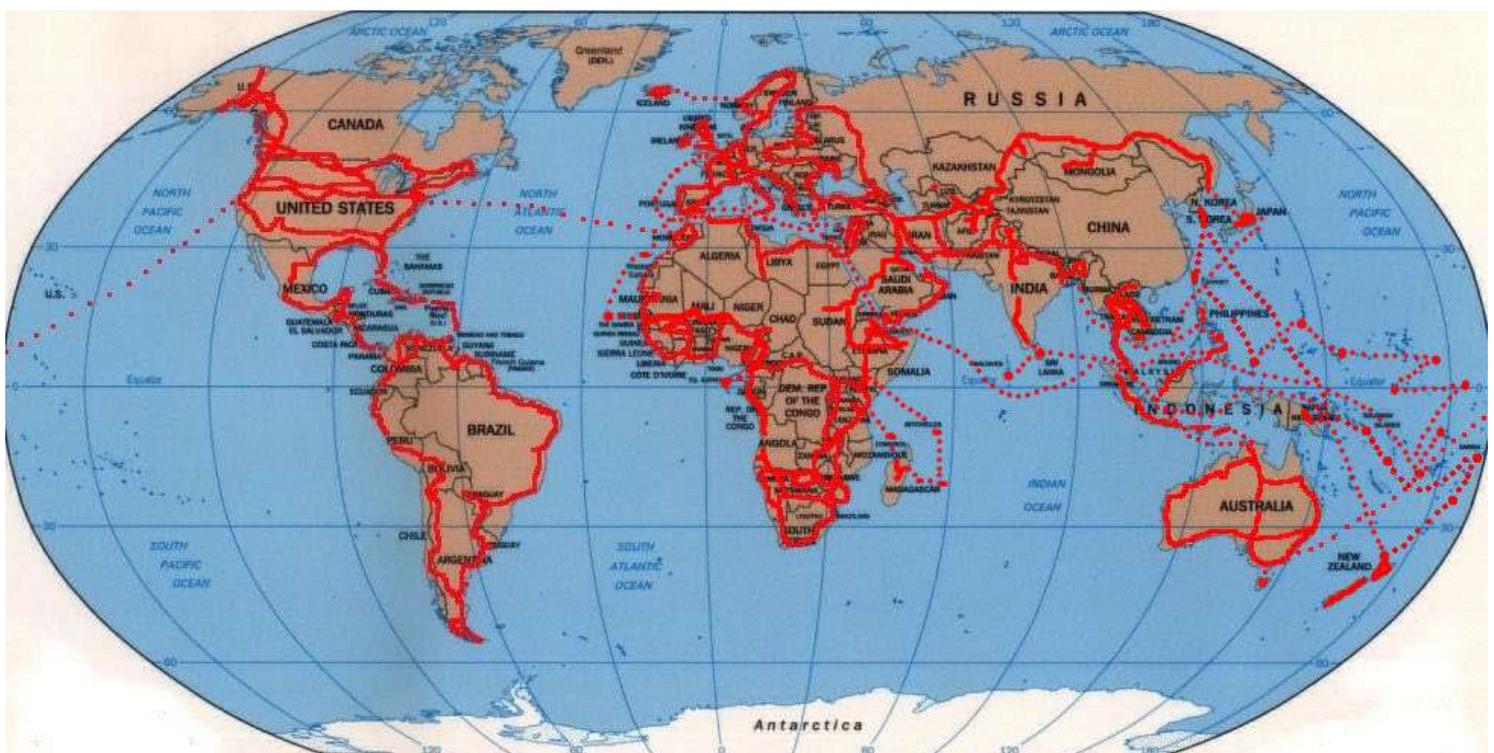
*By Tony Gray, Member #3905*

We motorcyclists tend to be an adventurous bunch willing to suffer a little (or a lot) in the pursuit of the pleasures to be had from our chosen lifestyle. It should not surprise then that world adventurers often turn to the motorcycle as their preferred mode of transport. I have been reflecting on the intrepid motorcyclists travelling the world with whom we have crossed paths:

Jane reported in last month's journal of her chance encounter with **Peter & Kay Forwood** on a cruise ship bound for Melbourne. Their story of an incredible lifestyle over 15 years grew from very humble beginnings and just continued to grow and develop into what must be one of the most extensive travelogues of anyone in the modern era. The fact that Peter chose his Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic as their steed for this journey takes their story from the incredible to the insane - I am sure Peter wouldn't agree with my choice of adjective, but a 350 kg cruiser with 16 inch wheels and road tyres over some of the world's toughest terrain - Really!

We had met Peter & Kay at an 'Horizon's Unlimited' gathering where their story always attracts great attention - "The Motorcycle" as the HD was eventually christened, with its collection of location decals from across the world always attracts its own crowd. The fact that Peter & Kay are otherwise just your average everyday Queenslanders, reinforces that the possibilities for World Travel are only limited by your own ambition, budget and ability. You can read of Peter & Kay's story on this Horizon's Unlimited link:

<https://www.horizonsunlimited.com/forwood/index.shtml>





A young lady with a very adventurous spirit landed in Brisbane back in 2018 on her very ailing 1994 BMW GSPD. **Sinje Gottwald**, of mixed German/Korean parentage, was travelling solo around the world when the bike developed real problems while crossing Australia. Fate and some sound advice bought her into the very safe and experienced hands of Mark Morrissey at MMM Boxerworks who put his business on hold to rebuild Sinje's bike and get her back on the road bound for South America. Covid interrupted Sinje's travels on her GSPD but proving that you can't suppress an adventurous spirit, Sinje is back touring Africa on an electric bike. You can read about her travels on this FB link:

<https://www.facebook.com/okimototravels>



In 2017 Jane & I were waiting with the Gray Ghost at Port Melbourne to board the Spirit of Tasmania. It was impossible not to notice the veteran motorcycle with wicker sidecar also sitting in the bike queue.

**Ron Fellowes** and his 1910 FN motorcycle were en route back to their home in the Huon Valley from a Veteran motorcycle rally in South Australia. That was an amazing feat in itself but it was his story of riding the same motorcycle in solo form unassisted from Kathmandu to Liege, Belgium in 2012 that was truly amazing. Ron was quite an incredible person, mechanically very talented and with his wife Lynne, extremely adventurous.

The book of that journey across the world, "No Room for Watermelons" is in the club library and recommended as a rollicking good read. The fact that Ron was my age when he started his trip in 2012 is especially encouraging. Sadly Ron passed away earlier this year.



Another adventurer whose travels are better chronicled is **Ian Coates** who we met on the Isle of Man in 2018. A dour Yorkshireman, Ian started his world travels in 1999 on his 1991 vintage Honda Africa Twin. By 2013 he had traversed six continents and covered over 250,000 miles.

At the time of our meeting the bike had gone well past 300,000 miles (500,000 km) and was certainly showing a few signs of its hard life although Ian insisted it remained a very reliable mount. Here is a link to Ian's story from Motorcycle News:

<https://www.motorcyclenews.com/news/2013/march/mar2013-the-quarter-million-mile-man/>



**D**uring that same trip to the Isle of Man in 2018 and in company with my cousin & fellow BMWMCQ members Jenny & Ross Layther, we came across **Brian Rix & Shirley Hardy-Rix** on a rest day from the racing.

We had ventured down to the 'Calf of Man' at the southern tip of the Island for lunch and noticed a Victorian plated R1200GSA in the carpark. It wasn't hard to find Brian & Shirley and compare notes about international travel and BMWs of course.

Brian & Shirley have written three books on their different journeys:

- Two for the Road (2005)
- Circle to Circle (2013)
- The Long Road to Vladivostok (2016).

They are all good reads and well worth the effort.



A couple who have been travelling now for a very long time on their aged BMW R80GS are club members **Ken & Carol Duval**.

They tend to fly under the radar but get talking to them and you will come to appreciate how extensively they have travelled and what an adventurous life they have lead. They have been an inspiration to many and contribute to the great knowledge bank managed through the auspices of Horizons Unlimited.





In 2012 we were riding back into Germany from the Czech Republic when we crossed paths with this gentleman in Berlin whose travels remain a mystery but there is a story to be told for sure.

His mount was a GS650 BMW which was primitively loaded with suitcases strapped to side frames and heavily loaded. He was either mute or chose not to speak and communicated through hand and face gestures. He clearly understood us and pointed out the Australian Flag sticker on his windscreen and showed us the Australian part of his journey on his map. The signage on the bike said his world travels over many years had started in Belarus but he carried a Brazilian flag. He clearly was not tech savvy and I was unable to find anything on him on the internet.

A true solo adventurer who may still be criss-crossing the world.



**M**ike & Jo Hannan are another local couple who have travelled long and hard on their BMW R1150GS. Their bike, christened 'The Elephant' has been immortalized through the pages of their book, *The Elephant's Tale*, and its sequel, *High Road Rider*. If you have seen the loaded bike then you will understand why the name is so apt.

**A**lan Cox & Bridget Hallam of 'Throw your Leg Over' travel writings have just completed another 20,000km European sojourn aboard their R1200GS proving that Covid doesn't have to totally rule your life and ruin your travel plans. Cindy & Duncan are taking a far more adventurous journey through South America so there are plenty of opportunities out there.

It doesn't matter what you are riding, prepare well and dive in, you might just get hooked! Don't forget to write a story for the journal.





*The popular Club Lunch ride was to the Royal Hotel Kalbar in November. A great day was had by all the attendees who may have got a little damp on the afternoon ride home!*





*The desserts of the Dicky Beach Surf Club! This Editor got away with no photographic evidence of the delicious Afogato! Thanks to Steve Maney for organising the Sunny Coast dinner.*



*Thanks to Kate for this pic at the Club led ride to Eltham Hotel*

**F**or those that may be interested in shipping their bike to Europe in 2023 to participate in the BMW 100th Anniversary events, below is some information sourced by the Clubs Australia rep of the NSW Club. If you are keen to do this please email Steve on: [president@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:president@bmwtcnsw.org.au)



## AUSTRALIA - UK/EU - AUSTRALIA NORTHERN SUMMER TOURING - 2023

The team here at Bikes Abroad are very pleased to release our schedules and pricing for the next European Summer (2023), just as many of you might be starting to make your plans for next year.

**Firstly**, an indication of the schedules are as follows;

NS2023	To	Loading	Departure	Arrival	Service
Melbourne	London	02/03/2023	10/03/2023	30/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)
Sydney		01/03/2023	08/03/2023	30/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)
Brisbane		06/03/2023	10/03/2023	02/05/2023	ST Orange - Direct (currently)
Fremantle*		10/03/2023	18/03/2023	23/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)

Whilst you may note the intended arrival in early May, these dates have been included as indicative only and our primary goal is to have all vehicles available for collection in London in the first week of June. In fact, we're allowing what we believe is sufficient contingency for delays encountered in shipping/transit.

**Secondly**, pricing is set at AU\$2700 each way and will include all of the following, in each direction;

1. Reival at our nominated load station for each booking.
2. All container transport to/from our load station.
3. All container loading/unloading charges at our load stations.
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**By Duncan Bennett, Member #4171**

As per the old My Fair Lady elocution rhyme – The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain. The key word here is mainly, because on the occasion of our October trip down to Nowra via Parkes it had abandoned the Spanish plain for Queensland and NSW. Climate change is a hot topic these days, but we didn't experience it during our week-long trip; the temperature barely moved, and the only variability was in the heaviness of the rainfall.

We had two days to get to Parkes. This should be heaps, but we had a bucket list item to attend on the way down; the Sawn Rocks between Bingara and Narrabri. So day one plan was to get to Bingara. With the change into Eastern Standard Time from Queensland Backward Time, naturally we were up at dawn's crack to get going. Out via the highways to cross the border at Texas, we entered some new-for-us territory further west at Yetman, right on lunchtime. The rain had been fairly relentless the whole way, and the ground at the Yetman shop was a bit sodden. While waiting for what turned out to be an excellent steak sanger, I noted that Storm Boy was leaning at about 45°, a lie-down was approaching. Over I went, pushing the bike upright then attempting to walk it onto solid ground. The pushing upright went well, but the walk was through a very slippery muddy patch, and next thing the bike was pushing me over, and the lie-down was achieved. Luckily a very kind gentleman came straight over to help, picking it up while loaded and in slippery mud wasn't easy.



**The mud in Yetman stays mainly on the pannier**

Storm Boy's first ever lie-down out of the way, we hung a left onto the Warialda Road. Due to the weather, only bitumen was planned for this trip, the shortcut through Ashford and Delungra to Bingara had been discarded. But roadworks gives exposure to what we'd discarded, and the Warialda roadworks gave more exposure than a Botanical Gardens flasher. More lie-downs appeared inevitable, there were six 200m sections of awfulness.



### **Six of the best**

But a positive attitude – Cindy's and not mine – saw us through okay, even with heavy vehicles passing us on the inside and cutting up the track. The rain eased a bit as we continued south, but no drying off was possible. Into Bingara, first thing was to find the River House. The River part was easy to find – the Gwydir was running a banker. The house bit finally discovered after a few laps, it was into the dry. Fortunately they had a tumble dryer for the multitude of moistened clothing articles. Now onto a standard article of ours for many years – the Forma Adventure and Terra boots. These have a Drytex lining, so when new are quite waterproof. Over about 3 or 4 years, the wear eventually works its way through the lining. First the pinky toe is noticed to be wet after riding a few hours in the rain. Then the first half of the sock – this happened on the damp day 2 of B2B19. But in Bingara the Terra boots were discovered to be at the stage where a lot of water could get in, but not a drop could get out. So the dryer exhaust was cunningly piped into

the boots to at least get some drying happening.



## ***The rain in Spain fell mainly in the Gwydir***

Into town for a pub dinner, the moistened masses coming back from Phillip Island were on display. Discussion held with a couple of GS riders on the way back to QLD indicated that the roads were okay, naturally depending upon which road one was on. But closures didn't seem to be total so no thoughts of total abandonment for the trip just yet. Up on day 2, our host said that the Narrabri Road "might be" okay but he wasn't sure. Having a look is the only thing that seems to work when it comes to getting through flooded states, so off we went.



## ***Return of some of the QLD Sons of GS***

Things didn't start well with a creek crossing before we'd even left the Bingara 50 kmh zone, but the sign said the road was open so surely this applied for all vehicles, including low-rider electric scooters with exposed wiring.

It was a very pleasant ride, with the occasional OMG!-Nar-It's-OK water crossing, until the GPS said we had a mere 20 km to go to Sawm Rocks.



## ***Didn't need to call on Moses just yet***

Down into a Rocky Creek crossing, the creek had confused itself with the Rocky River and it was showing off as a torrent. RV's were parked on the other side, that type of RV that has a side panel area the same as the famous clipper Cutty Sark's sail area. They weren't going through, but as we got close it became obvious that we were unlikely to be going through either. The coup-de-grace was a bog-standard 4WD coming across, the driver giving me the man-shake. No-one would dare attempt something after getting the man-shake, but I was already convinced by the total lack of RV commitment.

Soon behind us was a Telstra man in a sturdy 4WD, but with an empty trailer. I said yeah the 4WD was fine but we agreed unless the trailer was weighed down, it likely wouldn't get through. Looking around, the driver could only see a convenient half tonne of adventure motorcycles to weigh the trailer down. Believe us, it was considered. But, he was working, so could probably envisage the meeting with his supervisor and HR when the video of his capsized Telstra 4WD and his trailer laden with Telstra client adventure motorcycles 100m downstream in the torrent would be played. We turned around.

Dammit, add 120km to the day.

## THE RAIN WASN'T IN SPAIN



***Where are you Moses? You accepted the Teams meeting!***

Back into Bingara, with the kilometre progress for the day reset to 0, an advantage was that it was precisely coffee time. Over coffee we engaged with vanners, in fact an organiser of the 2022 Bingara Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia National Rally was in attendance. We'd ridden past the Rally on the way back into town, I suggested that caravans parked in Passchendaele in 1917 had less exposure to a sea of sucking mud in shell holes than the Bingara Rally vans. Some of those that couldn't unhook the van weren't leaving anytime soon, and may still be there.



***Note the Touratech fully water and suds-proof gloves. Available from Aldi.***

Refueled, the Sawn Rocks route was sawn off and the 550km slog to Parkes via Manilla, Gunnedah, Coonabarabran, and Dubbo began. The luncheon plan was the Gunnedah Maccas, not necessarily because we love Maccas but our daughter had once sent a Snapchat message from there saying "Gunnedah Maccas. Where dreams go to die." Unfortunately we later discovered that dreams go to die in the Gunnedah KFC, which made sense as the Maccas hadn't seemed that bad. Still, something to tick off the Gunnedah bucket list, next time we'll definitely do the KFC. The rest of the day was decidedly unmemorable – the Newell Highway can do that to the traveller. We certainly don't remember it not raining. Into Parkes for two nights, well two for me, all work in the rain, and one for Cindy.



***About as fine as it ever got***

Highlight for the next stage of the journey was the caravan incident just south of Goulburn. The couple had ignored every sign on the road saying 2.0 m clearance bridge ahead but had stopped in the tight turn going under it when the reality of 2.0 m clearance became apparent. The lady got out and asked me if they could fit. I estimated that 2.5 m wasn't less high than 2.0 m, so no. A huge crowd had gathered by the time I left, wanting to see how on earth they'd ever back out from where they were no doubt. Like the Bingara Rally caravanners, they may still be there. The bucketing rain on the day was the low-light.



***Dr Who? using the Tardis for shelter***

Separately and a day apart, but together in spirit, we got into Nowra for the HMAS Albatross (where our son is based) open day which is a helicopter lover's dream weekend. Nothing beats sitting in the .50 cal seat on a Seahawk chopper, except maybe sitting in a BMW R18 Transcontinental pilot's seat. Absolute power corrupts, absolutely.

I'm sure many of us have ridden from south of Sydney into Sydney. We certainly have many times. But never previously in toweling rain into Wollongong and then a pea-soup fog going over the top past the Bulli Lookout. 30 kmh, hazards on, it was extremely stressful, with a capital F.



***Of course, a pea-souper added to the enjoyment***

Sydney heading north the weather seemed OK. Until we got out of the NorthConnex tunnel, when relentless rain took over for the 5th day straight. 110 kmh freeway rain is always bad rain. Drying the full wardrobe was now part of the routine, even the Gore-Tex suffers from the "oh bugger I forgot to tighten the neck band". We pushed on, could we get home or was that a day too far? It was a day too far, Woolgoolaga just north of Coffs the achievement. And what an achievement. A cabin on the beach, a stroll along the beach and down to the RSL, a great day. Coming out of the RSL, it was raining heavily, now there's a surprise. A lady inside said it would stop in 41 minutes. Another drink, and precisely 41 minutes later the rain stopped. Local knowledge is key.



***Yes, we'll be completely fine walking to the Woolgoolga RSL darling***

The final day heading home involved only a little bit of rain. In the words of Forrest Gump; "That's all I have to say about that."



***Noah had moved the Tasmanian Tigers on, but that only freed up room for one motorcycle.***



*Mark Gilbert led the November mid-week ride to the Kandanga Hotel, a great ride by all reports!*



*Snapped by VP Paul at the Service Day, James' R850R looking more pristine than under the previous ownership of one of the Editorial team (who shall remain nameless - not Cindy!)*

*Nameless: "He's ruined it I tells ya! Ruined it!"*




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It's a great location within 2hrs of Brisbane with excellent roads in between.

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*By Tony Gray, Member #3905*

**A**nother very successful service day was staged at Rob Wynne's place at Jimboomba. Plenty of work was done on the lift table and the GS911 got a good workout. Paul Hughes passed the BBQ apron over to Charlie & Chris who did a great job on the sausage sangers. Toolman Geoff had everything arranged so the day flowed well. Some new faces along which is always great to see. This was the last service day for 2022 so big thanks to Rob for the use of his great facilities and to Geoff for his organisation and provisioning for the days. This day raised \$95 for the RFDS.





*A new shed looks to be on the cards for Rob?*



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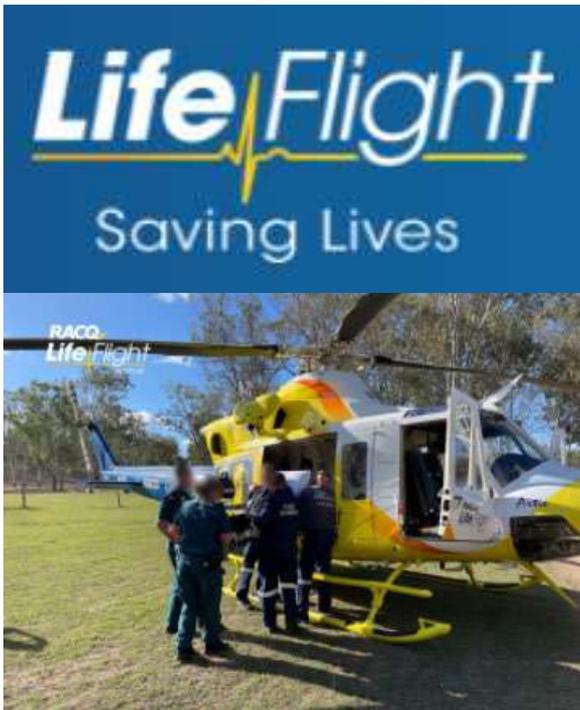


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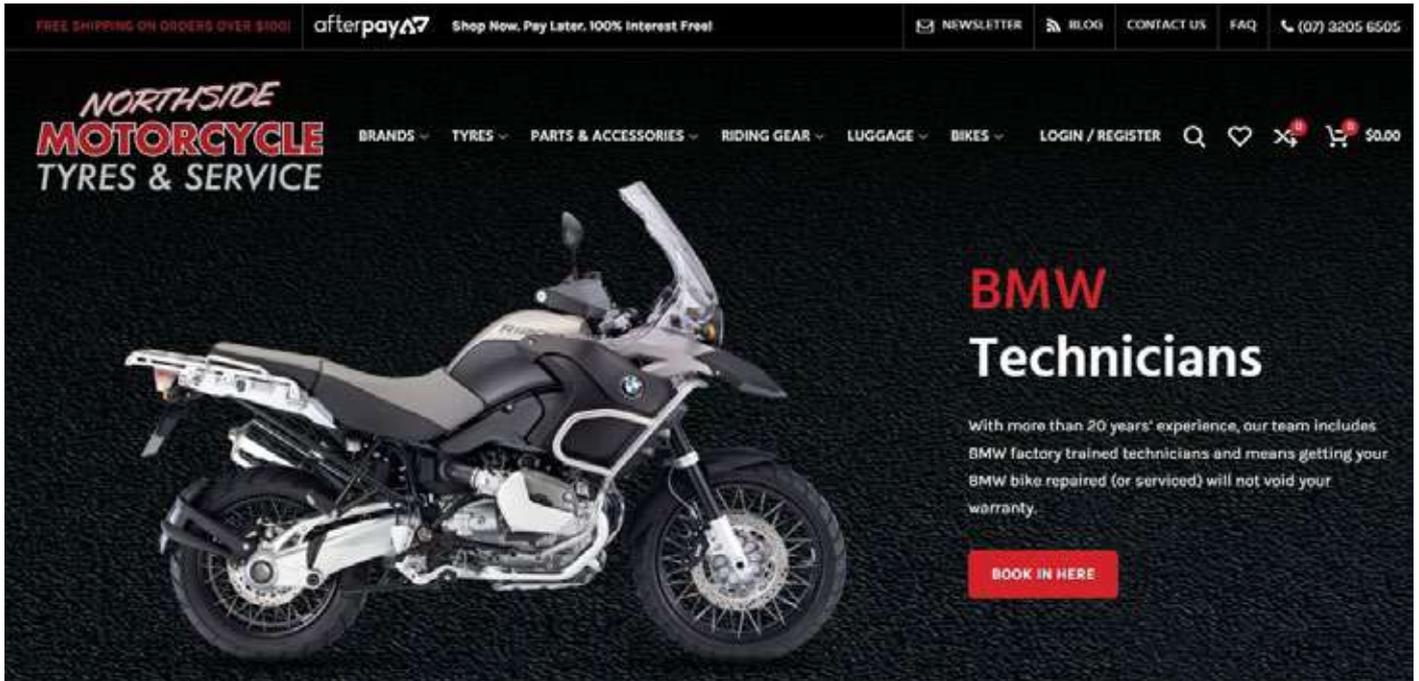


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## BOOT SCOOTERING!

*Cindy Bennett, Member #4170*

On Friday 18th November my trusty Tiger was scheduled for an early 10k service at Team Moto Triumph in Moss St Springwood prior to her departure for South America. I booked a loaner bike and had high hopes as at the previous service in July I had a Triumph T120 power machine, and they also had a BMW F900 as another loaner. I would be happy with either thank you very much!

Tiger duly taken in, I was told that my loaner of the day was a scooter – what? My face must have shown my abject disappointment as service dude Grant qualified it with, but it's a BMW 400cc scooter – you will have fun!

I shelved my plans for a ride to Canungra, and instead headed from Springwood to Westfield Carindale for a coffee and a bit of light shopping, hey I may as well live the scooter life and there was an awesome storage area under the seat for any purchases!

Hopping onto the scooter for the first time I was surprised at how smooth the take-off was and how much instant acceleration was available. My only previous scootering was in Bali with my friend Hera on a 100 something cc machine. Getting ready to brake at the first set of lights, it was interesting just having to use the brakes – not realising how much I use downshifting the gears to slow down! Anyway onto the M1 and then the Gateway, whoa I am suddenly at 100 + kph! How did that happen?

There was a bit of wind but the scooter felt stable on the highway at speed and the only thing was the windscreen could use a bit of upward adjustment to make it a tad less buffering. The seat was a wonder in comfort and one could happily park the proverbial on it all day long!

So into the bun-fight that is the Westfield carpark and having no gears to change made the slow putt about looking for a park very easy, with the size and relatively light weight of the machine allowing me to find a sneaky park close to my favoured entrance.



**Look at all that storage room!**

A coffee and banana bread with a touch of scoping out Christmas present ideas and then it was time to trek home for some Editor tasks while awaiting the Tiger's service completion.

So, would I buy one? If I was commuting to work in the city, then yes – this is a very practical option with enough grunt to play with the bigger bikes if needed. Major benefit for us female folk (and others that like dresses...) is that being a step-through your full work corporate attire can be worn with ease (and some nice heels to boot).

I would very much like to try the electric version of this bike – maybe next time if I ask nicely :)



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