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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 Friday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip	PORT MACQUARIE BREAKFAST Last Saturday of the month, 8:30 at The Sandbar Café, Camden Haven, The after "breakfast ride" determined over breakfast. SOCIAL SIP Second Sunday 4.30pm Quay Lime Café and Bar, Port Marina, 18 Park St., Port Macquarie.

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Attend a Social Sip	2
Attend a Social night (Restaurant night, party, etc)	3
Attend a Maintenance Day	2
Attend a Day Ride	6
Attend a Weekend Run or Rally	10
Attend a Long Weekend Run or Rally	12
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Attend a Night Run	6

## Presidents Report

I hope this last newsletter of this year finds everyone well and looking forward to the festive season. Thanks to everyone for their hard work within the club during this year of mixed fortune. The year went by so quickly, we had successful KRR and FCR offset with the sadness of Ian's untimely death. He will be missed this festive season and our thoughts go out to Chrissy and family.

The **Christmas Party** will be held at Lue Community Hall this year. Once again organised by Roger Martyn, don't forget to drop him a line and RSVP for the event. It's a nice event and a great time to catch up with other members before silly season gets into full swing the fat man comes down the chimney.

For those wondering where the hell their **FCR badge** that they've paid for months ago is ... ponder no longer...they have arrived! I picked them up last week, which was about a 7 week turnaround of the order. Better late than never! The mail out of them will start soon.

The **Karuah River Rally** is almost upon us again. Rob Lovett has been busy organising and the badges are on order

Marie has re-stocked the **club tee-shirt** cupboard. I picked up the new stock last week and anyone wanting the subsidised tee can order them from December onwards. Anyone who has a tee on back order your wait is over!

Mick Furchet has been busy since taking over the **Regalia Officer** mantle. He has now stocked stubby holders. The club now has merchandise in stock for all occasions. We have that much merch now you'd think it was BMWTCNSW the movie.

Personally it has been a quiet couple of months for riding, painting and other home maintenance work keeping me at home. I did however, organise a "maintenance" day, well BBQ day really. It was small gathering of half a dozen of us out the back of my place where the only tools lifted were for photographic purposes. It did give me the opportunity to present Cheryl and Tony Schmidt with their belated Country Clubman runner up award. They were unable to attend the awards night back in July due to illness.

Have a safe and merry Christmas and happy new year everyone.  
Al Peters



## Monthly Minutes - 29 October 2014

**Chairperson** – Al Peters

**Meeting Opened** – 7.57 PM

**Apologies** – Paul Evans, Mike Day, John Visser.

**Visitors** – Shirley Naylor.

**Previous Minutes** – No minutes available.

### Correspondence –

- Magazines from BMW Club: UK, VIC, QLD and Car Club Issue 3, 2014.
- Westpac statements x 2.
- Member renewals x 1.
- New member applications x 1.

### President's Report –

- Bad month for the Club due to the passing of Ian Horsburgh.
- Thanks to Paul Evans and Ian Emmett for assisting with Ian's funeral arrangements.
- \$6,800 presented to Chrissy Horsburgh from Club members to assist Chrissy during this difficult time.
- Sympathy cards with respect to Ian have been received from BMWOCSA and BMWOCGC.
- The Far Cairn Rally raised \$3,323 for MARI.
- FCR badges have been ordered for attendees that did not receive them at the rally.

### Vice President's Report –

- See Coming Events on the website.
- Trout Rally this weekend.
- The next Club meeting in November is auction night. Members invited to bring all those useful things that they no longer feel the need to care for.

### Secretary's Report –

- See minutes in the Newsletter.
- First Aid Course to be run by Tracey Hughes on 15 November at Royal Rehab and on 29 November in Newcastle. Club will reimburse attendees for cost of Course.

### Treasurer's Report –

- Half yearly unaudited accounts have been published in the current Newsletter.
- Treasurer reported \$11,141.03 in the Club cheque account, and \$30,801.04 in the reserve account.
- The Hall rental has been paid up to date.
- The trailer has been reregistered.
- The Club satellite hone is being transferred to the Club ABN.
- The Treasurer is looking at options for using MYOB to coordinate membership renewals.
- Club 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be heavily subsidised.

### Membership Secretary –

- A few new members this month.

### Editor –

- Andrew Watson has offered to fill the role of Editorship for the time being.

### Regalia –

- Mick Furchert is ordering beanies and bucket hats for sale at the KRR. Is also looking at sweatshirts.

### Assets & Archives –

- No report.

### Clubs Australia –

- The Japan Conference focused on the BMW centenary in 2016.
- BMW Classic has bought a 1920's building of 13,000m<sup>2</sup> to house classic motos and cars. Also to carry out restorations. To be completed by March 2016. Events will be held for BMW clubs.
- Melbourne to host next BMW Conference in October 2015.

### Webmaster –

- No report.

### MCC –

- Minutes of last MCC meeting tabled.
- 6 emergency telephones have been installed on the Putty Road.
- Changes to constitution being discussed.
- Discussion regarding solo registration for bikes.

### Past Events –

- BMW Rally to Lake Cargelligo. 20 members including Al and Marie Pennykid, Morro, Cheryl Clarke, Ian Horsburgh, Pat Jenkins, Al Peters, Rod Popperwell and Dave Beers. There was a ride out to Mt Hope on the Saturday morning. BMW Club ACT organised the rally well. Rally raffle takings donated to Lake Cargelligo Hospital.
- Ian Horsburgh Funeral as sad occasion, well attended by Club members.
- Kosciuszko Rally attended by Stan Kucera, Tony and Cheryl, and Johnnsy. About 50 attendees all up.

### Coming Events –

- Trout Rally this weekend.
- GS Safari in Tasmania 8 November.
- Maintenance Day Sunday 9 November at the Presidential Palace.
- Day Ride to Taralga 15 November.
- Christmas Party to be confirmed in next Newsletter.

### General Business –

- Ian Horsburgh Funeral Program tabled for members who were unable to attend.
- Larry Grant has a contact selling a K100 for \$1,000.
- Trevor Dean suggested Auction Night proceeds to be donated to Chrissy Horsburgh. Agreed unanimously.
- Ken Lovegrove has got MARI registered as a charity. Possible to transfer funds there in future.
- In the past discussions have been held regarding the Club having a Welfare Officer. It was suggest that this role be filled by Paul Evans.
- Dave Beers wishes to thank the Club for the support given to him during and after Ian Horsburgh's accident.
- BikeBiz to be removed from the Newsletter delivery list. Rod Edgar to talk with BikeBiz regarding their advertising in the Newsletter.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.25 PM

# Ride Calendar

DECEMBER			
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social</b> Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club XMAS Party</b> @ Lue. Details in the magazine. Come one, come all. Fully catered for members, camping and facilities available.	Roger Martyn	10
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monthly "Social Sip"</b> . Meet at 4.30pm at the Quay Lime Café and Bar, Port Marina, 18 Park St., Port Macquarie. (Second Sunday of the month)	Lin van Copenhagen  0417 098 255	2
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dinner</b> at Toongabbie Hotel before Christmas from 6:30pm		2
Sun 21 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Putty Rd Christmas Breakfast Ride.</b> Leave from Macquarie Park, Windsor at 8am (please arrive with a full tank) or meet at Grey Gums Cafe at 9:30am.	Alan or Marie Pennykid 0427 393 093 0428 393 093	6
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breakfast</b> at 8.30 Sandbar café, North Haven. The "after breakfast ride" to be determined over breakfast	Lin van Copenhagen  0417 098 255	2
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	No club meeting in December.		
JANUARY			
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social</b> Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monthly "Social Sip"</b> . Meet at 4.30pm at the Quay Lime Café and Bar, Port Marina, 18 Park st., Port Macquarie. (Second Sunday of the month)	Lin van Copenhagen  0417 098 255	2
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Karuah River Recon run.</b> Bank Hotel, Dungog 4992 1701 Tall Timbers Motel 4992 1547		10
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Jaffle Run – Agnes Banks</b> , on Springwood Rd at the low level bridge over the Nepean River. Fire (fire bans permitting), sandy beach for swimming.	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	2
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> - Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Camping weekend</b> – Burruga Dam; 47kms from Oberon, swimming, fishing	Alan/Marie Pennykid	10
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breakfast</b> at 8.30 Sandbar café, North Haven. The "after breakfast ride" to be determined over breakfast	Lin van Copenhagen  0417 098 255	2
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 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 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2
FEBRUARY			
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Day ride/Breakfast ride – details TBA</b>		
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monthly "Social Sip"</b> . Meet at 4.30pm at the Quay Lime Café and Bar, Port Marina, 18 Park st., Port Macquarie. (Second Sunday of the month)	Lin van Copenhagen  0417 098 255	2
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social</b> Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Karuah River Rally.</b> <i>Our own rally at Chichester State Forest near Dungog if you don't know.</i>	Rob Lovett	10
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*
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If you'd like to see an event in the calendar, please contact the Vice President(Alan Pennykid) to discuss. We're always looking for new ideas but input is needed. 2 months ahead would be nice			

## Editors Report

Alright everyone if you have any articles for future newsletters send them through. Viz has done his black magic and now has the [editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:editor@bmwtcnsw.org.au) coming through to my personal email address. You will need to get your articles / reports through to myself by the second last Wednesday of the month to ensure that I get the time to put them in the newsletter. For the February newsletter I will need all articles / committee reports by Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> January as I will be in Tamworth from the 16<sup>th</sup> January and will not be fit to a computer over this period. (I won't be home till the day of the club meeting).

My motorcycling has been extremely poor this year. The axe has only been out 3 times hopefully I can make 4 rides this year. On a positive note I have bought a sidecar the other month and I am in the process of mounting it my R1100GS. I has aiming to the sidecar on the road by Xmas but it is looking more like February hopefully prior to Karuah. The process has by slowed down by work as usual.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Xmas party. I'll hopefully be there on Saturday ensure wether I'll be staying the night at this stage.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to All.

### **URGENT REMINDER FOR CHRISTMAS IN YAMBA – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

Yamba Christmas weekend is coming very soon.

If you are coming and have not let me know – PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Dinner bookings for Saturday night will close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. You must let me know by Sunday evening at the latest if you are attending.

There will be 2 Ride groups departing Port Macquarie Donut.

1. Friday 8:30am
2. Saturday : time to be advised.

Reminder email with all ride details will be sent in the final week.

## New Members

David Ellis - Welcome back  
Tony Pollard  
Ross Irvin - Welcome back  
Alison and Jacob Ashby

If you have not booked accommodation I suggest you do that a.s.a.p., Yamba is very popular this time of the year.

Refer to attachment for more details – DON'T FORGET THERE IS A PRIZE FOR THE BEST CHRISTMAS OUTFIT !! (no secret santa this year – keeping life simple and easy)

This is a great weekend and you don't want to miss out.

regards

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Ed & Cheryl Loffeld  
Rod Jarman - Welcome back  
Donald Drayton - Welcome back  
Stephen Townsend  
David Viengkham

## Forward

Fate can be such a bitch, most times it just ignores us and goes on doing what fate does, then for some reason it remembers us again. I have so many friends who do not understand why I ride motorcycles, I am past trying to tell them why or even care what they think. We have our time limit on this Earth, when our time is up, Death comes and gets us. We cannot live our life fearing and running from Death, basically there is nowhere to hide. So honour Death and continue on living your life and trying to achieve a few of your life's dreams, be that what they may. Living in fear of death, stops you doing the things that you enjoy, that set you free from life's doldrums for how ever a short time it is. It's not living, but just going through the motions of life. Peace and long life - Live long and Prosper as the Vulcans say.

## Highway to the Danger Zone – Chapter 11

Once we got out of the Great Alpine region the ride settled down again, through the beautiful towns of Bright, Myrtleford, Ken had to leave us the next morning. We wanted to get to Frank's place, so we made our way to the wonderfully named town of Wangaratta, who can forget Captain Matchbox's "Wangaratta Wahine". Paradise on the Hume. Google it, it's worth it.

Today was going to be a boring ride, but nothing is boring about Frank Cachia. The "Mad Wog" As He was known when the term was quite fashionable in Australia, Frank even to this day still introduces himself, "Hi "I'm Frank, known as the Mad Wog. .... Frank and I have had a few conversations on this matter. Both sober and drunk.

Me "Frank, I do not like that term about you".

Frank "Well that's my name, what's the matter with my name"

Me "Nothing is the matter with your name, I don't like the term Wog"

Frank "Frank the Mad Wog is my name, what's the matter with my name"

Me "Nothing is the matter with your name, I don't like Wog"

Frank "Listen I'm a Wog, so I call myself Frank the Mad Wog, it's my name"

Me "But you are not a Wog, you are a damn fine Aussie, not a Wog"

And so it would go like this into the night around a campfire somewhere. "There're a Weird Mob".

I first met Frank at the Victorian BMW Rally in 1982 at Myrtleford (I think) there was this mad guy, tear arseing around on a Daytona Orange R90s BMW, entered into every gymkhana on the event, won more than half of them, not because he entered them but because he was quite Mad. The most impressive two events that I remember quite clearly. The painters board event, where you had to ride across a painter's board and not ride off it till you got to the other side. Every bike that went across it went over at a slow to fast walking pace. Not Frank, it was like a Messerschmitt coming into land. There was this almighty roar of a Boxer twin engine, Frank roared across the painter's board at, well let's say a fair clip. Now that in itself wasn't a problem. What was was the run off area. It was nice green fresh mown grass, at the end of that, was a brick box the size of a small toilet block, but was housing a pump station to pump up water from the river for the camp site. Once across the board Frank was on full brake lock, sliding upright and in complete control to this brick wall at let's say a fair clip. He was not going to stop, just before Frank was going to hit the wall he slid the bike sideways so the two wheels pulled up against the brick wall. The place was silent in anticipation of Frank's demise and a very loud crash. Then all was heard in a thick Maltese accent. "Shit that was close" The rally erupted.

The second event was two steel star pickets hammered into the ground a touch wider than the pots on an R model BMW, so the idea was to get through the pegs without hitting the pots. Once again the sound of a Meshermitt coming into land, a loud iron clanging sounding band, a star picket flying sideways into the crowd and the flash of Daytona Orange R90s flashing past. Anyway I'm getting side tracked here, ask me about it a rally next time you catch up with me.

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We got to Franks place in good time, sometime in the afternoon, Frank spent the afternoon rearranging his garage so we could get our bikes in. Normally not a real effort, but Frank had had an industrial accident with a slab of plate steel while at work a few years ago. The plate oscillated on the overhead crane after the magnet managed to pick up three plates where it should have only picked up one. One plate fell causing the start of the oscillation, then the second plate fell causing the last plate attached to the magnet to slash sideways into Frank's calf and leg all but severing it. The medics call it a crush injury. The doctors wanted to take the easy way out and cut his leg off, Frank would not let them, instead endured three years of pain, intensive physio and lots of drugs to get the use of that leg again, at that time he was hobbling around on a crutch. So to move everything was just amazing, plus the stubborn prick did it all by himself. All his bikes were still on battery tenders. So Evan missed out on the traditional starting up of the R90s to hear the Ecco pipes roar, shattering windows of the neighbour's house. The sporting game of getting the R26 up onto the centre stand and kick starting it into life., which are two things that are part of the welcoming ceremony to Casa De Cachia. We were introduced to the Limpy, Franks house mate, a very tame and famous Budgerigar and now also famous for having two books written about him.

Next day we had to go into Melbourne City to vote, as we were out of Statters, we had to go into the Electoral Office in Flinders Street and cast a Postal Vote, which Evan and I had not done before hand. I went to start the KGT and zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzt. My battery had finally passed on. Evan didn't want to risk riding the Blackbird into Melbourne without cleaning up the brake pads and oil. The thought of rear ending a car in Melbourne under full lock brakes was not a pleasant thought, mind you it could not have been that bad after his effort on the Great Alpine Way. So it was a train trip for us. When we got back from voting Frank took us to Ringwood Motorcycles where Frank gets all his BMW's serviced, as he could now drive in his stubborn Frank way, one walking stick in the passenger seat. The idea was to spend the next day servicing Evan's Blackbird and myself installing the new battery. In the meantime Frank had all intentions of taking us to his local club and made sure we were wined and dined in true Maltese style, while he chatted up the young nubile waitresses. Evan's bike was stripped down cleaned, brake pads cleaned with some sort of magic solvent, test ride done and over, I had the new battery installed, after much laughing from Frank and Evan watching me trying to manoeuvre battery bolts into position with fat fingers and four thumbs, a few too many beers and a bit too much sun. Finally the battery was installed, ignition on, idiot lights on zzzzzzzzzzzzzt nothing. Once again no start for the K12. Uttering a few choice words that would make a year 10 student at Rooty Hill High envious, I started to go into Apollo 13 mode. After Frank and Evan calmed me down but lots of laughing and belittling. Evan got a WW11 multi-meter off Frank and tested the battery. Evan declared it dead before it was even alive. I calmed down a lot more, then it was decided that I should ring Ringwood motorcycles. "Your battery you sold me is F\*\*\*ed mate" I calmly yelled down the phone line. "Bring it back tomorrow and we will check it out

for you mate, but I can't see how, I've never sold a dud battery yet." was the calm reply from down the line, said the faceless voice on the other end of the phone line. TOMORROW, shit me it was 10 to Five pm. Evan and I planned to be on the road at 6am in the morning. Frank decided to wine and dine us again in true Maltese style that night. I think mainly to shut me up about my battery. "What if it isn't the battery my bike's f\*\*\*ed mate"

Frank took us back to Ringwood M/C's the next morning. The head mechanic gave me the story that he has never sold a dud battery yet, he would be really surprised if it's a dud battery. I'm thinking give me another f\*\*\*ing battery I want to be on the road sometime today. Finally after much championing the virtues of every battery he had sold, he grabbed the multi meter, he was mid-sentence saying he would be sur..... The second electrode hit the battery terminal. The needle on the battery tester stayed firmly on the resting pole. Not an inkling of a movement from the needle behind its clear Perspex case with pretty colours from red to bright really happy I'm fully charged green. The needle was firmly sitting in the disappointing sad RED. "Well" was all he muttered, then he happily broke into telling me how this was the first battery he had ever sold that was a dud. The very first. All I thought was there goes the fourth hour I could have been on the road to Apollo Bay. After getting me another battery, this time testing it before I left the premises again, apologizing profusely for the dud battery, while exulting that I had been honoured the first dud battery from his shop.

Around 11.45 am the KGT was burbling its beautiful K Whine again, singing the song of the road. Frank called out, sure you don't want to stay for lunch, as we launched out of his garage, the trailer bouncing merrily behind me, no doubt to give Frank horrid flash backs of a metal plate slashing towards his leg to rob him of three years of motorcycling, plus destroy his chances of every working again. We were now six hours behind, but we had no real time to be in Adelaide, so we revised our plans to get to Lorne instead. We would get a great start on the Great Ocean Road in the morning. Once again a good trip to Geelong. As we were motoring down to Torquay the weather started to cloud over, the closer we got the coast colder it got. About 10ks out it started to rain. I was thinking of pushing on to Anglesea, but as it was around 3.30pm I figured, why bother. After a quick road side conference we both agreed we didn't want to set up a tent in the rain and it was getting quite cold. So we found a beautiful caravan park at Torquay and propped there for the night in a comfortable on site cabin. Once again the camping gear was snug for the night in the trailer.

We settled in, it was only 4pm and we needed to walk into town to buy our nightly supply of alcohol and food. Earlier on I had decided I had bought a long way too many cloths, so I decided to send a wardrobe or two of cloths back home. As we walked into the Post office, there was a guy walking away from the counter, the lady behind the counter was shaking her head. The guy pushed passed us, Evan said "you right there mate" in his stern biker voice, the guy grumbled something as he walked out the door. When we finally got to the Bottlo, Evan decided we needed a bit of George Thorogood. A six pack of beer.... six pack of bourbon.....and a six pack of cider. Now I want to tell you a story, about the house-man blues, I came home one Friday..... Google it or better still crank it up and listen to it. One beer, one bourbon, one scotch.

6 am saw a beautiful morning in Torquay, the rain had gone. It was brisk but a great riding day. 6.30 saw us on the road. All we saw on the road was work utes and vans and a few office types in their Korean cars heading to work. After a cup of coffee in Lorne, we were onto the Great Ocean Road proper. We were ahead of all the tourists, all the work utes had disappeared and we were on our own, on one of the most scenic drives in Australia, watching the early morning sun over the ocean, warming our bodies and hearts, it's one of those things we ride motorcycles for. As I pulled into the servo at Apollo Bay, I noticed there was no Evan behind me. I pulled into the front bowser to fill up. As I'm trying to pull the bike onto the centre stand, a grey Nomad pulls in behind me with his four wheel drive whatever and caravan and pulls up an inch behind me, stopping me from trying to get the bike onto the centre stand as the trailer would be pulled back into his roo bar. "Mate are you right" I say. "I need to fill and your bike is in the way" is his reply. It's too much of a nice morning to start fighting with old Farts. I roll the bike forward a foot and get it up on the centre stand. Evan finally pulled up, he said his bike kept cutting out on the right hand bends, he thinks a wire is broken in the main wiring harness "look at this" Evan said as he grabbed the harness and shook it, the engine cut out "Mehh I will fix it when we stop tonight" Evan said. Oh this could get interesting.

As I turn to grab the fuel hose to start filling up, a Mercedes whatever, had pulled up next to my bike, his filler cap in nicely between the bike and the trailer. As my mouth falls open, the guy driving the Merc, steps over the trailer draw bar grabs the Premium hose steps of the draw bar of my bike, once again and starts filling his car. I say "Are you right mate" he replies, "Yeah I'm fine thanks" That's it I cracked it, 9am in the middle of Apollo Bay service station I'm calling them ignorant F\*\*\*s plus quite a few other choice words, the guy in the Merc once again steps over my draw bar, replaces the fuel hose and calmly walks into pay, Mrs Crocodile Dundee hurriedly walks off down the street, leaving Mr Dundee to deal with one pissed off ranting BMW rider, who oddly turns the other way, to watch his whatever relationship she is to him, walking away, while pumping a house payment of diesel into his four wheel drive whatever. I finally calm down enough to fill up my bike. As I walk into pay, the consul operator has the biggest smile and grin on his face, I'm about to unleash round two on him, when he says to me "Mate I see some funny things working here all day, but by God that was the funniest thing I have seen in ages, I was sitting here waiting for you to belt one of them and I was going to be looking the other way if you had". Well I guess it was funny. NOT. Evan said Dad, "That guy in the Mercedes was the same guy that pushed into us last night at the Post Office, I though he looked familur".

We rode into the township of beautiful Apollo Bay. We found a nice café'. We both looked over the healthy heart options, discussed the pro and cons about looking after ourselves on the road, since no women were around to do it for us, then we opted for the greasy, very tasty Big Breakfast and black coffee's, well I had a couple, nothing clears the heart from grease like black coffee does. We rugged up, the KGT purred into life, as it usually always does, Evan went to start the Blackbird.....

Nothing..... more nothing. Evan calmly took off his helmet, he said "Looks like the wire in the main harness has completely broken, Oh well looks like that gremlin has found us again. So with a Leatherman tool, Evan starting cutting the sheathing around the main harness, finding 46 different coloured wires, all which looked intact. Evan then looked at me and said, you had better go get another two coffees, we are going to be here awhile. As luck would have it, just as I got back with the two coffee's, Evan had found the broken wire. A sip of coffee, a decent twist of two bared copper wires to form one, some electrical tape and yahoo its alivvveeeeeeeeeeeee !

By mid-morning were riding out of Apollo Bay. Next the Ottoway's. That's always a great ride. We tangled up with a hot V8 Commodore who must have been on his way to the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide, Evan rounded him up pretty easily, and then I did as well. Apparently that was an insult to him, because things got very spirited after that. He rounded me up again and was after Evan, he rounded Evan up as well, but that just meant game on for Evan, next bit of straight road Evan rounded him up again, I could not keep with them towing the trailer, so I let the girls have their play on the beach. I came around a corner, here was the commodore sitting behind a delivery truck, who was not sitting still I can tell you, next bit of decent straight I rounded up the Commodore and delivery truck, I had a few kilometres of peaceful riding when the Commodore came past me like the Devil was chasing him. I doubt if he even got near Evan again. Eventually we hit the little township of Princetown and Coast line again. Evan was waiting for me, while we went back to putting mode, checking out the Twelve/Eight Apostles, London Bridge/ is falling down falling down, Bay of Islands. Then onto Port Fairy for a light lunch.

Dad I'm worried about my money came the plea from Evan, we need to start camping, Lets go onto Whatif and see if we can find some cheap accommodation in Mount Gambier. Evan had a beaut iPhone 4 that had internet connection, Google and all that other beaut phone/computer stuff mate. We found accommodation from 6 star to no stars, but a pub in town came up as \$40 a night, we though 20 bucks a night, that sounds pretty good. Evan booked the accommodation on line on his damn fangled computer phone. Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. Did you hear that I thought I hear a gremlin laughing in the bushes. Meanwhile my Vodaphone mobile was still glaring no service proudly at me, in the time it took Evan to look up, find and book accommodation with his Telstra phone. We had a pretty peaceful ride into Mount Gambier. From the outside the pub we were staying at look good, smack bang in the middle of town, close to everything we didn't need.

End of Part 11

Next time, burn, burn burn, that burning ring of fire.



### BMW R1100GS Sidecar Project

Back at the beginning of September I couldn't be bother with work and all the political and lying BS that goes on day to day but that's another story. So I went to a mates place for a coffee and the usual chat on BMW bikes, and what projects bike projects we are working on. I mentioned I was planning on installing the Velorex sidecar on the Axe ('84 K100 RS) and I had been talking with other sidecar owns within the club and outside and everyone had agreed the chair would be light but should be ok If I stuck it out further and modified the sidecar to put on some extra weight and that I had found a mob in the UK that done a conversion kit that increase the axle diameter, new drum brake and shock etc.



He mentioned a bloke he knew of on ADV Rider that had a sidecar for sale and had been attempting to sell it for a while down the south coast. My mate found his mobile and gave him a call, We quickly found out he still had the sidecar for sale and it was a John Marshall sidecar it was fitted to an R1150GSA we arranged a time for me to call him back after work that night.



The sidecar came with all the mounts, lower sub frame and the 1150GSA engineer's certificate. We arranged that I would head down Saturday week and look at the sidecar.

Saturday came around and I threw the young bloke in the car and headed to Albion Park to have a look at the sidecar and bring it back to Sydney. A couple of coffees, a few hours chatting and the exchange of cash and the sidecar was loaded on the trailer and we headed back to Sydney to start the new project.

That night I started fitting the brackets to the 1100GS all was going well with the top brackets fitting. The bottom sub frame bracket fits although the cost is putting the original tank back on, the R1100GS currently it has a 41 ltr tank as a solo and replacing the original exhaust and with a Y piece and a new muffler time to start shopping.



The lower two brackets need to be modified to fit the R1100GS as the foot peg mounts are different from the R1150GSA and the forward mount had been cut when the sidecar was removed from the bike. These to brackets are currently being modified.



# KARUAH RIVER

# RALLY

**WHEN**           **6 - 7- 8 February 2015**

**WHERE**           **Frying Pan Creek Campsite off Frying Pan Road, Chichester State Forest, via Dungog NSW**

The BMW TC NSW invites you to its 38th KRR situated in a very beautiful country setting with some of NSW best riding roads - sealed or unsealed.

The Rally site is about 30 km north of Dungog via the Monkerai and Main Creek Roads between Dungog and Stroud, or the Wangat Trig Road past the Chichester Dam turnoff. Directions will be signposted from both these roads (each involves about 14 k of dirt). Check the Bank Hotel Dungog for a map.

The rally is for motorcyclists only; cars are not permitted unless by prior arrangement. Cost of \$25 covers badge and breakfast voucher.

BBQ sandwiches and soft drinks are for sale on Saturday afternoon - all other supplies are available in Dungog. A number of rally awards (including best BMW) and raffle prizes will be presented on Saturday evening, and the site has male and female toilets.

Contact Rob Lovett on 0417 267 425 (leave a message) or email [rob@gaslightbooks.com.au](mailto:rob@gaslightbooks.com.au) and please put Karuah in subject line. See also the BMWTC NSW Website.

**RUBBISH - HELP PLEASE!!** – We must pay for rubbish removal - please help by taking out as much as you can - most appreciated!

**The BMW TC NSW acknowledges the valuable support of Forests NSW in providing us with the Chichester State Forest campsite. Rally participants are asked to respect and protect this valuable resource, its facilities and access roads.**

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This year the Xmas party will be held at Lue, at their local hall on Saturday – Sunday 13 -14<sup>th</sup> December. Lue is a tiny village about 20 kilometres south-east of Mudgee. All paid up members and their families are invited to attend – visitors – contribute \$30 for the catering.



Lue is on the Lue Road, accessible from Mudgee from the north or Rylstone from the south – a great motorcycle riding road – all tar. The hall is next to the Lue pub. Mudgee is the closest town for groceries, grog etc. I have asked the Lue pub next door if they could give us favourable rates for grog but the manager said bottle takeaways is not a large part of his business and that we'd be better off to bring our own unless we can organise him a list of requirements ten days prior. If you want to do the latter, knock yourselves out. Camping is available around the hall; there's plenty of room. You are welcome to camp there the Friday night too – but contact me if this is your intention so I can advise you where to access water.

This year we are having a spit roast – a local lamb / hogget is being sourced. It should be fun overseeing the cooking of it– bring your own cooking tips and poking prongs.

A reminder for the raffle, proceeds will be for the Lue local community. This will be a worthy cause – they are close knit and are really pulling out the stops to assist us. They have a few local motorcyclists interested in meeting with us too. Let's show our appreciation in return. Any prizes out there you know that you can wangle from businesses or worth suggesting that we organise to purchase, please advise me otherwise you'll get what's organized! For example, I'm considering subscriptions to 'Dolly' and 'CB radio magazine'.



Please contact Roger Martyn at [teammartyn@optusnet.com.au](mailto:teammartyn@optusnet.com.au) or 0431879196 if you intend to attend (for catering numbers).



# BMW CHRISTMAS IN YAMBA

## 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2014

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** : Depart from Donut at 8:30am, stop along the way for coffee & morning tea. Arrive in Yamba for lunch.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** : *Option 1* - Mid morning Ferry ride to Iluka for a walk through the Nature Reserve, followed by lunch and a swim at the beach.

(must bring your own packed lunch and refreshments)

*Option 2* - Ride to any of the various attractions including Byron Bay etc.

**Xmas Dinner** : Italian theme at Osteria Martini, 16 Clarence Street -  
7:00pm

There will be a **prize for the best Christmas outfit** so it's time to bring out your Santa or Mrs Claus outfits.

**Sunday** : lazy breakfast and ride home.

(See accommodation recommendations attached.)





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<b>14 – 15 February 2015</b>	<b>Karuah River Rally</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2015</b>	<b>Jaffle Run – Agnes Banks</b>
<b>24- 26 January</b>	<b>Camping – Burruga Dam</b>