



NEWSLETTER

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**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



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MEETINGS

Monthly Club Meetings	Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month (except for December)
Sydney Social Sip	Held at 6:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. Members gather at the Toongabbie Hotel for a chat and something to eat before crossing the road to attend the club meeting.
South Coast Social Sip	Held anytime after 6.30pm on the 2nd Friday of the month. Members gather at the Great Southern Hotel, 95 Queen St, BERRY, for a chat and something to eat.
Newcastle Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
Bathurst Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month for a chat and something to eat. Venue is Jack Duggans Hotel(the Irish Pub), George St BATHURST

CLUB POINT SCORE

<i>Organise a Ride or Event</i>	2
<i>Attend a Social Sip</i>	2
<i>Attend a Social night (Restaurant night, party, etc)</i>	3
<i>Attend a Maintenance Day</i>	2
<i>Attend a Day Ride</i>	6
<i>Attend a Weekend Run or Rally</i>	10
<i>Attend a Long Weekend Run or Rally</i>	12
<i>Self-written Newsletter article</i>	4
<i>Attend a Club Meeting – City Member</i>	4
<i>Attend a Club Meeting – Country Member</i>	6
<i>Attend a Night Run</i>	6



Ride & Events Calendar

ALL COVID 19 RESTRICIONS WILL APPLY TO ANY RUN PROPOSED.
PLEASE CHECK IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING ATTENDING ANY FUNCTION

Regular Events			
Wed Weekly	Meet at Jerry's Kulnura every Wednesday @ 10am	Henning 0457 034 488 Mick F 0414 713 359	
2 nd Sunday each month	Coffee morning and ride from Bolwarra	Rob Teideman 0425 777461	
once each month	Far South Coast (Bega Valley)	Steve Treloar 0439739876	
RUN WEEKENDS MAY VARY message me if you want to be on the text list.			
Previous Month's Events			
Club Xmas Party, Wee Jasper New Years Gathering			
January 2025			
Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	KRR Recon Run – Enjoy a great ride to the Hunter and meet for dinner at the Bank Hotel Dungog on Saturday night (or earlier for a few drinks).	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
Thurs 30 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
February 2025			
Sat 1 st	Far South Coast Lunch Run; Buckley's Crossing Hotel, Dalgety . In Conjunction with the BMWCC. Meet at Hotel 12pm. Depart Merimbula 9am, Stop Bombala at COSMOS café. Register on link https://tinyurl.com/FarSouthCoastLunchRide	Steve Treloar 0439739876	2
Fri 7 th - Sun 9 th	Karuah River Rally , Frying Pan Creek campground, Chichester State Forest. Access involves about 15 kilometres of forest road. PLEASE NOTE – if fire or weather risks close the rally site, an alternative will be signposted – attendees must not enter the site if closed. See club website and Facebook page for further details closer to the time. Note both roads to the rally site are now open (see club website for a "mud map".	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425 or rob@gaslightbo oks.com.au	10
Wed 12 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Sat 22 nd Sun 23 rd	BMWCC run to Orange/ Bathurst. Contact Karen Landstaff 0413259621		
Thurs 13 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Wed 26 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
Thurs 27 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
MARCH 2025			
Sat 1 st	Historic bike ride Lunch. Get your Historic reg bike out, meet for lunch at 11.30am. grand View Hotel Wentworth falls. (ps. All are welcome)	Graham Johns 0419 281 875	2
Sat 1 st – Sun 2 nd	Silly Buggers Ride 3. Quambone NSW at the Sundowner Hotel-Motel in Tucka Tucka St, Quambone. Camping in the block next to the pub, BBQ dinner at the pub on Saturday, Bacon & Egg Rolls for brekkie on Sunday	Perry Gilsenan 0418 978 781	10

	<p>morning. Remember to bring your Hawaiian shirt. Find your own way sort of ride. Numbers will be needed closer to the date for catering. Contact Perry.</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/SillyBuggersRide2025</p>		
Sat 8 th Sun 9 th	Cold Flame Rally. Native Dog Flat, Cobberas Vic	Dave Ramsey 0427264196	10
Wed 12 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thurs 13 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sun 23 rd	New Members Ride. Meet at Ampol Foodary, M4 Westbound from 9am, leaving at 9:30am. Destination Wentworth Falls Lake via Bells Line of Rd. The club will put on a BBQ lunch for all riders attending. Not just for new members, it's a great way to meet other club members.	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Wed 26 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
Thurs 27 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
APRIL 2025			
Sat 6 th Sun 7 th	Loaded Dog Rally Tarago Showground	Dave Ramsey 0427264196	10
Wed 9 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thurs 10 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Wed 30 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
Thurs 24 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
MAY 2025			
Wed 14 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thurs 15 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 16 th Sun 18 th	Ruptured Budgie Rally 60 km west of Tenterfield	Alan Peters 0407829033	10
Wed 28 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
Thurs 29 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 5pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
OCTOBER 2025			
Sat 25 th - Sun 26 th	BMWTCNSW 60th anniversary celebration dinner. Black Gold Motel at Wallerawang, NSW. Book Saturday nights accommodation with Black Gold Motel 0263 557 305, tell the motel you are with the BMWTC function. Register your attendance with Marie so that we know you are coming	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10

4/6* City members attending a club meeting receive 4 points, country members receive 6 points.

If you have been to an event & wish to have your attendance considered for the Clubman Point score please contact Dave Beers.

If you would like to suggest an event (a rally etc) published for the clubs event calendar (eg so that you can use your Historic registered bike) please contact Steve Treloar with the appropriate details.

Please also feel free to contact your local Ride Coordinator (details inside cover of newsletter)

BMWTCNSW General Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: 27th November 2024

Motion: Alison Ashby to chair tonight's meeting.

Moved: Bob Madell

Seconded: Justin Dorward

Chairperson: Alison Ashby (Treasurer)

Meeting Opened: 7.31pm

In Person: Justin Dorward (Secretary), Ed Chapman, Mal & Marianne Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Mick Goodwin (Spare Parts), Bob Whitehead, Trevor Hooker, Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Dave Beers, Fernando Cortijo, Warren Buffett, Michael Sarah, Tony Conliffe (Newsletter), Rod Tiedeman, Mark Morrison, Stan Kucera, Hans Bielaczek.

Via Zoom: Colin Watkins, Steve Treloar (President), Al Pennykid (Editir), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Dave Williams, Trevor Dean (BMWCA).

Visitors: Brian Wood, Matt Featherstone (guest speaker)

Apologies: Bill Sparks, Chuck Hamilton, Al Peters.

Previous Minutes

Motion: To amend September 2024 general meeting minutes, as per:

1. Clarify that Bob Madell did not resign from the MCC of NSW, in that he did not stand for re-election as chairman.

Clarify in the MCC of NSW report, the second paragraph is in regards to Terms of Reference for the use of public lands by the Stay Safe Committee. Correct Troy Lennin to Troy Lennon.

Moved: Bob Madell

Seconded: Bob Whitehead

October Minutes

Moved: Trevor Hooker

Seconded: Warren Buffett

Guest Speaker

Matt Featherstone of The ART of Motorcycle Roadriding

President's Report:

Steve Treloar

Thank you Matt Featherstone for speaking to us. Everyone needs some training, every now and again.

Fantastic newsletter - many thanks to Alan Pennykid. Call-out to members for content.

Christmas Party, New Year's Gathering, Recon Run, KRR, various social sips and more.

Secretary Correspondence & Report

Justin Dorward

Around 10 years ago, David Madell made the envious motorcycle trip of a lifetime from London to Sydney and documented the trip to be able to make presentations, sharing this journey with interested riders. David is happy to share his story with BMWTCNSW members and

visitors attending the January 2025 general meeting on the 27th, in-person and over our usual Zoom.

Email: Interstate newsletters

PO Box: RFDS newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

October 2024

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$3092.19

Savings account balance at end of month \$28179.37

TOTAL IN BANK \$31271.56

SUMMARY

Total Income \$1414.27

Total Expenses \$4133.16

Total Interest Earned \$32.27

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Webhosting and trailer rego were paid this month.

Membership Secretary Report

Marie Pennykid

Four new members, 359 active members.

MCC of NSW Report

Bob Madell

The MCC of NSW is planning quarterly meetings. Petition in the NSW Parliament about recreational use of National Parks.

BMWCA Report

Trevor Dean

Attended the BMW Clubs International annual meeting in Dubai two weeks ago. The agenda for the next quarter was set. An agenda item that affects us - how to keep spare parts available. 40 delegates attended.

Traveling to Phuket BMW Clubs Asian General Meeting tomorrow.

BMW Clubs Australia AGM is in Melbourne 15-17th February. Presentation on an app called TourBoss.

General Business

New Members

Alison Ashby

Welcome to our new member, Dave Williams.

Christmas Party (7th - 8th Dec)

Marie Pennykid

The Christmas Party is coming along nicely, it will be another great event. 60 people booked. The \$20 per person deposit is refundable on the night only. If you are attending please deposit your payment in the club account and email me any dietary requirements, Gluten Free, Vegetarian etc. We will do our best to cater for you. Tracy Cahill can't attend and is donating some funds for a raffle prize.

The new Calendars are for sale and will be at the Christmas Party.

New Year's Gathering at Micalong Creek (31st Dec - 1st Jan)

Steve Treloar

Rob Lovett organises this event, near Wee Jasper and it is usually a relaxing experience. Badges are available and you need to book accommodation ahead.

KRR Recon Run (18th - 19th Jan)

Steve Treloar

The Bank Hotel has some accommodation, where dinner is held. There is other accommodation available in town.

Karuah River Rally (8th - 9th Feb)

Marie Pennykid & Steve Treloar

Everything is coming together nicely, as usual. The rally website of national events hasn't been updated for the new year. Thanks to Warren, trophies have been sorted out.

National BMW Motorrad Rally 2026

Steve Treloar

A committee has been established and volunteers are needed. Meeting Dave Beers in Mudgee on the way to the Christmas Party for further research. Justin adds Henning has shared some information on the Mid-Western Council Grants.

Event Calendars

Alison Ashby

The event calendars are ready! \$20 Limited run of 40 units (new price). We will need photos for the 2026 edition of events we run and attend in 2025. Be ready to take some pictures to submit around mid-year.

Future General Meeting Chairpersons

Alison Ashby

Bob - January

Woz - February

Justin - March

Previous Events

Walcha Motorcycle Rally report by Rod Tiedeman.

Steve reports twelve BMWTCNSW members attended the Trout Rally, scoring us the largest club attendance award.

"Not The Snowy Ride", five day ride to Gundagai, Bongang Hwy, Omeo with another group of around 20 people. Highly recommended.

Marie reports 7 people attended the lunch run to Hill End.

Auction

Item: Dave wins the new boots from Morro.

Various regalia items were purchased.

General Health & happenings

Kevin Irwin had an accident after the FCR at Hamilton. He was hit while crossing the road at a zebra crossing. The perpetrator was arrested soon after. He is in good health. He is unable to drive or ride - further information available

Peter Jenkins was in Adelaide Hospital a week ago, but is home now.

Bob Madell turned 80 a few weeks ago.

Dave Beers called Bill Sparks. He is doing well despite some more treatment to come.

Alison reports gift baskets were sent to various members.

Next Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd January 2025.

Next General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 29th January 2025

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm



Notice: Speed Limit Changes

26th October 2024

Transport for NSW has published many speed zone changes across the state since the last BMWTCNSW Newsletter was published. These changes have occurred in the following LGAs: **Albury City, Ballina / Lismore, Byron, Camden, City of Parramatta, Clarence Valley, Dubbo Regional, Greater Hume Shire, Gwydir, Hornsby, Inner West Sydney, Kempsey, Lismore, Liverpool, Mid Coast, Mid Western Regional, Northern Beaches, Parkes, Parramatta, Ryde, Singleton, Sydney, Tweed, Wollondilly, Wollongong.**

For more information on these changes, feel free to contact me via secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au

*Justin Dorward,
Secretary, BMW Touring Club of NSW*

Presidents Report February 2025

Welcome everyone to the new year and February's newsletter. Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas and new year. Relaxation and rest for those still in the workforce. I had a couple of welcome trips away on the bike as well.

The new years Gathering at Micalong Creek, Wee Jasper saw quite a few attend. There were a couple of camps which was fine. It made for some incidental exercise wondering back and forth. I believe most of use brought in the new year whilst sitting around chatting and consuming some beverages with a variety alcoholic content.

My Exped sleeping mat decided to haemorrhage during the night, the heat seal strips unstuck right along the mat. It was an early rise and headed home.

The social calendar, recon run is happening, as I'm penning this. I believe a wet one. I have been in contact with the BMWCC ride Co-ordinator Karen Longstaff in Canberra. Again this year where will be a few runs in conjunction the the Canberra club. First one is a Lunch run, Sat 1 Feb to the Dalgety hotel, Buckley's crossing. I have got a far south/ south coast SMS group to give members more local a heads up of a run / activity in the area. Up Newcastle way they also have a WhatsApp group. To all our new members, and Welcome to you. Make contact with your regional ride co-ordinator and get onto a local activity.

We are still looking for a Vice President, to assist with keeping to club going. If you would like to assist please get in contact with any of the committee. Our club have been going for 50 years and will be having a celebration later in the year. Planning is also underway for the National Motorrad Rally NMR26 that our club is hosting. Pre entry information will be released soon.

Our own Karuah River Rally also 7th to 9th Feb. It will be great to catch up with everyone.

Ride Safe

Steve

Financials	
November 2024	
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	3900.54
Savings Account balance	28206.35
TOTAL IN BANK	32106.89
Summary	
Total Income	1571.98
Total Expenses	736.65
Total Interest earned	26.98

2024 Club Christmas Party

As well as celebrating the end of the year in the company our members (worthwhile all by itself) and meeting old friends the club runs a raffle to raise funds for the community of the town where our party is located. In past years it has gone to the local RFS, SES, local hospital etc.

In 2024 the funds raised (\$500) were donated to the Merriwa Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their Christmas Street Party so they could provide free Santa bags for the all the kids of Merriwa attending the street party. Our contribution was much appreciated. (see Merriwa thank you later in the newsletter).

We are looking for suggestions for a location for Xmas party 2025, talk to a committee member.

Welcome to the new members:

- Arjun Dilip (Marrickville)
- Anthony Woods (Armidale)
- Cameron Smith (Bathurst)
- Bradley Taylor (Mannering Park)
- Reginald Guernier (Catherine Field)

HYBRID MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

TOONGABBIE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ZOOM

The *BMW Touring Club of NSW* hosts its monthly general meetings at the Toongabbie Community Centre and via the popular cloud teleconferencing platform **Zoom**. It is an intuitive and simple platform.

<https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCSW-General-Meetings>

Please use your name when logging in, instead of any aliases or nicknames. **The same link will be used each month, so feel free to bookmark it in your web browser.**

The General Monthly Meeting is 7.30pm on the final Wednesday of the month, except December. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Justin Dorward, Secretary, BMW Touring Club of NSW

Financials

December 2024	
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	4568.27
Savings Account balance	25958.42
TOTAL IN BANK	30526.69
Summary	
Total Income	3607.07
Total Expenses	5187.27
Total Interest earned	27.07

Please remember when depositing into the club account to put your **Name** in the description of what the deposit is for **MSHIP & Number, XMAS, FCR, AWARDS, MERCH etc.**

Please use the description suggested as it helps in finding and checking deposits, also email the appropriate person. ie: treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au or member-ship@bmwtcnsw.org.au

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Notes:

November: Fruit Baskets were sent to 3 of our members who are not in the best of health. We wish them the best.

December: What a Christmas Party it was a fun and a very successful event. The caterers **Eat @ 153**, Kylie and her team did a wonderful job, call in and say Hi if you're in Merriwa. The Raffle raised \$500 and was donated to the Merriwa Chambers of Commerce for their Street Christmas Party. \$12.30 was donated to the RFDS from the recycled cans. Now where will we go this year? Save the date 13 December 2025.

Hope all our members and their families are doing ok and have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Stay Safe!
Alison Ashby
Treasurer
0422 077 583

Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum

Hi there,

My name is Kerry Guerin and I am the secretary of the Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum.

As a museum that frequently hosts visits from motorcycle clubs like yours, we wanted to reach out and ask for your support by signing our petitions to help save the museum and show how important it is to so many people. preserving this important piece of history for future generations.

We have 2 petitions:

1. NSW Parliamentary Petition which is for NSW residents of all ages, asking politicians to facilitate site ownership for the Museum
You can access this petition here: [Facilitate Site Ownership for the Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum](#)
2. Global Petition (open to everyone of voting age and aimed at Thales to highlight the museum's importance to Australian heritage and its global value.)
You can access this petition here: [Secure the Future of Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum](#)

If you could share the petition with your members, family and friends, anyone who might be interested, we'd really appreciate it. Every signature will make a big difference as we fight to keep the museum open for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and support – we look forward to continuing to welcome motorcyclists to the museum for many years to come!

Thank you.

Donna, Kerry, and the Museum Team

Kind regards,

Kerry Guerin

Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum

WANTED:

A Vice President for our committee, this could be your chance!

The main roles of the Vice President are:

- Collating/creating the monthly event calendar for the newsletter and club website
- Recording which of our members has attended which calendar events for our annual club awards.
- Finding a suitable site and organising our annual awards dinner in July each year.

If you are willing to give it a try, other members of the committee are all willing to help you get on your feet.

In the meantime all requests for additions to the club event calendar should go to Steve Treloar, and report any club calendar event attendances to Dave Beers.

HISTORIC REGISTER LUNCH RIDE.

Saturday 1st March 2025 from 12 midday.

Grand View Hotel,

174 Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

For some time a number of the club Historic Registrars have been tossing around the idea of creating ride days to cater for the growing number of historically registered bikes within the club. The scheme has been running since 2018 and the latest count shows 218 bikes registered with club members, which makes the idea of ride days long overdue. As this is the first planned get together with Historic bikes the centrepiece it has been arranged as a low key gathering where bikes and owners can simply assemble and discuss all things to do with older BMW's over lunch and a beverage.

Parking is in the carpark at the rear of the pub and a table for 20 has been reserved. All members are welcome, not just those with bikes on Historic plates. On the day we can discuss what members would like to see from future gatherings such as venues, dates, locations etc. Observant members will notice that the day was initially set for 22nd March so please note the new date.



Charge those batteries, pump those tyres up and lets get a few oldies on the road and if your rego is due then bring your paperwork.. If you require any more info feel free to give me a call on 0419 281875.

Graham Johns.

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Merriva

The Meeting Place

Dear Members of the BMW Touring Club,

Thank you so much for your generous \$500 donation to our Community Christmas party. Your support helped us create Santa bags that brought joy to so many children in our community.

The leftover Santa bags were also shared with the Merriwa Carols in the Park and the Merriwa and Cassilis Play Group Christmas events, spreading the festive cheer even further. We're so grateful for your contribution, which made a big difference to our local celebrations.

Your kindness means so much to us, and we truly appreciate your support. We look forward to collaborating with the BMW Touring Club again in the future.

Best regards,

Carlita McConnell

President

Merriwa and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry

merriwacahmber@gmail.com



BMWTCNSW XMAS at MERRIWA 2024.

Having planned to swag it somewhere in Merriwa & all packed, I received a distress call from Rob Edgar asking if I would like to be Stan's proxy in the Golden Fleece Motel, thus a reduction my baggage.

After being with Zoe, Odin & Lucy at swimming lessons I hit the road 11.30 Saturday for a leisurely journey via Singleton & Muswellbrook arriving at Stan's motel just after 4.

A very hot & dry ride along with a very strong head winds accompanied me most of the way. Later I learned that some others encountered nearly the reverse with heavy rains & winds.

I was forced to take a break under Goliath for a well needed liquid top up.

Lunched at Singleton & coffee at Sandy Hollow via some good back roads.



From 5.30 onwards we all swung into full swing in the School of Arts hall all being very well fed & self watered with formalities to keep us entertained till about 10 ish.

A top evening had by the 70 odd attendees, thank you committee & team.



Rob Edgar, Marie Pennykid, Scarfie, Tony Conliffe, Bruce Campbell and our display/awards area



7.30am Sunday at the bakery had breakie sorted, then I returned home via Sandy Hollow (with a road casualty in the centre of town), Broke & Morriset though tempted by the Putty Road sign & home just before 1pm with misty drizzle by about 5.

Passing those massive open coal mines, I pondered a thought about climate change & as none of it comes back to us, is there any impact on the earths balance & axis



offset? Same question for iron ore etc.

Throughout the whole journey I encountered very noisy rain while passing through the trees only later to realise that cicadas were showering me with their excrement!!!

Another delightful but brief interlude with the BMWTCNSW

Cheers

Henning #33 on the trusty/rusty R60.

KRR 2025 RECON RUN

In many senses we are creatures of habit and the Karuah River Rally (KRR) "Recon Run" is an enjoyable habit the Club has developed over many years. It's also an important step in preparation for the rally itself. The event goes back a fair way with the December 1994 club magazine telling members to head up to Dungog on 21-22 January. There was no hint of where they would stay but you can have a guess]

The run's purpose was to tell everyone about the forthcoming rally which could involve several hundred bikes descending on the town on 11-12 Feb '95. The recon event was probably on our calendar for many years before 1994 and was a great chance to check out the Dungog region and catch up with members after rally stuff was finished.

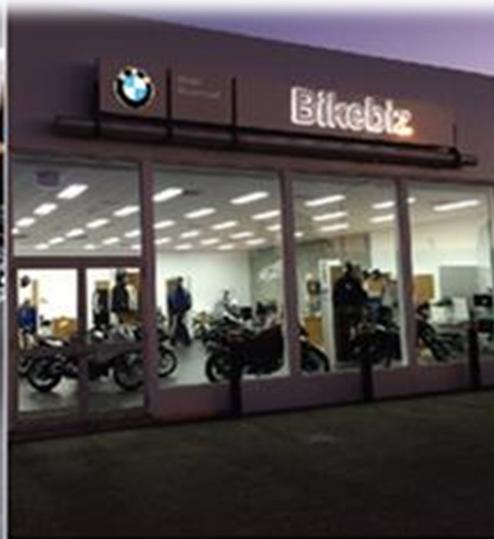
When Gerry Bloemen asked me to give him a hand back in 2001. the actions were summarised on a small filing card. After bringing the town up date and placing orders for the Rally, we retired to the Bank Hotel for the afternoon and evening. Despite retiring sensibly around midnight; for me, the 550k run home on Sunday was a herculean commitment.

Thanks to Gerry Bloemen, I've been doing the Recon Run ever since 2001 except the steps for setting up the Rally don't fit on a small filing card any more! If you aren't involved in prepping for the Rally, the Recon Run

is simple and a lot of fun. Firstly, book somewhere to stay the night, then meet at the Bank for a few drinks, then dinner (at the Bank) and then take it from there. There are many riding options for accessing Dungog noting the weather can be warm and humid (excellent).



Thirteen members turned up to this year's run for a great weekend but it was an interesting one with many firsts. For various reasons, everyone drove (no riding!) but to be fair, the rain was torrential and some of the roads were badly pot-holed for long stretches with limited visibility. Second, except for the author, all other attendees were couples, third, it was the wettest Recon weekend that I can remember. And fourth, it was our first without Bruce Clark (Bank Hotel owner) who passed away in May 24 (a



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very funny bloke and generous supporter of the Rally). And fifth, the pub's bistro was closed as local floods stopped the chefs getting into town, and so, a huge thanks to Alison Ashby for organising pizzas (Marie Pennykid's great idea) for a top little dinner. And, of course, all the rally's organizational steps were completed.

The KRR Recon Run is a relaxed and enjoyable weekend so think about giving it a go in 2026. And if you go through Rylstone, drop into *Tanks and Tailpipes* – a great little motorbike memorabilia shop that kindly donated some items to Marie Pennykid for the raffle at Karuah. You can also check them out on www.tanksandtailpipes.co.

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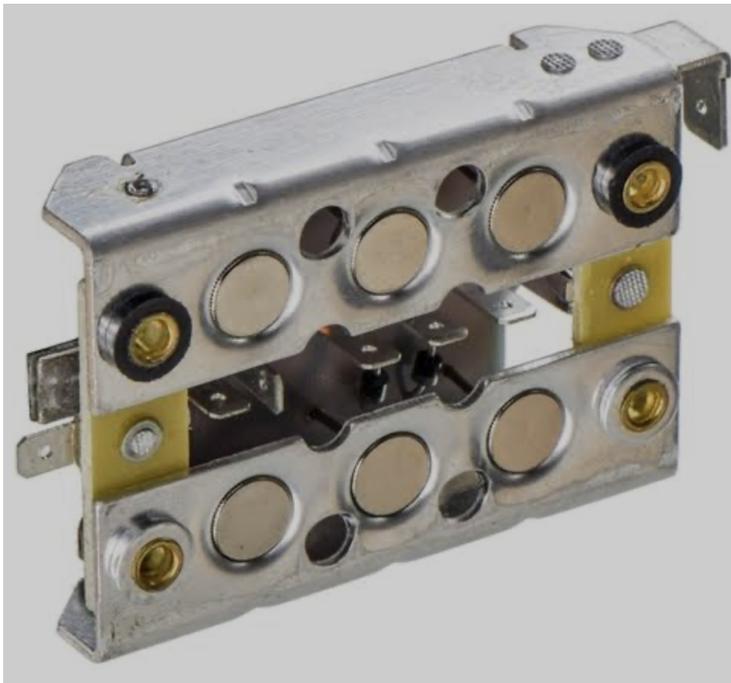
Notes On BMW R Series Charging System Maintenance

By K W Prager, California BMW

BMW twins (R - airhead, R75 - R100xx) charging systems work just fine if they are not wasting energy producing heat (overcoming resistance) instead of keeping the battery charged. A healthy charging system produces nearly 14 volts, which is more than enough to keep the battery charged, vest hot, and lights lit.

The basic principle in maintaining a sound charging system is to **reduce resistance in the charging circuit** as much as possible. The following notes may help you keep your battery and charging system in top condition, and reflect current shop practices at California BMW for charging system maintenance.

Motorcycles with symptoms of charging problems such as weak batteries or low charge voltage often **show signs of excessive heat** in the charging system: melted diode solder, cooked wire ends, and blackened, brittle insulation. They frequently have old or partially sulphated batteries with a very low charge carrying capacity. Ground connections and bolts will probably show signs of oxidation or corrosion. Replacement of any single system component such as battery, diode board (rectifier), voltage regulator or damaged wires may temporarily ameliorate the situation, but the symptoms will probably recur.



R series Diode Board

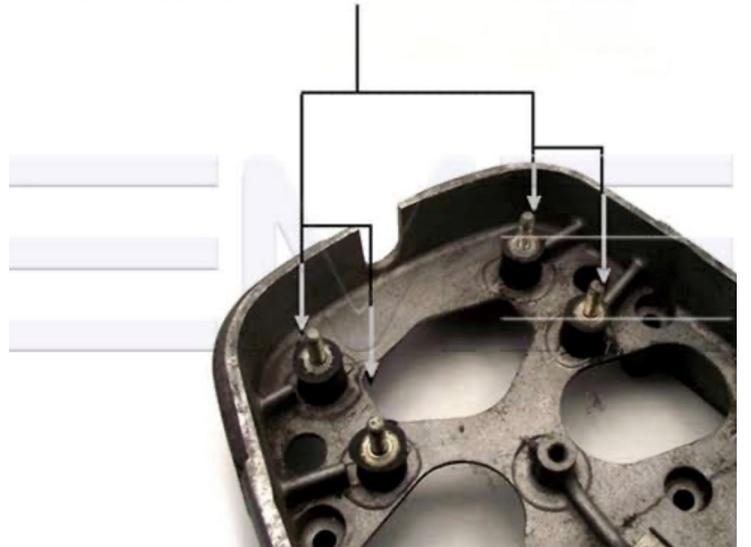
A simple check of the health of your charging system can be done by checking the voltage drop between the B+ lead at the diode board and the positive post of the battery. You should see only a slight voltage drop at the battery positive terminal. A drop of more

than 0.5 volts may indicate excessive resistance in the charging system. Voltage at the battery should be not less than 13.2 volts at maximum output.



The **alternator** feeds the diode board through a three-wire connector. The wires in this harness are quite thick (2.5mm or 16 gauge black) and carry AC current to the diode board (bridge rectifier). Check the wire ends for signs of overheating, replace if in doubt of the condition of wires. Bench measurement of resistance with an ohmmeter may not reflect performance in operation.

Remove old rubber mounts and install new solid metal mounts here



Remove and examine the diode board itself. Look for signs of melted solder or measure the diodes with an ohmmeter to determine that they pass electricity only in one direction. The diode check function in a multimeter or test light is a better test, as an ohmmeter may not sufficiently load the diode to reveal a problem. Visually check the soldered connections between the diodes and the diode board. Does the surface of the diode carrier have a crinkly appearance from overheating? Replace the board if anything looks questionable or face the likelihood of later failure on a long ride.

If your diode board is rubber isolated , always replace the four rubber mounts (preferably with solid metal mounts) and two ground wires (attached to the two upper mounting points on the rectifier) when the diode board is removed for inspection or replaced. If your diode board is solidly mounted, carefully clean all paint or corrosion from the aluminium timing chain housing where the diode board grounds to the housing before reinstallation. Note which mounting holes are grounded and which are insulated. You should also **add supplementary ground wires** to the crankcase from the grounded mounts as described below (A new supplementary ground wire set is available from BMW under part number #12 31 1 468 013.) If your diode board is rubber mounted, it will have two grounding wires connecting the diode board to the timing chain housing. First, remove all paint and corrosion from the timing chain housing where the wires make contact. Then clean and desolder the crimped connections on the factory ground wires and large red B+ wire. **(We re-tin even new wires.)**

It is best to run a third wire from the diode board mount back to one of the ground-ended mounting bolts at the starter to get the best possible connection from the diode board to the crankcase itself (We use a factory grounding wire and open up one terminal connector hole a little for the starter bolt.) These wires are specified 1.25mm or 16 gauge brown. This third wire is important to insure a good connection between the timing chain housing and the crankcase itself, especially on motors

with painted timing chain housings, as on most later motors. The new supplementary ground wire set will make this easier. The main positive B+ wire (4mm/6 gauge red) from the diode board to the starter also needs inspection. This wire carries the output from the alternator and diode board to the starter and hence to the battery. If the ends look cooked or the wire seems old and brittle, replace this wire! While you are replacing it, you should clean and inspect the main positive lead (16mm red) from the starter back to the battery, checking the ends for corrosion or oxidation, especially at the battery connection.

Check also that the **large connection nut at the starter is properly clean and tight** . We use a multi-meter test to determine the condition of these wires. Voltage drop from the B+ wire to the battery may be measured either with an accurate multimeter/voltmeter in parallel from the diode board to the positive terminal of the battery. A good wire will have a voltage differential of 0.1 volts; not so good wires will show a greater difference, perhaps 0.4 volts or more. This test may reveal faulty wires that seem okay when checked with ohmmeter. The short negative lead from the battery to the transmission breather/speedometer cable bolt needs to be clean, properly tightened and free of corrosion. If in doubt, replace it. Warning: If you over tighten the transmission breather bolt (easy to do) you will strip your transmission cover!



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The wires to the regulator can be quite oxidised without having much effect on charging efficiency since they serve a switching function only, but the regulator itself must turn the charging system off reliably at the desired cut-off to replace the harness connectors, or in rare occasions the entire harness. The alternator itself must be in good condition, with clean slip rings, good solder connections between the brushes and the brush-holder, and brush springs in good condition. **New alternator brushes measure about 16.5mm in length. The rotor should measure about 4 ohms resistance measured across the slip rings** . A failed rotor will have a broken wire and usually show infinite resistance across the slip rings. 'Bad' or open rotors are the second most common part failure, after diode boards. Occasionally a rotor will test okay on the bench and fail under operating conditions. If the slip rings are dirty, they may be cleaned with very fine emery or crocus cloth.

Did you know that **if your red alternator light does not come on when you switch on the bike, your charging system is probably not working?** The alternator exciter circuit passes battery voltage through the alternator bulb and the rotor to ground. No alternator light means no current to excite the alternator. If the light does not come on, it usually means either a bad bulb (cheap) or a bad rotor (expensive). Less often, it can mean a bad bulb socket, broken harness/connector or corroded instrument circuit board.



R series Alternator rotor

The importance of good test equipment and the necessity of a logical approach cannot be overemphasised. A good Fluke Multimeter or other accurate and properly understood electronic tester is absolutely necessary if you are going to diagnose a problem and trace it to a defective component or circuit. Remember: if you have not

tested a component and proved that it is working, you cannot assume that it is okay. Just because it is the part you most recently replaced or because it looks fine does not mean that it works. Read your manuals and do not do anything if you do not have a logical reason for what you are doing. Your dealer is understandably reluctant to accept easily damaged electronic components back for refund over the counter if you discover that swapping parts randomly does not fix the problem.

Finally, all your good efforts will go for naught if your battery is not maintained properly. This means **using only distilled water for filling**, not filling more than the correct amounts (overfilling a battery has the effect of discharging it), keeping terminals clean and tight, and above all charging the battery regularly with an external charger capable of at least 2 amps charging current.

Occasional charging is very important to keep the rest of your charging system healthy. Many charging system problems originate when owners ride around with an old, sulphated, nearly discharged battery, forcing the charging system to work at maximum output all the time. Your charging system requires a battery in good condition with a proper charge level in order to operate reliably. Failure to maintain your battery in a fully charged state or unwillingness to replace it before it fails completely put a tremendous strain on your charging system. Riding your bike frequently is no substitute for regular charging with an external charger of suitable type.

A **new service bulletin, No. 12 019 93** , from BMW of North America, validates the points made in this article, and **describes a new four-wire harness specifically designed to improve the ground circuits as described above**. The part number for this new harness is **12 31 1468 013** . Good luck with your charging system. When properly serviced and maintained, the BMW charging system is as reliable as any on the market.

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Why Correct Motorcycle Tyre Pressures are important

Motorcycle enthusiasts understand the thrill and freedom that comes with riding on two wheels. However, amidst the exhilaration, it's essential not to overlook the critical role that correct tyre pressures play in ensuring a safe and enjoyable riding experience. Proper tyre inflation is not just a technicality; it is a fundamental aspect of motorcycle maintenance that directly influences performance, handling, and overall safety.

1. Safety First:

The most compelling reason for maintaining correct tyre pressures is safety. Motorcycles, by design, have a smaller contact area with the road compared to four-wheeled vehicles. This makes them more susceptible to the impact of incorrect tyre pressures. Underinflated tyres, for instance, can lead to poor handling, decreased traction, and longer stopping distances, significantly increasing the risk of accidents.

2. Optimal Handling and Performance:

Motorcycle handling is a delicate balance, and tyre pressures play a pivotal role in maintaining it. When tyres are correctly inflated, the bike responds predictably to rider inputs, offering a more stable and controlled ride. Proper inflation ensures optimal contact with the road, allowing the rider to navigate corners with confidence and precision. Conversely, incorrect tyre pressures

can result in unpredictable behaviour, compromising the bike's overall performance.

3. Extended Tyre Lifespan:

Maintaining the recommended tyre pressures extends the lifespan of the tyres themselves. Underinflated tyres generate more heat, leading to increased wear and tear. This not only affects the durability of the tyre but also compromises its structural integrity. On the other hand, overinflated tyres may wear out unevenly, reducing their overall lifespan. By adhering to the manufacturer's recommended tyre pressures, riders can ensure that their tyres wear evenly, maximizing their longevity.

4. Fuel Efficiency:

Correctly inflated tyres contribute to improved fuel efficiency. Underinflated tyres increase rolling resistance, requiring the engine to work harder and consume more fuel. This not only impacts the rider's wallet but also contributes to environmental concerns. By keeping tyres properly inflated, riders can enhance fuel efficiency, reducing their environmental footprint and saving money on fuel costs.

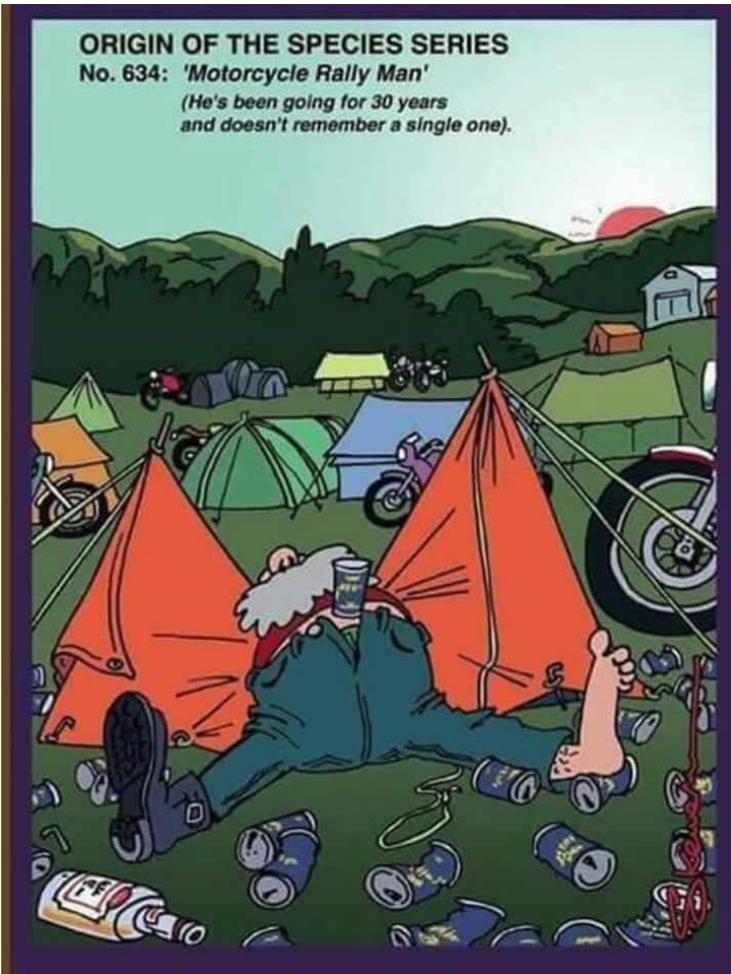
5. Getting it right

The motorcycle will tell you the correct pressure to use, not the tyre. Check the sticker that is usually on the swing arm, under the seat or in the BMW's user manual. Tyres filled with air will slowly deflate, whether used regularly or not. Purchase a small tyre gauge and keep it handy, whether it is a digital, analogue or an affordable pencil-style gauge. Ideally, you'll own a small compressor or tyre inflator. Even a cheap bicycle foot-pump is enough to top-up tyres before riding. Try to check your tyre pressures while the tyre is cold.

You can consider getting your tyres inflated with nitrogen, which is possible from good tyre shops. Nitrogen particles are larger and don't naturally leak from a tyre, like air does.

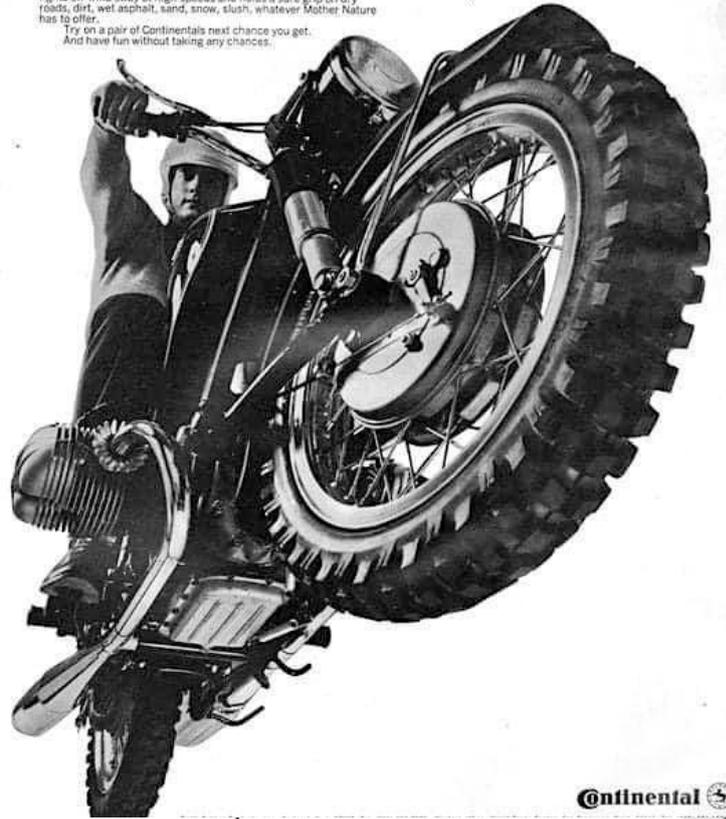
In the world of motorcycling, where every ride is an adventure, overlooking the importance of correct tyre pressures is a risk that no rider should take. Safety, performance, and longevity—all these aspects are intertwined with the simple yet crucial act of maintaining the right tyre pressures. Motorcycle enthusiasts should make it a habit to regularly check and adjust tyre pressures, ensuring that every ride is not only exhilarating but also safe and reliable.

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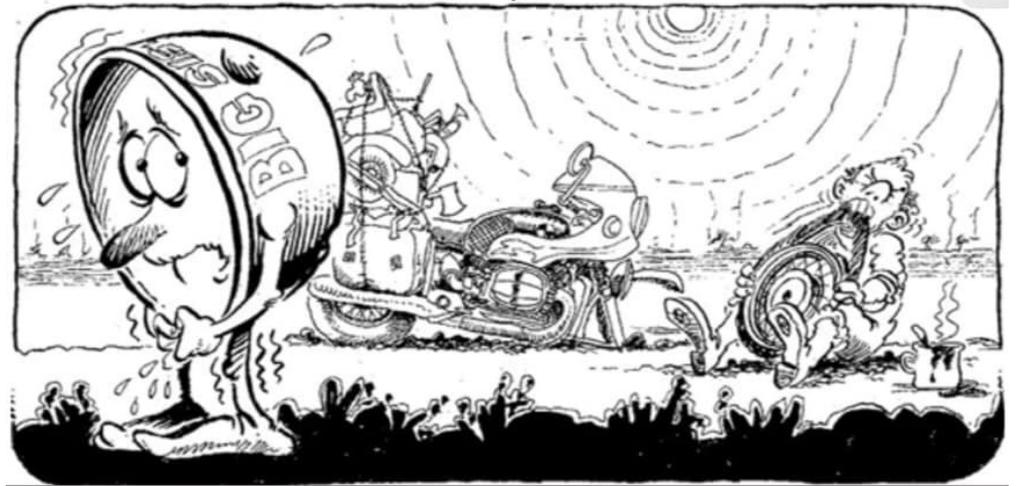


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