

**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



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August 2020 NEWSLETTER



Trevors new aquisition

BMW Touring Club of New South Wales



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| | | |
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| ACT | Dave Ramsay | 02 6278 3895 actcoordinator@bmwtcnsw.org.au |
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| Mid North Coast | Position Vacant | Put your hand up if you're willing to take this on. |
| South Coast | Tony Schmidt | 0407 494 229 sthcoastcoordinator@bmwtcnsw.org.au |
| Central West | No Current | centralwestcoordinator@bmwtcnsw.org.au |

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



Ride & Events Calendar

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

| July | Event | Contacts | Points |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Thur-25th | Hunter Social Sip:TBC. Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month) | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 2 |
| August | Events | Contacts | Points |
| Sat 8 th | Day Ride to Sofala Pub Lunch & Beyond. Meet 8.30am @ Kurmond BP fuelled & ready to leave, further detail check Club FB page. | Jason Boyd 0412 858 880 Alex S.J. 0405 312 590 | 6 |
| Thur - 14 th | South Coast Social Sip; TBC 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road, North Nowra at 6pm South. | Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229 | 2 |
| Sat 22 nd | Day Ride, ProCycle Hornsby to Grey Gums Café. Meet 8.15am for 8.45 leave @ ProCycle Hornsby, 2 nd meet up point Convict Café, Wisemans Ferry, fuelled & ready @ 9.45 for 10.15 detarture. | Alex S.J. 0405 312 590 | 6 |
| Wed. 26 th | Club Meeting 7:30pm. TBC if online or in person. | Jason Boyd 0412 858 880 | 4/6* |
| Thur. 27 th | Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month) | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 2 |
| 29 rd – 30 th | TTT Rally, sign posted 10km's nth of Taralga on Wombeyan caves rd. | | 10 |
| September | Events | Contacts | Points |
| Thur-10th | South Coast Social Sip; TBC. 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road, North Nowra at 6pm South. | Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229 | 2 |
| 12 th – 13 th | Dargo High Plains Rally, TBC Covid permitting. Talbotville approx. 40km from Dargo, Victoria. | Dave Beers 0401 444 567 | 10 |
| 1 st – 30 th | Far Cairn Rally, Please check FB & club web site for details update | | |
| Thur 24 th | Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month) | Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 | 2 |
| 27 th – 28 th | 37 th Annual Sidecar Rally, TBC. | 02 63375705 Sean | 10 |
| Wed-30 th | Club Meeting 7:30pm. TBC if online or in person. | Jason Boyd 0412 858 880 | 4/6* |
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Newly & updated items are highlighted Yellow.

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)



Presidents Report

Calling this out up front. If things change and official guidance from the government changes regarding travel or social events, the BMWTCNSW will be following that guidance to the letter for all calendar events. Social distancing at all gatherings will be mandatory, masks and hand sanitiser will be encouraged.

Over the last few months, the Executive Committee has been meeting trying to work out how we can keep the Far Cairn Rally running for 2020.

Everyone agreed that if we can we want to run the event, that we want to donate to MARI, that we want to support the Tottenham community, but we did not want to put the health and wellbeing of members, guests or Tottenham residents at risk. Oh, and we need to take into consideration government restrictions on groups and events. Cancelling the event was the most likely scenario, and this did not sit well with us.

After consideration and a bit of brainstorming we think we have a compromise that ticks "most" of the boxes. The event will not be the same as previous years. It will not suit everyone. The goal is to raise money for MARI and put money into the Tottenham environment while keeping everyone safe. In previous years the BMWTCNSW have donated all profit generated from the FCR to MARI.



For this year, we are asking attendees to **prepay** \$25 for the event. Once we receive your payment we will send you a FCR COVID sticker, this is your proof of entry. You will need the sticker to meet the photo requirements. It will then be up to you to organise your own trip to Tottenham anytime during the month of September. It will be up to you to maintain social distancing, to manage attendance numbers in your group, and up to you to organise your own accommodation and food. Remember that every cent you spend in the region goes directly into the pocket of the community.

How it works – Once you have prepaid, we ask you keep a receipt for anything purchased in town, or have your photo taken next to one of the town landmarks as proof of attendance and we will send you the official FCR badge. If you then visit the actual Cairn outside of town and have your photo taken there, we will send you a cloth patch. You will need to email your pictures / receipts to president@bmwtcnsw.org.au for validation. We will then mail you out a FCR badge and patch based on your attendance. Prizes will be given for creative photos taken around the town and at the cairn.

So for \$25 you will get the sticker, may be eligible for a badge and a cloth patch and will be making a donation to MARI in the process. This year like previous years, the club will be donating all profits from this event to MARI. Please see the full-page article in this month's newsletter for entry details.

BMW Touring Club of NSW - All Welcome
 COVID AWARE DAY RIDE
 ProCycles Hornsby to Grey Gums

22nd August 2020
 8:15 ProCycles Hornsby or
 9:45 Wisemans Ferry
 Contact: Alex 0405 312 590



NOTE: We are all subject to COVID restrictions. The club can't be everywhere monitoring your stupidity, so you are responsible for your own health and wellbeing. If you are sick, stay home, get tested.

While things are looking bleak in Victoria now... and devastating for the OCR I thought I had better get some fresh air on the bike while I can. Based on this, I will be doing a day ride out to Sofala early in August, and ASJ has one scheduled a few weeks later starting at ProCycles Hornsby. Keep an eye on the calendar and the Facebook page for rides that are occurring at short notice. Social distancing and hand sanitiser will be mandatory and masks will be encouraged.

BMW /5 & RIDERS TRIBUTE GATHERING

Drag em out & get em goin - 50 years on

Lastly, Henning has locked down the Slash 5 tribute event out at Blayney on the weekend of 17th October. Henning has lined up a ride to Mt Panorama and a guest speaker (or two?). There will be awards for Best R50/5, R60/5 & R75/5, Best original /5, Best pre /5, Best post /5, Best GS, People's choice and Best story for those that love a yarn. There are multiple options in Blayney for accommodation but you will need to book your own accommodation directly.



Remember this is YOUR club and it is only as strong as the membership. See you out there soon!

Cheers, Jason, President, BMWTCNSW

Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au

BMWTCNSW General Meeting Minutes

Date: 24 June 2020

Chairperson – Jason Boyd

Meeting Opened – 7.20 Pm

Apologies – Al Peters, Giuseppe Tamborrino

Visitors – None

Previous Minutes – Accepted by Col Watkins and Jason Boyd.

Correspondence - Bank Statements, a number of Membership forms.

Presidents report - As per Newsletter June 2020

Welcome to our online meeting.

After his accident at the Alpine Rally George is doing well.

Far Cairn Rally will go ahead in some form so we can support our charities.

The monthly meetings will be virtual for a while longer due to the size of the room which only accommodates 20 with correct social distancing.

Vice Presidents Report –

The Hat Rally will not go ahead.

The Cobargo rally will probably not go ahead - check with organisers.

Awards night to be discussed in general business.

Secretary's Report – No report

Treasurers Report – as of 30 May 2020

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month
\$777.01

Savings Account balance at end of month
\$29,813.44

TOTAL IN BANK
\$30,590.45

Summary

Total Income \$541.29

Total Expenses \$933.80

Total Interest earned \$1.38

We have reopened the Ermington Post Box due to Australia Post wanting \$900 to redirect to Toongabbie per year. They refunded the redirection fee. I will check this box monthly prior to the next meeting.

The mailing address for all club correspondence is PO Box 549 Toongabbie NSW 2146

Membership Secretary Report – 3 New members 120 renewals to date.

Will need to order membership shirts at the end of July and Marie will send another reminder mid July.

Editors Report – Articles are being received to fill the pages more are always welcome.

Public Officer's Report –.No report

Asserts & Archives – Nothing to report

Regalia - Mick Furchert has ordered some stickers. Note these have now been paid for.

Catherine has sent Woz an email and Jason will forward the photos of regalia to her.

Clubs Australia – BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally at Stanthorpe Queensland on the 3-5 October 2020 is going to be reviewed Mid-August and decide whether to go ahead due to ongoing restrictions in Queensland.

Webmaster – Uploaded the recent Newsletter to website.

Trevor's email Inbox was not full the email he received was probably Spam. Committee to delete such emails

MCC Report – Nothing to report as no delegates attended the meeting.

Past Events –

Alpine Rally - **Was eventful with George's sidecar**, having a tumble, George is ok. Motorcycle Alliance where not interested in helping as it was a motor vehicle accident not a breakdown, something for members to be aware of. **Woz's cousin organised to pick the bike up and Dave Ramsay and Woz were able to repair the handle bars and the bike only had a few dings.**

The Winter Solace BBQ at Nords Wharf Henning put on a great spread as usual and the location is really good and undercover, the club paid for the catering and was attended by a good few. Henning would like to make this a yearly event.

Coming Events – BMW /5 & riders tribute gathering - Saturday 17th October 2020, Blayney Railway Station carpark. Henning is organising.

Hunter Social Sip - Has been brought forward to 5pm due to Covid Restrictions.

Pub stay Railway Hotel Murrurundi on 8 August - contact Rob Tiedeman

TTT Rally Taralga 29-30 August is definitely going ahead.

Winter Rally Nerriga 12-14
August could be cancelled.

General Business

New membership/business card machine - the software has been installed on the Club computer as it only comes with one licence. Alison removed all the relevant **accounting information and doesn't use MYOB and it has not been updated.** Trevor has this at the moment.

The AGM could be held at the first meeting back at the Community Hall. We have 3 months extra to hold it according to Fair Trading Website but this may change due to the restrictions lifting or not.

Awards Night - With all the restrictions it is still hard to organise an actual event hopefully sometime in August or it could be held on line or even at the Christmas Party.

Christmas party - A few options were discussed Neville Siding has a large camping area or Major Creek other options will still be considered.

Far Cairn Rally - \$800 is to be transferred to Mari/Dr Wings for the last Rally Donation.

The committee is discussing alternative avenues to hold the event as the council guidelines on social distancing are very strict at the moment. There will be an executive meeting to discuss any changes in restriction and we would need to be able to have an outside gathering of more than 150 people to make the event viable. We still want to support the community in some way and the clubs charities.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS:

- Necktor Aslanidis (Frenchs Forest)
- Phil Field (Dulwich Hill)
- James Grant (Tintenbar)

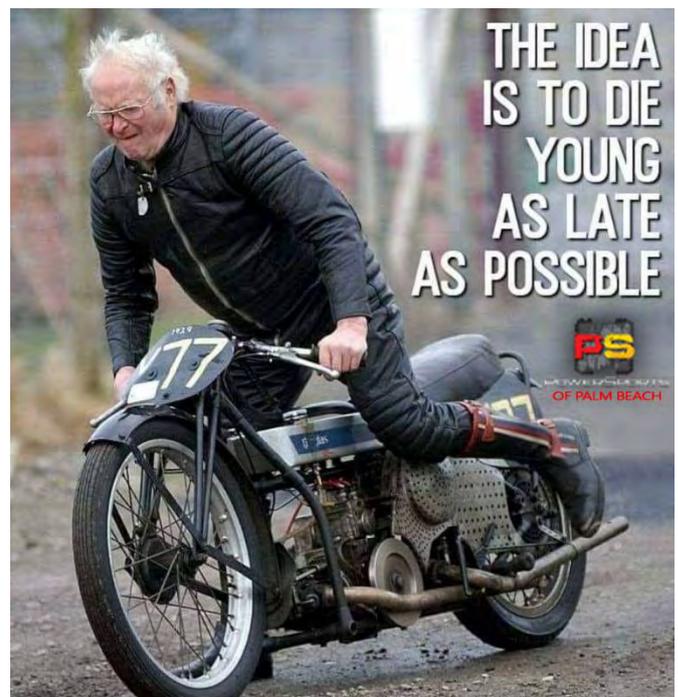
RIDER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

The BMW Motorcycle Club ACT is organising a weekend Adventure Bike Rider training course with the Academy of Off Road Riding located in Nelligen NSW over the weekend 21-22 November 2020 and has invited BMW Touring Club members to participate as well. You can check out the course online at <https://www.academyoffroadriding.com.au/> and register your interest with the BMW MCCA online <https://www.bmwccact.org.au/event-3880659>.

DO NOT register directly with the Academy as this course is subject to meeting minimum registered numbers.

You will have the opportunity to confirm your attendance and pay in advance once minimum numbers are met. The BMW MCCA event includes a meal(s) option and registrants need to be onsite ready for the course 0800 on Saturday and Sunday morning and finishes ~1500 Sunday. There is DIY camping with shower and toilet onsite or Batemans Bay is about 1 hour away. If you do not make both days rider briefing then you are removed from the course, no refunds.

Club members have completed this training course in the past and it is the forerunner by some decades to BMW Offroad Rider Training. The BMW MCCA look forward to seeing us there on the weekend.



We are all subject to COVID restrictions. The club can't be everywhere monitoring your stupidity, you are responsible for your own health and wellbeing during the day. You are also 100% responsible for your actions while on the trip. If you feel sick, even a little, STAY HOME and away from us until you are OK. This event may be cancelled at short notice due to further restrictions or extreme weather. In the spirit of the Touring Club... If you want to ride quick... OK. If you want to peel off and do something else just let someone know. If you want to ride slow... that's OK too. Just keep left and don't be a twat if someone catches you, let them past. Don't be a straight line hero.

Sofala Pub Lunch & Beyond

COVID AWARE RIDE – ALL WELCOME (Members and Guests)

WHEN: Saturday 8th August

CONTACT 1: Jason, Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au, Mob: 0412 858 880

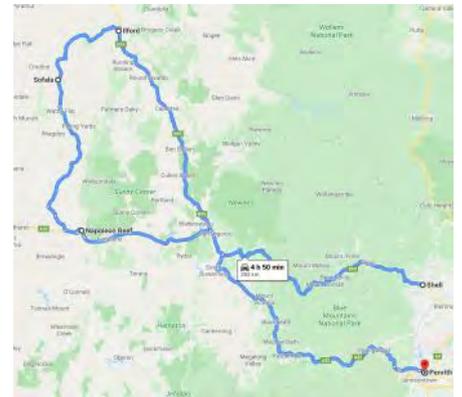
CONTACT 2: Alex, Email: aspiterijames@me.com, Mob: 0405 312 590

MEETING POINT: Kurmond BP: 8:30AM **BE FUELED UP AND READY TO GO**

ROUTE: <https://goo.gl/maps/VLabm5YSYvYkcAD2A> | Meeting at Kurmond, fuel at Capertee, lunch at Sofala

DIFFICULTY: Beginner - Easy / Med. Some may be challenged by the distance? This is a coffee / pub run with a Touring Club difference. I am setting this up for newer riders. Your bike needs to be in good working condition and you need to be comfortable to ride all day.

ROADS: 352km 90% sealed, some very good, solid & surfaced all weather dirt.



During the day, it is up to you to ensure you are meeting COVID requirements

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: You, and your bike in good working condition. Snacks / drinks for the day. Maybe a few tools in case something rattles off? A little cash for a pub lunch / coffee / fuel. Camping / overnight gear depending on your return itinerary.

NOTE: Some will be breaking off at Sofala and turning this into an overnight event

ProCycles Hornsby to Grey Gums

COVID AWARE DAY RIDE – ALL WELCOME (Members and Guests)

WHEN: 22nd August 2020

CONTACT 1: Alex, Email: aspiterijames@me.com, Mob: 0405 312 590

CONTACT 2: Jason, Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au, Mob: 0412 858 880

MEETING POINT 1: ProCycles Hornsby (Hunter Lane Rear Access)
8:15 arrival for a 8:45 (sharp) departure

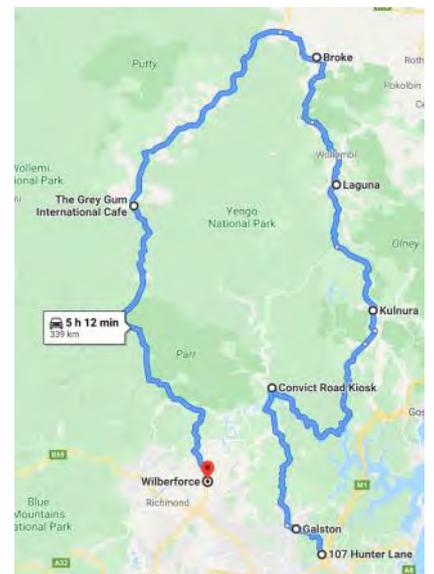
MEETING POINT 2: Wisemans Ferry – Convict Café Café, 10:15 departure

BE FUELED AND READY TO GO

ROUTE: <https://goo.gl/maps/t9Pjkp7iYKffo3LA>

ROADS: 339km, 100% sealed (although if you have a look.. there are dirt options)

DIFFICULTY: Easy, for newer riders... Risk of caffeine overdose?



During the day, it is up to you to ensure you are meeting COVID requirements

WHAT YOU NEED: You, and your bike in good working condition. Snacks / drinks for the day. Maybe a few tools in case something rattles off? A little cash for a pub lunch / coffee / fuel.

For those that meet at ProCycles Hornsby we weave our way out through Galston Gorge to the second meeting point at the Convict Café, Wisemans Ferry for a quick coffee if wanted.

From here, we cross the Hawkesbury River following the mighty river, as we pass through several small villages. We then meander our way up to Laguna where we can stop at a great café, coffee and regroup. From here, we then snake our way through the Wollombi Valley. Beautiful scenery and sweeping roads fighting for our attention as we snake our way towards Broke (fuel for those that may need it).

We then continue onto the Putty where we stop again at the International Grey Gums Café for lunch... and coffee. We then continue east crossing the Colo River and onto Wilberforce where we all make our way back to our respective homes bragging about our great days riding and coffee bingeing.



All of September 2020

The BMW Touring Club of NSW proudly presents the 13th Far Cairn Rally to raise funds in support of the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI)



Due to the current COVID-19 environment, this year's Far Cairn Rally format has changed. You are invited to partake in a tour of the region during the month of September. This will support the town of Tottenham, surrounding communities, and of course, MARI. Take the family, get together with friends & remember to always follow COVID-19 regulations and restrictions. We encourage the use of hand sanitiser & masks to help protect our rural cousins from the spread of this virus. Unfortunately we may need to cancel this event at short notice due to government COVID restrictions.

The Far Cairn Rally will be held in the Tottenham region and is open to all who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. To support this event you will need to pre pay before you travel, as you will need to take pictures of yourself with your sticker. Photos should include yourself and your ride / drive against local recognizable landmarks such as the pub, park, Tourist Centre or Cairn. Be creative with your pictures, there will be prizes for best location shots, most unique... whatever. Make your pictures stand out!

Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt from several directions. We encourage people to stay & buy in the region. Individuals will need to organise their own travel dates & accommodation during September. There is limited accommodation available at the Tottenham Hotel & the Caravan Park (book ahead of time). Meals & grog are obtainable at the pub, supermarket & other locations around town. The Centre Cairn monument that lends its name to this rally is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways & marks the centre of NSW. Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin & 120kms west of Dubbo. Compliance to COVID restrictions & social distancing will be the responsibility of the individual, not the club.

For your **prepaid** donation to the event:

- All who **prepay** will be sent the 2020 Far Cairn sticker. This will be your proof of entry
- If you have **prepaid**, and you had your picture taken at a town landmark or have receipts from a local business where you have bought something you will be eligible for the badge
- If you have **prepaid**, have had your picture taken in town and then also have your picture taken at the cairn, you are eligible for a special cloth patch

The event closes end of September, all pictures need to be received to president@bmwtcnsw.org.au for review before Sunday 11th October. After the closing date and once reviewed, your badge / patch will be posted out to you

T-shirts can still be ordered, and will also be sent out after the closure of the event period. Some prizes and awards may be given for most interesting pictures, distance travelled etc. Print clearly - we need to decipher your scribble in order to post your stuff!

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| Entrants Full Name: | | Club (if any): | |
| Full Address Details: | | | |
| Mobile No: | | Email Address: | |
| Entry Fee/ Person (always includes a Sticker) | | \$25.00 | \$ |
| Rally Tee Shirt – Size | Colour | \$25.00 | \$ |
| Rally Tee Shirt – Size | Colour | \$25.00 | \$ |
| Tee Shirt Postage (up to 2 shirts) | | \$10.00 | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | \$ |

Please make cheques / money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW and post to:
PO Box 549, Toongabbie, NSW, 2146 OR email the Treasurer: treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au
EFT Details: BSB# 032 173 ACCOUNT# 40-6259

For more information contact: Marie Pennykid 0428393093 | Paul Evans 0411738267 | Jason Boyd 0412858880

Alternatively, visit our website: www.bmwtcnsw.org.au and follow the links for contacts. Find us on Facebook: BMW Touring Club of NSW. For more information on MARI, have a look at this website: www.drwings.org.au

If you can't make it to the rally, please consider lobbying a donation MARI's way. Details on how to donate or get involved are included on the web page

BMW /5 & RIDERS TRIBUTE GATHERING

Drag em out & get em goin - 50 years on



INVITATION

All /5 owners current & previous along with all other BMW riders are invited & welcome to be part of this celebration. The /5 & it's riders broke new ground for BMW with they're success's that led to the 90s & GS range & to what is available now. Also, the /5 was the first to carry The Pudding & to cross the Gunbarrel Hwy, (with a R60 sidecar)

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| <u>Meet n Greet Dinner</u> Date Location | Fridaye 16th October 2020 – 7PM Exchange Hotel |
| <u>Check in</u> Date Location | 9AM Satdee 17th October 2020 Blayney Railway Station carpark |
| <u>Lunch</u> (voucher required) | Ride briefing at 11am. Depart Blayney Railway Station 11.30am. Travelling via Mt Panorama & The Olde Vale Circuit. Lunch at Newbridge Hotel at 1.00pm Total ~60 miles |
| <u>Show n Tell</u> | 3-5pm in Blayney Railway Station carpark. Motorcycles must arrive by 3pm. Coffee & cake is available within 60m at Ryan's Bakery |
| <u>Celebratory Dinner</u> (voucher required) | Saturday 6.30 for 7.30pm in Exchange Hotel for dinner Guest speaker, stories & presentations |
| <u>Awards</u> | Best R50/5, R60/5 & R75/5 Best original /5 Best pre /5 & Best post /5 Best GS People's choice Best story |
| <u>Information</u> Payment details: Any enquiries: | Stroke 5 Tribute. bsb 650000 a/c 538533108 Newcastle Permanent Bldg Soc Henning Jorgensen: Ph 0457 034 488, hpi333@gmail.com Jason Boyd: Ph 0412 858 880, president@bmwtcnsw.org.au |
| Any proceeds will go to RFDS. Tired bikes on trailers also welcomed. If you have any old pamphlets, pictures, trivia, etc, we could also share them? This will an opportunity to establish a /5 information & parts forum. | |

This gathering will be subject to any Covid19 conditions

Entry is at your own risk & only you will be responsible for your own actions & possessions

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ENTRY DETAILS

Entry Details (1 per rider)

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| Name | | | | Pillion | | | | | |
| Address | | | | | | | | | |
| Email | | | | Telephone | | | | | |
| Club | | | | Member# | | | | | |
| BMW#1 Model | | Year | | Rego | | Miles | | Purchased | |
| BMW#2 Model | | Year | | Rego | | Miles | | Purchased | |

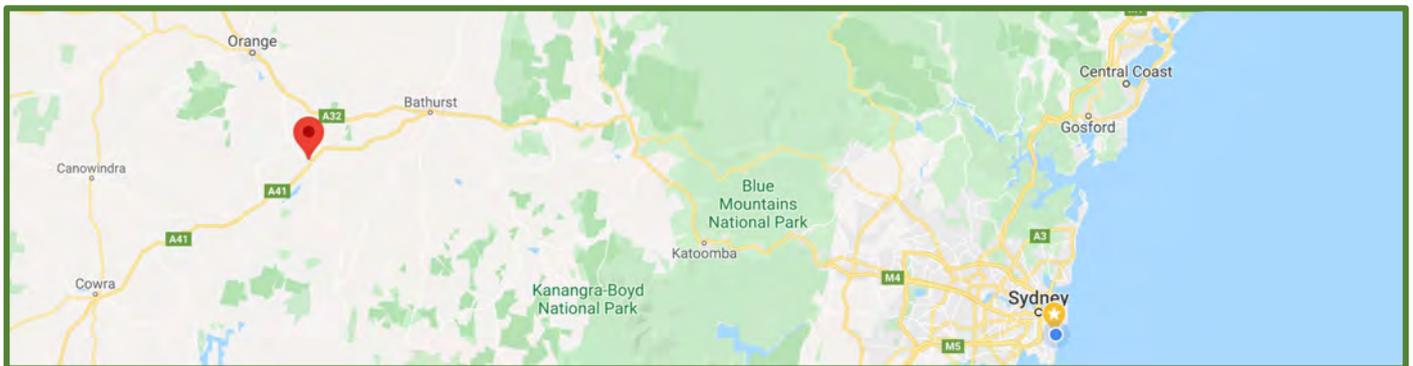
| <u>Gathering Expenses</u> | COST | No Req'd | Size | Total |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Entry | \$35 | | NA | |
| Sunday Lunch | \$23 | | NA | |
| Saturday Night Presentation Dinner | \$40 | | NA | |
| Polo Shirt | \$35 | | | |
| Wine Glasses & Sticker | \$16 | | NA | |

Accomodation Options - Bookings required ASAP

Goldfields Motor Inn 02 6368 2000
 Blayney Central Motel 02 6368 3355
 Exchange Hotel 02 6368 3786
 Tattersalls Hotel 02 6368 4465
 Royal Hotel 02 6368 2210
 Blayney Tourist Park 02 6368 4455

Information

Ryan's Bakery 02 6368 2372
 Blayney Shire 02 6368 2104
 Blayney Hospital 02 6368 9000



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Editors Report

Welcome to the August newsletter, I finally have my club email address list complete and up to date (I think). For the moment while we are doing email-only delivery of the newsletter it will go to all members(that we have an email address for) even if you did not request email delivery. Once we return to mailing the physical newsletter, I will adjust the list to remove those members who have requested no email delivery. When will this be? Your guess is as good as mine; but it will depend on the club having regular meetings at the hall again.

With the membership year now done (July-June) I want to thank the following people for contributing to our clubs fabulous newsletter in the last year; Alex Spiteri-James, Dave Beers, Frank Cachia(not even a club member), Gary Smee, George Scarfe, Gerry Bloemen, Henning Jorgenson, Justin Dorward, Mick Moriarty, Mike ?, Mike Williamson, Mike Cummins, Rob Edgar, Rob Lovett, Steve Treloar and Warren Bufett.

Some of you are long term contributors and submitted many pieces to help make it the great read that it is, some submitted something for the first time, that's really appreciated. Thanks to all of you.

Now for the first issue of the new cycle! I think we're starting with a ripper.



Riding Solo.

Alex Spiteri-James

There's some great advantages to riding on your own. You can stop whenever you want. Go to the toilet whenever you want, have a brew at your leisure, and take photos as often and for as long as you like. You can pack your camp in a hurry or slowly and eat your porridge in peace. You can change your route to suit your day. If you are really gutsy you can pick the roads less travelled.

There are also some disadvantages. The main one being you can only blame yourself if something goes wrong. You also have to make sure you pack everything you need because you cannot walk up to a guy or girl in your group and say "oh shit I forgot in my tent pegs or poles". The emphasis and responsibility is always on you to pack properly. You normally only forget a vital piece of equipment once. There's nothing like a bit of hardship to trigger your memory. I slept in Dave Beers' Xtrail for the night after I forgot my tent

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poles going to the BMW xmas party.

Often travelling by yourself you'll be amazed at people's compassion when they see you're a lone traveller on a motorbike with minimal gear, and I think deep down people admire your choice of transport and your minimalistic approach.

I have a few stories about my solo travels.

On 7 December 2018 I camped at Black Springs, NSW. It was an unusual spot, quite close to the road and there were a few residential houses on the opposite side of the camping area. I pulled up, picked out a good spot and set up my tent (solo travellers get to pick their own camp site). It was quite late in the day. I pulled out my camp stove, loaded my frying pan with meat, glorious meat, and looked for the lighter to light the gas. 'F.....k no!' I reasoned in my head, I could not have been that stupid. Yes, I had forgotten the lighter and matches. Where were those damn smokers now?

There were no shops nearby but in the house opposite my campsite a young indigenous lad had pulled up in his old Holden station wagon. I remember seeing the lad getting out of his car and walking up the driveway of the house. He greeted the lady who was out watering her plants. (Solo travel makes me more mindful and I notice a lot more about where I am).

After a brief conversation with the young lady the lad walked back to his car. I approach him and asked if I could borrow his lighter which I'd seen him use to light a cigarette. He was about 22, dressed in a pair of stubby shorts, wearing a high viz vest and looking as though he had just finished work. I started a conversation and we had a bit of a laugh. I then asked if I could borrow his lighter to light my camp stove and return it. He replied "no keep the lighter. I have plenty more at home." I thanked the young lad and explained that I would have eaten the meat raw. We both laughed. People really do want to be kind and help you.

PURE SILENCE



You also have to take ownership about your decisions when you are solo traveller. I remember a trip where I was coming back from Broken Hill via Menindee, then Ivanhoe. As I was travelling along the dirt road I noticed a small clump of medium sized trees which caught my eye as the landscape was so flat and treeless. I figured this would be a great place to camp. I thought it was a great place to hide my tent in amongst the trees and light a small campfire. I rode off the road and headed towards the small grove of trees. As I approached I thought 'Perfect. What a great place to camp?' I pulled up, set up my tent, grabbed some firewood and lit a fire. I then pulled out my camp chair and set up my little music system listening to Paul Kelly. (Smells like rain.) Paradise! Here I was in the middle of nowhere. No other people around me. Pure isolation. So what do you do when you're alone? I practiced a few dance moves while drinking from my bottle of Jack Daniels. After a minute of fame I collapsed into my chair and just gazed at the fire and thought 'How good is this sun baked land? This is living life.'

I kicked some sand into the campfire to extinguish the fire and climbed into my tent. Peace and tranquility filled the air. Being a solo traveller I've noticed one thing you seem to do is go to bed and wake up at first light.

I zipped up my sleeping bag and closed my eyes to get a good nights sleep.



About an hour later I woke up remembering the distinct smell when I rode behind a cattle truck for a number of kilometres on an outback road. I was extremely tired from the days riding and so I convinced myself I was dreaming. I shut my eyes and I went back to sleep listening to pure silence. I woke up again in the early hours of the morning and that pungent smell of the cattle truck filled my nostrils, again. I told myself I was dreaming and floated in and out of consciousness. I awoke to the noise of birds. The sun had started to rise. I woke but could still feel my nostrils

twitching at the pungent smell that I was now realising was actually in the air.

I poked my head outside the tent and even more so the pungent smell filled my nostrils. As the sun started to rise further I watched the trees light up. It was an amazing feeling just me and nature. Then I took a closer look around the landscape. It was flat and very sandy. There were no other trees for miles. Suddenly, I realised my mistake. I had picked the campsite amongst the growth of trees in the middle of nowhere but guess who else would camp under the trees during the day? You guessed it...cattle. It was the only place these animals would have any shade from the harsh midday sun and so subsequently there were piles of manure under the trees and the place stunk of stale urine. By now the smell had permeated my clothing, the tent, and even my motorbike. I quickly packed up my camping gear not even stopping for my famous porridge. I jumped on the motorbike and wobbled my way back onto the sandy road.

For two days I tried doing whatever I could to get rid of that smell. I rocked up in Ivanhoe and bought Glenn 20, deodorant, fresh air spray, and sprayed everything I owned for at least two days. Spray. Smell. Spray. Smell. The memory of the smell still stays with me today. There is no way I can ever sit behind a cattle truck or camp in a grove of trees without being reminded of this harrowing experience. It was certainly not the smell of herbs and spices and an exotic meal being cooked or the smell of entering a different country.

Upon arriving home I washed my kit twice, including my tent. For the next few months I was traumatised by that smell. It stayed with me until eventually the smell faded and became a distant memory.

This rookie error meant I would never make the same mistake again. I would never pick a grove of trees to camp under in a land that was so flat and treeless. As with most things in life you learn from your mistakes. You always have a story to tell and you certainly develop a sense of humour. These are just some of my rookie errors which I believe happened because I was travelling solo

and living an adventure.

So I often ask myself the question 'Is it better to travel solo or in groups?' My answer is 'there is no right or wrong answer.'

I just believe it's wrong not to travel. We meet. We greet. We live outside our comfort zone, and we taste adventure.

Happy reading and happy adventuring.

Alex Spiteri-James.

-I've done a fair bit of solo motorcycle travel myself over the years as well as travelling with others. Both are good. Travelling with mates is always good, but if you want to meet new people solo is the way to go. People aren't afraid to approach one person, but probably won't approach a group on motorcycles. Travel with a dog and even more people talk to you (or at least talk to the dog)! -Ed

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In August 1984 four friends and myself set off on our trip from Gloucester NSW to Cape York. I was riding my R80 g/s and Garry, Wayne and Dean rode Yamaha Teneres while the other Wayne took his Yamaha IT490. Rain and two flat tyres made the first leg to Brisbane a long experience.

The next leg to Rockhampton was marred by the gearbox of the IT490 losing first and second gear. We continued on regardless for another two days to make it to



Cairns where we spent another two days to repair the IT's gearbox. 150 kms north of Cairns and the tar roads finished, followed by coarse gravel, sand, bull-dust, corrugations, old log bridges and river crossings.

Three days of riding these conditions found us in Bamaga, the Aboriginal/Islander Mission on the peninsular. No one made the ride without mishaps, luckily none of them too serious. The bent forks on one of the Teneres and the broken frame on the IT were repaired satisfactorily for us to continue on to the very tip of the Cape, which is a rocky outcrop with a sign indicating that you have reached Australia's northern most point. We took photos and headed for home.

On the return journey we spent another two days in

Cairns cleaning and preparing for the trip back to Gloucester. The trip took a total of 16 days [we all had to go back to work] and the distance travelled was just under 8000 kilometres. Apart from the gearbox and broken frame problems the bikes ran well. My old BM was the pack horse that carried all the tools and most of the food. We cleaned air filters daily and had six flat tyres between us on the whole trip. Most of the meals were cooked by us on camp fires and we slept in tents taken by us. Some of the bikes got drowned while crossing some of the rivers so we took the punt to cross the Jardine river. And after all the warnings we never saw one crocodile.

I still own and ride my R80g/s....fantastic machine. Not sure what the conditions to the Cape are like these days but our trip was an adventure none of us will forget.

Jeff de Witte.

Club Committee responsibilities

As Editor I'm often being asked by members to put something in the calendar or whatever.

As EDITOR I put the newsletter together from materials and reports supplied by other members/committee members. If you have something to be included in the newsletter send it to the Editor. Don't ask me to add stuff to the calendar.

VICE PRESIDENT is responsible for the club event calendar and for recording attendance to club activities by members for the annual pointscore. If you would like an event added to the calendar he's your man.

SECRETARY is responsible for club communications

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY is responsible for any issues pertaining to membership, including address changes etc

WEBMASTER is responsible for maintaining the website, if you would like some information to be included on the website he's your man.

TREASURER is responsible for the clubs monetary assets. If you spend money on behalf of the club and need reimbursement this is the person you should talk to.

The PRESIDENT? We still don't know what he does

-No, just joking, he provides the committee with leadership and direction. He ensures we are all pulling in the same direction



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