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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

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Another year has rolled on by and the new committee was elected at last month's AGM. Mick Moriarty and Sandra Gluck have retired from president and regalia officer respectively. A big thank you to them for the years of service they have put into the club. Also, a big thank you to those who have re-joined the committee for another year. We welcome back Marie and Al Pennykid as membership secretary and vice-president. Special mention to Wozza for volunteering for another year as our reluctant but very dedicated secretary. Somehow, I managed to be deemed worthy of nominating as president of this wonderful club. I'll continue to try to work hard for the benefit of this club and support the dedicated people who form the committee to do their allotted tasks.

The 2012-13 year was a very successful year for the club. Our rallies were blessed with great weather and were very profitable. Other clubs rallies were well attended by our members and other events the club held were well patronised. New equipment and regalia was purchased and who would have thought a linen tea towel would be so highly sought after. In the years ahead I hope we can maintain a strong financial position and formulate policies and objectives for the club's hard earned savings.

I'll close with a quick blurb about myself for those members who don't know me. I've been with the club for almost 6 years, serving on the committee for 2 of them. I live and work in Campbelltown, Sydney and try to find time to ride in between middle age commitments. Currently I own a 1989 R100RS and a 2013 Triumph Tiger 800XC (gasp, horror shock!). I bought the Tiger to alleviate the punishment on the RS which has nearly 250,000 km on the odometer. Well it would have a lot more on it if I could keep the blasted speedo working all the time!!

Safe riding folks

Alan Peters

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well the editor is on holidays again I'm sure he's having fun, The pic on the front cover of this issue was posted on the BMWTCNSW Facebook page during July.

Aunty Mal from the Ducati club contacted me during the month about the thunder Rally and the dates have change to the end of October, There was a number of trout caught last year of notable size and he was disappointed that a rival Ducati club took largest club attendance and not the BMWTCNSW.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

New members

Celso Nishiguchi & Andrea Congas

Michael Corboy

Sam Millar

And Megan Handicott

New Members Ride

Sunday 15th September, 2013

Meeting at: 9:30am
McDonalds Windsor
Windsor Rd,
Mulgrave

Please ensure you have a full tank of fuel when you arrive.

We will be leaving at 10am. The ride will be a short one of less than 2 hours, finishing at the Full Throttle Café, Hartley for lunch and a chat.

Lunch will cost \$10 per head for a drink, meal and dessert (subsidised by the BMWTCNSW).

RSVP by 9th September to:

Marie Pennykid

0428 393 093

Marie.Pennykid@aanet.com.au

Your reply would be appreciated to let the café know the approximate numbers.

NB. Let me know if vegetarian or gluten free options are required.

MINUTES of CLUB MEETING 26 June, 2013

Chairperson – Mick Moriarty.

Meeting Opened – 7.57 PM

Apologies – John Visser, Hans, Max, Andris, Alan Lloyd, Wolfgang.

Visitors –.

Previous Minutes – Acc. – Dave Povey

Sec. – Dave Beers

President's Report –

Additional President's Report for June, 2013.

I have been the President for two years now (or is it three years? Time flies when you are having fun).

It was not as a result of a huge vote of confidence or as a result of perceived spectacular leadership potential that saw me elected, but a few AGMs ago, the club was about to proceed without a President or a Vice President as no one was

nominated and no one volunteered. I felt that I had not been a member long enough and coming from the country was a disadvantage, but even so, I felt that a President with a few challenges was better than no President.

Paul Evans then offered to be Vice President, which was a great help.

The same thing happened with Al Peters and others, no one ready to step up to the plate, which is a pretty sad state of affairs.

My intention was to regularly visit satellite groups and this has sort of happened, but not as much as I would like.

In the time that I have been presiding over the committee, Trevor has reorganised the club's accounts very effectively allowing us to monitor the account/s and pay expenses electronically. Executive officer bearers are now able to monitor the books 24/7 electronically. Well done Trevor, an impressive performance, thanks. This has taken a lot of worry out of my job and is appreciated. We are also fully compliant with the Dept of Fair Trading (Dept of Interfering).

I would be prepared to stand again as President, but would be pleased to hand over the reins to someone else if they desired a turn.

Medical issues have prevented me doing a motorcycle camp and poverty has prevented me motelling it so my planned visits to outlying groups has suffered, which is a shame as this is the model of leadership I was always taught and one that I found to be very effective. I have addressed the camping issue, so if re-elected (or re-volunteered), I would be more effective in this area.

I would also be prepared to accept any other committee position.

I would like to thank everyone for their camaraderie; I really enjoy the club (or motorcycle friends as Jianping calls you all). I would also like to thank, Al, Trevor and Woz who are also volunteers like myself, but unlike me they have jobs to go to, you guys have been particularly helpful, thanks.

As the young Cornish farmhand who won the district's milking competition said "I would not be where I am today widdout the elp' of udders!"

Mick Moriarty President.

26th June 2013.

Vice President's and Membership Report – Requesting members to nominate events attended this year in preparation for the Awards Dinner.

Secretary's Report –

- See minutes
- **Correspondence** – Rec'd

Treasurer's Report – Tabled the accounts for the year.

Editor –

- Newsletter is going OK. The last two issues have been twenty pages. Keep those ride reports coming in.

Regalia –

- \$2040 in stock which differs slightly from the treasury figure due to this being the stock at today rather than the club fiscal year. Quotes obtained for the club T-shirt. Unanimously accepted. These will be ordered once the renewals are closed off and will be posted to members shortly after that.

Assets & Archives – Nil to report.

Clubs Australia – To incorporate or not to incorporate, that is the question still being pondered by CA.

Webmaster – Appologies.

MCC – Proposed changes to CTP have been postponed are will now be subject to a more detailed review. Great work by the MCC.

Spare Parts – Nil to report.

Past Events – Alpine Rally. Lots of members present. Minus seven degrees overnight. Amazing photos posted by Ian Berry at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7612466@N07/sets/72157634087778388/>

Casper Rally. Col Bovis drove his car! Other members rode like they were supposed to. It was cold.

Coming Events –

Winter Rally. Col might ride.

Awards Night at Kandos 10 Aug.

TTT Rally

General Business -

Marie checked out Full Throttle Café at Hartley. Suggested as a possible venue for a New Members Ride.

TD smugly suggested you hang on to your R75 or other old airhead. One just went on E-bay for \$12k.

WB to attend meeting at St Vincent's in mid July regarding taking MARI to the hands-on volunteering stage that was the original intention of the concept proposed by George & Charis Schwarz in 2006.

Meeting Closed: 9.10PM with a 10 minute break prior to the AGM.

AGM

26 June, 2013

Returning Officer – Chris Huddy.

Meeting Opened – 9.20 PM

All positions were declared vacant

President Alan Peters. Nominated by Ian Horsbrough, 2nd by Rob Edgar.

Vice President Alan Pennykid. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Alan Peters.

Treasurer Trevor Dean. Nominated by Alan Peters, 2nd by Rob Edgar.

Secretary Warren Buffett. Nominated by Ian Horsbrough, 2nd by Alan Peters.

Membership Secretary Marie Pennykid. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Alan Peters. This position was contested by John Rayner. M Pennykid elected by majority.

Editor Ian Horsbrough. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Dave Povey.

Regalia Dave Povey. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Alan Peters.

Assets & Archives Mal Cattermole. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Ian Horsbrough.

Public Officer Dave Povey. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Ian Horsbrough.

Webmaster John Visser. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Rob Edgar.

Spare Parts Rob Edgar. Nominated by Alan Peters, 2nd by Mike Day.

CA Delegate Trevor Dean. Nominated by Warren Buffett, 2nd by Alan Peters.

Mcc Delegate Warren Buffett. Nominated by Alan Peters, 2nd by Dave Povey.

The financial accounts as tabled were Accepted by Ian Horsbrough, 2nd by John Rayner.

Meeting Closed: 9.42PM



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Ride Calendar

AUGUST	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Sunday 4 th	Port Macquarie Group. Smithton Pub for lunch and music. Leave Donut at 9:30am	Darrel & Trish 0412 683 042	6
Friday 9 th	South Coast Social Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 nd Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Saturday 10 th	Awards Night. Kandos Hotel from 6pm. Dinner buy your own from the menu. Book your own accommodation. Important: let Al Peters know if you are coming so he inform the pub of numbers.	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
Sunday 11 th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, 75 Clarence St Port Macquarie. Starting at 4:30pm		2
Saturday 17 th	Port Macquarie Group. Bellingen Jazz & Blues Festival. Leave Donut at 9:00am and bring swimmers	John & Tia	6
Sat 24 th - Sun 25 th	TTT Rally at Thrashers near Taralga. Meet @ 9am at BP North Richmond for a ride to the rally via Oberon (Lunch and supplies)	Tony Conliffe	10
Sunday 25 th	Port Macquarie Group Lunch at Bliss in the Bush. Leave Donut at 9:00am	Darrel & Trish 0412 683 042	6
Wednesday 28 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*
Friday 30 th	Hunter Social Sip: Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Fri of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2
Saturday 31 st	Port Macquarie Group. Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Cafe, Camden Haven at 8:30am (ride arranged there for breakfast)		6
SEPTEMBER	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Saturday 7 th	Carcoar Pub Night those interested call Ross on 63673009 to book accommodation.		10
Saturday 7 th	Port Macquarie Group. Apsley Falls for a BBQ, leave donut at 9:00am	Peter & Dale	6
Sat 7 th - Sun 8 th	Dargo High Plains Rally. Dargo Victoria	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
Sunday 8 th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, 75 Clarence St Port Macquarie. Starting at 4:30pm		2

Friday 13 th	South Coast Social Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 nd Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat14 th - Sun15 th	Port Macquarie Group. Weekend away to Inverell	Darrell & Trish	10
Sunday 15 th	New Members Ride. Full Throttle Cafe at Little Hartley. Meet at the McDonalds on Windsor Rd at Mulgrave at 9:30am. Organised Lunch Cost \$10 per head, the club pays the rest.	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	6
Fri20 th - Sun22 nd	Far Cairn Rally. Tottenham Racecourse, in aid of Mari. One of our own. Catering from Saturday		10
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Saturday 28 th	Port Macquarie Group. Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Cafe, Camden Haven at 8:30am (ride arranged there for breakfast)		6
OCTOBER	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Friday 11 th	South Coast Social Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 nd Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 12 th - Sun 13 th	Kosciuszko Rally. New site at Khancoban Caravan Park		10
Sun 13 th	Port Macquarie Group Social Sip Boardwalk Restaurant & Bar, 75 Clarence St Port Macquarie. Starting at 4:30pm		2
Fri 25 th	Hunter Social Sip: Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Fri of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2
Sat 26 th	Port Macquarie Group. Monthly Breakfast at Sandbar Cafe, Camden Haven at 8:30am (ride arranged there for breakfast)		6
Sat 26 th - Sun 27 th	Thunder Rally. At Sheba Dams near Nundle	Ducati Owners Club of NSW	10
Wed 30 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*



New Regalia Item

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Warm regards,
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Far Cairn Rally

BMW Touring Club
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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		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – SizeColour.....	\$25.00		\$
TOTAL			\$

**Please make cheques/money orders payable :
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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



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The saga of developing a heated vest power supply.

Two Alpine Rallies ago I bought a battery powered heated vest. At the time I bought an additional battery and it was enough to run the vest on toasty warm (flat chat) for about 3 three hours per battery. This meant scheduling end of drinks and festivities to coincide with the expiration of the last battery.

The vest runs on 7.4Vdc Li-ion batteries so I started thinking of ways to pull that supply off the bike so I could have heat while riding. Now my knowledge of electronics if written large would struggle to fill a postage stamp but undaunted I bought a kit from Jaycar and made an unsuccessful attempt. I threw the bits in a box and waited for the next Alpine. It came and went and as the 2013 rally approached I decided to have another crack. Sometimes you're in the right place on time and I was. I bumped in to Gary Peters in the carpark at Jaycar who inquired what I was doing. I mentioned resistors and he said it wouldn't work but he had a project he'd just thrown in the bin that could be retrieved and would work. Happy days! It did work but it had lots of leads and plugs. Then two days out he sends me a text about an adjustable voltage cigarette lighter adaptor that would do the job.

I had already added an extra power outlet to the GS so back to Jaycar to part with another thirty bucks. The rig looks like this...



Vest with the Li-ion battery attached. Also attached is the Variable Voltage Adaptor. It is spliced in with a short lead and plug as I couldn't find the size to match the vest anywhere.

Connect one or the other power source. NOT both simultaneously!

I found the 7.5V setting was great on the bike. It was marginally warmer than full power using the battery pack. The vest has a single heating pad in the back and it is amazing how it heats the core of your body and consequently warms the extremities like fingers and toes that really feel it on cold rides.

This is the pouch that came with the vest. It holds the mains charger and adaptor and one battery. The battery in use lives in the jacket pocket.



Bonus power attachment....



I run Milwaukee 18V power tools and while contemplating buying one of their heated jackets I noticed they had an adaptor (the red thing on top of the battery) that drops the output to 12.5V and also has a 5Vdc USB charging socket. I whipped up a short adaptor lead and found the Milwaukee 3AH battery would run the vest flat out for five hours.

BTW the Jaycar adaptor is 3A output capacity and also has a 5V USB charging socket for phones etc.

If you are interested in heated clothing, mine is an Alpenheat brand. I bought it on line from the Aust agent who is

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Phillip Chappell

www.allpurposeheatedclothing.com.au

0425 715 651

Naturally their product literature says not to use any alternate power supplies so you'd be playing around at your risk if you do anything along the lines of what I have outlined here.

I did inadvertently hook up to 12.5V for a bit and while it didn't destroy the jacket it had the potential to burn me and it if I'd left it going at that.

Milwaukee Heated Jacket Evaluation.

I borrowed one of these. They run off 12v but don't heat to quite the same level as the Alpenheat Vest but it does have a panel in the back and two in the front. Battery life on the Milwaukee Battery was about two hours. The three heat controller is on the left front of the jacket so not accessible while riding.

Both the vest and jacket work best when close to the skin so for the run to the Alpine Rally I wore a thermal top and long sleeved T shirt then the vest with my fleece club jacket on top. I removed the thermal liner from my jacket and just wore the outer. It was a great setup. I wasn't rugged up like the Michelin man and was very comfortable.

Highly commendable to softies and old farts or anyone who just wants a bit of comfort.

Cheers

Woz

Dear Fellow Rider,

Here are details for this year's Thunder Rally, follow the link. When=October 25/26/27th. Where=Sheba Dams Recreation Area (Nundle, 40k south of Tamworth). We have solid raffle prizes, including vouchers for bike gear and more! We ask that you fill out the form and send it in asap to help us get it right on the day! AND spend 2 minutes sending the info along to your group of fellow riders etc. Every dollar we save on postage, is another dollar we can give the Spinal Unit! By doing this you are taking your place along with the 9000+ riders who have travelled 8,000,000+ks supporting this concept over the last 31 years. Well Done! It's a wonderful ride and a beautiful rally site. Don't forget your fishing gear, some excellent trout have been caught right at the site! (exceeding 4kilo!). This link includes entry forms, pictures, and info'. All bikes & riders welcome!

<http://groupsaces.com/thunderrally> Ideally we'd love you to come for a ride and have some fun up at the Thunder, but, don't forget, there is a "non-attendance option" for those who still want to support the Spinal Unit and get their badge, cap & neck buff etc, but just can't get there. Ride safe, one and all. Kind regards Aunty Mal 0404 002

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Dear BMW Riders and Friends

As I start to write this, we are sidelined off the road on the Forcla Lavardet, a pass in north eastern Italy, as the Giro D'Italia cycle race comes over the pass in the opposite direction and the Polizia have stopped all non-competitive traffic. Over 1000 bikes are streaming past us at high speed – quite a spectacle.



Since our last mail 4 weeks ago, we have spent 6 days at Lake Garda (Northern Italy) taking a break from riding, staying with Prue's Brother in Law who has a country cottage a short distance from this most beautiful of all the Italian lakes.

Even the days that we did not ride, we swam in its crystal clear waters, lying in the sun and drinking Cocktails and beers on its shores and enjoying great Italian cooking within metres of it – what a great break from riding every day.

We explored the Southern Dolomites for the first time to see Monte Grappa (Spectacular and sacred to the Italians for its War Memorials and graves) and Passo San Boldo, probably one of the most audacious roads in Europe. It descends 2000 feet down a narrow gorge and every turn was tunnelled out of the solid rock – what a ride.

Riding spectacular roads north into the High Dolomites, we booked into a delightful family run Hotel in Canazei for 4 nights. Our room was on the first floor on the right.



That night we had 70cm of snow above 1500 metres and woke up to a winter wonderland. Riding in the fresh snow will live with us for a long time



The riding was hushed due to the snow and the scenes quite spectacular. As we looked down into the town of Corvara where we have stayed many times before, we enjoyed this magical scene.



The Dolomites are an amorphatised ancient corral reef and are quite different from the rest of the Alps as can be seen from their striking ramparts that thrust dramatically skywards. The roads and passes are such a joy to ride, the villages so cute, perched impossibly on mountain tops.



The flowers are all out in profusion at this time – these are gentians.



Glacier fed lakes reflect the scene.



We crossed into Slovenia to ride the Vrsik Pass and that takes one up the valley of the Soca River – one of the premier fly fishing streams in Europe. The water is crystal clear and flows out of limestone and has an aquamarine tinge. This pool had about 20 large trout (the black shapes in the pic are fish), the biggest appeared to be about 10 kg.



After 3 wonderful days in Slovenia (we will go back) we took 4 days to head to Bormio in Northern Italy to meet Andy and Cherry for 3 nights and to play on the Stelvio and other passes. Here we are at the top of the Passo Gavia (2680 metres) having some life saving and warming alcoholic bevvy.



During this time we explored a new pass to us called the Passo di Fraele – an outrageous road up an alluvial slope following the path of the old trade route between Italy and Germany. This is what it looks like



And what part of it looks like on the GPS



On a side road off the Stelvio Pass (on the Umbrail Pass) Andy, Prue and I decided to swim (after our picnic lunch) in the stream that came straight out of the snow. The temperature was not much above 2 to 3 degrees as can be seen by the expression on our faces. Man, that stuff wakes you up!!!



After sadly saying farewell to Andy and Cherry, we headed to Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany for the 13th International BMW Biker Meet. In this 90th year of BMW, it was a great show with EVERYTHING BMW on display. About 70,000 folk visited the site over the 3 days and we had a ball. Chris Pfeiffer (world champ stunt rider) giving 5 shows a day, Masses of modified bikes on display



I was lucky enough to have a long chat to Troy Corser



And Marco Melandri (and his girlfriend)



Every night a hell of a party happened in the main beer tent (which holds about 12,000 people) and we had the time of our lives.



A great vibe pervades the whole 3 day festival and every BMW Rider should experience this at least once if possible.

Now we are in Austria to do some more exploring. Discovered the most amazing bike hotel/bike rental/tour operation that I have come across.....but more about this next time.

Best wishes to all,

Lin and Prue



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

Current Membership Number: _____

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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Please quote **'MEMBERSHIP'** and & **YOUR NAME** when making your transfer.

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NOTE 1. All membership fees are due by 1st July each year.

NOTE 2. Membership not renewed by 1st August will be considered as a resignation of membership

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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

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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.

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