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| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|
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| Mid North Coast | Position Vacant | Put your hand up if you're willing to take this on. |
| South Coast | Tony Schmidt | 0407 494 229 sthcoastcoordinator@bmwctnsw.org.au |
| Central West | No Current | centralwestcoordinator@bmwctnsw.org.au |

MEETINGS

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| Monthly Club Meetings | Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December) |
| Sydney Social Sip | Held at 6:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Members gather at the Toongabbie Hotel for a chat and something to eat before crossing the road to attend the club meeting. |
| South Coast Social Sip | Held anytime after 6.30pm on the 2nd Friday of the month. Members gather at the Great Southern Hotel, 95 Queen St, Berry, for a chat and something to eat. |
| Newcastle Social Sip | Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat. |
| North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip | Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm. |

CLUB POINT SCORE

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



Ride & Events Calendar

| Past Events July | | | |
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| 13 th – 15 th | Winter Rally. Hosted by the United Tourers | TBC | 10 |
| 21 st July | Annual Awards Dinner. Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls. | Jason Boyd | 2 |
| August 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 | Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229 | 2 |
| 4 th 11 th | Border Run Off Centre Rally – Mt Dare South Australia | TBC NA | |
| 25 th – 26 th | 2018 AMCA National Meet - Bulli Showground, Bulli, N.S.W. Swap meet entries are now open for all makes & models 35 years old & older. British, European, Japanese & American. For more details https://www.amcaaustralia.org/ | TBC | 2 |
| 25 th – 26 th | TTT - Thrashers Terrifying Trek – Hosted by Thasher, Sign posted 10km's north of Taralga at the Wombeyon Caves Rd. Follow the red & white TTT signs. Guaranteed to be a test of your starch. EXTRA LARGE FIRES, AS ALWAYS FIRST IN GET THE BEST CAMP SITES. One thing is the basic rule of the rally leave bad attitudes at the gate | TBC | 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 0412858880 | 4/6 * |
| Thur 30 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 |
| September Events | | | |
| Sat 1 st | Country Meeting at Bathurst, see the ad in this newsletter for details | | 10 |
| 7 th -9 th | Dargo High plains Rally; Talbotville, Victoria. Limited food & soft drinks at rally. | | |
| Thur 13 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 |
| 14 th – 16 th | Far Cairn Rally – Hosted by BMW Touring Club NSW - Held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. Funds raised support the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI) | Paul Evans – TBC | 12 |
| 22 nd – 23 rd | Sidecar Rally, O'Connell, NSW | Alan Pennykid 0427393093 | 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. | Jason Boyd 0412858880 | 4/6 * |
| Thur 27 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 |
| 29 th , 30 th Sept – 1 st Oct | BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally, 29-30 Sept & 1 Oct 2018, Wallerawang, NSW. Hosted by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT. Register online to include rally registration, dinner Sunday 29th Sept & (optional) breakfast Monday 1st Oct. Approx. \$80 TBC. The Rally, dinner & breakfast bookings are nonrefundable after 14 September 2018. For Bookings Visit: https://www.bmwccact.org.au/National-Motorrad-Rally Rally entry, Dinner & (optional) Breakfast are ticketed events for pre-planning & catering. There is NO option to arrive on Sunday night for the Dinner with an expectation you can be catered for. NOTE: You are responsible for making your own accommodation bookings. The Black Gold Motel is the main venue but other local alternates have been notified of the rally. Some rooms will be held for a short period on a 1st come 1st served basis. Mention you are going to the BMW Motorrad Rally when making your booking. | Gary Smee BMWCCACT President@BMWCCACT.org.au | 12 |
| October Events | | | |
| Thur 11 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 |
| 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 & unusual rally awards. Rally proceeds are donated to the RFDS (\$1000 in 2017). Firewood provided. Ever popular Germanic Kransky & salad + soft drink for \$8. Fresh egg & bacon rolls on Sunday morning | TBC | 10 |



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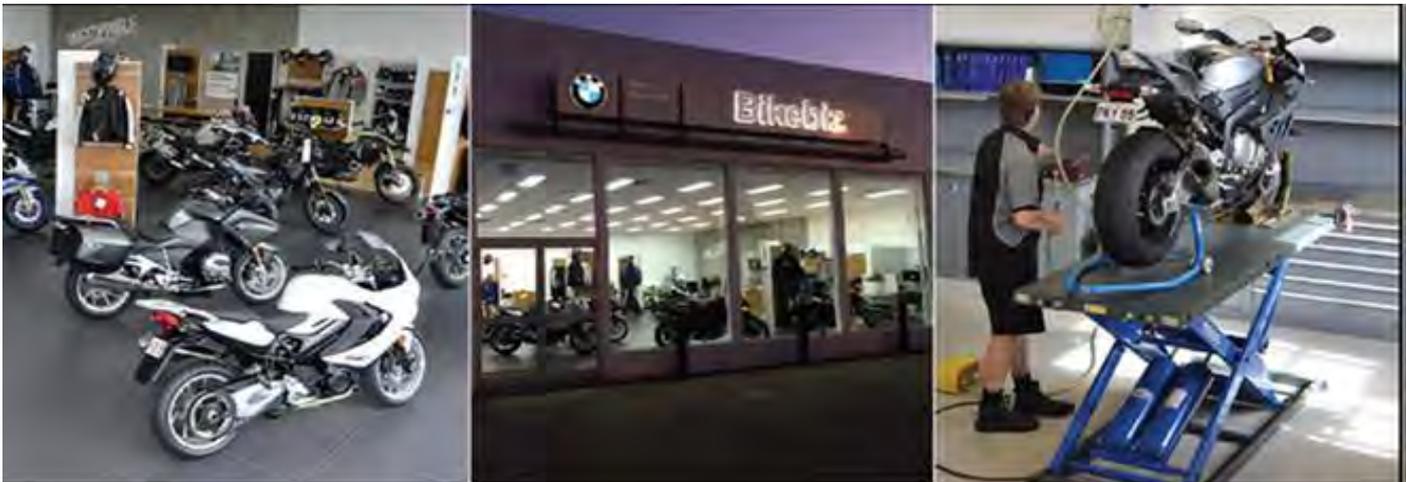
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| | with espresso or popper juice for \$6. Kosciuszko National Park has entry fees & remember to please take your rubbish out with you. | | |
| 13 th – 14 th | 3rd DEADMAN'S GULCH RALLY - Hosted by ILLAWARRA DUAL SPORT RIDERS TOGETHER WITH "BATEMANS BAY & SOUTH COAST MOTORBIKE RIDERS" present the 3rd DEADMAN'S GULCH RALLY. held at "YADBORO FLATS", NSW South Coast, Clyde river. Back to basics rally - bring food & water. 2 fixed toilets onsite. take out all of your rubbish on departure. Badges available at event \$15. | Daren 0413 782408 Or Brett 0477 425838 | |
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| November Events | | | |
| 3 rd – 4 th | 37th Thunder Rally – Hosted by Ducati Owners Club NSW, Sheba Dam, Nundle. Date change confirmed by Aunty Mal | TBC | 10 |
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| TBC | Trout Rally | TBC | 10 |

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)



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Presidents Report

Editorial Assistant(s) – I am not sure what this assistance entails (*I guess I need to do some more homework*), but if you would like to contribute to the club please get in contact with the editor

On a final thought, keeping an eye on the calendar, we have the Awards Night just completed, peak riding season is upon us with the OCR literally around the corner, and the Far Cairn Rally not far off. I hope to hear and read stories from all of you in the coming months on these and other events.

See you on the flipside,

Cheers, Jason

Welcome to installment 1 of the 2018-19 Presidents report!

Firstly, thank you to Chuck Hamilton for your work over the last 12 months as President of the club. Chuck has provided some interesting reflections on things "motorcycling" in his monthly update.

Thank you everyone for your support as VP over the last year, and for your vote of confidence as the President elect. I hope I live up to at least some of the expectations people have of me in this position.

I would like to formally welcome a few new people to the committee. Dave Beers has stepped up as Vice President from his role as Regalia Officer, our new Treasurer Alison Ashby, and to Warren *Woz-is-back-from-retirement* Buffet taking over the reins from Dave as the Regalia Officer.

A special thank you to Bob Madell for his hard work as Treasurer, and especially for providing me a sympathetic and guiding ear. Bob is continuing on with the committee as one of the NSW MCC delegates (*I hope I got this right?*).

While on the MCC, thank you to Bob Whithead who is stepping down as a delegate for the NSW MCC. I must admit to having personally looked forward to each of his humorous and informative reports at our meetings.

The club is still looking to fill two additional positions:

MCCNSW Delegate - shamelessly stolen from an Al Pennykid Facebook post - *"We have a vacancy as NSW Motorcycle Council Delegate. The NSW MCC represents the interests of motorcyclists to the govt' and has some influence on legislation. The MCC meet once a month. If any member is interested and would like to be involved in the council, PLEASE put your hand up, at least to discuss it"*

2018-19 BMWTCNSW Committee

- President:** Jason Boyd (new, ex VP)
- Vice President:** Dave Beers (new, ex Regalia)
- Secretary:** John Rayner (incumbent)
- Treasurer:** Alison Ashby (new)
- Membership Secretary:** Marie Pennykid (Incumbent)
- Newsletter Editor:** Alan Pennykid (Incumbent)
- Regalia Officer:** Warren Buffett (new, ex many things)
- Assets & Archives:** Mal Cattermole (Incumbent)
- Public Officer:** Al Peters (Incumbent)
- Spare Parts/Tools Officer:** Rob Edgar (Incumbent)
- BMW Clubs Aust Delegate:** Trevor Dean (Incumbent)
- NSW Motorcycle Council Delegate/s:** -Bob Madell + 1 Vacant Position
- Webmaster Michael:** Sarah (Incumbent)
- Editorial Assistant/s:** TBC



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BMWTCNSW Meeting

27 June 2018

Chairperson – Jason Boyd.

Meeting Opened – 7.39 pm.

Apologies – Paul Evans, Chuck Hamilton, Al Peters, Bala, Trevor Dean.

Visitors – Nil.

New Members – Chris Fisher, Linda Smith.

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

Acc-Bob Madell.

Sec-Al Pennykid.

Correspondence –

Magazine from BMW Club: NZ.

Westpac statements x 2.

Membership renewals x 8.

Guardian Eagle flyer.

President's Report –

See Newsletter.

Vice President's Report –

Book now for the Awards Night.

Secretary's Report –

Still awaiting confirmation of approval from Lachlan Council for Far Cairn Rally.

Treasurer's Report –

Reserve Acc \$32,983.28.

Cheque Acc \$2,002.21.

Club's bank accounts reconciled to end of May.

Membership Secretary –

2 new members this month.

Editor –

Enough content for 16 pages this month which is good.

Keep the articles coming.

Public Officer

No report.

Regalia –

No report.

Assets & Archives –

No report.

Clubs Australia –

No report.

Webmaster –

Website backed up with 2 copies, one of which is in the Club's cupboard at the Toongabbie Hall.

Website domain name due for renewal. Michael to send renewal notice to treasurer for payment.

MCC –

Ongoing discussions regarding accident data collection for CTP.

Some recreation areas have been classified as "Koala Reserves" which has impact on access for riders. MCC to object.

Autonomous buses being trialled at Olympic Park, Sydney.

Past Events –

9/11 June – Alpine Rally. Warren Buffet reported he left on the Friday and stayed at Majors Creek Pub. Saturday morning to Cooma and over the range in the rain. 120-140 attendees at Rally. 18-0 Club members attended. The sun came out on the Sunday for the ride home.

22/24 June – Casper Rally. Dave Beers reported -3°. Approximately 7 Club members attended.

Coming Events –

13/15 July – Winter Rally 4 km south of Nerriga on the Braidwood road.

21 July – Annual awards Dinner at Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls.

4 August – Border Run.

11 August – Off Centre Run at Mount Dare SA.

General Business –

The question of who has Admin rights to the Club Facebook page. Michael Sarah to contact John Visser so that Michael can be added as admin.

Warren Buffet purchased two antique tea urns for \$50 each, to be used for boiling water on the Club trailer.

Bob Madell moved the Woz gets the urns in working condition. Motion seconded by Bob Whitehead. Motion carried.

Signage for trailer. Mal Cattermole moved that new transfers be purchased and applied to trailer. Seconded by Bob Madell. Motion carried.

Meeting Closed: 8.20 pm

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BMWTCNSW Annual General Meeting 2017/18

27 June 2018

Returning Officer – Warren Buffett.

Meeting Opened – 8.21 pm.

Previous minutes – The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were read.

Acc – Bob Madell.

Sec – Rob Edgar.

All positions were declared vacant.

Warren Buffett took the Chair as Returning Officer to elect a new Committee by those members present. No written nominations were received prior to the closing date for the positions.

Positions were nominated from the floor.

The following positions were declared filled:

President: Jason Boyd.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Al Pennykid.

Vice President: Dave Beers.
Nominated by Warren Buffet, 2nd by Bob Madell.

Secretary: John Rayner.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Al Pennykid.

Treasurer: Alison Ashby.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Marie Pennykid.

Membership Secretary: Marie Pennykid.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Bob Whitehead.

Editor: Alan Pennykid.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Bob Madell.

Regalia: Warren Buffet.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Jason Boyd.

Assets & Archives: Mal Cattermole.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Rob Edgar.

Public Officer: Al Peters.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Jason Boyd.

Spare Parts: Rob Edgar.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Bob Madell.

CA Delegate: Trevor Dean.
Nominated by Self 2nd by John Rayner.

MCC Delegate: Bob Madell.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Warren Buffet.

Webmaster: Michael Sarah.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Jason Boyd.

Editorial assistant: Tony Conliffe.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by Bob Whitehead.

Editorial assistant: Al Peters.
Nominated by Self, 2nd by John Rayner.

The following position remained unfilled:

MCC Second Delegate.

Jason Boyd moved that all Committee members write a one page list of their responsibilities and activities. Seconded by John Rayner. Motion carried.

The incoming President is to organise a Committee handover meeting.

The financial accounts as tabled were accepted by Bob Madell, 2nd by John Rayner.

The financial situation was reported as follows:

Reserve Account balance: \$32,954.84.

Cheque Account balance: \$3,232.94.

Profit/Loss: \$8,444.40

Inventory: \$2,862.00

Total Value of Club: \$39,049.78.

Meeting Closed: 8.57 pm.



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Editors Report



Welcome to the August newsletter. Well it's the day after the Annual Awards Night and it was a great night; well supported by many club members. It was at the Grand View Hotel in Wentworth Falls and as in the past it's just a great venue, plenty space, good food, a fire to keep things warm and good company.

The award winners for this year were:

City Clubman of the Year: Alan Pennykid

Runner up: Mal & Marianne Cattermole

Country Clubman of the Year:
Tony & Cheryl Schmidt

Runner Up: Dave Beers

Presidents Award: Jason Boyd

Editors Award: Rob Lovett

Most Active New Member: Alex Spiteri-James

There was also a special award given by BMW Clubs Australia to a club member of one of the many BMW clubs around the country who had contributed a lot to the club life and community:



The Rt. Hon. Paul Evans received the Award of Excellence.



From the Membership Secretary

Please check your Magazine label, Membership card or eMail reminder for your Due Month for Renewals. Membership are now due!

Club Xmas Party

We are looking for a venue and an organiser for the Club Xmas Party at the end of this year.

You will need to locate a suitable venue and organise catering, the date is generally the 2nd weekend in December, but this is flexible.

The club will pay for both the site and the catering, preferably under \$20 or so per head, dependent on the situation, and subject to vote.

An area with camping is generally preferable, and having some hard accommodation in the area would be good.

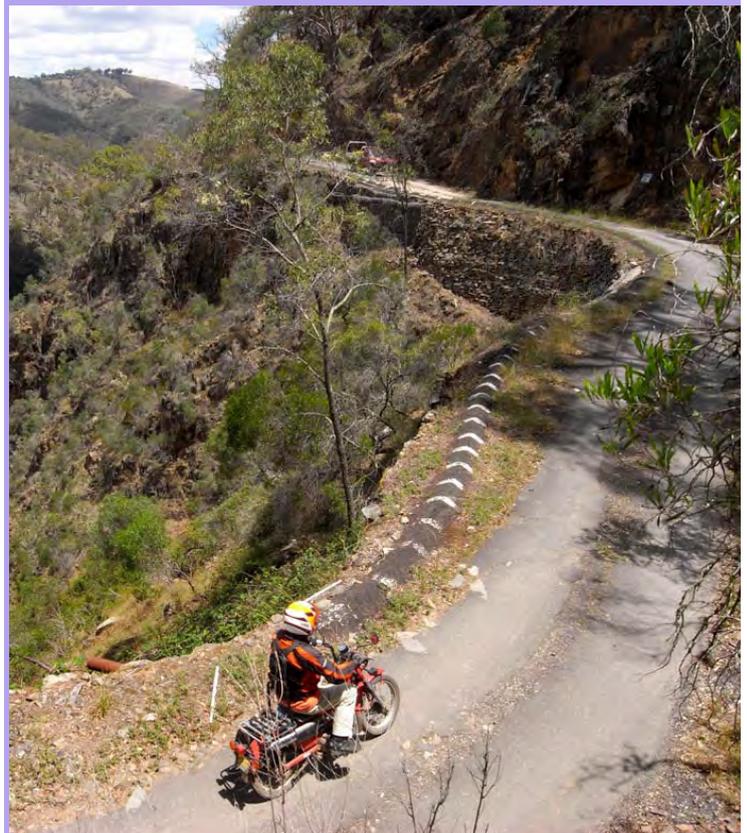
Contact a committee member for further information if required.

Send details to any committee member, but ideally the Vice President.

Welcome to the new members:
Linda Smith (Cambridge Park)

Scott & Sarah Humphries
(Kurraba Point)

Trevor Sadler (Galston)
– Welcome back





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rom the Treasurer

I'm looking forward to working with the committee as the new treasurer and bring my

bookkeeping skills to the club. Thanks Bob for doing such an amazing job.

Having moved from Lake Macquarie to Western Sydney for work, I can now attend club meetings which I am enjoying, catching up with old and new friends.

I have been on many rides with the BMW NSW club as a pillion and as a rider, one of the best rides and most memorable was riding my Yamaha SR250 on what seems like 100 miles of gravelly dirt and camping, in June because anyone can ride North in winter. This was the pinnacle of my first real riding adventure on my own bike, travelling from Newcastle to Oberon, Abercrombie Caves, Jenolan Caves and almost to Goulburn via the back roads to be back in time to attend the 2005 GS 25 year anniversary rally at Cundle Flats Farm near Gloucester, after having my motorcycle licence for only 3 weeks.. I did a lot of dirt in my early riding. Which is probably why I have been drawn to BMW GS's since. My next bike was a Blue F650GS which I rode to Perth and many other fantastic places. I now ride an awesome red (because they go faster) F700GS. I attended the last Babe Raid world record attempt and will be attending the next one in November. The Far Cairn rally is on my list of things to do so I will be attending the next one. 2018 is the year I have had a few injuries none on the bike thankfully all healed now so riding is back to being a priority.

Alison Ashby



TOTAL RECALL - OODNADATTA TRACK

OCR 2018 is fast approaching and this one is via the Oodnadatta Track at Mt Dare which I suspect is remote, mysterious and very different if you have not been there.

I'm hoping to make it to this year's OCR and have put quite a lot of prep into the enterprise. If you are not a natural dirt rider it's always a bit of a daunting venture (as opposed to an adventure). But the Oodnadatta won't be a complete stranger for me.

Back in 1992, Les Smith, Alex Leitch and myself were pondering (over a few beers – except for Les), why there was a lack of riding on our front. I mentioned that it would be interesting to see Wilpena Pound in South Australia, which on the map, did not seem like a huge distance. We all got our ducks in line and queued up 22 March to 7 April 1992 to give it a go.

We decided to see Lake Mungo on the way by setting off north of Balranald and heading across to Mungo some 150 k or so away. Lake Mungo's sand hills, the sheer scale of the (dry) lake, and the evidence of a human presence for 40,000 years or so was a profound revelation as was the massive shearing shed there, and the thought of working in this boiler house on 45C days in December.



It's late March 1992 and I've pulled up for a break from dirt riding - the Oodnadatta Track reaches out to the horizon, it's dead still and you could have heard a pin drop – Australia stretches on forever – it was an awesome Zen moment.

We then trekked on to Wilpena Pound via Pooncarie sleeping on its racetrack beneath our bikes (can't remember why)?? Wilpena Pound was another memorable experience where we (Les Smith and myself) climbed St Mary Peak (a must-do if you have the inclination) and then discussed options for the way home. Alex said he'd never ridden an out-back track and that he probably never would unless he did it right now. He reckoned the Oodnadatta Track was the closest. We said Holy Cow!!, or other expletives to that effect. After airing a few doubts we decided to also have a crack as well at Alex's desire for a mysterious voyage into the great unknown.

From Hawker (gateway to Wilpena Pound), we headed to



I'm leaning on Les Smith's bike (R80 ST), Alex is next to mine and the gent to the right was riding around Australia. Alex's bike is the XL 600 Honda. Les Smith took the photo.

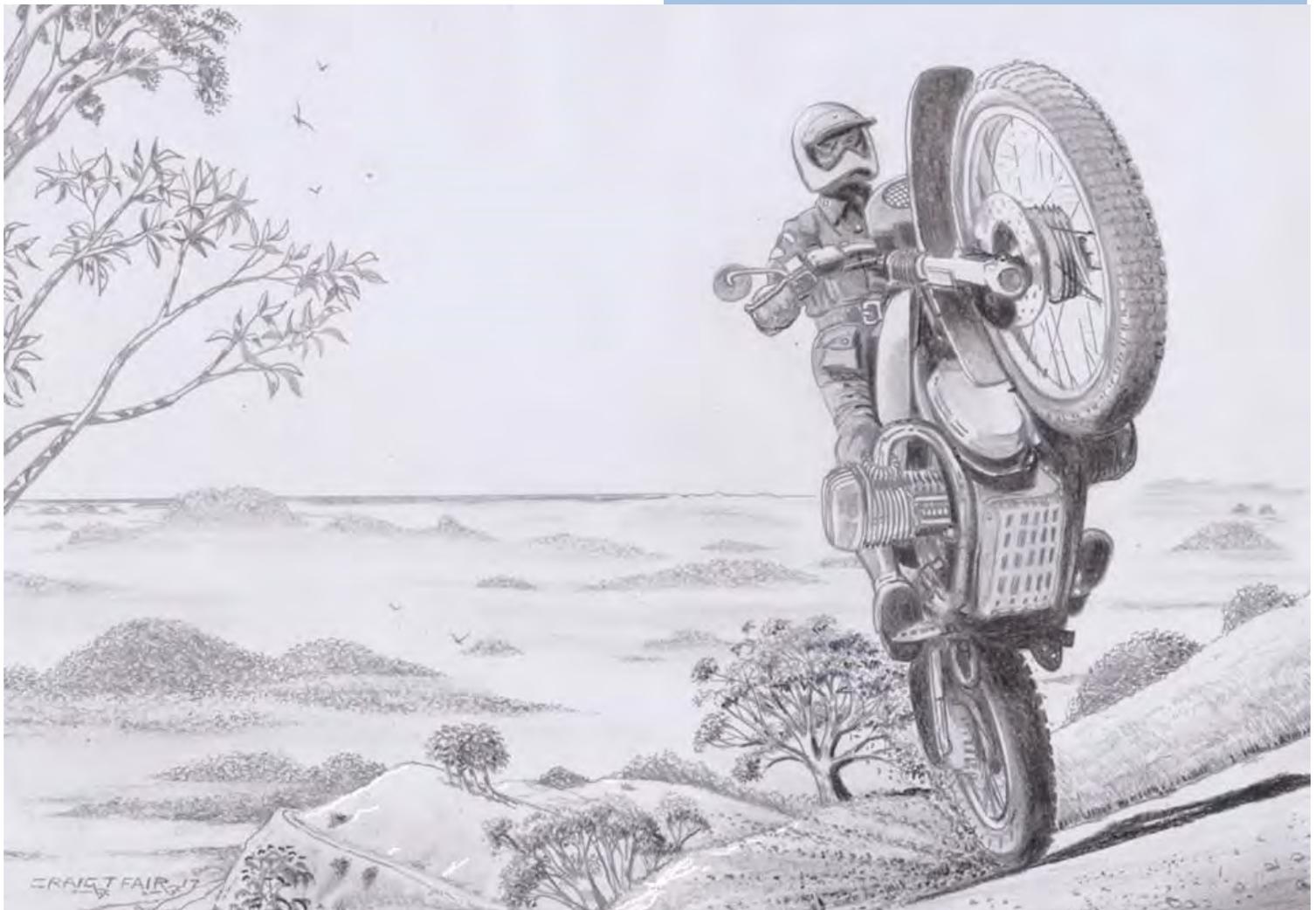
Leigh Creek, Lyndhurst and then to Marree where the Oodnadatta started (or terminated). There was no accommodation in Marree so we decided on the economy option of camping by the Track about 14k north of Maree. We turned off the Track beside a dry creek bed with Alex suggesting the best place to bunk was in the creek bed itself as we'd be able to hear creeps and critters approaching by the crunch of river gravel. After a sumptuous dinner of boiled noodles we retired to the creek bed (sleeping bags on sponge rubber mats). It was quite warm with the stars so astonishingly bright, and so close, that you could reach out and grab one. And thanks to this mesmerising view and the thought of menacing critters (or a flash flood rushing down the creek), not a wink of sleep was to be had.

The next day Les and Alex charged on to William Creek while I wobbled on at 40kph or so on my over-loaded R80 G/S (1988 Paralever model). Much of the Track was reasonably civilised with evidence of the now extinct 'Ghan always nearby. We stopped at some of the derelict railway stations where I found part of an old kerosene lamp that I promised I'd rebuild one day (that day has not arrived so far). At William Creek, there was a phone box from which you could actually ring home (utterly amazing)!! There was also a fair bit of Woomera rocket debris which added to the fascination and isolation of the place. The experience was enhanced also by the metallic scuttling of mega cockroaches trekking across the bunkroom floor all night – very essential to the outback ambience! We had a great night at this iconic location (and would love to have stayed another night), but the timeline dictated that we must head to Coober Pedy for a badly needed laundry spell.

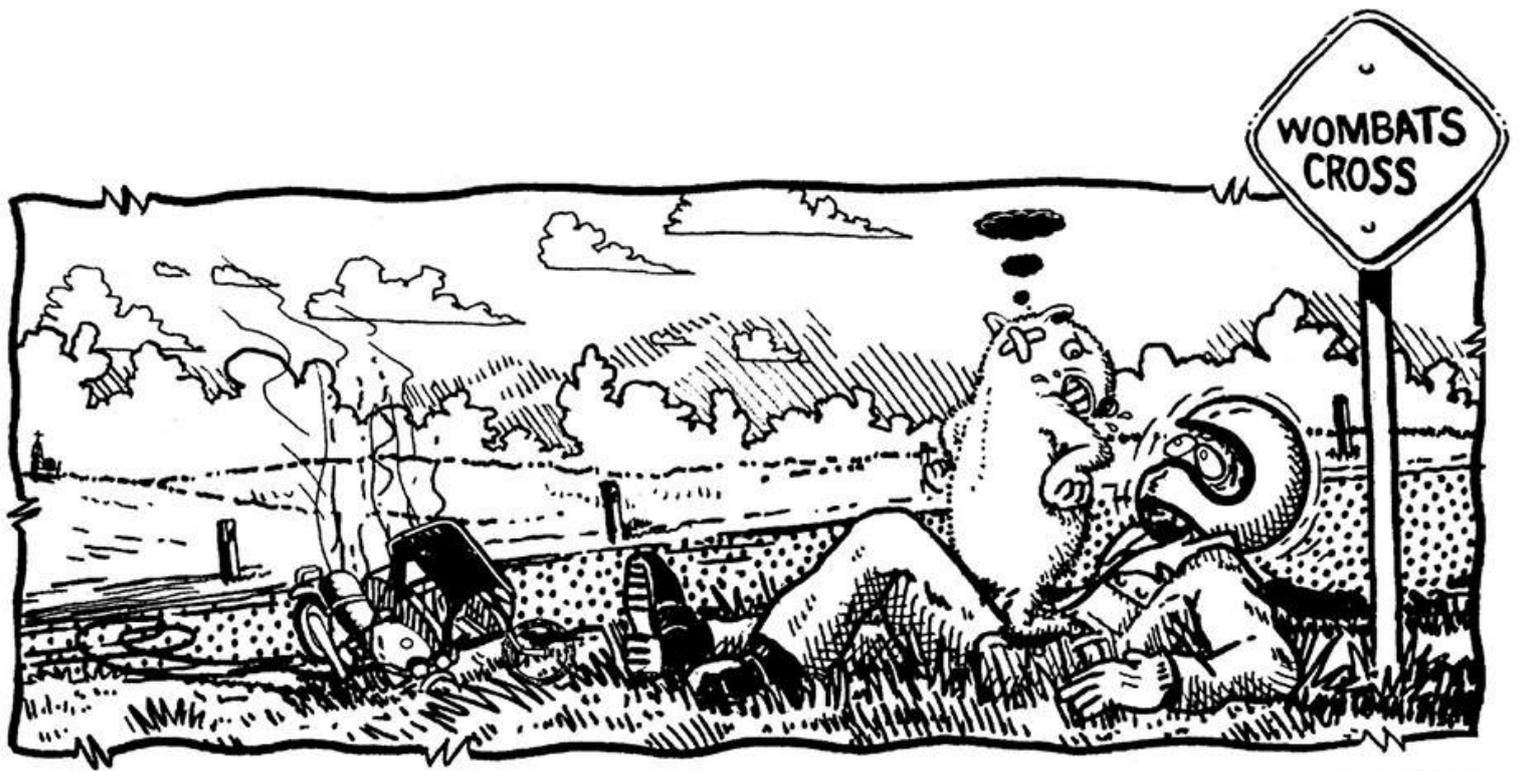
The run there past Anna Creek Station was absolutely horrendous with deep sand most of the 168 k to 'Pedy. It was one of those rides that you had to cope with in 20 metre stretches with the thought of anything greater beyond comprehension, will power and psychiatric equilibrium.

Once at Coober Pedy, the day's nightmare soon evaporated with the assistance a few South Aus beers and tarred roads back to Woomera and through Victoria to home. Barring the dirt bits, it was a great 5,600k run and one that's well and truly etched into the memory. It will be interesting to see how the 2018 Track compares with the 1992 Track.

Rob Lovett



Original Image by Craig Fair, one of our Facebook Group members. Craig owns a 1981 R80G/S



C. FAIR



VOYAGE ACROSS AUSTRALIA BY MOTORCYCLE

by
A. A. HAWKINS

After reading the book "Too Long in the Bush" by Len Beadell, a story of the first geodetic survey to cross Australia from east to west through the Gibson Desert, the N.S.W. B.M.W. Club decided to follow the tracks of surveyor Beadell along the Gunbarrel Highway from Ayers Rock, N.T., to Meekatharra in W.A. by motorcycle.

The term "Gunbarrel Highway" suggests speeds above legal limits, but in reality for five days I did not reach a speed fast enough to fully engage the clutch in low gear.

The road is graded sand compacted by nature with a cover of 50 mm of loose sand which makes the going on two wheels at best unsteady.

We had 1:250 000 National Mapping charts of the route which showed the highway in such bold print we expected a six lane motorway. Experience is a wise teacher! At least the route was plotted accurately from Beadell's astro fixes.

I was appointed navigator for the party of 8 and as I could not carry a theodolite in my pocket I bought a "Sokkisha" abney level with lens and bubble for a star shot each night to check our progress. This cost \$42 and read $\pm 0^{\circ}05'$ when hand held and gave our position within 8 kilometres. Near enough for out there!

Vega is a bright star which transits the meridian in the northern sky about 9 p.m. during August and is ideal for a latitude check. At the same time Spica is setting and gives a check on longitude. A transistor radio gave us a time check on our watches. I carried a Phillips planisphere obtainable from scout shops, for easy identification of all bright stars visible at any time on every night in Australian latitudes.

Len Beadell placed on trees at his astro fix points aluminium plaques stamped with latitude and longitude, very handy for a positive check on our position when there is nothing but shifting sand to steer by, and the road is hard to distinguish in places.

My interest in motorcycles goes back to the days as a survey pupil when the bike was economical transport. Now only senior surveyors can afford to run a large machine.

A bush surveyor from way back with the M.W.S. and D.B. (Metropolitan Waterboard Surveyors and Determined Bushbashers) the call of the outback was too great. Six riders on 750 cc B.M.W.'s crossed the Gunbarrel, one bike had a side car with food, spares and 68 litres of fuel. Each bike had a 34 litre tank plus four 5 litre tins strapped on the side.

From Ayers Rock to Wiluna, 1400 km, there are three fueling stations, Docker River, Warburton and Carnegie, the longest stretch is Warburton to Carnegie, 500 km. The sandy road increased consumption to 10 litres/100 km. Some days we travelled as little as 50 km, so food and water was carried for seven days. Weight of the bikes all up was 365 kg, needing plenty of poise to keep it upright — avoirdupois in the right place so to speak.

The main danger in the desert is from wild beasts. Possums ate our fresh fruit, dogs forced open my haversack and ate my powdered milk and margarine, a hopping mouse ate all my cereal, bread and bis-



cuits. Dingoes made a raid and chewed up my tins of Irish stew and camp pie, etc. For one whole week I lived on water and oranges.

All food must be carried in glass jars with steel caps. One motorcyclist at Ayers Rock found magpies eating his motorcycle, he drove them off only to find his cycle completely eaten down to the tubular steel frame. This together with corrugations built 2 storeys high in that area . . . the mind boggles!

Our journey over and back was 12,000 km of which 5000 was rough dirt roads. It was an endurance test with many dangers, the group must stay together, it would be impossible alone to push up the sand ridges or to carry enough tools and spares.

A great adventure to achieve mastery of our continent on two wheels in spite of all obstacles. The animals are there to eat your food, the dust is there to blind your eyes, the sand is there to throw you off and the spinifex is there to fall into, everything has a purpose. I wonder what my purpose will be after I get all that spinifex out of my hide!



Far Cairn Rally

BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales



14th to 16th September 2018

The BMW Touring Club of NSW proudly presents the 10th Far Cairn Rally to raise funds in support of the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI).

The Far Cairn Rally is held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. The course's grassy paddock is a great camp site, has hot showers and some under cover space. There is limited accommodation available at the Tottenham Hotel. Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast will be BBQ cooked by the local Lions Club. Breakfast is included in the entry cost along with a rally badge. Other meals are obtainable at the pub and take away shop. Grog is BYO and plentiful at the pub and supermarket. Saturday night will feature video presentations, raffle and a bonfire. Please, no fires in the grassy paddock.

Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin and 120kms west of Dubbo. The Centre Cairn monument is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways and marks the centre of NSW.



The locals are looking forward to the Far Cairn Rally as much as we are. Please remember we will be the guests of the Tottenham community – at all times please respect the township, its speed limits, showground property and the community amenities. The Far Cairn Rally is open to all motorcyclists who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt roads for off road riders, from several directions. Please join us for dinner and drinks at the Tottenham Hotel on Friday night.

While paying entry fee is possible on arrival, please consider pre-entry and payment to help us with order quantities of badges, shirts and catering. Please ensure any pre-entries are received by 24 August 2018.

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| Entrants Full Name: | | |
| Pillion/Partner: | | |
| Address/Contact details: | | |
| Expression of interest for Friday night dinner <i>Optional</i> – Yes () or No () | | |
| Club (if any): | | |
| Entry fee/ person (includes a Badge & Sunday breakfast) | \$25.00 | \$ |
| Rally Tee Shirt – SizeColour..... | \$25.00 | \$ |
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| TOTAL | | \$ |

Please make cheques/money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW
EFT available by arrangement.
 PO Box 549
 Ermington, NSW, 1700

For more information: contact: Alan Peters: 0407 829 033 John Raynor 0415 104 830

Or visit our website : www.bmwtcnsw.org.au and follow the links for contacts.

Find us on Facebook : BMW Touring Club of NSW

For more information on MARI have a look at this website: www.drwings.org.au

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



It's on Again: The Annual Special Needs Motorcycle Ride Day

Date: Sunday 16/09/2018

Time: From 9am

Where: **NEW LOCATION**: Clyde Street near the Water Front overlooking Kooragang Island. Then doing a loop around Stockton.

- Have you ever wanted to be a passenger on a Motorcycle (open to all ages)?
- In Support of Hunter Connect, come and enjoy a day for people with Special Needs to experience a free passenger ride on a Motorcycle.
- Ability Links Sensory Tent will be on site, they are awesome in helping in sensory needs or a quiet place for timeout.
- **NEW LOCATION Note: You will no longer will you be leaving Stockton Foreshore (Lions Park), you will leave from Clyde Street near the Water Front overlooking Kooragang Island. Then doing a loop around Stockton.**
- If you have a Motorcycle and would like to support on the day it would be greatly appreciated.
- Riders if you have any spare helmets you could bring on the day it would be greatly appreciated.
- Riders if you have your own helmet you could bring that would be amazing.
- Kids Activities will be on during the day.
- Show & Shine if people are interested, with certificates of appreciation given to the top 3 bikes, with the kids deciding their top 3 bikes.
- Fire & Ice Coffee will be there on the day.
- BBQ will be on.
- Min age to be a passenger is 8, but if there is a child younger there will be other bikes there for them to sit on or be pushed around on.
- On arrival, please register to ensure everyone gets a ride.
- Further info please contact Peter peteem_2620@yahoo or 0412317618, or Rachael rachael@hunterconnect.org.au





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)

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| 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**

DIRECT DEPOSIT: BSW 032 173; Account 40-6259

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

Do you wish to receive the printed newsletter by Mail?..... Yes / No

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

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Watch out for these upcoming events :

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| August | Border Run, OCR, TTT |
| 1 st September | Annual Country Meeting |
| 15 th -16 th September | Far Cairn rally |
| Sept 29 – Oct 1 | BMW Motorrad Rally |
| 12 th 14 th October | Kosciuszko Rally |