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# NEWSLETTER

September 2025



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**BMW Touring Club**  
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<b>Hunter</b>	Rob Tiedeman	0425 777 461
<b>South Coast</b>	Tony Schmidt	0407 494 229

## MEETINGS

<b>Monthly Club Meetings</b>	Held at 7:30pm at the Andrew Cook Hall, Toongabbie (corner Targo and Toongabbie Roads) on the last Wednesday of each month ( <b>except for December</b> )
<b>Sydney Social Sip</b>	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.
<b>South Coast Social Sip</b>	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.
<b>Newcastle Social Sip</b>	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Thursday of the month. At the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
<b>Bathurst Social Sip</b>	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			
<b>Wed Weekly</b>	<b>Meet at Jerry's Kulnura every Wednesday @ 10am</b>	<b>Henning 0457 034 488 Mick F 0414 713 359</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month</b>	<b>Coffee morning and ride from Bolwarra</b>	<b>Rob Teideman 0425 777461</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month</b>	<b>Central West/ Bathurst area ride day -Destination decided for the following month at each ride.</b>	<b>Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093</b>	
<b>once each month</b>	<b>Far South Coast (Bega Valley) RUN WEEKENDS MAY VARY message me if you want to be on the text list.</b>	<b>Steve Treloar 0439739876</b>	
Previous events - AUGUST			
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Central West ride to Rylstone,</b>	Alan Pennykid	6
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>TTT Rally (Young)</b> Follow yellow and White signs from Kelly's Rd Young	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	10
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Far South Coast</b> Lunch ride in conjunction with the BMWCC to Buckleys Crossing Hotel, Dalgety Hotel. Please let me Know or register on the BMWCC website <a href="http://bmwmccact.org.au">bmwmccact.org.au</a>	Steve Treloar 0439739876	6
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bathurst/Central West Social Sip</b> 2nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ragged Fringe Rally NEW LOCATION NEVILLE HOTEL</b> Camping Ground		10
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Central West Ride Day Ride.</b> Meet at Nikkis Café on William in Bathurst from 10am (coffee and pre ride chat)	Alan Pennykid	6
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally</b> Tottenham Racecourse see flyer for details	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Canberra Social Sip</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month at the <b>TBA</b>	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting and AGM</b> 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. <a href="http://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings">HTTP://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings</a>	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club(Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman	2
OCTOBER			
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bathurst/Central West Social Sip</b> 2nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kosciuszko Rally,</b> hosted by BMW Motorcycle Club, Canberra. Watch for details, the site is shifting this year. More info at this link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/KosciuszkoRally2025">https://tinyurl.com/KosciuszkoRally2025</a>	Steve Treloar 0239 739 876	10
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMWTCNSW 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration dinner.</b> Black Gold Motel at Wallerawang, NSW see flyer for details.	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Canberra Social Sip</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month at the <b>TBA</b> 6pm	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. <a href="http://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings">HTTP://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings</a>	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club(Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman	2
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bathurst/Central West Social Sip</b> 2nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Canberra Social Sip</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month at the <b>TBA</b> 6pm	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. <a href="http://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings">HTTP://tinurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings</a>	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hunter Social Sip:</b> Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club(Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman	2
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bathurst/Central West Social Sip</b> 2nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BMWTCNSW Christmas Party</b> , details tba	Justin Doward 0425777461	10
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>New Years Gathering at Micalong Creek</b>	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>South Coast Social Sip:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month & the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407494229	2
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bathurst/Central West Social Sip</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Canberra Social Sip</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month at ???	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Club Meeting</b> 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and physical meetings at the hall. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings">https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings</a>	Justin Dorward 0418 266 924	4/6
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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 Sept 2025

As last, days are starting to get longer, even though still wet, very wet up north. Riding this month has been spasmodic. Moving battery chargers and some maintenance have been on the agenda for me.

I did head off to the Hat Rally at Araluen on the R80G/S PD. About time it got a run. It's amazing what a new battery does to the starting. I had marked the old battery when it went in, in 2016. I suppose I got my money's worth... Hopefully the new motobatt will give me just as good service.

After a coffee stop at Moruya, I headed out via Larrys mountain road north of the town. This brought me out on the Araluen Road which followed the Deua river through the Deua River National Park. This dirt section has been vastly improved since my last trip through that part of the south coast. Most of the Cuttings have been concreted, new railings and sections of tar continue to keep it all weather and oped road in bad weather.

Davo was having lunch as I arrived at the Araluen hotel. A customary stop for a beer was in order. After that the skies were not looking to welcoming so moved onto the camp site to get the tents set up. Found Tony and Poms camp and pitched close by.

Presentations were had we got pipped by the wobbleboots for highest club attendance, we had 6 members and my son Oliver from Canberra turned up. The rain never eventuated, though the wind did pick up later. A great weekend away,

The Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham is coming up quick as well. As usual it will be a great weekend with numerous people travelling from interstate as well as all over NSW. See the flyers for details and be sure to register and pay before the cut off date. The usual raffles will be taking place and always a great weekend to put a few kms on the bike.

The September club meeting is also the AGM. Hopefully there will be a great roll up at the club rooms in Toongabbie. You can also log in on via zoom as usual for those who are not close. Please considering assisting on the committee to help with keeping this fine club going into the next 60 years.

This leads into our 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations at the Black Gold motel at Wallerawang in October 25th, 26th. Be sure to book for this great night. See the calendar and flyer for details. Many past and present members will be attending.

December 13 will be our end of year bash, Christmas party. This year it will be in Gundagai at the Tourist park. Look out for the flyer with details.

Our Son Hamish, has been on a working holiday in the UK and Europe. Last time we saw him was at Motorrad Days in Berlin Germany 2023. Of course todays technology, Whatsapp has been great in keeping contact. He is now back home saving for his next jaunt in his overseas travels adventures. So far he has travelled through 8 countries. He loved his time in Poland, Going to Moto GPs , pub crawls and the castles. He can't wait to get going again.



I remember it took Therese and I ages to get back into the norm again...

Till next time, travel save

Steve

## BMWTCNSW General Meeting Draft Minutes

**Date:** 30th July 2025

**Motion:** For Alan Peters to chair tonight's meeting. Moved by Bob Madell. Seconded by Paul Evans. Carried.

**Chairperson:** Alan Peters, former President.

**Meeting Opened:** 7.29pm

**In Person:** Justin Dorward (Secretary), Ed Chapman (MCC delegate), Bob Madell (MCC of NSW), Paul Evans, Warren Buffett, Michael Sarah, Dub Bartolec, Tony Conliffe (Newsletter), Tony Wilton (Newsletter), Mick Goodwin, Dave Beers, Mal & Marianne Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Dave Povey, John Trenerry, Alan Peters, Bob Whitehead.

**Via Zoom:** Al Pennykid (Editor), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Colin Watkins, Dave Williams, Garry McCarthy.

**Visitors:** Brian Wood from the MCC of NSW (Zoom)

**New members:** None.

**Apologies:** Steve Treloar (President), Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Bill Sparks.

### **June Minutes**

Remove duplications in attendance records. Both Trevor Dean & Steve Treloar were in attendance (Zoom).

Moved: Warren Buffett

Seconded: Bob Madell

Carried.

### **President's Report:**

Steve Treloar

As per the newsletter.

### **Secretary Correspondence & Report**

Justin Dorward

Email: Newsletters / magazines from interstate.

PO Box: Bank statements, membership forms, 60th anniversary mail.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Al Peters

June 2025

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$11,198.45

Savings account balance at end of month \$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

Membership and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary payments are the main income this month.

### **Membership Secretary Report**

Marie Pennykid

Renewals are still open. As of now, we have 400 members. 50 have not yet renewed. One payment unidentified, which has been mentioned in the newsletter.

People that have not yet renewed will receive a

newsletter in the mail, even if they haven't signed-up and paid for posted newsletters, to ensure they're well informed.

### **MCC of NSW Report**

Ed Chapman

The AGM is Friday 8th August (zoom only). Motorcycle Awareness Month is October.

Specific information of the Joe Rider promotion presented by Brian Wood, Secretary of the MCC of NSW, including the first involvement of Australia Post with approx 80 volunteers in 2024. Brian mentions Ride to Work Week held 3rd to 6th October. Brian mentions posters available for promotion in regional areas.

Bob asks when Submission for Access to Public Lands, Brian responds this Friday 1st August.

Ed also mentions Breakfast Torque, held on 26th October which conflicts with our own 60th Anniversary in 2025.

### **General business**

#### **Award for Tony Conliffe - City Clubman Runner-Up 2025**

Al Peters

Al Peters presents this award to Tony Conliffe, to applause.

#### **Awards Night Report (19th July)**

Justin Dorward

40 people booked, 36 attended (plus two children). Positive feedback received. \$240 raffle - Boorowa Rotary Club for their Op Shop. An email was received thanking us. \$146 for the RFDS from small change donations.

#### **Far Cairn Rally (19th - 21st Sep)**

Marie Pennykid

A dozen entries so far. Correspondence with the local Foodworks manager, local cafe and pub. Raffle prizes are still needed. There will be the usual \$250 Bikebiz voucher but more mid-range prizes needed.

Not likely taking up the awning. Entries for those attending is promoted.

#### **AGM (24th Sept)**

Justin Dorward

The Nominations Form has been published in the newsletter. The Vice President role remains empty. The Committee has discussed the creation of one or two General Committee Member roles.

#### **60th Anniversary (25th - 26th October)**

Marie Pennykid

63 entrants to date. The 50 rooms put aside for us have been booked, but there may be further vacancies. Progress is being made on booking a guest speaker. RSVP date (including for regalia) is 24th September. Free camping is available at Lake Wallace, but probably not at the motel.

### **Christmas Party (13th Dec)**

Justin Dorward

Gundagai Caravan Park. We'll book powered sites to have dinner. In discussion with a local caterer. 10% discount for BMWTCNSW guests staying at the caravan park. Many types of accommodation - from unpowered camping to tiny houses, cabins & the motel next door. \$40 pre-payment required, fully refunded on arrival.

### **National Motorrad Rally (25, 26, 27 March)**

Alan Peters for Steve Treloar

The organising committee held its first meeting before the Awards night. Spencer Cocoa has contacted Steve. Contact to be made with Roy at Rock Motorcycles & the BMW Motorrad rep. Brisbane's have expressed interest. Bikebiz is also getting involved. Steve states the importance of communicating well with the dealers. Also communicating with BMWCA. The HQ (Caravan Park) doesn't have an urn, but a coffee van may be able to be sourced. Steve is waiting to hear back.

Costings need to be prepared. August will see the next communication to move from pre-registrations to registrations. Everyone who signs-up from then on, will be a registration.

### **Previous Events**

Winter Rally?

Hat Rally?

### **Any other Rides?**

Alan Pennykid reports on the day ride from Bathurst.

Alan Peters reports on the Ruptured Budgee Rally.

Alan Peters reports on attending the Australian Superbikes in June at Warwick, QLD.

### **Upcoming Events**

Border Run (2nd August). Graham Johns and other members are currently on their way to this event.

Central West Ride to Rylestone (10th August).

TTT Rally (30th - 31st August), at Young.

### **WANTED**

Dave Beers

Set of City Lids for the BMW System Cases.

### **Pro Cycles Hornsby**

Justin Dorward

Getting a rear tyre puncture repair, Justin provides a positive report on the customer service he received.

**Next Executive Committee Meeting 7.30pm  
Wednesday 20th August 2025.**

**Next General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 27th  
August 2025.**

**Meeting Closed at 8.33pm**

Acronyms and abbreviations used:

*BMWCA: BMW Clubs Australia*

*MCC of NSW: Motorcycle Council of NSW*

*RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service*

*YoY: Year on Year*



### **Notice: Speed Limit Changes**

23rd August, 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: **Ballina, Byron, Canterbury-Bankstown, Hornsby, Lachlan, Lake Macquarie, Northern Beaches, Warrumbungle, Wollongong.**

For more information on these changes, feel free to contact me via [secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au)

*Justin Dorward,*

## Financials

July 2025

<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	\$
Regular bank balance	5992.76
Savings Account balance	40999.90
<b>TOTAL IN BANK</b>	<b>46992.66</b>

### Summary

Total Income	8430.39
Total Expenses	4610.69
<b>Total Interest earned</b>	<b>25.39</b>

## 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, 60<sup>TH</sup> ETC*

This makes it easier for us to reconcile the accounts. Not all Financial institutions show your **NAME** on our statement ie A ASHBY 60<sup>th</sup> - M Penykid FCR.

**Email the appropriate person.** ie: [treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au) [member-ship@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:member-ship@bmwtcnsw.org.au)

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**Notes:** Payments for the Awards night all completed. Memberships and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary payments are still the main income this month. Looking forward to the Far Cairn Rally. Stay Safe!

**Alison Ashby**  
Treasurer  
0422 077 583

## Welcome to the new members:

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

- Matthew Palme (Possum Brush)
- Andrew & Gill McPadden (Bodalla)
- Russell Gibson (Dapto)
- Muhaymin Hussein (Bankstown)
- Stephen Haddad (Hunters Hill)
- Phil O'Brien (Dapto)
- Michael King and Lynn Faranda (Wyoming)

## For Sale:

2014 R1200 GS, 12 months rego (August). 60800km, Asking \$8500 ono.

-Pro chip, BMW GPS, BMW spot lights, Side protection Bars, Expandable BMW Panniers, BMW Tank Bag, spare rear tyres.

-Regular BMW service at Bikebiz or Canberra BMW.

-Carbon fibre drive shaft replaced under warranty recall at 60k service.

-Second owner and I love this bike but at 75 its too much for me now.

Col 0427 416 671



## 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/BMWTNSW-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

## Joe Rider



The Motorcycle Council of NSW is again running a 'Jo/Joe Rider' motorcycle awareness campaign as part of their Motorcycle Awareness Month this year in October.

Local volunteer motorcycle riders are being sought to be 'Jo/Joe Rider' for each day across the Sydney Metropolitan area. Hi Vis vests featuring 'Jo/Joe Rider' on the back will be provided to all of our 'Jo/Joe's' to wear whilst volunteering.

Jo/Joe Rider aims to reduce the occurrence of 'Sorry Mate I Didn't See You' (SMIDSY) crashes, and entails promoting a week where drivers are encouraged to spot 'Jo/Joe Rider' and enter a competition. The campaign will be promoted in Spotify ads during the morning and evening peak hours. The goal of the campaign is to encourage road users to look out for and notice motorcycle riders — particularly in urban areas.

The campaign will run for one week (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October) during Motorcycle Awareness Month.

During the campaign, you are required to email the Motorcycle Council each day on where and when you rode so they can verify competition entries.

If you, your friends, or any member of your organisation would like to volunteer as 'Jo/Joe' for the week (or less if that's all you can manage), we'd like to hear from you.

Those who are interested can register by emailing [enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au](mailto:enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au) or ringing 1300 679 622 (1300 NSW MCC) with some basic details:-

- which days and times you'll be able to be Jo/Joe Rider
- which suburbs of Sydney you'll be riding in
- if you'll be doing this as part of your ride to work

We look forward to you being a part of this important road safety campaign.

For further information or any questions please contact the Secretary at [enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au](mailto:enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au) or 1300 679 622 (1300 NSW MCC).

## Participate in Our Motorcycle Posture Research Study

### Help us improve motorcycle safety and rider comfort

We're looking for motorcycle riders and non-riders to take part in an exciting research study at **Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA), Randwick**. This study is part of a PhD project at UNSW aiming to **analyze riding posture and develop strategies to reduce injuries to motorcyclists**. **What's the purpose of the study?**

Motorcycle design often follows a "one-size-fits-all" approach — but riders come in all shapes and sizes. Our research investigates:

- How riding posture changes across different motorcycle types
- The effect of rider height and body dimensions on posture
- How the pelvis interacts with the fuel tank in a crash scenario

Our goal is to provide scientific evidence that could influence future motorcycle design and safety features.

### What will you do?

- Change into tight-fitting clothing
- Have specific body measurements taken
- Have reflective markers placed on key anatomical joints
- Sit on a **custom-built motorcycle rig** while a motion tracking system records your posture in **four different riding configurations**

### Study Details

**Location:** NeuRA, Randwick, Sydney

**Time Commitment:** About 60 minutes

### Who can participate?

- Motorcycle riders of any experience level
- Riders/Non-riders of all heights and body shapes
- Must be over 18 years old

### Interested?

Be part of research that could make riding safer and more comfortable for everyone.



**Register:**

<https://forms.gle/VC25Ar6bBesaP1wm6>

# BMWTCNSW Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes

**Date:** 25th September 2024

**Chairperson:** Justin Dorward (Secretary)

**Meeting Opened:** 8.40pm

**Apologies:** None

## Present:

**In Person:** Justin Dorward (Secretary), Dave Beers (Vice President), Mal Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Marianne Cattermole, Tony Wilton, Ed Chapman, Bob Madell (MCC of NSW Delegate), Andrew Watson, Michael Sarah (Webmaster), Mick Goodwin, Stan Kucera, Warren Buffett, Rob Edgar (Spare Parts), Dave Case, Sam Saliva, Dave Povey, Bob Whitehead.

**Via Zoom:** Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Steve Treloar (President), Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Paul Webster, Al Pennykid (Editor), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Linda Smith, John Thomson, Dave Williams, Glenn Asquith, John Visser (IT), Petson Peter (new member), Alison Ashby (Treasurer).

**Visitors:** None

## Previous Minutes:

Accepted: Bob Madell

Seconded: Fernando Cortijo

## President's Report:

### Steve Treloar

As per the September 2024 newsletter. We commemorated a number of members that passed away. Fantastic occurrence to have Alan Pennykid become a life member. The next two years have exciting events - 60th anniversary in 2025 and the Nationals in 2026.

## Vice President

### Dave Beers

As per newsletter. Dave thanks volunteers that have assisted him over the past year.

G'day Al,

I've just finished restoring a 1958 R26.



I now have some good leftover Parts & I'm sort off thinking to do it again

So my options are to either look for a basket case or wanting to part with my stash?

Is there someone who's keen to help me with either option please??

Cheers

Henning

## Wheels for sale ('07 R1200GS)

1. Mag wheel with low km Metzler Roadtec 180/55 R17 that was originally from an RT (Rear Wheel Rim 17 x 5.50 Inch Rim Wheel BMW R1200RT) in good condition (static balanced). \$590 ono
2. Spoke wheel with half worn Continental TKC80 150/70 17 from a GS in very good condition. \$620 ono
3. Brand new Continental TKC80 150/70 17 \$220

Contact Greg Tow

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**Treasurer's Report:**Alison Ashby

<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Year ending 30 June</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Memberships	\$19,210.00	\$17,140.00
Bank Interest	\$377.26	\$334.50
Membership T-Shirts	\$925.38	\$980.00
Magazine Advertisement	\$2,772.00	\$3,168.00
Club Regalia Income	\$1,166.60	\$1,993.00
Far Cairn Rally Income	\$5,477.86	\$6,428.00
Karuah River Rally Income	\$2,613.00	\$4,241.25
Awards Night Income	\$490.00	\$1,682.00
Other Events	\$939.50	\$9,520.11
Other Income (Donations, Refunds)	\$592.00	\$450.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$34,563.60</b>	<b>\$45,937.74</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Newsletter Printing and Postage	\$11,052.92	\$11,460.79
Postage/Stationery	\$1,915.72	\$2,473.18
Toongabbie Meeting costs and Storage Fees	\$1,035.55	\$513.10
Membership T Shirts	\$3,069.72	\$1,392.00
Club Regalia Expenses	\$1,197.35	\$2,710.39
Far Cairn Rally Expenses	\$4,676.28	\$5,868.00
Karuah Rally Expenses	\$2,388.30	\$2,501.98
Asset Expenses	\$258.00	\$179.00
BMW Clubs Australia	\$353.00	\$336.00
Public Liability Insurance	\$1,075.00	\$1,025.00
Dept Fair Trade Return	\$54.24	\$89.40
Christmas Party	\$3,531.79	\$2,793.20
Awards Nights	\$2,865.05	\$2,416.00
Other Events	\$657.80	\$9,223.95
Membership Benefits (Excluding Christmas Party)	\$766.96	\$1,150.14
Donations	\$1,482.00	\$2,452.25
Web Hosting	\$573.23	\$913.80
Other Expenses	\$359.89	\$1,611.19
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$37,312.80</b>	<b>\$49,109.37</b>
<b>Profit or Loss June 30</b>	<b>(\$2,749.20)</b>	<b>(\$3,171.63)</b>

This is the first year that we have changed the financial reporting period to match the ATO requirements for reporting, we are a Not for Profit social club which means we need to lodge a NFP self-review return. Which must be done before October 2024. Trevor Dean and I are working on this.

Donations by BMWTCNSW and Events	<b>\$4,226.38</b>
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Crookwell Rotary from Christmas Party	\$507.00
RFDS Donation from Gulf Western Tour	\$160.00
RFDS Donation from Auctions and Earl Fork sales	\$65.00
RFDS Annual Donation	\$750.00
MARI Donation included in FCR Report	\$2,744.38

Members Benefits include last year's First Aid Course Reimbursement, Gulf Western tour donation and New Members Ride.

<b>FCR Report 2023</b>	
Total Income	<b>\$6,432.48</b>
Total badges sold @ \$35 (132 Sold)	\$4,620.00
T-Shirts @ \$30	\$900.00
Total Expenses	\$3,688.10
95 Breakfast vouchers redeemed - The Lions Club.	\$1,140.00
<b>Donation to MARI</b>	<b>\$2,744.38</b>

I have reviewed the financials for BMWTCNSW for the fiscal year 1 July 2023- 30 June 2024.

The financial statements are very thorough with cost centres detailed for Karuah River Rally, Far Cairn Rally, membership income and expenses, newsletter income and expenditure, donations, social events and regalia.

Bank reconciliations for each month are included in the financial accounts presented.

I find the attached accounts a true and accurate report of the financial statements for this period.

Regards

Trevor Dean

BMW Clubs Australia Delegate | BMW Touring Club of NSW

### **Secretary:**

#### Justin Dorward

Thank you to everyone who supported the BMWTCNSW over the past 15 months. It has been a busy period and we have plenty of work to keep us busy into the new year.

The Committee and Executive Committee continue to meet on a rotating monthly basis in the week prior to the general meeting. The Constitution (clause 10.1) requires at least three committee meetings in the twelve month period. Since the last AGM, we have held eight committee meetings & six executive committee meetings

#### Independent Toll Review

The BMWTCNSW took an interest in this otherwise mundane but necessary element of riding in Sydney, which tends to affect some riders more than others.

The BMWTCNSW punched above its weight, making submissions on the discussion paper and interim report to ensure motorcycle-related factors of tolling in NSW were considered. At the time of printing the NSW Government has not responded to the final report, but we hope to see motorcycles charged 50% of car rates.

#### Event Calendar

The Committee has been motivated by the annual calendar generated by our South Australian counterparts and with the help of Bailey and Alan Pennykid, we hope to have our first edition ready for the Christmas Party this year.

#### Email system upgrade

Discussions continue and research has been occurring on moving toward a modern email platform. John Visser has been essential and his

ongoing time and experience will help the Club define and implement a new system, if one is needed.

#### Gulf Western Oil tour

In February we received a private tour of the GWO facility at St Mary's and the feedback was wonderful from all angles. The GWO experts were happy with the complex and well-informed questions we threw at them, while our members that attended finished the tour all the better informed.

#### Planning Documents

While this was raised a while ago, during this term as Secretary, I will commence diarising the more bureaucratic elements of the BMWTCNSW to help us in future years and benefit any new committee members.

#### Website & Social Media

Our online and social media plan continue to gain attention for the Club and meet the market on how potential members communicate. Last December, the member's only section of the website was launched, providing a great basis to order regalia, update your details, but mostly, access our own newsletters and our interstate counterpart club newsletters. Hundreds of files are now online, waiting for members to log-in and read to their heart's content.

For the first eight months of 2024 vs the same period in 2023 the website:

30-day active users has increased 11.5%

First visits has increased 2.1%

Average time per session is down 4.5%

Our public Facebook page is strong. In the last 28 days:

The number of posts has increased 29%.

The number of comments has increased 119%

Reactions on posts have increased 85%

These numbers show strong social media presence for the first month of spring in comparison to winter.

A Facebook page was created for the BMWTCNSW, which is different from the two established groups we have. Pages are for businesses, aren't collaborative like groups and only the page owner can create posts. Most of all, pages can create advertising campaigns, unlike groups. We will continue to grow the page followers.

My thanks to Steve, Alison, Marie & Alan, Trevor, Warren, Mal & Marianne, Rob Edgar & Bob Madell, John Visser & Michael Sarah for their ongoing dedication to the Club. Also, my personal thanks to Ed Chapman for his behind-the-scenes support with my responsibilities.

From the Secretary's desk, the coming twelve months look promising. The new committee will meet in October and continue working for members and the Club. See you at the Christmas Party.

## Other Committee Reports

### Regalia

#### Alison Ashby

One off purchases are now popular. Email Alison to get a quote. Club badges etc are available.

### Election of Committee Members

#### Returning Officer: Warren Buffett

The Returning Officer declares all committee positions vacant.

Position	Nominee Nominated by Seconded	Result
<b>President</b>	Steve Treloar (Accepted) Dave Beers Marie Pennykid	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Vice President</b>	Fernando Cortijo (Declined) Justin Dorward Ed Chapman	Casual Vacancy
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alison Ashby (Accepted) Ed Chapman Michael Sarah	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Secretary</b>	Justin Dorward (Accepted) Ed Chapman Rob Edgar	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Marie Pennykid (Accepted) Dave Povey Justin Dorward	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>BMW Clubs Australia Delegate</b>	Trevor Dean (Accepted) Paul Evans Dave Povey	Elected unopposed

	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Newsletter editor</b>	Alan Pennykid (Accepted) Sam Salva Tony Wilton	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Regalia</b>	Alison Ashby (Accepted) Justin Dorward Andrew Watson	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Assets &amp; Archives</b>	Mal Cattermole (Accepted) Dave Beers Marie Pennykid	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Public Officer</b>	Trevor Dean (Accepted) Michael Sarah Dave Beers	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	
<b>Spare Parts &amp; Club Tools</b>	Rob Edgar (Accepted) Justin Dorward Dave Beers	Elected unopposed
	No further nominations from the floor	

### Expressions from the floor for the nominated positions

Motorcycle Council of NSW - Bob Madell, Ed Chapman  
Webmaster - Justin Dorward  
IT - John Visser  
Newsletter - Tony Wilton & Tony Conliffe

Justin Dorward returns to the chair of this meeting.

### Returning Officer

The chair thanks Warren Buffett for his service as returning officer tonight.

### Brief History of the Motorcycle Pudding

#### Rob Edgar & Dave Case

Further to Rob's brief history, Dave presents the idea to expand the pudding's tours (humorously) to the USA.

### Lucky Door Prizes

Everyone that attended in person or via Zoom were automatically entered into the draw.  
\$250 Bikebiz voucher was won by Bob Madell.

### Ragged Fringe Rally

#### Bob Whitehead

Attended with Michael Sarah.

**Next annual general meeting to be announced in a timely manner in 2025.**

**The next general meeting is Wednesday 30th October 2024, which is the 5th Wednesday of the month.**

**Meeting Closed at 9.38pm**

Hi Alan

I think it was back around 1979/80 that I had my father buy me a Prussian Blue 75/7.

I did S.A, N.T, Vic, NSW, Qld and many many trips Townsville to Melbourne return.

I pulled the gearbox off to replace the clutch plate around 2010 and don't know why but kept going till it was a bare frame and everything was in open containers.

Now those containers have come out of a covered garage as my sister in law sold her home where they were stored.

They have relocated to behind my Holden HQ and my neighbour Raj has started taking an interest in it and so far removed the wiring loom from the frame but he has two small kids and works full time and is not presently giving it much attention.

I'm in a quandary. Do I give/sell the bike to Raj, put it in the magazine for any interested party with the energy to ressurect it or tell the club that there are 75/7 parts on the market?

You can print this text as I can move the boxes, frames etc four carports along to Raj's and he can continue to give it time when he can. Not sure at this point what to do.

On a side note.

I have a BSA B40 or perhaps two that I am starting to gather the energy to build.

Does anyone have any BSA contact/connections?

Shaun

Mem 202



## BMW Friend of the Marque

The "Friend of the Marque" award is a prestigious distinction given to individuals who have significantly contributed to the BMW community. This esteemed recognition was first presented in 1996. Since then, it has been given to less than 200 people from the BMW Club Community worldwide.

Within our shores, only twelve people have received this high honour, including:

- Ray Man (1996)
- Frank Gardner (1996)
- John Comino (1997)
- Graeme Carless (1997)
- John Heborn (2001)
- Heather Lambley (2003)
- George Schwarz (2005) - BMWTCNSW
- Charis Schwarz (2005) - BMWTCNSW
- Ron Andrews (2006)
- Kurt Seidler (2012)
- Stuart Garmey (2015)
- Bob Williams (2024)

## Origins and Purpose

The "Friend of the Marque" award was established by the BMW Club community to acknowledge individuals whose passion, commitment, and service have significantly advanced the appreciation and legacy of BMW. Unlike traditional corporate accolades, this award is deeply rooted in the global BMW enthusiast network, often presented to club members, historians, restorers, and brand ambassadors who have demonstrated outstanding devotion to the marque.

## Selection and Recognition

Recipients of the "Friend of the Marque" award are carefully selected through a nomination process overseen by the International Council of BMW Clubs. This governing body evaluates nominees based on their contributions to the BMW brand, whether through club leadership, historical preservation, motorsport achievements, or educational efforts that enrich the community's understanding of BMW's legacy.

The award is a badge of honour, often accompanied by a certificate and a public recognition ceremony at significant BMW events or club gatherings.

## Notable Recipients and Impact

Notable recipients include long-time club presidents, influential BMW historians, and figures who have worked tirelessly to restore and document rare and historically significant BMW models.

This honour recognises individual efforts and inspires the wider BMW community, reinforcing the values of dedication, camaraderie, and historical stewardship. It underscores BMW's commitment to celebrating those who keep the brand's rich heritage alive for future generations.

## Mr Robert (Bob) Williams

Although Bob is a member of BMW Drivers Club NSW he is well known within our club.

Bob first joined the BMW Drivers Club in 1996, but did not just join as a club member; he became involved in every aspect of BMW Driver Club right from the beginning. Bob has been a part of the management committee for the Club

## Mr Robert (Bob) Williams



for over 20 years.

- Vice President (2004 and 2006)
- President (2007, 2008, 2010 to 2015)
- Motorsport Manager (2015 to present day)
- Delegate for BMW Drivers Club of New South Wales to BMW Clubs Australia
- Observer for BMW Clubs International Council.
- Vice Chair Cars on the BMW Clubs Australia committee from 2013 to 2023.
- Observer for BMW Clubs Australia at the BMW Clubs International Council meetings with Trevor Dean, International Delegate.

When the announcement was made, no one was more surprised than Bob Williams. Somehow, the committee and those involved kept it a secret from him. This achievement is significant given how involved Bob is in every aspect of the BMW Drivers Club NSW. Detailing all of Bob's roles within the club would require the entire magazine. He joined the club in 1996 and became a life member in 2023. Not only does he represent the motorsport side of the club, but he has also been very active as part of the club's representation to BMW Clubs Australia and has travelled extensively to engage with BMW Clubs

## (Not) The Border Run 2025 - Ride Report

Chuck Hamilton

Graham Johns called and asked if I was interested in going to the border run in August. Not having been to one before I said I was in and decided to take the R75/6 in order to get some return on my recent investments I had made on it, including a new battery and starter motor, rebuild of the final drive and replacing the springs in the shift cassette inside the gearbox. On the night before my departure I had the bike packed and ready to go and gave the tyres a check. To my annoyance I found a puddle of gear oil under it apparently from a leaking front input seal. Fortunately I had only competed a full service on the K100RS so I unloaded the R75/6 and loaded up the K100RS.

I left Sydney early Monday under a cool, cloudy sky to meet Graham at Yass (310 kms). The traffic along the M5 was light so I made good time and arrived at the Yass service centre at 11am. Graham, who was riding from from Ulladulla arrived a few minutes later on his (new to him) F700. After the obligatory coffee and filling the bikes we rode together to Narrandera (270 kms) to meet Mike (K100RT), Kevin (R100GS PD), Ray (R90/6) and Soggy (R100GS PD) where we stayed the night in a motel in town.

Next morning we rode together to Wentworth in cool weather accompanied by constant showers of rain. Melrose was our next destination but unfortunately Ray's R90/6 developed an oil pressure problem.

After some roadside diagnosis it was decided that the problem was terminal so Graham, Soggy and I stayed in Spalding with Ray at the pub while Mike and Kevin continued to Melrose unaware of the issue with Ray's bike. Fletcher, the publican, couldn't have been more friendly and helpfully allowed Ray to park his bike at the back of the pub until Ray could arrange to have it shipped back to Brisbane. Thanks to PJ, Pommie Jim



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and John Sargent for helping Ray to get to Adelaide so he could fly home.

We met up with Mike and Kevin at Port Augusta where we held a round table conference. Looking to the western horizon all we could see were anvil shaped storm clouds with the promise of rain and headwinds. After consulting the BoM we decided to head north to Alice Springs and avoid the head winds and storm cells developing between Ceduna and the SA/WA border. Riding north after leaving Port Augusta found us on a smooth highway with the usual low grass and scrub for scenery as far as the horizon in every direction. Cool, cloudy weather, smooth road and the soothing vista of Aussie bush...great traveling conditions which are good for the soul and allow ample time

to reflect on life, Zen and the ride without the distractions of GPS, music or Bluetooth phones. Our first stop for the night was at the village at Glendambo (*had to spend 2 days there in 92, hitchhiking home after my super reliable 12 month old R100GS shit its gearbox—Ed*). It's a small, run down place with the Woolshed hotel being the newest building in the village. English backpackers served drinks and one of them lit a fire in the huge fireplace for our benefit. Unfortunately my lasting memory of the place was the smelliest and grottiest toilet I've ever seen.

Our next fuel and lunch stop was Coober Pedy, the last decent sized town until Alice Springs. The scenery



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didn't change much on the ride up to Marla where we called it a day and booked in at the motel. Rising late and hitting the road at 9am we next stopped for a fuel top up at Kulgera. Another grotty, run down place comprising a fuel stop, a small shop and some donga accommodation out the back. With steel bars over all the windows it wasn't a very inviting place. The glum looking woman serving behind the counter looked like she still had many years of her sentence to serve.

After an easy run of 450 kms we reached Alice Springs to stay the night, checked into a cabin at the caravan park and had dinner and drinks at Alice Springs Brewery which was conveniently located across the road. We rose early, enjoyed a cup of tea, packed our bikes and headed off north to Three Ways where we booked a cabin at the caravan park. Graham, Kevin and Soggy planned to head out of Alice Springs and turn east onto the Plenty Highway towards Boulia and meet up with Mike and me at Winton. Since crossing into the Northern Territory from South Australia I noticed a marked deterioration of the road, the Stuart Highway in the Territory having been sealed many decades before the road in SA. Despite its being sealed the surface was uneven and undulating making for a tiring ride on the sporty suspension of my K100RS.

Next morning (Monday) Mike and I set off from Three Ways through Camooweal to Mt Isa to stay at Mark and Karyn's place in order for Graham, Kevin and Soggy to catch up and join us. Once again, the state of the small villages with fuel stops was poor and run down complete with grotty, smelly toilet facilities, the exception being Barkly Homestead which was modern, clean and staffed by happy Irish and English backpackers. 630 kms after leaving Three Ways we rolled into Mt Isa. We discovered on our arrival that Soggy came down on the gravel road 84 kms before Tobermory Station on Monday afternoon. Mark invited us to stay

over on Tuesday to give us the opportunity to meet up with Soggy who was en route to Mt Isa courtesy of the Flying Doctors Service after being picked up by paramedics at Tobermory Station. After hammering his F700 for 30 kms over huge corrugations and oceans of sand and bull dust Graham wisely chose to backtrack to the Stuart Highway. He headed up towards Three Ways and stayed the night at the Barkly Roadhouse with intention of catching up with us at Winton.

Wednesday saw Mike and me leave Mt Isa and head off towards Cloncurry via McKinlay (its claim to fame is the pub where Crocodile Dundee was filmed) and then to Kynuna arriving in Winton early afternoon. We rode through a monotonous vista of low, brown grass and



the occasional tree along a road varying between a choppy, undulating surface and stretches of newly re-surfaced smooth tar. Kevin arrived shortly after, having ridden from Tobermory via Boulia to Winton.

From Winton we rode to Longreach, Barcaldine and reached Blackall after an easy run of 390 kms. Graham caught up to us here and after a quick drink we arranged to meet up with Doug the paramedic for dinner and drinks at the returned serviceman's club. The next morning we left for Augathella, Charleville and on to Cunnamulla while being accompanied by rain showers during the afternoon. On arrival at Cunnamulla we checked into a very well appointed cabin at the Cunnamulla Tourist caravan park. Here Graham pointed out that I had a blown headlight globe, so courtesy of Mike's spare globe I spent the next hour testing out my patience installing it.

Friday morning dawned cold and cloudy. Although the road was wet the rain held off and as we headed towards the NSW border the clouds broke and we enjoyed cool and sunny weather to Bourke and then down to Narromine where we stayed that night.

Narromine's weather Saturday morning was cold and cloudy. Although the roads were damp the rain had dispersed overnight. Graham and Kevin headed south



for their respective homes at Bathurst and Ulladulla while Mike and I rode towards Dubbo and had a light breakfast at the bakery at Dunedoo. From there the road alternated between sections of lovely smooth bitumen to bumpy and well patched pavement. I topped up with fuel at Jerry's Plains since the fuel pumps at Bulga were still off line and my K100RS was just short of getting to Colo Heights at the south end of the Putty Rd. At Mike's kind invitation I stayed at his and Sue's place so as not to face the inevitable Sunday afternoon crush of traffic heading into Sydney.

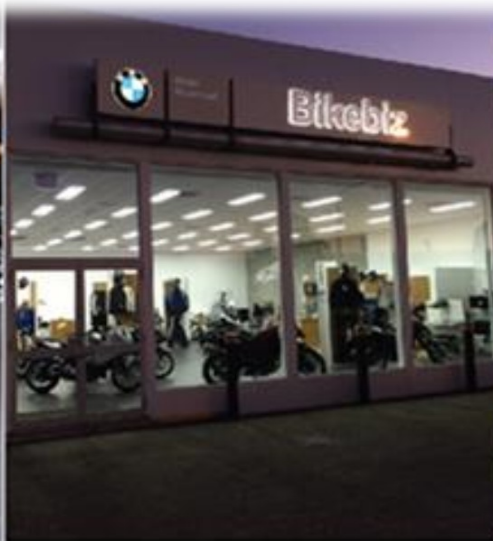


Monday morning dawned cold, cloudy but dry so after a chat with my hosts over a cup of tea and a light breakfast I turned south down a damp Putty Rd. As always the winding road was heaps of fun and the road work finally is nearing an end.

Zen: coming back to the naturalness, the intimacy and simplicity of our true nature. Often when I ride I feel in this state especially when I reminisce about the ride as I approach home. It's hard to beat touring our great country with like minded mates on a bike that, despite its age, starts first prod of the starter and runs reliably and smoothly.

When I arrived at the Grey Gum cafe I was disappointed to find it closed so I rode until I reached Wilberforce and had a very tasty salad roll and a coffee at the Buns 'n' Beans Bakery. The clouds were threatening but the rain held off as I rode through Windsor

then Richmond Rd and onto the M4. Just as I was on the Anzac Bridge ten minutes from home it started raining. Natch!



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**30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug**

**TTT Rally**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Ragged Fringe Rally**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**

**Far Cairn Rally**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Kosciuszko Rally**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**BMWTCNSW 60th anniversary  
celebration!**

**13<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**BMWTCNSW Christmas Party**

**31<sup>st</sup> Dec**

**New Years Gathering**