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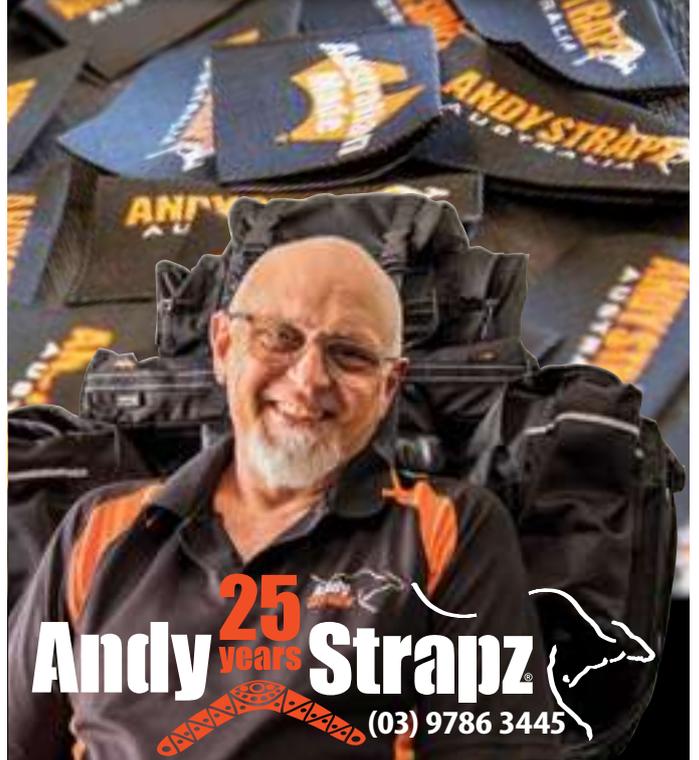
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## “ President's Message

**W**e got off to a soggy good start this year with a bit of a wet weather for the Wilsons Prom ride, which was drastically shortened and the Mt Macedon ride had to be cancelled.

However, the situation improved dramatically a few days later and with a bit of sun we had 30 members join in for lunch at Smythesdale.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel another ride last December, again due to the weather, the Summit to Sea 3-day ride, which was a pity, as a lot of interest was shown for this event. Thanks to some quick thinking by organiser John Semple and Bernard Schacher-Tayla this ride was re-scheduled to the Labour Day weekend this year. Hopefully it will again prove to be just as popular. Many thanks go to John and Bernard for saving the day.

The BBQ meeting had 80 plus members attending. We had 83 register and it looked like all attended, but it was hard to count, what with people coming and going and wandering around. This has to be one of our largest attendances at this type of meeting. Every scrap of food was eaten, a great attestation to the culinary skills of Bob & Lynne Rosenthal, Winfried and Kerrie Hessling. The Service Day team also attended along with the GS911 unit and practiced their magic on four bikes. Lachie Scarfe, a VIP visitor from

Ringwood BMW brought along a brand new R1300GS and amazed the gathered throng with a display of its new features including the adjustable ride height device. It was a remarkable sight seeing the bike rise up and down by itself. We also had one member bring along the BMW electric scooter which likewise drew a crowd of interested admirers.

The National Motorrad Rally, to be held this year in the Barossa Valley in April, will be run by the BMW Owners Club of South Australia. The rally will be held as a mid-week event, owing to the difficulties of arranging a venue over a weekend. The club has organised a 6-day ride for members to travel together to attend this biennial event, thanks to the hard work of Ian. We will be travelling there via the Western Hwy and returning by the Prince's Hwy, see the WA calendar for details. I have booked in, I will be leaving one day later, making mine a 5-day tour, this was owing to suitable overnight accommodation being a bit hard to find, and joining the return ride. Registration has begun, and we will keep everyone informed of other news as it becomes available, Hopefully the club will make a strong turn-out to this one.

Ride Safe,  
**Bob Leggatt**



*BBQ at Westerfolds Park*



## “ Editor's Message

**T**a ta 2023 and in with 2024, well it's been a good start to the year. December 2023 brought itself some good rides to speak about with Frank's traditional Xmas ride and the yearly Xmas Camp with Ian presenting daily rides as the camp being the base starting point. Not to go out without a final bang for 2023, the Celebration of BMW's 100th Anniversary was the Let's Go for a Ride presented by Trevor Verlin.

As usual the January General Meeting was held at Westerfolds Park with about 80 attendees, nice turn out. The event wouldn't have been such a success without the work of Winfried, Kerrie, Axel, Bernard and Bob in getting all the things together and heating up the BBQ and cooking the burgers and snags, but let's not and I dare say there would have been some assistance from Lynne...as she is everywhere..

Thanks to the two hard working volunteers Warrick Tovey and Pat Bajraszewski with the mini service day that was held as well at the BBQ meeting bringing along the GS911 diagnostic tool. I certainly made use of its capabilities and brought along my son's bike along (F 650 GS) too for a quick check, as he was not well to come himself. We certainly did so on the Emerald Gathering riding together, a slow transition to BMW and hopeful new member as I know that once he has his full licence the Wulf (K100 JPS) will certainly get more use.

Now, if you have the time and inclination don't forget The National Motorrad Rally, to be held this year in the Barossa Valley in April put on by the SA BMW Club.

January was not all good news as on Saturday 27th January the news of Les Watt passing came to light. It was heartfelt news to receive. Les has been an integral part of the Central group riders and BMW VIC Club itself. Deepest condolences go to Julia, family and all his friends and club members. Les certainly played a big part with the organisation of BMW's 100 Years of BMW motorbikes held at Llanely. Our club will certainly miss his presence.

Keep your eyes posted on the website for further updates of coming events.

**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

Michael Adams	R 1250 GS
Simon Monard	R 1200 R
Philip Lamont	R 1250 RT
Jennifer Cassar	F 750 GS
Paul Cassar	F 650 GS
Michael Evans	K 1300
Michael Wrenn	R 1200 GSA, K 1
Michael Clarebrough	R 1200 GSA, R 1200 RT
David Hunt	K 1600 GTL
Romeo Salla	R 1250 GSA
Leonie Hamer	Family
Frank Mickan	R 1250 GS
Peter Morrison-Dowd	K 1600 GTL
Justin Ferguson	F 850 GSA
Peter Fallon	G 650 GS
Jane Blair	Family
Pete Ludeman	R 18

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## Words and phrases

BY BRIAN MACDONALD

I was having a good read of the Jan-Feb 2024 BeeEm and I noted how many articles there were and how many rides and a couple of events. As a 'no-longer-a-rider', I admit to a twinge of envy but I enjoyed BeeEm. Andrew has polished the sometimes-uncomfortable editor's chair for a good while now and deserves a medal for persistence.

But, although age has stopped me riding, I have not yet switched off what goes under the helmet and I got the urge to comment on something which is nothing at all to do with motorbike riding. Those who know me know of my devotion to the English language and that I am a stickler for correct English usage. I blame my good Scottish education of seventy years ago.

A totally wrong expression you hear everywhere and often from people who should know better is 'The proof is in the pudding'. With respect to all those who use this expression, while it causes me to imagine breaking one of what few teeth I have left, over an unnoticed sixpence (That's a five-cent piece for the youngsters; these used to be wrapped in silver foil and a few put into the Christmas pudding before cooking for lucky eaters to find) that phrase is utter nonsense. It is a corrupted version of 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating'. And in this case, 'proof' is a baker's term that refers to the critical organo-chemical process that goes on inside dough mixtures that contain a rising agent such as yeast, which is left to 'prove' or 'rise', i.e. swell up, before baking. A badly-proven loaf will be an inedible mess

inside when baked. So, it is when you cut and eat a loaf that you will know if it has proven correctly.

The expression has, indeed, expanded its meaning to include whether events have had an expected outcome based on what prior action has been taken, intended to produce that outcome. But there is no sixpence, actual or metaphorical to be found 'in the pudding'.

While I am on a rant, as a grumpy old Scotsman (getting grumpier in pace with getting older), may I hope that, when you were singing 'Auld Lang Syne' as part of your (hopefully enjoyable without leaving a headache behind) New Year's celebrations, you pronounced it to rhyme with 'sign' and not 'zine'. That mispronunciation is anathema to Scots. 'Synne' is Scots dialect for 'since' so 'Auld Lang Synne' simply means 'long since' or more poetically 'the days of long ago'. It's an 's', not a 'z'.

May I wish all my fellow-members A Guid<sup>1</sup> New Year and Lang May Yer Lum Reek<sup>2</sup>. Stay well. Ride hard. Don't get caught.

<sup>1</sup>. Scots dialect for 'good'

<sup>2</sup>. A 'lum' is a chimney and 'reek' means 'producing a smell' so I am wishing you warmth in your home when needed and may I add warmth towards your fellow-man.

## Another 100,000 on 1 Bike Award presentation

BY LYNNE ROSENTHAL

For those new to the club, this Award represents riding 100,000 kilometres on one motorcycle. When this is achieved, members can apply to receive a plaque to commemorate their achievement.

John Semple has been a club member since 1999 and lives near Bairnsdale so he's a member of the very active group of riders in the Gippsland area. You might have noticed in the calendar that John planned the last of our 2023 rides to celebrate the 100 Years Anniversary of BMW motorcycles.



Unfortunately, very bad weather was forecast for the weekend so the December ride was postponed until early 2024. Keep an eye out for the GS-orientated Summit to Sea Ride, it'll be a beauty.

At the Gippsland morning coffee in Heyfield on 9 December, Paul Koedijk, another active Gippsland member, had the pleasure of presenting John with his 100,000 on 1 Award. John achieved this mileage on his 2009 BMW R 1200 GS. We warmly congratulate him on this milestone and hope that there are many more enjoyable kilometres and trips ahead. Well done, John.



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### Central Victoria:

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*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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Jen and Steve, Pinkers beach

## Let's Go for a Ride!

**BY TREVOR VERLIN**

4-7 NOVEMBER 2023

Axel phoned and suggested that as I live in NE Vic, I might like to be involved with organising an activity to recognise the achievement of BMW manufacturing motorcycles for 100 years. A significant achievement when you think about it.

As I have been a club member for many years and was willing to find a way in which I could contribute, with Axel being most persuasive and myself a dreamer, I agreed.

Our first group planning activity was attended by some recognisable names plus some members I had not met before. It was energetic, with many bright ideas posted to the dreamer's white board. In the following weeks we expanded on some ideas and by our second meeting we were getting the feel for what was possible, given the reality of likely little corporate interest. By this stage I had decided that my ideas must be tempered with the history of our club members turning up for activities.



My focus became, what was of most interest and easiest for me? Plus, what could I do without the need for detailed commitment by others?

*Once upon a time* our adventurous founding fathers and mothers would go for a ride, somewhere. There would be a remote destination or activity that took their fancy and provided the focus for a good long ride and interesting camp sites.

Hence, *Let's Go for a Ride*. That's what we did.

The substance of the activity needed several components that would define what I thought would be a good ride. I wanted participants to decide on their own route, pace of their travel, riding partners, tourist spots, etc. It was important that we have some good camps and I knew of several on riverbanks that we have used when coming and going on our rides north by northwest. It was important to me to take riders onto the expansive Riverine Plains, as I imagined many had not been there before.



Bush toilet equipment for Bernard's awareness



Over the ranges



Bernard ready for departure



Paul undertaking rehydration therapy



Fagan's Special ready and waiting



Matt and the Posse on their way

The design of the activity also allowed riders to drop in or pull out along the route as their other commitments dictated.

**Daily Travel Notes:** It would be driven by having mystery destinations for the camp that would be revealed at the previous night's camp. Supplemented by suggested options for, fuel, food, and estimated kms. Each day would require some focus and doing a few kms. That's why we ride our BMW's isn't it?

**Organisation:** For me it was easy to field emails and build a list of participants so we could keep in touch and maintain momentum through to kick off.

### Support roles:

In arranging things, I thought it would be useful that some of my riding mates be given tasks so that I would not rely upon myself to keep the show going. As follows.

- **Tribal Elders:** A ceremonial attainment: Phil and Ned carried their roles with distinction.
  - Ned provided much needed guidance on camp etiquette, new rules on firewood, first aid, water supply, new methods of starting a log on fire, shifting our firewood stocks, esky for keeping the predinner drinks cool, etc.
  - Phil. Well, he had a good time.
- **Weather:** Russell Venn. Provided excellent weather.

- **Discipline:** Trevor Northey. Deserted and opted for the Velocette rally.
- **Route planning:** Peter Maguire. Deserted and opted for the BSA Rally in SA.
- **Roadside Assistance:** Justin Hall, Hally's Garage. No one to assist enroute.

**Bespoke T shirt.** We created some graphics for our T shirt out of the formal BMW official 100 years artwork. T shirts were made available to our participants.

### The Build Up:

Bernard had been very supportive in getting things organised. He was very keen and excited at the opportunity of a ride to places unknown. He arrived in Benalla by Friday afternoon along with a concern for a slow leaking tyre.

John Semple arrived over the hills from Gippsland and Paul Koedijk worked his way through from the same direction. A catch up for dinner at Tandoori Hut for some Indian food produced a table full of chat and tales of *derring do*.

**Day 1: Saturday 4th November.** From Home to Hazelnuts - Bonne route!

*All the cracks had gathered to the fray:* [Banjo Paterson].

Bernard's tyre turmoil was developing. After a visit to Hally's Garage, Justin advised the addition of *tyre slime* for



the minute leak in the carcass. He was still happy and full of expectation that all was well.

Benalla. Zeus Café. 0830 Hrs.

The reserved tables were filling with riders from all over the place. All enjoying an impressive breakfast along with lots of chat and introductions.

We were honoured and entertained by the presence of two of our *Tribal Elders*. Neville Borgelt, aka *Ned*, with his Iveco camper and Phil Irvine on his trusty R90s/LT. More on them later.

Jennifer Harris and brother Steve [BMW OC SA] had travelled over from Adelaide. Their mate, Greg [BMW OC ACT] had come down from Canberra. They met up with some other friends, Greg and Jane from Bega. They were travelling through to the Classic Race meeting at Broadford.

There were several boisterous pairs who were unknown to me in the gathering throng. Jack de Vries, Tasmania & Tolmie and his mate Dave Bobstchinski from Berri, SA.

Greg Sutton from Melbourne and *Juzzie Boy* [Justin Ferguson] from Castlemaine.

I was pleasantly surprised at a request 2 weeks prior if the family could come along? Yes, why not? If you have an appropriate vehicle: Paul and family from Leongatha. He has the beautiful R1100GS, red tank with white panels. Cheryl in the Pajero and young Julia navigating. She had a device at least. They had a good time.

At our breakfast table was Neil Finlayson from Lima East. I had not met him before and he lives just out of town. He rode with our group for the entire journey.

There was an unknown face with a smile in the crowd. It was Duncan Heard. He had just decided to come for a ride for the day. Why not? Last seen at the Mitta camp and then moved on to somewhere. I think he also had a good ride.

Les Watt came over from Bendigo to see us off. He must have got out of bed early. However, it is a good ride over to this region, if you come the back way.

There was a party of riders that were known to me as the *Macedon Ranges Posse*. Matt, Dave and Dete. They would be more settled on this trip as they were without their troublesome leader, Peter *Lovin* Maguire. He had deserted his allocated position as *Route Planner* in favour of the BSA National Rally in SA. In the planning phase he did comment it was too far for a group ride. He rides a KTM 690 Adventure.

My other good riding mate: Trevor Northey, appointed in the role of *Discipline*, had deserted us in favour of the Velocette Rally in Beechworth. Fortunately, we had no discipline problems that I had noticed.

Fortunately, our good riding mate Russell Venn [Ulysess, Ballarat] remained at his post. He oversaw the *Weather*. He did an outstanding job.

*All were happy as a pig in muck*, lots of excited chat, meeting others, getting their T shirts. The excitement became focussed when they received their Travel Note 1 for the day ahead.

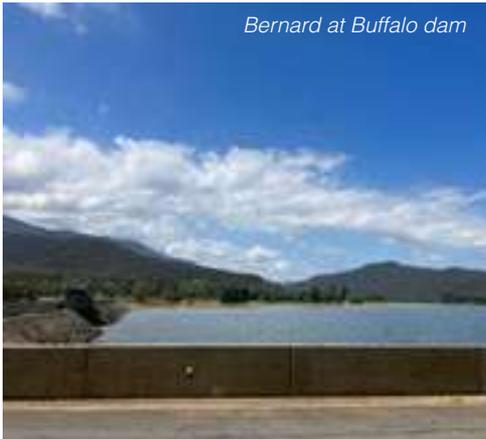
Destination; Lightning Creek campground approx. 20 kms upstream from Mitta Mitta towards Omeo. 200 + Kms for the day. A beautiful sunny day had been arranged by Russell.

We departed with 28 riders from the initial 36 intended participants.

#### **Format:**

The format was that riding groups would develop and find their own route to the destination.

The *Travel Notes* would provide some information on route options, fuel, food and possible tourist interests.



Bernard at Buffalo dam



Lunch at Burgerville, Myrtleford



Fagan's special at Lightning Creek camp



Ben on Fagan Special, Morundah



TV fatigued at Pinkers Beach

It worked. After the briefing in the car park of Zeus all seemed to disappear.

Ben, on the *Fagan Special*, went over Mt Hotham to Omeo then north to the camp site.

Bernard, Russell, Paul and I decided on a nice ride through the hills to Cheshunt, over the Rose River Road to Dandongadale. A regrouping stop had Bernard in a state of euphoria at the ride so far. We continued down the Buffalo River Road into Myrtleford for lunch at *Burgerville*; to be served by my granddaughter, Ms Tahlia. From there we did a tourist route via Yackandandah, Eskdale to Mitta.

It appears that the road through from Omeo is now a testing track for leather clad go-hard riders. Many were resting in Mitta either about to enter or having just come out of the hills.

Sam, my local contact, is a member of the volunteer ambulance service in Mitta. They pick up lots of riders each week that have exceeded their riding capacity. No wonder?

Our riders came into camp mid afternoon having travelled only couple of hundred kms. All with a smile on their face and glee in their hearts. Then busy with remembering how their camping kit is to be assembled.

There is very little firewood available from the bush around this camp site these days. Popular site with the adventurous 4WD and caravan set.

Aware of this from my last visit, I had arranged to get a load from Sam. He and the family live down the road a bit and grow hazelnuts. His dad and mate turned up with 2 ute loads. We needed much less. They were fund raising to buy some paint to refresh the Mitta Community Hall. Our club donated \$100 toward their cause as they generously provided the fuel for our cooking fires.

Our first camp produced some interesting occurrences.

- Ned demonstrating a novel way to get a log to burn. Not highly successful, in my opinion.
- Matt, the innovative and inspiring leader of the *Macedon Ranges Posse*. He unpacked the rotisserie and nestled it alongside the fire pit, for the roast lamb. That worked. He also had a nice line of *torpedo buns* from the conjured-up oven over the open fire.
- Bernard had become suspicious as something else was worrying him from the back wheel. Unfortunately, he decided to return to home in fear of the problem becoming worse as we travelled further out. Disappointing, as he was in for a good time.
- Ned loaded up the available remaining firewood onto his Iveco. Just in case we needed it.

Travel Notes for day 2 were distributed to participants when all were settled. And the maps came out.

**Day 2. Sunday:** From Cows to Cereals, Canola & Cotton.

**Destination:** *Pinkers Beach* on the Murrumbidgee River near Carrathool, NSW.



Muddy bank at Pinkers beach



Murrumbidgee River

Several responded with, *never heard of it*. Most resorted to their maps. It was clear to all that they had to get a *wriggle* on today. Upwards of 550 kms depending on which route you took. I love the roads and scenery of the Upper Murray. Even better when you cross the bridge at Jingellic. Sweep around northwest to Holbrook then to lunch and comfort break at the corner café in Culcairn. Others went a different route which was the intention of the travel notes. Neil Finlayson joined our riding group. We continued out into the southeastern Riverina farming country. Harvest had started with Canola being windrowed and the occasional grain truck on the road. It was Sunday so the roads were relatively quiet.

We zig-zagged through Walbundrie, Boree Creek, Lockhart to Morundah. Then further west into the irrigation areas east of Coleambally then to Darlington Point and the Waddi roadhouse for fuel.

Our son, Josh, had recently acquired a shabby 2010 model R1200 GSA. We have begun the process of revitalising it but there's a long way to go.

He and wife Haidee were keen to come out for a ride to the river camp with us. They assumed the lead down the back river road to *Pinkers Beach*. We have camped here several times when on expeditions north. I love the high bank overlooking the river bend. I was aware that firewood may be scarce. Josh and Haidee cut a good load several days before and had left it for us. Well, it was all gone when we arrived. We suspected it was the caravanner who was just downstream from us. We scrounged up enough bush timber for our needs.

There is a rudimentary toilet block on the high bank as you come onto the river. Haidee had warned us of the frog in the bowl of the lady's lav. Fortunately, all were alerted to this in the travel notes. Later that evening it was confirmed by Jennifer. The travel notes also alerted all to the Family Hotel which is Carrathool. Sean, the publican, would have it open and it was reported that they do a good counter meal. Several of our "characters" had a very pleasant late afternoon of rehydration plus relief from their cooking pans.

Justin Hall [Hallys Garage, Benalla] plus our mate, Murray Chapman, could only have Sunday off due to family duties. They rode up through the back roads after crossing the river at Tocumwal. Then up through the station country to Carrathool. From their recount, I believe navigation and leadership may have been an issue. But they were happy. They returned to family duty next day.

The Murrumbidgee was less noisy from its usual bird life for some reason?

After a long and warm ride several decided that a swim would be nice. They found the water cold plus the muddy exit a problem.

**Day 3:** From Corn, Cotton and Sheep to Grapes and Almonds

**Destination:** Murray Kulkynne Park on the Murray River.

Today was less demanding as it was approx 350 km and we could indulge in some tourism. Break camp casually about 0830. Fast run into Hay on the back river road. Fuel, supplies and coffee. You could not help but notice the differences in people vs previous several days. Life is different in this Riverine country. The vast grassy plains once ran substantial numbers of merino sheep. Now replaced by irrigation agriculture of cotton, cereals, corn, nut trees, etc. We continued along the back river road to Maude. Crossed the Murrumbidgee then unfortunately onto the Sturt Highway into Balranald for lunch. The rest was welcome as the weather had warmed up in addition to us wearing a steady plains breeze from the NW.

Now for Kyalite and Tooleybuc, into Victoria and *The Police State*.

Up the Murray Valley Highway to refuel at Boundary Bend. It would be the last convenient opportunity for fuel for the next day's long leg. At Lake Powell we turn west towards Wemen, then onto Liparoo. Turn right into the MK Park. I was concerned at a sandy track over a lunette on the way in. However, the sandy bit was not challenging at all this time.

## Rides, Rallies & Events

The camp spot on the Murray River was not my ideal spot but it was accessible and would do.

By this stage there were only seven of us remaining. Several had succumbed to the Tooleybuc pub. I am informed the purpose was to revisit some historical adventures. Several others had decided to not go any further west as Gippsland, Macedon and ACT were a stretch for the next day.

The swimming and muddy bank was repeated as per Murrumbidgee.

Again, the bird life was less than the previous visits.

I had been unwell for the past couple of days. Thankfully, Ned also had a selection of chemical compounds that would influence my gut contents to stay inside and under some control. He also had a plentiful supply of wood available along with some advice on the new campfire regulations. E.g. You now cannot retrieve a piece of bush timber more than 3 meters long for your campfire. I think that is what it was? Something to contemplate?

Travel notes were of little interest for tomorrow as the 3 parties all had the route decided.

**Day 4. Tuesday, Melbourne Cup Day.**

**Almonds & Cod to Cereals and a jolly good rest.**

**Destination: Wycheproof for lunch then home to wherever.**

Jennifer and Steve had an invitation to a roast pork dinner that night between the Murray camp and home in Adelaide. We said our goodbyes at the river camp and then pointed south into the Mallee country. Ned was to work his way south the Melbourne on the highway.

**The Mallee:** As always, it is an interesting ride down through this Mallee country. Low mallee trees along the roadside and vast crop fields over these rolling plains. Many travellers see very little when they pass through these broader landscapes. Their weather conditions along with low rainfall make it difficult at some stages. They have been engaged in farming over many generations, often from very basic and humble beginnings. Now many have thriving enterprises, and their wonderful characters are typical of where they live. Different from the genteel folk who live along the green strip of the eastern seaboard.

Annuello, Manangatang, Chinkapook, a rest stop in Sea Lake. Then joining the Calder Highway and the multitude of 4 WD's, caravans and boats. All going somewhere after a long weekend.

There was an interesting group of *Good Old Boys* complete with beards, vests, etc. with big cruisers and trailers. They had come out from Swan Hill and to camp at a lake nearby. Drink something and bark at the sky, I suspect?

Onto Berriwillock, Culgoa, Dumosa and finally *Wyche*. A lunch choice of Souvlaki at *Yab's Kebabs* or *Bakery on Broadway* across the road.

The bakery won, as it promised a cool setting and something that had some green in it for lunch. It is a good choice. Although a Yab's kebab is a serious challenger from past experience. Especially if you are hungry.

**Time to split up:** Russell south to Ballarat. Neil, Ben, and I east to Boort and then Echuca. A thunderstorm and down pour out of Echuca just to spoil the magnificent weather. Home by late afternoon. Weary but restored.

Importantly, everyone had a good time and returned home safe and no damage.

All enjoyed the flexibility of the ride and country many had not experienced before.

The concept worked.

We can do these rides because our BMWs are an ideal tool for the task. We have been doing it for many years. However, it does not really matter what brand of moto you have.

Just ride what you have. That what we have always done.

Many have asked, where are we going next year?

Bonne Route.



Tribal Elder

### Participants:

Bernard Schacher -Tayla	BMW R1150 GSA
Russell Venn	Triumph 1200 Scrambler
Jennifer Harris - SA	BMW R80 - 1985
Steve Green - SA	BMW R80 GS/ Special
Greg & Jane	BMW R90/6
Greg Williams	BMW F850 GS Trophy
Justin Hall	BMW R1200 GSA
Murray Chapman	BMW1250 GSA - Kettle
Phil Irvine [Tribal Elder]	BMW R90S/LT
Neville Borgelt [Tribal Elder]	Iveco Truck & Camper
Josh & Haidee Verlin	BMW R1200 GSA
Ben Verlin	BMW R1100 GS - Fagan Special
Jack de Vries	BMW R1200 GSA Triple Black
Dave Bobstchinski	BMW R1250 Trophy - Kettle
Les Watt	BMW R1200GS
Greg Sutton	BMW R1200 GSA
Justin Furguson	BMW F850 GSA
Paul Koedijk	BMW R1250 GS - Kettle
Neil Finlayson	BMW R1250 GS - Kettle
Dete Hasse	BMW F650 GS
Matt Dridan	BMW R1200 GS - Kettle
Dave Barrow [Wheel]	Suzuki DR 650 Special
Paul, Cheryl & Julia Spencer	BMW R1100 GS
John Semple	Honda CB 500 X
Duncan Heard	BMW R1200 RT
Trevor Verlin	BMW R1200 GSA



## CRL Gladesdale Bakehouse

BY IAN MCKENNA

4 DECEMBER 2023

Starting at Peppers Paddock on a bright sunny day we had 8 riders on 7 bikes including Peter Walsh and Andrew Wallace. Neville Borgelt and Ross Wright also came in for a coffee. With Ian McKenna leading and Max Parfett as tail rider; wearing a vest that I returned to him after using it for several years, we headed off.

Riding to St Andrews and taking Clintons Road to Yarra Glen, we did Steels Creek Road until it turned to dirt, and then reversed to Gulf Road. Rolling north on the Melba Highway we got stuck behind a 30kph truck until we turned off near Castella.

After a short rest in the park near the corner of Melba Highway, we rode through to Healesville, and Maroondah Highway toward Melbourne. We took Hill Road and Medhurst Road to Gruyere, and Sunnyside Road a good winding road to Seville East.

We rode the Warburton Highway to Yarra Junction,

and a short blast out of town confirmed the Gladesdale Bakehouse was closed today. Back into town we chose Cunninghams Hotel which had a new marquee in the front garden and gave us a good feed.

After Lunch Max Parfett led us on Milners Road to Hoddles Creek, and Sheep Station road to Yellingbo, followed by Beenak Road to Wandin North where we split up to finish a good day of riding.

### Participants:

Geoff Dick	R 850 R
Chris & Owen Crombie	F 650 GS
Gerhardt John	R 1200 GS
Ian McKenna	K 75 C
Max Parfett	R 1250 RT
Andrew Wallace	R 1250 RT
Peter Walsh	R 1250 GS
Ross Wright and Neville Borgelt	who came for coffee only

# Rides, Rallies & Events



Peter Walsh



Andrew Wallace



Gerhardt John, Chris & Owen Crombie, Max Parfett and Ross Wright



Chris and Owen Crombie



Near Castella



Geoff Dick, Gerhardt John, Max Parfett and Andrew Wallace near Andrew's



Owen & Chris Crombie



Arrival in Gembrook with several bikes and riders

## Frank's Traditional Midweek Christmas Ride

BY FRANK CACHIA, R 26  
13 DECEMBER 2023

With the December mid-week ride rapidly approaching, under what seemed like numerous days of inclement weather, I spent a fair deal of time checking out the weather pattern. By the end of the weekend there was no doubt that on Wednesday the weather wasn't going to be on our side.

Throughout Tuesday afternoon and as early as 7.15am on ride day I had received a number of calls and SMS's from country members informing me of pulling out from the ride. This was looking like a repeat of last year's failed attempt.

Reports from country members informed me that Kinglake had already been battered by rain and strong winds with electrical storms and heavy rain cells moving down from the north. In the 10km ride to the meeting place I saw the sky turn from blue to grey. This doesn't look good but worse, I had left camera and lunch behind.

We were heading into heavy weather. Being caught out



Starting at the Shell Lilydale Service Station with a group photo

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on a freeway is one thing; being caught in the zig-zagging set of very tight winding roads as I climbed the back way to Kinglake is another. One slip there and you go over the edge and no one will find you for two weeks. I know my own limitations, but what about some of the 11 members riding behind me. This became my dilemma.

So I gathered all those present and after passing on the country members weather report I announced that as I wasn't prepared to ride nor wanted to see anyone else riding in these conditions, I regret to inform you that I'm cancelling the mid-week run. Well, from past mid-week runs it's becoming a tradition.

Understandably there was the sound of disappointment, however there was also the sound of relief. It was accepted; and that was music to my ears, being supported in what I considered was a hard decision.



John Hammond



David Yee and Julia Niselle



Morning coffee at the Gembrook Bakery



Terry Malady



David Yee worn out



Arrival in Gembrook



Owen Crombie



Gordon Skerry



**Participants:**

Frank Cachia	K 1100 RS
Peter Wade	K 1200 RS
Ian McKenna	K 750 S
David Yee and Julia	K 75 C
Paul Yee	F 800 GS
Tom Coghlan	F 650 GS Dakar
Matthew Gale	F 650 GS
Owen Crombie	F 650 GS
John Hammond	R 1250 R
Robin Bowra	R 1250 GS
Gordon Skerry	R 100 RS
Terry Malady	S 1000 RR



Departing from Gembrook



Starting at Lyndhurst

## Sunday Ride to Poowong

BY CHRIS SEABROOK

17 DECEMBER 2023

When you plan a ride in advance sometimes things on the day don't always go to plan. Most of the time only one or two things that go astray. Today, however, it didn't stop.

So, with this in mind let's go over the adventures of this Sunday ride. Firstly, I was using a very rarely used meeting point. That being the BP Cranbourne West, where our first challenge was getting into it due to all the road works on the Westernport Highway. Not too bad but just annoying. Then there is the inevitable wait for late comers or no shows, which dropped us down to a comfortable 16 on the ride.

Next we took our first turn and due to a little confusion with indicators two of our more experienced members actually continued straight ahead. Realising that they had gone the wrong way they made their way to the morning break meeting point. I much appreciated that they texted me to inform me of this, and mentioned this when I arrived at the break point so I could check my messages. Message received.



Visiting rider Warwick Wesson and his 2 companions

As I mentioned earlier, there were roadworks on the Western Port Highway. So I had decided to change the route as I was going along. So, we made our way down through Frankston (never again, too many lights) and along the Nepean Highway towards Mornington. Another quick detour and we were on the Esplanade, with the bay to our right. Definitely, the right day to enjoy the view and curves. After Safety Beach it was up to Red Hill and across the top to Balnarring to the Red Hill Bakery for morning tea.



*Phil Lamont*



*Karen Stansfield*



*Hollie and Abby the Dog*



*Chris Seabrook*



*Barry Law*



*Tail end rider James Bonner*



*Coffee at Balnarring with Russel Darbyshire, Marc Tracy, Chris Seabrook and Sandy Richards*

After a break we scooted up to Coolart Road to Bungower Road and across to the South Gippsland Highway traversing all the way down towards Grantville. Turning left we climbed our way back up to Poowong, where we were greeted by not one but four other BMW riders, who of course had not registered which in turn changed our numbers at the pub, after having confirmed the numbers just over an hour prior.

Lunch over time to head off after the obligatory photo shot. Well, I had worked out that there were riders going in three different directions. So as ride leader and wearing a distinctive light blue vest, I circled the group and led off to the left. At the first corner I slowed and turned keeping my eye out for the following riders and tail end Charlie. There he was, with another 5 riders in the middle. We were heading south and stopped in Loch for a quick fuel stop. At Dalyston we halted again to say farewell to two of our group who were heading back down the Peninsula.

It was here we thought, where was Ian McKenna? The conclusion he had decided to go home directly from Poowong. But alas, no he hadn't. When I caught up with him at the Christmas Camp Lunch in Yarram, he duly informed me that he had followed one of the groups from Poowong directly to Drouin, whilst we had headed in the complete opposite direction. I guess I wasn't bright enough.

Back to the ride and we turned towards Wonthaggi where the GPS took us through a very curious side street and then back North towards our destination of Drouin, via what Michael de Vink described as a road he had never taken. So; in the end four amigos were left to enjoy the ride home from Drouin.

Stay tuned for our next adventure in the South East (May 2024).



Gerhard John, Ian Wright, Simon Cahoon, Duncan Heard and James Bonner



Hollie and Abby, Barry Law and Karen Stansfield



Sandy Richards



Outside the Poowong Hotel with a group photo



Arrival at Poowong with Michael De Vink, Mike Matheson and Russell Darbyshire



Arrival at the Poowong Hotel with James Bonner

### Participants:

Ken Wright	
Duncan Heard	
Gerhard John	R 1200 GSA
Bruce Stringer	R 1150 R
Ian Wright	S 1000 R
Marc Tracy	R 1250 R
Russell Darbyshire	R 100 RS
Philip Lamont	R 1250 RT
Chris Seabrook	K 1600 GT... Ride Leader
Barry Law	R 1250 RT
Simon Cahoon	S 1000 XR
James Bonner	R 18...Tail End Charlie
Michael de Vink	R 100 LS
Sandy Richards	R 1200 RT
Hollie & Abby the Dog	R 1200 GSA
Mike Matheson	R 100 RS
Ian McKenna	K 100 RS
Karen Stansfield	R 1250 GS
Russel Darbyshire	R 100 RS JPS
Paul Van Hossom	F 700 GS
Jim Pennycook	R 1250 RT
Kim Perry	R 1200 RT
Bruce Stringer	
Ken Wright	



## Emerald coffee run

**BY FRANK CACHIA'S R26**

23 DECEMBER 2023

**Y**ippee, the last gathering for the year and I'm more than ready to go. Due to last month's issue with his lower back, with a keyhole surgery to follow, Frank took the car to the gathering, but this time in absolutely perfect sunny weather, once again it's just me and him.

With a full tank of fuel and the sump carrying fresh clean oil it was once again ready for the road. We didn't go the usual way; well for one thing the route taken lacks the space to have a speed camera. Instead we detoured, towards Mountain Highway and picked up a fellow rider on a 1954 R 51/3. With that bike bringing up the rear, well after all, singles rule, we ventured towards Monbulk via Olinda and the horde of cyclists.

Olinda, as expected was a practical traffic jam, no, not Christmas shopping, just flaming slow, annoying tourists. Once we left them behind we had the road to ourselves.

Yep, it happened again, Frank failed to go before leaving home so once again a hurried pit stop. For this time of the year, Monbulk wasn't that busy.

Once back on the road it was a matter of changing over from cruise to race mode, the dash to Emerald is about to once again take place.

Another traffic free dash; as expected, I was simply purring along with the R 51/3 trailing behind. It's worth noting the difference between the two bikes' suspension set up. Although I'm only releasing 15hp as opposed to the 24 hp of the R 51/3, my swingarm against the plunger set up sees me take any tight bend at a faster speed, leaving the R 51/3 trailing behind.

Emerald was bumper to bumper and numerous bikes were parked alongside our group. Well why not, it was perfect sunny weather.

Once again parked among other BMW models; we started cooling down as our riders made their way to the Emerald bakery helping themselves to coffee and cake.

And as expected come high noon, we departed Emerald till next year.





*Fireworks at Port Albert on Sunday Night New Years Eve*

## Club Christmas Camp Yarram

**BY IAN MCKENNA**

26 DECEMBER 2023 TO 1 JANUARY 2024

### Day 1 - Boxing Day 26th December.

Two riders took off in cloudy conditions from the BP Lyndhurst Service Centre; Jacques Van Niekerk and Ian McKenna. We grabbed morning coffee at the Loch Foodstore where Barbara and Greg Spice joined us.

By the time we reached Toora we were in solid rain and had crossed about a dozen water crossings. The Toora Hotel - the only place open - had no lunch, and we learned that the next town Welshpool was underwater. Pam Telford and David Peck met us here, four riders decided to book overnight at Toora.

Jacques then led me on a highland route behind Agnes Falls and through Binginwarri to Yarram. A short dirt road section had some washouts that were scary but we made it to the Yarram Holiday Park without trouble. We had six riders at dinner at the Yarram Country Club with Lynne & Bob Rosenthal, Melinda Hindson and John & Lisa Terry. Overnight the rain fell solidly, keeping most of us awake all night.

### Day 2 - Wednesday 27th December.

Lazslo Papp and Paul Davis joined us in the morning. The weather was still lousy in the morning, so we cancelled the ride and instead had lunch at the nearby Victoria Hotel in Alberton. In the afternoon about a dozen joined us at the camp, and for dinner we had 17 in attendance at the Yarram Country Club.

### Day 3 - Thursday 28th December.

The morning ride had 10 riders including several newcomers with Jarrad, Keith Buchanan and Zac Butcher. The GS Ride led by Paul Koedijk also had several riders. The Road Ride took the back road to Longford and stopped at the Swing Bridge near Sale.

Somewhere near Woodside John Terry's Kawasaki blew out a bucket load of smoke, and several people got lost so there was a fair wait at the swing bridge. John and Laszlo then slowly headed back to camp and one or two riders hit the shops in Sale.



*Morning Coffee at Loch Village Foodstore & Cafe*



*Dinner at Yarram with Bob & Lynne Rosenthal, John Terry, Melinda Hindson and Jacques Van Niekerk*

A slightly reduced group enjoyed coffee at the Golden Beach General Store before we followed the coast with stops at the beach near Golden Beach and Seaspray. We joined the GS Ride Group at the newly rebuilt Woodside Beach Hotel for a good lunch. Dinner was again at the Yarram Country Club with 16 in attendance including Lisa and John Terry and their two grand daughters.

### **Day 4 - Friday 29th December.**

Starting at the BP Service Station in town we were met by Hans Elumt with his R100RSR who led the ride to the Loy Yang Coal Pit. With six riders we took the Hyland Highway and a minor road between Willung South and Hiamdale which was a highlight of the ride.

Passing through Gormandale we stopped at the Loy Yang Coal Pit Lookout. The group were thinking 'Coffee', so Hans led us to Food Co. on Franklin, a good cafe on the edge of Traralgon. The place was full so we had to stand outside but we got good food and coffee fairly quickly.

We then headed home via Flynn's Creek Road where Hans and John Semple left us. The Hyland Highway took us back to Yarram in good time for Lunch. Our Major Lunch Event was at the Commercial Hotel in Yarram which attracted about 40 guests over half of whom came up for the day. In the evening we enjoyed a barbecue dinner at the camp, catered by Kerry Hessling and Pam Telford. Barry Law visited us and left at about sunset. We then crowded around the camp fire pit for the rest of the evening.

### **Day 5 - Saturday 30th December.**

Five of us gathered for the Road Ride to Rosedale with three riders for the GS Ride.

We headed initially south and did a loop skirting eastward around the rain clouds to Woodside and Carrajung South. We visited Carrajung, a hamlet with about a dozen houses and a nice winding main street.

Morning Coffee was at the Gormandale General Store, where Gad Kolsky left us to head home. We arrived in Rosedale about an hour early for Lunch, so Christine



*Lunch at the Victoria Hotel in Alberton*



*Dinner at the Yarram Country Club*

Young suggested we go to Sale via Longford. Parking near the Mall in Sale we enjoyed lunch at Viet Kitchen followed by coffee at Raymond Cafe. We also started the BMW Club Walkers Group by borrowing four walking trolleys from a nearby pharmacy.

Back at the Christmas Camp Jacques soon joined us from the GS Ride sporting a stylish 'helmet hair' style. Dinner was yet again at the Country Club with 10 in attendance.

Dinner at the Yarram Country Club



**Day 6 - Sunday New Years Eve 31st December.**

With most campers heading home, there were just three of us by mid morning. As John & Lisa's sidecar bike was still problematic, the morning ride was done solo. By-passing some road blocks I visited Agnes Falls which had the biggest water flow from it that I've ever seen. Coffee and a visit to Sandy Point were next,,followed by a tour via Fish Creek to Welshpool for lunch.

The Welshpool Hotel was back in business after being flooded on Boxing Day. With no carpet on the floors and a limited menu, I enjoyed a steak sandwich before riding back to Yarram in much nicer weather than a week ago.

I toured the several painted buildings in Yarram before heading with Lisa and John Terry to Port Albert to a Sunday Market and Dinner at the Fish & Chips Shop on the pier. After dark we watched a good fireworks display before heading back to Yarram.

**Day 7 - Monday New Years Day.**

Packing up fairly early, I enjoyed breakfast with Lisa and John before taking an uneventful ride home on the South Gippsland Highway in sunny weather. This finished a good weekend of riding.



Morning Coffee at the Golden Beach General Store



Coffee at Golden Beach with Zac Butcher and Bob & Lynne Rosenthal



Starting in Yarram with the combined Road and GS Ride Groups



Visit to the Swing Bridge near Sale with Laszlo Papp and John Terry arriving



Visit to the Swing Bridge near Sale with a view of the Swing Bridge

## Rides, Rallies & Events



Coffee at Golden Beach with Bob & Lynne Rosenthal, Zac Butcher, John Semple and Melinda Hindson



Visit the beach at Golden Beach



Beach at Seaspray



The Ninety Mile Beach at Seaspray



Lunch at the Woodside Beach Hotel on the South Gippsland Highway at Woodside



Lunch at the Woodside Beach Hotel with the Road and GS Ride Groups combined



Jacques Van Niekerk at Woodside



Dinner at the Yarram Country Club

# Rides, Rallies & Events

Two grand daughters and John & Lisa Terry



Melinda Hindson, Lynne Rosenthal and Kerry Winfried



Starting at Yarram with Hans Elumpt



Starting at Yarram



Commercial Hotel in Yarram



Sunset at the Yarram Holiday Park on Friday



Starting at Yarram with the Road and GS Ride Groups



Friday Evening at Yarram with Ian Craig, Pam Telford and Kerry Hessling



Morning Coffee at the Gormandale General Store



Kevin Cooper and Christine Young



Clock Tower in the Shopping Mall, Sale



The BMW Club Walking Group in Sale

# Rides, Rallies & Events

Coffee at Raymond Cafe in Sale



Jacques Van Niekerk's helmet hairstyle



Dinner on Saturday at the Yarram Country Club



John Terry



Christine Young



Road closed approaching Agnes Falls from Welshpool



Agnes Falls Dam Wall



Sandy Point with a food van



Waratah Life Saving Club



Lunch at the Welshpool Hotel which was flooded the previous Tuesday



Sandy Point beach



Painted water tower at Yarram



Painted building in Yarram main street

**Participants:**

Ian McKenna	K 75 C
Jacques Van Niekerk	R 1200 GS
Barbara & Greg Spice	F 800 ST
Bob Rosenthal	R 1200 GS
Lynne Rosenthal	F 650 GS
Melinda Hindson	F 700 GS
Paul Davis	R 1800
Laszlo Papp	R 1200 RS
Hans Elumt	R 100 RS
Christine Young	R 1200 R
John Semple	CB500Y
Laszlo Papp	R 1200 RT
Gad Kolsky	R 1200 GS
Brendon Webb	F 850 GS
Kerry & Winfried Hessling	R 1100 GS
Keith Buchanan	MT-09 Yamaha
Lisa & John Terry	Kawasaki Sidecar
Zac Butcher	Subaru
David Peck	
Pam Telford	
Neville Borgelt	
Sandy Burgoyne	
Michael Clairborough	
Tom Coghlan	
Kevin Cooper	
Paul Davis	
Karl Haering	
Thomas Kuen	
Paul Koedijk	
Barry Law	
Chris Seabrook	
Ian Wright	
Ian Craig	
Ann & Brian MacDonald	
David Peck & Pam Telford	
Barbara & Derek Pickard	



The Sunday Market at Port Albert



## 2023 Christmas Camp

BY LYNNE ROSENTHAL

26 DECEMBER 2023

Going to the Christmas Camp is a tradition we enjoy; it means packing the panniers for a ride somewhere and that's a great feeling, as well as the prospect of relaxing with friends. Just love the 'slow down' mode after the Christmas rush.

We met Mel at the Longwarry Servo on the Princes Highway on Boxing Day afternoon and headed off. This was a transport stage to Yarram so we largely kept to the main roads, aware that Gippsland had experienced very heavy rains in the week prior to the camp. We reached Gormandale about an hour later to find the C482 to Yarram was closed due to flooding. Another road heading East, which might have helped us, was also closed so we headed back the way we'd come. Luckily within a short distance we found a road to Rosedale, beauty. From there we rode to Sale then to Yarram, just in time to unload, check in, and join others for a walk across the road for dinner at the Yarram Country Club, bonus!

The weather forecast for the next day, Wednesday, wasn't good. The ever-reliable Ian McKenna sent us a text to let us know that he'd cancelled the day's ride due to the bad conditions and some road closures. We enjoyed a quiet day catching up with others. On Thursday morning there was a good turn-up at the Servo for 2 departures, Ian's usual road ride and Paul Koedijk's GS ride. Ian took us on some good roads to Golden Beach, yes, the sand is a golden colour rather than the usual white of most other beaches. We ventured on to Seaspray, seeing some great camping spots right beside the surf and some tidy little holiday homes nearby. Going to sleep with the sound of the waves reaching the shore would be fine with me. We pressed on to the 'Woody', Woodside Beach Hotel, where we met up with the GS riders for a delicious lunch together, then home to Yarram.



Ride stop at the swing bridge Photo Melinda Hindson



Mural - Photo Melinda Hindson



Mural - Photo Melinda Hindson



Mural - Photo Melinda Hindson

The Yarram Country Club, just across the road from the caravan park, was our go-to venue for evening meals. Our usual booking was for 20 people and good tucker was enjoyed each night. This is one of the great features of the Christmas Camp; time to relax with members, meet new ones, or the friends they've brought along, hear about their motorcycling travels, what they love about riding, where they live, what bike they ride, where they're travelling to next, the topics are endless as we all know. Often we discover we have friends in common and that's a nice surprise.

On Friday, Bob and I walked into town for a leisurely breakfast rather than join Ian's morning ride. We packed up and checked out at 10 then spent the next couple of hours, with Mel, viewing the fantastic murals which are a feature of Yarram. World renowned street and silo artist Heesco Khosnaran has transformed the town into a 25 mural canvas over a three-year period, resulting in the widely acclaimed 'Heesco Town' project. This was the brainchild of long-time Yarram resident Eric Greenaway and local artist and film maker Wayne Tindall. A small group of dedicated locals was formed to make this beautiful project a reality, so you must take the time to walk around town to see the murals if you're in Yarram.

We finished our walk around town, farewelled Mel, then joined the Christmas Camp lunch at the Commercial Hotel where it was nice to see day-trippers who joined the



Mural - Photo Melinda Hindson

throng. After lunch, Bob and I headed for home although the Camp continued until New Year's Day. We enjoyed our time away, again. It's always good to see a different town, explore the roads and attractions, reconnect with friends and meet new ones. Thanks, Kerrie, for your Camp planning and thanks, Ian and Paul, for planning a selection of rides for us all every day. Your work was greatly appreciated and, as usual, good planning usually results in a great event and the Camp was no exception, thank you. Many thanks also to Zac and Mel for contributing their photos.



## GS Christmas Ride

BY PAUL KOEDIJK

30 DECEMBER 2023

In perfect Victorian summer weather with a top temperature of 19 degrees predicted, three hardy souls departed the BP Servo in Main St to head off into the nearby Strzelecki Ranges to the North of Yarram to undertake a ride along the gravel road and Forest tracks. The route required the traversing of the Old Whitelaw's Track, Grand Ridge Road and then Yarram-Morwell Road, these roads being of a general nature of gravel and bedding sand construction with short sections of muddy dirt due to the recent rains and traffic in the area. Upon reaching the Hiawatha - Madalya Rd we turned west on this road to undertake some more technical challenging areas of road (wouldn't get my BMW 318i down this one) with large areas of washout, drain crossings and loose rocks which required slow and careful navigation to ensure no mishap occurred, upon completion of this section of road it was a short spurt north along Albert River Road to a stop at Minneha'ha Falls on the Albert River for morning brew (sorry, no coffee van here). This location has camping sites and today there would have been at least 15 to 20 vans and tents set up with the basic facility of a long drop toilet provided by the State. Numerous previous visits to this site revealed there is occasionally one camper.

After the appropriate rest we ventured north along Albert River Road with occasional sun to again exit out onto the Grand Ridge Road (GRD) which we would see and number of different times this day. Heading westerly along GRD we exited onto the Radburn Rd, more gravel road, through forested areas to join on to the Morwell River Road, loose bluestone gravel, pass Morwell River Falls and leading into Boolarra, from here we travelled via various bitumen back roads to the town ship of Churchill, where the local was not serving meals today, off to the Bakery for lunch!

Leaving Churchill we headed Easterly in to the Jeeralang's to pop out at Traralgon South from where we travelled along Traralgon Creek road to undertake a little bit more technical section of road which included a Creek Crossing (see video on Jacques Phone for a laugh), manoeuvring around/over a fallen tree and along a slippery, wet, washed out road to then work our way onto GRD and back through the Tarra Bulga National Park to Balook and on to Yarram via Bulga Park Road (more dirt woo Hoo). Travel time was from 9.15am to 3.15 pm approx. distance was 200km. A great day!



Minneha'ha Falls



Albert River Rd



Grand Ridge Rd



Frank's R 90 S, Tom's F 650 GS Dakar and Mark's R 1200 RT

## Dawn Patrol 2024

**BY FRANK CACHIA**

JANUARY 2024

My first Dawn ride started on Christmas Day 2016. It was nothing more than riding to the Mt Dandenong look out to welcome the new dawn with a camera. As time passed more riders took an interest in this unusual run.

Later Dawn Patrols saw other riders joining in. The eighth year running the Patrol, January 2023, the word got around showing not only another successful run but non and active club members from as far away as Sandhurst joining in; this time most from the active Emerald coffee gathering attendees. A gathering at my place at 4.30am, photographs, a bike ride to a country town, a picnic and by 9.30am it was all over, until the next patrol.

Alas due to heavy mist no breathtakingly sunrise photos like this Christmas Patrol one (K1100 RS) took place, but the adventure was still there with final destination we all sat back and discussed the adventure over a hot cup of coffee and biscuits.



Dieter, Tom and Mark sitting back after their ride having a cup of coffee

### Participants:

Frank Cachia	R 90 S
Tom Coghlan	F 650 GS Dakar
Mark Doherty	R 1200 RT
Dieter	Suzuki (was unable to bring his R 51/3)

# Dawn Patrol -----SENTINEL

BY FRANK CACHIA

The order was quite specific  
Avoid any entanglement  
And a wingman await  
At a rendezvous point

Walking towards the hangar  
Pre-dawn – so quiet  
At the start of a new day  
A new month  
A new year

Whilst others remain under cover  
The R90S silently  
Emerges from the hangar  
Rolled out onto the taxiway

Following a pre-flight check  
Before the fuel taps were opened  
Dashboard lights brightly glowed  
Confirming ignition is go

An electrical contact  
The engine came alive  
The New Year patrol  
Code named “Sentinel”  
Ready for flight

The machine left the taxiway  
Onto the road it rolled  
Gathering speed as it left  
Its hangar behind

Unhindered by any sign of life  
It winged away  
Once more clawing itself  
Rapidly gaining height

Under a green canopy  
In the coolness of the mountain top  
Eventually levelling out  
Machine and rider were one

The sun valiantly did its best  
To peak through  
But failed miserably  
As fog stubbornly blanketed  
The area

From here on at low speed  
A vantage point  
A fly-by  
Scanning the misty horizon  
Looking for any signs of trouble

The wingman showed up  
Positioning behind and to the left  
Through the murkiness  
The two covered ground

One deserted town followed another  
The large roundabout the half way mark  
Banking around it looking more  
Like a graceful bow  
To the poled Australian flag

The flag gently fluttered  
As if waving goodbye  
As the machine and rider straightened  
Running sweetly yet painfully slow  
Still a desire to truly take flight  
It cruised along more empty towns  
Nothing moved, silence ruled  
As quiet as an undiscovered tomb

The thunderous sound of  
A healthy engine bounced off buildings  
As the vehicle slowly emerged into focus  
The heavy truck proudly sporting  
A madly waving national flag

A nod between operators was enough  
Pass friend all is well  
It's time; the machine banked  
Heading back to base  
The operation was over  
Patrol ended

Descending below the mist  
A single beam of sunshine  
Ricocheted off pitted chrome and  
A bug splattered outdated jacket

Out of sight of headquarters  
A smile and a silent nod was understood  
An empty road  
Unlimited visibility  
Saw the S come alive

Switch over from cruise resulted  
In all the horses unbridled  
Gathering speed as more power was  
unleashed

The wingman now nothing  
But a dot on the horizon  
Mumbled so sweet --- never mess with  
an S

Back at base  
The machine halted  
Mission completed  
Swallowed into its hangar  
Waiting for the next run

1st Dawn patrol 2016 Frank's K1100 RS





## Midweek Ride to Smythesdale Hotel

BY IAN MCKENNA

10 JANUARY 2024

I arrived at the BP Calder Park Service Centre in good time in brilliant sunshine, and so did everyone else, in no time we had 19 riders and 18 bikes including Rob Bowra and Andrew Johnstone. With Ian McKenna leading and Peter Lawford as tail end rider we took off onto the Calder Freeway.

Turning off at Diggers Rest we rode to Coimadai and then took the Bacchus Marsh Geelong road and Granite road to Anakie. At the edge of Anakie the temperature dropped dramatically and we entered full cloud cover, but concern about being rained on turned out to be unfounded. At the Anakie General Store we met a further 8 riders on 7 bikes including Jeff Dobell & Oakey the dog.

Coffied up we headed to Stieglitz, Meredith and Shelford, took the road to Mount Mercer and Buninyong. Turning off at Scotchman's Lead we rode through Ross Creek to Smythesdale. Through much of this ride we went through partial fog so we saw hardly any scenery but the sunshine returned as we entered Smythesdale.

Another 6 riders met us at the Court House Hotel in Smythesdale including Vicky & Neil Williamson who have recovered from a recent illness. Despite bringing



about double the expected number of riders we were easily accommodated and well served with very good food.

After lunch we fuelled up near Smythesdale and followed the Glenelg Highway to Mount Pleasant almost entering Ballarat. The Midland Highway took us to Buninyong soon after which we turned off to Yendon and Mount Egerton. Somewhere around here we lost a few riders most of whom met us again in Bacchus Marsh.

Following a popular route we rode to Fiskville and the Glenmore Gorge. In Bacchus Marsh we regrouped in a small park off the main street. Ending the ride here four of us had a final coffee nearby at the Coffee Club Cafe. This finished a great day of riding.



Starting at the Calder Park Service Centre



Arrival at Anakie General Store with Melinda Hindson, Jeff Dobell, Michael Dodds and Hans Werner



Anakie General Store with a group photo



John Crewdson



Jeff Dobell and his dog Oakey







**Participants:**

Pat Bajraszewski	R 1250 GS
Robin Bowra	R 1250 GS
Tom Coghlan	F 650 GS Dakar
Michael Dodds	R 1200 R
Melinda Hindson	F 700 GS
Andrew Johnstone	R 1250 RT
Peter Lawford	R 1200 GS
Paul Lijstro	RnineT GS
Tony Littman	R 1200 R
Peter Ludeman	R 18
Herman Mahler	K 1200 S
Ian McKenna	K 100 RS
Eckhardt Mueller	R 1200 GS
Chris Renwick	K 1600 GTL
Michael Stoltenberg	R nineT Racer
Hans Werner	R 1200 R
David Yee & Julia Niselle	K 75 C
Paul Yee	F 800 GS
John Crewdson	F 650 CS
Jeff Dobell & Oakey the dog	R 1250 RS
Jared Elison	R 1250 GS
Peter Howell	R 1100 S
Simon McCall	F 700 GS
Charlie Maguire	Triumph Bonneville
David Robertson	F 800 GS
Andy Davenport	
Greg Hobbs	R 90 S
Dave Mills	R 1250 RS
Mark Phelan	R 80 GS
Vicky & Neil Williamson	



Tarra Valley National Park - Max Parfett

## Max Parfett's Unauthorised Friday ride to Yarram

BY MICHAEL DE VINK

12 JANUARY 2024

On the 4th of January I was sitting poolside in a Bali resort on a family holiday wistfully perusing the club Facebook page. Folks were posting about a great little ride organized by Max Parfett to Lake Mountain that day. The GOMO (grief of missing out) was running high, suffering riding withdrawal with no beemer time since the Poowong ride on the 17 December. Then joy erupted when Max posted and suggested a Friday ride to Yarram on the 12th of January. I would be home by then, so I was straight up and in for that.

At the rendezvous at 9am at Lilydale Shell five riders mustered. Some conversation revealed the super clean bumble bee GSA and its full Motorrad gear wearing owner were there just by coincidence. So only four for the ride led by Max Parfett on his R1250RT, with Georg Berk R1250RT, Marc Tracy R1250R and Mike de Vink on the air cooled R1200S rolling off towards Wandin and the promise of a day full of hills and curves.

Max expertly navigated the group through the back roads of Wandin, Yellingbo and Hoddles Creek to the Noojee road at Yarra Junction. The morning was glorious with sun

filtering down through the tall gums as we swooped and turned through Gilderoy, Powelltown, Piedmont, Noojee, Icy Creek and turned down the Fumina South Road to arrive in Willow Grove for a stop at the 'Willow on Main Café'. We were met by new club member Mark Uren who was piloting his ute. Mark had planned to join the ride at Willow Grove but had discovered he had a fuel pump problem and his GS would not start. He drove over anyway for the coffee and a chat and to walk his faithful collie while he waited for us riders to arrive. The selection of cakes and pastries in this essential country town café were very inviting. Max had a superb vanilla slice while Mike chose a curious little piece of apple yoghurt tart. The coffee was strong and I would plan a ride to stop there again.

Refreshed, and with a cheerio from Mark Uren the group headed east to Yallourn North and Tyers then turning south to pass through the Traralgon shopping traffic to find the Traralgon South Road and view of the steam and dust belching from the Loy Yang power station complex as the day really started to warm up.

Max turned us before the power stations and led us out past Traralgon South and then up the road into the Heartbreak Hills to Mt Tassie.

It was about 40 years ago when I rode my Honda 250 up that hill and it was all gravel and corrugations to the TV

*Cooling at the Cyathea Falls  
Georg Marc & Max*



*Georg Max Marc  
Tarra Valley NP*



broadcast antennas at the top. Max had promised it was now all sealed and a piece prime for carving and it did not disappoint. After making the top we stopped for a photo moment and to take in the gorgeous views out over Koornalla, before continuing to Balook and another stop in the tree fern green of the Tarra-Bulga National Park.

Pulling into the shade of the car park at Tarra Valley it was hot and very humid. Marc went to talk with a young tattooed guy on his first bike a KTM 690 Enduro, also parked for some forest back ground selfies. He seemed rather underdressed for both the ride and the sun, but enjoying the day with youthful enthusiasm and matching she'll be right vibe.

Should we walk to the waterfall? We decided we should and 15 minutes later we were rewarded by a very cool breeze generated by the cool falling water of the Cyathea Falls, shaded by tree ferns, it was delightfully cooling. Refreshed we walked back to the carpark along the side of the stream marvelling at the towering, mountain ash, and encouraging other sweaty walkers that the walk to the falls was worthwhile. After remounting we wound down the Tarra Valley Road following the Tarra River past a lot of recent flood damage to Devon North and then turning left and right on into charming Yarram with its wide main street, treed middle median strip and wondrous bakery.

As it was around 2.30pm the bakery had already seen a good day's trade with only a small selection of pies, sausage rolls and pasties left, and that specialty of South Gippsland tennis clubs, the raspberry jelly slice. This jelly slice is a joy of pressed crushed biscuit base, vanilla cheese cakey middle layer and top layer of raspberry jelly. I've only ever seen it in South Gippsland and it really is a slice to queue for.

After a fuel top off in Yarram Max led us to Pound Road West where we left the highway and enjoyed fast open secondary roads for 28 km through Alberton West, on to Tap Tap Road to Binginwarri, onwards to the Albert River - Welshpool Rd where suddenly the asphalt ran out. Heavily rutted and corrugated with some deep gravel the road continued for 6 kms until the stop sign at the junction with Woorarra Rd.

I'm not opposed to a bit of gravel when it links beautiful meandering country asphalt as was the case here, however the R1200S piloted by this rider could not keep pace with the all purpose RT's and the nimble R1250R. With the front end banging to the stops in the deep ruts and zero feedback from fat smooth tyres I crawled along determined not to add any gravel damage to the 18 year old patina of the R1200S.

At the end of the gravel Max, Georg and Marc were patiently waiting and we headed to Toora North bypassing Silcock Hill Road and its swishing wind turbines which was closed to through traffic, and rejoining the South Gippsland Highway at Toora.

*Georg Marc Mike Max in Willow Grove*



*Max and Georg with their lovely RTs*



*Mike Georg Mark on Mt Tassie*

*Pano Georg Marc Max on Mt Tassie*



The run from Toora to Korumburra up the South Gippsland highway was pleasant enough but the heat of the day was really starting to cook us. We stopped in the Korumburra main street in the shade of the awning for a drink outside the Stone Grill Pizza and Pasta. At that point the ride began to end, saying our good byes with Marc electing to run home straight down the South Gippsland Highway while Max, Georg and Mike headed for Warragul.

The Warragul-Korumburra Road runs on ridgelines for most of its length and is a pleasure if you can get a clean run of it but luck wasn't with us and we trailed behind an enormous tractor drawn hay rake, an L plater, and a Volvo most of the way. A trifecta of slow vehicles and with most of that road double white lines with the risk of oncoming tractors we dawdled, like over 60's riders should, until safe passing opportunities arose. Hitting Warragul Max went straight ahead to return home via Noojee and into an outbreak of summer showers, getting thoroughly wet on the way home. Georg and Mike went to the highway, Mike waving off at the Drouin exit and Georg staying dry all the way home to Wantirna.

What an excellent full day out it was, with as close to a 500km round trip as you might want in beautiful country with a nice little group of R series riders to boot. Looking forward to the next ride and bushwalk Max!

*Mike Marc Georg cooling off Tarra valley NP*



*Willow on Main apple yoghurt tart*



*Fuel stop in Benalla with Mark Vipond and Joe leading the ride group*

## Sunday Ride to Glenrowan

**BY IAN MCKENNA**  
21 JANUARY 2024

Starting at Coles Express in Lilydale, also known as the Shell Lilydale Service Station on a cool cloudy morning, we had 12 riders on 10 bikes including Tania & Simon Cahoon F800XR, and Chris Delaney & David Yee K75C, and Vaughan Humphries who brought a new KTM 890.

With Chris Seabrook leading and Gerhard John as tail end rider we took off on the Melba Highway with a short diversion via Murrindindi to Yea where we stopped for Morning Coffee at the Yea Bakery. Richard Smith R90S and Paul Liistro R9T joined us for the ride here.

Riding to Merton and Euroa with some freeway to Baddaginnie, we picked up two riders in Benalla; Mark Vipond K1600GTL and Joe riding a Triumph 1200. We then continued through Winton to Glenrowan in full sunshine where we had lunch at the Glenrowan Bakehouse.

After Lunch Joe and Mark led us to Benalla where we refuelled, and to Violet Town via Nalinga. With several riders peeling off, Chris Seabrook regained the lead with Chris Delaney and David Yee as tail end riders. We did the

*Lilydale Service Station*



Hume Freeway to Longwood where we then followed the railway to Avenel and Seymour.

Near Hilldene we took the Sugarloaf Road to Broadford and through to Wandong where we stopped to put our warm clothing back on to cope with overcast sky and a big drop in temperature approaching Melbourne. Heading down Plenty Road to Epping we finished for a final coffee at the BP North Point Service Centre on Cooper Street where we sometimes start rides from. This ended a great fairly long day of riding.

# Rides, Rallies & Events



Tania and Simon Cahoon



Matthew Gale, Chris Delaney & David Yee



Melinda Hindson and Chris Seabrook



Chris Seabrook, Chris Delaney and Chris Renwick



Richard Smith



Paul Liistro



Lunch at the Glenrowan Bakehouse

## Rides, Rallies & Events

Paul Liistro, Chris Seabrook, Tania & Simon Cahoon, David Yee and Chris Delaney



Mark Vipond, Melinda Hindson, Richard Smith, Matthew Gale, Chris Renwick and Joe



Fuel stop in Benalla with Mark Vipond riding his K1600GTL and the new ride leader Joe riding his Triumph 1200



Short stop in Violet Town



Finishing at the BP North Point Service Centre



### Participants:

Tania & Simon Cahoon	F 800 XR
Tom Coghlan	F 650 GS Dakar
Chris Delaney and David Yee	K 75 C
Matthew Gale	F 650 GSD
Melinda Hindson	F 700 GS
Vaughan Humphries	KTM890
Gerhardt John	R 1200 GSA
Ian McKenna	R 80
Chris Renwick	K 1600 GTL
Chris Seabrook	K 1600 GT
Paul Liistro	R nineT
Richard Smith	R 90 S
Joe	Triumph 1200
Mark Vipond	K 1600 GTL



## BBQ at Westerfolds Park

BY IAN MCKENNA  
22 JANUARY 2024

A great afternoon with about 75 in attendance. We started setting up about 4pm and found our shelter had new barbecues and new seating. About a dozen of us cleaned up the four new barbecues and added the Club Barbecue.

Warrick Tovey and Pat Bajraszewski checked out four bikes with the GS911 Analyser. Max Parfett updated a service reminder light on his R 1250 RT as did Andrew Novak with his son's F 650 GS (Jake) and Des Crockford an alleged Immobiliser Fault on his F800GS (which doesn't have an immobiliser).

A heap of bikes and a few cars came in including Merv's BMW CE-4 Electric Scooter, the new R1300GS from Ringwood BMW and Kevin Davie's 1959 sports car. By 6 pm we had about 75 people and later we did a group photo before heading off near sunset.

Great Afternoon.



### Participants:

- Abishek Aringal
- Karuvadath
- Joe Arnephy
- Steve Baczak
- Pat & Wendy Bajraszewski
- James Bonner
- Sandy Burgoyne
- John Butler
- Frank Cachia
- Tom Coghlan
- Kevin Cooper
- Ian Craig
- Peter Wade
- Des Crockford
- Kevin Davie
- Shane Dummett And Guest
- Bill Ellul and Guest
- Peter Fallon
- Matthew Gale
- Johan Geldenhoy's
- Merv Harris
- David Harrison
- Melissa & Michael Hawkwood
- Kerry & Winfried Hessling
- Melinda Hindson
- Neils Holm
- Mark James
- Stefan Kissner
- Thomas Kuen
- Barry Law
- Lynda and Detlef Lamp
- Bob Leggatt
- Axel Leonhardt
- Fiona & Paul Liistro
- Sharon Lorman and Guest
- Simon McCall
- Brian & Ann Macdonald
- David McGowen
- Ian McKenna
- Don Miller
- Deborah Moore
- Jacques Van Niekerk
- Andrew Novak
- Laszlo Papp
- Max Parfett
- Barbara & Derek Pickard
- Simon Perry
- Luke Pescarini
- Colin Randall
- Chris Renwick
- Phillip Richards
- Lynne & Bob Rosenthal
- Chris Seabrook
- Gordon Skerry
- Jeff Speake
- Gary Spencer
- Bernard Sacha Tayla
- Warrick Tovey
- Sheryl Townsend
- Nic Watson
- Ian Wright
- Gary Young
- Chris from BM Ringwood
- Lauchie from Ringwood BMW

*Cooking the Sausages with Bernard Sacha Tayla and Bob & Lynne Rosenthal*



*Sports Car with Bob Leggatt, Warrick Tovey and Kevin Davie*



*Cooking with David Harrison, Winfried Hessling and Axel Leonhardt*



*BMW CE-4 Electric scooter - Merv Harris, and Warrick Tovey*



*David McGowen's R1200RT being checked with Pat Bajraszewski, Warrick Tovey and David McGowen*



*Melinda Hindson with her birthday cake*



*Founders of the Friday Night Rides*

*Packing up after the Barbecue Dinner with Kerry & Winfried Hessling, Andrew Novak and William*



### The BBQ Crew and others

What time did they start cooking to have it ready by 6 p.m.? No, what time did Winfried and Kerrie start packing the car to be at Westerfolds Park by 4 p.m.? No, what time did Winfried start mixing his superb hamburger mince to have it ready for cooking? When did they slice the onions? We didn't thank our amazing chefs and spatula-wielding 'Burgermeisters' on the day but we should have, so we need to do it now. Thank you, Winfried, Kerrie, Axel, Bernard and Bob for manning the barbecues and doing it so well so that we could enjoy it all. It was delicious!

Thank you, Warrick, for bringing the club barbecue to Westerfolds too. It was filled with hamburgers in no time. And thank you to the Service Day Team for taking the GS911 to the event so that it was available for members. Once again, many hands make things happen.

The traditional January barbecue is the most popular meeting of the year. No wonder. Beautiful location, stunning tucker, drinks supplied, good company, and it's free! Thank you to all involved. It doesn't happen without hard work.

**Lynne Rosenthal**



*Winfried, Kerrie, Axel, Bernard and Bob*



# Shannons Classic Bike Broadford Easter 2024

Pre 1998 Road Race & Road bikes  
Friday Saturday & Sunday



Saturday & Sunday  
Vintage & Modern  
Speedway, Dirt Track & Vintage  
Enduro bikes



Saturday Night Entertainment  
Dance the night away to "Threes a Crowd"  
Spit Roast Dinner for purchase at the Road race  
track



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Easter Weekend March 29,30 & 31 2024. State Motorcycle & Sports Complex,  
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### FEBRUARY 2024

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

**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

### MARCH 2024

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

**2nd March – Saturday – Western Coffee Morning**

**4th March – Monday – CRL to Castellias Cardinia Hotel, Pakenham**

Coffe Ride Lunch to Castellias Cardinia Hotel in Pakenham. Ride of 110 km to Castellias Cardinia Hotel for Lunch at 12.30 pm Ride via Warrandyte, Jumping Creek, Wonga Park, Mount Dandenong Road, Lysterfield, Berwick and Beaconsfield. Return via Cockatoo and Belgrave to Montrose for a total distance of 165 km. Assemble 9.30 at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen for departure at 10.00 am. Stop in Ferntree Gully and Pakenham. Lunch at Castellias Cardinia Hotel, Princes Highway in Pakenham at 12.30 pm. Finish at Montrose on Mount Dandenong Tourist Road at 3.00 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna 0487 868 466.

**8th – 9th – 11th March – Saturday/SundayMonday - 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 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. johnsemble1@bigpond.com mob: 0418 388 108

**9th March – Saturday - Gippsland Coffee Morning**

**13th March – Wednesday – MIDWEEK GIRLSTOWN RIDE - Female Frolic**

Gather from 8.30am at the Little River Departure Point for a 9.00am 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 300km, finishing at Doreen approx 4.00pm. <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**

**17th March – Sunday – Black Dog Ride**

Black Dog Ride (Support). This year is a little bit complicated but I am looking at two options.

Option 1 - Chirside Park to Riverview Hotel (Tarwin Lower)  
Option 2 - A combined meetup with at least two other Black Dog Rides in Healesville. If this comes to fruition we will depart from the Stamford Inn (Rowville) and do a circuit to Healesville.

Meeting Point - Stamford Inn (Cnr Wellington & Stud Roads Rowville)

8:00am Registrations & Check-in open ... 9:15am Briefing ... 9:30am Stands up ... 10:45am Break – Garfield ... 11:15am Stands up - Garfield

12:45pm Healesville – Don Road Recreation Reserve <https://maps.app.goo.gl/XQPnZTuYGFTNEbnq9>

I will post more up here by the end of January as to what is happening. As in last year I am looking for members who are willing to be corner markers, so of course the more the merrier. Ride Leader: Chris Seabrook 0417 330 586 Other Inquiries: Ian McKenna 0487 868 466

**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 7.30pm 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.

### APRIL 2024

Every Saturday Morning – Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

**1st April – Monday – CRL to Bonnie Doon Hotel**

Monday Coffee Ride Lunch to the Bonnie Doon Hotel. Ride of 135 km to the Bonnie Doon Hotel in Bonnie Doon. Ride via St Andrews, Kinglake, Westbridge Road and Yea to Bonnie Doon. Return via Yea and the Melba Highway to Yarra

Glen for a total distance of 255 km.

Start at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen at 10.00 am. Stop in Yea in both directions. Final Coffee at Yarra Flats Bakery in Yarra Glen at 3.30 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

#### 6th April – Saturday – Western Coffee Morning

**8th / 13th April – Monday / Sunday – RIDE to NATIONAL MOTORRAD RALLY – NURIOOPTA, BAROSSA VALLEY SA**  
Six days Ride, with three nights stay at Nurioopta in the Barossa Valley to BMW National Rally and two days return. Register yourself at the Rally. Book your own accommodation at Kaniva 8th April, Nurioopta Three Nights 9-10-11 April, and Mount Gambia 12th April.

See website for full details.

Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

#### 13th April – Saturday – Gippsland Coffee Morning, Heyfield

#### 17th April – Wednesday - MIDWEEK RIDE TO PARK HOTEL IN MARYBOROUGH.

Ride of 170 km to the Park Hotel in Maryborough. Ride via Bulla, Lancefield, Carlsruhe, Kyneton, Lauriston, Vaughan, Guildford and Newstead to Maryborough. Return via Eiphenstone, Taradale, and the Calder Freeway to Calder Park for a total distance of 315 km.

Start at BP Calder Park Service Centre, Calder Freeway at 9.00 pm. Lunch at the Park Hotel in Maryborough at 1.00 pm. Finish at the BP Calder Park Service Centre, Calder Freeway at 5.00 pm. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

#### 20th April – Saturday – Central - Bendigo, Sth Gippsland/ Bass Coast Morning Coffee – San Remo

#### 20th / 21st April – Saturday / Sunday – SERVICE DAY at STAFFORDSHIRE REEF

Staffordshire Reef approximately 25km south from Ballarat. Details T.B.A. later. advance notification for servicing & GS911 bookings

will be appreciated. Contact Warrick Tovey 0418 994 647

#### 21st April – Sunday - SUNDAY RIDE - SEYMOUR (NORTH WEST)

Ride to Seymour (170km) Departing at 9:00am from BP Outbound Calder Highway. Seymour (Lunch 12:30) Royal Hotel. Returning Via Ghin Ghin ending at Wandong (End 4:30), Ride Leader: Chris Seabrook 0417 330 586 (Paul Liistro), Other Inquiries: Ian McKenna 0487 868 466

#### 22nd April - Monday – Monthly Club Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday 25th of March at 7.30pm 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

#### 27th April – Saturday – Emerald Gathering Coffee Morning

*\*Check website for full details.*

## 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 K8

#### 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

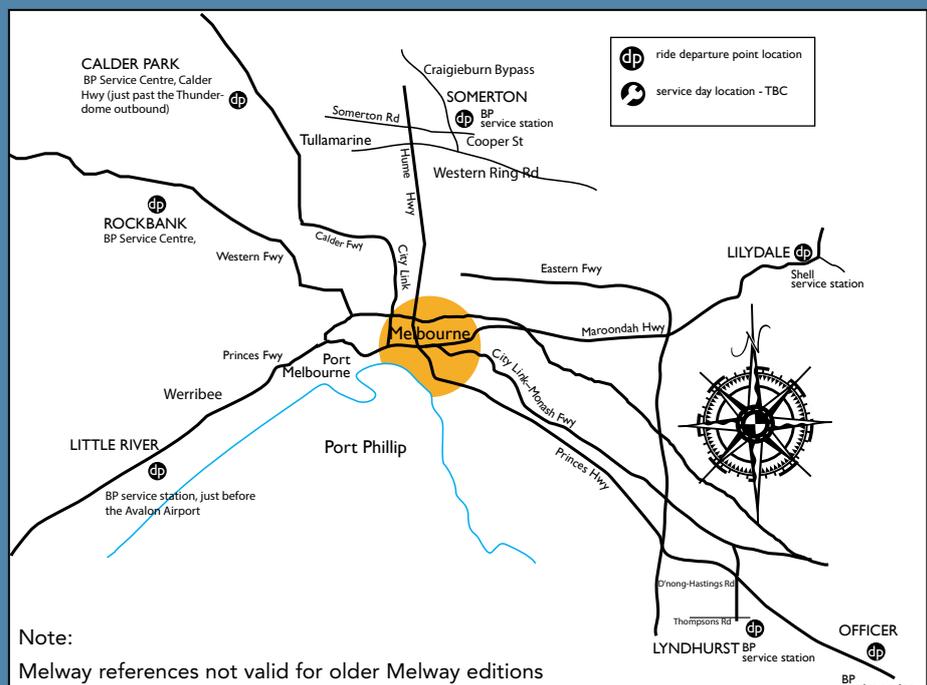
BP Service Centre - Officer Outbound 65 Princes Fwy, (M1) Officer. 2 km South East of Beaconsfield Exit on M1

#### 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.\*



## 2024 BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria GS Training with Touratech (1. Adventure / 2. Explore / 3. Extreme)

Calling all **GS and adventure riders** to join us for GS training with Robin Box and the Touratech team. Club and non-club members and all brands of motorcycles are welcome. Our aim is to offer new riders to GS a safe space to learn the basics and also challenge experienced riders. 2024 will be our second year to partner with Touratech to offer GS / adventure rider training. All levels of GS riders are welcome. Guests and friends are welcome. The event needs a minimum of **10**, with a maximum of **20** riders. Training will be held at the **Carboor Reserve** (refer address on right). Riders can stay at the Carboor Reserve town hall or camp. The facilities are great and include fully outfitted kitchen (cutlery, fridge, microwave, boiling water), porcelain toilet and shower. There are two halls for accommodation and a covered area for BBQ and bikes. For those that don't want to stay in the Carboor hall or camp, there is accommodation in nearby towns: Wangaratta, Milawa, Oxley, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Moyhu and Bright.

The training will be held on a **Saturday** and the cost of training is **\$95pp** (including lunch). For those that will camp at the Carboor Hall, the total costs is **\$155pp** (inclusive of training, lunch and hall hire).

All fees are to be paid on booking via the club's Wild Apricot site (for BMW club members), if you are not a BMW club member, please use the following reference **LAST NAME, GS event <date>** and deposit funds into the club's bank account: **BMW MCC Vic, BSB 063000, account 00804344**. Email or text the organizer with proof of payment. If you wish to confirm the club's bank account, please contact Winfried Hessling (treasurer, 040 330 2230).

There are **three-levels** of training for 2024. Training is additive and there is a pre-requisite to complete the previous course to attend the next training course. If you attended training during 2023, then you have completed **Adventure**.

- **Adventure:** Cover the basics and ride after training.
- **Explore:** Warm-up and then progress to basic / intermediate ascends, descends and recovery, and time permitting progress to steeper ascends and descends. Ride after training.
- **Extreme:** Warm up and then progress to emergency braking, sand riding, mud riding, river crossing, or whatever is in the training program. Ride after training.

### Event dates for 2024:

The following dates are available for 2024 (book via the club's website ([www.bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org](http://www.bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org)) or by contacting the event organiser. Touratech have asked for a **two-week cut off** to arrange catering.

1. **Adventure:** 17 February 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 2 February 2024)
2. **Explore:** 4 May 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 19 April 2024)
3. **Extreme:** 22 June 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 7 June 2024)
4. **Adventure:** 24 August 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 9 August 2024)
5. **Explore:** 2 November 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 18 October 2024)
6. **Extreme:** 7 December 2024 (book and pay by Friday, 22 November 2023)

Please contact **Jacques Van Niekerk** ([bmwmcovic@gmail.com](mailto:bmwmcovic@gmail.com); [clubdelegate@bmwmcovic.org.au](mailto:clubdelegate@bmwmcovic.org.au))

or send text to 04 0109 1277) if you have any questions.

### Program:

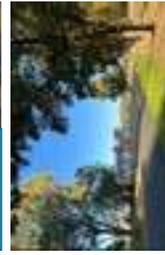
- Friday**
  - Travel for those that want to get out early from Melbourne and set up camp. Do BBQ in evening at Carboor Hall kitchen (bring your own meat and salad).
- Saturday**
  - Breaky at Milawa Bakery at 8am or bring your own breakfast.
  - 9:30am for 10am: Commence GS training at the Carboor Reserve. Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Touratech. Continue GS training after lunch, followed by a ride on dirt. 3 / 4pm: Conclude GS training.
  - BBQ in evening (bring your own meat, salad and refreshments).
- Sunday**
  - Clean, pack up and head home.



**Location:**  
Carboor Town Hall, opposite Touratech, 1933  
Carboor Everton Road  
<https://www.touratech.com.au/>  
Tel: (03) 5729 5529



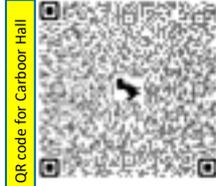
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Carboor reserve



QR code for Carboor Hall



Carboor reserve opposite canoe



Please see Classifieds at <https://bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org> for more information and photos.

**FOR SALE**

**BMW R1200RS 2016 \$10,500**

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)**

**\$4,000 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 Bradley  
**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. Rebuilt engine, gearbox etc. See website for further details.

**Contact:** Steve Barnett, Wonthaggi  
**Mobile:** 0455 519 198  
**Email:** steven.barnett1@bigpond.com



**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  
**Mobile:** 0429 134 136  
**Email:** quilrobe@bigpond.com



**1958 BMW R50 \$24,000** Replica Victoria Police mobile traffic section solo. Near concours condition with negligible mileage since restoration. Fully rebuilt engine. Original Vic' Police fairing, emergency lights, new wiring harness and switches. Full details on website.

**Contact:** Lawrie Bradley  
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**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



**Sena 10c evo communications and camera \$250**

With headset and speakers. Shoei modular helmet \$350 Size L

**Contact:** John Tighe  
**Mobile:** 0411 458 314  
**Email:** johntie131@gmail.com



## 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

**Mobile:** 0419 567 542

**Email:** dbrisker@bigpond.com



### 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

**Mobile:** 0417 335 908

**Email:** nearallyse@gmail.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. 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. Bike has been completely repainted and screen replaced. A tank top bag and weatherproof cover included. Lots more information on the website.

**Contact:** John Jarvis

**Email:** johnandraelene@gmail.com



### BMW R SERIES REPAIR MANUAL

- Offers Genuine factory workshop manual ... best offer.

**Contact:** Charlie Maguire

**Mobile:** 0458 377 487

**Email:** charles.maguire1@icloud.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 R Series GS (black) - \$6,500

- 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



**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

**Contact:** Michael Greaves, Williamstown

**Mobile:** 0417 325 786

**Email:** migreavesg@gmail.com

**SW-Motech Legend Panniers for R18 \$675**

Brand new removable lockable panniers. Still in the box with mounting kit and keys. RRP \$1,366.

**Contact:** Sam Schon

**Mobile:** 0412 178 888

**Email:** marx2@optusnet.com.au

**Location:** St Kilda / Caulfield

**NEW BMW R 1200 GSA (2010)****PARTS**

See website for pictures.

**Contact:** Mark Pitham

**Mobile:** 0466 794 318

**BMW 316 PLATES – Offers**

These were on my first car, recently purchased and Club Plated, so are surplus to requirements. If I'd returned them to VicRoads, they'd charge you \$545 for a Classic Retro. Additionally there is the value of the Marque and Model designation.

**Contact:** Karl Haering

**Mobile:** 0422 882 416

**Email:** pearl\_brick@y7mail.com

**WANTED**

Wanted for a BMW R1200 GSA 2010 model:

- Pannier rack to suit
- Hard pannier cases and possibly top box.

Either original BMW or an alternate brand.

**Contact:** Trevor Verlin (Member)

**Mobile:** 0447 778 070

**Email:** tmverlin@hotmail.com



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