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## MEETINGS

<b>Monthly Club Meetings</b>	Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month ( <b>except for December</b> )
<b>Sydney Social Sip</b>	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.
<b>South Coast Social Sip</b>	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.
<b>Newcastle Social Sip</b>	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
<b>North Coast Breakfast &amp; Social Sip</b>	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 & Events Calendar

<b>April</b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>2016 Far Cairn Rally</b> , Yes 2016 re-run, See NEW FLYER!!!	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast</b> , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Coppenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breakfast Ride; Ellie-Cats Café</b> , Chifley Rd, Bell. Depart McDonalds Eastern Creek, WESTBOUND 7.15am via Springwood & Richmond. RSVP 7/4/17	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee and day ride</b> ; meet 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip</b> ; Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mid North Coast Social Sip</b> , Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Coppenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cameron Corner Dawn Service</b> ; See Newsletter for details	Mike Cummins 0418 277 128	10
Wed 26 <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 27 <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 0425 777 461	2
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Autumn Leaf Rally</b> , Tumut Valley Riders, Tumorrana Hall 35km east of Tumut on Wee Jasper rd.		10
<b>May</b>			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast</b> , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Coppenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Loaded Dog Rally</b> ; Tarago showground, catered Sat lunch till Sunday Breakfast (Tarago Show Society) \$15 prepaid \$20 at gate more info at andholbery@gmail.com	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	10
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip</b> ; Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
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Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Members Ride</b> ; to Mangrove Creek Dam. Meet 9am at McDonalds, McGraths Hill for 9.30 departure. Some back roads to Wisemans Ferry, then Spencer. BBQ lunch and soft drinks supplied. RSVP 18/5/17	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	6
	<b>Mid North Coast Social Sip</b> , Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Coppenhagen 0417 098 255	2
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Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Grey Gum Café overnight camp</b> ; before Bikers Biggest Morning Tea. (28 <sup>th</sup> ) Free camping, toilets/showers avail. Café closes 5pm so BYO evening supplies but opens 7am for breakfast	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	10
	<b>Mudgee Camping and target Shooting Weekend.</b> See further information in this newsletter.	Mick Moriarty 0427018715	10
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bikers Biggest Morning Tea</b> ; Grey Gum Café, Putty rd, Putty in support of the Cancer Council, ride up for brekky and a cuppa.		2
Wed 31 <sup>st</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*
<b>June</b>			
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast</b> , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Coppenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wollombi Lunch Ride</b> ; Meet @ McDonalds McGraths Hill 9am depart 9.30 Route TBA		2
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip</b> ; Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 10- Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Alpine Rally</b> At Yarrongabilly on the Snowy Mtns Highway		10

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

## BMWTC of NSW Club Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**Chairperson** – Alan Peters

Meeting opened – 7.50pm

**Apologies;** John Rayner, Dave Beers, Bob Madell, Phillip Smith

**Visitors;** Dave Gardner, Rob Dunstan (Mota Hanza)

**New Members;** Nil

**Previous Minutes;** Accepted, A. Pennykid

2<sup>nd</sup> P. Evans

**Presidents Report;** As per Newsletter

**Vice Pres. Report;** Nil

**Secretary's Report;** Away again but did clear the mail box

**Treasurer's Report;** Banked \$3523 from Karuah

**Membership Secretary;** 3 new members at Karuah, plus 2 others.

Membership is now approx. 260

**Editors Report;** Please keep the stories and articles coming. Very happy with the new printer.

**Public Officer;** No Report

**Asset's and Archives;** New hot water pre-heater worked well with the small number it had to deal with. Al Pennykid is to repair club Marquee that got damaged at rally.

**Clubs Aust;** National rally profit to be split 50% Clubs

Aust and 50% to hosting club

BMW national meeting cost will be covered by sponsorship.

2018 National is to be @ Stanthorpe QLD (Sept/Oct)

Results of survey, 15 clubs responded to BMW Classic to advertise in magazines as long as its informative, not sales advertising

BMW has reported a 10% increase in membership

**Webmaster;** No Report

**MCC;** No Report

**Past Events;** Small turnout to the 40th KRR due to the heat and closure of forests and Nat parks due to extreme fire danger (unusual it's normally rather wet) a big thankyou to the organizer's and volunteer's, Rob Lovett as usual a huge effort, Thanks

Morro's trophy had a mishap due to the president's slippery fingers

Rob Popplewell and Morro turned up on the same bikes they rode to the 1<sup>st</sup> KRR

**Coming Events;** FCR version 3, hopefully to good weather, everything is organized but may be no fuel in Tottenham after midday Saturday but is available 24hrs at Albert

**General Business;** Thankyou to be sent to Peter Conden (Bikebiz) for the gift certificate

Rob Dunstan informed, ex Mota Hanza mechanic Tony George is at Berowra if anyone would like his services

**Meeting Closed;** 8.45pm



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# President's Report

I must confess I have little to report this month. Between the wet weather and my life's new direction I have only stared wistfully at my bikes in the garage. I've done a little maintenance on one of the two damaged marquees, and pre-packed tee shirts for the FCR but no other Club related activities at all this month.

So, because of this new direction in life **I will be stepping down from the Committee and not involving myself with the functioning of this Club** at the next AGM. I would be happy to stay on in the role of Public Officer.

What's changed? At the end of last year Shirley and I bought a nice house on small acreage up the coast near Macksville. We are looking to lead a life running a B & B and a small plant nursey and just generally escaping the rat race that Sydney has become. Or maybe our tolerance of rat racing has declined and we're just not up for it anymore. I've also started studying horticulture at TAFE and that is taking up way more time than I anticipated. Unfortunately, the BMWTCNSW does not have my undivided attention anymore and I am not able to serve or represent you the Club in the way I should be.

I have not been riding much since our purchase because my spare weekends have been devoted to either Tech homework or heading north to do some work around the block. Any a few years of hard work should pay off for us and maybe I'll be able to direct more energy towards the Club.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as President. The people I have met along way have been inspirational and the times I have had to officiate on behalf of the Club I have been so proud of the member's achievements and generosity. Being President has been a life changing experience for me and I feel I have grown as person (not just my beer-gut!!) in that time.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the years, you're a fabulous bunch of people.

Alan Peters

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**To be held at the Andrew Cook Room, Toongabbie Community Centre,  
corner of Targo and Toongabbie Roads, Toongabbie.**

**WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2017**

**8.30pm (after regular meeting)**

**Presentation of Club Financial Records and Election of Committee for  
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## How Long Can You Growl?

### (Or beer testing at the 2017 Cold Flame Rally)

We'd been planning to ride to the Cold Flame Rally for a while. It's a back to basics rally organised by the Monarchs MC Club out of Victoria. It's held annually at the Pinch River Campground on the Barry Way about 30k's north of the Victorian border.

Paul Evans had come to stay Thursday night at my place in Bowral so we swam a few laps in Bowral Pool at a much slower pace than we did a couple of years ago when we did it more frequently. To replace any calories we might have lost in the pool we paid a visit to the Eden Brewery in Mittagong. This new business in town is a boutique brewery that knocks up some seriously good brews.

Their method of take away is via Growlers. These are 1.8 litre vacuum insulated flasks that take your favourite brew straight from

the tap to the flask so you can consume it later. We were talking to Tim, who was providing the tastings, about how long the beer would last and how we were heading for the rally some 450k's away via back roads and dirt. He reckoned shaking the crap out of the beer over that distance and not opening it until over twenty four hours later would be an extreme test of the Growler and offered to provide one for road testing. It's hard to say no when anyone offers you free beer. When Tim offered us beer the quality of what's on tap at Eden the chance of knocking back the offer was well below zero.

The following day at 1.00pm we rocked up at Eden with the bikes loaded and ready to leave, only to find Tim off duty but the owners Jacob and Deb were there so when we explained the previous day's offer they readily agreed. Seeing as my previous day's drink was their Palm Pale we decided that the fairest comparison would be more of the same.



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*Jacob farewells the growler as it sets forth on its expedition.*

Suitably provisioned we met up with Dave Beers and headed for the freeway via the old Hume Hwy and slabbed it to Marulan then peeled off to Bungonia and Oallen Ford Rd, Sandy Point Rd, then Cullulla Rd to Tarago. A run along the Braidwood Rd had us refuelling and late lunching in Braidwood then heading south another twenty k's to the old gold mining town of Majors Creek. George Scarfe and Ian Ramsay met us there to make us a party of five. We planned to bunk on the veranda of the community hall so we checked that out first to make sure it was available before heading to the only commercial enterprise in town. Luckily that enterprise is the Elrington Hotel that excels in cold beer and good pub meals. With the Growler safely wrapped in a jumper inside my rack bag we had a feed and excessively rehydrated before heading back to the hall to call it a night.

A quick breaky of coffee and Muesli bars had Scarfey & I heading south again to Cooma on dirt via Jerangle. The other three had excuses not to travel as far as the rally and they headed in the other direction. Before we left we pushed some bank notes in the slot of the donation box at the hall. When visiting a facility provided by volunteers from the local community it is the right thing to do.

Cooma to Jindabyne for lunch and another fuel top up and we were on the Barry Way heading

for Pinch River. We'd run up 450k's since leaving the Eden Brewery and by the time we'd pitched tents and settled in it was twenty six hours since the beer in the growler had been pulled.

Scarfey had an outside temperature gauge added to his bike so we snipped the cable tie retaining the thermocouple and opened the growler. I had a middy glass that someone had thoughtfully left near my bike the previous night. Unfortunately it wasn't chilled and would have been at the ambient temperature of twenty seven degrees. I carefully tilted the glass and poured a Palm Pale that had a nice head. Tim had mentioned that shaking in transit could have de-carbonated the beer but the first pour looked promising. Next test was to pop the thermocouple in to the brew. The digital gauge started descending rapidly from twenty seven and finally stabilised at thirteen point nine. The beer would have been around 7 degrees when poured from the tap. Considering the original temperature of the glass this was pretty impressive. We were, after all, at a rally and everything tastes better there even if it isn't quite at the optimum.



*Temperature testing, as scientific as it gets at a rally. Note the head on that beer!*

The best news was that even after dark, thirty something hours after it was filled, the growler provided every beer poured with a nice head and cold enough to make it the best beer I've had camping anywhere.

Sadly the capacity of the growler is finite and my

backup was cheap red wine. Hitting the sleeping bag after midnight made for a dusty ride home in more ways than one. A leisurely pack up and a great ride north from Berridale to Adaminaby on Middlingbank Rd then to Tharwa on Boboyan Rd ticked off another couple of great bike roads. I waved George goodbye on the outskirts of Canberra and headed to Tarago to retrace the back roads home. I was getting very tired, but hey, I got home on Sunday night satisfied that I'd endured another great ride with great mates but this time it was all in the name of science. And, there is no greater science than the science of beer.

Thanks to Jacob, Deb and Tim and the Eden Brewery in Cavendish St Mittagong.

Cheers

Woz

*Welcome to the new members:*

John Carmody (Manly)  
Paul Ioakimidis (Cammeray)  
Shane Austin (Coomberah)  
Christian Johns (Lisarow)  
Phillip Brewer (St Marys)  
Lachlan Robert McPhail  
(Freshwater)  
Bevan Rashford (Cammeray)



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## 2017 Camping and Target Shooting Weekend.

This annual event will be held at the SSAA Mudgee and Districts Shooting Complex on Saturday and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May. All activities including camping will be held on site.

<http://www.ssaamudgee.com.au/>

There is an aerial photo on their home page and we will be using Range 1, which is on the right. The campsite is on the flat on the RHS of the track as you approach the Range 1 Building. Please report in when you arrive.

There is a caravan park a short distance down the road:

<https://www.facebook.com/WindermereDam?ref=stream>

Here is a link showing map and GPS coordinates, etc.

[http://www.gps-data-team.info/whereis/Cudgegong Waters Caravan Park](http://www.gps-data-team.info/whereis/Cudgegong_Waters_Caravan_Park)

Please open the attachment of the P650 form and download it.

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If you cannot answer no to all questions in the Personal History section, you will not be allowed to handle firearms or shoot. Check first and save embarrassment at the range. This is not negotiable. Photo ID is also a requirement.

**Costs:** There is a \$15 range fee, which covers camping, hot showers, Sunday Sausage Sizzle lunch, etc. This charge applies to all attendees.

The shoot will cost \$45 per head (not applicable to spectators). This covers ammunition, gun powder, caps and balls, etc.

**Catering** for Saturday night and Sunday morning is available at \$10 a head. I will providing BMWTC members with dinner, but all attendees share their various dishes, so you will be eating a range of tucker! ALDI cask red Whine and cheap Port will be supplied also

Brekkie will be a basic cereals, juice, orange and a bacon and egg roll.

I am happy to stop at Dan Murphys with your booze orders on the way, please ring or email me with your requirements.

I think I have covered everything, please contact me if you have any queries.

It would be appreciated if attendees can take photos, videos for the club nag and website. I am too busy to scratch my arse on these weekends and apart from a couple of photos of Kenny in an Ivan Milat pose, we have never had any photos or vids. I ask this every year and we are still photo poor. It would be nice to do an article for the Newsletter.

Queries to Mick Moriarty,

0427018715 / (02) 63321516

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### **Weekend ride to Bermagui** meeting the BMWCCACT and BMWCCVIC (TBC) clubs

August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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## **Anzac Ceremony at Cameron Corner at dawn on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

After the 2012 dawn service at Manly cenotaph and subsequent toasts to the diggers at my pizza shop, the stories started of grandfathers who had served and at Gallipoli and other theatres of war. I stood behind my bar and pulled more beers.

One of the fellas said "Mike, same time next year" I said "Nope. I'm going to Cameron Corner to do ANZAC. Whose coming?", hoping the guys would come too, as I would look bloody stupid raising a flag reading the speeches and playing last post on my own.

That was 2013 and those blokes did come, we ran the ceremony and read the speeches and had a few to salute the diggers.

2017 we do it all again, leaving Manly and other points we will be riding to Cobar on the 22nd, Broken

Hill on the 23rd, Cameron Corner on the 24th.

After the service we will have a few drinks and either head to Innamincka on the 25th or 26th, probably camp a day or two on the creek then ride down to Arkaroola, for the night and then on to Yunta and Broken Hill, the day head back to Sydney.

Everyone is welcome, please contact Sheryl at Cameron Corner if you want a donga.



Cameron Corner are using this as their official dawn service so I reckon the bar is open

**Mike Cummins**

**0418 277 128**

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### **BMW Motorrad New Model Festival April 8**

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### ***Impressions of a Protest Rally held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. November 1980***

**(See. "Bikers Rev Up Claims for Equal Rights" page 5 Sunday Telegraph Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1980)**

The Western group, an estimated 400-500 people gathered in Church Street Parramatta.

A wide cross section of bikes were seen, those which caught the eye were a Classic 350 Velocette, a Vincent in (was it a Norton frame?) a trike, lots of choppers, Harleys, a chopper Matchless twin, a Volkswagen powered bike and sidecar, Triumphs, and a Norton SV. Some really fancy paint jobs, a guy who took his dog along on the tank and of course, standard road bikes plus a few trail bikes.

Most people thought the protest was about proposed "Crash Helmet Laws" and "Lights On Laws".

At 9am the group moved off down Church Street and along Parramatta Road towards Sydney, although broken up somewhat by traffic lights 'it' looked enormous and stretched some 3-5 km. Long.

The mood of the riders was happy and well behaved. As we passed, some car salesmen (who had gathered on the footpath to gawk) handed out their advertising balloons, which gave the ride a festive and colourful appearance.

We were joined at Ashfield by a Highway Patrol car, which accompanied us along the way. We had been asked to ride at 40 kph and because of fairly heavy traffic conditions, many bikes began to overheat and a few dropped out.

When at Sydney proper and in George Street, traffic lights had been turned off with police on point duty.

The Sydneyites must have thought they had been invaded. They stood along the footpaths, sometimes three deep staring wide eyed at the fearsome mob!!

Next we were met by two police cars, line abreast across the road and escorted with flashing blue lights past Martin Place to Macquarie Street and Parliament House.

The bikes were then parked in the Domain behind Sydney Hospital and seemed to cover about ½ square mile of grassed area.

We were advised to walk through the hospital grounds to Macquarie Street. I made special note of the orderly manner of the bikers. Most just walking along talking and laughing quietly, in contrast to their appearance, (some looked really wild!).

At about 10.45 Macquarie Street was closed off by police, an estimated 2,000 people stood listening to the speakers.

After an introduction Mr. Kevin Ryan, MLA (on behalf of Transport Minister Cox), spoke. Two points he made were.

1. More care was needed on the road by motorists with regard to cyclists and motor cyclists.

That representatives should be consulted on all occasions BEFORE legislation was passed concerning motorcycle laws.

The NSW Shadow Minister for Transport Mr. David Arblaster, then spoke saying among other things, that there should be a complete re-look at the way legislation came before Parliament.

Mike Hollaway, spokesman for Bikers Ltd. Followed saying some 40,000 people had been injured or killed over the last few years in Australia.

Also that it was the car drivers responsibility to see bikes on the road, and further it was inequitable that if a car driver did not see a bike rider and knocked him over, killing or injuring him, all that might be expected was a \$30 on the spot fine!

He said in respect of road rules. "If this (NSW) is the premier state – let's show the way!"

At this point some interjectors shouted that police were booking some bikes while the owners were attending the meeting!!

Mr. Kevin Ryan apologised to the meeting for this happening, saying that he would support anyone in his electorate who objected to paying the fine.

At that point, a senior police officer approached the speakers saying. "No one had been booked!" I guess they (the police) must have torn the book up or something, but anyway it averted what could have been a nasty situation as the crowd at this time was very restless and vocal.

At one time some bikies draped a slogan flag over a police car, but removed it when requested by police.

The meeting ended about 11.30 am with Mike Hollaway appealing to the crowd for restraint, saying. "You have had a great ride!" "

Cool it as you go and leave the scene clean of rubbish, etc".

Full marks must go to the organisers for the way things were handled.

I believe that with the exception of the alleged bookings, the police and the crowd showed a sense of responsibility and restraint.

The only things I could fault, were that a few riders proceeded against amber and red traffic lights, and while at the meeting some guys brought cartons of tinnies along. (This is only a personal feeling, that bringing alcohol to this type of gathering does not enhance our image)

In conclusion both my fellow trail bike rider and myself felt it had been a good day and well worthwhile.

In retrospect, if politicians and the public are going to take notice of these "mass" meetings, are the issues put forward the right ones, or are there more important things, like the high registration and insurance costs for instance.

What do you think??

P.S. The above was written in 1980 just after the rally

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