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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	
2nd Sunday each month	Coffee morning and ride from Bolwarra	Rob Teideman 0425 777461	
2nd Sunday each month	Central West/ Bathurst area ride day -Destination decided for the following month at each ride.	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	
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 Events - JULY			
Sun 13 th	Central West/Bathurst Dayride to Capertee for lunch,	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	6
Sat 12 th – Sun 13 th	Winter Rally, Nerriga. Hosted by United Tourers on their private property at Nerriga. Food, Bar, Bonfire, Bands	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	10
Sat 19 th Sun 20 th	Awards Night BOOROWA Ex Services club see flyer for details	Alison Ashby 0422 077 583	10
Sat 26 th Sun 27 th	Hat Rally Araluen Creek Campground. same W/E as last year. 22 km from Braidwood	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	10
AUGUST			
Sat 2 nd	Border Run (SA/WA), Border Village, SA.	Steve Treloar 0439 739 876	10
Sun 10 th	Central West ride to Rylstone , meet at Nikkis Café for pre-ride coffee etc, William St Bathurst from 10am(full tanks), leave at 10:30am	Alan Pennykid	6
Wed 13 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 14 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
Tue 26 th	Canberra Social Sip 4 th Tuesday of the month. This month at the Ainslie FC 6pm	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 27 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 28 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (Last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
Sat 30 th - Sun 31 st	TTT Rally (Young) Follow yellow and White signs from Kelly's Rd Young	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	10
Sun 31 st	Far South Coast Lunch ride in conjunction with the BMW MCC to Buckleys Crossing Hotel, Dalgety Hotel. Please let me Know or register on the BMW MCC website bmwmccact.org.au	Steve Treloar 0439739876	6
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 10 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 11 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat13 th Sun 14 th	Ragged Fringe Rally NEW LOCATION NEVILLE HOTEL Camping Ground		10

Fri 19 th - Sun 21 st	BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally Tottenham Racecourse see flyer for details	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Tue 23 rd	Canberra Social Sip 4 th Tuesday of the month. This month at the TBA	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 24 th	Club Meeting and AGM 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. HTTP://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
Thurs 25 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club(Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman	2
OCTOBER			
Wed 8 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 9 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	Kosciuszko Rally , hosted by BMW Motorcycle Club, Canberra. Watch for details, the site is shifting this year. More info at this link: https://tinyurl.com/KosciuszkoRally2025	Steve Treloar 0239 739 876	10
Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	BMWTCNSW 60th anniversary celebration dinner. Black Gold Motel at Wallerawang, NSW see flyer for details.	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
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Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. HTTP://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
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NOVEMBER			
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DECEMBER			
Wed 10 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 11 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat 13 th	BMWTCNSW Christmas Party , details tba	Justin Doward 0425777461	10
Wed 31 st	New Years Gathering at Micalong Creek		

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)

Presidents report July 2025

I Hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. And you have not run out of Firewood at home keeping [you](#) cosy. No doubt your thermal gear, heated vests and neck warmers are getting used, along with your wet weathers. The snow bunnies in the crowd will be loving the white stuff down in the snow fields. getting your thrills on 2 planks of wood...

Last weekend was our annual awards night. This year at Boorowa Services Club. They put on great food and a great night. 40 or so people turned up. Quite a few rolled into town on bikes, which was great to see. No doubt there will be a write up. Congratulations to all those that received an award. The trophies looked great, thanks to Dave Beers for organising them. We supported the local community in many ways the Club, 2 of the hotels in town had some late-night revellers. The motels as well. The local Rotary club received a \$240 donation from the Raffle held on the night. We also passed around a RFDS donation box, as a result \$146 has gone into the RFDS Pudding account. Thank you to everyone that came and helped make it an enjoyable night.

August brings the border Run on the South Australian / Western Australian border. I've heard there may be a few club members attending. Sat 2nd August.

For the Far South and Canberra's members we are having another lunch run with the BMWCC Canberra Club to the Buckley Crossings Hotel Dalgety. Meet there by 12noon. We will leave Merimbula at 9am stop in Bombala for 1/2hr coffee, warm up stop then onto Dalgety for 12 noon lunch. Sunday 31st.

September will be a big month for the Club. Our usual Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham from the 19th —21st. Time is moving on please register for the rally, info in the newsletters.

25th-26th October is the Clubs 60th Anniversary celebration at Wallerawang, approx. 57 have registered there is plenty of accommodation, dinner is capped due to capacity of the restaurant. Still some time off, be sure to register early. See flyers for details. Alan is after photos for a PowerPoint for the night. Get out those old photo albums and capture some of the photos again and send through to Alan.

That's all for now safe travels.

See you on the road

Steve.



BMWTCNSW General Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: 25th June 2025

Chairperson: Alison Ashby

Meeting Opened: 7.34pm

In Person: Justin Dorward (Secretary), Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Ed Chapman, Bob Whitehead, Mick Goodwin, Tony Conliffe, Tony Wilton, Stan Kucera, Warren Buffett, Michael Sarah, John Trenerry, Fernando Cortijo, Trevor Hooker, Mal & Marianne Cattermole, Jason Boyd, Rob Edgar, Hans Bielaczek, David Ferlazzo, Philip Edwards.

Phil Edwards & David Ferlazzo introduce themselves, being new members or new to the general meetings.

Via Zoom: Steve Treloar (President), Al Pennykid (Editor), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Chuck Hamilton, Trevor Dean (BMWCA).

Visitors: None

New members: None.

Apologies: Steve Treloar (President), Bill Sparks.

May Minutes

Moved: Jason Boyd

Seconded: Warren Buffett

Carried.

President's Report:

Steve Treloar

As per the newsletter.

Secretary Correspondence & Report

Justin Dorward

Website (Last 30-days YoY)

30-day active users: +18% (11,937)

Average engagement: -22% (1min 02sec)

First visit: +2% (382)

Facebook (Last 60 days)

People who viewed: +324% (36,468)

Engagement

Reactions: +42% (871)

Comments: -50% (171)

Posts: -6% (47)

Email: Newsletters from interstate

PO Box: Bank statements, membership forms. Justin thanks the Facebook moderators for their ongoing hard work.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

May 2025

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month	\$7606.80
Savings account balance at end of month	\$22955.36
TOTAL IN BANK	\$30562.17

SUMMARY

Total Income	\$4009.79
Total Expenses	\$3501.75
Total Interest Earned	\$19.79

We have membership payments without names and cannot be matched, so if you have paid and Marie hasn't sent you a confirmation you should contact her.

Alpine rally was successful. If you didn't attend paid and want your badge contact Steve Treloar. 60th Anniversary payments are coming in. This will be an awesome event.

If you are attending the Awards night and have Dietary requirements let me know. Gluten free is catered for already. Thanks for paying your membership so promptly.

Membership Secretary Report

Marie Pennykid

Eleven new members, three of which are past members. 393 members.

MCC of NSW Report

Ed Chapman

Promotion of Men's Shed for men's mental health. Justin adds information on the Princes Hwy, including 5.4km of flexible safety barriers between Conjola Creek and Lake Conjola Entrance Road, and wider centrelines near Conjola to better separate opposing lanes of traffic

BMW Clubs Australian Report

Trevor Dean

Motorrads Days in Gamish in July and will be held every two years.

ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS?

Regalia

Alison Ashby

Orders are custom now, not in bulk, so the items are made to your size, colour and preference. The items are sold at cost price for members.

General business

Alpine Rally Report (6th - 9th June)

Alison Ashby

Alison reports the event was successful. Around \$1600 profit was generated. Some discussion around which charity to donate some of the profit. Checking with Henning to see where

previous donations were made.

Woz said some funding may be available for tourist promotion to Talbingo. David Ferlazzo provides feedback that the event was well-run and Steve Treloar is to be congratulated.

Awards Night (19th July)

Alison Ashby

Two course meal, alternative drop. \$45 per person. Kids meal info to come. Around 20 people have prepaid - more anticipated.

Happy Birthday to Hans.

Far Cairn Rally (19th - 21st Sep)

Marie Pennykid

Paul Adam, who was our contact in the Lions Club, has passed away in a light airplane accident. Justin is sending a sympathy card to Diedre and Russell. Raffle prizes are needed. A volunteer is needed to bring the marquee etc from Sydney. The menu is being worked-out at the moment, since we are catering now & looking to cater for one hundred and fifty people. The food price has decreased since we are catering. Ed, who is handling the kitchen, says a volunteer is also needed.

Badges

Alison

Yvonne Field, who has been handling our badges for a very long time, has retired. A thank you card will be sent by Justin on behalf of the BMWTCNSW.

60th Anniversary (25th - 26th October)

Marie Pennykid

Around 50 people have booked - capacity is 120. Anticipating a strong night of support, including a guest speaker attending.

Christmas Party (13th Dec)

Justin Dorward

Looking for a venue in Gundagai. Good route options for sealed & unsealed roads. Prepayment of \$40 - fully reimbursed on arrival for members, to prevent loss of no-shows.

Vale Chris McArdle

David Ferlazzo speaks kindly of Chris and his broad travels, kind & generous nature.

Previous Events

Al shares info about the Monthly Day Ride in the Central West - second Sunday at a cafe. The intention is to plan the next destination at the current event. It is a public event.

Michael Sarah reports on the 40th Casper Rally, saying it was cold.

Any other Rides?

None.

Upcoming Events

Winter Rally 12th - 13th July

Hat Rally 26th - 27th July

Coronary Rally - Honeysuckle Creek 30th August.

Belt Buckles

Jason Boyd

Jason shares a design and is seeking expressions of interest and feedback on the two designs shared around the room, within the next few weeks. They will be numbered. The cost will be around \$40. Including a leather belt will be around another \$20. Minimum order of 50.

WANTED

Dave Beers

Set of City Lids for the BMW System Cases

Next Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 23rd July 2025 (4th Wednesday).

Next General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 30th July 2025 (5th Wednesday).

Meeting Closed at 8.33pm

Acronyms and abbreviations used:

YoY: Year on Year

Financials

Financials	
June 2025	
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	11,198.45
Savings Account balance	31,974.51
TOTAL IN BANK	43,172.96
Summary	
Total Income	15,469.58
Total Expenses	11,858.79
Total Interest earned	19.14

IMPORTANT:

*When depositing into the club account please put your **NAME** and use the description asked for that event. MSHIP & Number (if known) XMAS, FCR, AWARDS, REGALIA, 60TH ETC*

This makes it easier for us to reconcile the accounts. Not all Financial institutions show your **NAME** on our statement ie A ASHBY 60th - M Pennykid FCR. We still have a membership that we cannot reconcile.

Email the appropriate person. ie: treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au member-ship@bmwtcnsw.org.au

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Notes: Membership and 60th Anniversary payments are main income this month.

Stay Safe!

Alison Ashby
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Notice: Speed Limit Changes

27th July, 2025

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: **Clarence Valley, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Hilltops, Narromine, Northern Beaches, Orange, The Hills Shire, Wollongong**

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

Justin Dorward,

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/BMWTCNSW-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

BMW Touring Club of NSW Profit and Loss Statement for July 2024 to June 2025

All the accounts have been sent to Trevor Dean who has checked them and issued the following statement.

I certify that the accounts presented are a true and accurate record of the transactions for the BMWTCNSW fiscal year of 2024/25.

Trevor Dean

BMW Clubs Australia Delegate | BMW Touring Club of NSW

INCOME:	\$	\$	\$
Year ending June 30	2025	2024	2023
Bank Interest	310.54	377.26	334.50
Memberships	21,930.00	19,210.00	17,140.00
Membership T-Shirts	1,195.00	925.38	980.00
Magazine Advertisement	762.00	2,772.00	3,168.00
Club Regalia Income	2,261.00	1,166.60	1,993.00
Far Cairn Rally Income	7,726.65	5,477.86	6,428.00
Karuah River Rally Income	4,687.00	2,613.00	4,241.25
Alpine Rally	4,370.00		
Awards Night Income	0.00	490.00	1,682.00
Other Events	4,670.70	939.50	9,520.11
Other Income (Donations, Refunds)	140.74	592.00	450.88
Total Income	48,053.63	34,563.60	45,937.74
EXPENSES:	\$	\$	\$
Year ending June 30	2025	2024	2023
Newsletter Printing and Postage	11,074.81	11,052.92	11,460.79
Postage/Stationery	2,966.89	1,915.72	2,473.18
Toongabbie Meeting costs and Storage Fees	1,276.65	1,035.55	513.10
Membership T Shirts	630.00	3,069.72	1,392.00
Club Regalia Expenses	2,877.70	1,197.35	2,710.39
Asset Expenses	1,245.45	258.00	179.00
BMW Clubs Australia (fee and AGM attendance)	1,241.00	353.00	336.00
Public Liability Insurance	1,125.00	1,075.00	1,025.00
Dept Fair Trade Return	56.24	54.24	89.40
Webhosting	714.06	573.23	913.80
Other Expenses	792.92	359.89	1,611.19
Subtotal Club Running Costs	24,000.72	20,944.62	22,703.85
Far Cairn Rally Expenses	5,842.16	4,676.28	5,868.00
Karuah Rally Expenses	3,310.77	2,388.30	2,501.98
Alpine Rally	2,400.48	-	-
Awards Nights	649.50	2,865.05	2,416.00
Other Events	2,957.11	657.80	9,223.95
Christmas Party	3,677.40	3,531.79	2,793.20
Membership Benefits (Excluding Christmas Party)	128.64	766.96	1,150.14
Subtotal Events by BMWTCNSW	18,966.06	14,886.18	23,953.27
Donations	2,858.67	1,482.00	2,452.25
Total Expenses	45,825.45	37,312.80	49,109.37
Profit or Loss June 30	2,228.18	2,749.20	3,171.63

NOTES

- The Club Profit this year is due to Karuah River and the Alpine Rallies being well attended.
- Income of \$8105.00 for events to be held in the next financial year is **not** included as profit. The Awards Night 2025, FCR 2025 and 60th Anniversary. There were no expenses for these events in this financial year.

Full Report will be presented at the September 2025 AGM

Regards
Alison Ashby
Treasurer

Club Awards Night 2025

Awards Night 2025 - Congratulations!

On the 19th July the BMWTCNSW arrived in Boorowa and congregated at the Ex-Services Club to recognise the efforts & achievements of our valued members over the past 12-months.

- City Clubman - Michael Sarah - 110 points
- City Runner-up - Tony Conliffe - 97 points
- Country Clubman - Steve Treloar - 175 points
- Country Runner-up - Al Pennykid - 142 points
- Most Active New Member - Dave Ferlazzo - 46 points

- President's Award - Alison Ashby
- Editor's Award - Henning Jorgensen
- Vince Cahill Motorcycle Pudding Award - Henning Jorgensen

Certificate of Appreciation Recipients

- Mal & Marianne Cattermole,
- Marie Pennykid,
- Tracy Cahill-Taylor,
- Warren Buffett
- Al Peters,
- Chris Botha,
- Ian Berry,
- Eric Van Niekerk,
- Terry Lovett
- Tony Schmidt,
- The Bank Hotel,
- Gale Lovett

We raised \$240 for the Boorowa Rotary Club, supporting the local Op Shop through our raffle. We also raised \$146 for the RFDS by handing around the hat.



More than just a ride to Boorowa

By Justin Dorward

What a fun weekend of motorcycling! The BMW Touring Club of NSW descended upon the country town - Boorowa - for its Awards Night 2025. And there's never a dull moment. This was an approx 800km trek, in two days.

Ed & I left the north shore at 9am, swinging past the Club's PO Box on the way west. We were already rug-ged-up, but after getting over the mountains we needed a warm-up... from 7-degrees to 10-degrees! A white hot chocolate with extra scoops certainly hit the sweet spot at The Lolly Bug - Little Hartley. The sun was shining and a big, bright blanket of blue from horizon to horizon.

Not expecting the temperature to rise, we decided to lunch at Oberon since there wasn't much after that until we got to Crookwell, and by then we're not far from Boorowa. Lunch didn't take long. We were doing pretty well for time, planning to arrive at Boorowa by 4.30pm.

I meant for us to take the route through Trunkey Creek, but Google Maps directed us south from Oberon through Taralga. At least we got to travel over the

bridge at Abercrombie River where I crashed (& wrote-off my bike) in July 2011.



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A quick splash 'n' dash at Crookwell, we made our way down Narrawa Rd straight to Boorowa, on time. Except that wasn't exciting enough for the powers that be. About 80km from Boorowa - in the middle of nowhere - my BMW was warning me that the rear tyre was losing pressure at around 1psi / second. I pulled over quickly. Ed kicked into gear & I'm so thankful because I didn't even think to pack my tyre repair kit. 20min later, tyre makeshift-plugged & inflated, we were rolling again.

Ed snapped a great pic of me giving a big, greasy smile beside the BMW as the inflator slowly worked its magic (happy the tyre was holding pressure).

We quickly checked-in to the Boorowa Hotel, parking the bikes under the big balcony, got changed & walked to the Ex-services Club. Almost 40 members and guests congregated to see our awards based on riding, contributions & volunteering handed-out. A big congrats to everyone- including the raffle winners. BTW, I won \$50 cash, which is paying for my new need to get a motorcycle tyre properly repaired.

The courtesy bus saved us from walking the 900m back to the hotel in the cold. An early night. I might have forgotten puncture repair kit, but I did remember the AirPods, since our room was above the front bar & karaoke competition that everyone must have been losing. Heater set to high... electric blankets set to 3!

I don't know how cold it was overnight, but it was -3 degrees when Ed got up around 6.30am. The frost on bikes that were parked on the street was so thick that their owners pushed them across the road, into the sun to thaw. (*Mine started fine on the cold side—Ed*)

An underwhelming shower later, we watched others get ready and leave from the cafe in the Boorowa Hotel, enjoying hot coffee & wondering how long we're prepared to wait before venturing into the freezing cold. At 9am / 2-degrees (positive), we geared-up and left.

But we didn't have far to go. Just 15km since a good friend of Ed owns & runs Wheeler Kennels. We were greeted on arrival & spent the next 90min touring their industry-leading facilities. I got to hold a puppy! Then we viewed the trophy room, which shows even the least aware of the success of the 'Wheeler dynasty.'

Time was getting the better of us, but the temp had improved to yesterday's high of 10, so we decided the quickest & easiest way home was south to Yass then the Hume Hwy home. More blue skies, we had lunch at Marulan, stopped at Pheasants Nest to put some air in my slowly-deflating rear tyre & remove some layers, before getting home around 4.30pm.

An action-packed weekend with the BMW Touring Club of NSW.

R1250RS

- ONE YEAR ON



In August 2023 I took my R1200ST to our Carcoar pub run (most enjoyable) and on arrival, I saw a stunning metal-flake gold (*Austin Yellow*) R1250RS. I couldn't stop staring at it and soon discovered it was Editor Al Pennykid's bike. By that stage I had a six year old R1200RS which I considered to be a fantastic bike in every sense. But alas!! The lure of more power and torque can be hard to resist.

In February 2024 my local dealer gave me a change-over figure that was also hard to resist and on 3 April, I took delivery of a sparkling Light White (BMW's name) 1250RS of my very own. And fifteen months later, what do I think of it?

Firstly, I asked for a couple of design mods beginning with handlebars. Our local dealer, Mick Andrews found me a set of R1250 bars which I thought was a great idea as I could keep the original RS bars. Apparently fitting them involved some drama but I chose not to inquire. And second, I kept the R1200RS's panniers and fitting them involved reconstructing the locks which worked for a short period.

The 1250 gains an "official" 7 kilograms weight (over the 1200) but the bike felt significantly heavier especially when shifting it around the shed or reverse parking. And its weight felt higher up. A major culture shock was the TFT screen which gives you insights into the bike's mind – and it has lots of brain power indeed. It took me several hours of study to get across the basic settings (eg resetting the trip meters) but I haven't ventured into pairing up my mobile phone to it as I'm unsure of impacts on my privacy, sanity and sense of security. But maybe one day?

The major revelation with the 1250 was its power and torque (probably more the latter). Coupled up with an extremely light throttle action, the thing goes like a shower of shit! As it runs in, more response is unleashed and from the crank, a peak 143 nm is generated by 6,250rpm. It's no shrinking violet by any means either. For those prone to the "Red Mist Syndrome", somewhere between 4,500 and 5,600 rpm the thing will shift the inlet cams into a more aggressive position involving greater valve opening duration and a deeper opening. How this occurs is a complete mystery to me.

If you provoke the shift cam with the dynamic riding mode, I suspect the thing would be a complete animal. I myself am probably more of an eco or rain mode operator and in these settings the thing has a subdued

demeanour and a pleasant kind of personality. But if you have to get around long trucks, then you won't need to spend too much time in the wrong lane, that's for sure.

The RS is configured with lazy steering geometry (fork rake is 28 degrees with a 115mm of castor and 140mm of travel) so it has amazing stability. For example, late last year on a run to Yass via the road to Wee Jasper, I hit a pothole hidden by shade at around 90kph. The hole was perhaps 1.5 metres long and maybe 150mm deep. I thought I was a goner but all the bike did was let out an almighty crunch and the handlebars didn't move at all. A big tick from me.

On another occasion, returning from a club run to Candelo, I struck heavy rain coupled with a thick fog on the top half of Brown Mountain. The traffic was bumper to bumper and the challenge was to make the bike go as slow as possible. I was terrified I'd drop it as the only way to discern sharp corners was the oncoming headlights. To say I was close to wetting myself was an understatement, but to its credit, the bike remained composed (but very unhappy at minimum rpm in first gear).



Open roads and sweepers are an absolute joy and it'll leap forward when winding on from 150 (which I rarely do). And I suspect it'll cruise at speeds north of 200 (redline is 9,000rpm) but I don't intend to explore this zone. If you need to be more conservative, 23 k per litre is possible giving you a comfortable 350k range with 3 litres to spare – so it's a viable tourer (as all RS's should be). You can load it up for rallies and with 134 bhp it doesn't notice the load at all. For more long range touring BMW has the RT model but this bike is considerably heavier at 281kg (1300 RT).

Like all BMW boxers, gears engage with a violent clunk but the quick shifter is much smoother than the R1200RS. Around town, I tend to use the clutch lever but out in the open, clutch-less changes are a delight.

It's hard to fault the 1250RS noting it's not a sports bike like the S1000RR or S1000XR – but it'll give you sports-like performance. I suspect people are either boxer fans or not and once these fans diminish, the boxer design will be relegated to the history books.

Rob Lovett

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A long forgotten memory

Riding the National Highway separating yet joining Sydney to Melbourne --- the one and only Hume Highway.

Today traveling down the Hume Highway between Sydney and Melbourne is rather tedious to the extreme. The road, now divided seems to continue on to the horizon. Bends and corners were straightened out eliminating black spots making the run much safer and the road surface is far better compared to countless resurfacing of years gone by. On the negative side, by bypassing country towns and dividing the road has made it downright boring as there's nothing to see any points of interest. At times it's enough to cause the mind to go into neutral.

You don't remember the Hume of fifty years ago, okay, let's journey back to the late 70's.

Picture yourself straddling a heavily loaded bike, well after all, you're either returning from the Karuah River Rally, interstate touring or following motorcycle racing such as the Castrol 6 hour race. As there's no place like home we are just outside Sydney central business district about to head off in a southerly direction.

Parramatta Road is a road no one ever forgets, it has countless traffic lights, mostly red, suicidal taxi drivers and if it's raining very slippery. The first speed limit change takes place 24km from Sydney Town Hall. For a total distance of 1.5km you can go from 60 to 80km. At the intersection of Hume Hwy and Woodville Rd one can see the massive overhead steel structure (*aka the Meccano Set—Ed*) that holds up numerous roads and speed signs, with traffic lights going on and off looking like an overgrown Christmas tree. Moving again you pass Caravan World, a change from the endless car yards. The closed, in August 1973, Warwick Farm motor racing circuit is next.

Past Liverpool, this always reminds me of the Beat-

les. At the end of the town stop and top up fuel at the Ampol petrol station; as this is the last petrol stop before you get on the off ramp onto the freeway. The F5 offers a much needed relief from the stop/start traffic and with caution as there's always a highway patrol car hiding in a blind spot, speed can be increased to what feels like a rapid 110kph. The last thing you want to see happen is getting pullover. Remember this is the 70's where police looked at every motorcycle rider as a god damned long haired hippy.

Enjoy the run because the F5 comes to an end after only 15klm then dropping down to 100kph as you pass the large sign reminding you that Melbourne is 865klm away.

The Razorback Mountain offers some pleasant scenery coupled with a few sweeping bends. Picton is a sleepy town on the other side. It is also famous for



having the most dangerous piece of road of the whole highway. Sitting outside the St. George hotel one can observe the antics of traffic. The road runs through the town and begins to climb before going under the railway bridge. It immediately makes a very sharp turn. The road is narrow at only two lanes, less if there's a truck. Two semi-trailers can't pass each other in the tunnel. Concrete

pylons bear the scars of a thousand desperate moments from both cars and trucks. This is the ideal place to pick up scratched rear view mirrors.

Further down the road a road worker manhandles a shovel, four others supervise whilst the fifth puts on the billy. Everything is normal.

Many a beautifully restored building can be seen at Berrima. The Cullarin Mountain range offers a few lovely bends plus around 107 trees all lined up on one side of the road. Slow down here because when the sun is in the right position, it casts shadows across the road causing you to rapidly go from light to shade. It can be quite disconcerting.

Marulan provides some relief from road works and soon after; there are four lanes available on a divided road. This stretch is highly policed since it's the only

section that one can speed. Since it is safe to travel rapidly road user should treat it with caution. Police radar is always located at the bottom of the hill of the divided road where it is safe, indeed difficult not to go over the limit. The road changes, the mentality doesn't.

Passing through Goulburn takes over ten minutes. Never ending road works abound. Comments range from stupid to dangerous.

One of the features of the highway on the NSW side is the growing number of passing lanes. The problem is that they change from two to one lane at the top of a rise or just out of sight over a brow. Just north of Yass the Barton Highway takes you to Canberra. A small divided road south of Yass last 6klm before falling back to a two-lane goat track.

At Jugiong the speed limit changes half way up a very steep hill. Get a heavily loaded semi to brake from 100 down to 60kph. This is a very favourite police spot. From here to Gundagai the road passes through some very nice scenery, mostly grazing country. 390 kilometres from Sydney is the tourist attraction of the Dog on the Tucker box. If it's raining this is the ideal stop to take on some Dutch courage.

Gundagai is famous for having the most frightening bridge on the highway. It is just under a kilometre long and passes over the Murrumbidgee River. It is constructed of wooden trestles with wooden planks

that form the road surface and are bolted to the main supports. Many of the bolts over time are loose and rattle around. Since wood especially when wet doesn't offer much friction, crossing this bridge offers some hairy moments. The bridge has three distinctive bends in it. Good luck.

Tumblong didn't want to miss out and presented any road user with a beautiful Sydney Harbour shaped bridge in miniature. And it lived up to its miniature's name. There's no way that a bus or semi will squeeze through if the same is coming from the other side. The bridge is still there as the road was re-routed; it now looks like a bridge in a paddock.

Tarcutta is the halfway point and is famous for being the town most likely you'll get booked, if you don't see the local cop opposite the petrol station, hiding behind the only tree around, then most likely he's behind you. Stop here for refreshments, fuel and get yourself in the right frame of mind. You are about to live a nightmare unlike any other.

As soon as you leave town the road deteriorates and becomes the kind of road that should be included in any chassis engineer test program. It dips, has humps, pot holes, broken edges, low overhanging branches, gravel and rocks that semis pick up when they meet.

In certain spots trees roots have grown under and lifted the road surface. It's not wide enough to allow two semis to pass with all their wheels on the broken



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bitumen. If taken at more than 60-70kph expect punctures, bend mag wheels, twisted shock absorbers and even a cracked chassis. Best keep a sharp lookout of the surface and pray you come out of it in one piece. Once you made it through there's a short divided road before Holbrook.

Considering the town of Holbrook is over 400 km from the nearest ocean, the last thing you expect to see in the town main park is a small statue dedicated to Lieutenant Norman Holbrook. This British submariner received the Victoria Cross for a daring mission in the Dardanelles where his submarine sank a Turkish battleship. (Incidentally the town was originally named Germanton but changed its name in World War I due to anti-German sentiment. It was renamed after the lieutenant). Over time two more statues, each one larger than the other were erected before an Oberon-class submarine, HMAS Otway, took over the duties by attracting camera flashing tourists.

Past Holbrook there are more divided road and some marvellous fast sweepers. By now traffic is at a minimum. Between Albury and the Wagga turn off the last group of roadside workers can be seen dozing over a shovel or warming up the billy for a cuppa.

Depending on the time of day, you might be lucky seeing a Firefly bus speeding by. As they are surprisingly fast, these coaches are the perfect vehicle to follow, at some distance, because they know where police cars hide. As soon as their brake lights come on, so should yours.

The Albury-Wodonga town complex lasts over fourteen kilometres. It's best to keep an eye out for erratic tourists who are too busy looking at the 'other side of the border' rather than where they're going. Numerous signs do help yet confuse because one can easily get misdirected.

Once you pass over the Murray River a large sign greets you in regards to handing over any fruit carried. The fruit fly inspection adds more time lost, creates traffic jams and is the place where photos are taken of the border crossing. Now, train your eyes to look out for two innocent wires across the road. These are amphetamine lines, this is a type of speed measurement device that was commonly used before radar and laser systems became widespread. They can still ruin your

day by get booked without even knowing it.

You have now just entered Victoria. It is here, the first town of Wodonga where the highway takes a sharp turn just over a railway line. Unless you're not in the right lane or not paying attention you'll miss the turn off and start heading towards Tallangatta.

Victoria welcomes the road user by roads of uniform width and a surface that is consistently superior to those in NSW. Here the Hume is flatter, has smoother verges and is the home of the candy cars. A blind man can spot one from miles away. Don't let one sneak up behind you. Different coloured cars, same police.

Sixty or so kilometres later you'll find yourself stationary at one of the four sets of traffic lights that Wangaratta Township has. Irrespective of the time of day or night you'll never go through without catching one of the sets of light. Speed limit changes from 100 down to 70, then 60 back to 75 then 90 then 100kph. Come Christmas time and expect to see up to three sets of amphetamine lines. Well it is the season for giving.

Temptation to let loose on the long straights after Wangaratta is hard to resist. Glenrowan is next and tells the passer-by that Ned Kelly was shot here.

Winton is next, a small rural locality which is a favourite to both car and motorcycle enthusiasts thanks to the Winton racing circuit.

Benalla is the town where those living in the eastern suburbs usually turn off and continue the back way via Bonnie Doon, Yarck, Yea and Yarra Glen. This offers more bends, better scenery and during the snow season, the road between Benalla and Mansfield is patrolled. If you continue on the Hume, the highway becomes a divided four-lane road just after Seymour.

The highway now by-passes Tallarook and the new section that runs to the East of Broadford, Kilmore and Wallan for thirty kilometres ends close to the Ford factory at Broadmeadows. Other than the battle between red traffic lights and trams, the journey is practically over.

So as previously mentioned, which do you prefer, the old or the new? Keep this in mind the speed limit is practically still the same only been increased by 10kph, the road maintenance crews are older and the police presence is still around. The more things change the more they stay the same.

Frank Cachia

Welcome to the new members:

We hope you'll take part in many of our events. We look forward to meeting you.

- John Doble (South Coogee)
- Aivars Sidorenko (Austimer)
- Chris Regan (Mayfield East)
- David Lovelock (St Clair)

CAMPING GEAR FOR SALE



Tent: (photo not available) Black Wolf, dome, 2 person, 3 poles, used once, perfect condition. \$50.

Sleeping bags & sleeping mats: (see photo)

1x J&D down filled, (yellow) X-long length, winter weight, full length zipper, used twice, excellent condition. Clean. \$40.

1x generic, down & feather, (green), standard length, spring/autumn weight, full length zipper. Unused \$20.

2x sleeping mats, self-inflating 180 x 66 x 5cm. Both unused. \$10ea

Bill Sparks (Bones). 02 9569 8072.

WANTED

I am after a pair of pannier racks for a 1976 BMW R90S, a chrome version that caters for the Krauser panniers with the seat belt attachment.

I would consider a set of both racks and suitcase type panniers if in good condition.

I would also consider the chrome BMW racks as I have panniers to fit those also.

Must be in good condition.

Please contact Craig on 0411749251

Hi Club Reprobates!

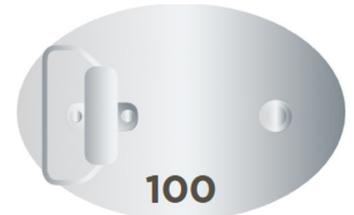
As called out at the last club meeting, I am looking to do a short run of 50 belt buckles as per the below picture. The buckles will be individually serialised so if you have a favorite number between 001 and 050 you can request it - if not already claimed... its yours. 20 of the batch of 50 are already spoken for.

DEMO ONLY – NOT TO SCALE – NOT TO COLOUR

OPTION 1: 90x60x4mm

Silver or black nickel metal, laser engraved

Options of soft enamel or 3D UV Print for colour / fill



The buckles will be laser engraved, soft enamel, oval, 90*60mm. The face colour will be the old school dirty blue, black, white. The base will be black nickel or silver (tbc). I had previously said a belt may be available, this is proving too hard and will not be offered. **The buckles will be \$45 each**, plus postage / distribution. Collection at club meetings / rallies would be preferable

NOTE: There is "currently" a little buffer at this price, if it runs a profit, I will donate the difference to RFDS.

I will be placing the order in the next few weeks to try and meet the FCR timeline

If you are interested, please email me at toecutta@gmail.com

In the email I will need:

- Your Name
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- Preferred serial no
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All that I ask, don't make this hard for me... please help me in this area

Cheers, Jason (Ex President BMWTCNSW)

Peter Holleys **K**ollection:

Those who have been around K-series BMWs for a while are probably aware of Peter (Central Coast). Here are some pics of his Kollection. He thinks he's probably had more Ks than anyone in the club, I think he's probably right (*I've only had 7 -Ed*). Peter also has many part for K's inc K75, K100, K1100, K1200RS, K1300S etc Talk to him on 0409 765527 if you are looking for K bits.



L to R in the photos of the 8 bikes:--

- K100RS Madison 1983 80,000 kms
- K100RS Red 1989 68,000 kms
- K1 Blue/Yellow 1990 51,000 kms
- K1100LT Pine Green 1992 129,000 kms
- K1100RS Silk Blue 1994 136,000 kms

- K1200GT Silver 2006 113,000 kms
- K1300S Motorsport 2016 36,000 kms
- K1600GTL Beige 2013 5,000 kms

All 8 bikes are running and registered. 5 of them on historic registration, thanks to Craig Hancock for his help. 3 are on Standard plates.

Also in the Collection are another 3 Ks, all unregistered. They are shown at the right side of the photo below

- K1100RS Red 1996 50,000 kms
- K1100LT Red 1994 123,000 kms
- K1100LT Blue 1999 81,000 kms





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BMW TOURING Club of NSW 60th Anniversary Dinner 25th October 2025

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If you have any interesting photos or video for display on the night, please contact Alan Pennykid on 0427 393 093 or alan.pennykid@gmail.com.

Very Important: Dinner must be paid for by the RSVP date to secure your booking.

Financial members must be current for 2025-2026 year.

Refunds not available after the 25 September 2025, merchandise will be posted to you at your cost. Meal costs are forfeited.

Please pass a copy of the invite and order form to any past members or other interested people.

60th Anniversary Booking Form

Please note RVSP Date is 24 September 2025

Dinner will be a 3-course alternate serve (3 choices) dinner

- Members and their Partners \$85 per person
- Non-members \$100 per person

Breakfast: \$35 per person hot buffet breakfast.

Please specify any Dietary restrictions such as Gluten Free, Vegetarian, Vegan or specific Allergies (eg Peanut).

Regalia for order:

Polo Shirts – Embroidered: \$45. Specify Size & Colour (*White/Grey*).

T-Shirts – Printed: \$35. Specify Size & Colour (*White/Grey*)



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Name	Any Dietary Restrictions

Primary Contact Phone: _____

Meals	PP Cost	No of People	Cost
Dinner booking MEMBERS	\$85.00		\$
Dinner booking NON-MEMBERS	\$100.00		\$
Breakfast booking	\$35.00		\$

Regalia	Per Item Cost	Size/Colour/Address for Postage**	Cost
Polo Shirt	\$45.00		\$
<i>White or Grey</i>			
T-Shirt	\$30.00		\$
<i>White or Grey</i>			
Postage**	\$15.00		\$

**The shirts are expected to be delivered at the dinner. Postage/Address is only required if you are not attending the dinner.

Total Payment Direct Deposit Date:	\$
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Please pass a copy of the invite and order form to any past members or other interested people.

Please put "**60th your surname**" as your transaction description.

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