

BMW Touring Club of NSW NEWSLETTER



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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.			
OCTOBER			
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
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Online and Physical Meetings at the Hall. https://tinyurl.com/BMWTCNSW-General-Meetings	Justin Doward 0425 777 461	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 0425 777 461	2
Friday 31 st Sunday 2 nd	Trout Rally. Jounama Campground, Talbingo. BYO everything	Steve Treloar 0239 739 876	10
NOVEMBER			
Sat 1 st	Classics @ Cobargo. Cobargo showground 9.30am to 3pm	Steve Treloar 0239 739 876	2
Sun 9 th	Central West Day Ride. Ride to Gulgong Swap Meet. Meet at 7-11 cnr of Boyd St and GWH, leave approx. 7:30. Stop at Ilford approx. 8:30 to pickup any riders from Lithgow direction (Castlereagh hwy). Brekky and swap meet at Gulgong.	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	6
Wed 12 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Thurs 13 th	South Coast Social Sip: 2 nd Thursday of the month& location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sunday 16 th	Bemboka Hotel Lunch run in conjunction with BMWCC 12 noon	Steve Treloar 0239 739 876	2
Tue 25 th	Canberra Social Sip 4 th Tuesday of the month. This month at the TBA 6pm	Dave Ramsey 0427 264 196	2
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DECEMBER			
Sun 7 th	Central West Ride Day Ride. Meet at Nikkis Café on William in Bathurst from 9:30am (coffee, maybe breakfast and pre-ride chat). (<i>1st Sunday as 2nd Sunday is Xmas party weekend</i>)	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	6
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Sat 13 th	BMWTCNSW Christmas Party @ Gundagai	Justin Dorward 0425 777 461	10
Wed 31 st	New Year's gathering at Micalong Creek via Wee Jasper NSW. See https://reflectionsolidays.com.au/parks/wee-jasper to book & pay daily camp fee (also tel 02 6227 9626). BYO everything.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
JANUARY 2026			
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 0407 494 229	2
Sun 11 th	Central West Ride Day Ride. Meet at Nikkis Café on William in Bathurst from 9:30am (coffee, maybe breakfast and pre-ride chat).	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	6
Wed 14 th	Bathurst/Central West Social Sip 2 nd Wed of the month @ Jack Duggans Hotel, Bathurst from 6:30pm	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	2
Sat 24 th Sun 25 th	KRR Recon Run – Saturday arvo drinks & dinner at Bank Hotel Dungog. Accommodation - Bank Hotel (02 4992 1701), Tall Timbers Motel (02 4992 1547) or Royal Hotel (0418 443 398).	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
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Fri 13 th Sun 15 th	Karuah River Rally – Frying Pan Creek campground, Chichester State Forest via Dungog (15k dirt) & \$30 for badge but BYO all else. See club website and Facebook for further detail.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
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MARCH 2026			
Sun 8 th	Central West Ride Day Ride. Meet at Nikkis Café on William in Bathurst from 9:30am (coffee, maybe breakfast and pre-ride chat).	Alan Pennykid 0427 393 093	6
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Wed 25 th Fri 27 th	BMW National Motorrad Rally - The BMW TC of NSW is excited to announce the 2026 BMW National Motorrad Rally and will take place in Mudgee. tinyurl.com/nationalmotorradrally	Marie Pennykid 0428 393 093	10

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

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

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

-November 2025

Dear BMWTCNSW Members,

At the time of writing, the final touches are being put on our Club's 60th Anniversary celebration at **Wallerawang's Black Gold Motel**. It looks like we'll have close to **100 people attending**, which is a fantastic turnout. It promises to be a great night, and my thanks go to everyone who has put in a huge effort to get this milestone event off the ground. Sixty years of the Club is well worth celebrating!

It will be wonderful to catch up with people I haven't seen for some time, sharing stories, photos, and memories of great rides. We'll have guest speakers, slide shows, a lucky door prize, good food and great company — and yes, **the Pudding will be there too**.

As many of you will have seen on our socials, **Marg Barlow** had an unfortunate encounter with a kangaroo near Cargo while on a ride last weekend. Marg is now back in Orange Base Hospital. I had to smile at the media report describing her as "a woman in her 50s treated at the scene." We all wish you a **speedy recovery, Marg**.

One of my runs this month was up to the **Kosciuszko Rally**, hosted by the BMW MCC at Behrs Flat Campground on the other side of the river in the Geehi area. It was my first time camping at **Keebles Hut** — a fantastic location that I'll definitely be returning to for more exploring. The run up to the mountains on the **R100RS** was brilliant.

Looking ahead, the **Trout Rally** is coming up at **Jounama Campground** on the Snowy Mountains Highway near Talbingo. For those down south, there's a run to **Cobargo** for the **Classics @ Cobargo** day on **Saturday 1 November**.

Also down the coast, there's another **BMW TC NSW / BMW MCC** lunch get-together at the **Bemboka Hotel**, at the bottom of Brown Mountain, on **16 November**.

The end of the year is fast approaching, and our **Club Christmas Party** will be held in **Gundagai** — check the newsletter for full details.

A big **thank you to all our new and continuing Committee members** for your time, effort, and on-going support in keeping the Club running smoothly. Your commitment ensures the BMW Touring Club of NSW continues to thrive and deliver great rides, events, and friendships.

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MCC of NSW Delegates- Ed Chapman & Bob Madell
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IT- John Visser

Ride safe, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the 60th!

Steve Treloar

BMWTCNSW GENERAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Date: 24th September 2025

Chairperson: Justin Dorward (Secretary)

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

In Person: Justin Dorward (Secretary), Ed Chapman (MCC of NSW Delegate), Stan Kucera, Marianne Cattermole, Mal Cattermole (Assets & Archives), Tony Wilton, Tony Conliffe, Trevor Dean (BMWCA Delegate), Bob Madell (MCC of NSW Delegate), Michael Sarah, Mick Goodwin (Spare Parts), Warren Buffett, Linda Smith, Rob Edgar.

Via Zoom: Alison Ashby (Treasurer), Campbell Steer, Steve Treloar (President), Marie Pennykid (Membership Secretary), Al Pennykid (Editor), Andrew McPadden, John Visser (IT), Pat Helsewood.

Visitors: Christopher Burns (Zoom)

New members:

Apologies: Bob Whitehead, Dave Beers, Bill Sparks.

August Minutes

Moved: Bob Madell

Seconded: Chuck Hamilton

Carried.

President's Report:

Steve Treloar

What a year it has been! The Touring Club of NSW has enjoyed great rides, great company, and plenty of laughs along the way. None of this would have been possible without our hardworking Committee and, of course, our members who turn up, ride, share a coffee, and keep our Club such a welcoming and friendly place.

Thank you all.

Year in Review

September – The year began with the BMW Super Fast at Sydney Motorsport Park, followed by our 16th Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham.

October – Members headed to the Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut.

November – We supported the Trout Rally and Fish Holes Rally, plus enjoyed our lively Club Auction Night.

December – Our Christmas Party at Merriwa was another highlight.

January – A relaxed New Year's camp at Micalong Creek, plus regular regional rides.

February – Our premier Karuah River Rally at Frying Pan Creek was a big success.

March – Members joined the Cold Flame Rally and a Historic Run at Wentworth Falls, plus welcomed new members with a ride to Candelo.

April – The Autumn Leaf Rally and regional runs kept members on the road.

May – A great country meeting at Hill End and attendance at the Ruptured Budgie Rally.

June – The Club took on the legendary Alpine Rally at Yarrangobilly, followed by the chilly Casper Rally.

July – Our Awards Night at Boorowa was a fantastic celebration, followed by the Winter Rally and Hat Rally at Araluen.

August – Social rides continued, along with the Triple T Rally at Young.

September – We rounded off the year with the 17th Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham, attracting around 120 attendees.

Secretary Correspondence & Report

Justin Dorward

Email: Newsletters / magazines from interstate, MCC of NSW survey.

PO Box: Bank statements. RTS mail.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison Ashby

August 2025

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Regular bank balance at end of month \$5,910.98

Savings account balance at end of month \$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

Postage of the membership cards and classic envelopes were the main expenses this month. Income was from Memberships and 60th anniversary as well as the FCR pre-registrations

Membership Secretary Report

Marie Pennykid

Five new members since the last meeting. 377 current members.

MCC of NSW Report

Ed Chapman & Bob Madell

October is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Event info has been posted online. Volunteers are needed for the Joe Rider campaign - contact Ed or Brian Wood. Breakfast Torque is at Heathcote Park, but is on the same day as our 60th anniversary.

Justin asks whether there has been any progress on the E-toll independent enquiry.

BMW Clubs Australia Report

Trevor Dean

Returned from Germany for the Annual International Council Meeting, held by BMW Club & Community Management. They were invited to the launch of the largest investment BMW has ever placed into a vehicle in their history, the iX3.

General Business

Far Cairn Rally 2025 Report

Steve Treloar

Alison & Marie organised the event. Around 120 attendees. Mostly favourable weather. Visitors from South Australia, including Bailey Gifford. Steve thanks our kitchen volunteers (Michael, Johanna, Ed & Phil). Alison adds a financial report will be prepared in due course & the rain didn't hamper them much. Marie added further information, saying of 50 badges ordered, 36 were left and revisited the raffle winners, which are in the newsletter. The remaining food was donated to Streetheart in Bathurst. T-shirt prices will need to increase next year due to increasing costs. Marie thanks the volunteers at the admin desk. Alison thanks Chris & Mike Furchert for cleaning up the mess in the bathroom.

60th Anniversary (25th - 26th October)

Marie Pennykid

Guest speakers have been confirmed. Tonight was to be the original closing date, but it has been extended to the end of September to get your entry. 85 bookings so far.

Christmas Party (13th Dec)

Justin Dorward

Start booking your accommodation at Gundagai Cabins & Tourist Park. Sorting out 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. When you call, ask to be put through to the park to place your booking.

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. The QR code is the same as earlier communicated.

Previous Events

Steve reports on the BMW Club ACT to Dalgety ride. Eight of our members attended.

Dargo High Plains 13-14th Sep.

Pennykids attended Ragged Fringe 13-14th Sep, along with some other members for a day-trip.

Upcoming Events

Lunch at Cargo. (ACT Club)

Scrapheap Challenge - October long weekend. Donations welcome.

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

Bag sealer

Bob Madell

The broken bag sealer has been fixed by a contact of Bob Madell's.

Meeting Closed at 8.23pm

Acronyms and abbreviations used:

BMWCA: BMW Clubs Australia

MCC of NSW: Motorcycle Council of NSW

Financials

September 2025	
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$
Regular bank balance	\$9,471.19
Savings Account balance	\$41,028.01
TOTAL IN BANK	\$50,499.20
Summary	
Total Income	\$10,813.23
Total Expenses	\$7,245.74

IMPORTANT:

*When depositing into the club account please put your **NAME** and use the description asked for that event. MSHIP & Number (if known) **XMAS25**, FCR, AWARDS, REGALIA, **NMR26***

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

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Notes: The Far Cairn Rally was the biggest expenses and income for September. A great event. We had an awesome time at the 60th Anniversary Dinner. Great Guest Speakers and the staff of the Black Gold were very professional and helpful. Not to mention the fabulous food. Hope all that attended enjoyed the night as much as I did.

Looking forward to Christmas and the National Motorrad Rally.

Please remember to put your name and **XMAS25** when depositing into the club account and email me if you have any dietary requirement. The National Motorrad Rally description is **NMR26** email Marie and follow the direction on the flyers.

Stay Safe!

Alison Ashby

Treasurer
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BMW TOURING CLUB OF NSW PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025



BMW Touring Club
of New South Wales



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6PM, SAT 13TH DEC 2025

Welcome to the new members:

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

- Matt Miles (Kapooka)
- Rob Blumenthal (Bowen Mountain)
- Corey Snell (Collaroy)
- Robert Reid (UKI)
- Andrew Johnston (Balmain)
- Jordan Cameron (Newtown)
- Christopher Burns and Angie Mae Clem-

WANTED PLEASE.

I have 1958 R60 & planning to take it to the 2026 OCR at Mt Augustus. I currently have a 17 litre fuel tank & thinking I will need a 30+ litre tank.

Can anyone help me with this please?

I can exchange for some \$\$\$\$\$, R26 parts , R60 parts or some /5-/6 items.

Cheers

Henning #33

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

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49th KARUAH RIVER RALLY

13 -14 - 15 February 2026

**Frying Pan Creek Campsite off Frying Pan Road, Chichester
State Forest, via Dungog NSW**

Dear Motorcyclist. The BMWTC NSW invites you to the 49th Karuah River Rally at the usual site about 31 km north of Dungog via the Monkerai and Main Creek Roads or the Wangat Trig Road past the Chichester Dam turnoff. Check our Website or the Bank Hotel Dungog for a map. There's about 14k of (reasonable) dirt from either direction. Both roads will be signposted. **The Main Creek – Frying Pan Road is now open – if heavy rain use this.**

Entry is \$30 and BYO. Supplies are available in Dungog where there is much to see and do. Rally awards and raffle prizes on Saturday afternoon, and the site has male and female toilets.

Note - you don't have to own a BMW.

Contact Rob Lovett on 0417 267 425 (leave a message) or email robr100r@gmail.com - please put Karuah in subject line. See also www.bmwtcnsw.org.au.

NOTE – The rally site is reasonably isolated so please ensure you account for this in terms of your health and any medical requirements.

AND NOTE – If extreme conditions require us to change the rally location, we'll try and give you as much warning as possible – check our Facebook and Webpages closer to the time. The alternative venue will also be signposted from the rally site and from the Bank Hotel.

PLEASE VACATE IF REQUESTED TO DO SO – YOUR REFUSAL WILL JEOPARDISE THE RALLY (we hope relocation will be unlikely).

The BMWTC NSW acknowledges the valuable and longstanding support of the Forestry Corporation of NSW in providing us with the Chichester State Forest campsite. Rally participants are asked to respect and protect these valuable facilities and access roads.

The standard of behaviour is left to the individual – we ask you not to spoil it for others

Gru Made Me Buy It

Chuck Hamilton

"First we get a motorcycle. Then we get another motorcycle `for spares'. And then we say 'No more motorcycles'. But then we find another motorcycle. So we get two more motorcycles".

I was reminiscing about the bike trip I recently completed with my mates in the club last month. We were originally going to the border run but at Port Augusta decided instead to ride up the Stuart Highway to Alice Springs, Three Ways, then to Mt Isa, Longreach, Cunnamulla, Bourke, Narromine, Dubbo, Singleton then (for me) home to Sydney, a distance of 6,500 kms. I originally intended to take my R75/6 but an oil leak forced me to instead take my K100RS. It handled the wet, cold and windy weather we experienced very well due to its sports fairing but it lacked a few features that I would have liked on a long distance tourer like more compliant suspension, a more upright riding position, heated hand grips, more comfortable seat and a fairing screen a bit taller to deflect the air stream over my helmet instead of hitting it at visor level. My ears are still ringing from the wind noise and buffeting despite wearing ear plugs.

After some contemplation I decided that I need an RT in my life before I get too old to enjoy more long touring kms on the road. As an old guy I value weath-

er protection and comfort more than performance these days. I really don't `need' another bike. I'm spoiled for choice with four bikes already in the garage but what's need got to do with it? Three of my bikes are on historic rego and so don't cost much to register. Once a year each of them gets a service whether they need it or not because they are usually pretty much under the 5,000 km oil change interval I place on them.

So after some research on the internet, BMW forums and YouTube and a recommendation from a BMW technician I decided on a 2013 year model. That year is the last of the conventional air/oil cooled twin cam engines and niggles that plagued earlier models (such as premature fuel pump and final drive failure) have been long since resolved. 2014 and later RTs are a liquid cooled, integrated engine and gearbox design with the final drive moved to the rider's left side and the silencer to the right side. In addition they have a wet clutch positioned at the front of the engine, throttle bodies and exhaust header pipes mounted on the top and bottom of the head respectively along with ride-by-wire throttle and associated electronics. Unlike earlier engines the camshafts on 2014 and later engines need to be removed if the valve shims have to be changed which, thankfully, doesn't need to be done too often on modern engines.

Anyhow I found that the 2013 model RTs don't come up for sale very often. When I was searching there were only two for sale on Bike Sales, one in Perth and one in Warwick which is about two hours west of Bris-



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bane. Apart from some superficial scratches on the left hand side valve cover and pannier lid the bike in Warwick ticked the boxes for me: a one owner country bike, only 88,000 kms on the clock and a documented dealership service history. To get things moving I called Ray Goss and asked him if he was up for a road trip to Warwick. Next I booked a plane ticket and flew to Brisbane and met up with Ray. We enjoyed catching up and talking bikes for the couple of hours it took to drive out to Warwick. Upon arrival at Peter's (the seller) address his wife informed us that she was just about to drive into town with some tools because he had broken down on the RT. With some trepidation I jumped in the car with her and drove the five minutes into town to meet Peter who had by this time bypassed the faulty side stand start inhibit switch by bridging the wires to the switch. I was relieved that the bike looked much better in real life than in the photos. Even the scratches on the valve cover and pannier lid weren't as bad as the photos made them look. Peter offered to let me ride it back to his house giving me the chance to do a brief evaluation of the bike. I had a good look over it and noticed that the brake pads and rotors (front and rear) hardly had any wear and the twistgrips, footrest rubbers and brake and clutch controls (other tell-tales of wear and tear) were in excellent condition.



I did the deal, filled out the rego forms and was then the proud owner of a BMW R1200 RT. Since I was not too far away I called my mate Kim who lives in Tewantin to see if he was up for a visit. While the RT felt a bit ponderous when moving it around the workshop once it got moving the bulky feel disappeared and the steering became sharp and responsive. Rather than blast up the Bruce Hwy I decided on the more

interesting route north to Gatton, Esk and Kilcoy. The bike handled the winding road with ease and the kms melted away as I lost myself in the comfort of the wide, soft seat and the bubble of calm air and silence behind the electrically adjustable screen. When I finally turned onto the Bruce Hwy after Woodford it was just on dusk and I was surprised to look down at the speedo and see that I was going at 130 km/h when I thought I was doing 100 km/h such was the smoothness and quietness of this bike. Yep, I'm going to be loving this!



So after spending a couple of days catching up with Kim it was time to head home. Just blasting down the Bruce Hwy and then the Pacific Hwy to Sydney was the quickest route home but after a half hour on the motorway I became bored and turned off towards Kilcoy and enjoyed the winding country road back towards Warwick and onto Toowoomba, Stanthorpe to end up in a cheap-and-cheerful motel in Glen Innes for the night.

Next morning dawned and I enjoyed a clear, crisp day for my run down to Murrurundi where I met up with George Harper for a coffee and catch up at his favourite café. Setting off once more I was delighted that there was hardly any traffic on the New England Hwy and so made good time down to Muswellbrook and onto Singleton where I called Mike Dawson to book accommodation for the night. My intention was to ride home that evening but I decided to avoid Sydney's inevitable Friday night traffic disaster and camp at Mike's place instead. The traffic riding along the old highway into Singleton was horrific and I kept glancing longingly over to the construction of the new bypass wishing it was finished and I was on it. Finally I rode into town and after purchasing a couple of bottles of wine I did the remaining 20 kms to Bulga in no time at all.

I rose early as is my habit and talked bikes with Mike and Dick over breakfast and a cup of tea. When the dew had evaporated and the risk of encountering wildlife on the road diminished I mounted up and turned

south on the Putty Road. The 16 kms of winding road was in great condition and the RT motored through the bends without scraping the undercarriage once despite my (admittedly conservative) efforts to scrub out the chicken strips on the Pirelli rubber. In no time at all I was at the Grey Gum café to enjoy a coffee and muffin for lunch. I can't recall a time where I saw so many bikes there and many more heading north on the Putty as I steamed towards Windsor. The road between Tinda Creek and Windsor is in appalling condition with constant bumps and undulations caused by the endless stream of trucks carting gravel. I was so glad to be enjoying the supple suspension on the RT and not to be riding on one of the dozens of Harleys that streamed north.

The ride through Windsor was not too bad for a Saturday and instead of heading straight home I deviated to Penrith so as to draw the ride out a bit longer. Finally I joined the M4 motorway and stopped briefly at the service centre at Eastern Creek for a drink and to top up with fuel. I rolled into the garage at home after an uneventful forty minute run, unpacked the bike, admired it for a few minutes, went inside and reflected on the trip with Lilly over a cup of tea. I completed just under 1,500 kms since taking delivery of the bike and enjoyed every kilometre of the journey home.



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Australian Superbike Championship Rnd 7

Date: Sunday 05th October 2025.
 Cost of entry: \$36.40 pp.

I attended the Sunday session of the ASBK Rnd 7 at Wakefield Park/One raceway. The weather was almost ideal, although as per usual, it was quite windy at times. Crowd numbers seemed to me to be down on last year, and there were certainly fewer bikes in the carpark compared with last year, I reckon. There was a very nice gold 1977 BMW R100RS, in quite original nick.



Having arrived early, my first priority was to do a walk around the track (for as far as the fenced area allowed). I took the time to take photos of bikes, both race bikes and spectators daily rides.

The track has been recently upgraded/ reconfigured, the old potholed goat track sections have been resurfaced with hotmix and the final right hand turn onto the straight has been expanded into a 'southern loop style' double apex sweeper. As part of the design brief, it was decided to configure the new track layout so that races can be run safely in either direction.

From my untrained perspective, I think the track designers have done a great job. It isn't Phillip Island,

but it is a lot better than Eastern Creek, I reckon. The layout means that spectators have a view of a large percentage of the track from wherever they choose to view the race from.

The facilities would still seem familiar to anyone that attended the track prior to the upgrade, the only major change is to the control tower, which is now larger but has lost the old aircraft conning tower look, being replaced with a fairly boring skillion - roofed box structure. There is a new pit garage area and a large concrete slab bike/carpark, adjacent to the new pits. The old pits remain, as do the breezy toilet blocks.

The races:

There was a full schedule of support and main races, refer table attached. For the most part, the races were well contested, and aside for a few "racing incident" type prangs, everything went well.



ASBK race 1:

This was a Yamaha racing podium, with Mike Jones leading home Cam Dunker and Troy Herfoss. Championship leader Josh Waters (Ducati) came in 5th, retaining his overall lead.

ASBK race 2:

This race came in two installments, after a red flag incident stopped the race for a short time. Thankfully, the fallen rider, J. Favelle, wasn't badly injured. Mike Jones doubled-up the meeting with a second win, with Cam Dunker and Anthony West rounding off the podium.

Sunday	5 th October	All times are AEDT – Daylight Saving Time		
9.00	9.05	bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup	Warm Up	5 mins
9.10	9.15	Kawasaki Supersport / Next Generation	Warm Up	5 mins
9.20	9.25	Race & Road Supersport 300	Warm Up	5 mins
9.30	9.40	SW-Motech Superbike	Warm Up	10 mins
9.50	10.10	bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup ^	Race 2	6 Laps
10.15	10.45	Kawasaki Supersport / Next Generation ^	Race 1	16 Laps
10.50	11.10	Race & Road Supersport 300 ^	Race 2	10 Laps
11.15	11.50	SW-Motech Superbike *^ (Replayed on SBS)	Race 1	20 Laps
11.55	12.30	Yamaha Blu Cru Asia Pacific R3 Championship ^	Race 2	9 Laps
12.30	13.30	ASBK Pitlane Walk – TJ Stunt Show	Pitlane - Trackside	60 mins
13.30	13.50	bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup *	Race 3	6 Laps
14.00	14.30	Kawasaki Supersport / Next Generation *	Race 2	16 Laps
14.40	15.15	SW-Motech Superbike *	Race 2	20 Laps
15.35	15.55	Race & Road Supersport 300 *	Race 3	10 Laps

um. Josh Waters recorded another 5th, meaning the Championship race is still alive, and will be decided next round in SA.



Another highlight of the day was the 1 hour open pit walk. It's fascinating to see the race bikes sans fairings and in various stages of disassembly and repair. The



keen ASBK groupies could also line up and speak to the riders, as well as seek an autographed poster/merchandise etc. Great access and fun for all.

There were a number of trade stalls, including a cracker of a display from SW-Motech. The usual greasy spoon food stalls did a roaring trade all day long. My gourmet organic hamburger definitely hit the spot.

Anyway, another great day at the bike races. There should be more of them.

Cheers, Dave Ferlazzo.



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What we do: Psychs on Bikes is an organisation of mental health professionals raising awareness of mental health issues in rural and remote communities. We have a passion for our work in the mental health industry and a desire to reduce the burden of mental illness in rural Australia. We also have a passion to ride motorbikes. Focusing on mental health, we visit communities in rural and remote Australia providing support, advice, awareness seminars as well as free health checks. (you'll also see Psychs on Bikes at events like the Bathurst Bike Show and the Walcha Motorcycle rally—Ed)



Since 2011, Psychs on Bikes has delivered more than one thousand one-on-one health checks in rural and remote Australia. Our most significant outcome has been raising an individual's awareness of the implications of their mental suffering both for themselves and their families, along with destigmatising the idea of seeking help and working to identify ways they might begin the process of helping themselves.

Psychs on Bikes has also allowed mental health professionals to share the experience of the 'open road' and develop lasting bonds which are carried over into everyday life.

Mental illness is more prevalent in rural and remote areas than in metropolitan areas; suicide rates are very much higher and services are usually less readily available. Motorcycling mental health professionals visiting outback towns attract attention and encourage some men who might not otherwise seek help for mental ill health to undergo a "men's health check".

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How it all started

Founder Dr Joseph Dunn, FRANZCP 1990, MBBS University of Auckland 1978

Joe, otherwise known as the 'Fat Controller', founded Psychs On Bike along with a couple of his colleagues during a motorcycle ride across the Nullarbor Plains in 2011. Joe combined his love of motorcycle touring and mental health into Psychs on Bikes. He has inspired a wide range of mental health professionals from across the country to join him on epic rides across Australia.

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