

BMW Touring Club of NSW NEWSLETTER

BMW F800 GT (See ride report by Damien Cook)



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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

There has been a couple of big events in May. Firstly the Country Meeting which was held on 4/5th May at Taralga. The country meetings are always a good weekend and this was no exception. The other event, which have been held by the time you read this report, is the Camping and Target Shooting Weekend which was held on 25th/26th May at Ilford.

Firstly, the Country Meeting was held in the Taralga Hotel. Top pub, top food, top hospitality (but I think it is the bottom pub?). The meeting kicked off, I bought a Schooner of black and a bottle of red, from which I poured Jianping a glass and then set up on the top table for the meeting proper. The meeting dragged on as it usually does, despite my best efforts to hurry things up and the cook was running on the spot desperate to start serving dinner! In the excitement, I realised that I had finished the schooner and all but the dregs of the red, so I ramrodded the last part through before the grog sunk in case I became a jibbering wreck (more so than normal even).

Finally we got a result and dinner was served. Great feed, pretty much half a chook and roasted veges, brilliant. I avoided the sweets and can't remember what they were and the rest of the night was spent in the company of like minded individuals in a great setting.

The other big event is the Camping and Target Shooting Weekend. This has received a lukewarm response this time, but I think after members see footage of the new venue and the event, it will draw a bigger response in future. A big thanks to John Pelepzuck, a club member who volunteered for range officer duties on the weekend.

Mick Moriarty 21st May 2013.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

G'day folks.

Hope you're all well.

The Far Cairn Rally is looming. 21st & 22nd September. This year we're celebrating the 30th anniversary of the release of the 'K' Series BMWs, with a 'K' show & awards as well as the usual rally awards.

Tottenham Motocross Club will run a meeting on the track at the grounds Sunday morning. Worth a look.

Just got back from 2 weeks in western Qld with Paul Evans, Dave Povey & mate Col Baldwinson from Tottenham.

First to the Ulysses SIG Adventure Riders annual gathering at Glentuckie Stn, between Barrington & Cunnamulla. Then NW through Quilpie, Jundah, to Winton.

The purpose of the trip was to see the Channel Country in SW Qld. Cooper Creek, Thompson River, Mayne River, & the Diamantina. Long heard of, but never seen. AND ride as much dirt as possible!

Down the dusty Diamantina from Winton, to the Diamantina National park.

Sunday night in the park, hot, lots of sticky flies, & some cloud. Should have twigged rain was coming. But it doesn't rain at this time of year! Rain during the night, scramble to cover swags etc. Everything wet in the morning. Rain till about 2.00pm.

MUD!! Trying to get about in thongs. They quickly get HEAVY & 3" higher. Give up after blowing a couple, & go barefoot. Camp area is like a cattle yard, all bogged up. Lost 2 days there before getting out Wed morning.

Down to Monkira Stn for fuel. East to Windorah, south to Quilpie, Thargomindah, Hungerford, Wanaaring, Louth, Cobar, Tottenham & home.

Evans & Povey came down in some major bulldust between Louth & Cobar. No major damage.

Only mechanical issues were a loose gear lever on the NX, fixed with Loctite, & Paul's beaut screen & broken clutch lever in the fall.

5000km. Great adventure with great mates.

Mr Povey is to do a report for us for the next newsletter or three.

Major feature of the bikes was Col's B-double 990 KTM. Anything you needed, Col had it. And it looked like it. Never seen a bike so loaded with gear, but Col & the Kato never looked like they had a problem with the load.

Ian.



WEBMASTER'S MUSINGS

June. And by now you all would have experienced that first cold breath of winter... Me and the missus took a weekend ride to Jenolan Caves (care of my brother who shouted the hotel accommodation) – now THAT was a bit brisk - 1°C on Sunday morning – yikes! (not quite what I said, but you get the drift...). However, we had the required thermals, gloves and jackets – AND the all important grip heaters – comfort plus.

But first about the website. At the country meeting at Taralga, instead of dozing through the formalities as one might do (actually it was not that boring – it was actually quite a fun night) I started fussing on the iPad with a few settings and discovered why the calendar was not formatting as it should. All those months of work – sorted in a second. A plug-in had caused a conflict, which ceased when I deactivated it. Why I did not spot it much earlier is stuff for conjecture – I feel I am a bit of an IT idiot sometimes... A recent upgrade of said plug-in seems to not have the problem any more, thus allowing me to reactivate it. As always, any issues email me at webmaster@bmwtcnsw.org

As special thanks to Merrily Willis (a recent returnee to the club, and riding a F700GS) who *is* IT savvy and helped me out a bit in the last month, including updating the calendar whilst I was in NZ. I owe her a beer at least when I get to meet her ☺

Getting back to riding: going down to the country meeting at Taralga via Oberon is a top ride – add it to the list of must-ride roads. No traffic, sweeping corners and ever changing scenery – very nice. I cruised past a coupla three Harleys parked on the side of the road, thinking nothing of it until when parked at the Argyle pub in Taralga these same guys pulled up, one bike looking very second hand and a very sorry looking rider limping inside. Story was old mate had an off at the corner where we went past, with a very nicely dressed Harley being wiped clean on its right side. Got some tools out and took the mini fairing off and straightened the foot brake; I also checked the rider out – methinks he had a coupla bent if not broken ribs. He was not breathing well and holding his side. Bloke musta been tough though – he planned to ride back to Wollongong that night, in the freezing cold air... I hope he got back OK.

As to why he came off?? The corner was a fast downhill sweeper, favourably cambered, no gravel (apart from the shoulder, as is normal). Distracted? Lost concentration? Or a new/returnee to riding, as one suggested. The latter is quite likely these days as statistics are showing that the largest riding group that is causing the insurance companies to have a cow is the 40-55 (?) year old returnee rider. We're coming off in droves, apparently. I think I might be past that hump but at one point I most definitely would have fitted that profile, having stopped riding for some 23 years while I flew airplanes instead...

Stay safe, guys and gals – and take it easy around 'em corners...

John Visser
Webmaster

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to

Returning members **Merrily & Tony Willis** from Umina Beach.

Kim & Katherine Allchin from Mosman.

CLUB COUNTRY MEETING

TARALGA NSW

4 May, 2013

Chairperson – Mick Moriarty.

Meeting Opened – 6.27 PM

Apologies – Marie & Al Pennykid, John Visser, Sandra Gluck, Mal & Maryanne Cattermole, Wato, Trevor Dean, Ian Berry, Paul Evans, Ian Horsburgh, Dave Povey, Martin Bourke, Bala, Ramjet.

Visitors – Nil, but it was nice that several partners attended.

Previous Minutes – Acc. – Pat Dwyer
Sec. – John Visser

Correspondence –

Mar-13

Correspondence Rec'd

Reciept from RFDS for

Custodian Membership

Renewal from Yves & Connie

Bernier

Newsletters from SA, NZ,

New Membership from
Merrily Willis

Inv & Statement Printworks

UK Newsletter

2 x Westpac Statement

1 x St George Statement

2 x Returned Newsletters

H&M Ferman car parts ad

Correspondence Sent

Nil

President's Report – As per report in Newsletter.

Vice President's Report – Thanked the members who bagged the newsletters for postage on the normal meeting night.

Secretary's Report –

- See minutes

Treasurer's Report – Operating acc sitting at \$7.5k.

Clubs Aust levy at \$1 / member is \$210. FY ends 30 March. Looks like we will break even for the year.

Membership Secretary –

- One new member this month

Editor –

- Apologies due to going on a long ride far from Taralga.

Regalia –

- Apologies but Al Peters brought jackets, beanies and stubby holders for sale at the meeting.

Assets & Archives – Apologies.

Clubs Australia – Apologies. Trevor attended the CA AGM last weekend and will report later.

Webmaster – Still having issues formatting some stuff.

New member Merrilie Willis is assisting with the ride calendar.

- A motion by Dave Ramsay and supported by all offering thanks to the webmaster John Visser for his efforts in refining the website.

MCC – As posted to the e-group. MCC newsletter is available via MCC website.

Spare Parts – Nil to report.

Past Events – Autumn Leaf Rally – only about five members in attendance.

- Jaffle Run to St Albans was well attended.

Coming Events – Shooting weekend at Illford. Good facilities on site. Catering available. See Mick Moriarty.

- Awards Night will be at Kandos Pub on Aug 10. There is an attached motel so salubrious accommodation is available.

General Business -

- Club flags in the form of a printed cotton tea towel (multifunction). PJ has found a source in Sth Oz with a min order qty of 60 units. The Prez records his doubts as to the success of this venture.
- Call by the Prez for good motorcycle friendly venues to be put forward and organised as club runs. Cheryl Smidt advised that she has already booked Carcoar Pub for a club run on the last weekend in August. Members have plenty of time to get chores in order and earn a leave pass for this one. The club has a long history of patronising this hotel.
- Rob Lovett gave a detailed report on last Karuah River Rally management issues and expected issues for next KRR.
- All badge backorders have been sent out except for some bloke in Vic called Dad/Dave/Dawn that was illegible and didn't have an address.
- Still several thankyou letters to be sent.
- Country meeting is a great idea – let's keep doing it at least once a year, maybe more.
- Forests NSW has been privatised and they will expect us to cart our rubbish out. Rob Edgar suggested the club push the line that if you bring it in, you take it out.
- It was agreed to book Frying Pan Creek Campground for KRR 2014.

Meeting Closed: 7.15 PM Hurried meeting due to late start and we were holding up the cook.

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

BMWTNSW Club Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers.

27th June 2012

Meeting opened by Mick Moriarty.

Apologies: Ian Horsburgh, Chris Huddy

Minutes of previous AGM read, accepted by Mick Moriarty, seconded by John Visser.

Committee stood down, Adrian Selwyn Smith returning officer.

President:

Mick Moriarty was nominated by Warren Buffet, seconded by D Povey.

No other nominations received, accepted.

Vice President, No nominations received, Al Peters volunteered, accepted.

General Secretary, no nominations. Position vacant.

Membership Secretary, No nominations received, Al Peters volunteered, accepted.

Treasurer, No nominations received, Trevor Dean volunteered, accepted.

BMW Clubs Australia, No nominations received, Trevor Dean volunteered, accepted.

Editor, Warren Buffet reported that Ian Horsburgh was prepared to stay in the position, no other nominations, accepted.

Regalia, Mick Moriarty reported that Sandra Gluck had stated to him that she was happy to continue in the position, (but was unable to stay for the elections). No other nominations received, accepted.

Assets and Archives, No nominations received, Mal Cattermole volunteered, accepted.

Public Officer, Dave Povey nominated by Trevor Dean, seconded by Warren Buffett. No other nominations received, accepted.

Spare Parts/Club Tools, No nominations received, Rob Edgar volunteered, accepted.

MCC NSW Delegates, No nominations received, Warren Buffett volunteered, accepted.

Newsletter Distribution, No nominations received, Tony Concliffe volunteered, accepted.

Webmaster, No nominations received, John Visser volunteered, accepted.

The new committee commenced duties. A vote of thanks was given to the Returning Officer, Adrian Selwyn Smith. Moved, Ian Ramsay, seconded Mick Moriarty.

General Business:

Committee handover meeting:

After some discussion, it was decided that the committee handover meeting is to be held at 6.30pm on the 25th July, prior to the July meeting. Please bring all documentation, etc to this meeting to ensure a proper handover is made.

Paul requested that the Awards Night flyer be inserted into the newsletter.

Meeting closed 2120hrs.

Minutes taken by Mick Moriarty.

Ride Calendar

JUNE		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Sunday 2nd	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip BROUGHT FORWARD THIS MONTH Meet at the Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, Clarence St, from 4.30 onwards			2
Sat, Sun, Mon 8th to 10th	Alpine Rally: Snowt Mtns Hwy, Yarangobilly Henning does it all again!		Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
Sat, Sun, Mon 8th to 10th	Port Macquarie Group Barraba 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
Sunday 16th	Port Macquarie Group. Bellbrook Pub for Lunch Leave Donut at 9.30am. (via Bliss in the Bush)		Aitch & Jo	6
Sat, Sun 22 nd & 23rd	Port Macquarie Group. Arrange Weekend to Barrington Tops (Pete & Dale, Squid & Sharon)			10
Sunday 23rd	Flyer Ride South. Day ride taking in popular bike stops via Robbo Pie shop to distribute FCR flyers		Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4
Wednesday 26th	Club Meeting 7.30 pm and also AGM. Election Time Again. dinner before in pub		Mick Moriaty 0427 018715	4/6*
Friday 28th	Hunter Social Sip: Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Friday of month)		Rob Tiedman 0427 777461	2
Saturday 29th	Port Macquarie Group Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Café, Camden Haven, at 8.30am (last Sat in Mth)			2
JULY		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 6 th & Sunday 7th	Port Macquarie Group Weekend ride to Nimboydia, for Christmas in July		Aitch & Jo	10
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
Saturday 13th Sunday 14th	Winter Rally Private property approx 4kms south of Nerriga on the Braidwood Nowra Road			10
Sunday 14th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Meet at the Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, Clarence St, from 4.30 onwards			2
Sunday 21st	Newnes Recce Day ride to have a look around the Newnes area. Some mild dirt work		Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4
Sunday 21st	Port Macquarie Group Ride to Harrington for Lunch at Harrigan's Pub		Aitch & Jo	4
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	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Meet at the Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, Clarence St, from 4.30 onwards			4/6
Sunday 28th	Port Macquarie Group, Buladelah to Gloucester via Waukivory Rd (About 25k of dirt for GS riders – Road riders stick to the tar)		Aitch & Jo	6
Wednesday 31st	Club Meeting 7.30 PM. Please join us for dinner before the meeting. at Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.		Mick Moriaty 0427 018715	4/6*
AUGUST		EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Sunday 4th	Port Macquarie Group. Smithton Pub for lunch Leave Donut at 9.30 Listen to live music. Darrell & Trish 0412 683 042 or 6567 4581			6
Friday 9th	South Coast Social Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen Street, Berry (6.30 second Friday of the month)		Tony Schmidt 0407 494229	2
Saturday 10th	Awards Night Kandos Hotel from 6pm Dinner: buy your own from the menu (pub tucker) Book your own accomodation. Important: please let me know if you are coming so I can let the pub know the numbers		Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4

Sunday 11th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Meet at the Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, Clarence St, from 4.30 onwards		4/6
Saturday 17th	Port Macquarie Group. Bellingen via Gladstone bring swimmers Leave Donut at 9.00am (Bellingen Jazz & Blues festival will be on)	John & Tia	6
Saturday 24th Sunday 25th	TTT Rally Thrasher's place near Taralga	Organiser please??	10
Sunday 25th	Port Macquarie Group. Lunch at Bliss in the Bush Leave Donut at 9.00am 6561 7559	Darrell & Trish	6
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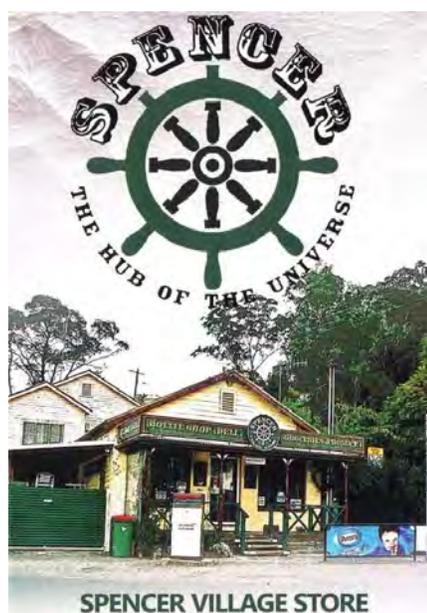
Start times and places for my day rides will be published on the E-group and Facebook pages closer to the day. Al Peters
Keen to Ride? - organise one!!!!

Upcoming : Saturday 7th Septemeber. Carcoar Pub night. those interested call Ross on 63673009
organisor Cheryl and Tony Scmidt 0407 494229

SPENCER VILLAGE STORE

I went for a ride on Sunday 19th May to distribute flyers and dropped in a few at the **Spencer Village Store**.

Andrew has agin bought T-shirts and a given a donation for MARI. Once again they are the first sponsor for the



SPENCER VILLAGE STORE

Fa Cairn Rally. You can find them at **4666 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer**, right in amongst the Lower Central Coast's riding heartland. They have all the important stuff that a rider needs, fuel, food, grog and coffee. You can also check out the store's Facebook page

for plenty of cool bike snaps that Andrew takes.

MCC NEWSLETTER

The April newsletter is available now for download at <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/326.html>

Please note the MCC of NSW Individual Supporters package mentioned in the newsletter with more details here <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/354.html>
See article in opposite column

MCC

Individual Supporters - Join Now Why Individual Supporters?

For over 30 years the MCC of NSW has fought for the rights, safety and recognition of all motorcyclists as a volunteer organisation. Whilst the council has had numerous major victories it has always been limited by its lack of funding and resources. **The Council does not receive any ongoing government funding** for operational and administrative costs.

The Motorcycle Council was originally formed to represent motorcycle clubs. Therefore clubs, rather than individuals, are members of the council and these clubs are represented by delegates. While the variety of clubs represented on the Council ensures that the Council has the interests of the broad range of the riding community at heart, our ability to communicate with individual riders who are not members of a club has been limited.

For these reasons the MCC of NSW has changed its constitution to allow for 'Individual Supporters'. ANYONE can become an MCC of NSW Individual Supporter, including club members and delegates. The MCC strives to represent road, dirt, track and farm riders; men, women and children; motorcycle, scooter, trike and quad riders.

For **\$35** you can help us support you as a motorcyclist and at the same time, reap the benefits and discounts. Click on the button to sign up.

Impressions of a Protest Rally held on Saturday 8th . November 1980

(See. "Bikers Rev Up Claims for Equal Rights" page 5 Sunday Telegraph Nov. 9th. 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.
2. 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 is 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 Fred Warren

Protest Rally 1980 photos by Fred Warren



RR EXPERIENCE

BMW Motorrad Australia

BMW's Ultimate Test Rides

We are excited to announce details of some exciting test ride initiatives. The RR Experience kicks off in June at Queensland Raceway while GS Experience events start in NSW on August 21st.

RR Experience Test Rides

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

Rally site



Prepaid entries close Monday 27 May 2013

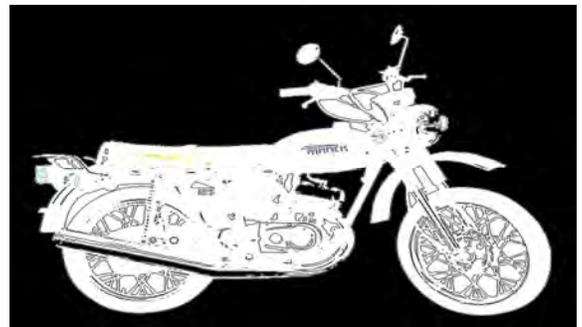
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Sommerville 3912

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No responsibility will be accepted by the organisers or land owners for any loss or damage to persons or equipment

F 800 GT. TICKING THE BOXES.

BY DAMIEN COOK (See also front cover pic)

“Why doesn't BMW Motorrad make.....?”

“When do you think BMW Motorrad will come out with a Tourer F?”

“The F 800 motor would be perfect for a smaller touring motorcycle.”

“The ST is OK but I reckon if they.....”

“The RT and GT are just too large. I'm looking for.....”

Just some of the musings from around the BMW riding community and it seems BMW Motorrad may have been listening. The new F 800 GT might just tick all those boxes.

With its dynamically styled floating panel fairing, larger integrated 'screen and comfort seat, the F 800 GT looks the part. A Tourer minus the bulk. Gran Turismo might just be the long version of its GT moniker.

Looking over the GT there are features that further lend it the air of being a bit more than just an update of the previous ST. The cockpit is fully integrated with the speedo, tacho and on-board computer info screen surrounded by panels, and the brake master cylinder is a far more substantial vessel. The 'bars are mounted higher and the top of the fairing gives every indication of offering good protection from the elements. The seat has a sculptured profile for the rider, the pillion perch looks more than just good enough and, as a small but practical touch, the exhaust has a shield so rider or passenger will not get a hot shock.

So much for style, how about function?

Climbing aboard, with the 15 L, under-seat tank topped up and ready to go, the 213 kg GT feels light and is easily managed. The 'bars fall to hand in a neutrally upright position and the footpegs, moved further forward than on the ST, give a comfortable leg position without excessive knee bend and the 800 mm seat allows a great two-foot grip on terra-firma. For taller and shorter riders there are other options to suit.

Around town the GT is a delight to ride. The 'bars giving plenty of movement at a trundling pace, and the distinct lack of bulk is a blessing for the run into town or the daily commute. The well positioned mirrors giving a good view of the 'enemy' lurking behind or beside and the light clutch and general riding position mean a relaxed ride in the 'jungle'. But hey, that is 'work'. Time for some fun. Let's see how Grand a Turismo it is!

The new (optional) 55 L hard panniers top off the GT. They can carry a heap of gear and, if you add a topbox and or a soft bag, there is more than enough room for the long trip. They are easy to clip on and off and the liner/carry inner bags work really well.

On the open road the 66 kW/90 hp parallel twin is a ripper. Smooth powerful delivery matched with a purposeful exhaust note. The flexibility is only matched by its frugal use of refined crude. The on-board computer showing just on (or under) 4 L/100 km with the speedo needle pointing in the vertical position. (Just a bit over what is legal in most states).



The ride position is perfect for me. Not bolt upright but no weight on the wrists or arms. The knee bend is perfect allowing a long day in the saddle and, speaking of that, the seat is pretty good with plenty of room to move about and no numb-bum.

The fairing and 'screen worked well. It is not all enveloping but definitely keeps the weather and windblast at bay, making for a relaxed ride. I find the non-adjustable 'screen a good compromise between protection and noise. I'm sure there will be after-market options that will suit all tastes. The chassis has been optimised for touring and the ability to carry a pillion and luggage but that does not in any way impede the GT's ability to get down and boogie when the road gets technical. With the optional ESA fitted, it is just a matter of a quick flick to set the desired firmness, and the

ASC traction control adds a degree of safety and comfort if the road turns damp or if sand or other loose bodies cover the road. With ABS as standard this is not a motorcycle that is just a 'budget' Tourer but a real world option.

The belt drive has proved itself on the previous ST and works well. It is clean, maintenance free and quiet, and the swing-arm is a work of art and a visual highlight of the bike.

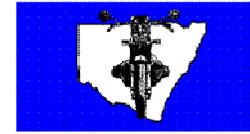
At the end of my time as custodian of the F 800 GT it was hard to hand it back. It does it all well and for anyone looking for a mid-weight tourer that can go around the country, to work or a quick blast through the hills the F 800 GT is well worth a test ride. It will not disappoint.





Far Cairn Rally

BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales



21st & 22nd September 2013

The BMW Touring Club of NSW proudly presents the 6th Far Cairn Rally to raise funds in support of the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI). This year we will also be celebrating 30 years of BMW K series motorcycles.

Once again we'll have the usual rally awards, plus special awards for K bikes. We'd like to have a show of Ks before the raffle and video to celebrate the life and times of this iconic touring bike.

The Far Cairn Rally is held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. The grassy paddock is a great camp site, has hot showers and under cover space. There is limited accommodation available at the Tottenham Hotel. Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast will be BBQ cooked by the local Lions Club. Breakfast is included in the entry cost along with a rally badge. Other meals are obtainable at the pub and take away shop. Grog is BYO and plentiful at the pub and supermarket. Saturday night will feature video presentations, raffle and a bonfire. Please, no fires in the grassy paddock.

Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin and 120kms west of Dubbo. The Centre Cairn monument is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways and marks the centre of NSW.



The locals are looking forward to the Far Cairn Rally as much as we are. Please remember we will be the guests of the Tottenham community – at all times please respect the township, its speed limits, showground property and the community amenities. The Far Cairn Rally is open to all motorcyclists who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt roads for off road riders, from several directions.

While entry is possible on arrival, please consider pre-entry and payment to help us order badges, shirts and catering. Please make sure any pre-entries are received by 30th August 2012.

Entrants Full Name:			
Pillion/Partner:			
Address/Contact details:			
Club (if any):			
Entry fee/ person (includes a Badge & Sunday breakfast)	\$25.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – SizeColour.....	\$25.00		\$
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TOTAL			\$

Please make cheques/money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW
EFT available by arrangement.
 PO Box 549
 Ermington, NSW, 1700

For more information: contact Ian Horsburgh: 0428 693 151 Alan Peters: 0414 660 890

Or visit our website : www.bmwtcnsw.org and follow the links for contacts.
 Find us on Facebook : BMW Touring Club of NSW

For more information on MARI have a look at this website: <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au>.

If you can't make it to the rally, please consider lobbying a donation MARI's way. Details on how to donate are included on the web page

PORT MACQUARIE GROUP 4 DAY RIDE TO QUEENSLAND

25th April 2013

Pete and Dale's 4 day ride to QLD. was a great success. As you can see from the pics, the roads chosen and the scenery was spectacular.

First night in Tenterfield at the Golfers Inn with dinner at the Golf Club proved, yet again, an excellent choice, with pristine and spacious accommodation and great food. A surprising amount of wine seemed to have disappeared even before the meal. The shuttle bus to and from the golf club was a great service provided by the motel.

The next days ride was through some stunning scenery with the Queen Mary Falls road, the road to Urbenville (lunch), the Mnt. Lindsay road and Lions road being the highlight. The Country Comfort in Kyogle is probably one of the best country motels the we have ever stayed in. Pete kindly paid for the taxi to take half of us to the pub and back. The food and company were excellent.



What a great ride through Nimbin, The Channon and Bangalow (for coffee) and on to Byron Bay. (see pic of the lighthouse and the point). for lunch. The final evening at Yamba Surf Motel with dinner at Roberto Martini's Italian restaurant was memorable. The food was Excellent (Look at the size of the Pizzas). I managed to jag an invitation to visit Roberto's brother and father in Italy (close to Savona) when we will be touring there in about 10 weeks time - they run a restaurant and pub - good contact, I think!!



A good run home via Nymboida, Dorrigo and Bellingen (the Butter Factory for lunch) and over the impressive new Kempsey bypass (the longest bridge in Australia).

What an EXCELLENT 4 day ride. Thanks to Peter and Dale for all their hard work in making this such an enjoyable trip for all 25 of us. 17 Riders (including 5 very capable girl riders). We were delighted to be joined by Steve and Audrey from Sydney, Col from Central Coast, Alison from Brisbane and Corrine from Red Rock. Please ride with us again!!

Regards to all,
Lin and Prue.



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 NSWMCC and reporting NSWMCC 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>
President	1. 2. 3.
Vice President	1. 2. 3.
Secretary	1. 2. 3.
Treasurer	1. 2. 3.
Membership Secretary	1. 2. 3.
Editor	1. 2. 3.
Assets & Archives	1. 2. 3.
Public Officer	1. 2. 3.
Regalia	1. 2. 3.
Editorial Assistants	1. 2. 3.
BMW CA Representative	1. 2. 3.
NSWMCC Representative/s	1. 2. 3.

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

Please post without delay to:

PO Box 549, Ermington, NSW 1700

A New Bike to the Ruptured Budgie Rally 2013

I received an offer I could not refuse recently.
My stable of motorcycles has now gone from this:



To this:



As you can see one bike has changed and now all three have that familiar blue and white emblem. I picked it up late on Wednesday the week before last. It is an BMW F700GS for those that are not sure and it now resides with an R80G/S and an R90S.

On Thursday I went for a small ride of about 30km just to familiarise myself with it. I was not going far as

friends were calling in on their way back to Bathurst after a week away.

Friday was its first trip and it was to Port Stephens to take in the scenery. I had to start getting the miles up as I booked its first service for the next Thursday.



Saturday and Sunday were lazy days lounging around the garage and Monday I clocked up the remaining distance so the bike could be serviced. I did 680km on a large loop down to Sydney up to Lithgow and Portland to visit my old schoolmate Rod then on to Mudgee, Ulan, Cassilis, Merriwa, Denman and home to Newcastle. The rest of the week was sorting out how to pack the bike for my frequent rallies.

Thursday I dropped the bike in for its first service and got a loan bike from the dealer for the morning. I called it to say hello to all at the Newcastle office where I used to work while I was out on the loan bike. I told them I was getting my bike serviced but neglected to tell them the full story that I had a new bike (they now know).

Bike was ready about 1330, so straight home to pack it as I was heading for a rally on Friday. I left about 0830 but was not in a hurry as I was planning to get to Glen Innes before getting to the rally at Mingoola (west of Tenterfield) on Saturday. I only did between 450 to 500km including approx 100km dirt for practice. Saturday was an easy day of about 150km to the rally site and included a trip into Glenlyon Dam in Qld.

Things seen on the trip:



An unusual Shearing shed.



A church in the middle of the road.



A ring of standing stones.



A couple of establishments frequented on work field trips past.



Glenlyon Dam



A new life ahead of touring and camping

Funny all of these things seem to be different forms of worship to different people.

Sunday morning and the early start for the trip home was a bit brisk, starting at 4°C dropping down to 2°C and working its way up to between 8°C and 12°C for the rest of the day until dropping down into Gloucester and a quite balmy 18°C. I made it home by 1530 after a trip of approx 570km and totalling about 1200km for the 3days.

The bike is now just over a week old and has about 2200km on it.

Do I like it? You bet I do and I am a convert to heated hand grips. It is the first time in many, many years that I have got off a bike after an all day ride feeling great and my thumbs never ached once in the cold conditions.



A Story by Morro

Bellbrook Weekend Ride

Saturday 27th April 2013

By Mark Vane-Tempest

The weather lately has been fantastic and we've started doing weekend rides which have proven to be very popular. This time it was going to be a mostly dirt ride with a tar option available for those who prefer.

There were six of us as we left Heatherbrae Maccas and headed up the Bucketts Way to Gloucester where it was a quick stop only for fuel. This time there were less BMW's present with Rob on his Husky 610, which is on a mission after a breakdown on the Victorian High Country trip and not seeing dirt. There was Trevor on his Suzuki DRZ 250, Mick on his TrailZone Magazine (Wolfman's) created Yamaha 450 APC Rally bike, Jacob on his BMW G650GS, Trevor on his new BMW F800GS and me on my F800GS.

Actually an interesting comparison to see how the usually GS riders went on their dirt specific bikes. I was still on some worn dual sport tyres, keen to get my monies worth! Only to end up costing me.

Leaving Gloucester petrol station, we all seemed to head off in different directions but eventually met up along the way in the stunning mountain river country. I love this area and it would be so worth a camping trip just to stay on the river bank somewhere. Continuing further north we zig zagged our way through picturesque mountain roads & trails where we getting close to the Oxley Highway. Along the mountain trails we passed a group of Riders on mostly BMW's including a pink F800GS! I suspect it may have been the Port Macquarie club.

Early afternoon, we descended into a valley with shadowy wet clay forest trails. This soggy wet clay on a bend in a shadow, was my undoing on the now well worn from 50/50 front tyre. And I was going so well until now on this tyre but hey it's done nearly 11,000kms from the Gulf Trip in Qld to the Vic High Country in January this year. I reckon it's still good for another 1000k or so too. In case you want to know, it's a Kenda K7 61 90/90 dual purpose. No, I'm no making excuses; they were just the contributing factors to the outcome. And of course, I was only 400m from the tar of the Oxley Highway. By now, we were all ready for a late lunch and a rest at Gingers Cafe which was only a few bends away.



Next was the final leg through open grazing country to the Kempsey Road where we turned westward and headed into Bellbrook



which is approx 70kms or so west of Kempsey. This is an interesting small town with some historical buildings and the pub. We stayed in the Pub Cabins on the river bank where seven of us, including Bob who had beaten us there coming up by road on his beloved R1200GS, shared two cabins. Good two bedroom cabins for \$90 a night so we just split the bill and paid a mere \$26 per head for a self contained cabin by the river. It gets better, as all main meals at the pub bistro were \$7.50! And they were a decent feed as well, although Mick contemplated have a second one. The music on the Jukebox was turned up loud and being nearby I thought I'd just adjust the speaker to point away from us. However, in doing so, I accidentally pulled out a wire so with one speaker only, the volume was good for us but not so for the locals. We were approached by a well "watered" local pig hunter who wanted to know who f#\$%ed the speaker? After some quick talking all was good and he even invited us to go pig hunting with him later that night. Hmmmm, I declined thinking I

may never be heard from again! And I also wondered was he going to be driving (pissed as he was) the 4WD in pursuit of the dogs!!!

Most of us turned in early whilst others continued into the night with a couple of bottles of red wine. The next morning we woke to another beautiful sunny day and went for a walk in town. Rob found the local general store up for sale and contemplated a semi-retirement setting it up as a bike stop cafe. I could understand his vision too. It would be a quiet and relaxing life here. We walked down to the river and onto the concrete bridge. What a fabulous river with plenty of water but during flood times we saw evidence of water as high as 10m up from the current level. Wow. It was now time for breakfast so we headed back to the pub. They usually only open for brekky at nine, but we talked him into opening at eight. We all sat down to a "big breakfast" for a reasonable \$12.50 plus a coffee (usually a latte for BMW riders isn't it?)

At this stage we discussed the return journey. A big day lay ahead and I was keen to get home before dark on a Sunday night. So, three of us went home via Bob's route, through Wauchope and Wingham. Which incidentally, had 40kms of loose dirt road. I went this way with Bob & Jacob. It was a great ride and I would like to do it north sometime. The other boys took the dirt bikes back the same way except for an extra dirt section at the start which we missed on the way up. I can't report on how they went but, I'm sure they would have loved it. Bring on the next weekend trip!

MULTIFUNCTIONAL CLUB FLAG

We have decided to do a run of club flags as a multifunction item. They will be in the form of a linen tea towel.

Those who want to fly the flag can either sew in a bolt rope or put in a couple of eyelets.

Those who want to dry dishes, adorn their shed wall or bar or just want the most stylish rag since the towel supplied with the R90S don't have to do anything except part with ten bucks per towel.

Anyone prepared to wear one as a loin cloth at Karuah next year will get one issued gratis at the rally for the purpose.

Payment can be sent by post to the attention of the Regalia Officer
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Direct Deposit to BSB 032 173 Acc 40-6259
quoting Flag and your name on the transfer.

Regalia

Zip up Polar Fleece – Black – with pockets, no hood – embroidered with the Club logo \$50.00 (plus postage – p/paid satchels \$15 ea).



Black Cable Knit Beanie embroidered with the Club logo \$15.00 (plus postage – p/paid satchels \$7 ea).

Regalia in stock:

Stubbie Holders \$6
Number Plate Holders \$17
Badges (old logo) \$5
Stickers (new logo) \$2

** Please note postage may be applicable.

SLOW DRIVERS

NRMA DISCUSSION

When it comes to the driving habits of NSW road-users, it's slow drivers that has many NRMA members seeing red.

The hottest topic from the March/April issue of *Open Road* magazine was driving below the speed limit - with this statement [from the Letters page](#), in particular, sparking debate: "There is absolutely nothing wrong with travelling in the right-hand lane 2 or 3 km/h below the speed limit," said one reader.

The team at *Open Road* were inundated with letters in response. So, it's worth clarifying what exactly are the road rules when it comes to driving under the speed limit, travelling in the right-hand lane on roads and tailgating?

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Driving slowly

According to the NSW Road Rules you cannot drive so abnormally slowly that you cause an obstruction. An example of driving 'abnormally slowly' would be, if you were travelling at a speed of 20 kilometres per hour on a road with a speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour, then you could be causing an obstruction to other drivers if there is no reason for you to drive at that speed on that road.

Keeping left

Drivers are to keep to the left on a multi-lane road where the speed limit is over 80 kilometres per hour, and are only allowed to drive in the right lane in certain circumstances:

- Overtaking
- Turning right
- Making a U-turn from the centre of the road
- There is a 'Left lane must turn left sign' or left traffic lane arrows apply and the driver is not turning left
- The driver is required to drive in the right lane if traffic signs require a particular kind of vehicle to drive in the marked lane indicated by the signs.
- Avoiding an obstruction
- Traffic in every lane is congested
- The right lane is a special purpose lane in which the driver is permitted to drive
- There are only two marked lanes and the left lane is a slow vehicle turn out lane.

If a 'Keep Left Unless Overtaking' sign is displayed, then you must keep left regardless of the speed limit (unless overtaking).

Tailgating

Tailgating is a definite no-no and the Road Rules make this clear: "A driver must drive a sufficient distance behind a vehicle travelling in front of the driver so the driver can, if necessary, stop safely to avoid a collision with the vehicle."

See the story at

mynrmacommunity.com/motoring/2013/05/16/driving-beneath-the-speed-limit/

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