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Cold Flame Rally 2018

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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.
North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip	Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.

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			
Sat 10 th – 13 th	33rd Cold Flame Rally 10-13 March 2017. At the confluence of the Snowy and Pinch Rivers on the Barry Way, South of Jindabyne and North of Buchan.		10
April Events			
Thur 12 th	South Coast Social Sip ; 2nd Thursday of the month and the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
13 th – 15 th	Inverell Restorers Rally. 13/15th April at Inverell. Contact Mick 0407 522357 or email greeks54@bigpond.com	Rob Edgar 0408 161 107	10
21 st - 22 nd	NSW DR Muster , April 21-22, Bigga Pub, NSW. Prizes for best and worst DR, longest distance etc. Thread on ADV for those interested	TBA	10
Wed 26 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Chuck Hamilton 0457 574 856	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
28 th - 30 th	Autumn Leaf Rally. Held in the grounds of the Tumorrana Hall about 35KM East of Tumut on Wee Jasper Road. Hosted by the TUMUT VALLEY RIDERS MC inc. SIGNPOSTED FROM TUMUT & COOLAC. Catered from Friday Evening to Breakfast Sunday.	tvriders@hotmail.com	10
May Events			
Thur 10 th	South Coast Social Sip ; 2nd Thursday of the month and the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
11 th -13 th	Loaded Dog Rally. Tarago Showgrounds (grass, fire wood, showers and toilets) 72km from Canberra via sealed roads. Fully catered with the Loaded Dog Hotel & Servo 1km down the road. On site catering from Saturday lunch to Sunday breakfast. Day trip or camp overnight as a new or introduction to rallying? Prepaid \$15 and \$20 at the gate.	andholbery@gmail.com	10
May 19 th - 20 th	Ruptured Budgie Rally. Hosted by the Motor Guzzi Club of QLD. Held at Mingoola, about 60km west of Tenterfield on the Bruxner Highway, Queensland. Good camping by the river, plenty of firewood onsite. Fully catered, licensed bar from Friday dinner to Sunday breakfast. All the usual rally awards, plus some not so usual ones. \$25 entry, includes badge. Children under 15 years free entry, no badge	info@motoguzziclubqld.org	10
May 26 th – 27 th	Camping and Target Shooting Weekend. Windermere Regional Shooting Complex. This annual event will be held at the SSAA Mudgee and Districts Shooting Complex on Saturday and Sunday 26 th and 27 th May. All activities including camping held on site.	Mick Moriarty 0427 018 715	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.	Chuck Hamilton 0457 574 856	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
June Events			
8 th - 11 th	22nd Wintersun Run Mildura. Held at Olympic Park, Johnson Rd, Mildura, Separate area for cars / campervans. \$20 prepaid, \$25 at the gate	Michael Sarah 0438 619 838	12
9 th – 11 th	Farina Rally South Australia. Held at Farina Campground approximately 25km north of Lyndhurst. Good camping at the Farina Campground. Bakery will be open. All profits go to the Guide Dogs Association	TBA	12
22 nd – 24 th	Casper Rally, Hosted by SCUM TOURERS BUMMAROO FORD CAMPING GROUND. Held on the banks of the Abercrombie River 28 Kms north of Taralga. No dirt from Goulburn or Oberon. Wombeyan caves road from Mittagong for the more adventurous. Closest supplies - Taralga and Oberon. BYO drinks, food and cooking gear	TBA	10
9 th – 11 th	Alpine Rally – All motorcyclists (no cars please) are invited to be a part of this great 'back to basics' rally on the banks of the Yarrangobilly River, Cotterill's Cottage, next to the Snowy Mountains Highway. Ride to Yarrangobilly Caves thermal pool for a Sundee bath and cappacino ! Please bring some olde Rally memorabilia to share with us all. Presentations will be 9 am Sunday. Also, to try and encourage our younger generation to attend: this year, ANY rider who brings a rider 25 years and under, will earn FREE ENTRY for BOTH OF THEM. RALLY COST:\$22 PREPAID and \$25 ON SITE.	TBC	10



Ride & Events Calendar

July Events			
13 th – 15 th	Winter Rally. Hosted by the United Tourers. Approx. 4km south of Nerriga on the Braidwood Rd. Gates open Friday. 50 acres, band, bonfire, gymkhana start at 3pm, no dogs, no cars. \$20. Contact Noize 0425375817 or Brian 0407862296	TBC	10
TBA PENDING	Hat Rally Annual Awards Dinner	TBC NA	
August Events			
4 th 11 th TBC	Border Run Off Centre Rally – Mt Dare South Australia TTT	TBC NA TBC	
September Events			
14 th – 16 th	Far Cairn Rally - Held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. Funds raised support the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI)	Paul Evans – TBC	12
TBC TBC	Ragged Fringe Rally Sidecar Rally	TBC TBC	
October Events			
12 th – 14 th	37th Kosciuszko Rally – Hosted by BMWCCACT. 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 and unusual rally awards. Rally proceeds are donated to the RFDS (\$1000 in 2017). Firewood provided. Ever popular Germanic Kransky and salad + soft drink for \$8. Fresh egg & bacon rolls on Sunday morning with espresso or popper juice for \$6. Kosciuszko National Park has entry fees and remember to please take your rubbish out with you.	TBC	10
13 th – 14 th	3rd DEADMAN'S GULCH RALLY - Hosted by ILLAWARRA DUAL SPORT RIDERS TOGETHER WITH "BATEMANS BAY & SOUTH COAST MOTORBIKE RIDERS" present the 3rd DEADMAN'S GULCH RALLY. held at "YADBORO FLATS" on the NSW South Coast alongside the Clyde river. Back to basics rally - bring all food, cooking facilities and water. Firewood will be a collect on the day in and around the campsite. There are 2 fixed toilets onsite. there is no cell phone service at the campsite. take out all of your rubbish on departure. Badges will be available at the event \$15. contact Darren on 0413 782408 or Brett on 0477 425838	0413 782408 Or 0477 425838	
TBC	37th Thunder Rally – Sheba Dam, Nundle	TBC	10
November Events			
TBC	Trout Rally	TBC	10

Newly and 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 and 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)



P residents Report

Welcome to the March newsletter,

I was in Procycles last week taking a look at some of the new BMWs on the floor. I'm not really interested in buying a new bike but since I was there picking up my old R1200r after its service, I had some time to use up so why not dream a bit? I went past the K1600, the R1200RS and the R1200RT to the R1200R. After checking out the controls I tried to imagine owning one and what it would be like setting off for a ride. First the jacket, then earplugs, helmet and then gloves. Throw a leg over and switch on the ignition and wait a few seconds for the ECU to boot up. Now, scrolling through the dash menu, am I going to choose rain, road, dynamic or user mode? Once I've made the decision on the main setting, do I then choose the Pro or Dynamic Traction Control option? Leave the ABS switched on – of course. How about the Automatic Stability Control (for increased handling safety when accelerating according to BWM)...yeah, let's leave it on. Banking detection? It's unlikely I'll ever be scraping the rocker covers but since I'm paying for it I might as well get my money's worth out of it - let's leave it on. Now set up the ESA electronic suspension – do I choose a hard or soft spring rate today, or something in between? Soft or hard damping? Decisions, decisions! Does it have an anti-wheelie and anti-stoppie setting like the Ducatis? What if it rains when I'm out riding? Rather than take my eyes off the road to peer down at the tiny print on the TFT instrument panels through rain streaming down my visor to change to rain mode, do I keep riding in dynamic mode and risk the back end of the bike overtaking the front? No, it's OK...the traction control will take care of that.

You know, if I had the R1200R in my garage, rather than go through this checklist each time I felt like going for a ride, I think I would just hop on the R75, full choke, hit the starter and go. Anyhow, once finding a setting that works for me it's unlikely I would be fiddling with the menu too much after that – while I'm doing that I'm not concentrating on the road ahead.

It's not that I'm against technology but tech for the sake of it is probably wasted on most of us (especially me!). When you look at the horsepower bikes today are producing it would be pretty hard to keep them pointed straight ahead without traction control keeping the back wheel from lighting up. Why give the K1600 160 hp (118 kW) and then throttle it back electronically to a manageable number so you can ride it without tearing through a back tyre in two thousand kms? What about the R1200GS with 92 kW of power? In the past I have managed many step offs in the dirt using all of 36 kW that my R75 produces so I sure don't need the extra power to come off. On the open road with luggage and a pillion sure, the extra grunt is appreciated sometimes but generally Australia is pretty flat, the speed limits are too low and the policing is too high to tour at the speeds modern bikes are easily capable of doing.

Wouldn't it be nice if BMW offered a late model bike with just ABS and dropped all the other fancy electronics and cut the sale price of the bike accordingly. It would probably get a lot of people interested in trying out a BMW but of course, the downside is that if everyone had one then they wouldn't be 'exclusive' would they? Naturally, as all the other manufacturers add more electronic 'rider aids' and complexity, a tech leader like BMW isn't going to stay still and let them get ahead of the game. So, dream sequence over, I climbed aboard my R1200r, put in the key and booted up the ignition and trundled off at 20 km/h into the Princes Highway traffic jam.

Chuck

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BMW NATIONAL MOTORRAD RALLY NEWS:

The 2018 Rally to be held at Stanthorpe over the long weekend has been postponed, the intention is to re-schedule it for March 2019, a month before the Nationals. Please be advised to cancel any accommodation or other bookings you may have made for this event. A new date will be announced as soon as it is locked in.

BMWTCNSW Club Meeting Minutes

28 February 2018

Chairperson – Chuck Hamilton

Meeting Opened – 8.00 PM

Apologies – Paul Evans.

Visitors – Nil.

New Member – Nil.

Previous Minutes – The Minutes of January 2018 Meeting were tabled.

Acc- Al Pennykid.

Sec- Henning Jorgensen.

Correspondence –

Magazines from BMW Club: NZ.

Westpac statements x 2.

1 new member application.

RFDS Newsletter.

AusPost PO Box renewal notice.

President's Report –

See March Newsletter.

Vice President's Report –

Work is progressing on the website.

Management of sections of the website. Email sent to Committee members and responses required.

Secretary's Report –

See newsletter.

Treasurer's Report –

Reserve Acc \$30,930.68.

Cheque Acc \$665.38.

Treasurer has provided mobile shelving and has installed it in the Club's storage cupboard in the Andrew Cooke Meeting Room.

Treasure thanked Rob Lovett for his report on the KRR.

Latest Profit and Loss statement has been emailed to Committee members for information.

Membership Secretary –

Reported 3 new members this month.

Editor –

Reported good month for Newsletter submissions and keep them coming.

Public Officer

No report.

Regalia –

27 micro fibre Club towels produced, with 10 remaining in stock following KRR.

Assets & Archives –

The decals on the Club trailer require renewing, A working bee is needed on the trailer before its next outing. The Club barbeque needs some maintenance. Day for this and trailer work to be arranged.

Clubs Australia –

Trevor Dean sent out a couple of links by email on Motorrad Clubs' office in Germany.

Trevor noted BMW are now chasing airbag recalls for BMW cars.

Webmaster –

Website is working.

MCC –

First meeting for the year. Not a lot happened.

There was a presentation by 'Aunty Mal' on Ducatis.

The next meeting will include a presentation of electric scooters.

Past Events –

9-11 February – 41st Karuah River Rally - Good rally. 200 badges sold. Thanks to Rob Lovett and all the dedicated volunteers who made the event work smoothly. Thanks to Mal and Marianne Cattermole for taking the trailer. John Rayner reported an attack by overhanging vegetation as he was being led through obscure mountain tracks on the way to the rally by messrs Evans, Emmett, Povey and Spiteri-James, resulting in loss of dignity and laceration to his neck.

Coming Events –

10-13 March – 33rd Cold Flame Rally. Confluence of Pinch and Snowy Rivers in Kosciuszko NP.

General Business –

Carried over from the January meeting was a decision regarding the purchase of a GS911 diagnostic tool for Club member use. George Scarfe asked that a motion be put to purchase such a tool. The motion was seconded by Trevor Dean, and was carried by a show of hands. Rob Edgar and George Scarfe to liaise regarding purchase and management. It was suggested that the tool be purchased from a Sydney dealer who might be able to demonstrate its use at a Club meeting.

Awards Night – Jason Boyd requested assistance in locating and organising the Awards Night due to his current commitment to the website and his employment. Alison Ashby offered to assist.

Meeting Closed – 8.46 PM.



During the 1990s (a very long time ago), I'd heard of this mysterious rally known as the Cold Flame way down south somewhere on the Snowy River. To me it had a Banjo Patterson ring to it and its' location sounded quite remote and mysterious (because it was). I promised I'd have a crack at it one day if I was game enough. In March 2000, Les Smith (R80 ST), myself (R100R Mystic), George Scarfe and Joanne Scarfe (not sure what bike), Wayne Lemke (bike unknown) and John Minogue (R80 G/S now ridden by Dave Ramsay) all decided to have a go. It was new territory and an amazing adventure.

Wallace Craigie Lookout was awesome and the 10 kilometre descent to the Jacob River Bridge was amazing and a bit challenging, as was the next 10k to the rally site. Basking in the shallow Snowy River was a great reward at the end of the run and mixing with the 30 - 40 (maybe??) other riders who got there was tops. On our run out, we pushed on to Hamilton Gap and McKillops Bridge for an unforgettable weekend. It had an indelible effect on me (especially the approach to Hamilton Gap) and I haven't missed a Cold Flame rally since.



Two of these people are extremely competent motorcyclists and the other is a Black Sabbath junkie

Hal Caston was running the rally that year, and several years later, Bob Coleman took over management. Now, the Monarchs MCC from Melbourne host it (with input from Bob no doubt). Unlike the modest numbers in the early 2000's, this year's had 90 or so and I'm sure it will grow.

The magic of the Cold Flame has never faded and this year's was no exception. Our Club would have had a solid twenty or so there along with Thrasher (TTT organiser), Henning Jorgensen (Alpine Rally organiser) plus George Scarfe (Capital Rally organiser). Bruce Reid performed the sacrosanct duty of Pudding Carrier care of an R1100S and Claude made it on one of his masterpieces. The rally badge and the rally itself have a rich history in their own right as well. Must not forget that Wozz and his Chalice were there too (mine and his). What a great weekend!!

Rob Lovett

An advertisement for Brisans Motorcycles. At the top, the 'brisan motorcycles' logo is shown with 'NEWCASTLE' above it. To the right are logos for Victory, Triumph, Aprilia, Can-Am, and BMW. Below the logos is a row of five images showing different motorcycles in motion. At the bottom, the contact information is provided: '02 4940 8777 • 250 Maitland Road ISLINGTON • www.brisans.com.au'.

GLOBAL WARMING:

From Paul Evans

G'day All

I've always been fascinated by the real temperature we feel whilst riding in winter time. I'll always remember riding our posties down to the old Capitol Rally site in the Brindabella Ranges from Rules point and being REALLY cold in the nether regions. Sort of feels like tooth pain from sucking ice. It was around 10pm at -8c to -10c and we were at full noise doing 80 kph which relates to feeling like -20c to -24c. So for your information I've added a chart for those who love cold weather riding so you can calculate how cold you really feel.

At -5c travelling at 80 kph, feels like -16.9c

At -5c travelling at 100 kph, feels like -17.9c

At -10c travelling at 80 kph, feels like -24c

At -10c travelling at 100 kph, feels like -25c

At -15c travelling at 80 kph, feels like -31.1c

At -15c travelling at 100 kph, feels like -32.4c

Enjoy the cold while you can as our worlds going to get a lot hotter.

Cheers

Woz (Reply):

Thanks Paul,

Some more real world stat's for you....

At 4c I start to feel like coffee.

At 2c I start to feel like coffee in front of a fire.

At 0c I start to feel like an Irish Whiskey and a snooze by the fire.

Any colder than that I reckon we need to accelerate global warming by burning more fossil fuel in the warmer months to raise future winter temperatures.

Woz

MAJORS CREEK HOTEL

Rob Lovett

Dear members. The other day I did a run across to Majors Creek for lunch. Once again it struck me as a great little spot. I asked for the accommodation details and here they are:

Elrington Hotel (actual name – just call it the Majors Creek Hotel)

Ph 02 4846 1145

\$100 per head for dinner bed and breakfast if six (6) or more book eg 6 club members

Otherwise it's \$50 pp and order off the menu etc

I might get a pub run onto the calendar at some stage



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Mehdi Barzegari (St Leonards)
Job Wallis (Double Bay)

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Member Number 35

INSANITY (from Frank Cachia):

Early last century, the pushbike, although in very much different shape than today's enjoyed a following among the children, star-crossed lovers and adventurous middle aged. Friends would gather at pre-designated places and go for a ride. Come lunchtime, picnic baskets would come out, a hearty meal consumed and after a game or a stroll, would return home and look forward to the following weeks' outing. Some of those present also used their bikes to go to work. This was ideal transportation being both very cheap to run and easy to maintain.

It wasn't long however, before the then new contraption called the internal combustion engine came on the scene and soon found itself being shoe-horned into a bikes frame. The rider now devoid of sweat and the huffing and puffing saw the advantages this offered. From then on he never looked back and the bike soon gained a bigger following. As time passed, different manufacturers were formed and the motor-bicycle soon established itself alongside the motorcar. Like the motorcar, the motor-bicycle improved and soon diversified into different roles and functions. Sporting, commuters and racing models were to be seen.

After World War I, the motorbike having now lost its motor-bicycle tag gained a larger following. After World War II there was, once again, a need for these

models and, where before the bike was produced in England, America, Italy and Germany, a new force came from the oriental country of Japan. Here, the motorbike flourished and soon flooded the markets of the world. Since, as mentioned the motorbike diversified into special categories, I would like to bring to light the behavioural pattern of those people who today use the bike in all its roles. Let's start off with the learner; after all, he must pass this stage before venturing further on.

THE LEARNER

The learner is the most courteous road user around, for the first few weeks anyway. Once he has partially mastered his bike he is seen travelling with helmet undone, no gloves and wearing sneakers or desert boots. With his jacket unzipped he practices wheel stands, abrupt lane changing and brake skids. He can also be observed chatting up the sixteen year olds, a cigarette in one hand and a can of soft drink in the other outside the local milk bar. If he does manage to survive his first year, he'll trade his now much abused hack for the latest super bike and start chatting up the eighteen year olds.

THE COMMUTER

The briefcase always gives him away, usually being glued, sticky taped or strapped on to the pillion seat. The commuter is seen on scooters, small two-stroke bikes or long discarded Hondas. His unsmiling and unblinking eyes continuously move about and are able to detect any potentially dangerous situation. He's not a motorcyclist but a person who uses a bike only for transportation purposes. Waving a hand in greetings, results in a blank look. A more sombre creature you'll never find.

THE MOTORCYCLE COURIER

His superhuman abilities have sharpened his eyes to a point where he can judge a minute space between traffic and at breakneck speed plays automotive checkers. His adrenalin glands are always working overtime and his heart has a few teeth marks. With multicoloured and much advertised dustcoat flapping in the wind and radio volume set at full volume, he's able to out drag anything. Only red traffic lights hold him up. This frustrated drag racer is seen on a variety of bikes. They range from slightly more powerful than a motor mower to inter-continental missiles, able to reach Concorde take off speed before getting caught in the next set of traffic lights. Always in a hurry, he is seen gulping his lunch with helmet still on in between dropping deliveries.

TRAIL RIDER

Like his surfboard mounted panel van brother or Range Rover cousin, his vehicle is never used in its proper environment. He doesn't go trail riding, instead he spends his time revving his engine at traffic lights, belching out blue smoke and being a downright nuisance. The bike is always spotlessly clean; the closest it ever came to dirt is at road repairs. Sitting on a seat high enough that it's level with a truck driver, he looks down at the world through a visor less full-face helmet with a duck bill big enough to accommodate a few decals and a pair of goggles.

POLICE.

The bike-mounted policeman shows his mastery over machine whilst travelling between stationary traffic with precision manoeuvrability. Looking smart in his blue badge encrusted leathers, he is spotted easily thanks to the white quivering aerial. A terror to anyone who spots him in their rear view mirrors, he is seen travelling at breakneck speed irrespective whether his blue lights are flashing or not.

THE MOTORCYCLE MAGAZINE TEST RIDER

This person is unique. He doesn't know whether he's employed as a motorcycle tester or a report writer with the task of filling a certain amount of pages. Half knowing what he's writing about, he stumbles through a report and manages to sometimes rescue himself by making up new words. If that doesn't help he'll fall back onto a dictionary thus inserting long impressive sounding words that no one can pronounce. After showing off his writing skills he's quite happy to be photographed aboard the latest model. Believing he's an expert on all types of bikes he'll impress his peers by sounding off technicalities parrot fashion.

CHOPPER

If the test rider is unique, the chopper rider is an enigma. Picturing himself as Peter Fonda, he dreams of travelling sun drenched highways, chrome sparkling, his bike purring, wind in his hair whilst a blond darling cleans his reflective sunglasses. Instead, the reality is that he ends up spending the weekend wiping his hands on his cut off denims, working on an oiled stained contraption. When he does finally manage to start it and ride off, he has a scratched black open face helmet, no darling and thanks to the front wheel being metres ahead and a car tyre at the back, the evil sounding bike is seen wobbling all over the pace. He then darts from one petrol station to the next, courtesy of a peanut tank. It's just as well, sitting on a narrow seat, without any rear suspension doesn't do his rear end much good.

CIRCUIT RACER

The poor fool who chooses this type of racing pours his body and soul, not to mention all his savings into it. He'll spend literary countless hours studying his bike, stripping it, modifying it, reassembling it and hoping and praying that he has done the job properly. After starting it and scaring his neighbours half to death he'll test his knowledge at tuning it. When finally the big date arrives, he'll get up early, hurriedly swallow a cup of coffee, does a mad search and rescue for his helmet, steps on the cat's tail, dives into his beat car and races to the meeting. Once on the start line the stupid thing will either stall or refuse to fire up or if he does manage to take off without cooking the clutch will end up by seizing and is unceremoniously dumped into some solid unmovable object. This is the day he should have stayed home in bed; instead he is now lying in a hospital bed covered from head to toe in plaster and wishing he took up a safer sport like crocodile wrestling.

CAFÉ RACER

This unfortunate creature can very easily be mistaken for a cripple as he is constantly seen walking in a forward crouch and head tilted to one side. He earns this position from the amount of time spent on his motorbike which features clip on bars and rear set foot pegs. With his backside resting on a padded brick, laughingly called a seat, his chin resting on the petrol tank and eyes looking through a warped piece of Perspex he continuously searches for that elusive perfect bend. Dressed in matching leathers, helmet, boots and gloves, he is never happier than when cranked right over, his boots kissing the tarmac and side stand merrily sparking. Never one to miss a photo of a bike cranked over, he emulates his racing hero. When sooner or later he throws his bike down the road, he proudly shows both his and the bikes' scars to anyone close by, to be followed by how his heroic manoeuvre and complete lack of fear saved him and others from a far worse situation. He's enough to send anyone round the bend.

OUTFITS

The public thinks that outfit's owners attach an extra wheel so as not to fall off. They also believe it is to carry an extra passenger in comfort. They are partially correct they do place a passenger above the extra wheel, but the poor soul has to share that space with excess luggage ranging from dairy products to a couple of slabs of beer to a six man tent. Once fully laden, the one and a half tonne of semi-controlled hardware is seen tearing up the highway, a ten-foot aerial whipped into frenzy and the passenger gripping onto the sides, eyes glazed from fear whilst the rider has an ear-to-ear grin.

To entice the passenger, the owner usually installs an AM/FM/CD player. Naturally it will be an expensive unit. Once that's out of the way he makes provisions to carry a spare wheel, enough spare fuel to make a petrol tanker turn green with envy and enough spotlights to melt any police car from two kilometres away. He then finishes the three-wheel creation with a snappy paint job. The trouble is the overall cost ends up being more expensive than the basic unit and close to a down payment on a private jet.

Rallyists/Tourer

Very hard to separate these two; they are very much alike. The rallyists, to get to a rally, are prepared to cover great distances whereas the tourer covers great distances without ending up at a rally. Their aims is very similar, they're cast from the same mould. Both carry more gear than they really need. They have the latest in tents, cooking gear and cameras. Both are experts in tyre choice and wear and able to spin the longest yarn. Experts at all geographical localities, they're able to pronounce unheard of names. Happy when covered in dust or mud as proof of their travels they travel at any time of the year, therefore have electric vests, and hand warmers. They'll gladly go from one place to another that no one ever heard of or even cares about. The only difference that separates them, the only clue to tell them apart is, the rallyists have enough badges on his jacket that once they start to reflect the sun are able to start a bush-fire or attract anything from a glow worm to any space shuttle or unidentified flying object.

FINALLY, THE PILLION RIDER,

There are three types of pillion riders, the friend, lover or spouse. To the above my full sympathy, if the pillion is a friend, they will have wished they had their bike on the road, if on the other hand their rider is their spouse they wish they stayed at home. And if they are lovers, they end up either wearing hand me down gear and a helmet that is two sizes too large or spend a fortune getting coloured matched gear as their riders. This does look good, even though they have a sizeable dent in the bank balance and shortly after end up wishing they still had their own bikes or stayed at home.

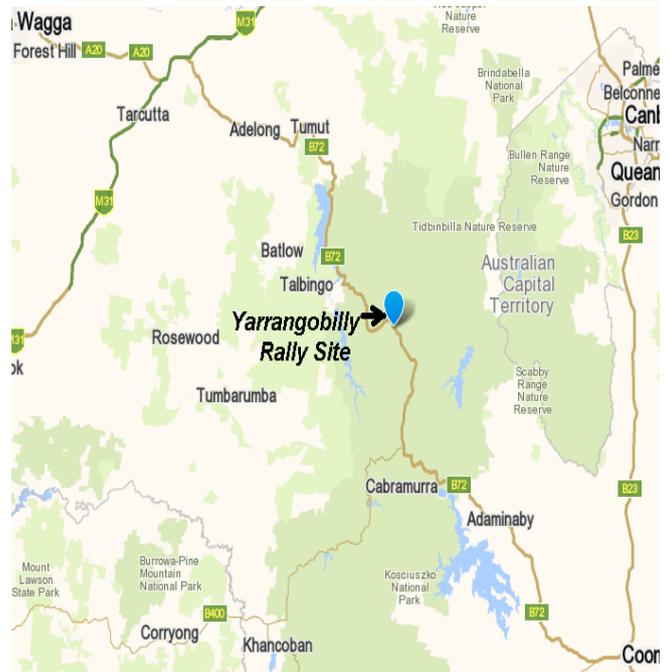
So, there you have it, now you know why the public labels us as insane.

FRANK CACHIA

Alpine Motorcycle Rally No 49

**Queens Birthday – June Long Weekend
9, 10 & 11 June 2018**

- All motorcyclists (no cars please) are invited to be a part of this great 'back to basics' rally on the banks of the Yarrangobilly River, Cotterill's Cottage, next to the Snowy Mountains Highway.
- Ride to Yarrangobilly Caves thermal pool for a Sundee bath and cappacino !
- Please don't forget to bring some olde Rally memorabilia to share with us all.
- This year's presentation will be 9 am Sunday.
- The usual activities will be experienced.
- Also, to try and encourage our younger generation to attend and experience the Alpine Rally: this year, **ANY attending rider who brings a rider 25 years of age and under, will earn FREE ENTRY for BOTH OF THEM** (no double dipping :)))



RALLY COST:\$22 PREPAID and \$25 ON SITE.

For the 50th in 2019,

all our fellow Alpine Rallyists of olde are invited & very welcome to join in where it all began in 1969.

Please spread the word to those you know who attended early (or earlier?) rallies?

Don' forget to bring along some good olde photos, memories & badges.

Prepays close 5 June 2017

Please send details & enquiries to:

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or Paul Corradini on 0427 484493

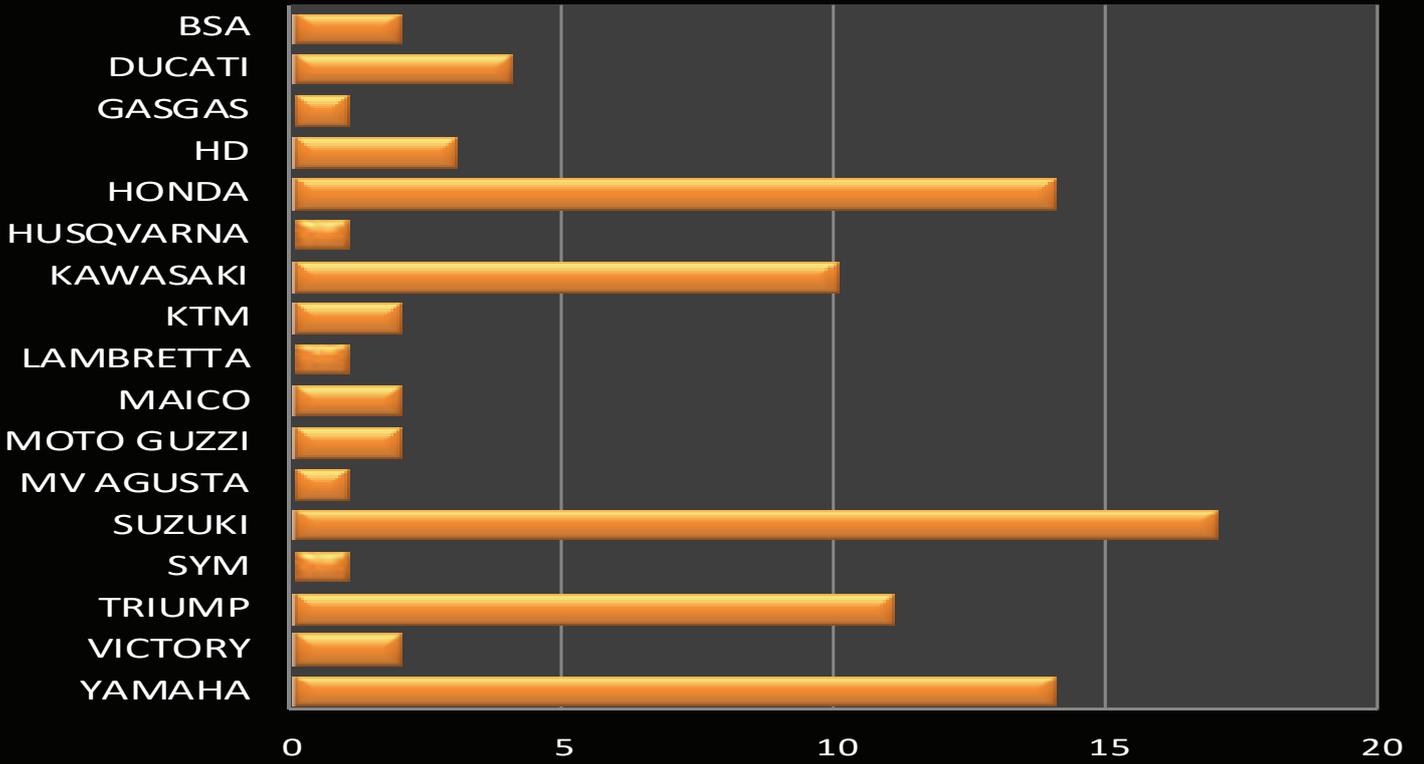
As usual a donation will go to the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Website: <http://alpinerally.webs.com>

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

No responsibility will be accepted by the organisers or land owners for any loss, damage to persons or equipment.

Non-BMW Motorcycles within the club







APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP/ RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Incorporated
(incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984)

The BMW Touring Club of NSW was founded in 1965, with an initial membership of 15. The aim of the club is to provide a social medium for BMW riders and motorcycle touring. It is not necessary for you to own a BMW motorcycle to join the club. There are a wide range of activities throughout the year, ranging from regular day rides, rallies (local, interstate and other BMW club rallies), runs with interstate BMW clubs and camping weekends. We have gained a large number of trophies from our attendance at rallies. The club also has regular maintenance days (where you can tap into a vast range of knowledge from our members). We have spare parts available at a slight discount for members and a variety of special tools for use when servicing, repairing or replacing components. We also have social evenings, an annual presentation night/dinner and a Christmas party. The club encourages family involvement in all events.

NEW and EXISTING MEMBERS

Current Membership Number: _____

I, (Full name of applicant): _____

and (additional person/s) _____

Of (address) _____ Postcode: _____

Preferred Phone Numbers 1: _____ 2: _____

Email Address: _____

Motorcycles Make, Model, Year _____

I hereby apply to join/renew my membership of the above named incorporated association & agree to be bound by the rules of the club

Signature of Applicant:- _____ Date: _____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: If an existing member introduced you, introduced by _____

New Application / Membership Renewal / Joint Application (please circle one)

New Member Joining Fee:	\$20 (+ Annual Membership Fee)	Mail to:
Annual Membership Fee	\$50 per year (city or country membership)	
Subsidised Club 'T' Shirt (Mens XS—5XL)	\$10 Single Membership Size _____ \$10 Joint Membership Size _____	BMW TOURING CLUB of NSW PO Box 549 ERMINGTON NSW 1700
Total Amount Payable	\$ _____	

Please make all cheques and money orders available to **BMW TOURING CLUB of NSW**

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Please quote 'MSHIP', your **NUMBER** and your **NAME** when making the transfer

Please **POST, SCAN or EMAIL** this form to the Membership Secretary (membership@bmwtcnsw.org.au) so your deposit can be reconciled, your T-shirt ordered and your details updated

Note: 1. All membership fees are dues by 1st July each year. 2. Membership not renewed by 1st August will be considered as a resignation of membership

Optional (please circle your preferences):

- Do you wish to download the club newsletter from the club website..... Yes / No
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- Do you have a First Aid Certificate?..... Yes / No
- if NO are you interested in attending a First Aid Course for motorcycle riders?..... Yes / No

Name	Location (Town or area)	State	Phone no/s	S	A	M	D (kms)	Comments

(S) Social Stop; **(A)** Accommodation; **(M)** Mechanical Assistance; **(D)** Distance prepared to travel to assist; **C** Trailer, alt phone etc

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April 28-30	Autumn Leaf Rally
11th-13th May	Loaded Dog Rally
19th-20th May	Ruptured Budgie Rally
26-27 May	Camping and Target Shooting Weekend
9th-11th June	Alpine Rally/Wintersun Run/Farina rally