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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	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.

Club Pointscore

Organise a Ride or Event	2
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
Self written Newsletter article	4
Attend a Club Meeting – City Member	4
Attend a Club Meeting – Country Member	6
Attend a Night Run	6

Combined Editorial and Presidential report/ramble

As Ian returns from his OCR trip it falls upon me to edit the newsletter once again this month, so I will apologise in advance for any omissions, inaccuracies or typos that creep in to this edition!

Social media and modern telecommunications in all their glory have changed the face of “the big trip”. No longer do we have to wait until the traveller returns and a roll of film is developed and photographs passed around or be dragged into the dreaded “slide night”. Now pictures are emailed home or posted on Facebook from places afar. Phone calls home are simple and can be made from anywhere with the right equipment. No more struggling to find a remote homestead phone or going to a phone booth with a stack of change (which would have been invariably 20 cents short). What it does do is allow us at home to be (jealous!!) participants in the adventure and watch it all unfold. The **OCR** is a big adventure that hitherto I have not undertaken simply because I can't take enough time from family or work. Congratulations to all those who travelled to Drysdale Station this year, I hope it was extremely rewarding.

Many thanks again to Al Pennykid for organising the **Awards Night**. The Grand View Hotel was a nice venue and the menu (which was their Christmas in July offering, hence the Christmassy stuff in some of the photos) was splendid. It was nice to meet partners of some members for the first time and it made the night an extremely sociable occasion. Congratulations again to all the award winners and thanks to Shirley and Bala for the photography.

Through Rob Edgar's friendship with the owner of **Bikebiz** we had the pleasure of Peter Condon and a few of his team bring a 1200GSA and RnineT to last month's meeting.... literally, with them being wheeled into the meeting room. We were treated to a run down of the bikes, got to sit on them and play with the switches after which we had a short quiz at the end with prizes handed out. Peter presented the club with a copy of BMW 90 Years which will be on display at the FCR. Thanks to Bikebiz for coming along to the meeting and supporting our Club.

The **Far Cairn Rally** and the **BMW Clubs Australia Rally** are just over the horizon. By the time this newsletter gets out pre-entry for the FCR would have closed but should be still be open for the BMW CA. I've included the itinerary for the BMW CA rally in this newsletter but direct all enquires to BMWCACT. Hopefully we will have a good roll-up of our members to support the event. I hope to have my R100RS spruced up and re-registered for the occasion. Special thanks to Mike Day for being the nexus of FCR brochure distribution and all those who peddled them around bike shops etc. Mick Moriarty had extras printed in Bathurst and has travelled around the Central West distributing them..

Your **membership card** should be enclosed in this newsletter. If it isn't ...check your bin first then get in touch with Marie!

Coming up in November I'm organising a **Maintenance Day/ BBQ** at the Presidential Palace. Come along and have a tinker if your keen, variety of tools including balancer for airhead carbs are available or just relax and tuck into a snag or three.

Something else to pencil in on your calendars is the **Club Christmas Party**. Once again being organised by Roger Martyn (despite moving to Tassie...now that is commitment!) it will be held at Lue Community Hall on December 13. More details will be posted as time moves closer to the date.

Winter has all but bugged off....did it really happen? Around Sydney at least it has been very mild. Plenty of good spring riding is ahead with all the rallies coming up. I'll be off to the TTT, FCR and BMW rallies for sure and might just get to the Kosciusko as well. Due To Father's Day Commitments unfortunately I won't be along on the New Members ride on September 7, but hope many of you are able to. Safe riding in Septemeber everyone and I hope to see you around.

Al Peters.

Regalia Frippery

Hi members, as you may or not know I have taken over the position of Regalia, if you are on the BMWTC Face Book page, I have modelled a few items from our wonderful Club Emporium. Summer is approaching fast and we have a range of BMWTC Polo T Shirts, that means its got a collar on it, in a calming clear sky pale blue colour, with the BMWTC club logo on it. Please note, there is not one photo, print or hint of a GS on the shirt, so K riders feel free to join in. Perfect for that interview with the boss, for that promotion you need, game of golf, visiting the mother in law at the nursing home or just to wear for the wife for that intimate candle lit dinner. Now I can't say too much, but I'm betting that if you wear our club polo shirt your partner will not be able to keep their hands off you and will be just thinking of getting the shirt off you to wear as a night shirt. You know what I'm saying members, Wink Wink, they are at \$40 each.

Tea towels, tea towels, tea towels, have I got a tea towel for you. Don't forget to grab yourself a genuine BMWTC tea towel to make you kitchen, jaffle night or barbecue complete. These will never be seen again once this last lot is gone. So grab one now and be the envy of all your non BMW riding mates at the next corporate golf day. They are \$10 each

Please note, due to Australia Post no longer being a charity, communication to the masses via surprises in the mail box by parcel post, unfortunately will now come at a cost. So postage will have to be added, but will be capped to \$5 to \$10 depending on the item.

I am always on the look out for new ideas to add to our club regalia range, so please forward them onto me. Apparently my idea of a roll of club embossed sausage skins, with the BMWTC logo on it, has not gained favour from the club committee. I figured home made sausages for that Sunday afternoon BBQ with the club logo on it would have been perfect.

Please feel free to contact me at bmwfurch@gmail.com for all your ideas, questions or orders.

Thanks, Mick Furchert



Mick modelling a couple of his favourite pieces...club beanie in "what you can't see can't hurt you" mode and club fleecy jacket in Central Coast winter riding gear style. With Club regalia now under Mick's stewardship the word "style" will no doubt take on a whole new meaning!



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Minutes of Meeting 30 July 2014

Chairperson – Al Peters

Meeting Opened –7.50 PM

Apologies – Mick Moriarty, Paul Evans, Andris Murnieks, Ian Horsburgh.

Visitors – New Member – Jason Boyd GSA1200, Peter, Scott, Jarrod and Peter from BikeBiz.

Previous Minutes – Acc. – Al Peters. Sec. – Mike Day

Correspondence –

- Magazines from BMW Club: UK, NZ, ACT, VIC, and QLD.
- Westpac Bank Statements x 2
- RFDS letter to advise BMWTCNSW is on RFDS Roll of Honour.
- New Member Applications x 2
- Member renewals x 30
- Far Cairn Rally Pre-bookings x 2

President's Report – See President's report in the Mag.

Vice President's Report – See Vice President's report in the Mag.

2014 Award Winners are:

President's Award: Paul Evans for his support of members.

Editor's Award: Mick Furchert for his gift of the gab.

City Clubman of the Year (Runner-up): Marie Pennykid.

City Clubman of the Year: Stan Kucera.

Country Clubman of the Year (Runner-up): Tony and Cheryl Schmidt.

Country Clubman of the Year: Dave Beers.

Secretary's Report – FCR brochures delivered to 5 bike shops in the Sydney Northern Beaches area.

Treasurer's Report –

- The Club's accounts have been totally re-organised by Trevor Dean and the Treasurer is concerned that the Club does not have accounting software that can be easily transferred to new treasurers as they are elected. It was suggested that the Club purchase new MYOB accounting software that enables this to happen. A motion was put by Bruce Campbell to purchase the software. Seconded by Marie Pennykid. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer reported that Club has \$30K in savings account (with \$6K earmarked for MARI), and \$9.3K in cheque account.

Membership Secretary –3 new members. New members ride scheduled for 7 September to Megalong Valle

Editor – Away riding to OCR. Interim ride report anticipated.

Regalia –

- Mick Furchert has proposed the production of black travel mugs with Club and FCR logo. Will be ordering 50 for FCR. A motion was put by Ian Ramsey to authorise expenditure to expend \$500 to purchase mugs. Seconded by Mike Day. Motion carried.

Assets & Archives – No change.

Clubs Australia –

- Clubs Australia have decided not to incorporate. Club has applied for items from BMW for FCR. CA is looking at Wild Apricot for membership platform.

Webmaster – No report

MCC –

- No report. Bruce Campbell noted that MCC is still progressing with helmet and standing on footpegs law changes. Submissions have been made to RMS.

Past Events –

- Awards Night. Attendees reported good food and restaurant, and good time had by all.
- Apollo Rally 7-9 June attended by around 150 including 8 from BMWTCNSW. Al & Gary Peters, Dave Ramsey, Dave Beers, Dave Blum, Mal Cattermole, Tony, Cheryl Schmidt and Rachelle. Attendees reported ambitious ride through water crossing on way in, and -5.5°C overnight.
- Kangaroo Valley ride 29 June attended by Dave Beers, Al & Marie Pennykid and Al Peters.
- Bala "Back to Camping Weekend" held at Mt Wilson.
- Wolfgang noted that he, together with Paul Evans and Bala went to the July Newcastle Social Sip.

Coming Events –

- Hat Rally 2-3 August.
- Wollombi/Putty Road Day Ride 17 August.
- TTT Rally 30-31 August.
- OCR 9-10 August.

General Business -

- A presentation took place by members of the BikeBiz team who introduced the new BMW RNINET and the 2014 BMW R1200GS. BikeBiz presented the Club with a copy of the BMW 90Jahre book celebrating the ninetieth year of BMW.
- Larry Grant noted that BMWTCNSW not listed in clubs list in Just Bikes. Al Peters to follow up.
- Ian Ramsey queried whether the Clubs annual accounts had been tabled in accordance with the Dept of Fair Trade requirements. Trevor Dean confirmed that in his opinion the accounts had been tabled in accordance with the rules.
- Dave Povey noted that at previous meetings there have been discussions regarding the allocation of funds to regional 'chapters'. Committee to discuss further.
- Ian Ramsey advised that that Motohansa has given a 5 litre fuel cell for Club review.
- Ian Ramsey noted that BMW UK Club Journal contained raffle tickets for GBP 1 for BMW R75/5. He will coordinate sale of raffle tickets via FaceBook Groups page.
- Bala Padmanabhan suggested that Club may consider membership payment by PayPal.

Meeting Closed: 9.40 PM

Membership News

New Members for this month:

Peter and Amanda Huuk, hailing from Merewether riding a R1200RT.

Don't forget to look for your membership card in this newsletter!!!!



Not long now until the FCR!
Posted your entry? Booked
you leave and pass out from
family?

See you there September 19
to 21.

THE SECOND ANNUAL ULYSSES ADVENTURE RIDERS RAINDANCE RIDE

Mt Ive Station, 200km northwest of Port Augusta. Ulysses Adventure Riders meeting on 30th April 2014. 4 mates on a two week ride. Camping. 5000km. As much dirt road as we can find.

Three riders depart Sydney 23rd April. Paul, Aff & myself.

Bell's line, Lithgow, Mudgee, then start on the dirt through 12 mile to Wellington, cross the Newell at Tomingley, through Albert to Col Baldwinson's place 10km out of Tottenham for the night.

Late afternoon, a beer in hand, look over each other's bikes, all excited to be heading off tomorrow.

Beaut roast lamb dinner from Col & Judy, with neighbours David & Judy Fox-Ashwin calling in to say g'day. I slept in a double bed in the house, but Paul & Aff weren't quite comfortable with the generosity of country hospitality, & camped in the garage.



I'd like to introduce 'Aff'. Ian Emmett, who Paul & I met one day as we crossed the Hawkesbury on one of the ferries. He lives nearly next door to Paul, & we've done quite a few rides together now, & he's joined our club.

In the lead-up to this ride, there was thoughts another Ian might come along too. This last Ian had a nickname, I've had Horsy for a while now, so this new bloke needed a moniker. Paul thought he was an affable sort of bloke, so there you are. 'Aff' it is! Only trouble is, he's a pom! We had a pom in Dave Povey with us last year. That's probably why we've had rain both years!

Thursday morning was spent checking out communications & generally getting organised for heading off about 1.30. West then south to the Indian Pacific

rail line at Euabalong West, west of Condobolin. Our plan is to ride the service track beside the rail line all the way to Menindee.

First night camp in the scrub a couple of kays past Euabalong West, about 50m off the line. Gives you quite a start when you're sound asleep & a freight train rattles past at 100kmh! 175km



today.

Friday follow the line. Cross Kidman Way 17km south of Mt Hope, through Roto, & turn away from the line at Trida due to mud & water on the rail track. Just take the main road to Ivanhoe. Aff had been giving me stick about losing a small bolt from the exhaust shield on the 690. But the tables were turned in Ivanhoe where he found the bash plate was nearly falling off the BM. AND I have a pic to prove it! On in same direction as the rail line. Camp about 30km from Menindee. 350km today. We discovered Aff is a pretty handy camp cook too.



Saturday, heavy cloud. Looks like rain. Get on the road & it starts. Just get into Menindee before the black soil road gets too slippery. A couple more minutes & we would have been paddling. Decided not to go down around the lakes as planned. All heavy black soil river country. So, we slab it to Broken Hill & get a cabin in the Caravan park. Rain stops mid arvo.



We decide for Sunday to head down the Silver City Hwy about 130km to Coombah roadhouse, & rejoin the planned route. Fuel & food & head off across the road on what appeared to be a track to Loch Lily Stn near the SA border. About 8km in, & several gates, & sandy track, asked at a homestead. Track is closed. Best to go back out & use another road. About 80 kays on good road, past Loch Lily to the SA border. In SA the road becomes very sandy. Here Aff



loses the GS in the sand, twice. Took the wind out of his sails a bit. I'd gone through a couple of patches of deep sand & waited on a rise to see everyone through. Col on the 990 did his usual big 'whoops', with a couple of wild fishtails, ending up on the opposite side of the road, but somehow keeping it upright.

This 25kay section to Oakvale Stn is largely off the council's radar, as Oakvale does it's business in Burra to the west, so this bit doesn't have to be maintained quite so well. Regroup at Oakvale. Cuppa & snack, & let Aff get his mojo back. Excellent formed up road now. Camp near Fords Lagoon Stn, 75km east of Burra. 370km today.

Windy night. Had to get out a couple of times to tie the tarp down better. Paul's idea of the idyllic camp, swag on the ground, under the stars is



great. If it doesn't rain. If it doesn't blow. We've had to scramble in the middle of the night about 4 times now. Stuff this! I'm tenting from now on! Or maybe we shouldn't have any poms on our rides!

On to Terowie, north of Burra. Howling cross wind from the north. Fuel & food. Head generally northwest to Wilmington. Cuppa coffee & run into Ken & Glenda Lovegrove & team, passing through on their Dr Wings ride to Darwin & back, raising awareness & funds for MARI & the RFDS. They left Wyong on Saturday 26th.

Forecast for rain tomorrow, so we decide to head straight for Mt Ive. Get in there before it rains. Fuel in Port Augusta, out to Iron Knob, & 100km of pretty good dirt road in to Mt Ive. Get in about 5.00pm. A



few bikes here already. Have to pay for our room in the bunkhouse tonight as we're a day early for the Ulysses meeting. About 500km today.

Mt Ive Station in the Gawler Ranges run sheep & tourists. About 250,000ha with only 9,000 sheep, & the rest of their income is from tourists, local & international.



Big 20 room bunkhouse with community dining room, showers & toilets.

Rain overnight. Farmhands very happy to gee up misinformation & anxiety! They talk of road being closed for a week. No-one can get in or out. So 3 riders already there head out before the road is officially closed & try to get through to Port Augusta. Apparently they took about 3 hrs to do the dirt part. Another on a

road bike went a few kays & turned back bringing lots of mud with him.

Also the question of whether the caterers would get in. We hadn't stopped to stock up on food as we'd come through Port Augusta, 'cause we were being catered for! But with talk of the caterer not getting in we were wondering how we'd have enough food for 3 - 4 days. Caterer arrived about 1.00pm so food worries were over. Now it was the caterer's problem. They'd been booked for about 70 people, but at the moment there are only 10!

Nice relaxing evening. Good sleep for Col & I in one room. Aff had some trouble getting much sleep due to some sort of noise coming from his roommate.

Did a bit of washing, Aff & Paul walk about 4km up Mt Ive to get a weather forecast.

Played a bit of ping-pong, bit of reading, talking. Aff cooked a loaf of bread he'd been carrying the makings for. How nice was that!

Pork ribs for dinner. Better than cooking a dehydrated meal for dinner, but only just!



Wednesday morning I casually removed the air filter on the 690, just to check it was working OK, to discover lots of dust had got in. I was SOOOOOO disappointed & pissed! I'd been looking to a long enjoyable life from this new engine & bike. Now I don't know how much it's been damaged. I can see lots of frustration ahead trying to sort it out. Like how do you determine how much damage without pulling the motor down? And I don't want a motor that's been pulled down. I'd



started with a new engine, & if this one is damaged, I'd want a new engine again. How long will I be without my bike? How will I be treated by the dealer? How hard will it be to get warranty?

I just so didn't want or need any of that sort of stuff in my life! I just want to be out riding! All right. Calm down. With lots of helpers, we decided to put a couple of Chux wipes, sprayed with chain oil, over the filter till I could get a new/better filter.

Later in the day we rode about 40km to lake Gairdner. The salt lake is 150km north/south & about 6km wide. Speedweek is held there each February, though probably not next year as it has about 6 inches of water on it & probably wouldn't be dry by then.

Thursday morning there were only 17 bods out of a potential 70 for the traditional Ulysses Adventure Riders photo shoot. No club officials, just us hardy souls.



We left about 9.00am. Road was fine. Just a few patches of water over most of the road, but easily skirted.

There was forecast for rain again tomorrow, so we forewent the idea of the Flinders Ranges & Cameron Corner. Along with that I didn't want to use my bike on dirt till there was some resolution of the filter problem. So, we're in Port Augusta trying to find someone to help with another filter, but no go. Called Rob's Dirt Bike Repairs in Broken Hill, & he reckoned he could sort us out, so off we go. Get to BH after dark, & no accommodation to be had anywhere. Ag Fair. Everything's taken, except the pub at Silverton has some rooms. 32km in the dark. Great pub, brand new rooms, commissioned by the local member that day, & Paul & Aff couldn't get any hot water for a shower! The publican knew there was nothing else, so we paid 60 bucks each. Owwww!

Friday morning Col has a bit of a problem with his back, so decides to slab it home. Not prepared to risk it getting really debilitating without help close at hand.

In to Rob's bike shop. Wait around to see if Rob can get a filter for us. He



eventually, with the aid of facebook, gets one organised to come up this arvo from Mildura. Meanwhile it starts to rain. Eventually Rob offers for us to camp in the wool store in his yard. We shove a few 300kg bales around to make room, get the bikes in, with room for sleeping too. Aff thought he might sleep on the wool in one of the wool bins, but eventually the smell drove him out.

Filter duly arrives in the arvo, so we're right to head off tomorrow.

Howling wind tonight. Lots of drafts in the shed. 10deg going to bed, 7deg when we get up. At least it's dry.

Saturday morning Pauls Yamaha 600 won't start. He ends up buying a battery & solenoid from Rob.

Rob Tumes & business partner Rory were so helpful. Just the best.

They're out the western side of Broken Hill at 89 Cornish St. A bit out of the way, but most helpful. They're planning to set up a café on the site for people who are hanging around waiting. If you're passing through, call in on them. Support very helpful blokes



Rory's family are in White Cliffs, & Rory reckons the road out there would be OK after the rain. So, cold, windy day, but improving as we go, out the Innaminka Rd, then dirt on the Mutawintji Rd & Whitecliffs rd. Some of it pretty slippery. Both Paul & I come down on muddy patches. I twisted my knee a bit. 260km for the day. Stay in the Whitecliffs pub.



Sunday we head for Wilcannia. Hoping to go up the western side of the Darling.

Sorry, road closed. The only thing to do is head home. Cobar, Nymagee, Bobadah, to Col's place out of Tottenham. Another of Judy's great meals & their great hospitality.

Monday home. I thought I'd travel quicker than Paul & Aff, so left them at Parkes, but had to make a long stop at Orange, & passed them pulled up at the pie shop in Bilpin.

Thank you, gents, for a great ride, great company, & many good memories. Discovered the dust getting into the airbox on the 690 is from a defective airbox, not the filter. KTM will replace the airbox under warranty. Oil sample test shows no discernable damage to the engine.

Can't wait to see where next year's meeting will be! - Ian Horsburgh

Ride Calendar

SEPTEMBER	EVENT	CONTACT	POINTS
Sun 7 th	New Members Ride – to Old Ford Reserve, Megalong Valley for a BBQ lunch. Meet at BP North Richmond at 9:00 for a 9:30 departure. BBQ lunch will be supplied by the club for all participants at the end of the ride. All members are invited to come along but especially any new members to come and meetup Lunch Ride to South West Rocks via Crescent Head. Leave the Donut at 9.00am	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093 Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	6 6
Fri 12 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
Fri 12 th – Sun 14 th	Dargo High Plains Rally		10
Sun 14 th	Monthly “Social Sip” . 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 19 th – Sun 21 st	Far Cairn Rally , Tottenham Racecourse in aid of MARI. Details at http://www.bmwtcnsw.org.au/club/?p=3247	Ian Horsburgh 0428 693 151	10
Fri 19 th – Sun 21 st	Scrapheap Adventure Ride . If you’ve got a bike you paid less than \$1000 for here’s a ride for you. This years destination is Nymboida. www.scrapheapadventureride.com.au	Damien O’Toole	10
Sun 21 st	Day Ride to Gloucester, over Copeland Tops to the start of the Barrington tops road and back to Gloucester for lunch. GS Riders can return via Bundook and Mount George (about 25km of dirt) Leave Donut at 9.00am.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	6
Wed 24 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0407 829033	4/6*
Fri 26 th	Hunter Social Sip : Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Fri of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2
Sat 27 th	Breakfast at 8.30 Sandbar café, North Haven. The “after breakfast ride” to be determined over breakfast	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Sun 28 th	Dayride – Lunch at St Albans or Wisemans Ferry, meet at Pie in the Sky (Old Pacific Hwy) at 9:00am	Alan Pennykid	2
OCTOBER	EVENT	CONTACT	POINTS
Fri 3 rd – Mon 6 th	BMW Motorrad National Rally . To be held at Lake Cargellico in NSW. Details will be posted as they become available. Open to members of BMW Clubs Australia affiliated clubs only. Dinner, events, rides arranged . Go to the following site to get more information or to register your interest http://bmwmccact.wildapricot.org/event-839837	ACTBMWMCC	12
Sat 4 th – Mon 6 th	Pete and Dale’s Labour Day weekend to Nundle. Details to be posted – you will be notified.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	10
Fri 10 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
Sat 11 th - Sun 12 th	Kosciuszko Rally , at the Geehi Hut campsite in the Snowy Mountains National Park	ACTBMWMCC	10

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Sat 18 th	Afternoon ride to Long Flat Pub for a chat, snack and a drink. Leave the Donut at 2.00pm	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	6
Sat 25 th	Breakfast at 8.30 Sandbar café, North Haven. The "after breakfast ride" to be determined over breakfast	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0407 829033	4/6*
Fri 31 st *	Hunter Social Sip: Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Fri of the month) <i>4pts for a city member attending, 6pts for a country member attending</i>	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2

ADDITIONAL RIDES

Club Members Please Note: Join the Yahoo e-group as there are more ad-hoc day/weekend/Jaffle rides and runs organised at short notice.

These are over and above the events planned in the ride calendar.

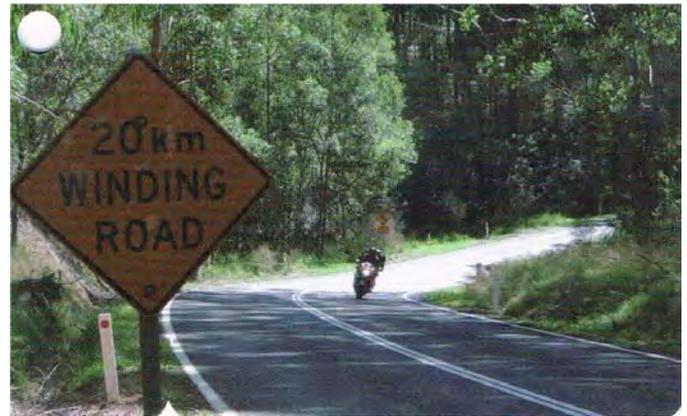
If you have a ride for the calendar, contact **Alan Pennykid** to have it included.

Alan also collates club pointscores, so make sure he knows of your club activities, to get your points for the end of year presentation.

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Awards Night 2014



The noisy bunch at the back.



Some people turned up in disguise.



Stan and Rob checking out how many times their names have been engraved since 1965



And the winner is....



Trevor brought along a few of the trophies the Club has won in the past. It was great to see these blasts from the past on display.

Front cover of the newsletter is a picture of the trophies on display. The list of recipients is recorded in the minutes of the July meeting.



Left: other people dressed up for the occasion.

Below: even Mr and Mrs Clause attended



Postman Pat photobombing everyone else's Santa pic.

Again I like to say thanks for everyone attending for making it such a fabulous night. It really is a privilege as President of this Club to address everyone and hand out the awards.

BMWTCNSW has the nicest bunch of people as members that one very proud to be associated with the club.



"Rob, one more time, that will be 500 sausages next KRR"

BIKEBIZ visits BMWTCNSW



Above : everyone settling into a bit of switch flicking.

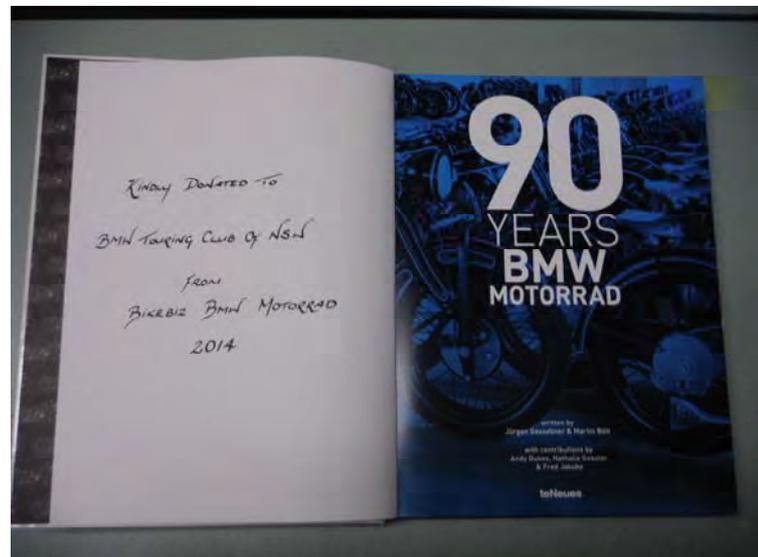
Right : Stan thought the RnineT should have apehanger bars as one of the optional extras.

It has been some time since we had a presentation from a business at a meeting. Rob Edgar organised Bikebiz to come along to a meeting via his mate, Bikebiz owner, Peter Condon. Having just opened Sydney's newest BMW dealership Bikebiz were keen to display their wares and make a connection with the BMWTCNSW. Peter along with his team Aaron, Jason and Peter, wheeled in a couple of tasty looking bikes in the form of an RnineT and an R1200GSA which they proceeded to give us the low-down on.

After the presentation about the bikes from Peter Milloy and a whole bunch of prodding and poking of the bikes by us, we were given a short quiz with the winners receiving some merchandise a prizes. Bikebiz also donated a copy of the rather impressive looking book "90 Years BMW Motorrad" to the club. This will be on display at the Far Cairn Rally with Larry's library. Thanks very much Bikebiz the BMWTCNSW looks forward to along association.

Peter Condon presenting Bikebiz' lovely gift.

Fly leaf dedication and title page.



RIDE REVIEW - BMW R NINE T – THE GOOD OLE DAYS!

Those of us who started riding in the 70's and 80's look back with a glorious, rose coloured view of the good ole days.

Ahh, riding through a summer's evening, with the warm breeze wafting around you, the occasional bug finding a resting place inside your open face helmet. It never rained, never got cold – and on it goes. Well, time marches on and reality catches up – today I'm more than happy with the armchair ride of my R1200RT with its heated bits & pieces and every techno thing imaginable. But, when the R Nine T came out late in 2013, I had to think again. What a bike!

Released to commemorate 90 years of BM horizontally opposed twins, everything about the R Nine T seems to set it apart and scream "Look at Me!". When my RT was grounded in June with a rear suspension fault, I jumped at the chance to try the R Nine T. After three months of punting around the Southern Highlands in winter, I must say I've enjoyed my trip down memory lane! The R Nine T looks, feels, sounds and goes like a well pedigreed 1200cc café racer.

Its finish is impeccable, its street manners most acceptable and wherever you go, Our Lady of Blessed Acceleration is there right by your side. Powered by the outgoing 1170 cc oil / air cooled twin, this bike is no museum piece, producing 110 hp (81 kw) with 119 Nm of torque. Given the all up weight of around 220 kg and gearbox ratios - borrowed from the 1200RT police bikes, the power to weight ratio produces a bike with impressive performance on both the straight and the twisty bits.

Its road manners stem from gold anodized upside down forks borrowed from the SS1000R, highly responsive Brembo twin front and single disc rear brakes (with ABS, but not integrated), black wire spoked wheels and sticky Metzlers. Standing still, the bike further looks the part, with its gurgling exhaust note, immaculate finish and metallic black / polished aluminum tank. A low seat height just adds to the joy. Its every inch a Beemer, and from any angle harks back to memories of some of the standout marques of the last 40 years - add a bikini fairing from Wunderlich (around \$1,000), and its even reminiscent of an R90S!

Its good bits far outweigh any mundane concerns, and you soon as get used to the fact its nakedness means no traction control; no heated grips (available as an accessory), no centre stand and no traditional fuel gauge – instead a low fuel light comes on with about three of the 17 litres in the tank left. If you want a café racer that will comfortably and swiftly take you 100k's in no time for a Sunday morning coffee, the R Nine T is the perfect bike. If you want something that you can ride around Australia, pick another BM.

For me, it's a keeper. After all, going back to one's youth is a healthy thing!

Steve Brien



Webmaster's Musings

It's been a while since I have contributed here, but on having a good excuse this time: me and the missus had a little trip to Europe, her spending about 7 weeks and including the Czech Republic and myself 4 weeks or so, with a few days in Rome and Paris...

But first. The website is burbling along, with the occasional and now well-expected hiccups (mainly caused by me fiddling with it). Advertising is will down, but I expect that is seasonal; the calendar app seems to be going well, and well looked after by Al Pennykid. It is the most visited page at the moment, so we must be doing something right in that department... Keeping the website secure is an ongoing issue, and sometimes that is where I do get tangled up. Any website gets probed these days for weaknesses, ours no exception. One of the things that will cause a visitor a problem is trying to log in using the login button on the front page. That is for us admin people and if you are looking for the club e-mag (found under "Members") or are trying to log in for other reasons, you will get three goes before the site temporarily locks you out; any further bad attempts gets you permanently locked out together with an entry on the blacklist page (and your isp address gets recorded). I have not yet found a way to easily move that login button, but I will do it - another project for the near future.

And now on to the more interesting stuff. Motorcycles are everywhere in the EU, for several reasons - the most obvious is because people like riding them. Probably just as obvious, but for a far better reason - it is tough to park your car in any city or town in Europe. Rome, Paris, Naples, Copenhagen - anywhere. So as you are wandering around, doing the tourist thing you are constantly dodging motorcyclists (usually scooters, but also the heavy metal) on the road and walking around parked bikes on the curb or footpath. There are heaps of them, everywhere. And in some of the EU countries, having a motorcycle is a whole lot cheaper than owning a car - in Denmark for instance the tax on a new vehicle (for private use) is 180%... Pushbikes, scooters or a small motorcycle is the norm. Or an old rattle trap of a car that has done well over 200,000km - even for the average middle class family. Luckily too, most of the EU countries have excellent train services.

A good friend in Denmark with whom over the years I have shared a few adventures (off-road riding in Oz, flying in the NT etc) has a KLE500 and a KTM 420 EXC. He did offer me some riding time, but wrestling with just driving around the block on the wrong side of the road, wet weather and on a strange bike - I passed. Far better to go to Sweden or Norway on a two week adventure ride -oh yes I will be doing that some day! Anyway - he suggested a trip to the island of Funen to Egeskov Castle, were there was a fairly hefty collection of motorcycles in a museum. Little did I know how hefty...

Imaging my jaw dropping when I walked into the doorway and saw this bike:



Anyone know what a 1930 Matchless Silver Hawk is? You're looking at it - 10° inline V4 with a common head, 592cc, a contemporary of the early model Ariel Square Four. Note the right hand side hand gearshift, and the cantilever rear suspension.

Another view:



Close-up of the engine

There were heaps of old bikes, some dating right back to the invention of the motorcycle, and going right up to 2014 models. All grist for future Webmaster's Musings - but as a teaser check out these names: BSA, Indian, Douglas, Rudge, FN, Henderson, Nimbus, DKW, Connaught, The Sunbeam, AJS, O-K, Victoria, Wanderer (WW), James, Nedacar (?), Gillet, Harley Davidson, BMW (R11), Excelsior, Ariel, terrot, Matchless, Motocascoche, Velocette, AWD, Royal Enfield. And that's just he vintage section.

Over the next couple three or four months I add some more pictures and stories and maybe a link to a gallery on the website...

Stay safe and stay dry!

John Visser
Webmaster

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As the first *Motorrad Rally* in some years this is a back to basics format. Rallyists are free to choose their own accommodation, with some of our club members staying at the Lakeview Caravan Park located on the corner Naradhan & Wamboyne Streets, phone 02 6898 1077.

The Lake Cargelligo Visitor Centre has a complete list of accommodation and contact details and what to see and do whilst you are in the area <http://www.lakecargelligo.net.au/>.

The first 50 paid registrations will receive a commemorative gift including the rally badge or order separately the rally badge or embroidered shirt at www.bmwccact.org.au.

Program		
Friday 3 October 2014	Time 1800	Early arrivals. Casual Meet at the <i>Blacker Family Royal Mail Hotel</i>
Saturday 4 October 2014	1000 – 1500	The BMWCCACT will lead a ride from the Lake Cargelligo Visitor Centre (1 Foster St) car park to Mount Hope Hotel (~212km return) for lunch returning mid-afternoon. A route map is here :
Saturday 4 October 2014	1800	Meet at the <i>Blacker Family Royal Mail Hotel</i> (14 Foster St) for pre-dinner drinks.
	1830	Group Rally Dinner. We have booked the hotels function room, where you can order and pay for your own Pub meal. The club has invited a guest speaker (TBC) or there will be some alternate light entertainment. A raffle for a local charity will be included
Sunday 5 October 2014	From 0800	Group breakfast at Apex Park , corner of Conapaira and Bogan Streets, and photo on Lake Cargelligo. For \$10 you can breakfast on a juice, egg & bacon roll and espresso coffee.
	1100	Official Rally concludes

Please contact rides@bmwccact.org.au if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there and making the weekend a success.

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