

# BMW Touring Club of NSW NEWSLETTER

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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.
North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip	PORT MACQUARIE BREAKFAST Last Saturday of the month, 8:30 at The Sandbar Café, Camden Haven, The after "breakfast ride" determined over breakfast. SOCIAL SIP Second Sunday 4.30 pm Mekong Restaurant, 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 all.

Yesterday Chrissy & I went to the Motorcycle Show at Darling Harbour.

I'd put my hand up to man our stand for a few hours.

Ken Lovegrove had organised the stand, & with Woz, arranged for displays from the Sydney Motorcycle Club, Our BMW Touring Club, MARI, & to publicise Ken's upcoming ride in support of MARI & the RFDS. (More on the ride later) Ken had his team of wife Glenda, several members of The Sydney M/Cycle Club, & we had members manning the stand at various times.

We had George & Charis Schwarz's R50 'DU' with 550,000km on the clock, on display.

I'm told Al Peters became a legend, again, on Saturday, ranging well away from the stand, accosting punters, bending their ear & directing them to the display.

Friday Paul & Josh were on from 10.00 till 8.00. That's 10 hours!

Saturday Woz, Alan & Duncan spilt their times during the day, 9.00 till 6.00.

Sunday Ian in the morning, & Woz later on & to dismantle the display.

It's pretty tiring on your feet all the time, & I've never talked so much in my life!

A big thanks & hats off to all who made it happen.

MARI is progressing in small steps, with a few volunteers having been screened, vaccinated & processed, & ready to start at St Vincents as soon as corporate requirements are met. It's most exciting to be on the brink of seeing George & Charis's dream, and ours too, come to fruition.

This will be the last newsletter for the year. There's no edition in January.

See you at the Christmas party.

Have a great Christmas & New Year.  
Ian.

## Minutes of Club Meeting

30 Oct, 2013

**Chairperson** – Alan Peters

**Meeting Opened** – 7.50 PM

**Apologies** – John Visser, Alan & Warwick Lloyd, Rob Edgar

**Visitors** – Bob Maddell, Andrew on R65

**Previous Minutes** – Acc. – Hans, B

Sec. – Maryanne C

### **President's Report**

FCR Badge sent to Cheryl Clarke. Get well hampers sent to John Rayner and Rod Tiedeman. Arranged to present 25 year medallion to Ray Fizzell.

**Vice President's and Membership Report** – Actively chasing event attendees.

### **Secretary's Report** –

- Several newsletters from other clubs. A donation for MARI passed on from Gavin Roberts and a membership for Gavin courtesy of a letter from Lin van Copenhagen.

### **Treasurer's Report** –

- 6 x new members,
- Club trailer rego renewed.
- \$10k transferred to reserve account.
- Hire fee paid on Glenn Davis Community Hall for the Christmas Party.

### **Editor** –

- Nil to report except newsletter will be arranged in order of submissions received to alleviate a last minute editorial panic.

**Membership Sec** – 6 x new. Several late renewals

### **Regalia** –

- Only five subsidised T shirts left. This offer to be removed from the membership forms.

**Assets & Archives** – Trailer prepared for a trip to Temora Air Show.

**Clubs Australia** – BMW Clubs International(CI) have written and advised that all clubs are obliged to comply with the protocol and CI requirements set by BMW AG. A supplementary Agreement has been issued to define the process if a club does not comply with the protocols of use of the designation "BMW" and the BMW logo.

**Webmaster** – Apologies.

**MCC** – Lots of positives out of Motorcycle Awareness Week. Members attended both the launch in Martin Place and Breakfast Torque at Loftus.

### **General Business**

- Ian Ramsay asked what happened to the five dollar subsidy back to the clubs from individual MCC Memberships. Bob Maddell who was at the meeting as a visitor is MCC Treasurer and he undertook to report back to the secretary. Bob replied the following day after consulting with CJ Burns who administers the scheme, advising that membership records would be tallied per club a cheques sent at the end of each FY.
- Several members have volunteered to have GPS trackers fitted to their bikes for a while for a research project out of UNSW.

### **Past Events** –

- Sidcar Rally. Small turnout of about 80. About a dozen members.
- St Albans Friday night campout. Only 3 starters due to fires all over the joint.
- Several Events were cancelled due to the bush fire situation.
- Ulysses ADV Ophir ride was attended by Paul Evans, Ian Horsburgh and Dave Povey.

**Coming Events** – Temora Air Show. Hanging around with Ned Kelly w/e at the old Halfway House. Xmas Party at Glenn Davis (pls RSVP to Roger Martyn).

**General Business** – Agreement to fund T shirts out of FCR profits for the stand at the M/C show that we are sharing with Syd M/C club to raise awareness for MARI.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:40PM

# President's Report



One of the perks of being Pres (besides being able bang the gavel on the table at meetings) is getting to present various awards to people. While at the FCR Graeme Johns handed me a 25 year medallion for a member who I hadn't met, but only recognized their name from my Membership Secretary days. After looking up their address and phone number, I decided to present the medallion personally rather than post it out. I made the phone call, lined up a time

and slabbed it north to the Central Coast on a very smoky Sunday morning and met Ray Fizzell.

Ray hasn't ridden for many years due to a nasty crash that destroyed his bike and very nearly destroyed him. He has, however remained a member despite this so we talked bikes and people over coffee and bikkies (sun wasn't anywhere near the yardarm, let alone over it). I presented him his

5year medallion in his shed surrounded by a tasty collection of bike and footy memorabilia.



Who's who? Woz and a couple of dummies

Last weekend saw MARI being projected to the world via the Sydney Motorcycle Expo. Ken Lovegrove of SMC wrangled a free stall from the organisers and Woz put in a big effort carting stuff down to Darling Harbour and decorating it. It was a great little stand with George and Charis' DU proudly centre stage in it. Sadly it was in such an obscure location that some of our own members couldn't find it!

We'll have had the last meeting of the year by the time everyone gets to read this, so if I don't see you at the Christmas Party have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Safe riding folks

Alan Peters

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# KARUAH RIVER

# RALLY

**WHEN**            **7 - 8- 9 February 2014**

**WHERE**    **Frying Pan Creek Campsite off Frying  
Pan Road, Chichester State Forest,  
via Dungog NSW**

The BMW TC NSW invites you to its 37th KRR situated in a very beautiful country setting with some of NSW best riding roads - sealed or unsealed.

The Rally site is about 30 km north of Dungog via the Monkerai and Main Creek Roads between Dungog and Stroud, or the Wangat Trig Road past the Chichester Dam turnoff. Directions will be signposted from both these roads (each involves about 14 k of dirt). Check the Bank Hotel Dungog for a map.

The rally is for motorcyclists only; cars are not permitted unless by prior arrangement. Cost of \$25 covers badge and breakfast voucher.

BBQ sandwiches and soft drinks are for sale on Saturday afternoon - all other supplies are available in Dungog. A number of rally awards (including best BMW) and raffle prizes will be presented on Saturday evening, and the site has male and female toilets.

Contact Rob Lovett on 0417 267 425 (leave a message) or email [rob@gaslightbooks.com.au](mailto:rob@gaslightbooks.com.au) and please put Karuah in subject line. See also the BMWTC NSW Website.

**RUBBISH - HELP PLEASE!!** - this year we must pay for rubbish removal - please help by taking out as much as you can - most appreciated!

**The BMW TC NSW acknowledges the valuable support of Forests NSW in providing us with the Chichester State Forest campsite. Rally participants are asked to respect and protect this valuable resource, its facilities and access roads.**

*The standard of behaviour is left to the individual – we ask you not to spoil it for others*

# **THE FURCHERT CHRONICLES**

## **Or how to fix an R1100RS gearbox**

### **Part 2**

#### **Chapter 5 -The shake down ride - I ran into the fortune-teller who said beware of lightning that might strike I haven't known peace and quiet for so long I can't remember what it's like.- Bob Dylan Idiot wind.**

Well after many agonizing months of frustration, way more money than I wanted to spend and personal highs and lows, I didn't think a person of my age could feel any more, the R1100 was finally ready for its "Official" decent shake down run.

Now before we get on with the story, be aware that Evan and I took the R1100 on the around the block test runs, about 5k. Then on the week end after, I took the R1100 along Yarramalong Valley to shake up the oil a bit, then I took Nurse Gail on our battery charge ride with the R1100, which is to Jerry's at Kulnura, then to Pie in the Sky on the Old Pacific Hwy and **back home. It's** a decent sort of short ride.

So on Saturday I arranged to meet Glenn and Evan at Freeman's Waterhole for our free spirited battery charge ride we do quite regularly to shake out the straight line expressway fever out of the K1200 and the R1100. So I punted the R1100 down the express way at a nice pace and it felt fantastic, I had to squash that spider that lives on the other side of the 110kph mark on the R1100 speedo. The bike pulled well and ran smooth enough for a lumpy R1100, no hint of anything going wrong.

**When I pulled up at Freeman's,** I could smell oil again. I thought, stuff me I washed the bike thoroughly with degreaser, maybe I missed a patch. I could not see how. Anyway I went and ordered coffee, then went back out to check it out. I noticed a thin stream of oil on the casing again under the gear box. First thing I thought was fuck me the main seal let go again. As I sat there drinking my coffee waiting for Evan and Glenn to turn up, I watched the bit of oil turn into a puddle that ended up being the size of a Cottee's jam lid. Then the most dreaded happened, up rode three Harlies, two Japanese copy Harley Cruisers and the token sports bike riding with them.

I didn't want to clean the mess up as I wanted Evan to see for himself. Anyway nobody noticed the oil leak under the BMW, till the other riders started filter back outside carrying their coffees and Spring Rolls, customary road food for the masses. Anyway the inevitable happened. One of the Harley riders said "Hey mate you got a pretty bad oil leak under your bike mate" (I thought bad oil leak, how long you been riding for boy. I guess you never seen **Norton's, Triumphs, Harlies and Land Rovers** with a "Bad Oil Leak" this is just annoying stuff") I said yeah I know and I told him about the gear box rebuild.

**I said to the Harley guy, "Well it's not often you see an oil leak on a BMW is it".** He actually looked quite surprised and said "I don't like seeing oil leaks on any bike, most of us older guys have been on that bike". We had a good talk after that and then he made sure I was right to get home.

Evan turned up, I told him the news. He looked at it and said "Dad this isn't engine oil its gear box oil". **Off course being the father it's my civic fatherhood duty to argue** with my 10 year trained mechanic son, I said it can't be its motor oil. He argued that engine oil doesn't smell like that it's definitely gear box oil. To settle the matter we moved the bike onto flat ground and checked both engine oil and motor oil. The motor oil was still at the level I filled it up at and after cracking the gear box filler plug we found the gear box was down about 5ml of oil. So it looks like the input shaft oil seal blew. I don't know if Motahunsa replaced it on the gear box rebuild, but I can't think why they would **not have Still it's a blessing to know it's not our fault this time, but it still means another day job** to pull the thing out just for a \$20 dollar seal. As Evan said, we are now experts at pulling R1100 gear boxes out, we will have it out in two hours this time. At least I still rode the old girl home after we topped up the gear box, I rode it back home at a much more sedate pace this time. The R1100 didn't lower itself to be driven home on a trailer,

## **Chapter 17- Haven't we been here before – I want to get out of the Army Sir. Why do you want to get out of the Army Son? Because I'm crazy Sir. If you are crazy then you would not want to get out of the Army. Joseph Heller, Catch 22**

For those who have been following my exploits of the saga of the R1100RS rebuild like the green Hornet on 2KY, I have the final chapter for you. Have you hankies ready. It has a wedding, a funeral, **a birth and a murder, but it's all my idea. It's nearly as exciting as Big Brother and Coronation Street combined.**

The day started off really well, Evan got there early. No sign of Rachel (Evan's wife) having contractions leading to Nurse Gail's and my first grandchild appearing on the scene, Logan- Malaki is waiting patiently for his Grand Dad to get his R1100 back on the road, so Grand Dad can escape the nursing mothers, cooing Grand Mothers, baby stories on how best to bring up children and the thousand photos of the first child syndrome that will be soon appearing in our house hold. As much as I hate to say it, I'm not a baby person, I much prefer children when they can go fetch things. You can feed them chocolate and red cordial and we can go annoy Grand Ma's cats. (A Birth)

As Evan was trying to snick the gear box into the motor housing, it seems that I had forgotten to chock the front wheel and lock up the front brake. The R1100 very nicely thank you was pushed off the centre stand trapping Evans leg under the collapsed gear box, the rear brake rotor landed on my little toe, not severing it luckily enough, so real proof that Japanese Safety Boots do work, I'm trying **to hold the bike from not falling and Evan yelling "lift the bike! lift the bike". Now even though I take full doses of vitamins and constantly watch all the advertorials on gym work out equipment, it seems that I am not able to lift up a half stripped R1100 with no gear box attached in a clean and jerk fashion. Even though in my mind it's an easy enough thing to do, even without talc on my hands to soak up the sweat.** Luckily the motor was sitting on the wheel arch of the movable dolly it had the bike on so the full weight of the bike and not on Evan's leg.

We managed to free Evan's leg. Then trying to stop the bike from falling we managed to get the dolly away and rest the bike onto the garage floor. After checking ourselves for blood, severed limbs or future scarring that was going to make a fantastic future camp fire story for Logan, that I can repeat for him every time we go camping, alas nothing, we both came away pretty well unscathed. All Evan could say is cool its Low Rider. Now we had the problem of trying to lift up the bike off the floor and reset the centre stand. I had an old boat winch and with a system of ropes, winch and pulleys that would have made the Egyptians green with envy we managed to get the bike back up onto the centre stand, without caving in the garage roof or breaking the bike.

Luckily there was no damage to the final drive or gear box, as it just slipped out of the sliders when the bike rolled forward. As the R1100 has a flat bottomed oil pan there was no damage there either. So after chocking the front wheel and locking on the front brake, we had a second attempt at refitting the gear box and final drive housing which went back together this time with no trouble at all. (A Wedding)

So even with our little episode of "Pimp my Ride" we still had the R1100 back on the road in two hours. The test ride went well. So today I will see if I can get the R1100 further than Freeman's Waterhole without it coming home in disgrace.

**More later**

Have look at this trailer for the movie  
'Why We Ride'

<https://vimeo.com/75545684>

Everyone has a reason

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## FAR CAIRN RALLY 2013

By Peter Drury

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September dawned bright and sunny and there we were at McGrath's Hill our designated meeting point.

Fellow Club members

Dave Mead BMW K100 RT with side car

Mick Goodwin BMW 1200 GS

Alan Phillips BMW R1200 RT

Bob Whitehead BMW K100 RS

**Oh no not another BMW event!!**

Ahh Kevin Ivin Yamaha FJR 1300

And myself on the Big Honda 1300

And then along came Ray Stanfield on his yes; BMW K100, on Club plates too.

**The Magnificent Seven had formed.**

Destination – The Geographic Centre of NSW

For the BMW Touring Club of NSW's – Far Cairn Rally

I suppose BMW's are an acceptable choice of motorcycle for a BMW Rally!

Anyway off we rode to the west travelling via The Bell's Line of Road to Lithgow then on to Bathurst Orange, Parkes, Bogan Gate, Trundle, Tullamore and Tottenham. Approx. 500km so it's a decent ride.

The weather decided to become quite cold as we approached Bathurst dropping to the single digit figures in places and the wind picked up to become quite gusty. All part of motorcycling, you take it as it comes.



**Ray & Dave with Trophies**

Alan was trying out his heated seat and grips and playing with his adjustable screen and found it quite cold when he put his head out into the wind.

Morning tea at a bakery in Bathurst and lunch at a café' in Parkes made it a very relaxing ride.

The final 111kms from Bogan Gate though are tough with the roads pretty straight and just an Emu or two to avoid to entertain you. Alan may have been listening to some music as he reclined on his Air Hawke cushion.

The Rally is held in the Tottenham Race Course grounds which are brilliantly kept with soft Cooch grass inches thick on which to set your tents. We camped outside the Course Kitchen shed and made good use of it to boil the kettle and keep the drinks chilled in its expansive Fridges. One local even goes to the trouble and expense of stocking it with complimentary food items like bread, milk tea, coffee and tins of canned food for us to use as he wants the riders to continue to come each year.

We dined out at the local Bowling Club on the Friday night and rested up on the Saturday enjoying the company of other riders and locals.



As the Club was celebrating 30 years of the BMW K100 there was a show put on with the entrants encouraged to vote which gained Dave the Best K100 Sidecar Trophy (he won a raffle prize as well) and Ray won the oldest K100 Trophy.

Surprisingly the K100 was released in Europe in September 1983 but Ray's bike had an Australian Compliance plate dated it as August 1983. Ray believes his bike is number 554 of that model.

Further entertainment followed in the evening with the movie premier of 'Arrows of Fire' a motorcycling film of adventure, even surfing!!

Returning home on the Sunday via a slightly different route via Dubbo all Seven had a great weekend and look forward to the 2014 event.

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# Ride Calendar

DECEMBER	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Friday 13th	<b>South Coast Social</b> Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Christmas Party.</b> This year the Christmas Party it will be held at Glen Davis. This is free to all members and their families. Includes Saturday evening Xmas meal and Sunday brekky; bring your own grog. There is a lovely camping area (free) with plenty of shade along side the Glen Davis community centre which we will be using for our catering. Accommodation is evidently available in the village for those scared of canvas. Email Roger at <a href="mailto:teammartyn@optusnet.com.au">teammartyn@optusnet.com.au</a> if you're intending to go with intended numbers otherwise you might go hungry.	Roger Martyn 0431 879 196	10
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Spencer Christmas Breakfast Ride.</b> Leave from Macquarie Park, Windsor at 8am (please arrive with a full tank) or meet at Spencer Café at 9:30am.	Alan or Marie Pennykid 0427 393 093 0428 393 093	6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No club meeting in December.</b> Merry Christmas	Santa Claus	
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> – Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Years Gathering</b> – Wee Jasper, a great place to celebrate the New Year. Great camping and swimming. Bike friendly and family friendly.	Rob Lovett	12
JANUARY	EVENT	ORGANISER	POINTS
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social</b> Sip Great Southern Hotel 95 Queen St, Berry (6:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Karuah River Recon Run Dungog</b> - accommodation at the Bank Hotel (02 4992 1701), Royal Hotel (02 4992 3070) and Tall Timbers Motel (02 4992 1547) - this run is always a lot of fun and a swim in the Williams River on Saturday afternoon is a great way to veg out before dinner at the Bank Hotel on Saturday night.	<b>Rob Lovett</b> 0417 267 425	10
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Australia Day Camping weekend.</b> Blackgates Reserve on the Bridle Track, north of Bathurst (Track blocked coming south from Hill End). Swimming, shady site.	<b>Alan Pennykid</b> 0427 393 093	10
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 7:30pm. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	4/6*
Friday 27th	<b>Dinner at Toongabbie Pub.</b> 6.30pm Christmas get together.	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	2
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham Bowling Club) from around 6pm (last Fri of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0427 777 461	2

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## FOR SALE

### BMW Cross Challenge Model G650

**KMs :** 20,000

**First sold:** 2008

**Registered till:** Not registered (expired)

**Owner:** Bala Padmanabhan.

**Seller:** Paul Evans (on behalf of Bala)

**Condition:** Apart from some scratches on the lower part of the tank its in really good condition. Tires are about half worn.

**Extras:** K&N air filter, Safari Tank, new chain and sprockets just fitted, just had a service less a tappet adjustment., rear rack (small), a Touratek spot light is wired up but requires a new bracket to move it out of the way from touching the Safari tank, staintune muffler, mud beak on front guard, wiring for GPS to handle bars, 12 volt accessory socket, BMW water proof bag for rack, bark busters. The OEM muffler and tank panels are included.

**\$8000.00**



## AMC OPPOSES QLD BIKIE LAWS

**THE peak body representing recreational bikers wants the High Court to quash Queensland's new bikie gang laws because they are being used against innocent riders.**

The Australian Motorcycle Council (AMC) is collecting evidence that shows the unprecedented crackdown on criminal gangs is leading to other bike riders being harassed by police.

AMC chairman Shaun Lennard today said the council would this week open a fighting fund to back any approved legal challenge to the Queensland measures legislated last week.

The laws were devised by the government of Premier Campbell Newman after a brawl between rival gangs on the Gold Coast. Police have been instructed to use them to drive bikie gangs out of the state.

"The AMC maintains our position that we support any reasonable law enforcement action aimed at targeting crime. But what we're seeing in Queensland is not reasonable, and it's not targeted," Mr Lennard said.

"The Queensland Government might claim that these laws are only aimed at 26 proscribed clubs, but what we're seeing on the ground is different. The action is targeted alright - potentially at every recreational motorcyclist."

"We have been inundated with requests of how people can support a challenge to these laws. The Australian Motorcycle Council is not taking legal action. We are providing a secure and independent place for people from across the country to make donations."

Mr Lennard said existing laws should be used to fight crime.

He said there had been reports on social media of riders being stopped from one end of Queensland to the other, with police telling them it's all part of an information-gathering campaign.

He said the AMC had worked with a range of governments on such issues as traffic congestion reduction and safety measures.

"But this is different. This is simply about defending people's right to ride, and to mix with friends," he said.

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## *16 days in Central NSW & QLD*

*By Dave Povey. Part 2*

*Day 6 Woke early today, another beautiful morning, after a good breakfast we headed NW out along the Diamantina developmental road, 80k's to Thylungra, then north 200k's to Jundah through Welford National park, across the Barcoo river, I love they name them rivers, when most of the time there are just large pools of water every few hundred metres or so. Some patches of bulldust and a few rough patches, but pretty easy going. Refueled in Jundah, did some shopping and then a few ales at the local before heading out to the Thomson river to amp for the night. It must have been a harder day than I realized because the old boys all turned in by 8pm and left me on my own.*

## Day 7

Nearly 9 before we left Jundah, heading for Winton today, about 320km of dirt, out through Mutti, Westerton, Tonkoro to the Mayne river where we stopped for lunch and a cuppa under the shade of some trees, the river bottom is volcanic rock and looks like a moonscape. The road so far today has been pretty good, just a few rough spots.

We decided to have a look at Lark Quarry conservation park where a Dinosaur stampede took place some 95 million years ago, when the area was a stream leading into a lake, amazing when you consider we are standing on a hill.

After leaving the quarry we ran into the local garbo along the road who told us that it got a bit powdery heading into town, he had just been out to Opalton about a 300-400km round trip on his run.

Arrived in Winton and found a caravan park so we could have a well needed shower and do some washing, I think the clothes smelt worse after washing than before due to the fact it's bore water but I certainly enjoyed the shower. (Apparently if the water is allowed to stand and the sulphur gas escapes and chilled it is the sweetest, cleanest water on earth). Once cleaned up we head out for a great feed and a few beers at the Tattersall's Hotel, then back to camp and listen to some Tania Kernaghan coming from another hotel up the road.

## Day 8

Going nowhere today, just walked around town and had a look at, the open air theatre and opal museum, the truck museum, played the musical fence (not very well I might add) and checked out Arno's wall, at least 70m of stone walls approximately 2m high with almost any item you can think of built into it, sewing machines, motor bikes, wheels, car parts etc.(all worth checking out). Shopped for a few groceries, fuelled the bikes and out for tea at one of the other hotels in town.

## Day 9

Today we start the longest stretch without supplies or fuel, just short of 500km, I have the tank (12l) plus 3 x 5l jerry cans of fuel. Winton to Monkira station, doing an overnigher in the Diamantina NP. 51km from Winton we turn left onto Diamantina River Road, Again the terrain varies between grass plains as far as the eye can see, then sand, clay or gibba. Our first stop is "Old Cork Station" built between 1880 and 1885 from local sandstone, and timber brought in from south east Queensland as there is nothing suitable local, it's such a shame to see these





places falling down, even if they managed to keep a roof over them it would help to preserve them. Again the roads are not bad, most is fairly good graded, firm surface with stretches of powder. The eyes start to play tricks from time to time trying to pick the difference between road and paddock as it is so flat, then you see two ranges, on the left are Kangaroo mountains and on the right is the



Macartney range, it's like riding through a large welcoming gateway into Diamantina NP. Set up camp under some trees at Hunters Gorge, the largest amount of water we have seen in one place for a while, the water is never clear as the dust particles are so light they stay suspended.

A great day's ride, good weather, a good feed a few beers and settle back for the evening. I don't know how many times over this trip while sitting around the evening fire, looking at the stars somebody made the comment "how good is this" To all the 5 star campers, you don't know what you are missing.

Day 10

Oops! Spoke too soon...It doesn't rain this time of year out here, about 1am the wind came up and started blowing a bit of dust around, so pulled the tarps over our heads. Wrong! It's raining, by the time we got up this morning the dusty ground had turned to soft glue, take 5 steps and grow 3 inches. We are going nowhere today...and looks like the possibility of more rain so we extended the fly with one of the tarps for a bit more shelter. Col was fine as he had put his tent up as usual and hibernated for the day with a newspaper and left us to play in the mud. Ian and Paul both got wet sleeping bags which we hung out between showers.



As usual with Mr Evans there is always something to do or look at, so we spent half the day walking around barefoot, it's easier than wearing shoe's. This stretch of the river is about 2km long and 40m wide, with 5 pelicans and a couple of feral cats.

**More later**

## Radio Alive 90.5

Alive 90.5 is YOUR community radio station serving the Sydney areas of Parramatta, Holroyd and the Hills in Australia.

Check out Greg Hirst at 7.00pm to 9.00pm on Tuesday nights.

- Humorous stories of a motorcycle nature;
- Interviews with well known motorcycle riders;

- Stories from Aussie motorcycle clubs about their positive activities;
- Update of some key motorcycling issues;
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- Studio guests to talk about their personal motorcycling experiences;
- And lots of great Aussie rock, blues and alternate music, plus a little overseas stuff.

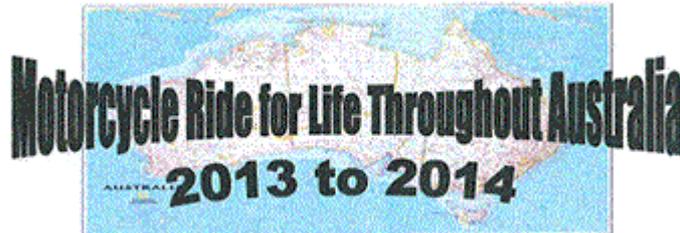
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18/11/2013

## Press Release.

Over the next 12 months the DR Wings Team of Sydney and Central Coast Motor Cyclists will be riding throughout Australia an estimated in excess of 22,000km.

They will be Raising much needed funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. All the while visiting Hospitals to spread the word about the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative called MARI.

This volunteer service is well overdue in Australian health system. Hospitals that deal with motorcyclists on a regular basis. Because of their geographical location to population or popular Motorcyclist frequented roads. It's all about Motor Cyclists caring for other Motor Cyclists in a volunteer roll. Helping anyway we can to support them and to help in there speedy recovery, and helping their families to deal with what has happened to their loved ones.

The team consists of 7 riders and 3 ground crew plus 2 camera crew to video document the trip 12 people in total.

Of these 7 riders is one woman Glenda Lovegrove, and ex Australian Jet ski Champion and has been riding motor cycles for over 30 years. Her Jetski and Motorcycling experience will assist her in dealing with the extreme conditions the team will have to contend with during the trip. In the last few weeks she has done over 3,500 klms visiting her sick kids in Queensland while training for the trip.

We intend making a documentary of the entire trip and of what the doctors regard as there waiting room outback Australia. In 2010 we completed a similar trip for the Red Cross Blood Bank and ST Johns First Aid. During this ride we covered 14,000km from the East Coast to the West Coast and passed through five states on that trip as well.

On the 26th April 2014 we will be riding over 16,000 klms again through 5 states and territories to make sure we get this information to as many people as possible all the while raising most needed funds along the way. Towns like The Entrance, Cessnock, Singleton, Merriwa, Dubbo, Albert, and that's just the first day, over 550 klms

Then onto Cobar, Broken Hill, Port Augusta, Wilmington, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Darwin, Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Charleville, St George, Moree, Tamworth, Central Coast Home. We are looking at doing an additional trip through Qld via all the main towns up the coast from the Gold Coast to Cairns and back.

Anyone wishing to assist us in anyway or to make a donation to the RFDS or to Sponsor our venture, you are more than welcome to contact us.

We are looking at making it possible for others to join us along the way after making a donation. For this information and more as well as itinerary of the trip and what we will be doing along the way go to [www.drwings.org.au](http://www.drwings.org.au) alternatively you can go to [www.motorcyclegear.com.au](http://www.motorcyclegear.com.au) and click on the events category then scroll down.

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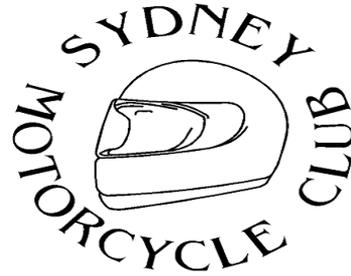
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# WARBIRDS DOWN UNDER

At Temora 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013

No report, but pictures tell the story.



Camping under the flight path in perfect weather.

These first two are from Peter Duckworth



Then we have a few from new member & professional photographer  
Will Perez Ronderos





## Bikie buster squad

Unprecedented taskforce formed to fight organised crime.

From **Patric Lion**, National Political reporter with the Daily Telegraph.

Outlaw motorcycle gangs in NSW will be targeted by a new police strike team with unprecedented intelligence-sharing powers between state and federal authorities.

The taskforce comprises officers from NSW Police, Australian Federal Police and Australian Taxation Office. Critically, the arrangement will allow NSW Police to access Commonwealth intelligence from its agencies including the ATO, AFP, Australian Crime Commission, Centrelink, Customs and Immigration and Border Protection.

The state and federal governments will today announce the formation of the NSW-based team as part of the \$64 million National Anti-Gangs Squad.

The move comes after the crackdown on motorcycle gangs in Queensland and similar federal-state strike teams have been set up in other Australian states. Authorities want to form a national approach to stop the problem simply moving from state to state.

NSW Police Minister Michael Gallacher said the state was serious about tackling gang crime and was building stronger state and federal partnerships with all agencies working together. "This joint strike team is an important step in an enhanced national approach to targeting organised crime," he said. "We are taking many measures to target organised crime and

we welcome this investment by the Commonwealth in the safety and security of our state."

Last month, 10 officers from the elite NSW Police gangs squad were sent to Tweed Heads to confront Queensland bikies and tell them to keep out of our state. Mr Keenan said that the level of access for investigators and co-operation between the state and Canberra was "unprecedented". "We are serious about stopping the scourge of bikie crime across the country," Mr Keenan said. "The national anti-gangs squad is just one of a raft of initiatives that the government has to make sure that no place in Australia is a safe haven for organised crime."

## NEW MEMBERS

Ngoc An (Andrew) Duong and Laura Studdert  
Gavin and Pamela Roberts  
Luke Williams  
Grant Munro

Welcome to our club!

## Gavin Roberts Iron Man donation.

**Earlier this year** the Iron Man Triathlon was held in Port Macquarie. In order to stage this event, the organisers rely on local motorcyclists to carry Technicians, Medics, Journalists, Photographers, etc...

**Gavin Roberts**, Regional Ride Coordinator for Port Macquarie, volunteered his time and his K1600GT and assisted in making this event the success that it was.

**In appreciation**, he was given a sum of money by the organisers but Gavin wanted to support our Club Charity, so \$550.00 was passed on to MARI.

Thanks to Gavin for your kind gesture.

# MISSING ROO

G'day All.

Whilst Dave Thurston was in hospital recently between 10th October and 7th December someone broke into his studio at the old Halfway House truck stop on Putty Rd and stole this one off piece of art. Its worth I believe about \$6,000 and as heavy as hell because its made from LPG gas cylinders.



Keep your eyes peeled for it as its a letterbox and will probably be out the front of someones house. It will also be put on the BMWTCNSW website. Do pass this picture around to friends so it can get lots of exposure. There's a thought that the thief may come from The Mosman area.

When next passing Dave's place do drop in and have one of his famous coffees and sausage sanger or egg and bacon rolls. He's a battler, a good bloke and deserves a break. Check out his art work whilst your there.

Cheers  
Paul

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## FAR CAIRN THUMB FOLLOW UP From John Rayner

As reported in the Newsletter November issue I am recovering from the surgery to my left thumb following my mishandling of my K75 on the way to the Far Cairn Rally.

A couple of weeks ago I headed off to the surgeon who was kind enough to pull the K-wire out of my thumb. An interesting experience – imagine removing a tent peg imbedded in your hand. Thankfully it was all over in a second or two.

The thumb still had to go back into its splint as I wasn't allowed to use it or get it knocked about.

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Went back this week and the splint was removed. The thumb is still quite a bit swollen and I can only bend it about 10°. Plenty of physio and the gradual reduction in swelling should sort that out.

So, I can now just about write, and sign my name, and drive a car. Not tempted back on the bike yet as I need the thumb to get back to its normal strength.

In the midst of all this a big heavy parcel was delivered by the postie causing a bit of marital stress when Rob thought that I had been ordering BMW parts on the sly (as if I would ever do that!). Turns out it was the hamper full of wine and goodies send by the Club. It certainly lifted my spirits (not to mention my blood/alcohol level).

I must thank all you great club members who thought about and organised this. It's good to belong to a group like ours which supports members during difficult times.

Thank you all and see you at the next FCR.

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## Riders are better drivers.

**MOTORCYCLISTS** are 23% safer behind the wheel of a car than non-motorcyclists, according to a leading insurer.

**Equity Red Star** compared car drivers to car users who also have an insured motorcycle, and found the latter 23% less likely on average to make a claim on their car policy.

The firm also adjusted the figures to take into account the different typical ages of car drivers and motorcyclists, and still found the riders to be 21% better behind the wheel. The results showed motorcyclists were 20% less likely to make a bodily injury claim on their car policy.

The insurer examined 200 million policies between 2007 and 2012.

Rob Clark, Equity Red Star's Head of Retail Motor, said: **"A motorcyclist could, behind the wheel of a car, be said to be 23% better."**

Clark presented the data yesterday at a conference organised by the Motorcycle Industry Association to examine evidence that increasing the number of motorcyclists on the road could actually improve safety.

The conference was held in the offices of the Department for Transport in London.

Read more: <http://www.visordown.com/motorcycle-news--general-news/motorcyclists-23-better-behind-the-wheel-of-a-car/23971.html#ixzz2lYJcHxgX>



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## RIDE THE DIRT LIKE A PRO!

From Lin van Copenhagen of the Mid North Coast Branch at Port Macquarie

Dear BMW Riders, (Actually, Dear BMW GS (and prospective GS) Riders,

With the popularity of the R1200GS and Adventure, and with so many folk now owning a 650, 700 or 800GS and with the immense interest in the new water-cooled R1200GS, it is apparent to me that there is a **quantum shift** towards the dual purpose style of bike. So many road bike riders now also have a GS or have swapped to one.

This led me to thinking about **riding skills on the dirt**. Many riders would love to do **more dirt road exploring** but have had little training in the **many different skills required** to be safe on the dirt. ( e.g.. Loss of traction - body weight distribution and positioning - applying brakes front and back - ABS on or off - cornering - best way to pick up a bike - differing surfaces like sand, rocks, potholes, wet clay etc.. - tyres - tyre pressures - the list goes on.....)

I wanted to approach BMW to see if I could arrange for a **BMW Certified Off-road Trainer** to run a one or two day course for us up here on the Mid North Coast. I approached Rory Rock and was pleasantly surprised to find that he had been thinking along the same lines. So..... hopefully, sometime in the next 3 to 6 months, this will happen :-))

This communication is just a "heads up" to you regarding what we are working on.

**A great venue has already been sourced** and ideally this will happen over 2 days, with the **Saturday** being instruction and practical application, Saturday night a bit of R 'n R (Rest 'n Recreation? Rock 'n Roll??) and **Sunday**, finish the instruction/practical and then,;- a **led and assisted ride** on easy dirt (maybe 50 to 80 km) in order to put new skills into practice. All these details are very flexible at this stage. People of all skills level will be catered for.

There will obviously be a price involved but it will be a priority to keep this down to a reasonable cost.

**Please let me have your feedback if you have any comments or suggestions :-)**

**Remember, this is only in the development stage.**

**Please don't try to book yet!!**

Regards to you all,  
Lin

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