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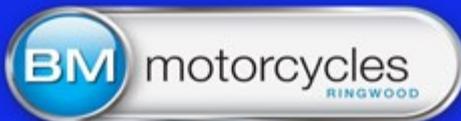
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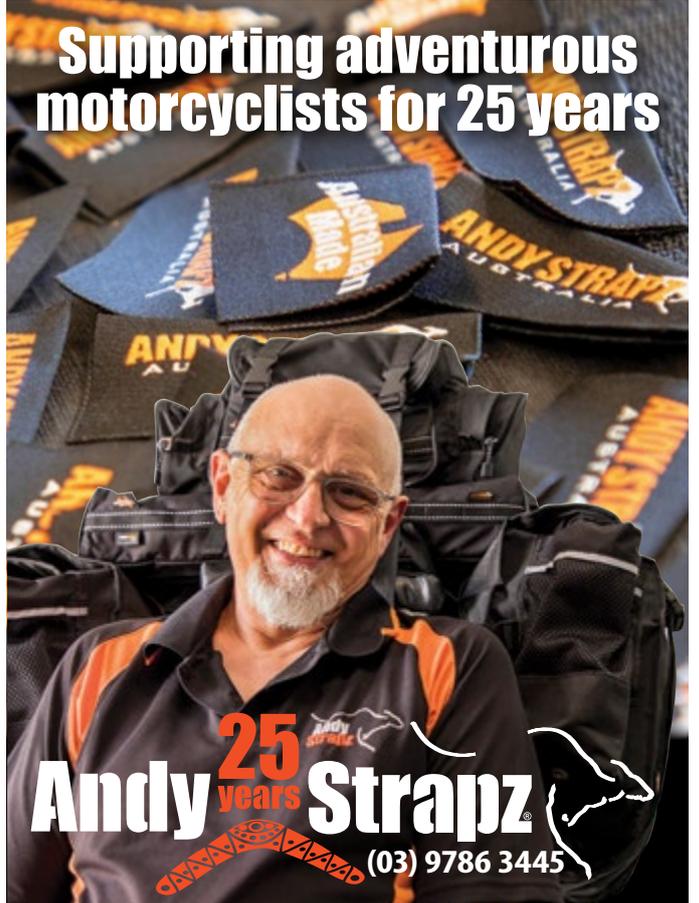
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President's Message

Celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2025

On 26th May 2025 our club celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Our club was formally established in 1975.

We are blessed that some of the founding club and committee members from 1975 are still with us. Just to name a few: Mick Fagan, Phil Irvine, Neville Borgelt, Noel Gilliland, Neil and Vicki Williamson, Brian Green, Damien Cook and Richard Lethlean.

One of the main reasons the club was established was to bring like-minded people together to share their passion for all things BMW motorcycles.

Rallies, rides and social celebrations were highlights and still have remained key events for the club. The introduction of annual awards encouraged recognition and celebration of excellence and service to the club.

When the club was established, many members were young and very adventurous. They travelled to remote places and enjoyed the big open roads and what motorcycling could offer.

Over the years, motorcycles have also evolved, with BMW introducing many new models and variants of models, for example the R-series, K-series and the popular 6-series.

The big bore race has created dreams of big bikes, like the R18. Most recently BMW unveiled their R 1300 GS and GSA, which is a significant makeover for an already successful formula.

In 50 years, the club has grown from 20 members to more than 810 members; close to 250 members have club permits for motorcycles and vehicles.

Many friendships have been forged over the years that have stood the test of time.

This is a testament to our club's purposes (enshrined in our club constitution):

- (a) To enhance the enjoyment of BMW Motorcycling
- (b) To provide opportunities for members and their families to interact socially
- (c) To encourage safe riding practices, and
- (d) To support advocacy for safer motorcycling.

For the 50th anniversary there will be various celebration rides across Victoria.

We plan to hold our big celebration at the rally on 7 to 11 May 2025 in Heathcote.

Our organising committee is making great progress with arrangements. We are working on a commemorative badge, merchandise and great raffle prizes.

So, please join us as we celebrate our club, friendships, great motorcycles, amazing adventures and the people who have made our club great.

"We must look ahead. Whatever the future holds, it entirely depends on the resources and initiative of members and committee alike" (Frank Cachia, History of the BMW MCC, The first 8 years).

"Make life a ride" #Spirit of GS

Jacques van Niekerk





“ Editor's Message

Ho, ho, ho Members
Here we are again with December upon us and the New Year just around the corner. Unbelievable how time flies, it was like it was only July not long ago. Well, I did my Crissy thing with house decorated with lights, tree up. What I thought I'd plan to have done this year has not gone to schedule, so I have extended my schedule into 2025.

The month has presented itself with several rides, as each month does, and as we are into December hopefully you would have had the chance to attend the club's Christmas Dinner and by the time you read this you still have the opportunity to attend the Christmas Camp in Heathcote.

At the past few club meetings we have been blessed with an array of guest speakers, the last being Shane and Phil from Safe Roads for Us. It was about you as a driver/rider and how your actions and attitude behind the wheel or on the bike can affect others without you even knowing. The main focus being to make sure YOUR CHILD or FAMILY MEMBER doesn't end up in a horrific place on the roads. Their presentation certainly enlightened one's thoughts about the importance of road safety to another level, key word being **education** on how you control your destiny as well as that of others on the roads.

Now don't forget the important events ahead with the Christmas Camp and BBQ club meeting in January at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe. The February meeting will be another social gathering at the Doncaster Hotel, Doncaster.

Have a Merry Xmas and a Safe and Happy New Year for 2025.... another year out and a new one in.

**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

Matthew Shanahan	R 1200 GSA
Duncan Sadler	R 1250 GSA
Erica Palatinus	Family
Andrew Mueller	K 100 RS
Michael O'Donoghue	R 1150 RS
James Layton	K 75
David McAdam	R 1250 RS
Stephan Marshall	R 75/5

BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria preferred suppliers

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

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BMW Motorrad presents the BMW R 12 S



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Munich. With the BMW R 12 S, BMW Motorrad is expanding its Heritage range with a fitting tribute to the iconic R 90 S, which in 1973 not only set a sporty exclamation mark for BMW Motorrad with 67 hp and a top speed of 200 km/h in terms of riding dynamics.

Moreover, the then Chief Designer Hans A. Muth skillfully expressed the sporty ambitions in the design language and sent the BMW R 90 S, as the world's first production motorcycle, with a handlebar fairing designed according to aerodynamic aspects and a red-laid "90" in the R 90 S emblem of the engine, successfully into the race for the buyers' favor.

Racing successes helped the BMW R 90 S to achieve an iconic image.

It did not take long for the image of the R 90 S to also benefit from racing successes. For example, at the Production TT on the Isle of Man, where Hans-Otto Butenuth and Helmut Dähne celebrated a class victory in 1976. In the same year, Steve McLaughlin also won the prestigious 200 Miles of Daytona, and his teammate Reg Pridmore became the first AMA Superbike Champion in history. Also for this reason, an R 90 S is today, as it was then, one of the particularly sought-after BMW motorcycles.

The BMW R 12 S transfers the spirit of the R 90 S into the here and now.

More than the Concept Ninety study presented by BMW Motorrad in May 2013, the new BMW R 12 S takes up the spirit of the R 90 S in its overall concept as well as in many details and transfers it skillfully into the present day. Based on the R 12 nineT, it embodies an authentic and sporty retro bike and utilizes several ingredients that make up a skillful homage to the R 90 S.

"The defining design elements of our R 12 S include the handlebar-mounted cockpit fairing with the tinted windshield, the seat with contrast stitching, and the Lavaorange metallic paint finish as a nod to the legendary R 90 S Daytona Orange from 1975. The design is perfectly complemented by details such as the red-laid 'S' on the side covers, the red double line, and the brushed and clear-lacquered aluminium surfaces of the tank and seat hump," explains Alexander Buckan, Head of BMW Motorrad Design.

Generous standard equipment with Option 719 Wheel Classic II, Billet packs Shadow and Shadow II, Headlight Pro, Shift Assistant Pro, and much more.

The claim to a sporty retro bike is underlined by the R 12 S with numerous standard product features such as the

Option 719 Classic II wheels with wire spokes and shiny, naturally anodized aluminium rims, as well as other high-quality components. The handlebars and fork tubes are in black, and the components of the Billet packs Shadow and Shadow II set particularly high-quality technical accents. Components of the Billet pack Shadow are the left and right ignition coil covers, the oil filler screw, and the cylinder head covers coated in Avus black metallic matt. The Billet pack Shadow II includes the footrest system including foot brake and gear shift levers, the pillion footrests, the hand brake and clutch levers, the expansion tank covers for the front brake and clutch, as well as the handlebar end mirrors.



Further standard features include the Comfort Package, which includes Hill Start Control, Shift Assistant Pro, Heated Grips, and Cruise Control. For even more safety during night rides, the adaptive cornering light Headlight Pro ensures better illumination of the road in corners.

Comprehensive program of optional equipment from the factory and Original BMW Motorrad Accessories for customization.



The BMW R 12 S is based on the BMW R 12 nineT, and therefore all accessory products such as titanium exhaust systems, soft bags, or the navigation preparation can also be used for this motorcycle. For example, the already expressive dynamism of the lines can be further enhanced with the short rear end, which is available as an Original BMW Motorrad Accessory, and the black license plate holder attached to the swingarm. Additional factory-installed options are also available, such as Tire Pressure Control (RDC), Anti-Theft Alarm System (DWA), Intelligent Emergency Call, Connected Ride Control, and the digital display with micro-TFT display as an alternative to the classic round instruments.



R 12 S 2025



R 90 S 1973



January & February 2025 Club Meetings

The first 2 club meetings for 2025 will be different...

We will **not** meet at our usual location in Camberwell.

The first meeting on 27th January will be our very popular and traditional gathering, a BBQ at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe. Grab your riding buddies and meet us there at 6 pm for the barbecue. This is a free event provided by your club and committee. Westerfolds is a big park so check the website for instructions to the Swamp Gum carpark and rotunda.

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

The second meeting on 24th February will be another social get-together, this time at the Doncaster Hotel, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, 3108. The carpark is behind the hotel and can be accessed from Doncaster Road or Victoria Street. Come at 6 pm with your friends, bring new ones if you wish, to chat with other members while having dinner together. Meals and drinks will be at your own cost.

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

No traditional meetings at Camberwell in January or February.

Social occasions only in January and February.

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

THIS IS IT

The Complete Club History written by Frank Cachia

This Book is an extremely informative, educational and entertaining book on the history of our club over a 50 year period. Not only will you end up reading it from cover to cover, you'll most likely go and read it again.

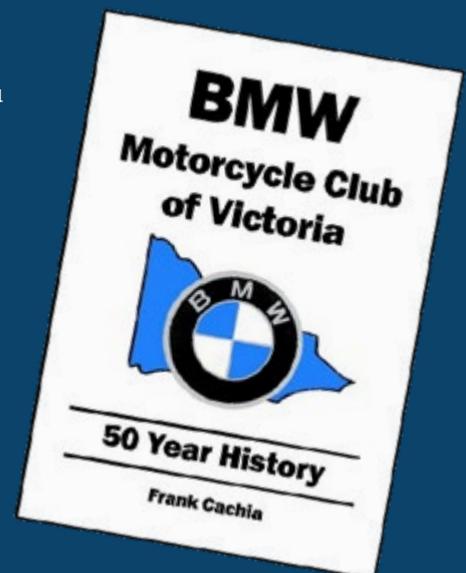
Close to 200 pages it presents pre-post club history and how both the Club and the must have item that binds the club, the club newsletter evolved.

There are details of how rides, special events and activities came to be. Records listing all 50 years of committee members and an Alphabetical Index are thrown in for good measure.

Taking hundreds of hours in research and over 5 months in daily writings, this historical book is worthy of being the ideal gift and would definitely take pride of place in any members' library.

The layout is already being set out with printing to follow and be available to members by the beginning of May, starting at the club 50th anniversary rally.

As yet the cost hasn't been factored in but don't worry about it; it is cheaper than you think.



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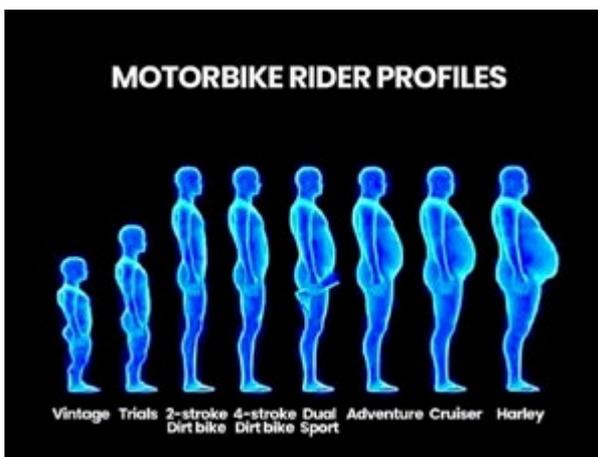
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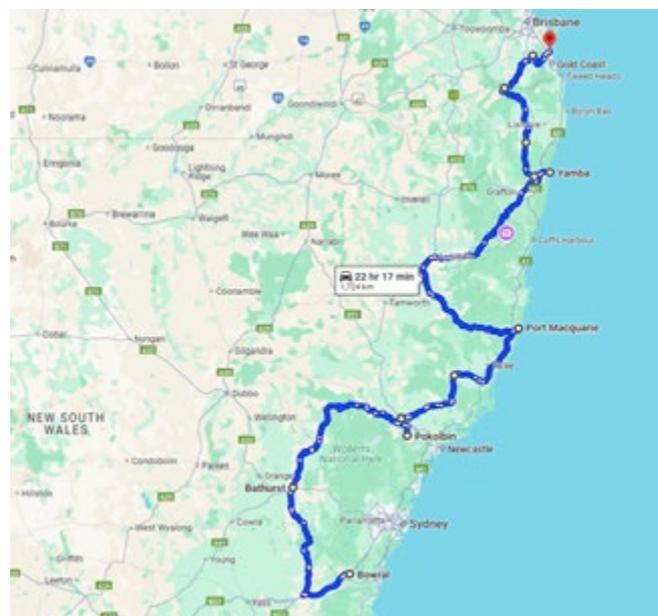
Bowral to Sanctuary Cove - 16th November

BY MICHAEL DE VINK (2024 TS RIDER #074)

Six nights and five days of motorcycle touring nirvana.

The purest motorcycling enjoyment for me is a long ride on new roads without thinking about navigation, meals, accommodation, or even luggage. How is that even possible? Zen-like riding for a few days, really 'in the moment' with focus on just the countryside and the next 200m of curving asphalt. Add to that some really friendly people to share it, flawless organization and amazing accommodation and meals. That is the BMW Safari TS, or just the 'TS' for short.

The 'TS' is the road and sports touring version of the enormously popular adventure bike BMW Safari GS hosted by the experienced crew from Motodevelopment Pty Ltd in association with BMW Motorrad Australia. BMW Safari events are now in their thirtieth year.





As a first timer on the TS in 2024 I hoped it would be good, however would my 30 year old 1993 R 100 LS airhead be the old red dog panting along after a newer fleet of silver and black greyhounds? As it happened, it all turned out well for the only airhead on the tour.

Arrival Ride – Gippsland to Bowral – 817 km

Check in for the TS opened at 3pm on Sunday 27 October at the ‘Park Proxi Gibraltar’ resort in Bowral. For a Victorian, that’s already a good weekend’s ride from home and I made it a two day run with an eastern foray through Gippsland to Cann River, then north to overnight in Cooma, with a nice hop on the Sunday through Bungendore to Bowral for an 827km warm up.

Checking in at Park Proxi I caught up with George Berk and his R 1250 RT, fellow BMWCCVIC member and soon to be riding buddy for the rest of the week. After check in the contingent of about 120 riders met up for an introductory drink and the opening briefing. First up introductions to the BMW Safari crew hosts: Shane Booth, Chris Urquhart, Anthea Verdoorn, and Remi Starkey. This team has organizing and running these events down to a fine art, fun, informative and faultlessly coordinated. Great accommodation venues, excellent meals, and all the support that might be needed.

Day 1 – Bowral to Bathurst – 406 km

Monday waving off during the 30 minute departure window we wound through the morning school rush to escape south west into the rolling hills and forests through Bundanoon (which means no buns until noon) and Bungonia (all buns are gone) to finally stop for a bun



*TS Safari maps
(Photo: Michael de Vink)*

in Goulburn. North of Goulburn we stopped in Taralga for fuel and lunch before tackling 250km of more twisty work through Black Springs, Burruga, Rockley, Caloola, Georges Plains, Blayney and on to Mt Panorama in Bathurst. We enjoyed a couple of hot laps on the limit at the Mt Panorama circuit. It was about 29°C and the limit is 60km/h. Our accommodation was at Rydges on Conrod straight. Ride briefing each evening before dinner was fun and informative, especially the weather report by Remi, a mixture of poetry, commentary and weather information!

Day 2 – Bathurst to Hunter Valley - 334 km

Tuesday leaving Bathurst promised a warm day which opened into the rich winding beauty of the Sofala Road to Rylstone, and then the even more beautiful Bylong Way to Denman for lunch. Apart from the amazing riding, I found lunch perfection with a spicy pork Banh Mi from the Denman Bakehouse. The synergy between great riding and great bakeries is still a source of wonder.



Coming out of Denman we stopped to give way on the Golden Highway and there appeared in a moment of unplanned serendipity one Kelvin Russell, riding his R860LS (one of three LS's he owns). We both pulled over for a chat, the last time I saw him was in Adaminaby in May. If it's an LS, in central NSW, it's Kelvin. The remainder of the ride was Golden Hwy with a diversion through Broke to arrive at the vineyard setting of our resort for the evening, Voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley. The local wines were a feature of the evening but I really enjoyed the Oktoberfest style tapas and pizza dinner. Credit to the wood fired pizza oven crew at Voco which rapidly turned out pizza's until the beer hall of riders could take no more. Adventurous types had the option of a dawn balloon experience, but those who didn't need to get up early stayed up, chatting around the fire pits under the Hunter Valley stars.

Day 3 – Hunter Valley to Port Macquarie - 366 km

Wednesday's run went north to Singleton then east along the Glendonbrook Rd to Dungog and then the Buckets Way to Wingham and into Taree. Another day of tight twisties, rolling hills and river valley flowing runs through history filled villages that invites you to just keep riding. Enigma of the day was Marty van Koutrik on his gold R 1250 RS. I do not recall Marty ever overtaking me, but I saw him taking photos at every nice view point along the way. Plainly his R 1250 RS has some time/space warping features not apparent to this airhead rider. While not a long day the final coastal run to Port Macquarie took a lot of concentration with the afternoon rush hour in full force making it hard to take in the stunning coast line while avoiding tail gating the stop start traffic. Pulling into Sails Port Macquarie resort on the water front was a welcome relief. Dinner was at individual choice and I was very satisfied with the walk along the foreshore and fish salad from the local Mekong Thai Lao! Simplicity is bliss.

Day 4 – Port Macquarie to Yamba - 506km

Thursday's ride was the pick of the week tackling the Oxley Hwy to Walcha in the early morning. George suggested



we be quick out the gate and this paid off as the few S 1000 XR's left us while we also pulled forward of the peloton of the main rider bunch. We enjoyed some spirited riding in clear air together with R 1250 GS rider Andrew McPadden and another rider on a very capably ridden R nineT.

Walcha produced the pastry of the week from the newly opened Walcha Coffee which is a patisserie of the finest quality. Unfortunately, I'm unlikely to repeat the experience of that fresh raisin spiral escargot any time soon. Out of Wacha we followed the Thunderbolt Way to Uralla, then through Armidale onto the Waterfall Way, then descending the Armidale Rd to come out on the coastal plain at Grafton. Following the Clarence River we toured on into Yamba to stay at the very tropical Angourie Resort, where another fantastic dinner and evenings camaraderie awaited. While Day 4 had the longest distance to be covered, the great roads and lack of traffic made it seem an easier day in the saddle.

Day 5 – Yamba to Sanctuary Cove - 332 km

Last day of the ride and again the TS crew picked more delightful roads to get us into Queensland and across the Gold Coast without a section of freeway. Crossing the Clarence River at Lawrence on the ferry was a fun moment before heading north on the Summerland Way for morning coffee in Casino and on through Kyogle, Grevillea and to the Queensland border at Mount Lindesay. Descending from Mt Lindesay I was caught up by a new R 1300 GS and then when stopped at a road works was pleased to find it was none other than tour host Shane Booth riding as a Marshal. A privilege to share a ride for a few kms with a legend of the BMW Safari team. Descending the Great Divide we escaped the midday heat at The Club for lunch in Beaudesert before a run over Beechmont in the hinterland taking in amazing views for a final tour arrival at Hope Island and check in at Sanctuary Cove Resort. The final dinner was a spectacular event with a recap of the tour highlights and tales of adventure, and an IMAX-sized slide show of tour moments and people



(Photo: BMW Safari)



TS riders depart Bowral (Photo: BMW Safari)



TS Safari in Walcha (Photo: BMW Safari)



TS Riders Toodle and Brunt (Photo: Michael de Vink)

snapped by the tour photographers. Food was amazing again, the evening capping off a fantastic tour event. Just one more breakfast together in the morning, then leave for home.

Return Ride over 4 days - 2168 km

Departing the Gold Coast early to beat the traffic on Saturday 2 November 2024. I was looking forward to solo riding to set my own fast or slow pace and process my thoughts on the tour just completed. My return trip plan was basically to follow the route just completed but with a diversion into Sydney and the home leg from Gundagai via Tumut and Corryong. Final day home through Beechworth, Whitfield, Yarra Junction and Powelltown dropping quietly back into Gippsland. Total distance ridden was just a bit short of 5000km, but I reached that tally within 15 days with a coffee run to Heyfield on the following Saturday.

Afterthoughts

I was very pleased with how the old red dog R 100 LS had acquitted itself in the company of many newer and much more powerful water cooled R's, not to mention the K's



TS Safari Rider R9T (Photo: BMW Safari)

and S's each a class of its own. The tour is pricey but you get first class accommodation, great meals and flawless organization. It is impressive to see the BMW Safari crew stage an amazing event with about 120 riders, and really nothing going wrong. No incidents or recoveries recorded for the five days. Support with solving small issues by the tour mechanics kept everyone on track, and I guess this is the reputation that this organization has built over the years. First class show.



Coffee get-togethers Victoria

Melbourne:

Morning coffee get together each Saturday, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, at Laurent Boulangerie Patisserie, 109 Dundas Place, Albert Park, 9690 4700 Melway ref map 2K C7 All welcome. Park safely & leave footpaths clear

Western Victoria:

First Saturday of the month, from 9.00 am at Beechworth Bakery, Grenville Street Ballarat

Gippsland:

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

☎ **Paul Koedijk: 0491 167 199**

Central Victoria:

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

☎ **Simon McCall: 0450 216 440**

South Gippsland/Bass Coast:

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

☎ **Bruce Higgs: 0412 261 901**

Emerald Gathering:

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

☎ **Frank Cachia: 0499 844 000**

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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North East Saturday coffee morning, Alexandra

BY CHRISTINE YOUNG

9 NOVEMBER 2024

The inaugural NE coffee morning was a great success, thanks to those who joined in and the sun shining all day. We met at the GSG (Grant Street Grocer), some arrived from Melbourne, one from Whittlesea and two from Bendigo. There were 10 bikes and 11 people, after some shared conversations Jarrod, Steven and Clint took off for Omeo, the route including dirt roads, some obscure track tackled the next day.

At the conclusion of coffee some of us headed off for a short run out through Eildon and returning via Skyline Road.

Great to meet four new members.

The next NE coffee will be at Euroa 14/12/2024 at Mely and me, then the following meet will be on 11/1/2025 in Winton at Mokoan Hub and Cafe 10 am.

Three venues for NE so as to hopefully include more country members.



Participants:

Rod & Leanne Wilkie	R 1250 GS
Nic Watson	R 1100 GS
Paul Davis	R 18
Nathan Ranft	R 1250 GS
Tony Brasacchio	R 1250 GS
Clint Hayes	F 700 GS
Steven Conroy	Yamaha Scooter 300cc
Karl Haering	K 100 RS
Jarrod Clowes	R 1250 GS
Christine Young	R 1200 R



Midweek ride - "Spring has Sprung"

ARTICLE DAVID YEE PHOTOS CHRIS RENWICK
13 NOVEMBER 2024

We had a most unusual start, as three of the four riders present were named David! It was good to see David M's bike back in action after his alternator troubles on the Newstead ride (9th October), when he broke down at Kyneton. He had to be trailered home; it turned out to be a broken alternator belt.

The forecast was not so good (scattered showers) but we had a decent turnout for the day (you made the right decision, Barrie; Spring had temporarily "Sprung" back to winter!). Most of the attendees hailed from the south eastern suburbs, but Tony had ridden from Gisborne to be there, and Mel won the "earliest start" award, coming from Mt Martha and leaving home at 7 am! It was her first ride after being off the road for three months.

Scattered showers were the order of the morning, with low cloud and heavy fog as we passed through Mt Egerton, but without heavy rain, thank heavens. We met a most eerie sight as we passed the wind farm near Ballan, the turbine blades could be seen when near the ground, but were lost from sight as they rose and disappeared into the low cloud.



Many "Springs" were visited; we would pause at each one and then ride on, with one exception: we stopped near Spring Hill south of Bacchus Marsh to relate the story of the Spitfire pilot who died near here in 1943 during a test flight.

At morning tea in Gordon we picked up four more riders, Paul Yee, Simon from Kyneton, Stuart from the Bellarine area, and Adrian from Yendon. Mark, who joined us for lunch, was lucky to be able to attend; just out of Bendigo his R 65 LS died, with dead electrics. Some smart problem solving led to a blown fuse, but there was no spare! As luck



would have it a passing "motoristess" helped out and he was back on the road.

Lunch in Daylesford found us scattered amongst various cafes and restaurants. Mel was very impressed with her meal at the Harvest Café: "Delicious food. They promote fresh, healthy and organic wholefoods. Dave (D) and I had Thai tuna patties and Chris had a frittata. Sounds mundane, but unlike anything I'd ever had before. We each had a choice of salads. I chose a wild rice and pomegranate salad and Dave had a noodle one".

As forecast, the weather had come good by late morning, with sunny skies and mild temperatures. We finished at Trentham where some stayed for an ice cream, others headed off via various routes. For once my 1986 K 75 C was not the oldest bike; we had an R 65 LS from 1983 and an R 100 S from 1977.

Nine members had registered for the ride, two pulled out (they gave notice) and five unregistered riders joined the ride for a total of 12 participants for the day. Thanks, Chris, for the photos!

Participants:

Anita Fothergill	Pillion
Chris Renwick	K 1600 GTL
David Denham	R 1300 GS
David McGowan	R 1200 GS
David Yee	K 75 C
Melinda Hindson	F 700 GS
Tony Littman	R 1200 R
Adrian Newman	R 100 S
Mark Phelan	R 65 LS
Simon McCall	F 700 GS
Stuart Blizzard	R 1200 GS
Paul Yee	F 800 GS

Rides, Rallies & Events



Mark Phelan with his R 65 LS



David McGowan, Tony Littman, Stuart Blizzard, Adrian Newman with Stuart's R 1200 GS



David McGowan R 1200 GS



Stuart Blizzard, David Yee, Adrian Newman with Stuart's R 1200 GS



David McGowan, Melinda Hindson with her F 700 GS



Joined at morning tea: Simon McCall, Stuart Blizzard, Paul Yee, Adrian Newman (Photo by David Yee)



David Yee, Anita Fothergill, Paul Yee



The finish at Trentham with Chris Renwick's K 1600 GLT



Morning tea at Gordon



At the finish: David Yee, Anita Fothergill, Paul Yee, Chris Renwick (kneeling), Stuart Blizzard, Tony Littman, Simon McCall, Melinda Hindson, Adrian Newman, David McGowan, David Denham



Breakfast at Mirboo North

BY IAN MCKENNA
16 NOVEMBER 2024

Taking a journey of about two hours, I made it to Mirboo North riding my Can Am Spyder. Lobbing in for breakfast at Lamezleighs Cafe I was the second to arrive but it took a couple of minutes to notice Brendon Webb was at a nearby table.

The plan to take over the garden out the back was thwarted, it being fenced off to grow the grass for summer use. Inside a large fairly new shelter the group soon gathered with an accumulated attendance of 16.

We broke up about Midday after a good morning of socializing.

Departing from Mirboo North with Greg Spice riding his F 800 ST



Participants:

Graeme Alexander	R 1200 GS
Bruce Higgs	K 1100 RS
Paul Koedijk	Prado
Frank Mickan	R 1200 GS
Ian McKenna	Can Am Spyder
Dick Micah	R 1200 GSA
Brett Riddle	R 1200 GSA
Geoff Riddle	R 1100 RT
Steve Riddle	R 1200 GSA
Lyndon Rodwell	F 800 ST
Jeff Speake	R 1200 GS
Bruce Spice	F 800 ST
Stew Taylor	
Michael de Vink	R 100 LS
Brendon Webb	F 850 GS
Ken Wright	F 800 GT



Arrival in Mirboo North with Ken Wright riding his F 800 GT



Breakfast with Brett Riddle, Graeme Alexander, Brendon Webb, Steve Riddle, Frank Mickan and Geoff Riddle



Stew Taylor, Bruce Spice, Bruce Higgs, Paul Koedijk



Paul Koedijk, Graeme Alexander, Jeff Speake, Lyndon Rodwell and Steve Riddle



Ian McKenna, Michael de Vink, Dick Micah and Steve Riddle



Emerald coffee run

BY FRANK K 1100 RS

26 OCTOBER 2024

Hello Singles!

It doesn't take long for another month to come around and much as I was looking forward to once again dashing off to Emerald, the weather this time was against me. Well, that is according to Frank. You see in the previous few days there had been dire warnings of temperatures passing 30c and beyond.

So even though I was ready to ride Frank decided to take out the water-cooled model instead! You reckon that after 68 years running in all sorts of weather I couldn't take it. Well at the same time I have to hand it to him for showing a bit of mechanical sympathy.

So after he fired up the K 1100 RS, what no carburettor priming, he simply put his helmet on and rode out. Over to you Frank.

With a 1954 R51/3 trailing behind, the run to Olinda via Mountain Highway was a slow event. Cars and countless cyclists made dead slow progress. By the time we reached the halfway mark my bike's fan was busily spinning, doing its best to lower the bike's temperature and to a degree mine too.

Monbulk saw a scheduled fuel stop for the R51/3, followed by another dash to Emerald. Dash, what dash, what a difference gliding along negotiating tight, 30kph corners on a R 26 compared to doing the same on the K 1100 RS. It was like manhandling an aircraft carrier.

Clearly the temperature played a part, because as we entered Emerald there was a drop in the usual Saturday morning traffic. More so, there were only 3 club bikes present. Well it's understandable that the heat kept members away.

Not so, Adrian Camilleri who clearly was enjoying having a bite to eat directed us to the majority of the usual members, having a coffee at the Laughing Fox café. Sure enough, a short ride up the street saw quite a number of members present.

Only one more Emerald coffee morning (in whichever place) before we see the calendar roll round again!



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November General Meeting

BY ANDREW NOVAK

25 NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting covered usual coffee, light supper, a chat with fellow members, general meeting details and special guest speakers; Shane and Phil from Safe Roads for Us.

It was certainly an eye opener presentation from them regarding road safety and factors evolving around it.

Shane and Phil certainly covered aspects you don't generally read about or even consider.



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

Saturday Morning Coffee Rides

Every Saturday Morning - Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park
Join in for a friendly coffee every Saturday morning from 9 am at Laurent Bakery, 109 Dundas Place, Albert Park. (Melway 2K C7). All welcome. Please park safely and leave footpaths clear.

1st Saturday of the Month - Western Coffee Morning – Ballarat

Ride approx. 200 km return. **Start:** Shell Lilydale Servo 8.30 am for 9 am stop at Silvan Reservoir, Wesburn Park on the Warburton Highway. **Morning Coffee:** On Warburton Hwy east of Woori Yallock. **Lunch:** Reefton Hotel at 1 pm. Option of riding to Donna Buang after Lunch. Contact Ian McKenna for further details if required on 9547 6864.

2nd Saturday of the Month - Macedon Ranges and Gippsland Coffee Mornings – Malmsbury and Maffra

The Macedon Ranges group meets at The Stables, 50 Clowes Street, Malmsbury, at 9 am. Please sms Mark Griffiths 0481 834 900, to ensure you have company for a coffee and chat. The Gippsland group meets at the Heyfield Bakery, 59 Temple St, Heyfield at about 9.30 am. Why not connect with members in your area and join them?

3rd Saturday of the Month - Central Coffee Morning – Bendigo

Come to meet other members on the third Saturday of the month from 10 am onwards at the Bridge Hotel, 47 Bridge Street, Bendigo, to have a chat and possibly a ride afterwards. All welcome.

4th Saturday of the Month - Eastern Coffee Morning – Emerald

Meet members and friends on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9 am onwards at the Emerald Bakery, Kilvington Drive, Emerald, to catch up on the news.

DECEMBER

Every Saturday Morning - Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

21st December - Saturday – Central - Bendigo, Sth Gippsland/Bass Coast Morning Coffee – San Remo

26th December - Thursday – 1st January Wednesday - Christmas Camp in Heathcote

This year we'll be heading to Heathcote to the Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park in 3 Barrack Street, Heathcote 3523

Tel: 03 5433 2304 (Manager: Barbara)

Email: info@heathcotecaravanpark.com.au

<https://www.heathcotemeadowcaravanpark.com.au>

This Park will be our base for this year's Christmas Camp and the manager Barbara will hold a few cabins and places until 16th Sept for us :-)

Various accommodations contact Caravan Park for further details...earlier the better. Caravan caravan park has a large camp kitchen, an outdoor/covered camp kitchen with a pizza oven, as well as barbecues and seating. There are 4

amenities blocks to keep you hydrated and well. CHECK WEBSITE for other accommodation facilities available.

28th December - Saturday – Christmas Lunch, 1pm. Commercial Hotel, Heathcote

28th December - Saturday – Emerald Gathering Coffee Morning

JANUARY

Every Saturday Morning - Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

1st January Wednesday - Christmas Camp in Heathcote Final Day

6th January – Monday – CRL to Cunninghams Hotel in Yarra Junction.

Ride of 130 km to Cunninghams Hotel in Yarra Junction. Ride via Warrandyte, Croydon, Sassafras, Sherbrooke Forest, Emerald, Yellingbo, Cockatoo and Gembrook. Return via Yellingbo and Beenak road to Montrose for a total distance of 160 km. Assemble Peppers Paddock General Store, Wattle Glen 9.30 for departure at 10.00 am. Stop at Sherbrooke Forest and Gembrook. Lunch at Cunninghams Hotel in Yarra Junction at 12.30 pm. Finish at Hummingbirrd Cafe in Montrose at 2.30 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna 0487 868 466.

11th January – Saturday – North East Coffee Morning - Winton North

Mokoan Hub & Café 10.00 am 652 Lake Mokoan Rd, Winton Nth

15th January – Wednesday - Midweek Ride to Meeniyana Hotel Meeniyana.

Ride of 140 km to the Meeniyana Hotel in Meeniyana. Ride via Clyde, Bayles, Lang Lang, Grantville, Kongwak and Koonwarra to Meeniyana. Return via Mirboo North, Trafalgar, Longwarry, Garfield and Pakenham to Emerald for a total distance of 290 km. Assemble 8.30 at BP Lyndhurst Service Centre, Thompson Road for departure at 9.00 am. Stop at Lang Lang, Meeniyana, Garfield and Emerald. Coffee at the Country Grind Cafe in Lang Lang at 10.00 am. Lunch at Meeniyana Hotel in Meeniyana at 12.30 pm. Coffee at Brewsters Cafe in Garfield at 3.30 pm. Finish at Emerald Village Bakery at 5.00 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

19th January – Sunday - Sunday Ride - TBA (South East - Gippsland)

Ride Leader: Chris Seabrook 0417 330 586 Other Inquiries: Ian McKenna 0487 868 466

27th January - Monday – Monthly Club Meeting & BBQ - WESTERFOLDS PARK, TEMPLESTOWE

No Meeting in Camberwell Meet us at WESTERFOLDS PARK in TEMPLESTOWE.

The first meeting will be our very popular and traditional gathering, a BBQ at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe. Grab your riding buddies and meet us there at 6 p.m. for the barbecue. This is a free event provided by your club and

committee. Westerfolds is a big park so check the website for instructions to the Swamp Gum carpark and rotunda. It's essential to register on the website! If you don't register how can we cater for you? Please advise special dietary needs to Winfried Hessling, 0403 302 230. Enter the park at the main entrance in Fitzsimons Lane (Templestowe). Follow the main road to the roundabout and turn left. Continue on the main road, passing Red Gum car-park to the Swamp Gum car-park where you will see the shelter, barbeques and playground.

FEBRUARY

Every Saturday Morning - Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

3rd February – Monday - CRL to Country Club Hotel in Yea
Ride of 120 km to the Country Club Hotel in Yea. Ride via Hurstbridge, Wallan, Kilmore, Broadford, Strath Creek and Kerrisdale to Yea.

Return via Melba Highway to Yarra Glen for a total distance of 180 km. Assemble at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen for departure at 10.00 am. Stop at Kilmore, Yea and Yarra Glen. Lunch at the Country Club Hotel in Yea at 12.00 Noon. Final Coffee at Yarra Flats Bakery in Yarra Glen at 2.30 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

8th February – Saturday – North East Coffee Morning – Alexandra

Grant Street Grocer 100 Grant St, Alexandra VIC 3714

12th February Wednesday - Midweek Ride to Rowing Club in Nagambie.

Ride of 190 km to the Rowing Club in Nagambie. Ride via Gruyere, Coldstream, Yea, Yarck, Ruffy and Longwood to Nagambie.

Return via Avenel, Seymour, and Yea to Coldstream for a total distance of 345 km. Assemble 8.30 at Shell Lilydale

Service Station for departure at 9.00 am. Stop at Yea, Nagambie, Yea and Coldstream. Coffee at Marmalades Cafe in Yea at 10.30 am. Lunch at the Rowing Club in Nagambie at 1.00 pm. Coffee at Provendore Bakehouse in Yea at 3.30 pm. Finish at Cold stream at 5.30 pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

16th February – Sunday – Jamieson (North East) Ride

Ride the winding roads to Jamieson for Lunch (159km). Please note this ride forms part of the first multi day ride for the year. So after lunch those continuing to Wangaratta will depart via Mansfield and you are welcome to continue with us as desired.

Assemble at Coles Express Lilydale (8:30am) Depart (9:00am) for Eildon via Healesville, Buxton & Thornton Eildon - Morning Tea (10:30am) Jamieson - Lunch (12:30pm) After lunch its find your own way home. Ride Leader: Chris Seabrook 0417 330 586 Other Inquiries: Ian McKenna 0487 868 466

24th February - Monday – Monthly Club Meeting - Doncaster Hotel, Doncaster

No Meeting in Camberwell. Meet at Doncaster Hotel, Doncaster.

The FEBRUARY general meeting will be another social get-together, this time at the Doncaster Hotel, 855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster, 3108. The carpark is behind the hotel and can be accessed from Doncaster Road or Victoria Street. Come at 6 p.m. with your friends, bring new ones if you wish, to chat with other members while having dinner together. Meals and drinks will be at our own cost. You'll need to register for this event so we have a place for you at the table. Come and join us! No traditional meetings at Camberwell in January or February. Social occasions only in January and February.

**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

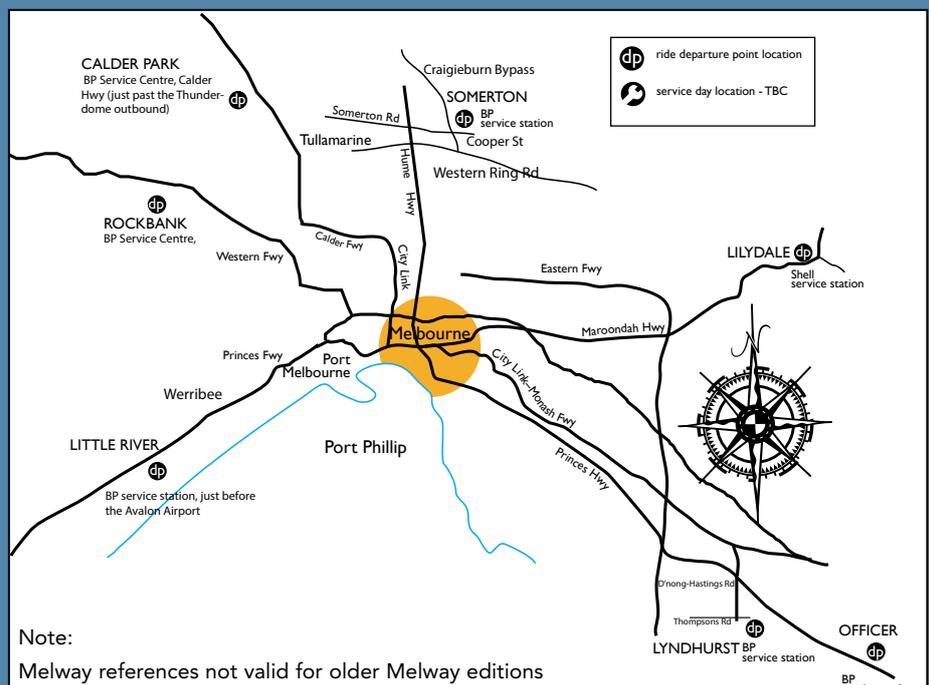
BP Service Centre - Officer Outbound 65 Princes Fwy, (M1) Officer. 2 km South East of Beaconsfield Exit on M1

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.*



Classifieds

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Hex ezCAN (R1200GS) - \$150 ONO
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A brown Dainese leather jacket is for sale ... due to significant weight loss jacket is now too big . Original purchase price was \$900

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