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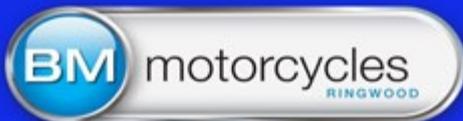
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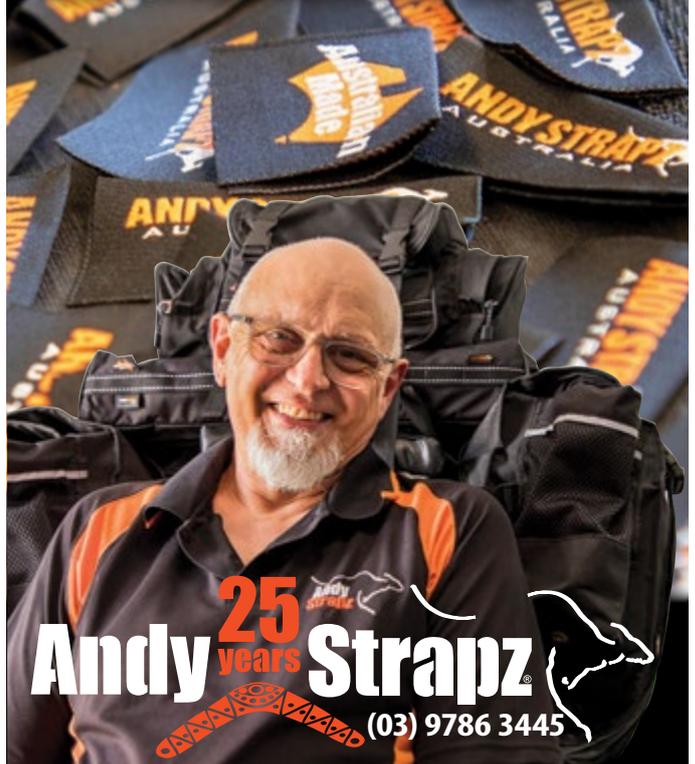
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President's Message

Twenty-Two Four - the New Year, is upon us now, and everyone is looking forward to future rides and events.

I hope we can have as successful a year as we had in 2023. During last year there were some quite popular and successful events which have shown us that there is a strong demand for GS rides and for long weekend rides. Hopefully we will be able to include some of these events in the 2024 calendar along with our regular program of CRLs mid-week and Sunday rides.

Last year saw the 100th anniversary of BMW motorcycles and the club put on a series of events to celebrate. About 185 of our members registered to attend and they brought along many guests with them to boost this figure even higher. The celebrations in Gippsland and the North-East were particularly well attended, as was the long weekend event at Llanelly, and a well done and heartfelt thanks goes to those country members who organised these events. Those of us who were able to get to the German Auto Show at Calder Park were able to see the very first, the R32, in the flesh, so to speak. Unfortunately, the very last of these events, the

'Summit to Sea' a GS ride, had to be postponed owing to some wild weather, it will be re-run on the Labour Day weekend in March. Many members (about 30) were interested in attending and we hope will be able to come again.

Looking forward, one of the highlights of this year must certainly be the National Motorrad Rally, to be held this year in the Barossa Valley in April. The club is in the process of organising a 5-day ride for members to travel together to attend this biennial event. Registration is now open, and we will keep everyone informed of other news as it becomes available. We hope to make a strong club turn-out to this one. There has also been talk of other long weekend GS rides and the Tour-a-Tech training weekends will also be on again. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Happy New Year

Bob Leggatt

The first 2 club meetings for 2024 will be different

We will not meet at our usual location in Camberwell

The **first meeting on 22nd January** will be our very popular and traditional gathering, a BBQ at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe. Grab your riding buddies and meet us there at 6 pm for the barbecue. This is a free event provided by your club and committee. Westerfolds is a big park so check the website for instructions to the Swamp Gum carpark and rotunda.

It's essential to register on the website! If you don't register how can we cater for you? Please advise special dietary needs to Winfried Hessling, 0403 302 230. It's usually a bumper turnout to this event and we look forward to seeing you there.

The **second meeting on 26th February** will be another social get-together, this time at the Doncaster Hotel, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, 3108. The carpark is behind the hotel and can be accessed from Doncaster Road or Victoria Street. Come at 6 pm with your friends, bring new ones if you wish, to chat with other members while having dinner together. Meals and drinks will be at our own cost.

You'll need to register for this event so we have a place for you at the table. Come and join us!

No traditional meetings at Camberwell in January or February.

Social occasions only in January and February.

We'll be back at Lynden Park in Camberwell in March 2024.



“ Editor's Message

Photo: That's me at the Australian Grand Prix in Phillip Island at the BMW Expo

Well 2023 has been and gone. Onward now to 2024 and enjoy what it has to offer, there's many rides ahead, so don't forget to check the BeeEm issue calendar and details on website Events. There will surely be something to fit the bill and pique your interest.

Remember, that the January club meeting will be held at Westerfolds Park for a BBQ and February will be held at Doncaster Hotel...remember to book your attendance, especially for the February event.

Hoping that by the time you get this issue your Xmas is only a week away, so there is still time to make plans for the Xmas Camp even if it's only for a day ride if not able to book in.

December presented a few good rides such as the Let's Go For A Ride weekend and the Penny Farthing ride which looked very interesting and I'm sad to have missed the opportunity. There was also the Top of the Range Mt Macedon ride, midweek Victoria Hotel at Woodend and the Otway Sunday ride by Chris Seabrook.

Xmas Sunday lunch was an amazing feast again as usual with 30 members in attendance and great work by the Hessling's with Kerrie in control, and Winfried diplomatically following orders. Many other members assisted, as usual Lynne was there and many others pitched in to ensure the day went off without a hitch.

Enjoy your Xmas break and safe start to the New Year of 2024.....see you all then.

From the Editor and Team
Ride, Read and Stay Safe



WELCOME to all our new members on behalf of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria. You have joined the biggest and most active BMW club, car or motorcycle, in Australia. The Calendar page and also on the reverse of the address sheet on the BeeEm issue provides the latest information about future club activities – rides, social events, meetings – and information about approved-of events outside the club. A full, updated online calendar can be viewed by browsing the Event Calendar section of the club's website.

Your level of participation is up to you but you will always get more out of the club by being active. Join our ride events and meet other like-minded members that love the two wheels (BMW). We welcome your thoughts and input so don't be shy, help out by taking on one of the many committee and support roles that are there to be filled. Just take a look at the Support Team page in BeeEm or browse the club website by using the 'Contact Us' tab to see 'About Us'.

So, a hearty warm welcome to you. We are, above all, a social motorcycle club dedicated to the BMW marque and all our members look forward to showing you what our club has to offer, either on a ride or at an event.

New members

Tim Fuller	F 900 R
Stan Kluzek	F 700 GS
Marlene Kluzek	F 700 GS
David Bright	R nineT
Raven Saunders	G 650 GS
Mauricio Vargas	S 1000 R
Struan Hawkes	R 1100 S
Daniel How	G 310 R
Tony Fitzsimmons	K 1200 R
Robert Graham	R 100 GSPD
Dean How	R 1150 RT

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Our club is fortunate to have the support of many suppliers, and the following is a list of those who support the club with a member's discount or club advertising. Proof of current membership should be offered and a club discount requested at time of purchase. We sometimes receive complaints from members who didn't get a discount because they failed to ask for it beforehand! Any member refused a club discount by a company on our list is asked to advise the committee.

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BMW Motorrad Updates the style with launch of R 12 nineT roadster and R 12 cruiser in 2024



Ten years after the original R nineT was revealed by BMW we see a new generation introduced for 2024 with a new frame and swag of other

technical improvements. However, the heart of the matter remains the same with the fabled air/oil-cooled boxer engine powering on in the new BMW R 12 and R 12 nineT

The two new models fuse classic style and potent powertrains while delivering their own distinctive character and riding characteristics.

BMW officially announced the 2024 R 12 nineT roadster and R 12 cruiser. Both are a classic take on modern motorcycling utilizing a 1,170cc air-cooled twin-cylinder boxer engine connected to a six-speed transmission with shaft drive.

The new BMW R 12 nineT and R 12: a classic roadster for dynamic riding on country roads and a classic cruiser for cool, relaxed biking

With the R nineT, BMW Motorrad presented more than just a classic-style roadster in 2013. From the beginning it combined classic motorcycle design and



modern technology with high levels of craftsmanship and diverse customisation options. Shortly afterwards, the R nineT was enriched with attractive derivatives, giving rise to a whole model family for the BMW Motorrad Heritage world.

This meant the guiding principle for the new BMW R 12 nineT during development was "The Spirit of nineT". The goal was to seamlessly follow in the footsteps of the successful R nineT and carrying forward its archetypal look, timelessness, and high customisation qualities. While the new R 12 nineT as a classic roadster aims to make a stylish impression in urban environments as well as provide dynamic riding fun on winding country roads, the new BMW R 12 comes under the motto "The Spirit of Easy" – perfectly embodying a classic cruiser for cool and relaxed biking.

Freedom of choice in design, model diversity and customising

The new BMW R 12 nineT and R 12 are classic roadsters and cruisers that combine the authentic and beefy character of the boxer engine and the design language of traditional motorcycle eras with innovative technology and a modular concept that offers the rider maximum customisation options.

Reduction to the essentials and attention to detail were key priorities in the development of the design, resulting in a strong emotional appeal.

Authentic and beefy boxer engine featuring redesigned airbox and twin-flow rear silencer

For the past 100 years, the two-cylinder boxer engine and the use of a propeller shaft drive have been synonymous with BMW motorcycles. In line with this legacy, the new BMW R 12 nineT and R 12 models, presented in the "100 Years of BMW Motorrad" anniversary year, further emphasise this distinctive powertrain configuration, following the recent unveiling of the new BMW R 1300 GS. The air/oil-cooled boxer engine with a capacity of 1,170cc, already familiar from numerous BMW Motorrad models, delivers 80kW (109hp) at 7,000 rpm in the R 12 nineT and 70kW (95hp) at 6,500rpm in the R 12. As part of the complete redesign of the chassis, the new R 12 models also feature a new airbox, which is now fully integrated under the seat. The left-mounted "Twin Pipe" exhaust system with two rear silencers with reverse cone design caters to both the desire for a classically designed, sporty roadster and a cruiser.

New, one-piece tubular bridge steel spaceframe with bolted-on rear frame

The centrepiece of the new BMW R 12 models is the newly developed tubular bridge steel spaceframe. This frame differs from the previous R nineT series, which had a

front and rear main frame. As a result, the new frame removes the need for previous fastenings, reducing weight and giving the new R 12 models a cleaner and more classic appearance. The rear frame, also made of tubular steel, is bolted to the main frame.





New classic round instruments as well as USB-C and 12 V socket as standard equipment. Digital display available as optional equipment

The new R 12 nineT comes equipped with two analogue round instruments for speed and rpm, a USB-C port on the left side, and a 12V socket on the right side for the onboard network. The round instruments continue to support customisation by communicating via a LIN-Bus and separating the control and display units. The standard instrumentation for the new R 12 is limited to the speedometer, but the rev counter can be retrofitted with genuine BMW Motorcycle accessories.

The new R 12 nineT and R 12 available as a roadster and cruiser, each offering a classic design and optimal ergonomics

On the R 12 nineT the aluminium tank with brushed and clear-coated side panels, the seat, and the tail-hump create a rising, dynamic line. The improved ergonomics compared with its predecessor are mainly due to the 30mm shorter and narrower fuel tank in the rear area. The rider is positioned closer to the handlebars, benefits from improved knee contact, and has a more front-oriented seating position on the motorcycle overall.

On the new BMW R 12, the steel tank, reminiscent of the so-called "Toaster Tanks" of the 1970s BMW /5 models, emphasises the typical design language of a cruiser in a classic teardrop shape and forms a descending line in combination with the standard solo seat and the curved, low-mounted rear wheel cover. The large 19-inch front wheel and the small 16-inch rear wheel complement this harmoniously. The classic cruiser design is also reflected in the relaxed seating position with low seat height and wide handlebars.



Three attractive paintwork options for making a stylish statement as classic roadster and classic cruiser

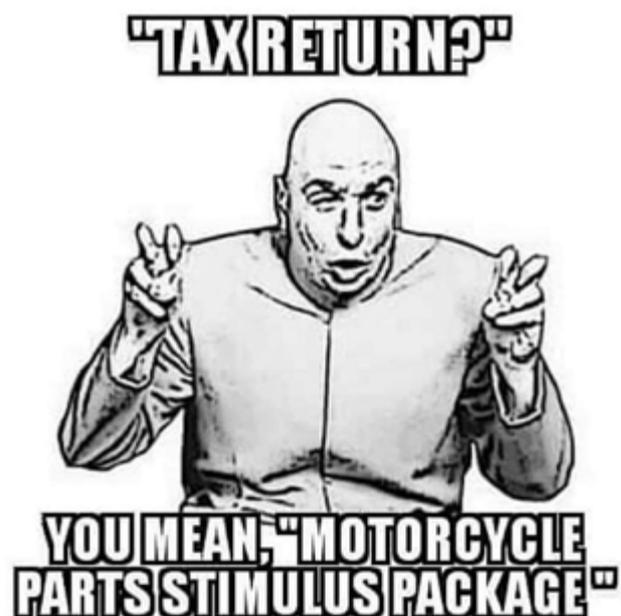
The BMW R 12 nineT and R 12 come in three striking colour options:

R 12 nineT:

- Base paint finish Blackstorm metallic
- San Remo Green metallic
- Option 719 Aluminium

R 12:

- Base paint finish Blackstorm metallic
- Aventurine Red metallic
- Avus Silver metallic



You can't please all of the people all of the time

FROM THE EDITOR

It's difficult to get everything right all the time. When we're all volunteers planning rides, organising functions, sending in photos or writing articles for BeeEm, sometimes mistakes happen.

For instance the cover photo of the October issue of BeeEm was a general shot taken at the German Auto Show although the caption indicated it was the R32 motorcycle owned by Dr Dugal James. The R32 was actually pictured on page 5. In November, many of you would have recognised Noel Gilliland on the front cover when the caption told us it was Brian Rix. Then in December we accidentally left Mel Hindson's name off the Girls Ride participant list even though you saw her photo in the article so we knew she was there.

If we've given you the wrong name, put you on the wrong bike or left you off the list altogether, we're sorry for the error but we'll keep trying our best to get it right. Even though we ride Beemers, we're only human after all. We encourage everyone to keep riding, writing and snapping so you can send your articles and photos to the editor of BeeEm. We love reading them all. It's all about having fun and giving all the volunteers a little leeway if something is not quite right now and again.



November issue cover; Noel Gilliland and Frank Cachia



Melinda Hindson in RED top with Mel, Sheryl Hollie and Kerrie



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Autumn is the best motorcycling weather in South Australia and arguably the best time for travelling around the southern states for BMW Riders.

The weather in April is generally sunny days with temperatures between 7 and 26 degrees with only small chance of slight rain showers 4 days in the month.

The roads in the area offer magnificent routes including some off /dirt road adventures for those inclined. Offering easy access to some of the better motorbike riding country in Australia especially with the Adelaide Hills, Clare Valley and Flinders Ranges in close proximity.

For accommodation within the Tourist Park we recommend that you secure your accommodation early as Cabin options within the Tourist Park will be limited and you may miss out. They do of course have other camping options available.

<https://www.australia.com/en/places/adelaide-and-surrounds/guide-to-the-barossa-valley.html>

To be part of the Rally, you need to do two things:

1. Visit <https://bmwocsa.org.au/events> to register (available from late November)

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- Bacon & Egg Sandwich Breakfast Thursday and Friday Mornings
- Wednesday night Welcome Dinner (included)
- Join the Thursday night Gala Bistro Dinner (this is a PAYG evening)
- Registration cost is \$75.00 per person

AND

2. Book your accommodation

We recommend either the BIG 4 Barossa Tourist Park or The Vine Inn, Nuriootpa as the more convenient options and you will need to contact them direct to secure your accommodation.

DETAILS TO BOOK ACCOMMODATION:

1. BIG 4 Barossa Tourist Park, Nuriootpa - on (08) 8562 1404. Penrice Street, Nuriootpa

OR

2. The Vine Inn, Nuriootpa – on (08) 8562 2133. 14-22 Murray Street, Nuriootpa

In both cases they have indicated to **mention you are with the BMW Rally** so they may group participants accordingly.

We will also be providing more detail on some events, guided and non-guided rides and optional activities should you wish to bring non riders along or make this part of a bigger trip.

Get in - Register AND book your accommodation early... so you don't miss out.



BMW National Motorrad Rally
Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley,
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Gippsland:

Second Saturday of the month, from 9.30 am at Heyfield Bakery, 59 Temple St Heyfield

Central Victoria:

Third Saturday of the month, from 10.00 am at Rocklea Cafe, Bendigo Homemaker Centre, 239 to 249 High Street, Kangaroo Flat

South Gippsland/Bass Coast:

Third Saturday of the month, from 10.00. Koonwarra, Wonthaggi, Mirboo North, San Remo. Check website.

Emerald Gathering:

Fourth Saturday of the month, from 9.30 am at Emerald Bakery, Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Note: Before you go on a ride, please check the latest BeeEm and the web site for late changes to ride details. Changes do happen.

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Let's Go for a Ride

BY STEVE'S SISTER JENNIFER

4-7 NOVEMBER 2023

I first saw a flyer for LGfaR, hosted by the BMW MCC Vic. back in about June, and it immediately caught my interest. Even my brother Steve seemed keen, despite not having been on his bike for seven years! All I needed was the slightest hint that mum and dad would be OK with looking after the boys for a week, and annual leave approved from work. Approvals were duly given, and as the time drew nearer, plans started falling into place. Steve started putting in long hours working on his bike, and I had friends in Canberra (2023 F 850 GS) and NSW (1975 R 90/6, with R 90 S fairing and brakes) who were keen to come along too.

A week before Steve and I were due to leave, my panniers were completely packed, and my tent and air bed already strapped to the back of the bike. You could say I was looking forward to this trip! Our plan was to leave here on the Thursday morning, put in a reasonable day (for a couple of butts that haven't seen any / many hours in the saddle recently) and get to St Arnaud that night – roughly

575km. We left a little later than planned, and promptly lost half an hour as we entered Victoria. But we took it easy, stopped regularly, and made it to St Arnaud before dark.

Thank goodness for the Sena headset in my helmet (thanks for the recommendation, Phil Thomas!) as I was able to take a phone call from the caravan park whilst riding, advising us of which site to select, and the all-important code for the ablution block before they went home for the night! There was a sign in the caravan park office saying: "If you get here early, sit back, and watch the entertainment. If you get here late, you are the entertainment." As far as entertainment goes, I guess we were it, but it wasn't very entertaining, apart from a couple of guys coming over to chat to Steve about bikes. Oh, and a weird conversation one guy started, pondering the depth a body must reach in water to overcome its buoyancy...

Moving on. The next day was a casual few hundred km to Wangaratta, where I'd booked an Airbnb house for the five of us for the night. Greg (F850GS) arrived first, closely followed by Steve and I with Greg and Jane (R90/6) not far behind. (Side note: If anyone's looking to stay in that area, I would highly recommend Anna's "The Cream House".) All four bikes were safely stowed out of sight in the car port around the back of the property.



Our four bikes outside Zeus

Greg and Jane were originally keen to join LGfaR, but it was a busy weekend, and they were also committed to helping a 75 year old friend race at Broadford the next day, so we enjoyed catching up that night, and we all pootled down the highway to Benalla for breakfast before they carried on.

Breakfast was at Zeus Coffee Co. in Benalla. Spots in the carpark were reserved for us with milk crates.

Shirt distribution and briefing was after breakfast. Trevor Verlin was the main organiser, and gee, can he organise! We were all given an A4 page with our evening's destination, and three suggested routes, things to be aware of, and things to see. Each day, he included fuel stops, suggestions for lunches, and local watering holes for pre-camp refreshments. We spent a while poring over maps, selecting routes, and making plans, and off we went!

Steve, Greg, and I chose the second route option, which included roughly 25km of dirt. The dirt was actually in two sections, with the first section being much shorter, and fooling me into thinking that was it! But we did it without incident and arrived dirty but triumphant at our lunch stop in Myrtleford. The roads that day were spectacular. We were twisting through the Victorian High Country, loving every smooth bend in the road, and every vista that appeared around the next corner. Our camp that night was at Lightning Creek, some 22km south of Mitta Mitta. It was an idyllic setting in a valley, with a big hill one side, and a river trickling by on the other side. We had the convenience of a long drop toilet, and an established campfire spot. Someone arrived with a pre-arranged ute-load of firewood, and we settled in for the night, cooking tea and chatting around the fire.

Morning broke and not surprisingly, given our location, everything was wet with a heavy dew. Gotta love packing up a wet tent, right? But this second day of the ride was the biggest, so we didn't have time to wait for the sun to do its thing. Bikes all started (phew!), and off we went. On that note, there were about 28 riders registered for this ride. After Phil Irvine's bike (1975 R 90 S), Steve's and mine were the next oldest, I think. On top of that, mine



was the only naked bike, and I was the only female rider. Today's destination was a free camp at Pinkers Beach on the Murrumbidgee River, a few km from Carrathool. We retraced our route through Mitta Mitta and Eskdale, enjoying the beautiful roads, lakes, and scenery again.

Once we hit NSW, the road quality deteriorated drastically. Potholes were everywhere, some on the riding line, and all without any sort of warning. Just big potholes in the bitumen, revealing the red earth below. Kept you alert, though. The other thing that kept us on our toes was a side wind across the Hay Plain. I've certainly had worse, but it was a bit noticeable, particularly when being buffeted around by an oncoming truck's turbulence! We set up camp on the banks of the Murrumbidgee and went for a dip. The water was fast flowing and refreshing. The clay beach was soft and slimy. Stepping into it, we instantly sank to about mid-shin height, before sliding right in, whether we wanted to or not. We briefly contemplated the therapeutic or anti-ageing marketing benefits of the "Murrumbidgee Mask", then decided that it mightn't sell. It was the sort of mud that sticks when you get out of the water. That's if you can get out! Perhaps we were more entertaining entertainment that night! Groups of us set up little campfires along the riverbank.

Left: Greg's F 850 GS at the Murrumbidgee Camp site

We spent the evening chatting to Jack (from Wagga Wagga) and his mate Dave. The evening passed as all evenings should, talking rubbish around the campfire! Trevor warned me in advance that this campsite had a toilet inhabited by a toad (of the amphibious variety). The toilet was a good 500m from the camp, but I did meet the toad, who had the decency to vacate the seat for me.

It felt great to pack up a bone-dry tent the next morning. We were treated to fried eggs on sourdough muffins for breakfast (yes, Greg managed to carry half a dozen eggs for three days, over dirt roads to make us breakfast. I thought such transport of eggs was impossible! He has also significantly lifted the standard of camp cooking for me!).

Today's destination was further West again. It was great



The magic egg carrier and resulting fried egg



Greg's F 850 GS at the Murrumbidgee Camp site



for Steve and I, but a bit away from the direction of home for others, including Greg. Greg travelled with us until just after lunchtime when he peeled off towards Echuca and Shepparton. Steve and I carried on back into Victoria, this time on the banks of the River Murray in the Murray-Kulkyne Park. Another idyllic bush camping spot awaited, this time with no toilet facilities at all. The last 7 to 8km off the main road was once again dirt, with some exciting corrugations in a couple of sections, and what felt like a steep, rutted downhill to the camp.

Perhaps we were fresher, but it didn't seem so bad on the way back out the next morning. Unfortunately for the organisers, there was quite a small gathering at camp that evening. But we were there, and we loved it. We had a dip in the Murray, alongside a plentiful supply of carp, and camped on the bank surrounded by trees bearing the marks of the floodwaters from earlier this year.

Morning came too soon, with the alarm clock sounding very much like thousands of cockatoos flying overhead. I ignored them as best I could, but at a cost of missing the sun rise over the river. Camping with this experienced group of riders was great. At one point you look around and see tents and bikes, and a few minutes later, it's just bikes and everything else has disappeared. We said our goodbyes and parted ways from the rest of the group. Steve and I headed towards Barmera, avoiding Mildura and any

main roads as much as we could. We spent the night at Tom Griffin's, where we were treated to the most amazing shower we'd had all week, a stable for our trusty steeds, and an excellent roast pork dinner.

We had another leisurely morning before heading home, turning off the main road prior to Blanchetown and following the river past Swan Reach and Walker Flat to Mannum for lunch. Crossing the ferry into Mannum, I noticed a group of BMWs. Pulling in, I saw Stephen Mutton, who was part of the group, participating in the BMWTCNSW Punt Run. We also inadvertently stumbled across a massive BSA group ride in Mannum (most of which were at the Macclesfield display on the weekend), and hastily ate lunch and left just before them. We arrived back at mum and dads within minutes of Adam getting home from school. I'm happy to report that both Mum and Dad, and the kids survived so well that given a little recovery time and amnesia, I might be able to get away again one day!

My odometer and trip meter gave up after the first day's dirt, but based on Steve's calculations, we did just shy of 2700km. We had an excellent time, loved the format, and enjoyed seeing old friends and acquaintances and meeting new ones. Given half a chance, I would certainly do this again. Thank you very much to Trevor, Russel, Bernard, and Neville for a fantastic ride.



Arrival on Mount Macedon parking near the Top of the Range Cafe

CRL to Top of the Range Tearoom on Mount Macedon

BY IAN MCKENNA

6 NOVEMBER 2023

Starting at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen we had 11 starters including Jeff Dobell and his dog Oakey, Chris Evans, Men Harris and Michael Dodds. Ross Wright joined us for a coffee. With Ian McKenna leading and Gerhard John as tail rider we headed to Diamond Creek before taking Collins Road to Broad Gully Road.

A wrong turn took us a broad sweep to Yarrambat, Doreen and Nutfield before we rejoined the Hurstbridge Road to Arthur's Creek and Yan Yean. Catching up to slow traffic when approaching Whittlesea we took Grants Road which turned out to be blocked off by road work, and it took several attempts to find a through road to Epping Road.

Once clear of the hassles it was easy and pleasant riding to Wallan and Romsey where we stopped for a rest and found ourselves about half an hour late. The original plan was to go through Woodend and Macedon, and approach Mount Macedon from the south. Instead, we rode straight to Mount Macedon - about half the distance - to save time.

Arriving at the Top of the Range Cafe for lunch about 15 minutes late we were joined by George Konecht, Bob Leggatt and Simon McCall. The menu was dominated by



Departing Mount Macedon - group photo

burgers and chips, and we had a good feed in reasonable time.

After lunch 8 of us returned via Romsey, Wallan, Woodstock and Arthur's Creek to Hurstbridge for afternoon coffee. The Bridges Nursery and Gallery, a great spot for coffee and resting, for the first time had let me down by being closed.

Nothing else in Hurstbridge seemed to be open so we finished at Peppers Paddock. By this time there were just three of us but a final coffee here finished off a good day of riding.



Arrival at Peppers Paddock with Jeff Dobell & his dog Oakey riding their R 1250 RS



Oakey



Hans Werner riding his F 650 GS



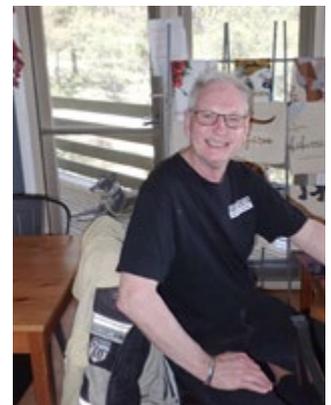
Starting at Peppers Paddock General Store



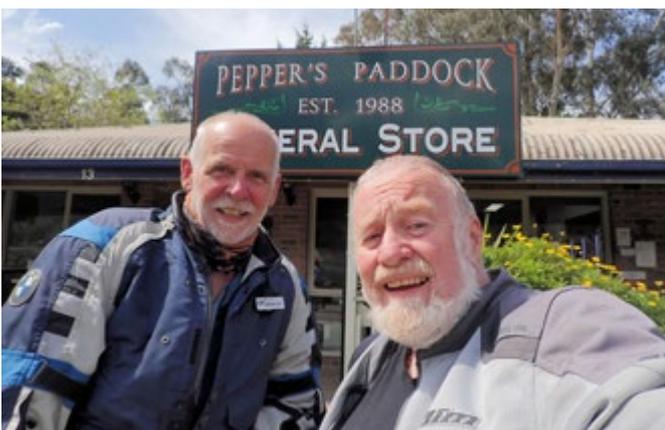
Arrival at Peppers Paddock with Michael Dodds riding his R 1200 R



Ross Wright who came for a coffee



Lunch at the Top of the Range Cafe with Trevor Vienet



Finishing at Peppers Paddock with Gerhard John and Ian McKenna

Participants:

Jeff Dobell & his dog Oakey	R 1250 RS
Michael Dodds	R 1200 R
Chris Evans	R 1250 GS
Men Harris	R 1250 GS
Gerhard John	R 1200 GSA
Trevor Vienet	R 1200 GSA
Andrew Wallace	R 1250 RT
Paul Wenger	R 1200 RT
Hans Werner	F 650 GS
Ian Wright	S 1000 R
George Konecht	Triumph
Bob Leggatt	G 310 R
Simon McCall	F 750 GS



Lunch at the Victoria Hotel with Robin Bowra, Mark Phelan, Darren Alexander, Les Watt and Steve Boyd

Midweek ride to Victoria Hotel Woodend

BY IAN MCKENNA
11 NOVEMBER 2023

Starting at the BP Geelong Ring Road Service Centre which is our furthest regular starting point from Melbourne, it was a case of 'where is everybody?' Departing about 15 minutes late we had just three riders on a sunny morning with David Yee, Robyn Bowra and Ian McKenna.

We headed off on good roads to Anakie, Steiglitz, Meredith and Morrissions. In Ballan I missed a shop with a huge bill board which was covered by an even larger sign announcing road closures. Turning back at the end of town we found Zest Cafe and we didn't wait long until three riders joined us, Steve Boyd, Les Watt and Darren Alexander. Les's rear brake started leaking but we persevered on to Woodend.

Another good ride took us through Greendale, Trentham and Tylden to Woodend. We parked across the road near the supermarket where we were joined by Mark Phelan. David Yee left us here so we had six riders at the Victoria Hotel which gave us a great lunch and after a long chat we separated in several directions.

Participants:	
Robin Bowra	R 1250 GS
Ian McKenna	R 80
David Yee	K 75 C
Darren Alexander	F 700 GS
Steve Boyd	F 700 GS
Les Watt	R 1250 GS
Mark Phelan	R 80 GSPD



Starting at BP Ring Road Service Centre with David Yee and Robin Bowra



David Yee riding his K 75 C



Arrival at Woodend with Robin Bowra and his R 1250 GS



Coffee at Zest Cafe with the ride group including three who joined us



Coffee with Darren Alexander, Robin Bowra, David Yee, Les Watt and Steve Boyd



Arrival at Woodend with David Yee riding his K 75 C and Les Watt



Lunch at the Victoria Hotel inside the Bistro



Dan Bowell at his Penny Farthing manufacturing business

Let's ride to a Penny Farthing!

BY LES WATT

15 NOVEMBER 2023

Our BMW Bendigo group ride to Dan's Penny Farthing factory was prompted after Les Watt's discussion with Dan about his Penny Farthing manufacturing business. Les is always looking to find an interesting ride destination for the local BMW Club Bendigo group, and this one fitted the bill perfectly. A comfortable 300 km round trip ride through interesting countryside to an even more interesting factory and witness first hand Penny Farthings being built, which is not something you come across often, then Dan to guide us on an 80km ride on his special roads to lunch at the Meredith Hotel. The event was organised quickly and Dan was very happy to include any club member wishing to visit his unique factory.

Background

Who would have thought Bacchus Marsh would be the centre of Penny Farthing manufacturing in Australia and for that matter, the world. Dan Bowell (and his partner Kelly), are our very own BMW motorcycle Club members who have a diverse life together, Kelly in Medical Research





and Dan in Penny Farthing manufacturing, plus as a rider trainer (race track work included) and he has more Penny Farthing orders than he can manage, mostly coming from overseas. The list of countries he has sold into is extensive and diverse and it was his idea to start building them when just a young guy. Well done Dan!

The ride

The weather was almost perfect, but slightly cool and quite still as we assembled at our designated central Victoria town of Newstead at 8.45 am start time (It's just 50 km south west of Bendigo) for our ride to Bacchus Marsh. We started out with just 5 members, but this number grew at Daylesford with the addition of Simon McCall and Peter Howell. We headed out of Daylesford and down the C141 and through very pretty countryside at the now regulated speed limit of 80 kms for the first 6-8 kms coming from Daylesford. Then on to Ballan before jumping on the M8 and arriving at Dan's place in Bacchus Marsh at the designated time (10.00 am). On arrival and within a couple of minutes the southern members arrived bringing the total to 14 riders.

The visit

Dan introduced us to partner Kelly and his 40 year old rescue Cockatoo called Taka, who won us over with his friendly nature. He is now the Penny Farthing business mascot. Dan gave us a run down on the manufacturing processes (see photos) and the variety of sizes and types available for customers. He also undertakes refurbishment of early model Penny Farthings and showed us the mid 1800's Penny Farthing which he is currently refurbishing. It was a most informative introduction into the world of Penny Farthings.

Morning coffee was available and there was no disappointment with a selection of slices along with serious coffee and tea to be enjoyed. Time travels fast when you are having a great time and it was soon past 11.00 am and time to wind up the wonderful Penny Farthing tour and head over to our bikes, to be led by Dan and Kelly (pillion)



through his favourite roads to lunch. We ventured through some heavily forested areas and pine plantations to Mt Wallace where there are literally hundreds of huge wind turbines blotting the skyline and unsightly multi cable power lines littering the scenic views. The views were soon forgotten with the 80 kms of bike friendly twisty roads taking us to lunch at the Meredith Hotel, where we all tucked in to substantial pub meals.

Home

After much discussion and storytelling it was after 2 pm when we reluctantly we went our different ways home. A couple joined Dan and Kelly for the twisties ride back to Ballan and Bacchus Marsh, while Melinda Hindson, Russell Darbyshire and David Yee headed to Queenscliff for the ferry back to the Mornington Peninsula and home, avoiding the peak hour traffic though Melbourne. I must have said something wrong (again!), as several members decided to ride home via Bunninyong, Mt Helen, Ballarat and on to Creswick while Jarrod Clowes, Julia and I retraced some of Dan's twisty roads back to Ballan, then on to Daylesford and Newstead, where we said our goodbyes to Jarrod.

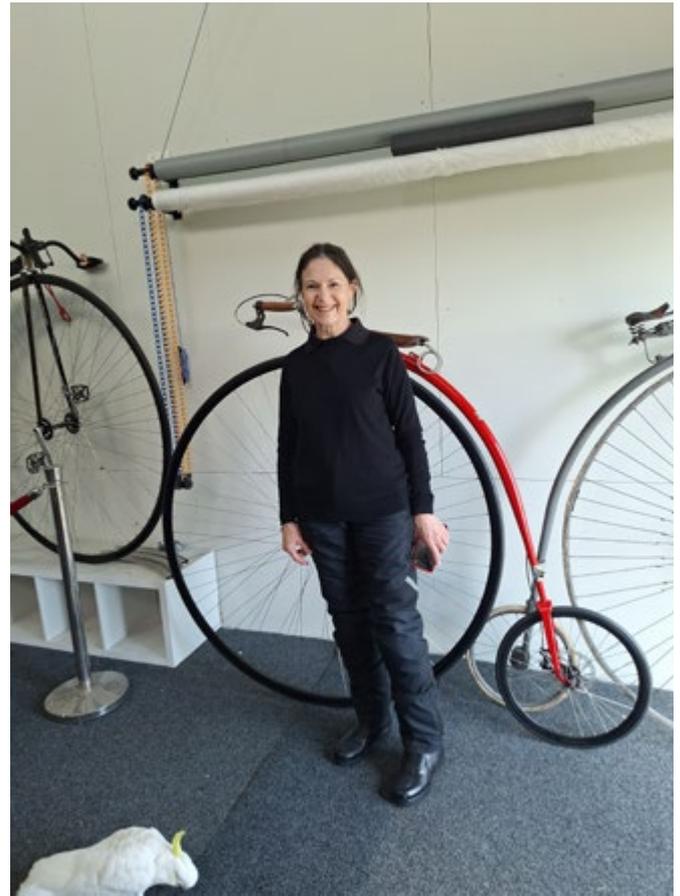
Thanks

Special thanks must go to Dan and Kelly for putting together a very interesting and varied day of activities with special thanks for Kelly's morning tea catering.

Notes

For interested club members, the BMW Bendigo group ride is always midweek and open to all, they don't clash with other club rides, but mostly cover the north Vic locations. We often ride to and meet up with the fabulous Ian McKenna (The BMW Club's photographer, Ride Captain and midweek ride co-ordinator) on his monthly ride. We usually meet up with them at the first morning Coffee stop, catch up with the Melbourne guys, then, ride with them and the "master" to the designated lunch location. It's always a great day's riding with Ian, but with us it always starts from a Central Victorian location.

The total number for the day: 14 members attending, with a split of 50/50 Bendigo/Melbourne including Mornington Peninsula guys.



Participants:

Les Watt	R 1200 GS
Jarrod Clowes	R 1250 GS
Melinda Hindson	F 700 GS
Simon McCall	F 700 GS
David Yee	K 75 C
Mark Phelan	R 80 G/S
Russell Darbyshire	R 100 S
Darren Alexander	F 700 GS
Peter Howell	R 1100 S
Marc Tracy	R 1250 R
Julia Watt	F 700 GS
Steve Boyd	F 700 GS
Dan Bolwell and Kelly Waldeck	R 1250 GS



Emerald coffee run

BY FRANK CACHIA, R 26
25 NOVEMBER 2023

This is your favourite R26 bringing you the latest from a closed garage. Something's wrong with Frank, well in actual fact there's more than one thing wrong with him, but this time something is definitely wrong. He didn't come over last night to check me out for today's run. As a matter of fact he hasn't taken me or the fancy orange coloured twin out for quite some time.

More so, he's walking rather stiffly, rigid more like it. The reason was revealed after returning from a doctor's appointment. I couldn't help it; I listened in on his phone conversation. By the time you read this he would have keyhole surgery on his lower spine. Looks like the surgery that he went through in 1993 needs redoing. Well this is expected, after all he can be and is, at times, a pain in the back.

There he goes, off to the Emerald gathering in his car. Turn down your radio volume, the neighbours have already heard, numerous times I might add, Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon.

Frank says: Sitting in a car as the garage door closes, hiding 3 perfectly good bikes; heartbreaking. One looks forward so much to riding a bike to a bike gathering, and I'm on my way in a car. Bright sunshine, hardly any traffic and here am I manhandling the car, rather than racing through the R 26's favourite tight, twisting stretch of road. I don't know what's more painful, gingerly getting out of the car or explaining to the gathering why I'm in such a vehicle.

You know those GS owners aren't that bad after all, they do appreciate the eye catching, traditional models. All talk stopped, when once again, Adrian Camilleri on his immaculate 1959 R 60 stole the show, riding into the car park, slowly and almost in a gentlemanly manner.

The bikes glistened, more so when passing clouds, which were turning ugly by the minute, parted to allow the sunshine in. The group then continued chatting about motorcycling and solving world problems.

Not many members showed up and that is quite understandable, the weather broadcasts of impending



storms kept most away. A few rain drops although brief warned us to start looking for shelter. A number of riders departed before midday. As a matter of fact it wasn't that long before the Emerald gathering came to a close.

At times gusts of wind grew stronger and even though I was in a car it was time to depart. The drive back home showed a number of wet spots, not the ideal thing to see whilst racing a R 26. Darker clouds gathered; off course within ear shot of home the sun came out again---you just can't win.

Well not long to go before the R 26 once again carries out the Dawn Patrol.



Participants:

Paul (without Sylvia) on a R 1200 RT from long distant Longwarry
Mark (without Viv) on a R 1200 RT
Adrian Camilleri on the 1959 R60 from a longer distant Whittlesea
Tom Coghlan back on his F 650 GS Dakar
Colin Mc Donald on his R 1250 GS Adventure Rallye X
Matt Gale on a F 650 GS
Thomas on F 650 GS
Jerry John on his R 1200 GSA
Max Parfett on his R 1250 RT
Andrew Novak on his R 1100 R
Frank CachiaCar



Otway Sunday Ride

BY CHRIS SEABROOK

26 NOVEMBER 2023

When you're riding a motorcycle, weather plays a large part in determining the enjoyment level of the ride. So when the radar shows rain from home to the starting point, it puts a foreboding atmosphere on the day's ride. But, when you get to the start point and the clouds have risen and the rain has ceased it means the day can only get better.

So with the rain on hold we headed off towards Shelford, Wingeel and morning tea at Beeac. The roads showed signs of being recently washed by the rains overnight and a few had puddles that were easily to negotiate. With the roads clear and empty we were able to stretch our legs and leave a few cobwebs in the rear view mirror.

After a good break we passed through Colac before starting our climb up to Lavers Hill through Gellibrand. And then it happened: as we passed through Gellibrand the mist closed in and the precipitation again adhered to our visors. So with a constant drizzle we arrived at Lavers Hill for lunch.

Lunch done, it was agreed to head down to Apollo Bay, and if the weather was clear we would change the route and head along the Great Ocean Road back to Geelong.



This turned out to be the right decision. Also, back up by the fact that the traffic was reasonably clear, we made a good pace around the curves and bends that make it such a special road, with its spectacular scenery. So it was with regret that after we made our way through Anglesea, the congestion started and followed us back to our finish point at Lovely Banks. Oh! and no rain all the way from Apollo Bay.

Participants:

Stuart Green	R 1250 GSA
Chris Seabrook	K 1600 GT
Paul Liistro	R nineT
Terry Malady	S 1000 RR
Andrew Weller	R 1200 GSA
Juanito Inton	650G XMoto
Sheryl Townsend	F 650 GS
Duncan Heard	R 1200 RT

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Melinda Hindson and Chris Renwick with his New K 1600 GTL



Chris Renwick with his new K 1600 GTL



Bob Rosenthal showing films of the new R 1300 GS



Arrival at the Club Meeting with an R 1250 RS and R 1250 HP



Bob Leggatt presents the 100,000 km Award riding on one bike (F 650 GS) to Steve Roberts



Jacques van Neikerk and Bob Leggatt chairing the November Meeting

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Ian McKenna's 'Merry' K75C

BY ANDREW NOVAK
3 DECEMBER 2023

Another Xmas down and with that came another good feed. Kerrie and Winfried Hessling should be proud of their efforts, as they say 'proof is in the pudding'. Everyone enjoyed themselves attacking the ham and chicken, salads and last but not least as every-one always leaves space for, dessert.; pavlova and chocolate cheesecake. To all those who assisted, thank you for your efforts, don't know how many or what input but I do know it was a team efforts unfortunately don't know the name but you know who you are and so do those who were there.

They say too many cooks spoil the broth but on this occasion it was quite the opposite, well done to you all. So another one down and the end of the year is round the corner.

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.



Abbas Kudrati riding his R18 BMW



Jacques Van Niekerk, Lynne Rosenthal, Bernard Sacher Tayla and Winfried Hessling carving the ham



Winfried and Kerry Hessling



Noel Gilliland and Frank Cachia,



Bob & Bianca Leggatt



Tables and diners set for lunch



Bob & Bianca Leggatt, Andrew Novak, Abbas Kudrati and John & Lisa Terry



Frank Cachia and Noel Gilliland



Barbara & Derek Pickard, Ross Wright, Jeff Speake, Bob Rosenthal, Noela & Don Miller, and Detlef & Lynda Lamp



Robyn & Ross Wright and Jeff Speake



Steve Mackay

Please note: The details for the regular Saturday Coffee get-togethers are listed at the start of the Rides, Rallies & Events page and the mail cover.

DECEMBER 2023

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

26th Dec - 1st January – Christmas Camp + Christmas Camp Rides

You know how the end of the year goes; can be a little hectic heading into Christmas then even more chaotic as end-of-year functions take over the diary. Good thing is, we know exactly how to unwind afterwards - chill out at the Christmas Camp.

When: begins on Tuesday 26 December and we head home on Monday 1 January 2024

Where: Yarram Holiday Park, 375 Commercial Road, Yarram, 3971.

Contact info: Tel: 5182 5063 www.yarramholidaypark.com.au

Accommodation: book your own cabin or tent site. The managers are aware that more than one person, and their bike, can be accommodated on one site so you can team up with a mate and discuss your options with the managers.

Ride to the Camp: see details of Ian McKenna's ride to the Camp and rides during the Cam on website.

Lunch together during the Camp: we invite all campers to join us for lunch on Friday 29 December at the Commercial Hotel, 238 Commercial Road, Yarram. We'd like to see regional members there too, please come. Please register to attend the lunch so we know to book for you - see the separate event listed on the website.

The Holiday Park has a heated indoor swimming pool and an outdoor dining area. There are motels nearby if the Park is booked out. We can walk into town for meals or you can bring your own supplies. You can ride every day or relax and read or go for a walk, it's all up to you. This is your chance to slow down and spend time with members and friends.

Queries: Kerrie Hessling 0431 884 085

JANUARY 2024

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

26th Dec - 1st January – Christmas Camp + Christmas Camp Rides

6th January – Saturday – Western Coffee Morning

7th January – Sunday – SUNDAY RIDE TO WILSONS PROM

Ride of 180 km to Tidal River on Wilsons Promontory. Ride via Cardinia, Lang Lang, Poowong, Korumburra, Meeniyah and Fish Creek to Tidal River. Return via Fish Creek, Meeniyah and Lang Lang for a total distance of 350 km. Assemble at 8.30 at BP Officer Service Centre for departure at 9.00 am. Stop at Korumburra, Tidal River, Mount Oberon, Fish Creek and Lang Lang. Coffee at Kellys Bakery in Korumburra at 10.00 am. Visit Tidal River and Mount Oberon about Midday. Lunch at Fish Creek Hotel at 1.00 pm. Final coffee in Lang Lang at 3.30 pm. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

8th January – Monday – MONDAY COFFEE RIDE LUNCH TO MOUNT MACEDON

Visit Mount Macedon and the Memorial Cross, and have lunch at the Top of the Range Tearoom, or in nearby Mount Macedon at 12.00 after 120 km of riding. Assemble 9.30 am Pepper Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen for departure at 10.00 am. Stop in Romsey and Mount Macedon. Return via Calder Highway and finish at Calder Park Service Centre on the freeway for a total distance of 170 km. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

10th January – Wednesday – MIDWEEK RIDE TO COURT HOUSE HOTEL, SMYTHESDALE

Ride of 200 km to the Court House Hotel in Smythesdale for lunch at 1.00 pm. Assemble 8.30 am at BP Calder Park Service Centre on Calder Freeway for departure at 9.00 am. Stops at Anakie General Store for Coffee at 10.00. Lunch at the Court House Hotel in Smythesdale at 1.00 pm. Coffee at Bacchus Marsh at 3.30 pm. Finish at BP Servo near Calder Park at 5.00 pm. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

13th January – Saturday – Gippsland Coffee Morning

20th January – Saturday – Central, Sth Gippsland/Bass Coast Morning Coffee – Koonwarra

22nd January – Monday – Monthly Club Meeting & BBQ No Meeting in Camberwell

Meet us at WESTERFOLDS PARK in TEMPLESTOWE. Enter the park at the main entrance in Fitzsimons Lane (Templestowe). Follow the main road to the roundabout and turn left. Continue on the main road, passing Red Gum car-park to the Swamp Gum car-park where you will see the shelter, barbeques and playground. Together we will meet for a barbeque and a social gathering. Food and soft drinks will be provided by the club. You will need to register for this event to help us with catering so that everyone receives something to eat. If you have a special dietary requirement please contact Winfried Hessling on 0403 302 230.

Make this a must in your calendar. It is one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year! Visitors, new and prospective members are most welcome.

The Service Day Team will be in attendance and the GS911 diagnostic tool will be available for a short time for club members to have basic functions checked and adjusted (eg; service periods reset).

Any club member wishing to avail themselves of this service should contact the service day co-ordinator.

27th January – Saturday – Emerald Gathering Coffee Morning

FEBRUARY 2024

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

3rd February – Saturday – Western Coffee Morning

5th February – Monday – MONDAY CRL TO ANAKIE GENERAL STORE

Ride of 125 km to the Anakie General Store in Anakie. Assemble 9.30 am at Peppers Paddock General Store in

Wattle Glen for departure at 10.00.
Stops in Toolern Vale and Anakie. Lunch at the Anakie General Store in Anakie at 12.30 pm. Finish in Werribee at 3.00 pm for a total distance of 190 km. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466

10th February – Saturday – Gippsland Coffee Morning

10th/11th February – Saturday/Sunday – 47th Karuah River Rally – Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest
The BMWTCNSW will host their Karuah River Rally at Frying Pan Creek 30km (15km dirt) from Dungog NSW and 646km from Canberra via Bathurst. This is a BYO back to basics rally and your entry of \$30 includes a badge and camping permit. For up to date or late changes check the BMWTCNSW website <http://www.bmwtcnsw.org.au/club/>

14th February – Wednesday – WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK RIDE TO BOOLLARRA HOTEL, BOOLLARRA

Ride of 115 km to the Boolarra Hotel in Boolarra for lunch at 12.30 pm. Coffee at Untitled Cafe, 85 Queen St Warragul at 10.00.
Lunch at Boolarra Hotel in Boolarra at 12.30 pm. Fuel at Longwarry North Service Centre on Princes Freeway at 3.00 pm. Coffee at Brewsters Cafe in Garfield at 3.30 pm. Finish in Emerald at 5.30 pm for a total distance of 260 km.
Ride Leader: Ian McKenna, 0487 868 466.

17th February – Saturday – Central, Gippsland/Bass Coast (Wonthaggi) Coffee Morning

18th February – Sunday – SUNDAY RIDE (SOUTH WEST - OTWAYS)
TBA - Keep an eye out for more details Shared route From bp Truckstop, 455 Geelong Ring Rd, Corio VIC 3214 to Mortlake, Victoria 3272 via Steiglitz Rd/C142 and Midland Hwy/A300. 2 hr 34 min (211 km) For the best route in current

traffic visit. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/23xXUGgFqToqcEtt8>
Shared route From Mortlake, Victoria 3272 to bp Truckstop, 500 Geelong Ring Rd, Lovely Banks VIC 3213 via C156. 2 hr 6 min (168 km) For the best route in current traffic visit <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gV8MpzRoeSs494399>
Ride Leader: Ian McKenna, 0487 868 466

24th February – Saturday – Emerald Gathering Coffee Morning

26th February – Monday – Monthly Club Meeting No Meeting in Camberwell

This will be a social gathering at the Doncaster Hotel, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, 3108. There will not be a meeting at Camberwell.
Come and join us for dinner at the Doncaster Hotel at 6.00 pm. You'll need to register so that we reserve your place at the table!
This will be a social time to chat with members and just enjoy the time together. Might be a good time to bring some friends along to introduce them to our club too. Register to reserve your seat at the table

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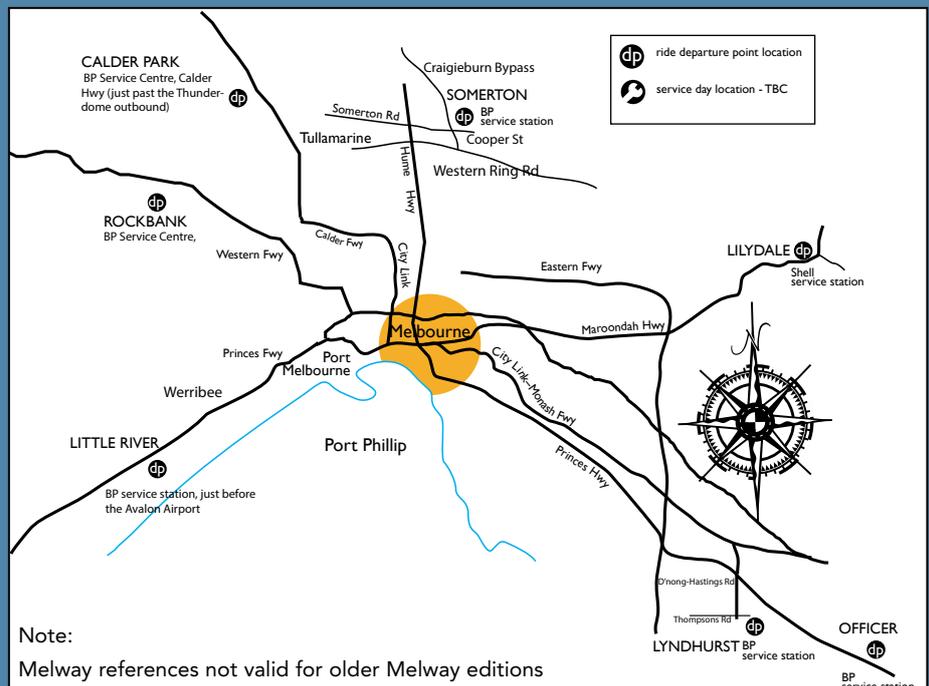
Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

2nd March – Saturday – Western Coffee Morning

8th – 9th – 11th March – Saturday/Sunday/Monday – THREE DAY SEA TO SUMMIT RIDE
Sea to Summit Ride celebrating 100 Years of BMW Motorrad It's been 100 years since the first BMW motorcycle was produced. What an incredible feat in this fast paced world to know that your motorcycle has such a long history. For this reason we have put together yet another ride to celebrate

Melbourne ride departure points

- NORTHERN DEP. POINT EPPING**
BP Service Centre Cnr Scanlon Dr & Cooper St Epping. Melway ref map 181 D11
- LYNDHURST DEP. POINT**
BP Service Station, Cnr Dandenong-Hastings Rd and Thompsons Rd. Melway ref map 128 K3
- LILYDALE DEP. POINT**
Shell Service Station, Maroondah Hwy (1 km east Lilydale), Lilydale. Melway ref map 38 H3
- LITTLE RIVER DEP. POINT**
BP Service Station, Princes Freeway (Geelong bound) just before the Avalon Airport turnoff. Melway ref key map p11 D12.*
- OFFICER DEP. POINT**
BP Service Centre - Officer Outbound 65 Princes Fwy, (M1) Officer. 2 km South East of Beaconsfield Exit on M1
- ROCKBANK DEP. POINT**
BP Rockbank Outbound Truckstop, 1789 Western Freeway, between Hopkins Rd and Troups Rd Nth. Melway ref 355 D11* (Not the other BP SS)
- CALDER PARK DEP. POINT**
BP Service Centre, Calder Highway (just past the Thunderdome outbound) . Melway ref map 354 J3.*



Calendar

our great BMW motorcycles so we hope you can join us for this weekend away.

Friday 8th March: START in Bruthen Saturday 9th March: ride north to Barry Way Sunday 10th March: ride back south to Limestone Road (dirt road) to head west to Benambra (fuel) and Omeo (fuel).

NOTE: Give your GS a check over, fuel up, and join us for a great weekend of riding and good company. Need your arm twisted? We don't think so. Need to check your calendar? Maybe. Then do it. We need you to register your interest please, so planning can be fine tuned.

Check website for further information. Contact John Semple if you have questions. johnsemp1@bigpond.com mob: 0418 388 108

9th March – Saturday – Gippsland Coffee Morning

13th March – Wednesday – MIDWEEK GIRLSTOWN RIDE

Gather from 8.30am at the Little River Departure Point for a 9.00 am start. We visit CLAREtown, DOREEN, ELAINE, MT HELEN, LARA, MEREDITH (& others) with the highpoint - a visit to the summit of PRETTY SALLY, There is a short (900m) section of unmade road. No pressure, but if you would like to wear (or carry) something pretty or pink, that would be appropriate. Morning tea at Buninyong, Lunch at Bacchus Marsh, for a trip length of 300 km, finishing at Doreen approx 4.00 pm <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2313815?units+km>

Ride Leader: David Yee - 0400 380 531

16th March – Saturday – Central, Gippsland/Bass Coast (Mirboo Nth) Coffee Morning

21st March – Sunday – SUNDAY RIDE – BLACK DOG RIDE

23rd March – Saturday – Emerald Gathering Coffee Morning

25th March – Monday – Monthly Club Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday 25th of March at 7.30 pm at Lynden Park Recreational Facility, Wakefield's Grove, 64A Through Rd Camberwell 3124. Enter via access road between no's 64 and 66 Through Rd. This will be a general meeting to update you on current events. We will provide further details if a guest speaker is to be arranged for this meeting.

**Check website for full details.*

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FOR SALE

BMW R1200RS 2016 \$11,500

White. 54,735 kms, excellent condition, fully optioned except for luggage. Front Michelin Road 6 fitted at 48,468 km and rear at 52,732 km. Reg till 30/1/24 and with RWC.
Contact: Jeff Dobell, Ballarat
Mobile: 0491 759 383
Email: jeffdobell0@gmail.com



BMW R1200RT 2013 (Ex-Police)

\$6,000 ONO. A 2013 BMW R1200RT bike is for sale. The bike runs well at 215,000 kms. It has 3 months rego (no RWC). It is an Ex-police bike with a single seat and electric screen.
Contact: Laszlo Papp
Mobile: 0451 146 665
Email: laszlo1234@hotmail.com



BMW R 1200 ST \$6,500 Black. Great fun bike. 74,000 km, Staintune pipe, unique paint. New Michelin Pilot Road 6 on back, near new Pilot Road 5 on front. In Jan Juc but can bring to view.
Contact: Victor, Jan Juc
Mobile: 0419 883 780
Email: vr.de.koster@gmail.com



1968 BMW R60/2 \$27,000 Has Schorsch Meier Sports petrol tank and pillion seat. Close to concours condition with negligible mileage since restoration. Engine, gearbox and Kardan drive rebuilt. New pistons, valves, bearings, seals etc. New clutch, stainless exhaust, wheels rebuilt, etc. See website for further details.
Contact: Lawrie Bradly
Mobile: 0400 764 043
Email: lawriebradly@a1.com.au



BMW R1250GS Adventure (Triple Black) - \$30,000 Schorsch Meier Sports petrol tank and pillion seat. Close to concours condition with negligible mileage since restoration. Engine, gearbox and Kardan drive rebuilt. New pistons, valves, bearings, seals etc. New clutch, stainless exhaust, wheels rebuilt, etc. See website for further details.
Contact: Steve Barnett, Wonthaggi
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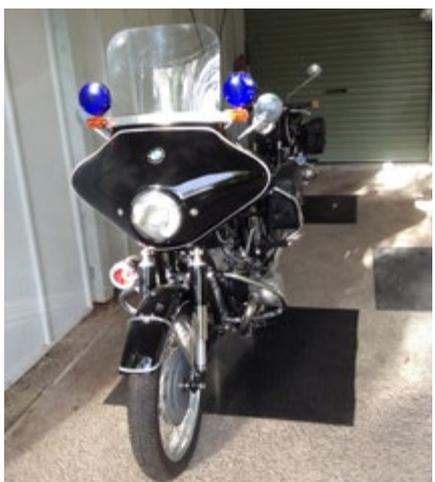
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New Tyres \$450 ONO
 Motoz Tractionator Adventure tyres, brand new, to fit BMW F 800 GS. Front 90/90 21", rear 150/70 17"
Contact: David Robertson
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1958 BMW R50 \$24,000 Replica Victoria Police mobile traffic section solo. Near concours condition with negligible mileage since restoration. Engine, gearbox and Kardan drive rebuilt, new pistons, valves, bearings, seals, etc. Original Vic' Police fairing, emergency lights, new wiring harness and switches. Full details on website.
Contact: Lawrie Bradly
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Classifieds

KLIM Artemis Riding Pants \$400 ONO

As new black and dark grey Gore-tex KLIM Artemis riding pants. Waterproof and Windproof. Gorgeous pants, comfortable to ride in. American size 6 (38 or AU 10) Cost over \$800. Hardly worn.



Contact: Melinda Hindson

Mobile: 0407 367 279

Email: melhindson@bigpond.com

BMW R 100 R 1992 (Black) \$7,500

Very good condition (134k kms), but not original. Club registration (to Feb-24), with RWC. Always garaged. New tyres. Owner retiring. Complete with custom saddle bags, top box, tank bag and 3 custom screens. Custom dash. Led driving lights.

Contact: Dietmar Brisker, SE Suburbs

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Email: dbrisker@bigpond.com



BlackRidge BRC120 Air

Compressor \$100 Highly portable and suitable for many medium duty DIY projects and other jobs around the home or workshop. It is in as new condition as it has hardly been used.

Contact: Thomas Kuen, Glen Waverley

Email: tkuen38@hotmail.com



BMW K100RS (1992) \$7,900

Transformed into a silver cafe racer style bike. Started during Covid as a home project - progress has been good, and there is not much more to do, but I have run out of time. When you look at the picture, also imagine the elegant Acewell speedo (in place of the lunchbox dashboard), and the stylish Remus exhaust, and the round Ducati headlight, and diamond indicator lights. All these are included in the sale! See the website for much more detail.

Contact: Russel Barnes

Mobile: 0409 090 448

Email: russelbarnes@gmail.com



BMW R100R 1983 (Classic Series 500) \$10,000

A very well presented two tone blue and silver Classic Series 500 model (Bike # 374) - only a small number came to Australia. 131k kms, registered (to Dec-23) on Club Plates, RWC. Comes with BMW panniers. The fairing, tank, panels and mudguards have been repainted and the screen replaced. A tank top bag with extensions and a weatherproof cover is included. Lots more information on the website.

Contact: John Jarvis

Email: johnandraelene@gmail.com

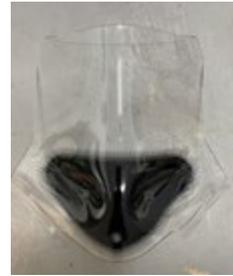


WUNDERLICH TOURING SCREEN (BMW F800R 2017) - \$150

A clear winter/touring screen by Wunderlich from a BMW F800R (2017). It is in as new condition and was a perfect fit when on the bike.

Contact: John Hammond

Email: jfhammond@gmail.com



BMW R100RS 1983 (blue) - \$14,000

Very good condition.

- Club registration
- 113,000 kms
- Staintune exhaust
- Original panniers
- Tool kit and owners handbook

Contact: Dennis Garsed, Bendigo

Mobile: 0417 857 367

Email: dennisgarsed@gmail.com.au



BMW R100GS 1992 (red) - \$10,000

12 months red plate registration RWC provided - 48,000 kms

- 12 months red plate registration
- Roadworthy certificate provided
- 48,000 kms

Contact: Peter Near, Bacchus Marsh

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Email: nearallyse@gmail.com



NEW BMW R 1200 GSA (2010) PARTS

- **1 x Spot Light - \$80**
R1200GSA 2010 spot light, good condition, may suit other years.
- **Rear luggage plate - \$100**
1 x custom made R1200GSA 2010 rear luggage plate.
New. Powder coated with stainless mounting bolts.
May suit other years.
- **Ilmberger Carbon rear wheel hugger - \$250**
1 x Ilmberger carbon rear wheel hugger for R1200GSA 2010 ESA version.
Great condition. May suit other years.

Contact: Mark Pitham
Mobile: 0466 794 318



BMW R Series GS (black) - \$6,500 A

- 1994 R100 reconfigured to GS format
- Genuine 54,000 kms
 - Bike is in roadworthy condition
 - 1994 R100 cradle and rear drive
 - 1984 R 65 engine
- Perfect second bike for cruising on sealed and dirt roads.
- Contact:** Brendan Gidley, Ringwood
Mobile: 0408 554 542
Email: eurkea54@gmail.com



R1100GS - \$3,000

Bike was retired at 110,000 km
It is in excellent working order and near new tyres.
It will be club plateable in 2024

Contact: Bill Ellul
Mobile: 0409 796 146
Email: bill@ecopower.com.au



BMW R1200GS 30 Year Anniversary Edition (2010) - \$11,000

Good condition, and has been meticulously maintained and serviced by BM Ringwood.

- 75,000 kms (MY2010). ESA
- Registered to Feb 2024 (RWC)
- Many, many additions come with the bike

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