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The Cairn marking the centre of NSW near Tottenham

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of New South Wales**

A person wearing a black riding suit and helmet is riding a motorcycle on a dirt road that stretches into the distance under a clear blue sky.

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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 September			
	Dargo High plains Run		
	Far Cairn Rally		
October Events			
Wed. 2 nd -6 th	Scrapheap Adventure ride. Departing Wisemans Ferry 2 nd heading & arriving at Evans Head on the 6 th . All welcome, fund going to Down Syndrome NSW.	Perry 0418 978 781	12
Thur 10 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
11 th – 13 th	38 th Kosciuszko Rally – Hosted by BMW MCCA. Geehi Hut Campground on the Alpine Way, Snowy Mountains. Supplies can be purchased at Thredbo (43km) or Khancoban (31km). Entry of \$20pp includes a raffle ticket. Usual & unusual rally awards. Rally proceeds are donated to the RFDS. Firewood provided. Ever popular Germanic Kransky & salad + soft drink for \$8. Fresh egg & bacon rolls on Sunday morning with espresso or popper juice for \$6. Kosciuskzo National Park has entry fees & remember to please take your rubbish out with you.	Gary Sme BMW MCCA	10
Sat. 19 th	Country get together at Murrurundi	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	10
Wed 30 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 0412858880	4/6 *
Thur 31 st	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
November Events			
1 st – 3 rd	25 th Trout Rally- Tumut Valley Riders; Jounama Creek Camp ground, opposite the Talbingo Turn off. 28km south of Tumut.	Dave Beers 0401 444 567	
1 st - 3 rd	38 th Thunder Rally – Hosted by Ducati Owners Club NSW, Sheba Dam, Nundle. Date change confirmed by Aunty Mal	TBC	10
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 at the park & breakfast at Spencer Store. Bookings 02 4377 1405, Camp it or Van it, it's up to you.	Al Pennykid	10
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			
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 this newsletter.		
25 th	No Club Meeting		
Tue 31 st	New Years Gathering; Micalong Creek, Wee Jasper.	Rob Lovett	10
	☺ HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 ☺		

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)



Presidents Report

The Far Cair Rally is over for another year. The official numbers are not yet in but it appears we sold out of all tshirts and badges and had aproxamety 120 riders (with a likely additional handfull of others that **slip in and don't pay**). In all it was a great weekend. I rode up on the Friday with Dave, Paul and new-ish member Chris via Blackfellows, Aarons Pass, with lunch at Hill End then off to the Macquarrie crossing towards Orange. Of course I was the only one to get a dunking, but we all got wet boots and made it across. After catching our breath we

went up the hill and through some backroads onto Burrendong State Park via Stewart Town. Day 2 was north to wellington for fuel, and then while plotting some backroads in the petrol station, the wind started coming up. By the time we were onto the dirt a Nor-West-Buster was whipping up red dust to make conditions and the loose gravel roads a little more fun. A heard of old Clydsdales and their foals galloping along the road was a magestic secan. Into tottenham 1-ish, quick resupply at the local grocer / bottle shop and to the racecourse to set up camp. From here forward was a jumble of events that I bumbled through as **the official blithering idiot out the front... but a few words of mention**. Thankyou to the Tottenham Lions Club and local team that always look after us with catering and access into the racecourse. Thank you again to local guy Larry Grant for his generosity with prizes and food snacks. A callout to Marie Pennykid and her gastronomical wonder (Sticky Date Pudding) that she whipped up in the kitchen. If you missed it.. bad luck to you.. it was GREAT (Certified by the Povey – Boyd testing authority).



It wasn't that bad after all Paul!



Whatch doing over that side?



Thank you to the entire Committee for helping with all the loose ends and thank you to all that attended.

The BMW Touring Club of NSW would like to thank the following companies for supporting the Far Cairn Rally. Please support these companies as they support us. Grey Gum Cafe, Procycles Sydney, Barrett Products Andy Strapz Bikebiz Adventure Moto Australia Adventure Rider Magazine

2019 Christmas Party – The Club subsidises this event for all financial members that attend. The location is booked. The details are still being worked through. If you have any sugestions for entertainment on the evening please speak up. Please look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

Cheers,

Jason

President, BMWTCNSW

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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**

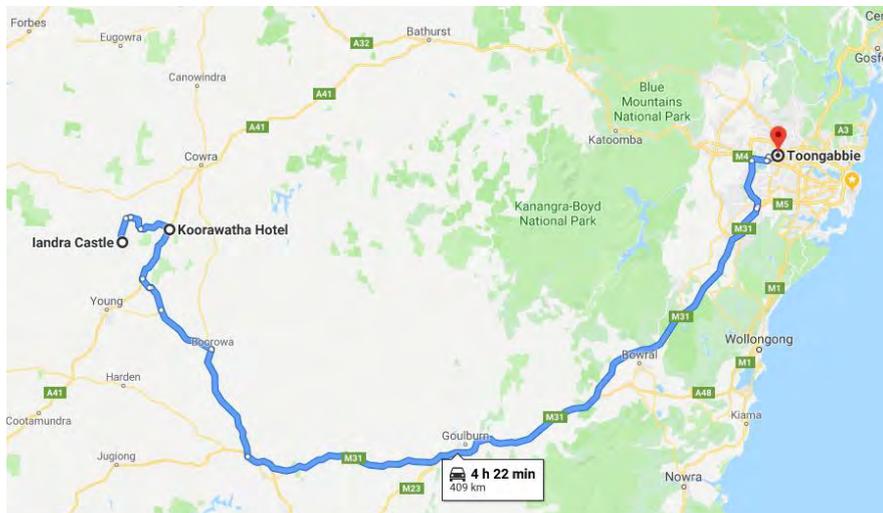
SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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

CAMPING

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LOCATION



12th Far Cairn Rally



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As most club members know the BMW Touring Club have a long history of interesting rides with our cousins across the country. Often we have been ahead of the curve, just doing what we do without worrying too much about what others are up to. Recently the club was sent an email from Patrick Henderson, a member of BMW MCC of WA 76-80.

Patrick is trying to track down some early long distance pioneers in the club and provided some pictures of the 1976 Gun Barrel Highway trip as a Segway to an event in Maryland USA for the 40th Anniversary of the GS.

If anyone would like to get in touch with Patrick please email him at...

Patrick Henderson <pat.henderson53@gmail.com>

Patrick's email follows... Cheers, Jason (Pres)

40th anniversary of the BMW GS motorcycle

Dear BMW Touring Club Committee,

I've attached a few photos showing the following club members preparing to head west to tackle the Gunbarrel Highway In 1976

Bob Edgar R75/5 (75,000km)

Allan Grosse R75/5 (17,000) I believe Allan did not complete the adventure due to an eye injury.

Alan Hawkins R75/5 (24,000km)

Malcolm McKenna R75/5 (57,000km)

Gary McLeod R75/6 (24,000km)

I'm bringing this to your attention as I would like to know if these members are still around and are they still riding?

I will be attending

BOB's BMW here in Maryland (USA) for the celebration the 40th anniversary the BMW GS. Hans Muth, designer of the original BMW R80GS, and other iconic BMW models like the R65LS, R100RS, and R90S be leading a very insightful and exciting presentation on the BMW R80GS which he designed and that originated the dual sport concept to the motorcycle industry. As if having Hans with us to personally share the thinking and decision process behind the GS concept is not enough, Hans has agreed to bring with him two very special and never before seen machines for display!

I personally know Hans as we met at the 40th anniversary of the R90S in Bucks County PA, June 2014. Frank Cachia (BMW MCC of VIC) also attended this event.

You might well ask where I'm going with this thus far, well the way I see it i.e. the BIG idea or design beginnings for the development of the BMW dual sport motorcycle known as the GS pretty much came out of Australia as a result of the use of BMW's as a reliable choice for riders venturing into the outback with the assurance that the machine was inherently capable of returning them home but not to overlook the big advantage of the low center of gravity of these motorcycles. So it will be interesting to discuss my thoughts with Hans this coming weekend.

I would find it personally interesting to hear from the riders mentioned above and any one else in the club what their thoughts are on the subject (where the inspiration came from to develop the BMW dual sport motorcycle came from).

It is interesting to note that in March of 1978 "Motorrad" magazine (Germany) wrote an extensive article on the Adventure the riders mentioned above. Hmmmmmmm !!!

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Henderson

Member BMW MCC of WA 76-80

Current ride, GS 2006



DIE REPORTAGE
Quer durch Australien

Wüste Tour

Acht Australier versuchten sich als Pioniere: Mit ihren BMW-Maschinen wollten sie in einer 7000 Kilometer-Tour den fünften Kontinent als erste Motorradfahrer durchqueren. Von Sidney bis zum berühmten Ayers Rock (Foto). Dann über den Gunbarrel-Highway — eine Straße, die buchstäblich im Sand verläuft. Fünf Mann kamen durch.



Fahrt durchs Nichts: Motorradfahrer Allen Grosse in australischer Einsamkeit

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Far Cairn Rally Award winners



Youngest rally entrant



Oldest Bike and Rider



Longest Distance Pillion?



Longest Distance Sidecar



Longest Distance Female Rider



Longest Distance Rider Award (Shared)

Far Cairn Rally

Al Pennykid

There's always some discussion about how to get to the Far Cairn, different groups might choose as much dirt as possible and an overnigher somewhere on the way to the rally. Then some will choose the most direct route and just haed straight to the rally. Marie and I chose the latter, we like being at the rally on the Friday night with dinner at the Bowling Club being the usual practice.

Our trip out was uneventful, I took the K100/1100RS sidecar with Leroy and Abbie(the mutts) as passengers, Marie took her R1150R. Travelling with the dogs means we do make stops for them so it takes a bit longer most of the time. I also had the trailer behind the sidecar for comfortable camping gear. The bike/sidecar/trailer will happily sit on 120kmh so its doesn't really slow us down, just uses more fuel.

In the final run in from Narromine, it started to get noticeably windy making the sidecar outfit want to turn left most of the time, maybe the speed had something to do with it also. We arrived at the rally just after 5:30 and went straight to setting up the tent in our usual place. The showgrounds are extremely dry, there is little of the grass and the ground was hard as concrete getting the tentpegs in.

Dinner at the bowling club was the usual friendly social evening. There were quite a few of us there; the Bloemens, Stan, Rob Edgar, Bob Whitehead, Cliff and Janice, the Cattermoles, Uncle George, Dave Beers, Paul Iokamidis—please forgive me if you were there and I forgot, I wasn't going around gathering names. A few watched the sprtsball game on TV but most of us just sat around and chatted.

Returning back to the site, the canteen building was a popular venue with tea, coffee, some biscuits, a variety of books (from Larrys collection) to peruse, some to laugh at and plenty seating. It was a refuge from the winds too.

Friday night the wind really built up, I had to get up around 4am and move the sidecar so I could tie the tent down to



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something solid and prevent it from buckling in completely. It didn't get any better when the sun came out, for most of Saturday we were in a huge dust storm with limited visibility. Some rallyists packed up and left. Most of us took refuge in the canteen again, very civilised. There was no way the club marquee was going to be erected. But there are a few undercover more protected areas available so all good in the end.

Many of the riders arriving had stories of next to no visibility at time while they were riding in, the winds were fairly widespread. Considering the conditions we still had a pretty good turnout, but nobody said they enjoyed the wind. Saturday night it did finally settle enough for the fire to be lit.

Other than the winds and dust everyone seemed to enjoy themselves though; stories were told, old friends got together, new friends were made... The usual rally stuff, but its great.

Saturday night was much more settled, sleeping was easier because I was less worried about the tent caving in and we also got some reasonable rain during the night, so all the bikes were now covered in red spots. The first bike left the site around 5am. We packed our wet outside and dirty dusty inside tent and gear in prep for leaving, Breakfast (Lions Club Bacon and Egg Roll) was had and of course there are still a few people to talk to till the next time, people from South Oz, QLD, Vic all in attendance.

Our trip home started out well but became more eventful though. Around 20km out of Narromine the sidecar started



Saturday



Sunday

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feeling a bit loose in the rear so I stopped to investigate. I had a deflating rear tyre so got the compressor out and put more air in, I had to do this one more time to get into Narromine itself. At a servo in Narromine I jacked the bike up and rotated the tyre but could find any sign of a puncture. Marie found a tyre service in Narromine that would do a Sunday callout, we just had to get the bike to the tyre place. So pumped it up again and took it straight to the tyre place. I removed the wheel for him and thankfully he did find a small hole, whatever had caused it was no longer there. But he was able to repair it. \$75 later, wheel refitted and we were back on the road. Much thanks to Dave at Atlas Tyres, Narromine. The road where the puncture happened is the same road where the axle left my trailer a few years ago! At least this time we didn't have to stay over and get it fixed Monday.

Heading to Orange from Wellington we were overtaken by Police, Ambulance and others, we also started to get headlight flashes from oncoming traffic. Yep, the road was closed due to a 2 car accident. We were told to head back 12km and turn right to the Burrendong Way to head to Orange (via Mumbil, Stuarttown). This day was starting to get long. Finally getting to Orange, the sidecar was screaming for fuel; the last fill was Narromine. I would have been OK though, I do carry a 10l Gerry for these possibilities. We stopped for a brief lunch at a park in Orange and let the poor dogs out for a run around also. From there we had no further 'excitement', it was just a long day. Leroy wasn't happy being cooped up in the sidecar for that long either.

We still have to open and dry the tent out, maybe even clean it! Next weekend, the Sidecar Rally -AL



Photos—Steve Treloar



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- Midnight bugs taste Best.
- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they can hold everything you need.
- Wear heavy boots. You can't kick things when you're wearing runners.
- NEVER argue with a woman holding a torque wrench.
- Routine maintenance should never be neglected.
- It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear-view mirror.
- Never be afraid to slow down.
- Only bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.
- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.
- Never ask a biker for directions if you're in a hurry to get there.
- If it takes more than 3 bolts to hold it on, it's probably crucial.
- Remember that you will be judged by the Horse you ride.
- Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
- Pies and coffee are as important as petrol.
- The number of kicks it takes to start your bike is directly proportional to the number of spectators.
- Never ask your bike to scream before her throat is good

and warm.

- Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.
- If you want to get a job, you may have to compromise your principals. You may even have to shave.
- Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
- Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
- Never mistake horsepower for staying power.
- A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover.
- A cold hamburger can be reheated quite nicely by strapping it to an exhaust pipe and riding forty kilometres.
- Never do less then forty kilometres before breakfast.
- If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shop.
- When you look down the road, it seems to never end but you better believe it does.
- Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.
- Overconfidence can be supplied by spare spark plugs, a set of spanners, and a roll of toilet paper.
- Advice is free and worth every cent!
- Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
- Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.
- Work to ride - Ride to work.
- Whatever it is, its better in the wind.
- Two lane blacktop isn't a highway-its an attitude.
- Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.
- A biker can smell a party 5,000 km away.
- Keep your bike in good repair.
- Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.
- People are like motorcycles: each is customised a bit differently.



-More races were won in the pub or around a rally fire than on the track.

-Never loan your bike to someone else, and never ride another's.

-If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start by rebuilding the engine.

-Remember to pay as much attention to your partner as you do your carburettor.

-Sometimes the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

-Well-trained reflexes are quicker than luck.

-The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

-Learn to do counterintuitive things that may someday save your arse.

-Beware the biker whose ink peels off.

-If you really want to know what's going on, watch what's happening at least 5 cars ahead.

-Don't make a reputation you'll have to live down or run away from later.

-Smoke and grease can hide a multitude of errors, but only for so long.

-A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive her/his Ute to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

-If s/he changes her oil more than s/he changes her mind-follow her/him.

-The thicker your oil, the hotter you can take it.

-Catchin' a Christmas beetle at 100 kph can double your vocabulary.

-If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every pub.

-Hunger can make even road kill taste good.

-You gotta be smart enough to understand the rules of motorcycling and dumb enough to think the game's important.

-The older I get, the faster I was.



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1 st -3 rd Nov	Trout Rally
1 st -3 rd Nov	Thunder Rally
16 th Nov	Movie Night at Spencer
Sat 14 th Dec	Club Christmas party