



Attendees at the BMW 100th year celebration and country meeting

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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 Friday 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 Calendar

SEPTEMBER			
Sat 3 rd	Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast, Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Fri 9 th	South Coast Social Sip; Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 nd Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sun 11 th	Bundanoon breakfast ride: Primula Café, CASH ONLY 15 Railway Ave Bundanoon. Meet @ McDonalds Eastern Creek West bound 7am depart 7.30am or meet @ Bundanoon 9.30am	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	6
Sun 11 th	Coffee and day ride 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 Am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Fri 16 th – Sun 18 th	Far Cairn Rally Tottenham Race course. Pre book to order 'T' shirts.	Paul Evans 0411 738 267	10
Sun 18 th	Mid North Coast Social Sip, Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Wed 28 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*
Thurs 29 th	Hunter Social Sip: Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
OCTOBER			
Sat 1 st – Mon 3 rd	Cane Toad Rally (QLD) See later in the newsletter for details	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Sat 1 st	Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast, Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
8-9	Kosciuszko Rally; Geehi Flats campsite, BMWCCACT		10
Fri 9 th	South Coast Social Sip; Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 nd Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sun 10 th	Coffee and day ride; meet 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th	Farm Stay at Stuarts place near Dungog at 943 Glen William Road, Glen William NSW 2321. BBQ, Fire etc. Great camping weekend last year. Special invite to our all members. RSVP 8th Oct 2016	Stuart 0427 767 129 Rob 0425 777 461	10
Sun 16 th	Mid North Coast Social Sip, Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Sun 23 rd	New Members Ride, To Burrawang Park, Burrawang, meet @ McDonalds Eastern Creek West Bound @9.30 for 10am departure, please RSVP Marie 0428 393 093 by 21 st SEPTEMBER	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	6
Wed 26 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*
Thurs 27 th	Hunter Social Sip: Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
NOVEMBER			
11-12	BMW National Motorrad Rally (Bright, Victoria)		10
19-20	Temora Airshow		10
27	Grey Gums Breakfast Ride		6
DECEMBER			
Sat 10 th Sun 11 th	Club Christmas Party At Majors Creek Community Hall, south of Braidwood. Dinner catered by Capital Roast Camping with plenty of parking in hall ground with limited accommodation at the pub, 500m walk		10

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

General Meeting Minutes 29 June 2016

27 July 2016

Chairperson – Al Peters

Meeting Opened – 7.57 PM

Apologies – Dave Povey, Bob Whitehead, Ian Emmett, John Visser and Jorgensen Henning.

Visitors – Trevor Lever.

New Members – Nil.

Previous Minutes – The Minutes of June 2016 Meeting were tabled.

- Acc-Bob Madell.
- Sec-Warren Buffett.

Correspondence –

- Magazines from BMW QLD: NZ (June & July), and VIC.
- Westpac statements x 2.
- Membership renewals x 11.
- FCR Entry x 1.
- Lachlan Shire Council FCR approval letter.
- Parkes Police FCR Approval letter.

President's Report –

- The President thanked last year's committee for their efforts, and welcomed the incoming committee.
- The President reported on a successful Awards Night held at Wallerawang attended by 30 members plus partners.
- The President congratulated Mick Rawstron on his 25 year Club membership.

Vice President's Report –

- The Vice President sent his apologies.

Secretary's Report –

- The Secretary confirmed that approvals have been received from the Lachlan 'shire Council and the Parkes Police for the Far Cairn Rally to be held 16-18 September.

Treasurer's Report –

- Reserve Acc \$26,640.13.
- Cheque Acc \$9,560.28.
- The Treasurer confirmed that Crash Cards are available and will be included in next month's Newsletter mailout.
- The Club's bank accounts have been reconciled to the end of June.
- All bills have been paid.
- The Treasurer has added historic expenses and income accounts to the MYOB accounts.
- The Treasurer noted that all Newsletter advertisers have paid their 2016 accounts.

Membership Secretary –

- The Membership Secretary reported 7 new members during July.
- There are currently 56 non-financial members (3 deceased).

Editor –

- The editor requested articles for forth coming Newsletters.

Public Officer

- No report.

Regalia –

- The Regalia Officer report heaps of stock.

- 40th Anniversary badges still available. Buy now while stocks last.
- Plenty of flowels, number plate covers, stubby holders, mugs.
- The Regalia Officer suggest that as much regalia would be available at the FCR as possible.

Assets & Archives –

- It was suggested that a working bee be held on OCT/Nov to service the trailer. The date will be advertised on the Club Calendar.
- Hot Water Service – Warren Buffett to query whether proposed new HWS for the trailer supplies potable water. If it does, then WB to proceed to purchase same.

Clubs Australia –

- Trevor Dean reported all BMW Centenary regalia available.
- BMW Clubs Australia have a large inflatable arch available for club events. Suggested that this be acquired for the FCR.
- 9-11 September BMW Festival in Munich.

Webmaster –

- No report.

MCC –

- Bob Madell reported that:
 - MCC talking to lawyers regarding consorting laws. The current legislation is tough.
 - Crash Card introduced. Will be in next month's Newsletter.
 - Ulysses Club has also organised funding for Community Road Safety – How to select a helmet.

Past Events –

- Awards Night – attended by 30 members and partners. Venue and food all good. Thanks to the staff at the Black Gold Country Cabins, Wallerawang for their friendly and good humoured service.
- At the meeting the President presented the President's Award to Mal and Marianne Cattermole.
- Other awards were presented at the Awards Night to:
 - Marie Pennykid – Clubman of the Year.
 - Stan Kucera – Clubman of the Year (Runner-up).
 - Warren Buffett – Country Clubman.
 - Tony and Cheryl Schmidt – Country Clubman (Runner-up).
 - Michael Sarah – Most Active New Member.
 - Editor's Award – Mick Furchert.
- Congratulations to all winners.
- Casper Rally – attended by Paul Evans how reported plenty of snow enroute.
- Sutton Forest Pub Ride.

Coming Events –

- 30/31 July - HAT Rally.
- 6 August - Border Run, Border Village, South Australia.
- 13 August - Off Centre Run, Mungerannie.
- 20/21 August - BMWTCNSW Country Meeting, Cowra.
- 27/28 August - TTT Rally, near Wombeyan.
- 16/18 September - Far Cairn Rally, Tottenham Racecourse.

General Business –

- Paul Evans reported that Bala wants to know about the situation with the satellite phone.
- Paul Evans noted that more raffle prizes are required for the FCR. Suggested talk to Grey Gums Café, Adventurer Motorcycles. PE has spreadsheet of all sponsors from last year.

Meeting Closed: 8.56 PM Recess of 15minutes to 2016 AGM.

100 year Celebration, Cowra

When BMW announced the 100 year celebrations, I originally thought of a show and shine day at somewhere like Parramatta Park. After that, the date August 20 sank in and I groaned to myself and thought "the week after the Off Centre Rally". So with discussion at the Club meeting the event mutated into a run to Cowra (after all we are a *Touring* club not a *Show* club anyway) to celebrate 100 years of BMW, intercept a few returning OCR attendees and toss a Country Meeting into the mix.

I organised a meet at Pheasant's Nest to head south and around to Cowra rather than the direct route via the roadworks ridden Great Western Highway. Marie simultaneously collected a few westies and mountains people and headed due west.

The south meet simply consisted of Gerry Bloeman, my non-member mate Shanan and myself. After weeks of perfect weather slaving away at work and gazing at blue skies while being treated to balmy days we were treated to a cool, grey start to the ride. We slabbed south to Goulburn the did the right turn to head west. By Crookwell the cool, grey had morphed into cold, wet, windy and grey. Gerry's bike thermometer told him it was just 4 degrees. The wind at Crookwell was sufficiently strong from the left that negotiating a right hand bend entailed keeping the bike vertical. I reckon if they had of turned all those big fans on the other hill off it wouldn't have been so windy.

Running north through Tuena the weather broke into sunny patches interspersed with the odd shower. Off the main road in amongst the trees the riding was much more enjoyable. Meanwhile, over towards the Blue Mountains the western run encountered a few hail showers. Once we joined the Mid Western Highway at Mandurama the weather wasn't so bad at all, but the odd dark patches loomed on the horizon.

Our little group was the first to arrive in Cowra and we only rode past the hotel 3 times. It was not what we were expecting! Once inside

and sorting our accommodation the proprietor informed us the cook was gaoled, dead, or left, or sacked or something *but no food!* This was not in the plan for the night and worse, we were hungry right then! Gerry, Shanan and I made a beeline for the nearby Railway pub. Here we ordered lunch and more importantly made a group booking for the evening. After a much needed lunch we headed back to the Valley hotel for a few cleansing ales. Although new members Mick and Deb Russell rode out to meet Marie and the western crew at Bathurst, they actually live two blocks away in Cowra.

At 6.30 we all trooped up to the Railway for dinner. The staff put in a mighty effort and managed to feed all 29 of us, 26 members and three visitors. While waiting for dinner a brief, informal "meeting" was held. The only real business discussed was reinstatement of the satellite phone account.

Above: at The Railway, Tony, Rachel, Cheryl, Steve and his brother Mark.



After dinner some headed off to bed, but a some of us meandered back to the Valley for a couple of post dinner drinks. The timing was good as we passed a big bunch of young locals leaving the Valley for the Railway. Inside the Valley the music was pumping and the pool table got a workout.

Reveille was early for an 8am photo shoot at the old, now disused Railway Station where we had a nice large hardstand area with backdrop to ourselves. Photos of our group were taken

of the assembled BMWs (Mick and Suzuki were punted) with the 100 year banners provided by clubs Australia.

About half of the group headed home from there, the remainder headed down to the Rose Garden Café for a leisurely breakfast. From here we said our final goodbyes and parted ways. Gerry headed to Boorowa and catching up with friends, Shanana to Hay for business on Monday and I teamed up with Postie Pat for a run south through Darby's Falls. The weather

was initially grey but fine and the road loped through the rolling and surprisingly very green hills. This road was a little rough in places but refreshingly free of traffic. There were a few stray sheep on the road that were no threat to us but in an earlier era would have

been fair game for being the jumbuk stuffed in the tucker bag. At Frogmore we joined the Boorowa-Crookwell Road. As we headed east top Crookwell the cloud thickened and a few smatters of drizzle were encountered and of course it got cold again (those bloody fans!) dropping down to 7 degrees.

In Crookwell we spotted Wozza and Dave Beers taking a break. I haven't seen anyone as purple or shivering as Wozza then but couldn't talk him into heading back in the café to be beside the fire. Anyway he climbed back aboard his trusty R80 and headed home after weeks away at the OCR. After Postie and I had

a cuppa in Crookwell we headed off and spotted Woz in Goulburn sunning himself like a goanna. The sun was in full force on the eastern side of the range and I did the last stretch home to Campbelltown in beautiful almost-spring weather. Back home it was unbelievably shirt and shorts weather as I unpacked the ST1100. It felt like I had climbed out of a plane after a flight to the tropics.

All in all it was a great weekend. The



attendance was greater than expected and we met up with half a dozen OCR returnees which gave it a great social atmosphere.

Several people had made the trip home from the OCR and headed back west to attend the event. I'll say a special g'day to Mick Moriarty who met up in Bathurst but was too sick to attend in Cowra.

Meanwhile for me it's back to the job, city and hankering for the next ride.

Alan Peters

Hat Rally

I've just achieved a hat-trick plus one! Just joined my first ever bike club, attended my first rally, first time ever camping off my bike and first time riding through falling snow! Feeling like a real winner!

It all started as a result of meeting Margaret Barlow at the ladies only BMW off-road course held at Dargle last April. There was a bit of emailing between the group of ladies afterwards one of which was from Margaret and mentioned the Hat Rally. I was instantly inspired and got in touch with Margaret about attending they rally and she said she'd come along with me. This was when she told me about the BMWTCNSW which of course I have joined.

I hadn't any suitable hiking/camping gear for the rally so got on the internet and spent hours seeking best prices for tents, sleeping bags and mats, rack pack etc. I also bought a RAM mount for my phone and had the auto electrician install a better power source on my G650GS.

I set off from Wee Waa on the Friday morning to meet up with Margaret at her place in Orange so we could leave the next day for the rally.

We arrived at Araluen just on dark to be greeted by a camping ground dotted with campfires and tents. Margaret found the BMWTCNSW group gathered around a great fire and we pitched our tents. We had missed the rally awards due to our lateness and I realised I would have won the longest travelled female – another possible first!

Margaret and I had planned to leave on the Sunday morning and head down to Moruya and spend some time exploring dirt roads between Batemans Bay and Morton. As we headed out of the camping ground I asked Margaret 'Is this the right way?' and up Majors Creek track we went. Of course when we got to the top and had to ask for directions to Moruya we had to turn around and ride back down the track. This is when it first became apparent that Margaret was not so good at directions. We had a laugh and agreed it was all part of the adventure and off we set for the coast. The road was in great condition and is a really pretty ride along the Deua River. We made camp at Batemans Bay and hit the bags early eager for the next day adventure riding.

I'd been told The River Road from Nelligen was good riding. So with a map Margaret had picked up from the forestry office in Batemans Bay we planned to start on The River Road and end up at Milton. Tony from Canberra had poo poed any plans we had of some fire

trails as they were steep and in poor condition due to rain.

The River Road commences along the Clyde River which was beautiful and wide. The further we rode along, the river would weave to and fro back in sight of the road. The road itself was in fantastic nic with little traffic and a couple of water crossings (where Margaret's boots sprung a leak). It was magical! We came to Brooman Road and decided to ride up to Mogood Lookout with a little trepidation after being told the road was probably corrugated and churned up by forestry trucks. We were so glad we risked it as the road was also in great condition and we came across only one other vehicle. The last little ride up to the lookout was a little daunting and Margaret took the lead and as usual wasn't near as difficult as it appeared. WOW! What a fantastic 360 degree from the top, was truly worth the trip.

We then set off for Milton, had a delicious lunch at the bakery and set off for Kangaroo Valley. Great fun going through the twisties! We eventually stayed overnight in a cabin at Moss Vale as rain was predicted.

We thought our adventure was over the next day as we only had to get back to Orange. The temperature was pretty chilly and we stopped for lunch at the Taralga pub to get thaw out and grab a hot lunch. We were dressed for rain but not expecting the snow that started falling around Black Springs. Now my fingers were really cold but the scene was set as a winter wonderland with pine trees and paddock covered in snow. Unfortunately Margaret refused to stop and let me take a photo and after a 'warm-up' stop at Oberon headed off for our last leg in falling snow which became rain all the way to Orange. We were met by Dave and a warm home and dinner.

Thank you so much Margaret for riding with me and both you and Dave for your very 'warm' hospitality!

Cathryn (Catty) Halliday

(Ed - A pleasure to meet you Cathryn)



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Emergency Notification Systems

This article is a result of an inquiry to the Motorcycle Council of NSW. The information has been taken from the following site:

<http://www.outdoorgearlab.com/Personal-Locator-Beacon-Reviews/Buying-Advice>

I have recommended that the MCC makes a link to this site from its web page. The BMWTCNSW could also do the same.

Firstly, there is no single fool-proof system that will cover every situation. They all require the operator to be conscious and thinking rationally.

When choosing an emergency notification system the most important decision is what you want to do with the piece of equipment. Do you want to just be able to send an SOS message? Or, do you want to be able to notify people at home of where you are? Do you want to be able to talk to other people, or send and receive sms? Different systems cater for each of these. There is also a large range in prices.

All emergency beacon equipment obviously use a satellite system. But, not all satellite systems are created equal. There are three basic systems:

COSPAS/SARSAT. This is a not for profit system, basically used by the military. It has supported EPIRBs for years and is responsible for over 33,000 rescues. It is the most reliable of the satellite systems and has 100% world coverage. It is now being used by PLBs (personal location beacon) which are basically an epiRB designed for land use. EpiRB's must remain functional in salt water, float and remain upright so that the antenna is clear of the water. As a result they are usually bulky and heavy. PLB's are much smaller and lighter.

GLOBALSTAR. A for profit network. It does not provide 100% coverage, missing polar regions (probably not a major consideration for us, unless you decide to convert your toy to a snowmobile), and, more importantly, sub-Saharan Africa. The SPOT! messenger uses this network.

IRIDIUM: Another for profit network that covers the entire planet. This network appears to be more reliable than that of Globalstar (see the link provided above). The DeLorme devices use this network.

Now, onto actual devices.

The cheapest solution is the Find Me app for the iPhone. Because it uses normal cell phone coverage its performance is doggy at best. Not recommended if you need help.

Another popular solution is the Satellite Phone. These could use either the Globalstar or Iridium networks. Phones using the latter tend to be more expensive with higher usage rates, but this is not writ in stone. Because they use these two satellite

systems they tend to have issues with connectivity. When using a satphone you need to watch the screen to make sure you actually have a signal. Many satphones require a code to be entered prior to making a call. My experience is that trying to enter the correct code, enter the emergency number, then watch the screen in an emergency could be extremely problematic. The only time I've had to make a call in an emergency I couldn't even use a landline properly. It is amazing what stress can do. However, you can have a two way conversation using a satphone. None of the other solutions discussed here allow that. If this is important to you, then a satphone is the only option.

Moving down the scale of functionality are the devices belonging to SEND (satellite emergency notification devices). These include the popular SPOT! as well as DeLorme devices.

The DeLorme devices are relatively new to the market. They use the Iridium network. They allow two way sms and will pair with a smartphone. This allows you to watch the progress of any messages you send. As far as sending messages is concerned, they are much more useful than the SPOT! Emergency messages will go to the HQ of the Iridium network for distribution to the relevant emergency organisation. For Australia this could be the National Search and Rescue org in Canberra.

The SPOT! uses the Globalstar satellite network. It allows you to send predetermined messages to predetermined recipients. The recipient will receive an e-mail containing the message and a link to a Google map with your location marked on it. Normally, one message is used to send "OK" messages. These are reassuring for those left at home – they know you are OK and where you are. Alternatively, a "Help" msge could be sent saying you are OK but need help (eg bike is broken down out the back of Bourke). Again, recipients will receive the message and a Google map location. It is then up to these people to arrange help. The final button on the SPOT! is that for "SOS". This goes to the HQ of the Globalstar network who then contact emergency services in the relevant location.

Of these two SEND devices (DeLorme and SPOT!) the former tends to be more reliable in sending messages, at least in the USA, due to the satellite network it uses. I do not know of relative performance in Australia. But, because of the networks these two devices use, there is always a reasonably high percentage of messages that don't get through. I know from experience that the advice to ensure that you have clear sight to the heavens is spot on (pun intended). There are a number of stories on the ADV site of people needing help but the emergency messages not transmitting correctly.

There are other issues with the less than reliable message sending. What happens if you send an "OK" message home, but it doesn't arrive. Do your loved ones then contact the Police and instigate a search even though you are OK? This has happened –

often! You need to educate recipients of messages not to panic if they don't receive an expected message. They must assume that it is just because the system failed.

But, both these devices allow messages to be sent, with the DeLorme also receiving messages. It is also not restricted to predetermined messages.

This, then, leaves the least functional of the devices – a **PLB** (personal locator beacon).

These have one function, and one only. They send an emergency signal to rescue organisations. They will not do anything else. However, they do this one thing extremely well – much better than any of the previous devices. Because they only have a single function, they are also much easier to use. Do not underestimate the importance of this. Their signal is also much stronger than that of a SEND device – up to 10 times the signal strength. That is, they are far less affected by tree cover etc. Some PLB's, such as the ResQLink, also have a continuous beacon that allows rescue organisation to home in on your location. The battery will allow this to operate continuously for 30 hours.

You can see details of various PLB's available in Australia at:

<https://www.e-marine-world.com.au/product-category/beacons-epirbs->

[plbs/plbs/?search=1&productcategoryid\[\]=58](https://plbs/plbs/?search=1&productcategoryid[]=58)

Note that some of these PLB's do not have the homing signal capability. Some of them have been chipped specifically for use in Australia. Be wary of buying overseas!

So, the short story is: If you want to be rescued, and that is all you care about, then there is only one choice – a PLB.

Added functionality means less reliability in the event of an emergency, but could be important to you in every other situation.

I have a SPOT! One of the very first ones. It ain't all that reliable. But, I have learned its needs and take them into consideration when sending a message. The vast majority of these get through although it definitely does not like being set off amongst high rise buildings, trees or ravines. It has been used successfully in Australia, Vietnam and Peru. However, I have never needed to use the "SOS" function. If I need to, I may not be able to choose where I site the device before sending the message. This is a worry.

I will continue to use the SPOT! for messages but after doing the research for the MCC inquiry will probably invest in a PLB for use in a real emergency. Hopefully I will never need to use it.

Bruce Campbell

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Member Profile

I'm introducing a new regular feature to the newsletter, a member profile to help our members to get to know each other, the intention is one per month, some new members some old, some male, some female, you get the drift. Everyone featured will get the same 12 questions.
Profile # 1: **Cheryl Ison.**



Q: What do you think is your ideal motorcycle?
BMW F700GS

Q: What is the bike you wish that you'd never sold?
My Suzuki SV650S

Q: What was/is your favourite ride?
All around the Snowy Mountains

Q: What type of riding do you enjoy?
I enjoy weekend rides, long distance riding

Q: Other than motorcycling, what interests do you have?
Gardening, cooking, mosaic

Q: How long have you been a member of BMWTCNSW?
15 years

Q: What made you want to join the club?
I had friends in the club & they were having a great time and lots of good rides.

Q: What's the best thing you've done with the club?
Going on three OCR's

Q: Have you taken any roles in the clubs organisation?
Helping with the Xmas party and the club rallies

Q: What motorcycle do you ride?
Suzuki V-Strom 650

Q: What was your first motorcycle?
Honda CB250

Q: Name or describe a ride that you want to do in the future
I would like to travel all around Tasmania



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The 26th
**CANE TOAD
RALLY**

"The Toad has come out of hibernation"

WHEN; 1st October 2016

WHERE; Lake Leslie Dam, 12km west of Warwick, Queensland
GPS; -28.22688 151.92488

COST; \$20 Entry (inc. Badge)

This is a closed event for BMW Motorcycle Club members from all States and their guests. Membership Cards must be presented upon arrival and guests must arrive with the member. Dogs are allowed but conditions apply. The Rally is for Motorcyclists only no cars allowed unless by prior arrangement. Basic supplies are available at reception, all other supplies are available in Warwick. The Campground is on a property of 32 acres of open and bushland camping. It has male and female toilets, hot showers and campfire drums and firewood are provided.

The Rally is Catered for on Saturday night and Sunday Breakfast. Trophies will be awarded for **Longest Distance, Longest Distance Pillion, Longest Distance Female Rider, Hard Luck and Oldest Bike/Rider.**

Situated just 1hr. 15mins. north of the border it has easy access from both the New England and Newell Highways. It is bitumen all the way, however dirt alternatives are possible for the more "adventurous" riders.

Contact; Gary Bennett or Graham Healey
0411 784279
gb777@optusnet.com.au (*prefered*)

From Marie Pennykid:

BMWTCNSW - Cane Toad Rally

Alan and I will be leaving on Friday and staying at the Wayfarer Hotel in Muswellbrook overnight.

If you would like to travel with us, you can meet us for breakfast at the Muswellbrook McDonalds on Saturday morning (Oct 1st), **leaving at 8am.**

Planned stops are fuel at the Tamworth South BP, **leaving by 10:30am.**

Lunch stop/fuel at the Caltex in Guyra, **leaving about 1pm.**

Fuel stop at the Tenterfield Shell, **leaving by about 3pm**, hopefully arriving at Lake Leslie by 4:30pm.

These times are approximate, if you are planning to meet us, let me know and arrive early.

Marie Pennykid
0428 393 093

WEEKEND on the WILLIAMS RIVER

943 Glen William Road
GLEN WILLIAM

The Hunter Group would like to invite all members to attend our annual camping weekend on Stuart and Kate's farm which is about 10 Km south of Dungog, on the Banks of the Williams River on the weekend of 15/16 October 2016.

Stuart & Kate's Farm is at beautiful Glen William, with an Ideal Camping spot by the creek on the Banks of the Williams River. There will be 3 kayaks available for a quiet paddle around. If driving up your welcome to bring their own canoe/kayak and try your hand at a spot of fishing.

For others, time to relax, have a beer and a chat.

Stuart has been collecting fire wood for a HUGE bonfire so we will not get cold.

This year Stuart & Kate will provide the food to save us the trouble of carrying our own and we will have a large group BBQ. BYO Drinks (Bottle shop 8km away) there will be eskies available to keep your drinks cool.

A portable toilet and plenty of Fresh water will be at the camping site.

This cost will be \$25 for dinner and breakfast. Close to correct change would be appreciated; Rob will collect on Saturday evening.

This year we would like to send a special invite to all members and show them some good country hospitably so we hope you can make it on the weekend.

If you are attending, please contact Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461 or Stuart 0427 767 129,
Email oldterrace@gmail.com to assist with catering.

RSVP 8th October 2016

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Welcome to our New Members:

Bill Wilkin (Mudgee)
Jodie Sturgess (Tumbarumba)
Charles and Rossi Hudson (Rutherford)

Michael & Debbie Russell (Cowra)
Mike Cummins (Manly)
Ed Byrne (Concord West)

News Item:

Just a short good news story about a place that many of us visit from time to time. The Grey Gum Café on the Putty Road obviously has poor telephone coverage due to its location. The management at the café decided to raise money for a Sat phone to be used in case of any accidents/emergencies that occur in the area by collecting all the money in the tip jar to go towards a new Sat phone.

When they publicised this on Facebook along with how much had already been raised, a company got in touch to donate a new Sat Phone to the Grey Gum for emergency use. The amount already raised will now go towards First Aid Kits and some tool kits to help any stricken travellers, motorcyclists being the biggest part of their customers. Thank you to PIVOTEL SATELLITE for supporting Kim and the staff there.



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Next months issue will see lots of pics and stories about the OCR to Mungeranie just gone; these pics are just here to whet your appetite!



Alan and Leroy heading North from Marree



Trevor Dean captured en-route to Mungeranie



Marty Burke heading to Mungeranie



Woz and Rob T en route



Happy Hour begins



Dave Ramsay and Dayn Jackson



The Afrika Korps were there also



I deal location



BMW CA Motorrad Rally



November 11th – 14th. Bright, Victoria.

The BMW MCCC Vic is looking forward to hosting you at the BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally in Bright in November. Registration sales close on October 2nd and to ensure your place at the rally and your accommodation, please get in and book before the cutoff date and while there are still accommodations options available. Attendance is well represented from all states clubs and a good time awaits all.

The best option now for accommodation is to gather together a few friends and book a cabin that can sleep 4 – 6 people. Alternatively, there are still camp tent sites available, all at competitive prices.

Why not also book for the "Off Road" training. This will be a basic training morning held to give you confidence on gravel roads. Our instructors will then ride with you around Mt Buffalo to further help and provide tips for your riding.

Our road rides will take over the most splendid twisty mountain routes in the High Country. The scenery is simply spectacular and the memories you take home from Bright will last forever. Even our red plate and sedate riders are catered for with the "Red Plodders Ride".

The national rally is well geared to bring your partners. Even if they don't ride, there are a multitude of activities in and around Bright to marvel at. The area boasts great wineries and culinary surprises.

Log onto our website, or contact us for further details and registration sales;

www.bmwmotorradrally.com.au

info@bmwmotorradrally.com.au

Jack Schmidt, 0414 460 295

The Flower

Lately on the clubs Facebook group, Dave Ramsay has started a photo group encouraging people to post pictures of travels with their Flower. Now if you don't know what a flower is; one of our members (who shall remain nameless *Mick*) requested as a regalia item that we produce a small club flag about the size of a tea towel that members could use to identify their bikes at rallies etc.

So instead of a flag we got a tea towel with the club logo printed on it, Flag/Towel: the Flower was born.

A more popular regalia item we've never had. Here's a random selection:



Steve Treloars Cordillo Downs Flower



Cheryl, Chris and Tony: Wilpena Pound Flower



Wato: No laughing matter Flower



Michael Sarah: Panorama Flower



Mick & Mick: Roadhouse Flower



The Table Flower, showing a variety of uses

Where to now for the CRASH Card?

The CRASH Card in Australia is a road safety initiative of Hornsby Shire Council and is supported by NSW Ambulance, NSW Police and Fire & Rescue NSW.

The card is available free of charge to all motorcycle riders across NSW while supplies are available. Council is currently seeking funding to continue this initiative with the aim of handing it to a state or national road safety organisation to manage.

Council has recently contacted the NSW Centre for Road Safety requesting assistance with

delivering the CRASH Card to all motorcycle riders via registration and licensing mail outs. The outcome from this request is pending.

The ideal long term option will see the CRASH Card available to all motorcycle riders throughout Australia with continued support from Triple Zero (000) emergency responders.

For further information please contact Hornsby Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, Lesley. Tipping via ltipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9847 6616.

Where else is the CRASH Card distributed?

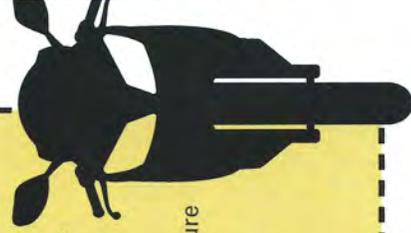
The motorcycle CRASH Card is now distributed across the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Scandinavia, parts of Europe and the United States. For more information visit www.crashcard.co.uk.

Below: The CRASH Card folder reminds riders to ride responsibly by providing 'Safe riding tips'.

SAFE RIDING TIPS

- Be careful on bends and don't overtake if you can't see the road ahead
- Learn to handle the power of the motor bike
- Learn to brake properly without going over the handlebars, as a motorbike's stopping power is nearly all in the front wheel
- Equally don't use the back brakes alone as this can cause the bike to skid

- Wear protective clothing
- Ensure the bike is safe to ride
- Don't do anything outside your own capabilities or take unnecessary risks
- Don't succumb to peer pressure when riding in groups
- Don't ride if you feel tired or unwell



CRASH CARD Profile

Designed by paramedics who are passionate about motorcycle rider safety.

What is the CRASH Card?

It is a small card that facilitates easy access for Triple Zero (000) attending emergency services, to vital medical & personal information at the scene of a motorcycle crash.

Who is the CRASH Card for?

It is for motorcycle riders to carry and for first responding emergency services to utilise in helping the rider.

How does the CRASH Card help?

It saves emergency service personnel valuable time and assists with treatment, especially if the rider is either unconscious or unable to communicate.

Why the need for the CRASH Card?

Paramedics need good information to make informed medical choices at the scene of an incident. Awareness of the CRASH Card initiative amongst emergency services staff and crew is considered a vital component to its success. All levels of care need to be aware of the card and the information it can provide.

How is the CRASH Card distributed?

The card is distributed to motorcycle riders in an A5 sized folder. Hornsby Shire Council has developed a design for the A5 folder including two crash cards and helmet stickers available for the rider and a friend or pillion passenger.

The rider completes the requested emergency details on it, and places it in the lining of their crash helmet. A red sticker is placed on the outside of the helmet to alert emergency services about the card within the helmet.

The folder also tells motorcyclists not to attempt to remove another rider's helmet on their own, as it is a skill which takes two people and is practised by trained personnel and includes the mnemonic 'CRASH' which helps you to remember what to do at the scene of a crash.

How do you obtain a CRASH Card?

A CRASH Card folder can be ordered free of charge by visiting: www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crashcard

Hornsby Shire Council gratefully acknowledges and thanks the Ambulance Motorcycle Club of the UK (the creators and instigators of the CRASH Card scheme) for allowing them to adopt and use their program in Australia. For further information visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/crashcard



How a rider will use the CRASH Card



1. Place the card in the lining of your crash helmet.
2. Affix the Crash Card sticker to the right hand side of your helmet or visor, making sure that it does not affect your visibility.

Riders are asked to complete the requested details on the card then place it in the lining of their helmet, as that is where emergency services will look for it.

Name: First and surnames are best. Please avoid nicknames
DD/MM/YYYY
From your current address
A+ (for example)
List the medication you are allergic to if you have had any operation in the last 12 months and/or suffer a chronic illness eg diabetes, asthma, angina etc
List any medications you currently take
List name and contact phone number of the person you wish to be informed of

RIDERS ARE ASKED TO HELP ALERT RESPONDERS TO THEIR CRASH CARD BY PLACING THE RED DOT ON THE RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THEIR HELMET, MAKING SURE IT'S NOT IN THEIR FIELD OF VIEW.



Above: CRASH Card side A includes the mnemonic 'CRASH' which helps the rider to remember what to do at the scene of a crash.

Please note: Example of CRASH Card shown is not to scale.

Where did the idea for the CRASH Card come from?

The motorcycle crash card initiative was created by Ian Burrell a motorcycle paramedic in the United Kingdom. Mr Burrell says "Treating riders who are unconscious or unable to communicate is a challenge for us. We need to tailor our treatment to their needs but that's difficult without knowing their medical history". He added "You can't rely on using a biker's mobile to contact his family because it's often locked or broken as a result of the crash."

Mr Burrell is also part of the UK Ambulance Motorcycle Club who distributes the CRASH Card across the UK. Mr Burrell who was awarded an MBE by the Queen in 2014 for his services to road safety said "We came up with the idea of storing the card in your helmet because it's easy to get separated from your wallet and other belongings in the event of a crash. "It's important to get the message across that the cards are designed to be used by medical professionals only – you should never try to remove someone's helmet at the scene of a crash unless they are having trouble breathing."

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1 st - 3 rd Oct	Cane Toad Rally
8 th - 9 th Oct	Kosciuszko Rally
15 th - 16 th Oct	FarmStay at Glen William
11 th – 14 th Nov	BMW National Motorrad Rally
10 th Dec	Annual Christmas party