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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 6.30pm on the 2nd Friday of the month. Members gather at the Great Southern Hotel, 95 Queen St, Berry, for a chat and something to eat.
Newcastle Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip	Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.

CLUB POINT SCORE

<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

Ride Calendar

FEBRUARY			
Sat 4 TH	Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Fri 10 th Sun 12 th	Karuah River Rally , Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest, see map at Bank Hotel or flyer on club website	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
Fri 10 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
Sun 12 th	Coffee and day ride ; meet 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Sun 19 th	Mid North Coast Social Sip , Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Wed 22 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*
Thurs 23 th	Hunter Social Sip : Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
March			
Sat 4 th	Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Fri 10 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
Sun 12 th	Coffee and day ride ; meet 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th	Cold Flame Rally at the junction of the Snowy and Pinch rivers on the Barry Way south of Jindabyne		10
Sun 19 th	Mid North Coast Social Sip , Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Wed 29 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*
	Hunter Social Sip : Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
Fri 31 st – April 2 nd	2016 Far Cairn Rally , Yes 2016 re-run, Tottenham racecourse	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
April			
1 st – 2 nd	2016 Far Cairn Rally , Yes 2016 re-run, Tottenham racecourse	Alan Peters 0414 660 890	10
Sat 1 st	Mid North Coast Monthly Breakfast , Abundance Garden and Café 274 Rawdon Island Rd, Sancrox, NSW from 8:30am	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Sun 9 th	Coffee and day ride ; meet 22 Patterson Road, Bolwarra. 9.00 am for coffee. Possible ride afterwards to be decided on the day.	Cheryl 0408 074 214	2
Fri 14 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
Sun 16 th	Mid North Coast Social Sip , Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.	Lin van Copenhagen 0417 098 255	2
Wed 26 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*
	Hunter Social Sip : Hexham Bowling club 6.00 PM for Drinks and Chinese dinner from around 6pm (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
Fri 28 th – Sun 30 th	Autumn Leaf Rally , Held in the grounds of Tumorrana Hall		10
4/6* City members attending a club meeting receive 4 points, country members receive 6 points			

President's Report

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2017 everybody! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Despite the heat...ie; the return of the thing called Summer. My apologies for no Pres report last newsletter... I must learn to wait for an email to the Editor to actually leave before turning the computer off!

Just a quick mention of Cheryl Clarke and Paul Evans. Both lovely people who are convalescing before Christmas. I'm sure all members of the Club are thinking of you and hope things go well.

Take note all the **2016 Fair Cairn Rally re-scheduled has been re-scheduled again to 31/3 to 2/4/2017**. Due to a stuff up at council (they are blaming the person who is not there anymore of course) our booking was not recorded properly. If you have pre-paid and can't attend that weekend, get in touch with me and I'll organise a refund. Many thanks to John Rayner for sorting this out with Council after we were alerted to the stuff up on December 22.

Thanks **Woz** for organising the **Christmas Party** at Majors Creek. We had great food and a good time at a lovely venue. I'm sure he made a pact with the devil for the great weather too! Thanks to everyone that helped cook and clean, and the generosity of the raffle ticket buyers.

On behalf of the Club I'd like to express thanks to the Victorians for running last year's **Clubs Australia Rally**. Held at Bright, it was a well organised and very sociable event. From booking to check-in, dinner and movies the organisation was impressive. The combined event info and goody pack was very informative and generous. Shame about the rain, but the fun continued, and hey, we know all about what a bit of badly timed rain can do to an event. We had a good roll-up of about 25 members who met up in the Star hotel on the Friday night for dinner.

To head down I teamed up with Dave Beers who lead us on a meandering course staunchly avoiding the slab. The route down took us via Tarago, Yass, Wee Jasper, stop at Tumbarumba then Jingellic, back country sort of lost and Mitta Mitta. We were greeted by the sight of snowy Victorian Alps along the way. The return saw us partly reverse the course then Corryong, Cabramurra, Tharwa, Bungendore and Tarago. I must confess I slowed Dave down while things were wet but we still made good time. The rough stats are 1550km for 20.5 hours in the saddle, with 10 of those the Monday return. The return trip had a few rainy spells but I got home mostly dry and warm, so all good.



Above: Dave Beers and his newly invented trademark upside-down flower on a forestry road between Mitta Mitta and Bright. Right: A lovely piece of Victorian high country road, stressing out in the traffic.

At the new members ride last October we finally got an opportunity to present **Cheryl and Tony Schmidt** with a very belated **Country Clubman runner-up** award. Dave Beers sent me a picture of the presentation, but sadly (or thankfully depending on one's outlook) I have misplaced the pic so you don't get to see them or me again.

Alan Peters

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2016 Christmas Party

Just a few quick notes on the club Christmas Party held at Majors Creek on 10 December.

We had 57 guests for dinner out of a confirmed 61 starters. I hope everyone had a good time. I thought the bloke from Capital Roast in Canberra did a great job of providing the catering and cleaning up. He just disappeared into the night when he was done.

Thank you to all who pitched in on Sunday morning to cook breakfast and clean the hall. I rang the grounds Secretary on the Sunday night to make sure all was well and he thanked us for the great state in which we left the hall and grounds and invited us back anytime as a club. For individuals passing through there's no need to book just lob in and put a few dollars in the donation box behind the hall.

Most folk had left and I was chatting with the Prez and we noticed the locals getting the fire truck out of the shed down near the entrance to the grounds so we scarpared down and gave them the proceeds of the raffle. This landed us another invitation to return anytime from the Captain and his crew of three.

The raffle netted \$242.20 and the Brigade Captain was insistent on providing a receipt so we know the funds are used as intended.

Everyone keep an eye out in your travels for a venue for next year's party and send suggestions to the committee.



President Al hands over the cash to Majors Creek Brigade Captain Greg Ison

Cheers

Woz

BMW Touring Club of NSW

40th KARUAH RIVER RALLY

10 - 12 February 2017

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

Dear Motorcyclist

If you like throwing a bit of camping gear on your bike and riding into some of the prettiest country in NSW, then we'd love to see you at our 40th KRR. It's about 31 km north of Dungog via the Monkerai and Main Creek Roads or the Wangat Trig Road past the Chichester Dam turnoff. Check our Website or Bank Hotel Dungog for a map – note there's about 14k of (not too bad) dirt from either direction.

KRR is for motorcyclists only; cars are not permitted unless by prior arrangement. Your \$25 entry covers badge and a breakfast voucher. BBQ style catering is provided on Saturday afternoon at reasonable prices - all other supplies are available in Dungog. Rally awards and raffle prizes are presented on Saturday evening, and the site has male and female toilets.

You don't have to own a BMW.

Contact Rob Lovett on 0417 267 425 (leave a message) or email rob@gaslightbooks.com.au - please put Karuah in subject line. See also the BMWTC NSW Website at www.bmwtcnsw.org.au.

RUBBISH - HELP PLEASE! – 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 and longstanding 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



Far Cairn Rally

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31st March to 2 April 2017 It has changed again sorry!

The BMW Touring Club of NSW proudly presents the re-scheduled 9th Far Cairn Rally to raise funds in support of the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI) after the washout of 2016.

Note: if you have already pre-paid your entry is still valid. Any people who are not able to make the new date please contact us for a refund.

The Far Cairn Rally is held at Tottenham Racecourse, approximately 3km from the town's centre. The course's grassy paddock is a great camp site, has hot showers and some 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. Please join us for dinner and drinks at the Tottenham Hotel on Friday night.

While paying entry fee is possible on arrival, please consider pre-entry and payment to help us with order quantities of badges & catering. T shirt pre-pay NOW CLOSED. Please ensure any pre-entries are received by 9 March 2017.

Entrants Full Name:			
Pillion/Partner:			
Address/Contact details:			
Expression of interest for Friday night dinner <i>Optional</i> – Yes () or No ()			
Club (if any):			
Entry fee/ person (includes a Badge & Sunday breakfast)	\$25.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – Size CLOSED	\$25.00		\$XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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TOTAL			\$

Please make cheques/money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW
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Or visit our website : www.bmwtcnsw.org.au 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: www.drwings.org.au

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



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Peter Fayers (Forster)

Beat Fawer (Woollooware)

Camping Invitation from Stuart Garland:

If any riders would like to camp at the farm on the way to the Karuah River Rally, they are most welcome. Toilet and showers will be available. Stuart lives near Glen William, about 20mins from Dungog

Contact him on 0427 767 129

Presentation at the February Meeting (22/2/17)

Rob Dunstan is planning a presentation for his online Motohansa business at the February meeting. He will have some gear to display on the night.



Who do you talk to? How do you do it?

So you want to organise something in the club or try to find out what's happening?

You'd like to get an event on the calendar? Talk to the Vice President (currently Dave Povey to see when there's a slot in the calendar, 2 months warning would be nice so it can be published and give members a chance to notice it. The more info you can provide the better your chances are, if you're prepared to be the organiser/ contact person even better.

You want to put something in the newsletter? Talk to the editor (Alan Pennykid). Provide the article in Word or MS Publisher format, but it may be formatted to fit the magazine still.. Please don't send me ideas for articles or pages where I can find 'something that might be interesting. Copy and paste it into an article your self and send it to me for the newsletter.. I'm always looking for content. No I don't copy and paste from Messenger etc. either.

You want to make/organise a presentation at a club meeting?

Talk to our president to arrange a suitable time

You want to put a bike on historic registration.

Talk to the historic registrars, you'll find them listed at the front of the magazine along with all the other office holders.

You have a motorcycling issue that you'd like to get some govt attention? First step is to talk to our Motorcycle Council delegates. They can take it to the MCC for discussion and the MCC can present to govt if the issue is serious.

Communications

The club has a facebook group and a Yahoo email group. The Yahoo group is for club members only, the Facebook group also contains people who are not club members. Both are places where events etc get discussed often



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POSSIBLE AWARD

BMW presents its self-balancing motorcycle of the future

THE motorcycle of the future is so safe riders can cruise sans helmet — all of the with none of the danger — according to BMW.

The German automaker unveiled Tuesday its Motorrad Vision Next 100, a sleek, self-balancing prototype the company released as part of its 100th anniversary celebrations.

The zero-emissions bike has self-balancing wheels designed to stand upright even at a complete stop, stability that the company says will allow riders to forgo riding a helmet.

“Its self-balancing system will help protect the rider at any time,” said Edgar Heinrich, the design director of BMW’s motorcycle division. “Any late reaction from the driver will trigger and the vehicle will balance out.

“In the future, motorcycle riders will be able to enjoy riding without protective gear.”



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11th – 12th March	Cold Flame Rally
30th March – 2nd April	Far Cairn Rally