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MEETINGS

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

CLUB POINT SCORE

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



Ride & Events Calendar

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

Past Events September

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| | TTT, Far Cairn, Side & Enthusiast rally. | | |
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October Events

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| Thur 8 th | South Coast Social Sip ; 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm | Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229 | 2 |
| 10 th – 11 th | 38th Kosciuszko Rally – Hosted by BMWCCACT. Geehi Hut Campground on the Alpine Way, Snowy Mountains. Supplies can be purchased at Thredbo (43km) or Khancoban (31km). Pre-booked only. | TBC | 10 |
| 10 th | 39th Thunder Rally – Hosted by Ducati Owners Club NSW, will be a Virtual rally with a \$30 entry that gets you a ticket in a ZOOM online prize draw on Saturday 3pm. Register at - https://www.ducatiownersclubnsw.com.au/thunder-rally-registration/ | . | |
| Sun. 11 th | Hunter Coffee morning & day ride, 9.00 AM 22 Paterson Road Bolwarra. | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 6 |
| Wed 28 th | Club Meeting 7:30pm. Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. TBC if online or in person | Jason Boyd 0412858880 | 4/6 * |
| Thur 29 th | Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5PM, limited numbers due to COVID. (last Thurs of the month) | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 2 |

November Events

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| 7 th – 8 th ? | 27th Trout Rally- Tumut Valley Riders; Jounama Creek Camp ground, opposite the Talbingo Turn off. 28km south of Tumut. TBC due to COVID. | Tumut Valley Riders | 10 |
| Sun. 8 th | Hunter Coffee morning & day ride, 9.00 AM Boat Harbour (details to come). | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 6 |
| Thur 12 th | South Coast Social Sip ; 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm | Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229 | 2 |
| Wed 25 th | Club Meeting Auction night. 7:30pm. Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. TBC if online or in person | Jason Boyd 0412858880 | 4/6 * |
| Thur 26 th | Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5PM, limited numbers due to COVID. (last Thurs of the month) | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 2 |

Newly & updated items are highlighted ORANGE.

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

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

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

Henning's WEEKLY, Midweek ride.

Meet at Jerry's Kulnura every Wednesday @ 11am.

Contact: Henning 0457 034 488



President's Report

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

Far Cairn Rally Event - At time of writing, there were approximately 75 people that had prepaid to participate in the Far Cairn event this year. I admit it, with a significant change to the events usual format, interest took me totally by surprise. So much so that we had to order a second batch of stickers. To all

that participated, the club and the Tottenham community appreciates your attendance. For those that didn't attend, we still have a limited number of stickers available. Don't forget to email your trip pictures back to me at president@bmwtcnsw.org.au to be eligible for the badge and cloth patch. Next steps will be for me to sort out who attended and get the badges / patches sent out. Please have a little patience as this is worked through. Once this is all locked down the Club will be making a donation to MARI / DR WINGS as we have in previous years, and will be making a donation to the Tottenham Lions Club for supporting us in previous years.



Christmas Party Event(s) - Over previous months, there have been discussions on what we are going to be doing for the Annual Christmas party. In an attempt to get a gathering of the clans, we have explored a number of options. Unfortunately finding a venue that could seat, feed and accommodate the club while maintaining a four square meter distancing rule was cost prohibitive. A few months ago Rob Tiedeman from the Hunter region approached me with an idea that the club will be adopting for 2020. Rob suggested that we have multiple smaller regional Christmas parties in order to meet COVID restrictions. So, for 2020 the club will sponsor each region to "approx." \$30 per head for a regional Christmas event. The exact amount will be confirmed based on historical costs and will be consistent across all events.

- The club will not reimburse for alcohol
- All costs need to be itemised and invoices provided.
- The club will only subsidise financial members (a list of attendees to be provided with invoices)
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I will be looking to Regional Ride Coordinators to assist with making this happen. If you want to volunteer to make this happen in your area, poke your local coordinator. Step up and make it happen. **Oh... and I want for each event to be written up in the Newsletter as an event. Words are optional... embarrassing (but printable) pictures are actively encouraged and preferred.** All events will be open to all members, but to be fair, members within the region organising the event will have preference to attendance. Please look to the calendar for details on the Hunter Party.

Membership Initiative – Lastly (almost), in these difficult times, I have been trying to think of ways to keep the membership engaged and active. Based on this the club would like to kick-off a training initiative. We will be extending to all members a \$50 refund against either First Aid or Rider Training Courses. To be eligible for this refund:

- The course needs to be through a recognised body
- Receipts need to be provided and a certificate of completion provided if possible (image is fine)
- The member needs to have been financial for 2 consecutive years
- The member has had to attend at least 3 gazetted events (club meetings, club rallies, anything in the newsletter) in the previous 12 months
- There will only be a single payment of \$50 made in any 2 year period to any member
- **Pictures for newsletter... as always... needed!!!!**

Finally, with the belated AGM due to occur at the September meeting, a big thank you to all Committee Members over the last 12 months. It has been a trying time for everyone and your assistance and input to club meetings has helped to keep everything moving forward. Your efforts have been appreciated by myself and the entire membership. The committee is the glue that keeps the club in existence.

So... another locked down Newsletter completed... another AGM pending... the beat goes on... ☺

Remember this is YOUR club and it is only as strong as the membership.

See you out there soon... in full PPE (COVID and MCC)

Cheers, Jason,

President, BMWT NSW

Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au

BMW Touring Club New South Wales Christmas Event 2020



Due to COVID social distancing requirements, organised event numbers are restricted making it impossible for the club to have a single event.

For 2020 the club will sponsor each region to “aprox” \$30 per head for a regional Christmas event. The exact amount will be confirmed based on historical costs and will be consistent across all events.

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ar Cairn Rally
2020
by Morro

With the current restrictions in club activities due to keeping Covid 19 transmission under control, our Far Cairn Rally this month was changed to a Far Cairn Tour encouraging attendees to go out to Tottenham and surrounds during the month of September to give the town and businesses some support instead of us gathering over one weekend. It appears to have been a success and comments from the town is that they are grateful for the support and the way that we've done it to spread out the attendance and not overcrowd the town. This issue will have some yarns from these trips and a bunch of pics of the Far Cairn experience (many harvested from our FB group).

If you have any ideas for events please contact our Vice President to discuss and get it into our calendar.

As usual, any content is wanted for the newsletter, please contact me (editor@bmwtcns.org.au) if you have any questions. The deadline for content for the next newsletter is Saturday 25/10/20.

Planning was well under way for the 2020 Rally. A route had been selected heading south and west as far as Tocomwal then north to Tottenham. Then COVID hit and all was out the door. When the club decided to go ahead with the Rally in the month long no contact format I decided to pay the entry money as it was a good cause and if the Rally had to be called off my donation would stand.

I decided to make a mid-week ride as the option for me so as to not accidentally create a group gathering to abide by the laws in place at the moment. A three day ride out and back was the ideal ride time and distances so accommodation was booked. It seemed odd travelling without my camping gear but this time there was reason behind our normal madness.

On Tuesday Mick meets me at home and we head west to Merriwa. Straight out, no mucking about, to get away from built up areas and traffic. From Merriwa we head to Coolah and onto Neilrex. Before we get to Neilrex we stop and pay



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respect to country at the grave of King Togie, an Indigenous leader from the 1850's. We travel through to Mendooran where Mick had to get fuel. First bowser was diesel only so move on when we spotted a sign 'Unleaded Diesel'. I had a laugh to myself at the wording but Mick was serious so he got the plain unleaded option rather than the blended fuel J. We then rode on to Gilgandra for the night.

Wednesday morning and a great sunrise so I grab my phone and get a couple of good shots. Mick was looking for his camera and then said it's gone. I replied you have to be quick with sunrise photos but he was talking about his camera. We worked out it must have bounced out of his topbox when it popped open on the small amount of dirt road near Neilrex. We headed off to Warren where Mick pulled out of our run to the 2019 Far Cairn due to the high wind zero visibility dust storm we had been riding in for two days. Pulled into Tottenham and were greeted by Alison waving to us from the pub verandah. Had a quick chat and we headed out to the Cairn. Photos taken for proof of attendance and while doing this I get a text from fellow club member Geoff saying it's raining in Bathurst so put the wet weathers on. Back into Tottenham and fuel up the bikes at the servo and take off towards Bathurst our destination for the night. By the time we hit Parkes for lunch it was constant rain. It stayed constant rain all the way to about 20 km west of Bathurst when the clouds were turning a brown colour looking more like smoke and then black. Just as we hit the western edge of Bathurst it hit and it was torrential rain until we pulled into our motel for the night. It happened to be 25mm of rain in

less than 10mins and we were right in the middle of it and getting drenched through. No amount of wet gear would have saved us.

Next morning the rain had stopped. It was still cool but at least it was not raining. The obligatory lap of the mountain was done before we took off. Being Thursday it is coffee morning that old workmates (some are club members) partake in so we called in to say hello. Stayed about an hour and headed towards home via Turondale, Sofala, Bylong Valley Way and Denman and churn on home on the Hunter Expressway.

It was a great little trip. Daily distances: Tuesday 395km, Wednesday 560km and Thursday 385km. Good going for a couple of old fellas (mean age 70). We both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and as we are a part of the susceptible age group with the COVID virus we were away from others and did the correct things when we had to.

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Gerry Bloemen at the Cairn



Morro and Mick at the Cairn
(Above)



Al Peters and Alex Spiteri-James
near the Cairn.

The Far Cairn Tourists





Far Cairn Trip

(Tottenham, NSW)
-Howard &
Laurie 15/9 to
18/9/20

Given our last major ride was back in November last year and along with the Covid-19 restrictions in place, I was looking for a place that I could go for a few days riding.

The BMW Touring Club NSW had an article about Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham NSW.

This will be the 13th year this has been held and up till now I had not been available on the weekend it was set for (always in September) as it clashed with my other life at Warilla Surf Club

Due to the Covid – 19 restrictions, the BMW Club had decided that members could do the Far Cairn ride any time during September, this was too good to pass up.

I contacted Howard (Newcastle) to see if he was interested in doing the ride, I sent him a copy of the BMW information and on learning it would be only the two of us going was ok with planning a date.

After checking our respective medical appointments, we were ok to go from 15-18 September. I worked out options for us to get there and we decided on the following route: -

Howard to ride down to me on the 15th, stay overnight and we would head off on the 16th – Ride up Macquarie Pass (Jamberoo Pass closed), Wildes Meadow > Nowra Road > Bundanoon > Goulburn > Taralga > Crookwell > Boorowa > Cowra > Forbes > Parkes > Peak Hill > Narromine > Tottenham with over night stops at Cowra & Tottenham Pub.

Return trip - Tottenham > Trangie > Dubbo > Wellington > Orange > Bathurst (overnight) Howard back to Newcastle via Sofala, Laurie back via Oberon & Goulburn.

The Ride

We set off around 8:15 on the Tuesday morning, picked up the worker/school rush hour on our way to Albion Park, had a good run up Macquarie Pass to near the top where we hit some traffic, rode through Robertson and took the Wildes Meadow turnoff, had a good run to the Bundanoon turnoff.

Easy ride to Marulan then onto Goulburn, stopped at the Mobil garage (popular stopping spot to fuel up and have a bit of a stretch).

Rode out to Taralga then across to Crookwell, stopped for lunch then took the Boorowa Road, parts in need of repair, at Crookwell we checked the map and decoded to take the Frogmore turnoff (2nd sign) this was a good ride into Cowra – off the highway, bit patchy in some areas but ok.

Fuel up and overnight stay at Cowra (Country Man Motel)



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close to the Lachlan Valley Hotel which had good beer and meals. Next morning - 7:30am was pretty cool (8 degrees) stopped at the Bakery and had something to eat then rode out to Grenfell, this is another good road to ride, brief stop as I had not been to Grenfell for 15+ years.

From Grenfell we rode to Forbes, stopped for a cuppa, temperature had risen to 18 degrees and was comfortable riding, what was noticed so far is that the country area is green, there had been some good rainfall across the State, the towns we rode through looked fresh.

Stopped for fuel at Parkes and called into the Tourist Information Centre, asked about the Far Cairn near Tottenham - blank stares! Picked up a couple of Cartograph maps (these are really good for locating local roads and alternate routes)

Rode onto Peak Hill, stopped for Bacon/Egg Roll with Coffee for \$10, sat on front deck of café, a lot of road traffic & trucks, temperature up around 25-27 degrees.

Did see a few Highway patrol cars between Forbes & Peak Hill.

Took the Narromine turnoff then the road to Tottenham - well talk about straight roads, this was the most boring part so far (100k's) of virtually straight road, temperature got to 30 degrees, every now and then there was a bend or T intersection to break the monotony.

Arrived Tottenham around 2:45pm, checked into the Tottenham pub, asked about meals - do not serve meals! Bowling club? Not open during the week, café? Closed, alternative was we brought frozen meals from the local Food Works - big mark up in price! The pub manager said he would zap them in the microwave for us when we were ready.

Asked about the Far Cairn, he pointed out the sign across the road "Far Cairn 42 k's", so rather than unpack the bikes we decided to ride out have a look at the cairn, grab a few photos and head back for a shower and beer.

What we weren't told was the road was mainly dirt, ok for me on the 700GS, my mate was on his Suzuki Bandit 1250, a lot of dust generated, we almost missed the Cairn, not sign posted, just a picnic shelter & the Cairn. Took some photos, somebody had knocked off the top sign, however bottom one was still there. My mate was really impressed about the "Far Cairn" told him it was about the ride - not the destination!

Rode back into Tottenham, only one petrol station, had to use credit card to fill up, system will not accept cash - parked bikes around back in beer garden, unpacked and had a shower, rooms are typical pub rooms, basic with shared facilities (\$45 each for a room) Went over the road to Food Works, got a couple of frozen meals and back to pub.

One good thing about the pub was the beer, cold with ice on the taps and rings all the way down the glass, a few locals come in but all gone by 7/7:30. Had a yarn with the manager, turns out he owns the pub with his brother (it is up for sale) he heated up our meals and we packed it in around 8:30.

Up next morning, pub provided cereal & coffee tea & toast, packed up and left around 8am, decided to take the Trangie turnoff at Albert (the town), this was a repetition of the Narromine/Tottenham road, straight with little variation. Trangie is a sizeable town with wide streets.

From Trangie we took back road to Dubbo (came out about 15k's short due to GPS) was a fairly good ride, a few sweepers, farms and lots of cotton fields, better than the highway.

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Stopped eastern side of Dubbo for fuel and a cuppa and something eat, road to Wellington then took the back-tourist road to Orange via Stuart Town, this was an enjoyable ride with some good riding sections.

Came out at Orange (Northern Distributor?) there was no signs to let us know which way to go, so went straight through roundabout and ended up in the centre of town. Found a bakery (Paris style) bacon/cheese slice good size for \$2, lots of cakes and pastries for under \$3, good place to take the other halves!

Followed the Mitchell highway to Bathurst, fair bit of roadworks along the way, rode into Bathurst and did the obligatory ride around Mount Panorama, makes you appreciate the driving/riding skills required to negotiate the track at the speeds they reach.

Booked into the Country Motor Lodge, next to Bathurst Panthers Club, had a walk down town to stretch our legs and backs, shower and to the club for tea and a few drinks, meals are reasonable the beer was ok, I reckon Tottenham pub was the best place for beers on this trip.

Weather forecast for next day was cold change with showers, my mate left and headed home to Newcastle via Sofala, I left after breakfast via Oberon, it was overcast and cold, it got worse the closer I got to Oberon, got down to 4.5 degrees at one stage, I pulled over and put on a spray jacket under the bike jacket 9plus a long sleeve shirt & jumper, also I had some slim gloves that the bike gloves fitted over.

The signs for Ice & Snow were out, it was a cold trip until it warmed up to 12-15 degrees about half way to Taralga, then I really enjoyed the ride, some really good sections, noticed the road maintained by Upper Lachlan Shire could do with some work! Other sections were pretty good.

I was going to take the Wombeyan Caves road to Mittagong but due to weather (showers) decided to go back home via Goulburn

Riding through Taralga there were a group of GS1200 riders who looked like they had done some dirt/back road riding.

Stopped at Goulburn Mobil for petrol, a group of riders on various bikes rode in, they were doing a ride to Rylstone, told them the road conditions were ok and that there was no ice/snow.

On ride home along Hume, had a few showers of rain, good run home around 12:15.

One thing we did notice was lack of Roo's, must have been due to rain/feed being available – did not need to forage along the roadside, we did come across at least 15 dead Wombats of various sizes.

All up 1470 k's (mate 1800k's) Bikes F700GS & Suzuki 1250 Bandit

Do it again? probably but would look at alternate routes where possible, hopefully the pub will look at providing meals or maybe the café will reopen?

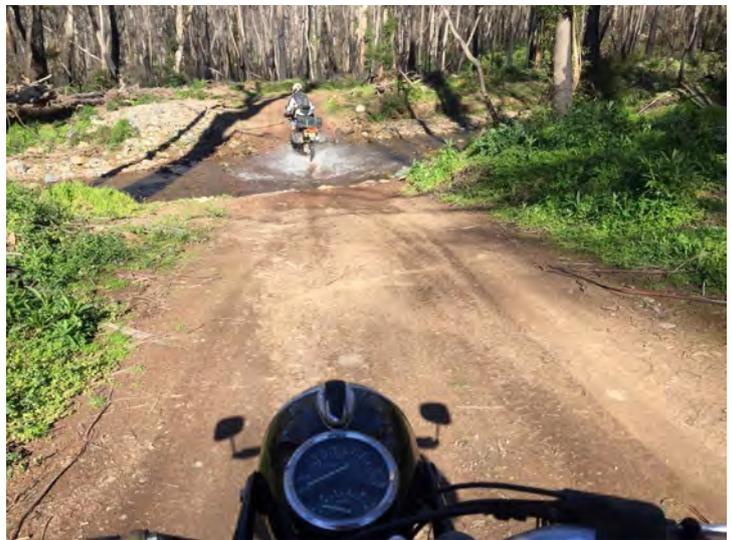
Laurie Boyle

TTT Rally #33 & FCR #13 with Covid Repellent

-Henning Jorgenson

While preparing & packing for the upcoming adventure I decided to check why the bike had a rear end twitch. Alas! The rear wheel was the culprit. I have a spare rear wheel on standby for a quick tyre change & so it was. I last serviced all my wheel bearings late last century so I reckon it was about due to happen. (Subsequent inspection revealed good wheel bearings just flogged out alloy hub) Satdee's executed plan was to meet up with Mr Rob Edgar Esq in Westmead & then to collect a pair of carbies for my R60 in Bowral. That & lunch achieved we departed Bowral at 2pm for the infamous TTT journey.

The track with post fires upgrade, was in good condition only with a few soaks from the recent snow & rain.



Due to the undergrowth being sparse the view was very different, through the bare trees we can actually see where we were going & the steepness of the track. There were some repaired washouts & lots of erosion. On the plus side, the fires & floods are the source of all the rich soils downstream that we use to grow our foods. At 4pm-ish we were amongst the last to arrive to a total of just over 50 happy campers. Sonia & Thrasher as usual welcome all on arrival to the site. I opened the virus repellent Stones to assist with the no-spread, tent erection then socializing & dinner. This led to verbal diarrhoea being carried out at the usual enormous log fire until I laid down about 10 for a good nights sleep.

At an Alpine Rally some years back, Rob boasted that he never washed his frying pan between rallies, which back then was followed next morning with the food poisoning chunder - that was the end of that habit. Rob's sundee started with a spew n poo - day schar voo. Farewell to our hosts again & to try not to repeat last years failed rock hopping fall up the track - success then heading for Blayney. Amongst the roadside snow those signs didn't help my poor navigating skills!!!!

We lunched at Newbridge & then on arrival in Blayney & checked into the Exchange Hotel to follow up on /5 Tribute event, which also included dining & wining with Mrs & Mr



Florence & Tony Rowe, the railways, police & Shire council. Alas all is still in order for our /5 Tribute. Munde was a Easy 300kms to Tottenham. Recent rains left water by roadside & just in time for Canola crops which is also a sign of springtime & the black n white aerial bombers are looming. Checked in to the glorious very well kept Tottenham Hotel from the 1920's, then to the Far Cairn, bypassing a road closed sign. A few days earlier & the road to the Cairn would have been impassable. Shared the Hotel with Bruce Campbell on his 230cc bike Tuesday, day last, I returned home via Dubbo, Ulan, Bylong, Baerami & Maitland. Everywhere the fuel is still a the low Covid rate - a bit odd I reckon. Another event free 800+ /5 miles with 4 days of fine & cool weather.



Cheers
Henning #33

Welcome to the new members:

- ⇒ Gary & Liz Vincent (Grays Point)
- ⇒ Mark McClelland (Braidwood)
- ⇒ Andrew Fraser (Dural)
- ⇒ Bernard Nicholl (Culburra Beach)
- ⇒ Sebastian Adams (Annandale)
- ⇒ George Moretti (Paddington)
- ⇒ Jamie Gardner (Gorokan)

September Financial figures:

ACCOUNT BALANCES

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| Regular bank balance at end of August | \$ 1,255.94 |
| Savings Account balance at end of August | \$36,817.70 |
| TOTAL IN BANK | \$38,073.64 |

Summary

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| Total Income | \$2,985.15 |
| Total Expenses | \$4,733.78 |
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| Total Interest earned | \$ 1.76 |

Great response to the Far Cairn Rally.

Any enquiries please
email treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au



COSMETIC REBUILD OF MY R100RS

In February 1984, I finally bought my first European Marque – the Rolls Royce of motorcycles. A 1981 BMW R100RS, though the previous owner must have had ridden it behind a semi trailer for the 30,000 km that he had owned it. The bike was badly stone chipped and scratched. Its general appearance was down grading for a European motorcycle.

After touring NSW, VIC, SA & QLD on the BM with friends in April/May of '84. I decided to cosmetically rebuild her. The engine was perfectly sound and only needed mufflers. Stainless steel ones were put on instead of standard. They have a 10 year guarantee against rusting and better value.



Firstly the bike was stripped of all its painted panels, ie. tank, full fairing guards, side covers and seat surrounds. I had to buy a second hand panel for a piece of the fairing. It had been broken before I purchased the bike.

Following this was to pull the motor out of the frame, it was amazing how heavy it was lifting it by myself. I had the motor bead blasted as the engine had surface corrosion on the Alum. For the bead blasting to be done, without pulling the engine down was to seal every hole in it, inlet and exhaust parts, breather holes the timing and distributor areas. This was done by stuffing rags in for about an inch and then using silastic to seal the holes then wrapped them up with masking tape for added protection. The gearbox and other Aluminium parts were done as well.

The next task was the electrical system - what a job, note down on paper where every bit of electrical wire went to be sure of putting it back in the right place.

Once the bike was down to the frame I pulled the front end off as well as the swing arm to replace the bearings of both which were badly worn by incorrect torque pressures on the bearings.

Now with everything totally pulled down, what a mass of parts I had spread from the garage to the shed, even in the lounge room and bedroom.

I wanted the bike to be original when finished. I made a few



phone calls and located the spray painter that resprayed BMW Australia warranty claims of defective paintwork and arranged for the complete respraying of my panels. The frame and wheels were sent to a member of the BMW Club of NSW. He owned a panelbeating spray shop. He resprayed the frame for me in the original matte finish, the wheels (rims were put in a acid bath then resprayed a metallic silver) practically original.



The base of the seat had to be fixed where the seat hinge was rusted through. I had to strip the seat back to the base, cut the rust out and weld a plate, drill and rivet the hinges back on then reassemble the seat. Another small job was to repair the small rack on the back which had broken with too much weight, brazing extra braces then spraying matte black.

The brake system also needed some attention, so it was pulled apart as well. It is amazing how much moisture and grime gets into the system, [flushed the whole system out with white spirits and reassembled it. It has improved the brakes out of sight - no more bad brake operation.

After receiving a box of parts ie badges, transfers, muffler protectors, fairings, steering head, swingarm, wheel bearings and carbie kits, once I got the pieces resprayed and the frame back, it was time to start rebuilding the bike.

To start with, I assembled the rolling frame, putting new bearings throughout the frame and shimming them correctly by shaving off small amounts on the shim until they were the correct adjustment, the swing arm bearings were installed and I had to string line the front and rear wheels to get them perfectly aligned. Once completed it was onto putting the electrical system on the frame. The simplicity of the electrical system made it easier than expected; fol-

lowing a wire diagram in the manual and all the notes I had made, all the wires were put in their right places.

Next was the engine, which after getting it bead blasted, to protect the aluminium I sprayed it with Teclal an aluminium protector spray. This will keep any sort of surface corrosion away, ie coastal sea air which previously affected it. Then I went about installing the engine into the frame followed by the gearbox, and adjusted the clutch, then put together other parts ie carbie, exhausts, pannier brackets, lights etc.

Nearing completion, I gave the bike a service, including a complete oil change, filters, and torque tension on every nut and bolt to ensure it had not been forgotten. Once all this was done, it was time for the finishing stage of putting on the gleaming, resprayed fairing, tank, etc. The only stage left was to insert the key, cross the fingers and pray. Once going, I made adjustment to the carbie idle within mixture, grabbed my helmet and was off for my first ride for 4 months.

1 congratulated myself on a job well done, it purred like a



kitten, handled excellently and looked like a million dollars.

PS. After putting 80 000km on the clock, I sold the bike, the reason being an overseas trip which didn't happen, as well as monetary gain. A year later I tried to buy the bike back, but the new owner wouldn't be in it and I know why.

Steve Treloar

Minutes of August Meeting (Online):

Meeting start 7:32pm, 26th August

-No visitors

-introduction from Rog Cooper at his first meeting

-No previous minutes

-Correspondence:

—QLD club magazine

AGM to be next month, Awards night, XMAS party discussed

VP report:

-winter rally cancelled, Dargo cancelled, TTT going ahead, Newcastle events still running Mendooran 19th Sept at pub, trophies for awards ordered.

Secretary,

audio on phone having difficulties, replacement sec(A Pen-nykid) taking minutes

Treasurer:

\$800 donation to MARI

Mem Sec:

4 new members this month, only dropped 28 members over the renewal period, still have over 300 members

Assets & Archives:

No report

BMW Clubs Australia:

International meeting cancelled, online meeting being arranged

Webmaster:

Issues with Far Cairn form on the club website

Editor:

Good to see submissions continuing usual request for more content to keep the newsletter going

Past events:

-Trevor Dean report on OCR, rush to QLD border to beat closure, long line at border. Gold coast, met other members. Travelled to Adels Grove via St George and Cunnamulla. Total 30-40 at Adels Grove. Home via Rob Popplewells place.

-Alex Dayride to Grey Gum (Hornsby/Wisemans/Kulnura/Grey Gum). 4 at Hornsby, lost 2. More met at Wisemans for regroup. Alans sidecar cutting out. Don (R100RT) crashed on the road from Spencer to Kulnura, the group returned to the crash site to assist with police/ambulance/traffic. The bikes right crashbar landed exactly on Dons lower right leg resulting in broken tibia and fibia. Don taken to RNS, bike taken to GT motorcycles. Only Alex and Alan continued to Grey Gum after Kulnura due to the time, it was closed.

-Sofala ride, a little rain, president forgot his rain gear

Upcoming events:

-Henning may postpone the /5 tribute event

-Risk need to be assessed for Far Cairn event

-Possibly run Xmas and awards event at a function centre

General Business

-All regalia items are now kept at the meeting rooms

AGM must be held next month

AGM nominations by email, all returns to secretary

-Georg and Charis to be made honorary members of the club (discussed and passed)

-Club to purchase a licence for online meeting environment suitable for our needs (discussed and passed)

-\$50 discount/remission of course fees to members completing rider training or first aid training, once conditions are met (discussed and passed).

-Some people receiving spam from faux member email accounts

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Watch out for these upcoming events (check for current Covid19 restrictions before going) :

9th-11th October

39th Thunder Rally (Online, Virtual)

10th-11th October

38th Kosciuszko Rally

7th-8th November

Trout Rally (TBC)