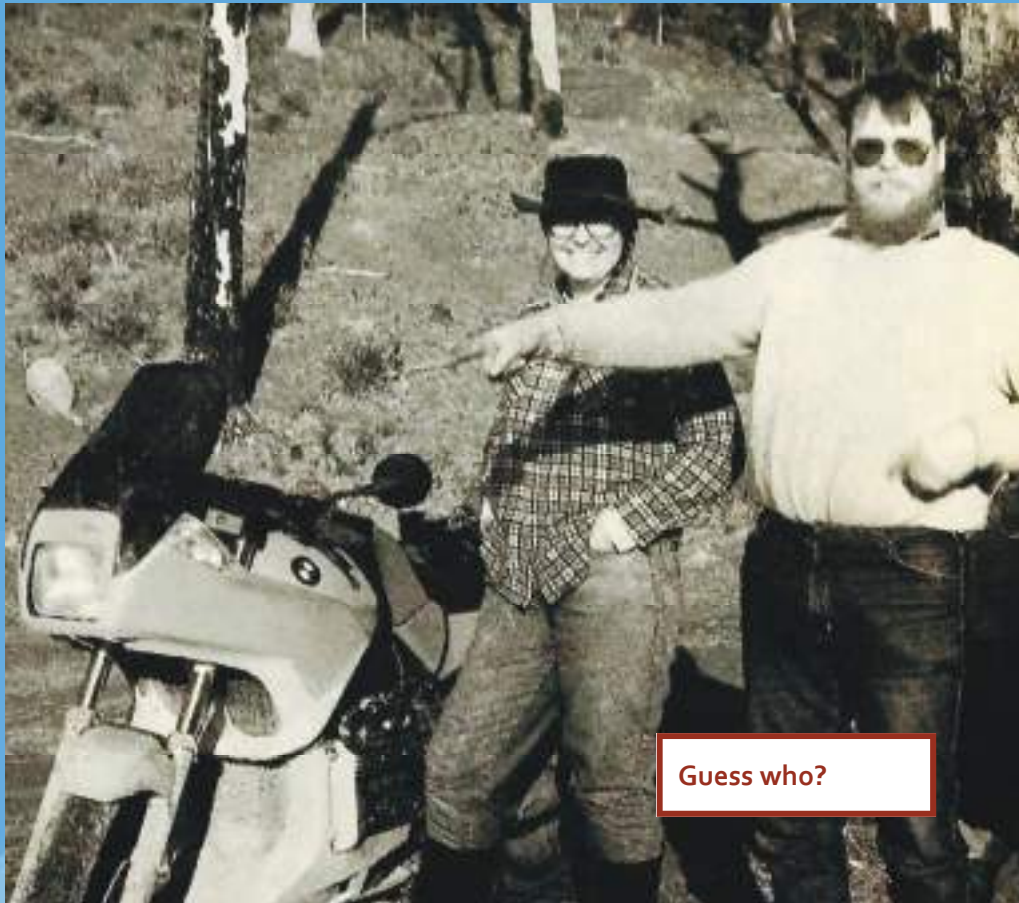


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MEETINGS

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.
North Coast Breakfast & Social Sip	Quay Lime Bar and Grill, 18 Park St, Port Macquarie from 4:30pm.

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

Past Events			
Nov Sat 25 th	Sydney Motorcycle Show Darling Harbour; Catch the train down for a great day looking at Motorcycles	Trevor Dean	2
Nov Sun 26 th	Special Olympics Australia – Soar & Roar; Support the athletes of Special Olympics Australia. See advertisement in previous news letter for more details	Soar&Roar website	4
Dec Wed 5 th	Mid Week Ride Gosford Classic Museum; opened last year situated in the old Bunnings 13 Stockyard Pl, West Gosford. 450 vintage cars, Meet Freemans Waterhole 9.00 AM to ride down. http://gosfordclassiccarmuseum.com.au/	Rob	
Dec Sat 9 th – Sun 10 th	Club Christmas Party – 9 th December, 2017, Acacia Ridge, 61 Research Rd, Hargraves, NSW. RSVP Alan or Marie Pennykid before December 2 nd . See details in newsletter	Al & Marie Pennykid	10
Dec Sun 31 st Mon 1 st	New Year's Gathering; Micalong Creek via Wee Jasper NSW. BYO everything from Yass, Canberra or wherever. Campground is 10km past Wee Jasper with 6km dirt. There are toilets & shower facilities – daily camping fees apply.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	12
Fri 12 th – Sun 14 th	Capital Rally - 12-14 January 2018. Hosted by South Coast United Motorcycle Tourers (SCUM). All are invited to the revamped 2018 Capital Rally to be held at Stewarts Crossing Campground. Access via Stewarts Crossing Rd, via Nerriga Rd. The Rally is a BYO event as there will be no catering. Cost is \$20 to cover the cost of a toilet and a badge.	George Scarfe 0428 464 618	
Sat 20 th	KRR Recon Run Dungog; Accommodation at the Bank Hotel (02 4992 1701), Royal Hotel (02 4992 3070) & Tall Timbers Motel (02 4992 1547) - this run is a lot of fun as is a swim in the Williams River before dinner at the Bank Hotel on Saturday night.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425	10
February Events			
Thur 8 th	South Coast Social Sip; change of night and location 2nd Thursday of the month and the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Fri 9 th - Sun 11 th	41st Karuah River Rally - Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest Motorcyclists only. \$25 entry covers badge & breakfast voucher. BBQ style catering Saturday afternoon. Other supplies available in Dungog. Rally awards & prizes presented Saturday evening. Site has male & female toilets. Rally to be signposted at the Bank Hotel. NOTE – Last year the rally location was changed last minute due to a State Forest Extreme Fire status. Please check our Facebook and Webpages for status updates. Map and flyer on website. A map will be posted in the Bank Hotel Dungog late Jan.	Rob Lovett 0417 267 425 or rob@gaslightbooks.com.au	10
Thur 22 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2
Wed 28 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Chuck Hamilton 0457 574 856	4/6*
March Events			
Thur 8 th	South Coast Social Sip; change of night and location 2nd Thursday of the month and the location is The North Nowra Tavern 182 Illaroo Road North Nowra at 6pm	Tony Schmidt 0407 494 229	2
Sat 10 th – 13 th	33rd Cold Flame Rally 10-13 March 2017, hosted by the Monarchs MCC. At the confluence of the Snowy and Pinch Rivers on the Barry Way, South of Jindabyne and North of Buchan. The Rally is Proudly Supporting Beyond Blue and Lifeline" with all profits being donated to Beyond Blue and Lifeline. The site is a back to basics in the Kosciusko National Park. No catering, bring your own "everything" and take away all of your rubbish yourself. There are several clean long drop toilets on the site and the only water is from the Pinch River which would require boiling. All are welcome and the cost of \$20 gets you a badge and a stubby holder.	TBA	10
Wed 28 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. Last Wednesday of the month. Please join us for dinner before the meeting at Toongabbie Hotel from 6:00pm.	Chuck Hamilton 0457 574 856	4/6*
Thur 29 th	Hunter Social Sip: Dinner meeting at Hexham Mossie Club (Bowling Club) Drinks from 6.00PM (last Thurs of the month)	Rob Tiedeman 0425 777 461	2



Ride & Events Calendar

Future Events

April TBA (weekend before or after Anzac Day)	Autumn Leaf Rally. Hosted by the Tumut Valley Riders in the grounds of the Tumorrana Hall about 35KM East of Tumut on Wee Jasper Road. SIGNPOSTED FROM TUMUT & COOLAC. Catered from Friday Evening to Breakfast Sunday.	tvriders@hotmail.com	10
May 11 th - 13 th	Loaded Dog Rally. Hosted by Struggletown Tourers. The revived Loaded Dog Rally. To be Held at Tarago Showground - (grass, fire wood, showers and toilets) Braidwood Rd Tarago NSW. Can be done via all sealed roads (Boo!). Fully catered with the Loaded Dog Hotel 1km down the road. Prepaid \$15 and \$20 at the gate, so why not come along.	andholbery@gmail.com	10
May 19 th - 20 th	Ruptured Budgie Rally. Hosted by the Motor Guzzi Club of QLD. Held at Mingoola, about 60km west of Tenterfield on the Bruxner Highway, Queensland. Good camping spots by the river, plenty of firewood onsite. Fully catered with licensed bar from Friday dinner to Sunday breakfast. All the usual rally awards, plus some not so usual ones. \$25 entry, includes badge. Children under 15 years free entry, no badge	info@motoguzziclubqld.org	10
June	Alpine Rally (9th-11th) Casper Rally		
July	Winter Rally Hat Rally Annual Awards Dinner		
August	Border Run (4th) Off Centre Run; Mt Dare (11th-12th) TTT? (25th-26th)		
Sept'	Ragged Fringe Rally (15th-16th) Far Cairn Rally Sidecar Rally		
October	Kosciuszko Rally Thunder Rally Deadmans Gulch Rally		
November	Trout Rally		

Newly Added items are highlighted YELLOW.

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

If you have been to an event and wish to have your attendance considered for the Clubman Point score, or have suggestions for a club ride or event, please email: vicepresident@bmwtcnsw.org.au

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

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Residents Report

Happy New Year,

Welcome to 2018 and another year of motorcycling bliss in the best country in the world for long distance touring. Some might disagree but when you think of the freedoms we have in our country compared to the restrictions, costs, surveillance and congestion road users endure in other countries we aren't in a bad paddock. About the only gripe I have is with high temperatures during an Australian summer. I do most of my riding between March and November and although (like most sensible people) I dislike minus degrees, it find it much more enjoyable to rug up in good quality riding gear and enjoy touring in colder weather. Not only is it more comfortable to rug up than to swelter in riding gear in summer, the air cooled twins I own tend to run better too. When I feel the need to go for a run during summer I'm up at 5am on either Saturday or Sunday and get out of Sydney before the traffic jams start and try to be back before midday.

When I was in London recently I checked out some bike shops and found the quality of their winter riding gear superb. The good jackets are made from really good waterproof material (nothing like our Dri Rider sieve jackets) with high collars with wide Velcro straps that seal the collar up high under your helmet so the water doesn't trickle down the back of your neck. Compared to the excellent (but pricey) BMW jackets they are very reasonably priced. Of course, living in England means you have to be a lot more hard core due to the climate and their gear reflects that need. Pointless having that level of jacket here (along with electric vests and such) since a typical winder's day in Australia would seem like a balmy cool day to the average Pom bike rider.

I'm embarrassed to say that I own six bike jackets and four sets of riding trousers, each bought to address a

shortcoming in the previous one. The current favourite is the RST Paragon 5. It has zips in the front, rear and sleeves that let in fresh air and a high collar that you can zip out during summer and store in the map pocket in the back of the jacket. In addition it's a bit more conspicuous than the average rider's black on black gear without going down the road of wearing a hi-viz vest. What I don't get (and maybe someone can explain) why the waterproofing on today's jackets is a membrane that zips into the inside so that your jacket and its contents get soaked as the moisture penetrates the jacket as far as the waterproof liner. Also, it's usually far too hot to wear the liner all the time and do you really want to get into a rainstorm before stopping and spending ten minutes fitting and zipping in the membrane? Until someone comes up with real waterproof material for a jacket I'll continue the old school tradition of carrying plastic rainproof over-jacket, pants and mitts in a bundle in my pannier.

If anyone would like to share their experiences with riding gear I'd be interested in getting your take on what you like and what you hate!

See you on the road.

Chuck



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E ditors Report

We had some great events over December/January; the Christmas party at Steve Hinchey's place at Hargreaves, possibly the biggest xmas party ever with 80 members or so attending, the New Years event at Wee Jasper, then the reborn Capital Rally at Wee Jasper. I'd love to tell you all about it but that's difficult as there has been only one submission. This magazine will be a bit slim as I only print what's been submitted and at the moment the cupboard is bare. I'd really like to see something in my mailbox soon. Alan.pennykid@gmail.com

BMWTCNSW Club Meeting

Minutes

29 November 2017

Chairperson – Jason Boyd

Meeting Opened – 7.50 PM

Apologies – Chuck Hamilton, George Scarfe.

Visitors – Nicole Berman.

New Member – Nil.

Previous Minutes – The Minutes of October 2017 Meeting were tabled.

Acc-Al Pennykid.

Sec-Mal Cattermole.

Correspondence –

Magazines from BMW Club: NZ.

Westpac statements x 2.

RMS letter regarding extension of Classic Log Book trial to Sept 2019.

Enthusiast Motor Insurance flyer.

1 membership application.

President's Report –

No report.

Vice President's Report –

No report.

Secretary's Report –

No report

Treasurer's Report –

Reserve Acc \$32,890.79.

Cheque Acc \$2,752.35.

Bo advised that he had attended the RFDS AGM at Parliament House.,

Steve Hinchey, who is hosting the Club Christmas party has requested \$600 advance to purchase food. Bob Madell to organise.

Membership Secretary –

5 new members this month.

The RMS Classic Logbook scheme is currently the main recruitment driver.

Editor –

Requested more newsletter content.

Public Officer

No report.

Regalia –

3 stubby holders and 1 t-shirt sold this month.

Assets & Archives –

Frame of damaged marquee has been repaired.

Al Pennykid to refurbish marquee canvas.

Trailer rego has been renewed.

Clubs Australia –

CA website has gone live.

International conference discussed the issue of attracting young riders to join clubs.

Need to make young riders aware of Club. Flyers to be sent to dealers.

Webmaster –

No report. Advert for Webmaster is in the Newsletter.

MCC –

Motorcycle Awareness Week. 740,000 people contacted.

Discussion regarding warning signs to slow down riders, but no signs to warn car drivers.

Discussion regarding Channel 7 beat-up regarding motorcycle accidents.

Politicians Ride. 7 politicians including Brad Hazzard attended.

MCC noted that there has been a 20% increase in riders returning to motorcycling.

Past Events –

Paul Evans reported on the 4-day ride to the Thunder Rally at Nundle. The Club had the highest club attendance of 20 members.

Trout Rally – New site at Jounama Creek Camping Area, Talbingo. Good weather. About 20 Club members attended.

Sydney Motorcycle Show.

Coming Events –

Club Christmas Party at Hill End. RSVOP by 2 December.

General Business –

Club flyers for dealers – To raise Club profile. Any input, contact Al Pennykid.

Trevor Dean will visit dealers regarding their enthusiasm and interest in promoting the Club.

George and Charis Schwarz – Have been having some health issues. Invited Jason Boyd over for a beer. Jason suggests a visit with a few BMs for a barbeque. Those interested please send their email address to Jason.

Meeting Closed: 8.39 PM

THE CAPITAL RALLY

MAXIUM RESULT FOR MINIMUM EFFORT

As the mob who manage the former Capital Rally site in the Brindabella Valley to the west of Canberra no longer allows us to camp there an alternative site needed to be found.

I ran the rally up until ten years ago until it got in the way of my Gliding. I'm winding that activity back a little I found the time to run it again.

I looked around the area surrounding the Valley but was unable to find a suitable site. Thinking outside the square I settled on the campground at Stewarts Crossing just off the Nerriga road 26 kilometres from Braidwood.



It's a pretty site on the banks of the Shoalhaven River with a suitable swimming area and a large beach area.



Entry is gained through a shallow ford off Nerriga Road to the east of the site or off the Kings Highway to the west via Mayfield road.



The massive effort I put into organising the rally consisted of Facebook posts and a few emails. I then organised to pick up a trailer mounted dunny, three loaves of bread, Tomato sauce and 50 sausages on special at Coles for \$16. A gas ring with frying pan completed the logistics. Attendees were advised that there would be no catering so the snags were appreciated as a surprise.

I was flying during the week so I couldn't make it until Saturday Morning by which time several people had set up camp on Friday. I was surprised at the turn out. We sold 53 badges which more than covered the cost of the hire of the toilet. I was of two minds about actually hiring it because of the cost and inconvenience of towing it out there but as it turned out it was well patronised and appreciated especially by the women

The camp site was being used by others but due to the size of it easily accommodated us all with no inconvenience. A couple of young bloke were whoring up and down on mini bikes. As I pointed out to the grumpy old buggers, if you were their age you'd be doing the same thing. They were operating safely but noisily and knocked it off in due course.

I ran the rally on behalf of the Motorcycle Riders Association ACT (MRAACT) and to whom I will donate residual funds. MRAACT are prepared to cater the rally next year making it an even better event.

Thank you to all who attended. Judging by the feedback everyone was happy with the site and had a good time in a pleasant and easily accessible campground.

Scarfey

Welcome to the new members:

Paul Collier (Fishing Point)
Trevor Lever (Oatlands)

Dawn Patrol

The first hint of daylight

At the start of a brand new year

In the still air of dawn's early light,

The machine was wheeled out

It's aging paint matching the surrounding shadows

Magneto off engine silently turned over

Magneto on contact---contact

A moment later

Coached into life, its muted exhaust

Hardly disturbing the yawning birdlife

It looked as though the "Dawn Patrol"

Was once again ready for flight

As warmth invaded its innards

It rolled down the runway

Only one set of traffic lights

Briefly halted progress

And then an opened throttle

Height was added as altitude was increased

Higher and higher it climbed

Looking like reaching for the sky

As it flew up the mountain pass

With its piston rapidly moving and

Oil flowing throughout

The machine was one with its pilot

As it reached hunting speed

Eventually levelling out

Ahead laid a dream

Both man and machine rode through

A physical waltz

Gliding and twisting and turning and leaning

Through a set of bends

Tappets and cam followers merrily beating

Gears changing and brakes applied

The single exhaust pipe emitting

A sound no louder than an apologetic cough

In the cool air sounding crisp, clean and healthy

A symphony of sight and sound

A flight path was crossed bringing

A large freight machine

It's throaty roar rumbling along

A flick of the wrist

And the Dawn Patrol gave it a wide berth

Seeking shelter in the mist

Containing along its intended flight plan

More enemy sightings were seen

And successfully avoided

Alas all good things eventually

Come to pass and we banked over

Heading back to base

The patrol was nearly over





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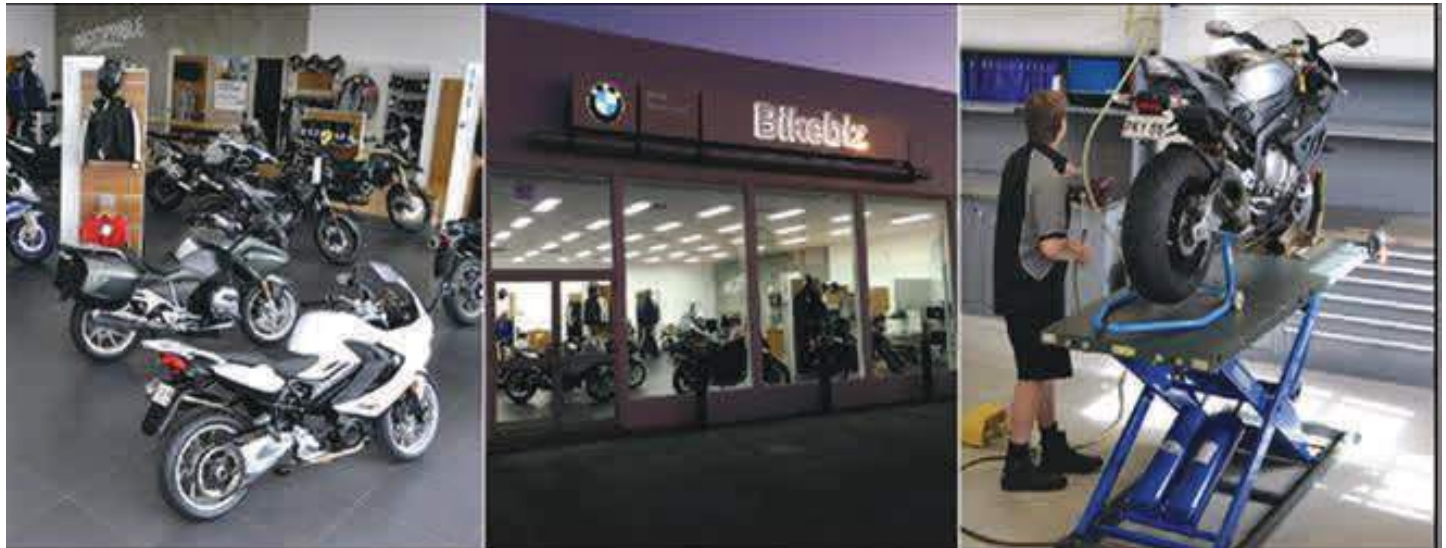
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10th – 13th March

Cold Flame rally

April

Autumn Leaf Rally

May

Loaded Dog Rally