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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 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Members gather at the Berry Bowling Club 140 Princes Hwy, 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.
Breakfast North Coast Social Sip	Last Saturday of the month, 8:30 Breakfast at The Rivermark Café, 261 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. The after "breakfast ride" determined over breakfast. Social Sip second Sunday 4.30 pm Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, 75 Clarence St.

Club Pointscore

<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



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Haven't managed to get a report from Mr Pres this month.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

G'day folks.

What a great Karuah! Would you believe it? **No rain!** Only my second, but old stagers had difficulty remembering a previous dry Karuah. Again majestically organised by Rob Lovett, with a bunch of helpers. Congratulations to all involved.

About 20, including a team from Coonabarabran, camped at Moonan Flat on Friday night, & about 7 of us, including Dave Povey, Andris Murnieks, Rob Edgar, Henning Jorgensen, Stan Kuchera, & a few others rode over Barrington Tops on Saturday to get to the rally. What a great weekend.

I felt so much more part of the club this time. Just by being in the club for one more year, meeting more people, doing stuff with various club members meant that I ran into so many more people to chat with. Just how I imagined it should be.

Saturday night I went to bed about 11pm. Clambered out of my tent for a pee about 12.30, still half asleep, no glasses, to be harangued by a bunch of intrepid partyists as I staggered & stumbled over toward the creek. Had no idea who they were. Went back to bed, & lying there started to recognise some voices. The usual suspects of course. Evans, Povey, Neil Phillips, Woz, & a few others, partying on in the hallowed club tradition. They must all be getting a bit older now, 'cause they didn't last much longer. Don't see much of that all-night stuff any more.

Now that Karuah is over, time to think about The Far Cairn, just 6 months away.

We had a committee to run the rally last year, of mostly club office bearers. I guess unless someone does like Rob Lovett & goes solo, we'll need another committee.

If anyone would like to be involved, please let us know. It's very rewarding, contributing to the organising, & seeing an event like this come together.

Keep well. And keep it shiny.
Ian.

ANYTHING TO SELL?

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WEBMASTER'S MUSINGS

That time of the month again where one reflects on what has happened, what has been done and what has not been done. In the balance more has been done than not, but I am still playing catch-up with the website after January's slack attack... And apologies to those who were counting on the Calendar to tell them when to ride next – it is now up to date and barring further unforeseen circumstances it should remain that way...

A couple of things to talk about before we get to the fun part (riding bikes) – all ads in the Classifieds page will now be automatically deleted after THREE months, not six as previously done. In fact without the automatic function (via a plug-in) ads languished for as much as a year. The main problem is that sellers are not contacting me when the item is sold or withdrawn. I have had more than a couple of irate phone calls and emails from sellers – and potential buyers – who are in turn getting phone calls months after their item has been sold. So the rule is now: three months ads unless I am notified by email (preferably) of the item being sold, or a request to relist is received.

I am also going to combine the Wanted To Buy and For Sale pages – looking at the stats for both pages the WTB page is receiving a lot less exposure than the For Sale page. People usually go to the Home page first, then to either the Calendar or the For Sale page; in contrast the WTB page rarely is visited. I'll work out a format that easily separates the WTB and FS ads. This will surely help those people looking for parts and such for their rare /x series ☺

And now to the riding – always a pleasure and stress reliever for me. Took No.1 Niece for her first road ride recently (a birthday present), up the OPH early one Saturday morning where it had been raining in Sydney. By the time we got

out of Berowra the roads were drying up and it looked good to the north; get to Brooklyn and it was a glorious day. No.1 Niece really got into the corners and at the breakfast stop could not get the grin of her face. We met up with a group of P-platers – riders that I have met and become friends with and am mentoring (read: teaching them my bad habits). After conferring some more about the weather and where to ride next we chose Avoca Beach – and what a good choice that was. Niece and I had our swimmers and I had my first swim of the year in waters that were about 25°C – bath water! Then to a beach side café for a late lunch and then a quick trip down the slab back to Sydney, and lots of evidence of rain squalls – for us a very nice day, for those who remained in Sydney maybe not...

And I gained a convert and got a big hug ☺☺☺

Ride safe!

John Visser
Webmaster

SOME LINKS TO INTERESTING STUFF ONLINE

New Windsor Bridge

http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/sydney_region/western_sydney/windsor_bridge/index.html

If you've got a big head, you still have to wear a helmet, but you can wear one that complies with the national standards of Japan, USA or Europe.

http://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/v01_0.pdf

NSW Government Gazette 28 September 2012

Sorry about the length of these links. Seems the only way to get them to you. JV did talk about some way to shorten them, but I haven't followed that up.

Ride Calendar

MARCH	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 2nd	Camping Weekend Polblue Barrington Tops On the road from Gloucester to Scone. Enter from Gloucester side.	Rob Tiedeman	6
Sunday 3rd	Meet at Heatherbray McDonalds 10.00am Lunch at Barrington	0425777461	
Sunday 3rd	Harrington/Crowdy Head for Picnic lunch	John & Tia	4
	dirt & road routes phone for details	0448 557 077	
Wed 6th	Jaffle Run Mt Banks: Meet at 6pm BP servo Bell's Line Kurmoind for ride, or head there direct. 40km west inc 2 km easy dirt	Paul Evans	6
		0411 738267	
Friday 8th	South Coast Social Sip: Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Frday of the month)	Tony Schmidt	2
Sunday 10th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip: second Sunday / mth Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2
Saturday 16th	Weekend at Nundle dinner at Peel Inn. Various accomdation styles available. Phone for bookings and details	Aitch & Jo	6
Sunday 17th		0412 636564	
Friday 22nd	Capital Rally: Caloola Farm near Tharwa ACT. New Site, easy ride.	Alan Peters	10
to Sunday 24th	more details :www.mraact.org.au	0414 660890	
Sunday 24th	Andy's Ride Leaving Donut at 8.30am and head to Foster Tuncurry for a picnic lunch and swim on the Foster foreshore.	Andy akn2444@gmail.com	4
Wednesday 27th	Club Meeting 7.30 PM. Please join us for dinner before the meeting. at Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.	Mick Moriaty	4/6*
		0427 018715	
Friday 29th	Hunter Social Sip: Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman	2
		0427 777461	
Saturday 30th	Port Macquarie Group Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Café, North Haven at 8.30am (last Sat in Mth)		2
Friday 29th	Easter 4 day Ride Arrange with Andy for a 2 to 4 day ride	Andy	4
Sunday 1st	to Walcha, Gara Gorge, Armidale and beyond.	akn2444@gmail.com	

APRIL		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 6th	Bundarra Pub Weekend	75km North West from Uralla	Rob Tiedman	6
Sunday 7th	Weekend pkeg: Bed, Dinner and Continental breakky \$50, camping from \$7. ph Rob to arrange booking		0427 777461	
Friday 12th	Jaffle Run and camp out St Albans: meet	at grounds across road from St Albans Pub.(dinner available there)	Paul Evans 0411 738267	6
Friday 12th	South Coast Social Sip:	Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Frday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494229	2
Sunday 13th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip	(second Sunday / mth) Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2
Wednesday 24th	Club Meeting 7.30 PM. RESCHEDULED TO COUNTRY MEETING 4th May see below			
Thursday 25th to	4 day Ride to Nthn NSW and Sthn Qld		Pete & Dale	10
Sunday 28th	will be set up by Pete and Dale. dalefeeny@bigpond.com.au		02 6559 8470	
Friday 26th	Hunter Social Sip:	Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2
Saturday 27th	Autumn Leaf Rally:	south of Wee Jasper dates confirmed	Alan Peters	6
Sunday 28th	refer Tumut Valley riders http://www.angelfire.com/in/tvrmc/		0414 660 890	
MAY		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 4th	Country Meeting Taralga Hotel 6.00pm	be there or be square! see newsletter and website for details. rsvp for dinner required	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	6
Friday 10th	South Coast Social Sip	Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Frday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494229	2
Sunday 12th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip	(second Sunday / mth) Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2
Saturday 12th	Loaded Dog Rally	Held by Clubman Tourers. Camping at Tarago Showground. \$15/\$20 Children free. Gymkhana.		
Saturday 25th	Port Macquarie Group Monthly Breakfast	at Sandbar Café, North Haven at 8.30am (last Sat in Mth)		2
Wednesday 29th	Club Meeting 7.30 PM.	Please join us for dinner before the meeting. at Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.	Mick Moriaty 0427 018715	4/6*
Friday 31st	Hunter Social Sip:	Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2

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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 Peters 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.

He can be contacted on 0298 293 950 or 0414 660 890 or vicepresident@bmwcnsw.org

Black Dog Ride

on the 24th march from The Entrance leagues club.
<http://www.blackdogride.com.au/view/rides/1dr-2013/>

LANE SPLITTING TRIAL Sydney CBD

FEB 2013 <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/australian-first-lane-filtering-trial-motorcyclists-sydney-cbd>

Note that the first month of the trial will now be an observation of existing conditions. The exemptions for filtering will now start March!

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS AND A LITTLE CLUB HISTORY From Woz.

G'day,

A little piece of club history went by the wayside today when I received a call from Aust Post to say that the Rydalmere Post Office was closing and so was our PO Box. We were given a choice of anywhere in Australia or one of the five available boxes at Ermington on Victoria Road and a five day window to act before these boxes were allocated to others.

I made one call to Trevor Dean to confirm my reasoning to keep the PO Box close to the geographic centre of Sydney out of fairness to future committees rather than taking one convenient to the current key holders. I had a rare opportunity to rearrange my work day and a club cheque left over from Karuah, so the club address is now

**PO Box 549
Ermington
NSW 1700**

While the paperwork was being done I noticed an A5 yellowed card that had been placed on the counter. Way back before Telstra, Telecom and Australia Post there was the combined might of the Post Master General's Department or PMG, who's name headed the card. (My first ever drive was in one of their Commer vans inside the Riverstone Meatworks.

It was school holidays, I was about eleven and was termed at the time a latch key kid, and had gone to work for the day installing telephones with a long since departed uncle).

In the box titled service commenced was the date 12 April 1975 and the field for Transfer of Private Box Service had never been marked. We paid eight dollars for one year and another dollar deposit on two keys. The Secretary of the time signed for the keys as Malcolm McKenna.

I wonder, if in another thirty eight years some member of the committee will turn up at a post office

and read my name on some archived file in digital format and wonder

who the hell was Warren Buffett.

Cheers

Woz

PS. There is redirection of mail for 1 year. After that anyone posting to the old address could save a stamp and bin their correspondence without leaving home.

Phone - March 0414 660 890 - Box 5498 Ermington NSW

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Minutes of General Meeting 30 January, 2013

- Chairperson** – Alan Peters
- Meeting Opened** – 7.49PM
- Apologies** – Mick Moriarty, Ian Berry, Allan Lloyd, John Visser, Sandra Gluck
- Visitors** – Eric Anderson came out of hibernation and was back in Oz hosted Paul Evans,
- Previous Minutes** – Acc. – Ian Horsburgh, Wato Sec. –
- Correspondence** – Rec'd

- Inv for hall hire for 2013 from Holroyd Council
- Certificate of Appreciation and letter of thanks from Transplant Aust (post David Gough Memorial Ride)
- 2 WestPac Statements
- Letter to Treas from WestPac
- Westpac Acc statements x 2
- St George Acc statement
- Access to club wpac acc for Mick & Woz
- 2 x New membership
- Mags from UK & Ireland, Sth Aust
- Mag from Vic club
- 1 x New Membership
- 1 x add for newsletter & web
- Correspondence** – Sent, Nil
- President's Report** – See Newsletter. Mick wasn't here. He was fixing anything and everything with wheels at his place as they had all suffered a failure to proceed.

- Vice President's Report** – Appealed for members to organise rides with enough notice to go in the ride calendar. Also advised that regional rides put on by Martin Ryzak have been postponed for a while.
- Secretary's Report** – See minutes
- Treasurer's Report** – \$ Inward, 4 new memberships rec'd. \$ outward, KRR expenses. Rob Lovett will compile a rally P&L in his usual efficient manner right down to the last sausage and bum nut.
- Membership Secretary** – Currently 200 odd. (Not all 200 are odd, that is referring to an approximation).
- Editor** – Looking for reports and other interesting stuff to stock the editorial bank.
- Regalia** – Absent
- Assets & Archives** – Mal has the trailer ready to rock and roll for Karuah.
- Clubs Australia** – Trevor requested several larger items for raffling at Karuah in lieu of the small value items like pens and notebooks so we have fewer items of higher quality rather quantity to shorten the raffle.
- Webmaster** – JV was hunting wabbits in Nuzuland and was unable to attend the meeting.
- MCC** – First meeting of the year is 1st Monday of Feb. Any newsworthy stuff is posted to the egroup.
- Spare Parts** – Absent
- Past Events** – Xmas Party. EXCELLENT as usual. Bridle Track camping weekend. Good time had by the 8 adults and 2 little folk who attended. Bala was there and it was good to see him out and about again.
- New Years Rally. Another top Rob Lovett social event in a great location.
- Coming Events** – Karuah River Rally. Cold Flame Rally 8/9 March. Capital Rally rescheduled for end March.

General Business -

- Al the V.P. has organised beer coolers for sale at KRR. Surplus, if any to be sold to members at the Feb meeting at \$6 ea. These fit either cans or small bottles and are emblazoned with the Karuah River Rally so that people know they are drinking with a real motorcyclist.
- **Motion by Pat Dwyer** that the club purchase a voice enhancing device up to a max of \$300 to be taken and used at the presentation at Karuah.
Motion seconded by Paul Evans.
Vigorous debate followed on the pros & cons of the motion.
Motion carried.
Footnote by sec'. A megaphone was purchased by Mike Day and given a gallop by Rob Lovett. No official complaints were made about the megaphone nor positive comments received from the hard of hearing. One person who claimed to be deaf complained that they couldn't lip read the presenter.
- Pat Dwyer proposed a country meeting. Consensus was to transfer the April meeting to Taralga. Vice Prez to confirm and advise.
- Chris Huddy suggested that the club devise ways to better support regional ride co-ordinators. Vice Prez to contact co-ordinators for input on what could work.
- **Meeting Closed:** PM Oops. Closing time not recorded.

MCC FIRST AID COURSES

Here are the details of the First Aid courses.

- Cost is \$165 each plus \$10 for the room hire.
- Course is one day with pre-reading/study/boning up prior.
- Course is recertification and certification for Snr First Aid.
- Course delivered by an ex Paramedic.
- Course recognised by Workcover.
- Course is motorcycle specific and details;
 - o Helmet removal both 2 people and 1 person
 - o How to move a person 2 people and 1 person without damaging the neck.
 - o Accident scene management
- Course to be held in Caringbah.
- Early booking gets you the manual early for the pre reading component if not online study.

Available dates are; 16th March, 6th April, 13th April

There are enough people on the list to do two courses but too many to do one together.

DSMRA probably have enough to do the basic numbers on their own (8) but we might fling a couple onto their course unless their numbers go up.

Dates will be on a consensus basis so get back to me with a preferred date and a secondary date and I will log the dates wished for and make a decision based on best numbers and fit.

cheers,
Chris

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UPCOMING TOURS 2012/2013

December	1 - 10	Five Passes South Island Tour
January	5 - 12	Round North Island Tour
January	15 - 24	Round South Island Tour
February	2 - 3	Forgotten World Highway
February	16 - 18	Cape Reinga Run
February	21 - 24	Round East Cape Tour
March	2 -15	Grand Panoramic NZ Tour



Homer Tunnel - South Island Tour 2012



Waihau Bay - North Island Tour 2011

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PORT MACQUARIE RIDE CALENDER

March 2013

Sunday 3rd (John and Tia)

Leave from Donut at 11am. Head for Harrington/Crowdy Head for Picnic lunch (GS riders via Diamond Head road). Return via Wingham, Comboyne (part of road is an OK dirt road) back to Port. Bring Picnic lunch and swimmers (other details, contact John on 0448 557 077)

Sunday 10th

Social Sip at The Boardwalk Restaurant and Bar, 75 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie starting at 4.30pm

March 16th & 17th Weekend away to NUNDLE

If you have any questions ring or email Aitch and Jo Read on (02) 6559 6199 or Aitch's mobile- 0412 636564 haread@optusnet.com.au

If you wish to attend this weekend we suggest you book ASAP (NOW) !

(**Please NOTE:** Once you have booked, email Aitch your attendance for dinner catering purposes)

Saturday 23rd March

Breakfast at the Sandbar Café Camden Haven at 8.30am. After breakfast ride to be arranged at breakfast.

Sunday 24th March (Andy's ride)

Leave from the Donut at 8.30am and head to Foster Tuncurry for a picnic lunch and swim on the Foster foreshore. Bring picnic and bathers. Return via Laurieton Hotel.

Easter - Good Friday 29th March through to Easter

Monday

Arrange with Andy for a 2 to 4 day ride to Walcha, Gara Gorge, Armidale and beyond. Contact Andy on 0418 975 198 or preferably at akn2444@gmail.com

April 2013

Sunday 7th (John and Tia – frog.hollow01@bigpond.com)

Leave the Donut at 9am. Head for the Pub with No Beer via Maxville (GS riders via Bellbrook). Lunch at Pub with no Beer return via Scotts Head/Stuart's Point/ Crescent Head (GS via Maria Road).

Saturday 13th (Ian and Daintree Gerrand email – daintry.gerrand@bigpond.com)

Breakfast at Rosies at John's River at 8.30am. Head to Gloucester (GS riders via Mt George Rd)

Sunday 14th

Social Sip at The Boardwalk Restaurant and Bar, 75 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie starting at 4.30pm.

Saturday 20th

Breakfast at the Sandbar Café, Camden Haven at 8.30am. After breakfast ride to be arranged at breakfast. (this is a week early due to ANZAC day weekend ride)

Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th (ANZAC day LOOOOONG Week End)

(Peter and Dale dalefeeney@bigpond.com.au phone 6559 8470)

This is a planned 4 day ride to Northern NSW/Southern Qld which will be set up by Pete and Dale. This looks fantastic – apply now for Friday 26th off work). **Contact Pete and Dale if you wish to participate.** They will put out more details later.

ST IVES JAFFLE RUN Wed 20th Feb
Last night was a perfect night for both riding and jaffling with clear skies (no rain) and balmy temperatures.

We had 9 people turn up and there was plenty of firewood and picnic benches so a great night was had by all.

Looking forward to the next jaffle run to Mt Banks on Wednesday 6th March. Some of us may sleep over so keep in touch if that is your pleasure.

Cheers

Paul

No mention of the MASTER JAFFLER FAILING! 3 times!

George Schwarz Exhibition

George would like to invite all club members to his exhibition from 27th Feb. to April 13th.

George can no longer ride far, but he keeps on making pictures.

His latest are showing at Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell Street Paddington from 27 Feb.- 13 April Tues-Saturday 11am- 6pm. All are invited, particularly to the opening event 6-8 pm Thursday 7 March.

Regards from us both,
Charis



Karuah River Rally 2013

By Frank Cachia. 2415km & only a week off crutches!

Usually all one does before attending this rally is to check the engine oil, kick the tyres, and pack up the wet weather gear and go. This is virtually what I have done in the past but this time all that nearly came to a crashing halt when in November a medical CT scan showed that bone fragments from my accident have lodged under my knee cap requiring another operation.

This being the seventh operation is bad enough but so close to the rally is disastrous. Keeping in mind that Christmas was just around the corner, I pushed both the insurance and the medical staff to undertake this operation as soon as possible giving me the greater amount of time to be able to recuperate, eventually get rid of the crutches thus I can swing my leg onto the bike so I can attend the rally.

Exactly one month before I headed to the rally I was lying down on a gurney waiting to be knocked out so the leg can be opened again. In the meantime the K1100RS was having its side stand modified to keep it more upright thus reducing the amount of leverage required by a damaged foot to place the bike upright.

Two weeks later I put one crutch aside, one week later I started to walk using a walking stick and the last week before the departure date walk unaided. There was a bit of a drama when after a rather heavy leg movement a few drops of blood appeared at the stitches, but I just put that down to simple "springing a leak".

On a crystal clear dazzling blue sky I wheeled out the bike, bring it to life and departed, destination; pick up Peter on his K100RS and then Albury, Bathurst, Singleton and the rally, about 1220km away.

Cloud cover over Yea made riding deserted road a pleasure however by Benalla the clouds dissipated and although the sun was welcomed it started to warm up.

A brief stop at Albury to top up both rider and bike and after a few kilometres on the Hume Highway swing onto the Olympic Highway and once again enjoy relatively empty roads.

The beauty of this highway is what the Hume Highway was like in the seventies. There was no police to speak off; you might be delayed due to road works. You don't bypass a town, just slow down as you go through it. Hamlets like Gerogery are nothing more than a train whistle stop. It has one double story pub in the corner, an old petrol station across the road and a few houses on the other side of the train tracks. Under a crystal clear sky the only thing that moves are a couple of bare footed kids on pushbikes who madly wave back at you as you ride by. With luck you might even see the lazy movement of a dog's tail as it lies under a porch trying to escape the heat. This time, neither the kids nor the dog were to be seen, the sun was making itself felt.

The temperature steadily climbed, thin white clouds up in the stratosphere didn't offer any shade and the sun wasn't showing any mercy. Thoughts of removing the jacket were dismissed, as this would instantly bring sun/wind burn. Opening the visor was instant stifling heat and closing it was like being inside a furnace. There was just no escaping the heat. By the time we arrived at Cowra anyone who was wearing full leathers was willing to give up riding. The usual 5 minute top up of both rider and bike was cancelled in favour of close to an hour in the shade drinking whilst half undressed.

For the first time ever I saw the temperature gauge climb all the way to the red zone and hear the fan cut in just by travelling the length of the town main street. It was a pleasure to once again out of town increase speed and slowly watches the needle return back to the normal position.

Cumulous clouds started to gather on the horizon and as we approached Bathurst they started to form a single menacing mass. A few minutes after leaving Bathurst the temperature noticeable dropped, the road was wet and the first few drops of rain splattered against the visor. For the next few miles we enjoyed a cooler climate as a light rain fell. Even the temperature gauge noticed the difference.

The bad news was that by the time we reached Lithgow the rain stopped, the clouds departed and a warm sun came out. The good news was that after the climb out of Lithgow we were at the start of the Bell Line of Road. Ahead lay forty kilometres of the most enjoyable twisting mountain roads around. Surely it was designed by a motorcyclist.

Twelve hours after leaving home we entered Windsor and headed for the caravan park were in the seventies, club members put up their tents the night before attending the Castrol 6 Hour race. The only problem was that the park had closed down so we elected to spend the night in a motel and a long shower.

The other reason for staying at Windsor was to ride the full length of the Old Putty Road the following morning. Ahead lay a hundred and fifty kilometres of winding road through the Woolemi and Yengo National Park – another magic carpet ride.

The Grey Gum café near to the half way mark was making a roaring trade as over 100 bikes were parked under every piece of shade available. Oh yes, the sun was once again out in force.

Singleton marks the end of the ride and the start of the torture track. From here onwards the road to Dungog via Gresford showed typical rural hilly country, the scenery only spoilt by the unbelievable rutted, broken down, countless repatching on the secondary goat track ---- I mean road. You couldn't make it rougher if you tried. Clearly, this tells the road uses that no high-ranking politician lives here.



Leaving the bikes in front of the Dungog pub we made friends and renewed old ones as we indulged in the time honoured tradition of downing a few glasses of ale. First renewal is the barmaid Debbie, who has been pouring me a beer for the last twenty or so years. You should have seen the looks on the local faces when once again she gave me a hug and kiss congratulating me on coming back once again wearing leathers. Outside the pub I had more handshakes that I could count.

A short 16km dirt road saw us enter the rally site. Once the tent was up, thankfully with a little help from my friends it was time to go walkabout. Again friends and strangers made me most welcomed. I was rather surprised to win a "Best Bike at Rally" trophy at the club presentation. The night was spent chatting around the campfires which weren't even lit. Looking up presented a star filled sky. What a sight.



Morning was once again a brilliant blue sky. Packing was rather slow due to being unable to kneel on the left leg. We soon waved good bye and headed south. The fuel tanks were topped up, planning to refuel at the end of the Bell Line of Road in Lithgow. We were quite pleased to reach the halfway point by 2pm and with only six or so hours from home settled down traversing the Olympic highway.

Once Cowra was in the rear view mirror, traffic was down to nothing and once again we had the road to ourselves. How empty was the road? Between Cowra and the Hume Highway junction a distance of just over three hundred kilometres I counted just six semi-trailers. Perfect riding situation, an empty road ahead, a healthy bike, sitting on the Maltese Speed Limit and a dazzling blue sky above, what more does a motorcyclist want?

Very pleased with our progress our final stop was in Albury only to find that I had a near flat rear tyre. Pumping it up, we continued on, entering Victoria just as the sun started to stretch the shadows. Plans of turning off the main highway and go home the back way was cancelled and we elected to ride down the length of the Hume Highway stopping at every petrol station and re-inflate the tyre. Rather annoying but we had no other choice. Riding down a camera infested road didn't help either. Finally we made it to the Ring Road and started heading eastwards. The final pit-stop was in Doncaster.

As I rolled down the driveway and gladly got off the bike I made a mental note that the 36th Karuah River Rally was now nothing more than a page in history.

Queensland Gulf Trip – August 2012

By Mark Vane-Tempest

Part 3

After finishing off the Camel Pie & coffee for breakfast, it was time to head east.

Today was Wednesday and on the coming Saturday it was the famous Birdsville Races, the place was filling fast with every kind of 4WD you can imagine. But still, I was the ONLY bike in town! About 3 klms out of town was the race track. I just had to stop and get some photos.

I was rested and excited to get going. So with 280klms of dirt & 100klms of sealed road to before reaching Windorah, I headed off. It was a beautiful sunny day at 30



degrees. There wasn't much traffic but all of it was going west to Birdsville against me, hence some occasional dust to contend with. Again, the wide open views were fantastic, but more so when you're not used to seeing them.



There are some sharp crests to be careful of and there are warning signs to say so, as I found out at 80kph when I crested to find a herd of cattle all across the road. With all purpose tyres and a top heavy load in thick loose gravel, you need to concentrate. The ABS has done a great job this whole trip and in fact I've never turned it off. After about 240 klms and the low fuel light flashing at me I reached the Innamincka turn

off. Out here there is nothing but open plains and lots of empty dirt road. And I loved it! I stopped here for a short while to empty the bladder, well both actually. The one strapped on the top of the luggage had swollen in the 32 degree heat, well both actually. So it was good timing to drop it into the bikes under seat tank. Drinking some more water, I continued onto Windorah where it was packed with 4WD's and people everywhere. The Yabby Races were on here tonight and it's a big event leading up to the Birdsville Races. It's also a small town with only one fuel station. I mentioned the mass exodus of 4WD's heading west; well they were all lined up here to get fuel. With the next fuel stop over 200 klms further east, I had no choice but to get into the cue and wait. When its 32 degrees and you've got full riding gear on, it was bloody hot sitting there. Then it was a stop/start scenario every couple of minutes. At this point I wished the GS was an automatic. The really funny part was the woman employee standing next to a "No Smoking" sign at the work shop – Smoking! I wish I'd taken a photo.

Finally, I was fuelled up and heading out of town when I saw an array of huge solar dishes, I expect a solar power generating farm. Just when I thought I could settle into a good run on the highway, I was stopped by police with a two way breathalyser station. That is, getting ALL traffic heading in and out of town. I was surrounded by 5 cops all asking questions about me and the bike. Turns out they were all keen dirt bike riders and wanted to know about the gear I had set up on the bike. One guy pointed out that my number plate was obscured by dried mud & dust. I offered to pull over and clean it but they said "nah, just clean when you get to the next town, but watch out for the cops in Quilpie as they may not be so lenient." After a chat for a while, I took on the 240 klms of long boring road to Quilpie. This was mostly a single lane of tar so with heaps of traffic ALL going the opposite way; I was constantly pulling off the road. Most of them had trailers and there were B double trucks so I wasn't going to force keeping my side of tar.

Finally, after a long hot day, I reached Quilpie. As I had passed through here on the way north, I truly had done a loop now. I rolled into the caravan park and asked for a cabin, no camping in a tent on rocks tonight. It was wonderful to collapse on a large soft bed with a TV and a fridge. But the best part was the hot artesian bore spa baths so here I soaked for half an hour. Awesome.

The next day would be the last town to see and one for the bucket list – Lightning Ridge. I went south to Toompine (Google it) and again had the road all to myself. Well, mostly, as the Emu's were out again and at 100kph a large male with some chicks decided to act like Ten pin bowls and set up on the road in front of me. Once again, the ABS was a big help. After that, I kept my eyes peeled for more kamikaze emus and sure enough out of the morning shadows on my left, came a large emu right in front of me. He quickly turned and was now running right next to me and we literally looked each other in the eye! I can tell you, his were yellow. I didn't see what speed we were doing; I was too busy watching him and slowing down some more. He then turned and went off the road. I reckon these things are worse than Kangaroos!

I stopped in Cunnamulla for lunch and a fuel stop. This is quite a good place to see if



you're travelling out this way and need a break. Later, I found a short cut which would save me about 75kms and an hour of riding. This was a 100kph road of good tar – I thought. I could see ahead some smooth red dirt and thought, "I'm in luck it's just been graded".

Wrong & right. It had just been graded but it was now smooth thick red dust and sand. And I hit it at 100 clicks!

Talk about speed wobbles, somehow I managed to ride it out whilst slowing down and reached the other end where there was good hard dirt and more bitumen. Then more hard dirt, then more soft sand. I decided to push on and get the short cut done, but I hated the soft sand. Finally at 4.00pm I rolled into Lightning Ridge where eventually I found a well priced (at \$85) and good motel room. It was my last night on the road, so I treated myself to a well earned pizza. The people at the motel were very friendly and wanted to hear all about my trip. Turns out their son is an adventurer and has crossed the Simpson Desert by foot. I'd rather a dirt bike myself. I didn't see much of Lightning Ridge as it was really just an overnight stop and the last day was 700kms to home so I rolled out of town the next morning and headed for home. All up I did 6,200 kms in 10 days of riding. I had plenty of encounters with wildlife along the way and saw some fascinating things and fabulous country side. Australia is an awesome place but there's so much more I haven't seen yet.

The next trip was the Victorian High Country in January 2013 and this was a bigger challenge than I expected! Stay tuned!

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From Kevin Sutherland at MONALAND

There is a lot of Media coverage at the moment about the upcoming changes to Greenslip pricing from 01/02/2013. Unfortunately NSW residents seem to be hit hard on these compulsory policies and reliant on government bodies and insurers to determine the pricing structure. Like electricity price increases, they think we are all made of money.

Deb and I have worked on the Greenslip costs for the last 6 years and have saved many members \$\$\$ and we would like to say how much we appreciate the support we have had over this time. Like any other facility, if there isn't the support, you lose the facility.

Because of the support the members have given us, we can PROUDLY say after many, many comparisons processed in every circumstance we can think of, Monaland (CIC Allianz) Greenslips are the cheapest you can buy. Previously our only competition was GIO primarily with the discount they gave those members over 55 years and if in near perfect circumstances. After reviewing the comparisons, it now appears that GIO have removed that over 55 discount and are no longer competition.

We would also like to clarify the rumour that NRMA offers rider at fault cover. We have heard this so many times from members calling us that it needs to be said **THIS IS INCORRECT**. No Insurer, including CIC Allianz offer Rider at Fault. The policies that do offer Driver at Fault exclude certain vehicles in the policy and yes you guessed it, Motorbikes are excluded. Page 4 of the most recent NRMA policy document, lists the exclusion. ('Vehicle' means a mechanically propelled motor vehicle designed for use on land only, but does not include a motorcycle, scooter, bicycle or quad bike.)

Back to the pricing. When we received the pricing changes it had shown out of 25 prices we have, 14 were reduced and 11 increased. Shortly after we received another change to come into effect 18/02/2013. This was good news as all prices were reduced. This meant that 14 overall reduced and 10 increased and 1 remained the same. The worst hit are the bikes over 1325cc in the country region.

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Whilst we would love to get out to every branch to discuss this and answer any questions, it is logistically impossible therefore we would greatly appreciate if you

could let your members know at your next meeting or we are happy to write something for your next newsletter.

Cheers

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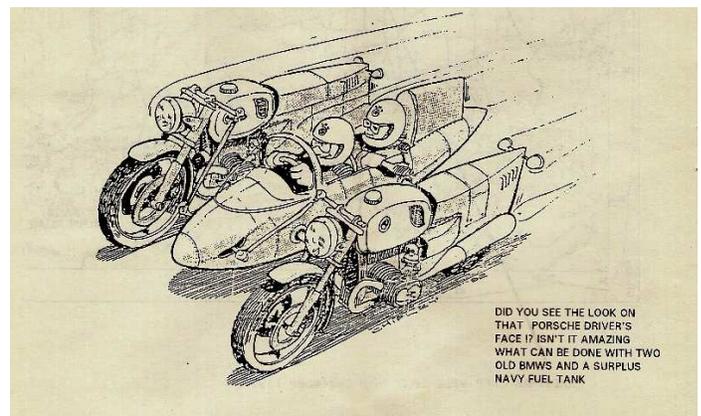
This letter was addressed to Ulysses members.

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You would have to be a member of either Ulysses or MCC, but the offer may very soon be open to BMWTC members too.

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Cartoon from Frank Cachia.



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