

**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



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March 2019 **NEWSLETTER**



Ike Facey (Youngest Rally entrant) and Hamish Treloar on the matching R65LSs at Karuah River Rally.
Photo: Frank Cachia

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Touring Club of New South Wales

A small image of a person wearing a black helmet and riding a motorcycle on a dirt road, positioned to the right of the main text.

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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 February			
	KRR Rally		
March	Events	Contact	points
8 th - 10 th	34 th Cold Flame Rally, Pinch river camp ground off the Barry Way.		
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 South.	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 16 th	Classic Ride Day, Kangaroo Valley. See ride and event details in this newsletter	Jason Boyd	6
Wed 28 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Jason Boyd 0412 858 880	4/6*
Thur 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
April	Events	Contacts	Points
Sat 6 th	NSW/ACT BMW Clubs Joint Run. Destination Malacoota, see details in this newsletter	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	10
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 South.	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
13 th - 14 th	DR Muster, Bigga NSW		10
	Weekend ride to Bundarra, 70 KM west of Uralla, The pub looks after us I think it is about \$30.00 twin room bed includes Breakfast. (02)6723 7106	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	10
Wed 24 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Jason Boyd 0412 858 880	4/6*
Thur 25 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
26 th - 28 th	32nd Autumn leaf rally, Tumorrana Hall about 35KM East of Tumut on Wee Jasper Road.	Points for either rally not each.	10
	Victorian Outfit Rally, At Carter's Beach (Ulupna Island) on the Murray River near Strathmerton.		
May	Events	Contacts	Points
9 th	South Coast Social Sip; 2nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road, North Nowra at 6pm South.	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
10 th - 12 th	30 th Loaded Dog Rally; Tarago Showground - (grass, fire wood, showers and toilets) Tarago Showgrounds, Braidwood Rd, Tarago, NSW		10
19 th	Henning's Lunch time BBQ. Baxter Park, 71 Marine Pde, Nord's Wharf.	Henning 0457 034 488	6
25 th - 26 th	Mudgee Shooting weekend, Windamere Regional Shooting Complex.	Mick Moriarty	6
29 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Jason Boyd 0412 858 880	4/6*
30 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2

Newly & updated items are highlighted Yellow.

4/6* City members attending a club meeting receive 4 points, country members receive 6 points.

If you have been to an event & wish to have your attendance considered for the Clubman Point score, or have suggestions for a club ride or event, please email: vicepresident@bmwtcnsw.org.au

Please also feel free to contact your local Ride Coordinator (details inside cover of newsletter)



**"I spent more on booze than petrol"
"best chilled out vibe of any Karuah I've been to"**

The opening quotes have been "slightly" tweaked in order to keep it fit for publication, but highlights the atmosphere of the successful 42nd Karuah River Rally. As always, a special thank you to all who attended the rally and made the event a success. I understand that we had over 200 people purchasing badges, and there were a few "deadbeat-good-for-nothing-dodgers" that

attended without contributing, increasing overall attendance. The weather was perfect, the roads were good. We had a mix of young and old bikes, riders and pillions. I tried to hobble around and meet as many people as I could, but after 2 hours I had only covered a 3rd of the site, and the gaps that were open space were filling fast. Thank you to Rob Lovett for organising the event and pulling the big picture together. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Cattermole for their assistance with the trailer **and contents. And, as always, a thank you to all the club "worker bees" that put in manning the gate, directing traffic, buttering bread... all the small stuff that makes a huge difference when it doesn't happen. THANK YOU!**



Stay between the lines Dave



Typical of the Barrington Tops area

Again I was lucky enough to have a little more than a weekend to enjoy this ride. Dave P and I took some old favourite dirt roads through the back of the Hawkesbury, then NW towards Singleton, where we met up with the rest of the posse out the back of Barrington Tops. A little rain overnight was greatly appreciated by me. One of the simple pleasures in life, the sound of rain on a tent fly. Saturday morning we had a small stop at Barrington for some running repairs before a nice leisurely ride to Dungog, and then the Frying Pan Creek rally site. For those **newish to the club, I strongly encourage you to talk to some of the "senior" members** for roads to ride up this way. There is plenty of space to get lost in!

We are fast approaching the busy riding season. With the Cold Flame in a week or so, the Victorian Outfit Rally (for those so afflicted) mid-April, and also on the same weekend a Weekend Ride to Bundarra being organised by Rob T and also the Autumn Leaf the end of April. You may have **noticed that Dave B and Alan "the Editor" added** a yearly view of all known rallies and events to the back of last **month's** newsletter? Hopefully this will help everyone to better plan what they are doing, and manage brownie points with their significant other and dependant hoard.

Don't forget for you "classic" riders out there, the March 16th day ride to Kangaroo Valley. There will be a little scavenger hunt in transit with details being handed out from McGraths Hill McDonalds on the day. There will also be a few trophies awarded, including an old favourite... the Errol Flynn award, just for a giggle (a bit like the pink tutu award). There is a 1 pager (I think) in this magazine answering all your questions about this one.

A big one... don't forget as advised last month, if you want to put together a social event we may be able to nominally subsidise it (based around \$100 minimum, or \$15 per person to the value of \$300), It must be in the newsletter, no booze to be subsidised, etc. Bring your ideas forward; we want to bring the club together with more social events!

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

Cheers,

Jason

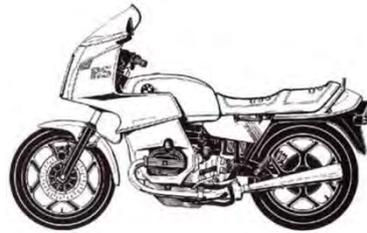
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BMW Touring Club of NSW

Classic Day Ride – Kangaroo Valley

March 16th 2019



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Official BMW Club

ALL bikes are welcome

There is no point having the old iron if you don't use it, so dust off your old junk and get it out for a ride. Final location is Kangaroo Valley pub. You will need to pay for your own food & drink. Ride starts Castle Hill for those from the north, and a 8:30AM **DEPARTURE**, from McGraths Hill McDonalds for all other locations to give everyone time to travel with ease. There will be no formal fuel stops or coffee breaks, so ride at your own pace. For those interested there will be a 5 point scavenger hunt. Details handed out on the day at McDonalds **ONLY**. Photo evidence or it didn't happen! If you follow the provided route you will pass all the scavenger checkpoints, but you can proceed by any route that you want. Awards will be made 1-2PM (probably at the pub)

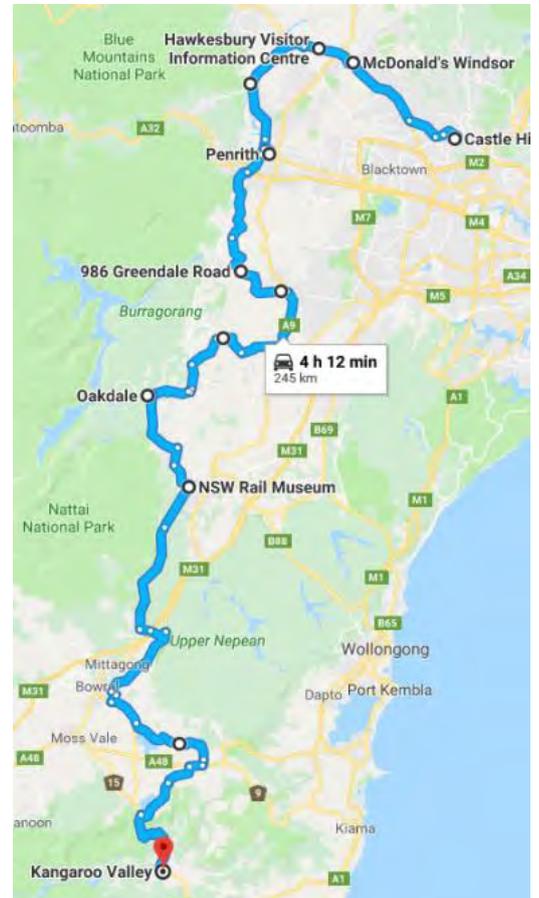
Awards (Club Members Only)

- Oldest combined bike, rider and pillion
- Youngest combined bike, rider and pillion
- Best BMW
- Best "other..."
- Rattiest Reliable Rider (lots of diehard club members will covert this)
- Best "custom" (hybrid - significantly not stock, mix-n-match)
- Scavenger winner
- Optional - Errol Flynn Award of the day

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Castle Hill, New South Wales 2154

McDonald's Windsor, Windsor Rd, Wind

Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre

Penrith, New South Wales 2750

986 Greendale Rd, Greendale NSW 274

Oakdale, New South Wales 2570

NSW Rail Museum, 10 Barbour Rd, Thi

Kangaroo Valley, New South Wales 257

via Windsor Rd 4 h 12 min
4 h 12 min without traffic 245 km

<https://goo.gl/maps/r9885ns3Czp>

Classic: An older bike, with historical interest, collectable, worth preserving or restoring. Typically 20 years or more, "modern" classics also eligible. Results driven by popular opinion on the day.

BMWTCNSW Meeting

30 January 2019

Chairperson – Jason Boyd.

Meeting Opened – 7.45 pm.

Apologies – Nil.

Visitors – Nil.

New Members – Nil.

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

Acc- Al Pennykid.

Sec- Bob Madell.

Correspondence –

Westpac statements x 2.

2 x membership applications.

Thank you card from Brenda Grant wife of the late Rod (Griz) Grant – see February 2019 Newsletter.

Letter of appreciation from Majors Creek Recreation Reserve Land Manager regarding the Club's donation of \$322 from the Christmas Party Raffle.

2 emails from Cumberland Council regarding the Toongabbie Hall hire.

President's Report –

Refer to the President's Report in the February 2019 Newsletter and in particular to the proposal for small events in the Regions.

Vice President's Report –

Dave Beers confirmed that the Calendar has been updated to April 2019. Refer to Coming Events for details.

Secretary's Report –

John Rayner reported that the Club's Public Liability Insurance Policy with Alliance had not been renewed due to Alliance no longer offering the type of cover required. Alternative insurance quotes had been received in the order of \$3 -5K (compared with the previous premium of \$1,200). Following a number of enquiries with other BMW Clubs the Executive Committee had agreed to become affiliated with the National Motorcycle Alliance which offers public liability insurance on a per event basis. The estimated premium for the year is around \$1,700. The only issue with this is that events need to be covered on an event by event basis which is time consuming and needs to be organised prior to each event. John committed to further pursue alternatives, but at least the forthcoming KRR was organised. Bob Madell suggest that Monaland Insurance Brokers be contacted. John agreed to follow this up.

Treasurer's Report –

Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

Reserve Acc \$32,573.65.

Cheque Acc \$1,334.85.

Membership Secretary –

6 new members reported this month. See February 2019 Newsletter.

Editor –

Al Pennykid reported that we now have a new Auspost Print Post Number due to the old one being out of date.

Despite a good supply of Newsletter articles Al requested members to keep sending them in.

Public Officer

No report.

Regalia –

Warren Buffett noted that there are no stocks of number plate covers for Historic Vehicle number plates and that he would investigate and follow up.

New bucket hats to be ordered.

Assets & Archives –

Mal Cattermole advised that he had taken the Club trailer over to Dave Beers place to prepare it for repainting prior to the application of new signwriting.

Mal reported a new cooler bin has been purchased for the trailer.

Clubs Australia –

Trevor Dean noted next CA AGM in April.

BMW Award of Excellence – Members to propose nominations for the Award. Contact Trevor or the Executive.

Webmaster –

No report.

MCC –

Bob Madell noted that he was unable to attend the last MCC meeting.

Bob noted that the MCC had asked for volunteers to attend the Carnivale.

Bob also noted that the MCC is hoping to get the NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, to address the next MCC meeting.

Past Events –

31 Dec – 1 Jan – New Year's Gathering – No report.

11-13 Jan – Capital Rally – No report.

26 Jan – KRR Recon Run – 10 Attendees. KRR all ready to go.

Coming Events –

8-10 Feb – Karuah River Rally – Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest, Dungog.

8-10 Mar – Cold Flame Rally – Pinch River Camp Ground, Barry Way.

16 Mar – Classic Ride Day – Kangaroo Valley.

General Business –

Warren Buffett has upgraded the hot water urns for the trailer and demonstrated their use to the meeting. (Heath Robinson had nothing on this!).

KRR Recon Run – Jason Boyd asked if everything is done that needs to be done for the KRR. Back up 'Plan B' is Ferndale in case of hot weather and forest closure. Jason to call Rob Lovett regarding raffle prizes.

Defibrillator – Dave Beers reported that no Dungog community clubs have a defibrillator. Advised best to go through Dungog RSL. Dave Beers will follow up with a view to see if a government grant can be obtained. Bob Madell suggest buying one for Dungog and another for the Club.

MARI – Paul Evans has been in discussion with Ken Lovegrove regarding the ongoing work of MARI. Paul suggested that it may be appropriate that each club has a member that represents MARI to local riders. It was suggested that Ken Lovegrove comes to a Club meeting to discuss MARI and its future direction.

Meeting closed: 9.06 pm.



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NEWS:

• **New members**

The Membership Secretary would like to welcome our latest members to the club:

Sandra Payne (Epping)

Les Gardner (Llanarth)

John Addis (Bungendore)

• **Motocap**

have recently done some more riding gear safety ratings www.motocap.com.au have a look.

• **ACT/NSW BMW Clubs Joint run**

Combined NSW/ ACT BMW Touring Clubs pub ride to Malacoota Hotel / Motel on the 6th April. Pub Phone Number is (03) 51580455.

Mention BMWTCNSW for bookings at pub, other accommodation is available at 3 caravan parks in town. Everyone to organise their own accommodation.

• **Wanted:**

Webmaster for the club; please contact a committee member to express interest. Duties are maintaining the club website, updating events and content.

• **Magazine content**

The Editor is always looking for Newsletter content, Touring stories, tech articles, motorcycle histories or just plain yarns are always good.

Please send to editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au Next months deadline will be Saturday 26/3/19. Please send articles in word or txt format as attachments. Do NOT send through the yahoo group or via Facebook messenger etc. Don't spend too much time on formatting, I will reformat to the newsletter format anyway. Placeholders for photos are good.

Capital Rally 2019

OR things we do to keep cool!!

Greetings all,

All was set for 2 nights away for this one. Plan was fuel stops at Queanbeyan & then Hornsby & so it was.

On previous trips with GS's & Ducati's I invariably used less fuel. Ah progress!! The joys of owning a real bike



Satdee 9am saw me out the gate with first break at Sublime Point. Met a couple there who just walked up the escarpment in 1 hour!! A good effort in that heat.

Lunched at Bomaderry followed by another nice ride to Neriga for refreshing Lemon, Lime & Bitters - cos it was hot.

Arrived at Stewart's Crossing about 3.33 & then into the Shoalhaven to join the other's for a chat, wee & a drink. All this was followed by chat, drink, chat, drink, nibbling

..... you got it

Into the swag bout 10ish & up at 6am we'll rested. Night was comfortably mild.

I also collected a main bearing tool that Wazza made.

George did a splendid job avoiding the distribution of about 45 badges, well done. Next year he may put on a spit - he muted!!

I was a bit surprised when I was about the 4th last to depart by 9am.

Then off to 'Tinut' in Brindabella for another pleasant visit but not before stocking up on horses doves, prawns, garlic bread & wine, for the rent. We soon settled into chatting consuming the above.



We have been very privileged to have enjoyed the Alpine Rally there.



A 9am departure then a dip in the Goodradigbee en route, then home via Micalong Ck, Wee Jasper, Gunning & home just in time for dinner.

Interesting observation : I didn't see one kangaroo on the whole journey. It seems that we are too clever to sit in the shade all day!!

This was written during a return train trip to n from Broken Hill.

Cheers
Henning R75/5



Adventure Bike Pannier Development

By Tech correspondent Yapulin Mylegauntcha

It just fell in to my in box. An unsolicited email from someone called Julian , supposedly from Ecuador. I usually don't open unsolicited email but the title intrigued me. The email had two images embedded...



It is clear from the concealed license plate, covered by the word Geheim, meaning secret in German, that this was an archive image taken early this century. Judging by the crowded workshop it is probably a discreet skunk works development site somewhere in the Bavarian forest.

Those aluminium panniers were first released on the R1150GSA in 2002 but the test bike is probably just an experimental workshop hack. These types of pannier revolutionised adventure bike travel by allowing riders to carry nearly as much stuff as a grey nomad in a caravan. It was a boon for BMW to the detriment of recreational vehicle sales. However, of most interest is the reverse mounted pannier on the right side. The question is why?

One can only speculate but there seems to be a whip aerial on the rear mounting frame and some loose electrics inside the open pannier. Could this have been around the time of the release of the twin spark engines that coincided with linked brakes? These systems had a residual mode if the ABS failed where some brake force was still available but the market hated it because it took a lot of force to activate while riding and also resulted in plenty of garage and parking drops if the bike was moved with the ignition off. We speculate that the aerial picks up a signal from the ABS and activates the pannier latch, instantly dumping the contents before it acts as a pseudo drag chute thus dramatically increasing the rate of deceleration.

We can speculate all we like but it still a case of what might have been. These days aluminium panniers invariably open from the top and the aluminium pannier has grown from BMW's humble first effort to being di rigueur for serious ADVers. Riders spend more than their bike purchase riding to places that sell stickers to adorn their panniers and many tears are shed if a fully stickered pannier is wrecked in a mishap.



Some people at the Karuah River Rally were simply overcome by the excitement:



KRR 2019 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our 2019 Karuah River Rally was a major success for a couple of reasons. First and foremost was the positive feedback with quite a few saying it was a great event and a lot of fun. And secondly, there were over two hundred entrants (plus a few more who chose not to enter the rally and therefore left those who did enter to bear the cost of staging the rally - wonderful!)

The rally does not spontaneously generate itself with a number of members and helpers contributing their time and effort to produce an event of this scale. In no particular order, the Club is indebted to Mal and Marianne Cattermole who filled the gas bottles and towed the club trailer from Sydney to the rally site and back to Sydney again and spent several days in Dungog doing so. Mal and Dave Beers also tidied up and cleaned the trailer in preparation for the run up to Dungog.

Several members helped assemble the reception marquees and set up the club trailer on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to allow things to work once the catering supplies arrived on Saturday. Members who helped with setting up and packing on Sunday morning included Marie Pennykid, Tony Wilton, Tony Conliffe, Paul Evans and Mal Cattermole

The catering activity is also a major effort and for this we owe quite a bit to Cheryl Ison, Tony Schmidt and Rachel Turner. In particular, Cheryl Ison prepared the delicious coleslaw on Friday evening and helped pick up and load all the catering supplies from around Dungog, then helped set up the cooking process along with Rachel and Tony. In addition, throughout the afternoon, Dave Ramsay, Steve Treloar, Marg Barlow, Dave Barlow, Dave Povey, Dave Beers, Tony Conliffe, George Scarfe and Henning Jorgensen generously pitched in when they could have been lounging in the Frying Pan Creek rock pool.

The entry point was operated by Marie Pennykid, Mal Cattermole, Steve Treloar, Hamish Treloar, Mick Furchert, Dave Beers and Marianne Cattermole. Garry Smee (President, BMW MCC ACT) kindly donated a cooking set and Warren Buffett once again did an excellent job with the rally awards (must try and win one someday). Warren also put an enormous amount of work into buying two water urns and constructing a preheat mechanism to make them boil faster – a not inconsiderable task. Mick Furchert also donated a raffle prize.

On Sunday morning, Mick Furchert helped pack up all the rubbish at the site, get it secured on the ute and helped unload it (in steamy heat) at the Dungog tip – not the most glamorous task for the weekend by any means.

Once again, Bruce Clark of the Bank Hotel (with Deborah's assistance) donated the ice and a raffle prize and allowed us to use the hotel's kitchen to prepare and store the coleslaw (a huge help). Bruce also let us store the public notice signs at the pub for pick up by the Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW). And last but not least, we are also indebted to Mike Hill and his team at FCNSW for managing the process for obtaining the site and provision of barriers and firewood. And thanks to Exclusive Die Sinking and Yvonne Field for the great badges.

We also owe a mountain of gratitude to the weather manager for a temperate weekend and for relocating the dark clouds late Saturday afternoon (it looked like a deluge of 100mm – but not so!)

Mick Furchert has also made a very sensible suggestion in

Hamish Treloar (left) and Ike Facey (right) aboard their 1984 R65 LS - one frame / engine number apart - believe it or not!



relation to rubbish collection – if we could separate the recyclables it will reduce tip fees – we would need an additional vehicle, so let's see what we can do.

Note – I've probably missed several that I shouldn't have – please contact me and I'll do an update in a later edition.

A large advertisement for Rock Motorcycles featuring a rider on a BMW GS motorcycle performing a wheelie on a dirt road. The background shows a rocky landscape under a blue sky with clouds.

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Members of NSW Riders, itself a member of the MCC of NSW, have enjoyed member prices from Gulf Western for their motorcycle oils for a number of years, with Ross Tubnor of Gulf Western, being one of the groups founding members.

The offer of member prices for motorcycle oils has now been extended to Motorcycle Council of NSW Delegates, member clubs and their members along with all Individual Supporters. No joining fees or membership required. Just quality oil and good advice, at the best price and service. If you are unsure of which oil to choose, just ask their helpful staff.

As NSW Riders already has an established account, and without wanting to create multiple accounts, when placing an order, just mention the group name NSW Riders, to the sales staff and they will assist you with your order. All sales are on either a cash or credit card basis.

To avail yourselves of this special member offer, just visit Gulf Western Oil at St Mary's for over the counter sales or contact them by phone (details below) and mention the group name **NSW Riders**. It's that easy. If arranging an over the counter sale, please call prior so that your order can be prepared in advance.

Delivery can also be arranged. A nominal delivery fee applies. Please discuss this with the sales staff.

Gulf Western Oil Contact Details/Address

Address: 92-96 Links Road, St Mary's NSW
 Phone: 02 9673 9600 (Free Hotline 1800 248 919)
 Email: sales@gulfwestern.com.au;

Karuah River Rally 2019

Frank Cachia

-Eye the speedo, followed by a casual glance in the rear view mirror, another look at the radio scanning for stations and eyes front to see which way I'm heading. Regularly repeat process. Boy, this is boring. So boring that once the sun came up and I spotted a flock of sheep I hit the horn just to see if I can cause them to stampede. Not one even looked up; perhaps they're just as bored as I am.

Boring, dull and wearisome, here I sit, in a car heading to a motorcycle event with the left leg still encased in a metal brace. The event of the year, the one I so look forward too, the highlight on my motorcycle calendar, and here am I stuck in a procession of similar slow vehicles, unable to pass due to the leading traffic jammed towed caravan. How could life be so cruel?

This was a first, attending the Karuah River Rally driving up to the last town and then picked up by a 4WD and taken to the rally. Having woken up at 3.50am and departing



90 minutes later saw me arriving at the border just on 9.00am. I don't know what was worse, the dead straight divided roads or being in a car.

Past Albury, swing on to the Olympic highway and travel through more straight roads. The surprise was the lack of picking up any radio stations. It was like driving in a death zone; even the reliable ABC was asleep. The only thing that broke the boredom was the numerous road works. Every year travelling along the Olympic highway sees us stopping at roadworks. This year they outdid themselves with one stop lasting around 22 minutes. This delay was long enough that car and truck drivers switched off their engines. It gave both me and others time to get out of the cars and start chatting with each other and the lollipop man.

Numerous tiny hamlets came and went, the road eventually taking me to such well known towns as Cowra, the halfway point, where I stopped for lunch and in Bathurst a quick lap around Mt Panorama. McDonalds, at Lithgow, is the point where the road finally changes from long straight roads to the start of the back breaking hill climb to the upper plain and then the delightful Bell Line of Road. Delightful it is but not when one is in a car stuck behind another. And when you finally do pass you'll get stuck again at the next bend behind another.

To a motorcyclist this is cruelty of the first order; to a car driver it's maddening. Finally the turnoff which is a shortcut comes up at the picturesque town of Kurrajong leaving traffic behind and then joins the famous Putty Road. Here lays a 160km winding road offering photographic scenery, very light traffic and shallow bends sign posted from 70 down to overheating brakes at 25kph. A memorable thrill on any bike, in a car not so. At times it was as if I was manhandling an aircraft carrier in a harbour.

This time it certainly was a memorable drive but that's

because an increase in cloud cover brought lightning dancing across a rapidly darkening sky and a heavy downpour that made the wipers ineffective, and the rapidly flooding road saw a cautionary slowly down. The severity of the rain alone meant that if I was on my bike I would look for cover. The rain was pelting down hard enough that I actually looked at the bonnet expecting to see dents forming.

And I wasn't the only looking for cover. Fourteen hours after leaving home I arrived in Singleton with every motel/hotel "No Vacancy" sign lit up. Fortunately I managed to be the last guest at a small out of the way motel. Following a shower I had a choice of either looking at the TV or the lightning lighting up or then plunging the surrounding area back into darkness. And the rain followed.

Dawn brought showers yet within minutes of leaving Singleton the rain stopped and the sun came out. By the time



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I rolled into Dungog and left the car at the pub car park, it was shorts and T shirts and quite muggy. Horror reports of the clay road into the rally were unfounded. Apart from a number of wet pot holes the road was smooth, sure footed and dust free.

The rally site is easily recognisable, but that understandable I've been there 42 times. And besides having a splash in the river, once again a place to catch up with mates from past years and while nursing a beer go walkabout and talk about our favourite subject --- motorbikes.

Regrettably, due to medical appointments on Monday, I didn't put up a tent and was returned back to my car after the presentation.

Back in town, no movement was to be seen, no bike or car were present and apart from street lights the only sign of civilisation was the pub. Under a clear star studded night, I pointed the car back towards Melbourne.

No more than an hour away from the rally and once again lightning was seen behind the darkened mountain range. This was a repetition of last year. You recall that at the end of the Putty road, lightning was directly above us with thunder claps followed. One moment the area was illuminating the whole countryside then plunging it into total darkness. We were given a warning by the two rain drops hitting the visor. We quickly pulled over and among bouts of laughter we struggled to put on our wet weather gear. This time the bad weather moved off and stars once again appeared.

The tight twisting mountain road finally gave way to open sweepers and although welcomed, it's here that wandering animals carelessly cross the road. It seems that this area is a wildlife crossing area as within a short period of time I saw a possum, a deer, two kangaroos and a fox crossing the road without any of them looking both ways.

A brief stop at Colo River brought out the camera to record my 34yo car odometer reaching 250,000km. Shortly after, I left the Putty Road, entered the "short cut" and proceeded onto the Bell Line of Road. At close to 1am I had the road to myself. Now this is much better than the forward run. All too soon the road ended following the steep descends into Lithgow.

This time I stopped at the corner McDonald store to pick up some French fries plus put on a woollen pullover. The temperature had definitely taken a dive. I could have switched on the heating system but all I needed was to take the edge off. From here on travel is far smoother having left the twisties behind and the wide open road beckons a higher hourly average.

Once the lights of Bathurst were left behind, the road was void of traffic, and it was here that I really started to cover a higher hourly average. The next town is Cowra and is considered to be roughly the half way point. On previous runs the Cowra memorial park was the place to stop for a nap and although planned as such my eyes were giving me slumber signals. Approximately 30km from Cowra I pulled over, tilled the passenger seat back and after being awake for 22 hours, as soon as I closed my eyes, sleep came practically instantaneously.

Waking up to the sound of the earliest bird is one thing, waking to shivering teeth is another? I couldn't believe how in past runs I easily slept on a park bench wearing just a T shirt under a leather jacket and now inside a car with more layers of clothes was woken up by the cold.

The first hint of light appeared as I passed through Cowra and as I travelled further south the light got brighter. It promised to be a beautiful clear day.

Oh yes, very sneaky. At Wagga Wagga a highway patrol car was placed facing the incline at the end of town directly hiding in front of the rising sun. Anyone driving up had no way of seeing it. Beware of the cops in the sun. I planned to stop here but the only opened shop was the newsagency. At the rather quaint town of Uranquinty I took on fuel for both me and the car. Off interest during WW II, this hamlet was chosen by the RAAF for a school to teach future pilots. Further-

more an aircraft fuel depot was housed here. I doubt very much whether the Japanese would have bombed this place since its unusual name meant they'll have trouble pronouncing it.

Feeling quite refreshed the adventure continued with the border being only an hour away. By now the headlights were switched off, the sun has passed the horizon and the weather was turning considerably warmer. The sun was shining, birds singing and a dazzling clear blue sky above. The road wasn't exclusively mine anymore; the odd vehicle was encountered and passed. One item not missed were the lollipop men and travel wasn't hindered at all.

A joy to bypass the Albury /Wodonga bottle neck, gone are the days of the 14km run through town. And with home a mere 3 hours away, I'll just make it back in time for lunch. At Benalla I turned off the boring freeway and travelled through Yarck and Yea before meeting my first traffic light in Yarra Glen. Yep it was red.

Back home I unpacked, showered and then carry out the weekly washing. After lunch did some shopping, watch TV and after dinner got onto the computer. At midnight I turned in. So, on Saturday, attend a rally, had a 2 hour nap, covered 1224km and 42 hours after waking up on Saturday morning went back to bed.

And so, once again, another Karuah River Rally passed into history.

Frank Cachia



Alpine Motorcycle Rally

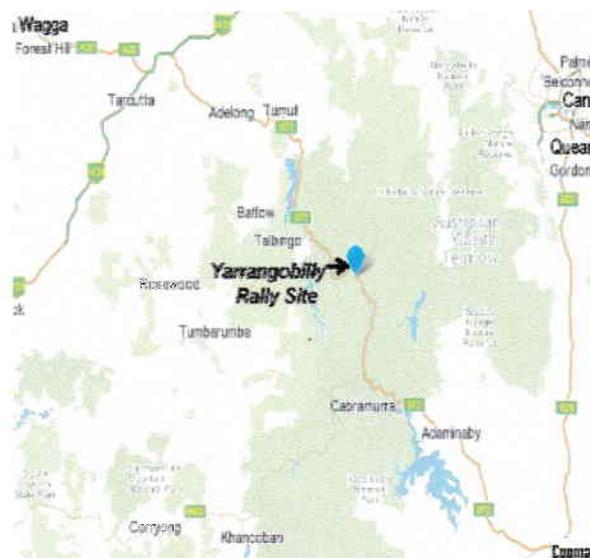


Queens Birthday – June Long Weekend

8, 9 & 10 June 2019

@ Yarrangobilly

- All motorcyclists are invited to be part of this original '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 good olde Rally memorabilia to share with us all.
- This year's presentation will be 9am 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 23 years of age and under, will earn FREE ENTRY for BOTH OF THEM (no double dipping :)))**



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Let's all encourage olde, current & new motorcyclists to our big event.

For this year the 50th Alpine Rally, all our fellow Alpine Rallyists of previous years 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?

Including those no longer riding.

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JAN

10th South Coast Social Sip
 12th Capital Rally @ Stewarts Crossing
 26th KRR Recon Run
 30th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 31st Hunter Social Sip

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FEB

9th - 10th KARUAH RIVER RALLY
 14th South Coast Social Sip
 27th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 28th Hunter Social Sip

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MAR

9th - 11th Cold Flame Rally
 14th South Coast Social Sip
 16th - Classic Ride Day to Kangaroo Valley
 27th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 28th Hunter Social Sip

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APR

6th NSW/ACT Joint Club run
 11th South Coast Social Sip
 13th-14th Bundarra Pub Run
 DR Muster
 24th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 25th Hunter Social Sip
 27th - 28th Autumn Leaf Rally
 Outfit Rally

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MAY

9th South Coast Social Sip
 11th - 12th Loaded Dog Rally
 25th-26th Mudgee Shooting Weekend
 29th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 30th Hunter Social Sip

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JUN

8th - 10th 50th Alpine Rally
 13th South Coast Social Sip
 21st - 23rd Casper Rally
 26th Club Meeting & AGM
 27th Hunter Social Sip

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JUL

11th South Coast Social Sip
 12th - 14th Winter Rally
 19th-21st Apollo Rally (50 year anniversary)
 25th Hunter Social Sip
 26th - 28th Hat Rally
 31st Club Meeting @ Toongabbie

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AWARDS night (TBC)

3rd Border Run (SA/WA)
 8th South Coast Social Sip
 28th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 24th - 25th TTT Rally (to be confirmed)
 29th Hunter Social Sip

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SEP

12th South Coast Social Sip
 14th - 15th Dargo High Plains rally (confirmed)
 21st-22nd Far Cairn Rally (TBC)
 25th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 26th Hunter Social Sip
 28th - 29th Sidecar Rally (to be confirmed)

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OCT

5th - 7th LW ride (to be confirmed)
 10th South Coast Social Sip
 11th - 13th Kosciuszko Rally
 30th Club Meeting @ Toongabbie
 31st Hunter Social Sip

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1st-3rd Thunder Rally (to be confirmed)
 14th South Coast Social Sip
 16th Movie Night @ Spencer
 27th Club Meeting and Auction Night
 28th Hunter Social Sip

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DEC

12th South Coast Social Sip
 14th Christmas Party (to be confirmed)
 26th Sydney Social Sip @ Toongabbie Hotel

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16 th March	Classic Ride Day – Kangaroo Valley
13 th -14 th April	Weekend ride to Bundarra
26 th -28 th April	Outfit Rally (Vic)
26 th -28 th April	Autumn Leaf Rally
10 th -12 th May	Loaded Dog Rally
25 th -26 th May	Mudgee Shooting weekend
8 th – 10 th June	50 th Alpine Rally