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NEWSLETTER



The Far Cairn Fire
Photo—Al Peters



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**BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales**



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MEETINGS

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

CLUB POINT SCORE

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



Ride & Events Calendar

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

Regular Events			
Wed Weekly	Meet at Jerry's Kulnura every Wednesday @ 10am	Henning 0457 034 488 Mick F 0414 713 359	
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 – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER			
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
SEPTEMBER			
Sat 13 th Sun 14 th	Ragged Fringe Rally		10
Fri 19 th - Sun 21 st	BMWTCNSW Far Cairn Rally		10
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
Tue 28 th	Canberra Social Sip 4 th Tuesday of the month. This month at the TBA 6pm	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. HTTP://tinurl.comBMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Doward 0425777461	4/6
Thurs 30 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mozzie Club(Bowling Club) Drinks from 6pm, (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman	2
NOVEMBER			
Wed 12 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428393093	2
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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 in this (October '25) newsletter	Justin Dorward 0425777461	10
Wed 31 st	New Years Gathering at Micalong Creek	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
JANUARY			
Thurs 8 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
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Fri 13 th - Sun 15 th	Karuah River Rally , Frying Pan Creek campground in the Chichester State Forest near Dungog, NSW. Flyer will be in the next (Nov) newsletter.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
Tues 24 th	Canberra Social Sip 4 th Tuesday of the month. This month at ???	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
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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)



Members #1, #2 and #3, still kicking

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear BMWTCNSW Members,

As we wrap up another exciting month, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the great events we hosted and participated in throughout September. Your continued engagement and support are what truly make these gatherings successful. Below is a summary of the key events and the vibrant participation we saw across the club.

The Bathurst/Central West Social Sip has been Jack Duggans Hotel was a fantastic success. Local members from the Bathurst and Central West regions came together to enjoy an evening of casual conversations and community-building. It was wonderful to see our local members connecting over a drink, discussing club activities, and strengthening relationships. These regular, relaxed meet-ups are a great reminder of the value of personal connections within the club.

Similarly, the South Coast Social Sip at North Nowra Tavern provided a welcoming and informal setting for our members in the South Coast region. Local members enjoyed a chance to unwind and share experiences in a laid-back atmosphere. It was fantastic to see so many familiar faces, and the event served as a great opportunity for everyone to stay connected and updated on the latest club news.

This year's Ragged Fringe Rally, held at the Neville Hotel Camping Ground and hosted by the Moto Guzzi Owner's Club, was a highlight. The weekend offered a perfect blend of camping, socializing, and bonding with fellow BMW enthusiasts. Members had the chance to experience the great outdoors, share stories, and strengthen their community ties. The event was well-received by both seasoned rally-goers and first-timers, making it an ideal opportunity for all to engage with the BMWTCNSW family.

The Far Cairn Rally at the Tottenham Racecourse was another fantastic event this month. Members participated in a weekend filled with camaraderie and adventure, riding to and from the event, sharing experiences, and enjoying the rally atmosphere. The event not only highlighted the best of BMW motorcycling but also brought our community together for meaningful interactions. It was an excellent opportunity to forge new friendships and create lasting memories.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the Canberra Social Sip, which will take place later this month. Although the venue is still to be confirmed, we're expecting another fun and casual evening. This event promises to be a great opportunity for our members in the Canberra region to connect, share stories, and



Hamish and Steve Treloar at the Cairn marking the centre of NSW

enjoy one another's company. Once the venue is locked in, we'll be sure to share the details with everyone.

The Club Meeting and AGM is scheduled for later this month, and I strongly encourage all members to attend. We hope for strong participation, both in person and online, as we will be providing important updates on the club's activities and future direction. Your input and engagement in these discussions are crucial as we continue to shape the future of BMWTCNSW together.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in these wonderful events. Your presence, enthusiasm, and dedication to the club make all of these gatherings so successful. Let's keep this momentum going as we move into the final quarter of the year. I look forward to seeing you all at future events and working together to keep our community strong and vibrant.

Best regards,
Steve Treloar
BMWTCNSW President

SECRETARYS AGM REPORT 2025

Many thanks to financial members, visitors, guests, advertisers, BMW Clubs Australia & everyone else who made this past year another memorable one for the Club. I must give a call-out to an individual that has helped me in a very real way this past year. Ed Chapman is an avid supporter of the Club and motivated individual to see the Club go from strength to strength. My heartfelt thanks for his time and effort in assisting me as Secretary. It should also be noted that Ed's support is on top of his own responsibilities as a MCC of NSW Delegate.

The Committee and the Executive Committee continue to hold monthly meetings on an alternate basis. As per Clause 10.1, at least three committee meetings are required in the twelve month period. Since the last AGM, we have held seven committee meetings & five executive committee meetings.

For the first time, I took part in the BMW Club's Australia Annual General Meeting in Melbourne, as an observer, representing our Club. It was a special opportunity to ensure our Club is represented - seen and heard. Meeting with our interstate colleagues & discussing common issues & solutions is invaluable. BMW Clubs Australia is a valuable resource & asset to us. We receive support in various ways.

Some of our planned technical improvements, such as migrating to Google Workspace for free, have presented challenges & these are slowly but surely being addressed.

While the Club grows in membership & event participation, the constant concern of lacking volunteers in the Committee & Executive Committee represents a significant challenge. Increasing key personnel risk means more work is being completed by fewer people. As has been noted for a few years - the BMW Committee operates effectively & in a friendly manner without the politics that stereotypical of volunteer committees. Disagreements occur at times & upon further information & discussion - under Steve Treloar's steady hand - the best outcome for the Club is found. It's a pleasure to be part of this group & I wish for more to enjoy the experience with us.

Ride Safe
Justin Dorward
Secretary

BMWTCNSW GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 27th August 2025

Chairperson: Alison Ashby (Treasurer)

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

In Person: Justin Dorward (Secretary), Ed Chapman (MCC delegate), Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Mal & Marianne Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Tony Conliffe, Bob Madell (MCC delegate), Stan Kucera, Bob Whitehead, Mick Goodwin, John Trenerry, Michael Sarah, Johanna Heinrichs, Dave Beers, Trevor Hooker, Keiran Moriarty, Bill Sparks.

Via Zoom: Al Pennykid (Editor), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Chuck Hamilton, Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Al Pennykid (Editor), Steve Treloar (President), Linda Smith, Andrew McPadden, Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Glenn Asquith.

Visitors: None.

New members: Andrew McPadden. He rides a GS1250 & enjoys riding through the bush. Keiran Moriarty (son of Mick) introduces himself. He rides a S1000RR.

Apologies: Warren Buffett, Tony Wilton.

July Minutes

Moved: Trevor Hooker

Seconded: Bob Madell

Carried.

President's Report:

Steve Treloar

Steve welcomes our new members and thanks Al Pennykid for putting together another great newsletter. Steve says the Far Cairn Rally registrations are open. Our general meeting & AGM is next month and we rely on the generosity of volunteers to keep the Club going. The 60th Anniversary celebrations are coming together. These are the three major events coming up in the next few months. Steve thanks Alison for chairing the

Secretary Correspondence & Report

Justin Dorward

Email: Newsletters / magazines from interstate.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

July 2025

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$5992.76

Savings account balance at end of month \$40999.90

TOTAL IN BANK \$46992.66

SUMMARY

Total Income \$8430.39

Total Expenses \$4610.69

Total Interest Earned \$25.39

Payments for the Awards Night are complete. Memberships & 60th Anniversary payments are still the main income.

Membership Secretary Report

Marie Pennykid

Membership cut-off was over the weekend. 90% retention rate. 368 current members as of the cut-off, which was just over 400 beforehand. Membership cards were posted out today, with new member numbers.

MCC of NSW Report

Ed Chapman & Bob Madell

The AGM was recently held and most of the incumbents were returned unopposed. The Joe Rider campaign has been publicised in the current newsletter. Also, information for the NeuRA posture research is in the newsletter. This is available to anyone, not just members. Coffee with a Cop is being held at Freemans Waterhole Oak Cafe on the 18th October, coinciding with the MotoGP in Melbourne.

A parliamentary petition is available. More information on the parliament website.

BMW Clubs Australia Report

Trevor Dean

Trevor is visiting the International Council meeting in a few days, representing the Club as well. Trevor has been the delegate for twelve years.

Next AGM is in February 2026 at the same location and Trevor hopes the Club can be represented.

Regalia

Alison Ashby

Regalia is available and Alison promotes the opportunities available. Bob Madell mentions the belt buckle that Jason Boyd is organising.

General business

Pin-striping

Dave Beers

Dave gives a positive review to Retro-line Artisan Signs after he did some work for him.

Rim repair

Steve Treloar

Steve gives a positive review of his rim repair experience with Dave Alderton in Smithfield.

Far Cairn Rally (19th - 21st Sep)

Marie Pennykid

The Racecourse organisers have been contacted & the fee has increased significantly. The firewood has been organised. Foodworks Tottenham has provided quotes. The Hotel & Cafe have been contacted. Michael is driving-out what we need from the hall. The awning isn't necessary.

AGM (24th Sept)

Justin Dorward

Appointment of a General Committee member (or two) for the first time. The Vice President role isn't as difficult as is made out, a sentiment supported by Dave. Steve & Dave detail the fun parts of the role.

60th Anniversary (25th - 26th October)

Marie Pennykid

All of the rooms put aside at Black Gold have been booked. 24th September is the cut-off for regalia, such as polo shirts / t-shirts in white or grey, with the 60th anniversary logo. Regalia is also available for anyone that would like it, even for those not attending.

Christmas Party (13th Dec)

Justin Dorward

Gundagai Cabins & Tourist Park & caterer is booked. Booking tables & chairs. Working on a wet-weather plan. The Tourist Park is offering members a 10% discount on accommodation options - tell them you're a member. \$40 pre-paid, cut-off the November general meeting. Secret Santa is on.

National Motorrad Rally (25th - 27th March)

Steve Treloar

Quotes are being sought for everything, so messaging to everyone about the cost can be communicated soon. Other arrangements are making progress, such as involving tourist attractions.

Previous Events

Steve Treloar attended the Hat Rally.

Chuck Hamilton along with some others were on their way to the Border Run but went to Mt Isa instead.

Rylestone Run.

Upcoming Events

BMW Club ACT to Dalgety is this weekend. Some Far South Coast BMWTCNSW members attending.

Dargo High Plains 13-14th Sep

Ragged Fringe 13-14th Sep

Kosciusko Rally 10-12th Oct. Check the location.

Scrapheap Challenge - October long weekend

Bathurst Swap Meet

Al Pennykid

Al found a workshop manual for a /5 to /7. \$5 plus postage from Bathurst. Available to anyone who can use it.

Sealer

Bob Madell

Bob has taken the broken magazine bag sealer to try and have an electrician friend fix it.

Next Committee Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th September 2025.

Next General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 24th September 2025 & AGM to follow immediately after.

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm

Acronyms and abbreviations used:

BMWCA: BMW Clubs Australia

MCC of NSW: Motorcycle Council of NSW

Welcome to the new members:

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

- Richard Trappel (Largs)
- Stephen Townsend (Cronulla)
- Brian Lindsay (Kurri Kurri)
- Graham Harrison (Gillieston Heights)
- Scott Leimroth (Wollongong)
- Nicholas Hook (Cherrybrook)
- Dominic McKinnon (Harris Park)



Notice: Speed Limit Changes

21st September, 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: **Blacktown, Clarence Valley, Dubbo Regional, Lithgow City, Ryde, Shellharbour, Wentworth, Wingecarribee, Wollongong, Yass Valley.**

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/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

Financials

August 2025

ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	\$5,910.98
Savings Account balance	\$41,020.73
TOTAL IN BANK	\$46,931.71
Summary	
Total Income	\$2,925.83
Total Expenses	\$2,986.78
Total Interest earned	\$20.83

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.

Email the appropriate person. ie: treasurer@bmwtcnsw.org.au membership@bmwtcnsw.org.au

Please support and promote our newsletter advertisers, their financial contribution is invaluable. Bikebiz, Brisban Motorcycles, Rock Motorcycles, AMX Canberra.

Notes: Postage of the membership cards and classic envelopes where the main expenses this month. Income was from Memberships and 60th anniversary as well as the FCR pre-registrations Stay Safe!

Alison Ashby

Treasurer
0422 077 583

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). \$360 ono
2. Spoke wheel with half worn Continental TKC80 150/70 17 from a GS in very good condition. \$400 ono
3. Brand new Continental TKC80 150/70 17 \$140

Contact Greg Tow
(email: gtow@optusnet.com.au Mob: 0414 975 521)

FCR Photos & Awards Report – 20th Sept 2025

From Marie Pennykid, photos by David Scott

Numbers were down on last year, but we still had a good rollup.

Our President, Steve Treloar presented the awards and ran the raffle draw.



The assembled masses for the Awards and raffles draw.



Ken Lovegrove spoke about M.A.R.I. and thanked us for our contribution to making the rally a success.



Glen O'Driscoll spoke on Psychs on Bikes which is **an organisation of mental health professionals** raising awareness of mental health issues in rural and remote communities.

<https://www.psychsonbikes.com/>



Glen O'Driscoll

Ken Lovegrove also took home the Longest Distance Male trophy with 1370km from Nanango (QLD)



Longest Distance Pillion—Marilyn Green

Longest Distance Sidecar – I missed his name and distance (*LOL—Ed, the award winner*)



And Glenda Lovegrove collected the Longest Distance Female Trophy also, of course, with 1370km.



Oldest Combined Bike and Rider was awarded to Mick Williams (81yrs) on his R60/5 (55yrs).



The Longest Distance Pillion trophy was given to Marilyn Green from Adelaide SA with 1127km.



The Youngest Rider award went to Dieb Joseph (D.J.) Khoury, Jr, born in 1995.



A special mention was also given to Lachie Jackson (13yrs) who pillioned 681 kms with his Dad.

The Hard Luck award went to Les Gardner who was in Tamworth hospital with broken femur and ribs, after coming off on his way to the rally. The trophy was collected by a friend who also picked Les up and transported him to a hospital.

(This was well contested unfortunately this year with a member hitting a 'roo on the way to the rally and another member who's bike suffered a major mech breakdown on his bike too—Ed)

Thanks to everyone who attended, and we hope that you had a safe trip home.

Marie Pennykid

A festive poster for a Christmas Party. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and two decorated Christmas trees on either side. In the center is a large red Santa hat with a white pom-pom. The text 'CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025' is written in large, glowing yellow letters. At the top, it says 'BMW TOURING CLUB OF NSW PRESENTS'. On the left, there are logos for 'BMW MOTORRAD' and 'BMW Touring Club of New South Wales'. At the bottom, there is information about the location, contact details, and a discount for members.

BMW TOURING CLUB OF NSW PRESENTS

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

GUNDAGAI CABINS & TOURIST PARK
02 6944 4440
1 NANGUS RD, GUNDAGAI
10% ACCOMMODATION DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS
ASK TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THE TOURIST PARK

\$40 PRE-PAYMENT
RSVP BY 26/11/25
FULLY REFUNDED FOR MEMBERS
ON ARRIVAL

6PM, SAT 13TH DEC 2025



Celebrating 60 years 1965-2025



BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales



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

You are cordially invited to attend the Club's 60th Anniversary Dinner to be held at the Black Gold Motel's Crib Room Restaurant at Wallerawang.

Kicking off at 6pm, dinner from 7.00pm.

All Current, Past members and Friends of the Club welcome.

We look forward to you joining us to celebrate this auspicious occasion.

Book your own accommodation at the Black Gold Motel, the Commercial Hotel, The Junction (B&B), or assorted options at Lithgow.

The Black Gold Motel & Country Cabins has assorted accommodation from Queen and Family Rooms to Cabins and Villas sleeping up to 15 people in double and bunk beds. Please discuss your requirements directly with their friendly staff and mention that you are with the BMW Touring Club of NSW.

Phone:(02) 6355 7305

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*)



BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales



Celebrating 60 years 1965 - 2025

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		\$
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A life on Motorcycles:

-an addiction to twins

A story about a BMW rider who traverse the length of South Africa in 1972 to see a dying friend sold me on the go anywhere and tough attributes of the "German junk".

It was 1973 and I was baby sitting a WA registered A65 BSA owned by my sister. I had recently borrowed a house mates, Marion's 70cc Yamaha step through to score a licence. Tough test, ride down the dead end street near the Armidale police station, do a U turn without putting a foot down and return. I am not sure the policeman thought the 90kg student rider, with shoulder length hair and a long beard should be on that bike, but I wasn't going to present on the BSA which may have refused to kick start.

Shortly afterwards a silver R50/5 was spotted outside the New England Hotel but I couldn't find the rider to interrogate them about their steed however I was "sold". On May 23rd 1975 I located a second-hand R75/5 at Amalgamated Scooters, located opposite Tom Byrne's old shop in Wentworth Ave Sydney. \$1500 later it was mine, after Tom Byrne's veteran sales person, Sid Seymour had sent a mechanic to eye ball it. I allowed a guy called Rob to pick it up, as I really thought battling Sydney peak hour on a new

steed would be a little challenging for a country lad. A tentative ride down Young St in Annandale was followed by a late night raid through the wood yards, dunny lanes and parks of the Inner West. Scary stuff for me, but a regular event for the residents of Young St who rode BMWs, Triumphs and various British derivatives. I do recall chasing a guy on an R50s, an experience which made me keen to track one down in the long term. The Young St creed was 1000 mile weekends. Leave on Friday night, home Sunday night. A large map of Australia adorned one wall, marked up with a 500 mile arc to guide week end activities.

Early next day I took on the Putty Road, surviving some interesting episodes, when I was forced to work out the strange handling of early twins. No injuries or underwear changes but it was close. It was a slow ride which was interrupted with a stint warming myself beside a fire behind the Royal Hotel in Barraba. The well lubricated locals thought I was mad. I was cold in the regulation gear for the era, an army great coat, flying boots and gauntlets. The family homestead at Bingara was reached at midnight, despite a couple of 'roos seeking to alter the course of history.

The next few years resulted in an excursion into a swamp near Shepparton after a few beers with some fruit pickers, kissing the back of Mercedes in the wet, the almost an inevitable 'roo strike and an incident in Brisbane which resulted in a fire.



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R50S and R69S

1980 resulted in a lap of Australia on a SWB R75/5 two up with my then partner Adriana. The trip was 16,000kms, of which almost 5000kms was good old sand, bulldust and corrugations. It took 6 weeks and took in the Centre Rally in Alice Springs. There were a couple of times when I thought we were going to kiss the ground, including a big moment on the old sand "track" into Ayers Rock. Frankly I viewed the incident as where are we going to land as opposed will we stay upright.

The Hall fleet spans 11 from 1961 R50s and R69s to a 2009 HP2 and an 2017 a Super Sport 9T. Along the way an 1973 R90S, a 1976 R100S, a much loved 1983 R80G/S (with 42litre Heinrich tank). The original R75/5 is now an ECCO Engineering beast, fast, loud and thoroughly anti-social. There is also an R80 Monolever, 1984 R100RS, the white R75/5 from the lap in 1980 survives. And there is what I term, my distance weapon, the R1150R which now carts my aged bones around the country with Jenny on the pillion seat.

Adriana gave me two wonderful daughters but lost her battle with cancer 8 years ago. The R1100GS that I owned "bit" a car shortly after Adriana's passing, because I wasn't paying attention and her mother was causing me grief.

I have remained true to twins, no triples or fours and I stay away from technology, I want to ride the

bike and suffer the consequences of my skill deficiencies and not have the bike doing the thinking for me. A point I debate with BMW legend Steve Adcock.

On test bikes I have had traction control on a modern GS nearly send me over a cliff near Dorrigo when the bike dictated that I couldn't have any power to exit a corrugated corner. Early ABS brakes on a K100RS lost their shit on a dirt road when the front wheel dived into a dust filled pothole. Interesting!

I respect the low centre of gravity and broad spread of "power" of the old twins. I am lazy, with no wish to continue to shuffle through the gearbox looking for the power band. The /5s have charged over the Plenty Highway and many of the unsealed development roads of QLD and outback NSW. The white one completed the Border Run on quite a few occasions. That's Sydney to the SA/WA border and return in less than 4 days, stupidity personified. But I do run my own consulting business, if I don't work no money comes in so some trips in the early days were time sensitive.

In 1996 long term co conspirator Woody and I completed the 6013km Sydney-Uluru-Sydney trip for BMW and TWO Wheels. The elapsed time of 88hrs which included sleeping, eating, refuelling and an early morning canter up the rock to catch the sunrise. Just madness, only one policeman was spotted during the whole trip. In the rain, within the city limits of Port Disgusting SA. Later that day the K1200S crested two and a half times the speed limit. While Woody missed the second eagle that emerged from a big 'roo carcass. The floating Brembos rattling like all hell in their carriers as he hauled the speed down to 80km/h and saw the eagle glide across 3m ahead.



R100S and R9T

There have been many rallies and it has always good to shoot the breeze around a campfire. BMW ownership has connected me with many riders around Australia who I regard as true friends even though we may only catch up with the likes of Bear and Bailey every few years.

I have road tested over 100 motorcycles for magazines and only four have made me want to own them; the R80 mono, R80G/S, R1100GS and a 1991 851 Ducati which is in the shed. White frame, red body-work and a great Staintune mufflers.

Unashamedly I love the long distance rides, drawing a straight line from destination to destination and looking for the roads or tracks which most closely align to the route. It has meant being on the road in all sorts of conditions, including snow and black ice in Europe. There have been Aussie doses of dust storms, sand, monster corrugations, high winds, fog, raging thunderstorms and everything in between.

I am proud of starting the BMW Safari craze in 1994. There have been tense times jousting with BMW when items broke or fell off of bikes.

At 74 I am back to doing about 10,000 km a year, mostly because there is a rally car, a family agricultural property, four awesome grandchildren to enjoy and an equally great lawyer partner. Currently I'm scoping out a 5000km raid on SA in October.

There will be a time when I hang up the boots. Who knows when? However you will never find me on a scooter of any brand.

Geoff Hall



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MY FAR CAIRN RALLY

I left for the FCR late Friday morning having loaded up my newest acquisition, a 2013 R1200RT SE, the previous evening. I rode out to Richmond from Sydney then had a leisurely ride along Bell's Line of Road to Lithgow and onto Orange to stay the night at a mate's place. That night a thunderstorm rolled through and I wondered if it reached as far as Tottenham. As I discovered on my arrival there the storm did roll over central NSW and dumped a load of rain on the rally site making me happy that I chose to stay in Orange.



adjustable screen are fabulous. You can raise or lower the screen to fine tune it according to where the wind is coming from to tune out the wind noise. The seat is pretty good but even so after a couple of hours my arse began to protest. Next time I'll take the Airhawk to enhance my endurance. Fuel economy is unbelievably good for such a big bike, about 420 km from a tank of 25 litres. Apart from twin cam efficiency the tall gearing certainly helps, 3,000 rpm at 100 km/h in top. My only regret is that I didn't buy an RT years earlier!



Chuck Hamilton

(Story about the new bike will be in the next newsletter—no space this time)

I rolled out of Orange late Saturday morning and enjoyed a cold, clear morning riding out to Parkes, Tullamore and into Tottenham. I set up my tent and wandered around the rally site checking out the other bikes and yakking with their owners. After a steak Sanger for dinner we all stood around a fire discussing the state of the world of motorcycles.

I packed up and left Tottenham at 8:30 Sunday morning and decided to make a decent ride of it rather than head straight home. Rode to Forbes then down to Cowra and then to Boorowa and blasted up the Hume Motorway for a total of 650 kms. Easy on the big RT! I could have done another 650! (Nah, not really, I must admit I feel a bit shagged after a day in the saddle).

I'm hugely impressed with the Luxo-barge. The suspension, riding position, fairing and the electrically ad-

Alison Ashby and Hamish Treloar hard at work on the FCR entry/ registration desk



Mini Spray Booth.

Warren Buffet

I live in a lovely mild climate in the Southern Highlands of NSW for nine months of the year. For three months in winter I think I live in Siberia. For this bleak period I have a pot belly stove in my shed.



This climatic about face is problematic when a quick spray job is required on some bespoke accessory that has entertained me for a short time. It is not uncommon to wait weeks for a day warm enough that is close to windless so I can spray outside.

In desperation while making Quadlock phone holders mounts to suit three motorcycles and one E-bike I made a cardboard spray booth that crudely attached to my pot belly stove. This little creation worked quite well so I set about scrounging materials to make a metal version that could be flat packed for storage when not required.



This portable spray booth assembles using eight M5 screws and then self supports when mated to the open fuel port in the stove. The stove hotplate is lifted out and replaced with a sheet metal plate that supports a 12V computer fan. This provides a very small draft to extract overspray. A hook rail and a small Lazy Susan is the only thing needed to hang or rotate jobs.



More Far Cairn Rally

Alan Pennykid

The Far Cairn Rally owes its success completely to the volunteers from our club that all help to make it tick. Alison Ashby and my hard working partner in crime, Marie Pennykid both do months of work preparing for the rally, between planning, ordering, designing, talking to people, talking to each other etc. Without them, the rally would not happen.

Since we took on the catering at the rally last year Ed Chapman has taken over running the kitchen with great aplomb, him and the group of volunteers have really taken to it like ducks to water and have it running like a well oiled machine.



Ed Chapman, Johanna , Michael Sarah and Phil Draper manning the Catering Shed/kitchen

FAR CAIRN RALLY IMAGES



Green, but soggy after the rain



The fire was popular as usual



The Pudding made an appearance



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