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MEETINGS

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

CLUB POINT SCORE

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



Ride & Events Calendar

Past Events October			
	Scrapheap Adventure Ride		
	Kosciuszko Rally		
	Murrarundi Gathering		
November Events			
1 st – 3 rd	25th Trout Rally- Tumut Valley Riders; Jounama Creek Camp ground, opposite the Talbingo Turn off. 28km south of Tumut.		10
1 st - 3 rd	38th Thunder Rally – Hosted by Ducati Owners Club NSW, Sheba Dam, Nundle. Date change confirmed by Aunty Mal	TBC	10
Sun 10 th	Hunter Coffee Run & Ride. Decide on the day where to ride.	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	6
Thur 14 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
Sat 16 th	Movie night at Malaluka Caravan Park Spencer, BBQ dinner & breakfast at Spencer Store. Bookings 02 4377 1405, Camp it or Van it, it's up to you.	Al Pennykid	10
Thur 21 st	ProCycle St Peters Tech Talk Night; 6pm Refreshments, 7pm Sharp Start, 8.30 End. Strict RSVP only. Email president@bmwtcnsw.org.au	Jason Boyd 0412858880	2
Wed 27 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm. AUCTION NIGHT	Jason Boyd 0412858880	4/6 *
Thur 28 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
December Events			
Sun 8 th	Hunter Coffee Run & Ride. Decide on the day where to ride.	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
Sat 14 th	Christmas Party, Koorawatha Hotel Details in newsletter	Henning Jorgenson 0457 034 488	
25 th	No Club Meeting		
26 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
Tue 31 st	New Years Gathering; Micalong Creek, Wee Jasper.	Rob Lovett	10
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January Events			
Thur 9 th	South Coast Social Sip; 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
Sun 12 th	Hunter Coffee Run & Ride. Decide on the day where to ride.	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	6
10 th -12 th	Capital Rally, Charleyong Crossing Camping Area Stewarts Crossing Road, Marlowe.	George Scarfe 0428 464 618	10
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Jason Boyd 0412 858 880	4/6 *
Thur 30 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

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)

BMWTCNSW General Meeting Minutes

Date:	25 September 2019
Chairperson –	Jason Boyd
Meeting Opened –	7:45 Pm
Apologies –	Alex Spiteri-James, Dave Beers, Rob Edgar, Paul Evans, Al Peters
Visitors –	Ed Chapman
New Member -	Craig Hatton
Previous Minutes –	No Minutes for August tabled
Correspondence -	Bank Statements for August, FCR Entries and Gold Coast Magazine by email.
Presidents report -	As per published newsletter
Vice Presidents Report –	No report
Secretary’s Report –	No report
Treasurers Report –	as of 30 August 2019
Reserve Account:	\$42231.47
Cheque Account:	\$1363.18
Membership Secretary Report –	Quite month only 2 new members.
Editors Report -	Meeting came around quickly resulting in a smaller than usual newsletter, articles are required for the September newsletter.
Public Officer’s Report –.	No report
Asserts & Archives –	Nothing to report
Clubs Australia –	No Report
Webmaster –	Nothing to report
Regalia -	Dave Beers is looking into club patches
MCC Report –	<p>Breakfast torque will be held on the 27 October. Heathcote Oval, Heathcote, New South Wales, Australia 2233</p> <p>Joe Rider Did you see me program has been launched for Motorcycle awareness month. Kiss FM is giving away fuel vouchers and MCC is also asking for people to register on Facebook if you see a rider with a Fluro vest with JOE Rider on the back, during the promotion period</p> <p><i>Concern from our members is that this could be a veiled way to get motorcyclist to wear Fluro vests.</i></p> <p>The Australian Motorcycle Festival is the all new premier Motorcycle show replacing the Sydney Motorcycle Show and Moto Expo. The festival will take place within Lang Park, Wollongong between 8-10 November 2019. This is a Troy Bayliss event.</p> <p>Also the CTP Green slip for motorcyclist was discussed.</p> <p>Past Events – Far Cairn Rally was very dusty with a large dust storm blanketing much of central NSW. Some great rides to the event were discussed.</p> <p>The Sticky Date pudding was a great success and raised \$50 for MARI.</p>

Coming Events –

Perry discussed the up and coming Scrapheap Adventure ride.

Country get together at Murrurundi will be held 19 October.

General Business

Club has agreed to pay for a bulb so AI can digitise some films this proposal was seconded by Bob Mandell.

Ken Dyne passed away on the 24 September 2019 and the club as agreed to send flowers to Lyn. \$100 plus delivery, Alison to organise.

Kim Grace from Grey Gums has apologised for not supplying the gift vouchers in time for the FCR. Ian Emmet said she is having a few issues and has been upset by the death of a close friend. The club agreed to send her some flowers to her to show we appreciate her support. \$100 plus delivery, Alison to organise.

The Christmas Party will be held on the 14 December 2019 at Koorawatha, see newsletter and Facebook for details. The hotel is booked and the accommodation is limited but plenty of camping at the showground. Thanks to Henning for organising this.

30 people are need for the castle tour at \$450 it was discussed that it may not be viable for the club to pay for this, as timing would be a problem.

Jason is working with Procycles St Peters to arrange a Tech Talk for people with newer bikes. 10 places have been secured for BMWTCNSW club members. This event, is open to the public and will be discussing other bikes as well as the BMW. 21 November 7pm. RSVP is strict, email Jason to secure your place.

Marie discussed that the organisation of all rally events need to be better coordinated and started earlier in the year. Jason has already created a list of activities that need to be owned for both the Karuah and the Far Cairn Rallies. These actions were distributed to the committee / task owners leading up to the rallies. Jason has been working with Paul Evans to create a contact list of people at Tottenham that need to be contacted in advance for the FCR.

Marie advised she is willing to be the coordinator delegating tasks to volunteers for the FCR. Jason and Paul will hand over these documents to Marie.

Maybe a memorial recon ride to Tottenham could be organised so we can meet the locals prior (Café, petrol and store owners) to the event.

Also an organised ride to the event may boost numbers.

Meeting Closed at

8.45pm followed by a presentation on the 1970's Centre Rally by Mike Goodwin.



President's Report

Koorawatha Hotel has been booked on the 14th December for the club Christmas Party (the following text is interspersed with Henning-isms because they make me smile). The menu is a fixed buffet selection of roasts "meats are pork, beef, lamb & choookk & 8-10 salads & desserts".



Pub to the Showground

From discussions I am not sure what the desserts are, but they will be standard generous country pub fare. Accommodation at the pub is now booked out... "all hotel rooms are taken for satdee, not sure bout fridee". So if attending, you will be camping, van-ing or travelling to the next town. Camping is at the showground just down the road. Henning mentioned... "Yeah, also encourage some to come fridee night then there's time on satdee am for Grenfell Silos visit ... But wait, there's more.. Also the Chrysler Museum in Grenfell??".

Henning also asked me (about a dozen times ☺)... "Maybe you could mention that payment for Castle tour would fill me with confidence & then help to make it so!!"... So on Facebook there has been a lot of positive feedback on the landra Castle tour. For



the tour to go ahead we need 30 starters at \$15 per head. The tour will be on Saturdee (its bloody contagious!) at 2:30PM. The castle is approx. 30km from the pub. The club would like to sponsor this, but there were concerns that if people have no skin in the game they would say they would attend, and then not. So, in order to make this happen, you need to put your money where your mouth is. If we don't get the numbers you will get your cash back. If you pay but don't show up, sorry you are out of pocket. At time of writing we only have 12 confirmed and paid. If you want to go, you need to contact [Henning Jorgensen](mailto:Henning.Jorgensen), on hpj333@gmail.com or 0457 034 488.

During the last month I trawled through the membership looking for members that owned "newish" bikes that may be interested in the Procycle Tech night. The club has been allocated 10 seats at this event. We have filled 8. If you have a new BMW (typically a bike that has riding modes) this may be for you. Contact me ASAP if interested.

Lastly, don't forget, the November club meeting is auction night, so start gathering your pennies to spend, and cleaning your junk box of items to donate.

PROCYCLES TECH TALK

PROCYCLES FIRST-EVER TECHNICAL INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT 21st NOVEMBER
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Cheers,

Jason

President, BMWTCNSW

Contact Email: president@bmwtcnsw.org.au

BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Christmas Party 2019

14th December
Koorawatha Hotel, 4340 Olympic Hwy,
Koorawatha NSW



A tribute to my dear husband

Kenneth Ian Dyne 21/9/1934 - 24/9/2019



Ken was a Toolmaker by trade and had a degree in Business Management which stood him in good stead when he worked in the wire industry for the family business (third generation) which was set up by his grandfather in 1926. In the early days they did the approaches and some steel works for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Story Bridge in Brisbane. During the war years the machines were run 24/7 manufacturing equipment for the war effort.

Cheap imports from China and India saw an end to the business in 2017. Ken had worked until his 82nd year.

His school life was spent at Newington College in Stanmore where he enjoyed many sports but particularly rowing when in 1951 (Jubilee Year) he was part of the crew of the 1st IV who won the Yaralla Cup. Sailing was another pursuit. He belonged to the Avalon Sailing Club and sailed a Vee-Jay.

His other passion was motorcycles. At one time he had a Beeser Bantam which was tricked up to race up and down Castlereagh Airstrip at breakneck speeds. There was also a BSA 350cc B31 and later a 650 Road Rocket. He and his mates would attend a few race meetings at Bathurst and Cessnock but of course they couldn't compete with the works bikes. For the Cessnock event they took an old Indian with a wooden sidecar into which they carried their camping gear and a motorcycle with another attached to the back by taking the front wheel off.

In the early sixties he was sent to Brisbane to manage the families other factory at New Farm. I met Ken at a squash tournament in 1982 and we later became state representatives in the sport.

He always admired BMWs and in 1985 we purchased a K100RS which we shared until he bought himself a K100RT. Over the years they were replaced and at one stage we owned six BMs and two Ducati. Ken has restored five BMs, all historic.

We are foundation and life members of the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Gold Coast. At one stage we belonged to four motorcycle clubs including the Touring Club(BMWTCNSW).

We were involved in the rally scene and one of the first to attend was the Karuah River Rally in 1992. We would have ridden to at least nine of these over the years. Our favourite would be when Ken invited Meredith from the US to join us in 2006. At the time she was Associate Editor of OTL (On The Level), the magazine of BMW Riders Association International in North America. Other times we would catch up with members of the Touring Club at BMW Motorrad Rallies and BMW Nationals.

We would be remembered as HIS and HER our matching R90Ss. Due to work injuries and health issues Ken rode until he was 79.

My husband, friend and soul mate was a very generous kind man and is greatly missed.

Lynette Dyne - Member No. 45

Safe Riding Tips 1

– Justin Dorward (Motorcycle riding instructor)

It takes time to become an experienced rider. Time to learn & form good habits (& the odd bad habit). Just as we keep our bikes well-tuned, so do we keep our riding habits in good fitness. Of course, roadcraft concepts are improved over the years as well. An innocent update might help an unknown bad habit.

Next time you're riding, think about where your hands and feet are placed when not using their respective controls. Do you rest your hand or foot on the brake lever? There is a fine line between unintentionally resting your hand / foot over your brakes and 'covering' (or 'setting up') your brakes on purpose.

The crux is simple. Resting your braking extremity on the lever leaves you prone to grabbing or yanking at the anchors if (read: when) you're surprised by another phone-holding cager redefining the phrase 'unexpected manoeuvre', resulting in a lock-up & loss of control.

Saving Private Jerry:

Two lots of antibiotics couldn't fix me, days off work just cost you money but heading to the outback is a good idea anytime.

There are those that dream of the crunch of dirt under their tyres and those that dream of a drink with mates at the end of the day, I fall into the later categorie.

We left Manly around lunch time and Orange grabbed the bars as the pub who offered secure bike parking grabbed us.

The friendships of men are understood rarely spoken, we knew the routine and after a clean up , tucker and two bottles of red and beers the snoring started and the morning came.

Next stop Bourke and a good motel saw the ritual begin again.

Cunnamulla came into view and Jerry pulled up outside the cafe where we had been only 12 months before, it's great when u find the same places still there when u travel.

Thargomindah was next stop and the pioneer motel across from the pub was like coming home. The bush was getting hot and the bar held a steady procession of thirsty folks . A steak and veg with a glass of red is heaven and as the sun made other plans the evening was upon us , a bottle of warm Saperarvi from the panniers slowly cooled as jerry and I talked about the day.

The road to Innamincka had some work going on and the sand and rocks finally welcomed us to the bush , the dig tree sign came and went as Innamincka came into view. We really punch above our weight in Australia, the dirt roads and services in remote areas are a credit to the people.

Jerry's 1200 Super Ténéré was getting poor fuel economy

which was a sign of things to come. The tucker and grog was great and the heat of the day saw us leave around 8.30 for Strzelecki and the Mt Hopeless turnoff. The Strzelecki to Momba was pretty stuffed and bull dust showing how much traffic the road had carried and was still carrying with some 30 trucks and 4wds being passed along the way.

The Mt Hopeless turnoff appeared and we were already tasting a beer that would be realised after 180k. The bush has a melancholy that seeps through its remoteness . Just turn off your bike and it finds you . It did just that as Jerry's bike gave up on the Mount Hopeless road 120k from Arkaroola.

Sitting at the turnoff to Arkaroola as Jerry said to meet him there , I made silly videos ate Chicos and had a go at my Camelback. A lot of time had passed and no Jerry. I rode back 60 k and still no jerry, I then raced back to Arkaroola to raise the alarm and get the posse together. Pushing the double doors back at Arkaroola and showing a distressed face brought the question from behind the bar "are you Mike"? Yes I am , "GERARD IS OK" apparently he was staying at with the people at Moolawatna station the night. I checked in and grabbed a room then went back to get more information, then I was told he would be in later to night.

It all sounded like bs and I began to worry again. A fella named Greeny who worked at Arkaroola had a trailer and we were going to get him in the morning. The morning came and as I waited at the reception a traveller came up to me with a hand drawn map as to where Jerry was, they gave him water and food and at this the rescue mission couldn't come soon enough.

Greeny and I and a converted horse float left to save private Jerry, the roads had no interest in my saga and to add colour to the mission decided to get the horse float to overtake us in a loamy creek bed . Greeny managed to slow the Land Cruiser down and we brought the horse float /trailer to a stop and bent some rod to allow us to hitch the trailer back on and begin our journey. It wasn't long before we found



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Jerry's bike but no bloody Jerry. Greeny assured me he had not wandered off and in fact he would be at the station. Sure enough as we headed for the station along comes Jerry with the station owner. They had been up and had a coffee and life was good.

We loaded Jerry's bike into the trailer and said our goodbyes. Arkaroola came into view as we unloaded Jerry's bike and invited Greeny for dinner. Now how to get Jerry's bike from Arkaroola to anywhere? Contacts are everything in life and a call to Rob's dirt bikes in Broken Hill had a fella called Jackie turn up at Arkaroola the next day with a ute, 4 dogs a bike trailer and a case of beers. No lights, no rego, no license no worries it was a minor detail as Jackie, the dogs, Jerry and his bike took off for the outskirts of Broken Hill.

I jumped on the HP2 and headed for Yunta and refilled and into Broken Hill.

The old Willyama motel had a room for us and Jerry arrived on dark a very happy, slightly pissed fella. Rob from Rob's dirt bikes had changed trailers with Jackie on some dirt road out of Broken Hill and had brought Jerry to the motel and his bike to the workshop.

It must be said that words cannot convey the gratitude to the characters involved and the value of contacts in life. I left the next morning bound for Sydney while Jerry waited for a flight. Once again the rich tapestry of life is coloured by humans, journeys dreamt that somehow become real, make us our own directors in the movie of life.

Once again the victory goes to a mode of transport that has inspired dreams filled and unfulfilled, when age prohibits us from the road, the sound of an engine will bring a wry grin, for we to, once were there.

Mike Cummins

Beaches pizza bar & manly online bottleshop 0299770078

(Ed—we've all got those tales, stuck, broken down etc. They are always memorable, ask me about my 3 days stuck in Glendambo, SA and the escape from same some time)

Awards night weekend and...

-Sunday 11th of August.

The Awards Night Dinner at Rylstone Bowling Club the night before had been a great success and the masses were preparing to brave the snow through Lithgow and Blue Mountains on the journey home. Tom Cordukes and myself were heading in the opposite direction, north from Rylstone, for a five day jaunt up the New England without going on the New England Hwy. First up, the Bylong Valley. Always a great ride, from the tight, steep descent into Growee Gulph, the fast open stretches to Bylong and the joyous sweepers that go on forever past Baerami as the road follows the river. Sandy Hollow comes up soon enough and then we turn off on the Wybong Rd, but not for long. Any of the next three left turns will get you on to Ridgeland Rd and our first bit of gravel. It meanders through farmland and several (dry) creek crossings and finishes up at Bunnan. Turn right for a 32km blast in to Scone via Owens Gap.

Middlebrook Rd is on the left as you hit the edge of Scone and takes you past various farms and horse studs (Scone being a horse capital) to the Washpools in Towarri National Park. This place has great geological and indigenous significance. Backtrack 4km from here to Cressfield Rd and after 6km join the New England Highway south of Wingen. Lunch at Murrurundi, and then an exploration of what's left of the old road over Nowlands Gap. I always enjoyed getting a clear run on this road with it's tight bends and steep grades but that's not possible any more. It's slowly being reclaimed by nature. On the other side is Ardglen, a small collection of houses dominated by the railway and a quarry. From here to Swinging Ridges Rd and over the top to Willow Tree and the N E Hwy again. We headed south for a few km to Kankool where there is a sign pointing left to Chilcotts Creek. A scenic journey winding through farmland, creek crossings, up and down over ridges till you get to Chilcotts Creek Station. Turn left here for a return to N E Hwy via Woodton. Stopped in for a social visit at Wallabadah, I have a couple of long time friends here and often stay overnight when I'm working up this way. Nundle was designated our first pub stop and despite there being a perfectly good bitumen road up to there we opted for the Old Wallabadah Rd which winds around the hill and brings you out on the Crawney Rd south of Nundle.

We scored a room at the Peel Inn and settled in for a great feed

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tracked on the Oxley Hwy to Bendemeer then sought some more gravel to Kingstown where the school bus driver put us on to an excellent road to Barraba through Linton Nature Reserve and past Woodsreef Asbestos Mine where I once spent a week working. All closed up and off limits now. The Motel at Bingara and the Imperial Hotel for dinner worked out well. Bingara is a popular spot for fossicking and fishing and the Gwydir River has some good camping spots. Make sure you check out the recently restored 1930s Roxy Theatre and cafe. Gravesend looks nice on the map. Stayed two minutes. Lucky we fuelled at Bingara. Turned left here on the gravel to Terry Hie Hie. It's a bit quieter than Gravesend. The road through here is pretty remote and offers some great views of the Nandewar Range. A small detour was in order to check out Waa Gorge, it's about 7km in and though we weren't equipped for a long walk to the Gorge itself we did go to the cascade pools which are natural pools in a waterfall. There's water in the pools, but not cascading. A return visit may be in order.

Next stop Narrabri then a late afternoon dash up to the top of Mt Kaputar. Ten degrees cooler up there (1510m) but the views are just magnificent. There was still a bit of snow around from the day before. Once at the bottom we turned left for Gunnedah and got there just after dark. The motel owner, Adrian, was keen for a chat about bikes, having been a racer in his day. From Gunnedah it was west to Mullaley and south to Coolah and another peak to climb, Coolah Tops. A great ride up to the park and some rugged camping spots but not much water up here except that the roads were a bit slushy from earlier snow. It would be good to spend a bit more time here. We had wanted to exit Coolah via Pandora Pass but it would take us too far off our route so it was back to the Black Stump Way then south to Gulgong and almost to Mudgee. We took the Hill End turnoff just north of Mudgee and pulled up at the Windeyer Hotel soon after 4pm. It was slim pickings at the bar as far as the wine list goes and even worse if you want a meal. Nothing. Luckily I had rung ahead and the good people at the Tourist Park next door fixed us up with a two room cottage, a meal, and breakfast. All for a reasonable fee. An interesting night at the bar. Last day, Thursday. The temperature was just above zero when we hit the road about 8am but it soon got better. We had a very enjoyable ride through the sleepy localities of Pyramul and Sally's Flat and then turned left on to the excellent bitumen road to Sofala. My earlier camping days (some 45 years ago) were spent in this area and the road from Bathurst to Sofala to Hill End was pretty rugged grav-

and something nice to wash it down. It wasn't snowing at Nundle but it was snowing nearby judging by the number of cars in town with white stuff on the roof. I know it was a cold walk in the middle of the night to get to the dunny. No early starts here. We waited till breakfast was served before we set out for Woolomin and a very pleasant gravel road over Woolomin Gap to the Dungowan Road. At Ogunbil we encountered several people contemplating the Road Closed signs and a long detour to the coast. Against best advice we decided to venture up Port Stephens Cutting to have a look. At the top of the road through Nowendoc was closed by snow but our route via Weabonga was open. This road is all gravel and winds along Swamp Oak Creek through Weabonga to Limbri. Didn't see anybody in Weabonga but I'm sure they saw us. Don't be in a hurry, some great scenery along here. Looks like the creek would be pretty fierce when in flood. From Limbri to Woolbrook the road follows the railway, watch out for trains. It had snowed in Walcha the night before and there was still plenty of snow lying around but none on the road. After food and fuel we back-

el. It's not uncommon to see hordes of sports bike riders out for a fast day run now. A quick look at Sofala then off to Bathurst via Limekilns Rd. Just about the end of the ride now except for a coffee stop at the information centre. The first day or two was loosely planned but the rest of it was done on the fly as mood and circumstance dictated. It was good to put a picture to the signposts pointing up some obscure side roads that I've passed hundreds of times over the years. Some of them give an insight into what the highway might have been like in the earlier days except we're using modern vehicles. It's nice to take it slow and enjoy the scenery but also good to have rapid transit when you want it. So, for the last, very familiar, part of the journey. Tom was



heading off on the Bells Line of Road and myself via Katoomba. We parted company at Bathurst except for one last photo stop at Yetholme. Snow. Lots of it. All the way through to Mt Lambie and towards Wallerawang. Luckily, none of it on the road.

Rob Edgar

BMW R nineT Urban G/S – MY PERCEPTIONS



When I got on the R nineT Urban G/S I was surprised at the basic layout presented to me – to wit, a speedo – see photo:

Not at all what I'm used to. No tacho, gear indicator and all the gizmos currently found on most modern motorcycles.....I know there are other exceptions, but I did say modern motorcycles. Must admit it did have ABS, heated handgrips, trip meters, a clock (set at the wrong time and I couldn't adjust it) and I believe some other functions which I couldn't access because the 'INFO' button wasn't working. Also, with these functions you could only access

one of them at a time, i.e. in a bar at the bottom of the speedo – so plenty of scrolling. Paul, City Coast's Sales Manager pointed out that this model also did have ASC - great.

Initially I wasn't overly impressed, the bike was new and reasonably sluggish – some would say it was as 'tight as a fish's rectum'. This thankfully changed considerably as the bike loosened up and in the end it just kept getting smoother and more compliant (looser) – I was also actually enjoying playing with it more and more as the K's escalated.

What did irk me about it was the suspension – for a BMW branded a 'G/S' it left a lot to be desired and was actually painful and I believe that BMW, if they were to continue to market it as a 'GS', should at least have a couple of extra centimetres of travel. It was a chore pushing it along some of our more notorious secondary roads – on better roads and possibly hence the 'Urban' nomenclature, it was fun to push it – though I must admit I didn't get near its limits – did try.



I'll go back a bit here – BMW bought the basic R nineT model into life in 2013 as I believe a marketing exercise and probably to their surprise it was a bit of a success. Eventually morphing it into four versions, viz the Scrambler, Racer, Pure and eventually the Urban GS. The latter apparently a tribute to the original R80GS, which started the whole 'Adventure Bike' theme. The paintwork and the red bench seat being the obvious best clue to this.

Now, a bit about the bike. The styling as mentioned is reminiscent of the original GS including the gaiters on the front forks (now 43mm fixed-tube diameter), 19" front wheel, raised front mudguard, 70's style round headlight and the small windscreen (number holder) - this did keep a fair amount of breeze off my chest but seemed to direct the air-flow onto my visor – at the end of the ride it was like looking through a pizza.

Believe it meets all the EU-4 emission standards and the 1170ccm twin cylinder air/oil cooled 8 valve boxer motor produces 110hp (81kW) of power and 85.6 lb-ft (116Nm) of torque. It has a seat height of 850mm and weighs 221kg wet. At the front a pair of 4 piston Brembos clamp onto 320mm discs. The fuel tank holds 17 litres (3 litres in reserve), so should be good for, at least 300 K's or so, per tank.

To sum up, in the end the simplicity of the whole package won me over and it was a joy to not have to concentrate on such things as electronically controlled suspension, digital displays, etc., etc., and just enjoy the riding moment this high quality machine gave me – and it did have a lovely exhaust note – in the end needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the R nineT Urban G/S.

And again, a big thanks to Tim Sim and Paul Adams of City Coast Motorcycles, Wollongong for making this bike available and I would note that a test ride can be arranged by preferably contacting Paul.

Gerry Bloemen, Ulysses member # 1309

(Ed:Gerry gets a bike to try out from City Coast Motorcycles on a regular basis. He takes it along to the St George Sutherland Ulysses branch meeting to show it off and discuss with the members, he also takes it out on a mid week ride with the group. As a BMWTCNSW member he has graciously given me access to his reports for use in our newsletter also. There will be more to come)

BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Christmas Party 2019



14th December
Koorawatha Hotel, 4340 Olympic Hwy,
Koorawatha NSW



LOCATION

Koorawatha Hotel, 4340 Olympic Hwy,
Koorawatha NSW 2807
30km-ish km from castle
Some hotel accommodation available – get in quick!
Restaurant seats 30-40 but 80 (or all) can sit in
outside garden (have catered for 100 plus in past)
no cafe or fuel available in town

IANDRA CASTLE TOUR

A tour of the castle is available at \$15 per head, minimum 30 people. This can be arranged outside of the event but numbers need to be locked down and confirmed by November 1st. If we can't get 30 interested people this tour WILL NOT GO AHEAD. **Please contact Henning to advise of your interest in the tour please**

SATURDAY DINNER

Pre dinner nibbles- donations to local charities.
Evening Meal & dessert - Menu can range from pig on spit, fixed menu, roasts or buffet etc **TBC**

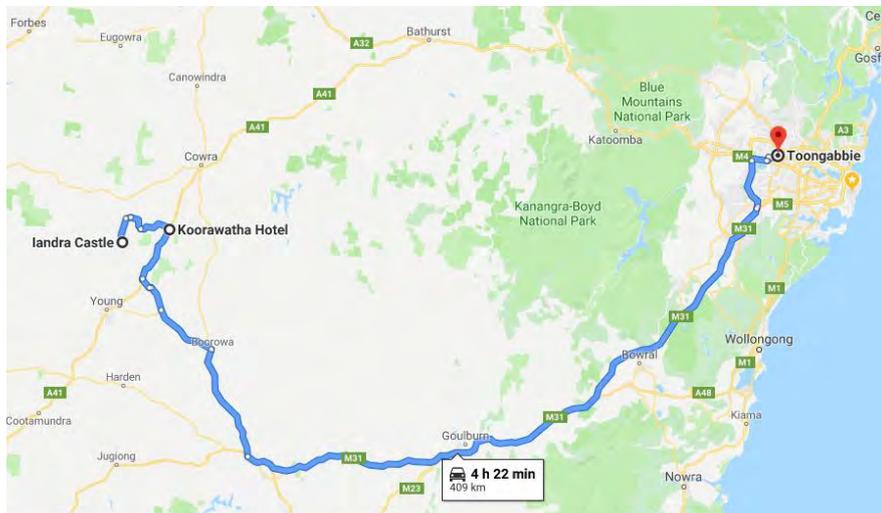
SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Egg and bacon roll, plus hot beverage - **TBC**

CAMPING

Showground camping, 100m from hotel at \$5 each
With hot showers & toilets

LOCATION



Contact

Henning Jorgenson 0457 034 488 or hpj@gmail.com

BMWTCNSW Hospitality Listing – 27/10/2019

Name	Phone	Locality	Social	Accom'n	Mechanical Assistance	Travel Distance	Comments
						(to assist/pickup)	
Andy	0434374265	Ashfield NSW	✓				
Peter	0414963568	Avalon Beach NSW	✓				
Neville and Sylvia	0423405086	Avonside NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	Trailer - 0413 540 065 (near Jyndabyne)
John	263675361	Bathurst /Orange		✓	✓	0	
Mick & Jianping	0427018715	Bathurst NSW	✓	✓	✓	0	
Michael	0499681448	Bega NSW	✓			0	
Richard	0432096864	Bellbrook NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	Trailer\Workshop
Malcolm	0413626556	Bensville NSW		✓	✓	50	Trailer
Chris & Maria	0438407146	Bensville NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	
Duane & Laura	0422966065	Berowra NSW	✓		✓	50	Trailer
Al	0432234610	Berry Area NSW			✓	50	Trailer
Julian	0476787418	Blakehurst NSW			✓	25	
Tars & Annabel	0417668642	Boat Harbour NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	M/C Trailer
David	0407279523	Botany NSW	✓				
Gerry & Mara	0409447702	Bulli	✓	✓	✓	50	home ph. 0242674983
John	0468415713	Bungendore NSW	✓	✓	✓	150	Trailer - (02) 6100 6554
Henry	0418293173	Burnie TAS	✓	✓			
John & Ernestine	0412105300	Canada Bay NSW		✓	✓	150	Van available
Scott	0400401555	Castle Hill NSW				100	Trailer
Ian	0414467789	Concord NSW	✓	✓		50	
Phil	0467075051	Coonabarabran NSW				80	Assist pick up
Michael & Debbie	0428413886	Cowra NSW	✓		✓	100	
Mark	0429331849	Dubbo NSW	✓			250	Trailer
Denis	0457539358	Dubbo NSW	✓			0	Trailer
Bob	0413314596	Dudley NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	Daylight hours
Steve and Jen	0418192456	Dural NSW	✓	✓		20	
Andrew & Laura	0416172408	Five Dock NSW	✓				
Victor	0265553335	Forster NSW	✓	✓		50	0431 565 538
Ian	0401281767	Galston NSW				50	Trailer
Paul	0411738267	Galston NSW	✓	✓		50	
Alan & Chris	0263356294	Gingkin (Oberon) NSW	✓	✓	✓	150	Trailer\Workshop - 04 0867 4866
Peter	0428315815	Gladstone SA	✓	✓	✓	100	
Paul	0410172360	Glen Innes NSW			✓	70	
Rob	0423042371	Gosford NSW			✓	50	Trailer
Bill	0411287145	Goulburn NSW	✓		✓		Trailer
Tony	0409604934	Greystanes NSW	✓		✓		

Venesser & Barry	0429856690	Helensburgh NSW	✓		✓	100	Trailer, Ute, Tools
Robert	0409775154	Hobartville NSW	✓				
George & Gwen	0428464618	Holt ACT	✓	✓	✓	100	Trailer
Andrew	0409442302	Horsley Park NSW	✓		✓	100	trailer
Bob & Clare	0410457039	Islington NSW	✓		✓	50	Newcastle
Scott & Sarah	0402035968	Jindabyne NSW	✓			50	Trailer & Emergeny help
Ray	0243923101	Kanwal NSW	✓				
Greg	0448149924	Katoomba NSW	✓		✓	20	
Kim	0418822033	Lake Haven NSW				20	Trailer
Tony	0458546033	Lismore NSW	✓	✓	✓	100	02 6629 0255 - Trailer
Cliff & Janice	0438736547	Maraylya NSW				100	0245736547 - Trailer
Peter	0409765527	Matcham (Gosford) NSW			✓	20	
Bala	0434350817	Mckinnon VIC	✓	✓			
Robert & Angela	0425777461	Merewether NSW	✓		✓	0	
Marie & Alan	0428393093	Mount Riverview NSW	✓	✓	✓	100	Lower Blue Mountains - 7'x5' Trailer available
James	0408682676	Newcastle NSW	✓		✓	40	Hiace van
Cheryl	0408074214	Newcastle NSW	✓	✓		0	
Ian and Louise	0410436204	Newcastle NSW	✓	✓			
Steve & Olga	0404343368	Newport Beach NSW	✓				
Henning & Lucy	0457034488	Nords Wharf NSW	✓	✓	✓	201	Trailer
Mark & Alison	0411103295	Normanhurst NSW	✓			200	
Rachael	0418682135	Nowra North NSW	✓	✓			
Tony & Cheryl	0407494229	Nowra North NSW				200	Trailer
Chris	0244221420	Nowra NSW	✓		✓	50	
Patrick & Debbie	0409392415	Oberon NSW			✓	50	or 0263356264
David	0438612874	Orange NSW	✓		✓	50	Trailer
Dave & Marg	0263628023	Orange NSW	✓	✓		50	
Jeff	0419617634	Pacific Palms NSW	✓		✓	100	Trailer
Bob	0428115299	Parramatta NSW				20	Trailer
Peter	0434334220	Peakhurst NSW			✓	50	Trailer
Tom & Wendy	0408147369	Pennant Hills NSW	✓				
Brian & Jean	0409655039	Rankin Park NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	
Paul	0417452885	Rathmines NSW			✓	50	Trailer
Ray & Liz	0417296561	Regents Park QLD	✓	✓		80	Have truck with power tailgate lift
Graham & Elaine	422459552	Riverstone NSW	✓				
Steven	0430207892	Ruse NSW	✓				
Geoff	0424633372	Ryde NSW	✓				
Terry	0413990051	Ryde NSW			✓	150	Have trailer
Dave & Louise	0262783895	Scullin ACT	✓	✓	✓	50	
Alex	0405312590	St Ives NSW	✓				

Dagger	0447130096	Sunshine Coast QLD	✓	✓		50	Min. Mech. Assistance
Kenny	0415886435	Sutherland NSW	✓				
Stuart and Kate	0427767129	Tamworth NSW	✓	✓	✓	150	Trailer
Mike & Angela	0429308067	Temora NSW	✓	✓	✓	100	
Matt	0418698816	Thirlmere NSW			✓	100	Trailer available
Bruce	0296297624	Tinonee NSW	✓	✓			
Jack & Kathy	0407131114	Toronto	✓	✓	✓	100	
Fiona	0409375471	Townsville QLD	✓	✓			bmwsok@hotmail.com
Mick & Jane	0409183861	Townsville QLD	✓	✓	✓	100	
Steve & Therese	0439739876	Tura Beach NSW	✓	✓	✓	100	Trailer
Alan & Sandra	0438262478	Turrumurra NSW			✓	50	
Cathryn	0402253601	Umina Beach NSW	✓		✓		
Jamie & Cheryl	0413088128	Umina Beach NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	
Gregory & Joann	427451251	Upper Hunter NSW	✓	✓	✓	200	
Alex	0422244651	Vaucluse NSW	✓				
Max	0432181049	Wahroonga NSW	✓	✓	✓	200	We have dogs
John	0415104830	Wahroonga NSW	✓	✓	✓	100	Trailer
Rob	0417267425	Wanniassa (Canberra) ACT				100	02 6296 1949 - Have Utility
Dave	0401444567	Werombi			✓	50	Trailer
Warren	0416536201	Wollongong NSW	✓				
Andris	0422401349	Woolwich NSW	✓			50	
Craig & Nat	0419557014	Woy Woy NSW			✓	20	
Mick & Gail	0243933142	Wyongah (Central Coast) NSW	✓	✓	✓	50	
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