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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

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

## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

G'day folks.

Well, now the Karuah Rally is done & dusted, we need to be thinking about the Far Cairn.

We elected a committee last month at the general meeting. Woz, John Rayner, Al Peters, & myself volunteered, & Trevor Dean was included, due to him having the financial reins, & Paul Evans & Mike Day were seconded, because they were very helpful on the committee last year.

So far we have a definite date, which is 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, booked with the Tottenham Racecourse committee. The Lions Club will again do the barbecue for dinner Sat. night, & breakfast on Sunday.

Woz is dealing with the application forms from Lachlan Shire council, for permission to run the event, & a Hazard assessment form.

And we now have a \$20mil insurance policy, so the council should be satisfied.

Russell Adam will get us a load of firewood again. He does it off his own bat just to make a contribution to our charity, & to see us go back there to Tottenham each year.

Also at the FCR, we're looking at celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the 'K' Series BMW, on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1983. The exact weekend of the rally.

Paul Evans, Dave Povey, & Col Baldwinson, a mate from Tottenham, and I, are planning a two week ride up into western Qld in early May.

Ulysses Adventure riders Special Interest Group are having a meeting at 'Glentuckie Stn' in Sth Qld, between Barrington & Cunnamulla, up from Bourke. We'll meet up with them at Orange, travel with them over 2 days up to there, a couple of nights there, then another day to Quilpie. We'll branch off & head for Winton, then back down the Diamantina, in the 'Channel country', then Birdsville, Cameron's corner, Innamincka, maybe down to Broken Hill, Menindee, back to Tottenham & home. Can't wait.

Bala's been having problems again. Has now been put back on the transplant list, waiting for a new heart. He has to be on call, in a state of preparedness, to be able to present at hospital within an hour, so he can't really leave the house to go anywhere. And he might get the call next week, or be waiting for months, or even a year or more. Not fun!

All our best wishes are with you mate.

Keep the shiny side up.  
Ian.

## WEBMASTER'S MUSINGS

Did I not write the last "Musings" the other day? This time of the month comes up too fast...

Had a huge wrestle with the website in the last month or so, which had become quite corrupted. Tracing the problem took a while but that and the solution was quite simple – once I knew what and how. It seems the allowable upload memory size had become too small for some of the software upgrades that are constantly appearing and an upgrade was ever only partially loaded. Yes there were messages "Fatal Error blah blah blah" but as long as the website was running I took the coward's way out and ignored them. Until one day the site stopped working, well at least the admin side did. The calendar was not too healthy too, losing its formatting early in the piece.

I started doing some research and was told to look for a php.ini file – which did not exist on the latest upgrades. While some of forum advisors argued about what or why there was no php file someone popped up and said to contact the host. Well after a couple three weeks of intense frustration the solution was so simple I had to wack myself on the forehead – an email to the hosting service and they immediately upgraded the allowable upload memory via the php.ini file *which only they had access to* (no wonder I could not find it!); I deleted and reloaded all the relevant software and had the site back up and running in minutes.

Except I wiped the calendar...  
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I decided against going back to the backup in case I reloaded some of the older corrupted files – next edition of the club nag mag I'll start repopulating the calendar and we'll start afresh.

Available free time to do work on the website is still an issue – work, work projects and family stuff have all contributed in me not being able to give my full attention to the website. This will change – when though I am not sure.

And onto the fun stuff: by the time you read this Ernie and I will be somewhere northern NSW on the bike, bike trailer attached, attending the Byron Bay Blues Festival – 5 days of music with a lineup of the greats – Santana, Paul Simon, Iggy Pop, Steve Miller Band, Mavis Staples, Bonny Rait – it goes on... we are taking 5 days to get up there and 4 days to get back; we'll be staying in Mullumbimby as past experience suggests that Byron Bay is not a good place to get in and out of while the festival is on...

We hope to see some good countryside and great B-roads (hate the Slab on the bike), stopping when and where we want – no responsibilities, no cares and most importantly outa this city!  
All the best for Easter – stay safe

John Visser  
Webmaster

# Ride Calendar

APRIL		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 6th Sunday 7th	<b>Bundarra Pub Weekend</b> 75km North West from Uralla Weekend pkg: Bed, Dinner and Continental breakky \$50, camping from \$7.00. ph Rob to arrange booking	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	6	
Friday 12th	<b>Jaffle Run and camp out St Albans: meet</b> at grounds across road from St Albans Pub.(dinner available there)	Paul Evans 0411 738267	6	
Friday 12th	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Frday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494229	2	
Sunday 13th	<b>Port Macquarie Group Social Sip</b> (second Sunday / mth) Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2	
Wednesday 24th	<b>Club Meeting 7.30 PM. RESCHEDULED TO COUNTRY MEETING</b> 4th May see below			
Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th	<b>4 day Ride to Nthn NSW and Sthn Qld</b> will be set up by Pete and Dale. dalefeeney@bigpond.com.au	Pete & Dale 02 6559 8470	10	
Friday 26th	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2	
Saturday 27th Sunday 28th	<b>Autumn Leaf Rally:</b> south of Wee Jasper <b>dates confirmed</b> refer Tumut Valley riders <a href="http://www.angelfire.com/in/tvrmc/">http://www.angelfire.com/in/tvrmc/</a>	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	6	
Saturday 27th	<b>Port Macquarie Group Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Café,</b> North Haven at 8.30am (last Sat in Mth)			
MAY		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 4th	<b>Country Meeting Taralga Hotel 6.00pm</b> be there or be square! newsletter and website for details. <b>rsvp for dinner required by 30 March</b>	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	6	
Sunday 5th	<b>Port Macquarie Group</b> Gloucester/Walcha/Long Flat Leave Kew at 8.30am.	Aitch & Jo 0412 636564	4	
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	<b>Port Macquarie Group Social Sip</b> (second Sunday / mth) Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2	
Saturday 11th Sunday 12th	<b>Loaded Dog Rally</b> Tarago showground		6	
Sunday 19th	<b>Port Macquarie Group</b> Rollands Plains/Redbank Meet at the Rivermark Café for breakfast at 8.30. Leave at 10.30am	Lin & Prue	4	
Saturday 25th	<b>Port Macquarie Group Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Café,</b> North Haven at 8.30am (last Sat in Mth)		2	
Wednesday 29th	<b>Club Meeting 7.30 PM.</b> Please join us for dinner before the meeting. at Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.	Mick Moriarty 0427 018715	4/6*	
Friday 31st	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2	
JUNE		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Sunday 9th	<b>Port Macquarie Group Social Sip BROUGHT FORWARD THIS MONTH</b> Meet at the Beach House Pub from 4.30 onwards		2	
Sat, Sun, Mon 8th to 10th	<b>Alpine Rally:</b> Snowt Mtns Hwy, Yarangobilly Henning does it all again!	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10	
Sat, Sun, Mon 8th to 10th	Port Macquarie Group Brraba Weekend details TBC	Gavin & Pam	10	
Friday 14th	South Coast Social Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Frday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494229	2	
Wednesday 26th	<b>Club Meeting 7.30 P M and also AGM.</b> Election Time Again. dinner before in pub	Mick Moriarty 0427 018715	4/6*	
Friday 28th	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)	Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2	

# Free Tent

The old club marquee is up for grabs. 12' x 18' Truck side vinyl heavy duty bell tent with all poles and guys etc. Mechanically sound but has done a few k's. Perhaps you know of a club or organisation that could make use of it or want to start a new trend in retro camping.

Pick up only from Western Sydney. First in, best dressed. Tent is green and is not sign written. Call Mal **0409 179 419**

## 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@bmwtcnsw.org](mailto:vicepresident@bmwtcnsw.org)

## NO LPN SCANNING FEE FOR M/CYCLES

From Chris Burns at MCC

**We have had it** confirmed by RMS Tolling management that the LPN Scanning fee for no tag on the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel will not apply to motorbikes.

**They have recognised** and agreed that the tags don't work on bikes so the LPN fee of \$0.55c will not apply to us.

Please spread the word.

**In addition to the above** if you cross the bridge/tunnel everyday have a look at;

<http://www.myrta.com>

**The E-Rider** will save you a bundle even down to as little as 2 harbour crossings a week you end up saving.  
cheers,  
Chris

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## Minutes of General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Chairperson** – Alan Peters

**Meeting Opened** – 7.48 PM

**Apologies** – Mick Moriarty, Rob Edgar, Paul Evans, Sandra Gluck, Ian Berry

**Visitors** – Nil

**Previous Minutes** – Acc. – Ian Horsburgh  
Sec. – Alan Peters

**Correspondence** – Rec'd

Feb-13

Correspondence  
Rec'd

Inv & Statement  
frommPrintworks  
Westpac Acc statements x 2  
St George Acc statement  
1 x New membership  
Advertising from OMG  
sunnies for Mick  
  
Invitation from Museum of  
Fire for their classic working  
truck show in case we have  
any members with classic  
commercial m/c's  
RFDS Newsletter and request  
for additional donation  
Mags from UK & Ireland,  
New Zealand  
1-Feb Vic Newsletter

Correspondence Sent

Letters to current advertising  
dealers soliciting ongoing  
support by renewing  
advertising in the club  
newsletter.

**President's Report** –

• Apologies

**Vice President's Report** –

• Good to see a busier ride calendar this month.

**Secretary's Report** –

• See minutes

**Treasurer's Report** –

• Karuah looks like it went well. Financial report still being compiled. KRR is our main source of additional sums.

**Membership Secretary** –

• Three new members this month

**Editor** –

• All going well. Keep those cards and letters coming in but most importantly send in those ride reports. They are what we love to read.

**Regalia** –

• Absent. However, all items taken to KRR was sold except all the beanies. 60 stubbie holders sold. Remainder available at \$6 each.

• Discussion ensued on a new club shirt. Consensus was that a Tee shirts were the go. It was agreed that the club could

subsidise a club shirt with member renewals this year. Cost to each member at renewal to be \$10.

**Assets & Archives** –

• All good. Old club tent is still available if anyone wants it.

**Clubs Australia** –

• Letter of thanks sent to BMW for support of KRR.

**Webmaster** –

• Won't be a t meetings for a while due to new work commitments

• Life of new ads on website will be 3 months.

If you advertise something on the website PLEASE let the webmaster know when it sold, bought etc so ads can be taken down.

• Looking at PayPal to facilitate on line membership renewal.

• **MCC** – Newsletter can be accessed via a link on our website.

• MCC memberships can be had for \$35/year.

• Significant discounts on insurance and from a range of sponsoring businesses can be accessed by joining.

**Spare Parts** –

• Rob is sunning himself and riding around Vietnam.

**Past Events** –

• Jaffle Run to Mt Banks – 9 attended and some camped overnight.

• Karuah River Rally – Brilliant, as usual.

**Coming Events** –

• See ride calendar

**General Business** -

• Far Cairn Rally sub committee to reconvene to arrange rally for provisional date of 21/22 Sept.

• Committee of John Rayner, Ian Horsburgh, Alan Peters, Mike Day, Warren Buffett, Trevor Dean & Paul Evans

**Meeting Closed:** 9.10 PM

### WOZ'S ONGOING SAGA WITH AUSPOST

His letter to Auspost. (abbreviated)

Your records sent the change to Printpost advice to a PO box that until yesterday I had no idea we ever had.

Last month I personally changed our PO Box and learned from your now defunct Rydalmere office that we had held that PO Box as BMW Touring Club NSW since 12 April 1975.

I can only assume the PO box you have been sending Printpost changes to predates April '75.

We have semi regular stoushes with your counter staff about not updating printpost layouts. The most recent of these was only about a year ago and your approvals office blessed the changes and as far as we knew life was all good.

While I personally sighed for the new PO Box I will not be in the roll of secretary next year so having a person as the contact is rather pointless.

Can you address all written correspondence to The Secretary, BMWTCNSW  
PO Box 549

Ermington NSW 1700

or if you want to email the club use [secretary@bmwtcnsw.org](mailto:secretary@bmwtcnsw.org)

There is no permanent contact phone number as this obviously changes with the incumbent secretary.

To reinforce my point I can advise that your intended recipient RE Poppelwell at PO Box 323 Crows Nest has not lived in Sydney since the 1990's so it would be fair to assume that we have not received any timely advice on changes to Printpost for about fifteen years.

# Alpine Motorcycle Rally no 44

*Australia's longest running rally • Since 1969*

**Queen's birthday — June long weekend  
8–10 June 2013**

- All motorcyclists (no cars please) are invited to be a part of this rally on the banks of the Yarrangobilly River next to the Snowy Mountains Highway.
- Ride to Yarrangobilly Caves thermal pool on Sunday for a bath.
- Please don't forget to bring some olde memorabilia to share with us all.
- This year's presentation will be 9 am Sunday.
- The usual activities will be experienced.
- Also let's try & encourage our younger generation to attend this & other rallies so we don't lose our tradition, therefore the three youngest riders under 22 years of age will have their entry fee refunded (or free on the day).

## Rally site



- **Rally cost:** \$16 prepaid and \$20 on site.

**Prepaid entries close Monday 27 May 2013**

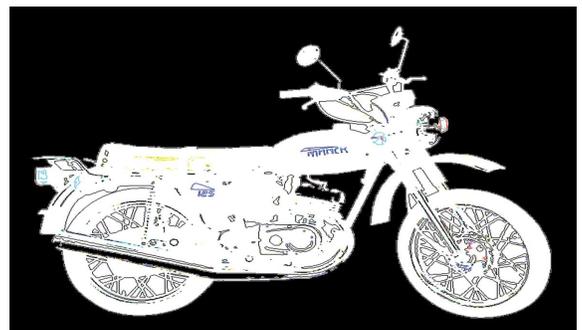
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## BMWTCNSW COUNTRY MEETING TARALGA 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Taralga Hotel, Saturday 4th May 2013 6.00pm  
(reminder there is no Sydney meeting Anzac Day)  
Dinner and dessert will be served through the meeting.

The Country meeting is on with some class at the historic Taralga Hotel.

Choose your fun ride out, either the fast blast with a serve of twisties on the bitumen Taralga Rd down from Oberon or the sinuous dirt of the Wombeyan Caves Rd out from Mittagong.

Be a legend, do both! or slab it down to Goulburn and head back north zzzzzz

The usual business of a meeting will be carried out in the wonderful dining room over a country dinner with a side serving of added merriment (bar handy!)  
SPOUSES WELCOME!!

**Dinner:** Chicken or meat roast alternate place plus dessert \$27.50

Vegetarian meals by prior arrangement bookings and payment by 30 March, Alan Peters 0414660890

**Accommodation:** Hotel rooms either Taralga Hotel or Argyle Hotel (owned by same people) (self organise)

**Limited camper van/trailer accom** at Taralga Hotel.

**Bookings** Mick Peters (no kin) 02 4840 2007 Let him know you are BMWTCNSW.

Early birds get the best rooms.

Camping at Showground: Shower and toilets, powered sites \$10. For the lovebirds Lilac Cottage B&B 0248402268

Mick's event didn't make into the calendar.

**Riding, Camping and Target Shooting  
Weekend!  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Bigger and better than ever and now in a new venue, at Ilford on the Lithgow/Mudgee Road. Camping on site and there is a caravan park a few minutes down the road.

Ride in 25th May, twilight shoot, camp over, big fire, lots of 'cowboys' also sharing the venue, hot showers.

26th May, brekky, Firearms Safe Handling course, shooting a range of replica old fashioned firearms including muzzle loaders! Under cover seating for spectators. Sausage sizzle lunch and ride home.

## HALFWAY HOUSE CAMPOVER

16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> March

We had a fantastic camp out come movie night on Saturday. Josh excelled himself with some magic bike related movie clips and the weather was warm to hot but no rain or morning dew. Almost perfect!

Present

Self, Josh plus 2 kids, Roger Martyn, Wozza, Andris, Povey, Pat and Deb Dwyer all came for a few hrs on Saturday.

Cheryl Clarke, Mal and Marianne Catamole, 3 friends of Joshuas, Mike Day, Dave Barlow, Kenny, Bala, John and Rob Rayner, Ian Horsborgh, Pat and Deb Dwyer, Stan Kuchera,

Rob Edgar, Cliff and Janice Palmer, Mick and Jianping Moriarty, Mick and Evan Furchert

Total: 34.

Bala had a great time but unfortunately his breathlessness is back again preventing him from having a good sleep. He may be back on the heart transplant list now.

Your company was missed but there will be a next time at a time that suits you.

Cheers

Paul

## MICK FURCHERT'S POST ON THE e-GROUP

How good was the camp out at the Halfway house this week end.

Bala has got all his colour back again, he is back to looking like a Bronzed Aussie again all he is missing the the tattoo of the Southern Cross on the back of his legs and his post code tattooed one the back of his arm.

The movie Josh showed on Sat night was great except for all the libelous stuff about me, at the moment I'm in negotiation with my Lawyer and he told me that if we take this further, he can guarantee a 90% out of court settlement for himself and a 10% settlement for me.

It was fantastic to see the BMW TC 4 WD club out in force, I figure most of the guys are riding R1100 BMWs or Laverdas and that are all at home in the garage getting rebuilt ready for the club Christmas party in 2018.

During the evening there was a fierce competition to see who had the most been there stickers on the back of their Rose Bay shopping carts, plus a extra acknowledgement for most novel sticker which went to "I've been to Byron Bay too".

Once again Paul Evans tricked me into getting physco analysed around the camp fire after I pretty much consumed a full bottle of Jack Daniels muscle relaxant and truth serum. You know Paul all those things I told you about my University days, were only sort of half truths and well you know we all experimented in University in those days so Afro Americans, feathers, honey, musk sticks and candle wax wasn't that unusual you know. Come on Paul it was the 70's. Still I draw the line at Bantam Roosters, that stuff is just sick and weird.

Once again the ride along the Putty Road was excellent, my only down point was there were no Harlies to overtake on my fully loaded bike with rally gear with billy can bouncing on the back and thongs mounter on the rear indicator arms.

Once again another great week end out with my mates from the club.

Mick F

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## AND BALA'S REPLY

Hi Michael,

It was a pleasure to meet up with all of you.

Especially you you racist bastard (for talking about my colour!!) hehe...

Congrats to Evan and Rachel for their upcoming child.

I absolutely enjoyed Josh's work. I suspect he has gone through a lot of time and effort to get it together. Especially the bits of Man in pink tights swishing his tail and pushing what looks like an empty shopping trolley with utmost difficulty. Hehe.

Thanks to Paul for putting us up friday night and feeding the best Chicken curry I had ever tasted!!!

It was great for me to meet all those who had come there (both from Sydney and the Central Coast).

I loved Rob's new Tiger! Go the Tigers!!!! Hehe...

And after such a great weekend I got back to work and today went and saw the Transplant doctor in St Vincents.

I told him that I had the Cardiac Failure episode last week and he has now told me that starting today, I am in the active Transplant list! This means I stay close to the phone and close to home/St Vincents waiting for the call from them once they get a donor.

On one side, I am happy that the transplant is coming up, on the other hand I am apprehensive about the outcome given my past history

Either way, I am happy that I got to camp with a few of you and meet you.

Paul, please dont feel bad about not getting us a place in Tingah. I couldnt have driven there anyway now.

Do keep in touch everyone!  
Cheers  
Bala

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# COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

## BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Incorporated

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984)

At the AGM in June, all positions are declared vacant and all nominations will be voted on by the membership present. It is not essential for all committee positions that you attend meetings regularly.

### **President:**

Responsibilities include chairing meetings and representing the club. Currently held by Mick Moriarty.

### **Vice President:**

Responsibilities include keeping track of the club members' points score and looking after the presidents' responsibilities when the president is not available. Currently held by Alan Peters.

### **Secretary:**

Responsibilities include looking after incoming/outgoing communications with the club, keeping the minutes of meetings. Currently performed by Warren Buffett. **(Unelected)**

### **Treasurer:**

Responsibilities include keeping all financial records of the clubs operations. Currently held by Trevor Dean.

### **Membership Secretary:**

Responsibilities include keeping records of the club membership. Currently held by **Alan Peters**.

### **Editor:**

Responsibilities include preparing and publishing the clubs monthly newsletter. Currently held by **Ian Horsburgh**.

### **Assets and Archives Officer:**

Responsibilities include managing the security of; and access to club assets. Currently held by **Malcolm Cattermole**.

### **Regalia:**

Responsibilities include selecting, sourcing and selling Club regalia items. Currently held by **Sandra Gluck**.

### **Public Officer:**

Responsibilities include preparing and filing the clubs documents with the Department of Fair Trading. Currently held by **Trevor Dean**.

### **Editorial Assistants (not fixed):**

Responsibilities are various and negotiable. Currently held by **Tony Conliffe**, (Distribution), **Vacant** (Magazine and Web Advertising).

### **BMW Clubs Australia Representative:**

Responsibilities include liaising with the BMW Club umbrella body. Currently position **Trevor Dean**.

### **NSW Motorcycle Council Representative/s (up to 2):**

Responsibilities include representing our club within the NSW MCC and reporting NSW MCC activities back to our club. Currently represented by **Warren Buffett**.

### **Regional Ride Co-ordinator role:**

These roles are not elected committee positions. The role is voluntary and filled by a person interested in organising rides for club members in their region.. It is the channel that local members can propose rides via the co-ordinator, so that they arrive in the

calendar via the VP and with minimal or nil conflict with other club events.

**All nominations must be accepted by the nominated person.**

BMW Touring Club of NSW Inc NOMINATION FORM	
Your Name :	
Your Signature :	
Your Membership Number :	
<i>Position Nominated</i>	1. <i>Nominated Member</i> 2. <i>Nominated Member's Signature</i> 3. <i>Nominated Member's Phone No</i>
<b>President</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Vice President</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Secretary</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Treasurer</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Editor</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Assets &amp; Archives</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Public Officer</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Regalia</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>Editorial Assistants</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>BMW CA Representative</b>	1. 2. 3.
<b>NSWMCC Representative/s</b>	1. 2. 3.

Nominations must be received by **23rd May 2012**.

Please post without delay to:

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**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL OF  
MEMBERSHIP**

**BMW Touring Club of New South Wales Incorporated**  
(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984)

The BMW Touring Club of NSW was founded in 1965, with an initial membership of 15.

The aim of the club is to provide a social medium for BMW riders and motorcycle touring. It is not necessary for you to own a BMW motorcycle to join the club. There are a wide range of activities throughout the year, ranging from regular day rides, rallies (local, interstate and other BMW club rallies), runs with interstate BMW clubs and camping weekends. We have gained a large number of trophies from our attendance at rallies. The club also has regular maintenance days (where you can tap into a vast range of knowledge from our members). We have spare parts available at a slight discount for members and a variety of special tools for use when servicing, repairing or replacing components. We also have social evenings, an annual presentation night/dinner and a Christmas party. The club encourages family involvement in all events.

**NEW and PRESENT members**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name of applicant) (additional person/s)

of \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone No's: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle/s Make, Model & Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply to join/renew my membership of the above named incorporated association & I agree to be bound by the rules of the club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of applicant) (date)

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**New Application / Renewal and /or Joint Application (please circle one)**

**New member joining fee** \$ 10 (+ Annual Membership Fee)  
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Total amount payable \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make all cheques and money orders payable to **BMW Touring Club of NSW Inc**

NOTE 1. All membership fees are due by 1st July each year.  
2. Membership not renewed by 1st August will be considered as a resignation of membership

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Do you wish to download the **magazine from the Club web-site?**..... Yes/No  
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Would you like to be on the Club **Hospitality List** ..... Yes/No

Name (e.g. John & Julie)	Location (Town or Area)	State	Phone no./s	S	A	M	D kms	Comments

(S) Social stop, cuppa etc (A) Accommodation (M) Mechanical Assistance (D) Distance prepared to travel to assist (C) Trailer, alt phone etc

## IAN RAMSAY'S THAILAND TRIP

Chapter 3. October, 2012.

Up and packed by 7.30, I was ready to roll. Thip looked at me in surprise as she pointed to the bag already strapped on the back of the Wave. It seems I wasn't clear the evening before. Eventually on the road by 10.30 the plan was to travel north to Wang Thong then east along highway 12 with lunch and fuel at Lom Sak. About 30k short of lunch I rode into Khan Kho where there seemed to be quite a few resorts. I stopped at Route 12 for coffee and then had the best 30k of twisties I'd ridden so far. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stint of 130k to Chum Phae, fuelled and turned NE on #208 for the 150k to Udon. Now to find a hotel. Spotted 2 caucasians around a 711 store and quickly pulled over to find out 1 was an English teacher at the largest girls' high school (4000 students) in the area – directly across the road. I was recommended to stay at Top Mansion" which was located in a side street near the bar area. I was then given directions into city centre, look for Central Plaza, turn right and I'd spot the flashing lights of some go-go bars. Naturally I stopped at the first and was immediately welcomed by 2 scantily clad Isam women and ordered a beer. After a few brief minutes I was given directions to a hotel – also was recommended the "Top Mansion" just around the corner.



It seems not only Top Mansion but most of the hotels in the bar region were booked out. After walking out of 1 with another refusal, I walked across the road and heard a voice from a bar. This lady made a call then offered to ride to a hotel called Perfect Mansion "so I followed. The room was 100 Baht cheaper at 350 a night and paid for 2 nights. Wu offered to wait for me whilst I showered so I could go back to her bar with her and buy her a drink. After the coffee and a bar hop that lasted a few hours I learnt that there were over 7500 expats / falang (consisting mostly Poms then French) living in the area. I stayed 3 nights Breakfast the next morning was at Sinatras (highly recommended). Also met an ex Brizzie



guy named Gary now residing in Chiang Mai who rides a 650 V-Strom he took there via Malaysia. I found a safe place for the bootleg whiskey I'd come across on night 2 so ended up staying 3 nights.

I left town about 12'ish, proceeded north to check out the passport extension game 50k north at Nong Khai. Friendship Bridge



crosses the Mekong and was paid for by the Auzzies – hardly anyone there unlike Mae Sai which was a good thing. Today was to be a short one following the Thai – Laos border on # 211 west twisting along the Mekon. The map is a little deceiving as it's actually 200k from Nong Khai to Chiang Khan. The planned stop for fuel and food was 1/2 way along that stretch at Sangkom. Most garages are found on the outskirts of towns and not in the centre. I fuelled and then rolled the few k's into Sangkom where I stopped at the local markets. Time was getting on and I wanted



to make a big town for the night so the stop was quick and I grabbed a hand of bananas for 10 baht – that’s about 3 cents / banana, ate 2 and headed off again. A few stops to admire the view and it was 5.30 when I turned south onto # 201 for the 50 k into Loei.

It was dark as I arrived into Loei and I slowly rode through town looking for any sort of sign that was in English. I crissed and crossed the town till finally saw some Xmas type flashing lights so stopped and said to the 3 girls sitting out front - “Falang hotel”. They pointed me to a hotel approx 50 metres away. Down the driveway next to the pub was a hotel and 2 Thai massage parlours – arriving in the dark does have its benefits at times, it t seems. The room, which was clean, was 350 baht however the Wi-Fi didn’t work. After showering, I went downstairs for a feed and the menu was in Thai. I point to a picture and the waitress would point to the appropriate item on the menu – which didn’t help. Pot luck ended up in the way of Tom Yum soup which was washed down with a bottle of Leo. There seemed to be too many waitresses and they seemed over dressed and layered with make-up. There was a karaoke fired up and a few Thais on another table were taking turns singing. Dow kept asking whether I wanted more beer and whether she could have a drink as well. I’ve learnt to ask how much is the ladies drink as there tends to be different prices and she will get some of the cost of her drink as a commission. I was asked if I could sing for them and found “Unchain my heart, Stairway to Heaven + My way” which seemed to satisfy them. Wondering when and how I was to be rheemed in this town and was very suspect of my surroundings, I walked across the laneway and negotiated a Thai massage for 200 baht for 1 hour which was quite good. I gave her a 40 baht tip and slept like a baby.

After downing a few bananas for breakfast I headed off looking for fuel and # 203 out of town. An anti-clockwise loop of approx 150k and I’ll be back at Lom Sak – where I could investigate these resorts a little closer and ride the twisties again on highway #12. I arrived back at Thip and the bears house about 5pm and was welcomed with open arms and a cold beer.

Thip asked if I wanted to go dancing that night to which I agreed – it was Halloween!!! The local Buddhist temple was holding a fair. There were markets set up selling food and trinkets as well as 2 stages. After watching some singing and dancing on the smaller stage, we moved to the bigger stage which must have taken hours to set up. The band was rocking and people were up dancing. Something suggests, to me anyways, that deep down I am a Thai as they seemed to dance a bit like me – loose and lively. But it’s not just the dancing, it’s the vibrant colours they paint their houses in – like purples, and pinks, the lime green looks nice well as deep blues – all wonderful colours and not like the drab colours of OZ. The band played till midnight or thereabouts and by that that stage I’d been asked up to dance many times, had a few whiskies with some of Thips friends.

The noise the following morning was hard to describe. It was motorised and seemed a clicking sound with some regularity – but it wouldn’t bloody stop. Eventually I got up and out the front of the house was rice making machine. It somehow opens up the rice and separates the shell from the good bit inside – but like most backyard Siamese versions is as slow as. 3 blokes running it and with the amount of fuel involved, I question the cost vs. the return. After breakfast I headed into town looking for an internet cafe and to change the oil on the bike which cost 100 baht. They also made some adjustment as I mentioned a slight knocking sound in the motor when not under load. The rear taillight was loose which was fixed as well as a check of all the rest of the bolts.

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HENNING Karuah pics. He says it was a bee sting. Maybe it was botox gone wrong?



## A couple of emails FROM LIN VAN COPPENHAGEN IN PORT MACQUARIE

**Kevin Newell had his BMW HP2 stolen** the day before yesterday (4th March) from his apartment on Pacific Drive, Nobbies Beach. Thieves broke through 2 security doors to get at the bike. They had obviously seen him parking it there and came for it

This bike is irreplaceable. Only 9 are on the road in Australia and Kevin has fitted many expensive extras. It has a set of anodised electric blue wheels (Imported from the USA) which are unique and identifiable. Rego is ZA 50.

Kevin is offering a **\$3,000.00 reward** for information leading to finding of his bike. Lets try to help to get these guys (thieving bastards) off the street. **Today, Kevin's bike, tomorrow, yours.** These guys will not easily be able to offload such a rare bike (valued about \$27,000). Even the spares are recognisable.

### What can we do??

- 1.) Keep your eyes and ears open.
- 2.) **Forward this email to every bike rider you know who is NOT part of our Mid North Coast BMW Riders group.**
- 3.) Phone Kevin on 0428 631 510 if you want a poster to put up in businesses and coffee shops in your area.
- 4.) **Call crime stoppers (anonymously) Or Kevin on 0428 631 510 if you have any clues, information or sightings of the bike.**

Lets try to make a difference,  
Lin

### AND A FEW DAYS LATER

Yeeeeeha!!!! **Kevin's bike has been recovered.** He has it back home and he is STOKED !!!!!!!  
This is how it went.

Aitch, after reading my email sent yesterday, contacted Kevin and reported that he had spotted the bike coming off a dirt side road close to Lake Cathie the previous day. **IMPORTANTLY**, it was then apparent that the bike was **still in the area** and had NOT been moved interstate. Two further sightings later the same day confirmed that and that information further helped the Police with their investigation.

It is probably "enough said" at the moment, - as the investigation is still in progress, but **I CAN say** that the awareness campaign through email and facebook is to thank for this outcome.

So.....**THANK YOU EVERYBODY for keeping your eyes and ears peeled. What a great outcome.**

ALSO, Kevin says that the Cops have been **FANTASTIC** in the way that they have dealt with this.  
**Support your local Police!!**

Congratulations all round.

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and the return of former member and committee member,

**Brett and Suzanne Bastin** now of Moss Vale on K1200L

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