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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 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Members gather at the Berry Bowling Club 140 Princes Hwy, Berry, for a chat and something to eat.
Newcastle Social Sip	Members gather anytime after 6pm on the last Friday of the month. at the Hexham Bowling Club for a chat and something to eat.
North Coast Social Sip	8:30 Breakfast at The Sandbar Café, North Haven. The after "breakfast ride" to be determined over breakfast.

Club Pointscore

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



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Presidents Report

I needed to replace the left hand heated grip on the mothership, it had stopped working 2 days after a replaced the right hand one last year. After returning back from 30th GS rally on the same tank I had left with and wondering who long the fuel would last as the reserve light came on half way between the halfway road house and upper Colo on the putty, I decided the tank was light enough to take off and replace the hand grip.

I made the phone call to where I had bought the last grip as they had been the cheapest only to discover it was going to cost \$225.00. I jumped on the net to www.motorworks.co.uk the difference as I'm in no rush for the part under AUD\$80 delivered to my door. One of our club members had mentioned this website to me at the club meeting and I thought I'd check them out. It doesn't always work out cheaper or easier buying parts form overseas but it's always worth checking.

Don't get me wrong I do buy parts from the local dealers I even drove down to the BMW dealer in



When in Port Macquarie & you need service or BMW sales, these are the blokes you should see. Lin & Peter Rock. See ad above.

(Left their ad out last month)

Wollongong to pick up a Karoo for the mothership the other week.

Pat Dwyer from Oberon has approached the club and will be a ride coordinator for the Central West. Good luck and thanks Pat. If you are in the Central West get in contact with Pat for rides & events that will be coming up in your area.

Sharon from the mid north coast group has managed to get members a discount of \$25 from Rad Guard. It will be available from the 1st September through to the 30th October on Rad Guard products. Just quote our Discount code BBTB

George Schwarz Art Exhibition

Opening 6.00pm Wednesday 18th August
Until 25th September

At Stills Gallery, 36 Gosbell St. Paddington.

Open 11.00am till 6.00pm Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat.

All invited .

Ride Calendar

August		
Fri 27 th	Hunter Social Sip – Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham bowling Club) from around 6.00pm	Jennie Banks 02 4982 8073
Sat 28 th	North Coast social sip – Breakfast at The Sandbar Café, North Haven. – meet there at 8.30am. The after breakfast ride to be determined over breakfast.	Jo 02 6559 6199
Sat 28 th – Sun 29 th	TTT Rally – Access from Wombeyan caves or Taralga. A good rally for those who like dirt and a challenging ride. BYO everything. Meet at BP North Richmond on Saturday 28 th at 10.00 am for a ride through Oberon, Edith and fire trails to the Rally. Contact Tony Conliffe. Contact Al Pennykid for ride through Wombeyan Caves.	Tony Conliffe 0418 466 399 Al Pennykid 0427 393 093
Sat 28 th – Sun 29 th	South Coast Weekend ride to Bermagui – Leave from Caltex South Nowra at 9.00 am. Details in the Newsletter.	Lex Welham 0427 319 906
Sun 29 th	Mittagong Breakfast Run – Morning Run down to Mittagong and to meet up with anyone from the TTT. Will continue on down Macquarie Pass and through the National Park back to Sydney. Leave the Cross Roads Servo at 7am.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290

September		
Sat 4 th	Port Macquarie Shine and Chat (Glo & Sho) – 2 to 5 pm at 36 Yarramundi Road, Port Macquarie	Squid 02 6582 4082
Sun 5 th	First Sunday of month Day Ride - Call Mark between 6pm and 9pm for more information.	Mark Thomson 02 4647 0678
Sun 5 th	Brekky @ Brooklyn – Meet at 9.30am at Leah's Alfresco, on the wharf, Dangar Road, Brooklyn. Possibility of a ride afterwards if you're keen!	Geoff Hickin 0417 290 663
Sun 5 th	St Albans – Lunch at the St Albans pub. Depart Mobil at McGraths hill at 1030am. Arriving St Albans around 1130am	Andrew Watson 0419255290
Thurs 9 th	South Coast Social sip – Berry Bowling Club from 6pm. Bowling Club is located at 140 Princes Hwy, Berry.	Lex Welham 0427 319 906
Sat 11 th	Bushwalk and Brekky - 7AM Bush walk and Breakfast at Parramatta Lakes. (Access from Bourke St in North Parramatta.) There is a 3.5 km bush walk around the lake that is just spectacular. Get the heart rate going and then either cook your own breakfast on the BBQ's or get food from the Gourmet Cafe. Then just sit around and chat with friends. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.	Paul Evans 02 9674 2361
Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	2010 Formula Xtreme Calendar – Support Glenn Scott & Jeremy Crowe on the BMW S1000RR. Round 4. Wakefield Park Raceway NSW .	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
Fri 10 th – Sun 12 th	Port Macquarie Stanthorpe Weekend – Depart Donut 7.00 am Sharp on Friday. Staying at the Commercial Hotel in Stanthorpe. \$80 per room (this has great atmosphere is and not your average hotel). Phone: 07 4681 2244 or mobile 0413 218 653 (let them know you are with the BMW touring club) as they have reserved rooms for us.	Pete & Dale 02 6559 8470
Sat 18 th – Sun 19 th	Far Cairn Rally – Raising money for MARI. Held at Tottenham Race course. See the newsletter for all the information.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
Fri 24 th	Hunter Social Sip – Meet at the Mozzie Club (Hexham bowling Club) from around 6.00pm	Mark Tempest 0409 064 328

Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	26th Annual Sidecar Rally NSW – On the banks of the Macquarie River, along the Bridle Track, between Hill End and Bathurst.	Al Pennykid 0427 393 093
Sat 25 th	Bushwalk and Brekky – 7AM Bush walk and Breakfast at Parramatta Lakes. (Access from Bourke St in North Parramatta.) There is a 3.5 km bush walk around the lake that is just spectacular. Get the heart rate going and then either cook your own breakfast on the BBQ's or get food from the Gourmet Cafe. Then just sit around and chat with friends. Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.	Paul Evans 02 9674 2361
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Sun 26 th	Port Macquarie day run – Reverse Rock around the Block. Meet at Donut at 8am	Squid 02 6582 4082
Wed 29 th	Club Meeting 7:30pm. – You are also invited to meet for dinner before the meeting at the Toongabbie Hotel from 6pm.	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290
October Upcoming Rides!!		
Fri 8 th –Sun 10 th	29th Thunder Rally – at Nundle NSW. Details in the news letter.	Aunty Mel 0404 002 427
Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	Bendemeer Pub Run – After the good ride and report done by Shaun Plunkett, we have decided to do this run. Limited accommodation available at the Pub, so be early. Bendemeer Pub Ph 6769 6550. Or accommodation and camping available at Bendemeer Riverside Caravan Park Ph 6769 6604. No camping allowed behind Pub	Mick Furchert 0414 713 359
Sat 16 th	Port Macquarie Pink Ribbon Ride – Meet at Donut at 9.00 am	Pete & Dale 02 6559 8470
November Upcoming Rides!!		
Sat 6 th – Sun 7 th	Camping and Target Shooting weekend – Camp Saturday at Mount Panorama Bathurst and Target shooting at Bathurst on Sunday. More Details in Next month Newsletter.	Mick Moriarty 0427 018 715
Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th	Beemers by the Beach – Refer to the details in the Newsletter. beemersbythebeach@hotmail.com .	Squid 02 6582 4082
Sun 28 th	Meet up with the BMW Car club Christmas Party – at Avon Dam. Details in next Newsletter	Andrew Watson 0419 255 290

IN MEMORY PHIL MOLONY

It is with the deepest sadness that I inform the wider Club Membership of the tragic loss of Philip Molony. Phil had a short period of seemingly minor illness & had reported feeling a little better as I understand it. He passed away in his sleep on Thursday 1-7-10 due to undiagnosed Encephalitis. Phil turned 28 on 22-4-10

A big thank you to our Committee, Andrew & Bala for organizing Flowers to be sent on behalf of the Club to Phils Parents upon hearing the news. I received a call from Phils Mum who was very thankful for the support.

Phil was a relatively new member of the Club & in his short time with us he joined us on quite a few Rides

& Rallys. He made many friends among those he came into contact with. Many of you who attended last years Far Can Rally will remember viewing the very entertaining Video that he produced recording his youthful adventures in his Homeland New Zealand.

As I write this it is still less than a week since becoming aware of his passing & I can't come to terms with it. He was with us for such a short time but it was the highest quality time. At every Campfire he will be with us, always.
Rest in Peace my Friend.

Ian Berry

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Office workers, mums, dads, motorcycles and scooters to converge on Parliament

Changes to the NSW Compulsory Third Party (CTP) scheme on July 1st this year, saw motorcycle and scooter riders slugged with outrageous price increases. Some riders are facing increases of nearly 100%. This is despite a dramatic decrease in fatalities since 1995. Car drivers are now also beginning to question the CTP scheme.

- **FACT:** In 1995 there were 8.9 motorcycle fatalities per 10,000 registered motorcycles in NSW.
- **FACT:** In 2008 there were 3.7 motorcycle fatalities per 10,000 registered motorcycles in NSW.

There are almost 168,000 registered motorcycles in NSW and half a million motorcycle licence holders. There are more motorcycles and scooters on the road than ever and the road toll is going down. "With more bikes on our roads, we will continue to see a marked reduction in congestion, pollution and parking problems, especially in major cities like Sydney" the Chairman of the Motorcycle Council of NSW (MCC of NSW), Rob Colligan stated today. "But instead of promoting greener transport, motorcycles and scooters are being financially driven off the roads with massive increases in CTP premiums."

The MCC of NSW is therefore calling upon all motorcycle and scooter owners, along with motorcycle industry representatives to converge on Parliament House at 12 noon on August 31st to protest this unfair and unjustified money-grab on one of the greenest forms of transport on our roads. "It is time for our political leaders to come clean on why they do not recognize motorcycles and scooters as unique and independent road users, instead of treating us as some sort of small car or some sort of problem," Colligan said. "The Motorcycle Council of NSW would like to apologise to the people of Sydney for any inconvenience our protest may cause, but it is time for us all to stand up and be counted."

The MCC of NSW has invited the Premier of NSW to address the protest, yet only the Shadow Minister for Roads, Andrew Stoner, has accepted the invitation. "The government can ensure insurance company profits do not undermine the CTP scheme and it is time for the Kenneally Government to answer to the people of NSW the hard question, of what is wrong with our CTP Scheme." Colligan said.

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United we ride - Divided we walk

For further information and all media enquiries please contact:
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The Motorcycle Council of NSW(MCC of NSW) was established in 1982 is the state's pre-eminent motorcycle advisory group and represents 40,000 motorcycle riders from 38 social clubs and motorcycling organisations.

Editor's Ramblings.

In another side to the OCR this year, Paul Evans, son Josh & a couple of mates planned to ride three Posties, one with surfboard attached, from Tottenham to Wanaaring, for the OCR, then to Cameron Corner, filming the whole trip in order to create a commercial video.

Unfortunately Josh had a bad fall about 30km NW of Tilpa. Seriously injured his knee, with a couple of broken bones, including kneecap.

He's in the Flinders Medical Centre, in Adelaide, flown there by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which of course, is the preferred charity of the OCR.



Mum Jenny was been with him for the first few days, then Paul flew over at the weekend. He was due for Knee Reconstruction surgery on Monday 23rd.

Our club sent a basket of fruit, which Josh appreciated greatly, as that's mostly what he's been surviving on in hospital.

I rode with Paul back to Tottenham, as he had to collect Josh's bike from Tilpa, & Ben & Roger carried on to Cameron Corner as planned.

Maaate!! Those Posties are LETHAL!!! With 84kg of luggage carried up to shoulder height, plus rider, they are seriously overloaded. I rode Paul's for about 30km, on the bitumen, & it was scary! I think they are masochistic to be riding them on outback roads, constantly correcting wobbles & slides. To me that's just plain hard work!

I was also involved in the Yellow Mountain enduro held the previous weekend. It's over 200km, from Tottenham to Condobolin, through farmer's properties, on the Saturday, then back again on Sunday. The quickest rider did the 200km in 2hrs 34min, & he will compete in this year's Dakar rally in South America.

I had done some enduro about 35 years ago, & was invited to ride sweep, closing gates & picking up stopped riders. Only did about 75 km on the KTM when a leaking fork seal put me out. Have to finally admit something I already knew--- I'm too old for this!

Have no report for the GS Rally, but could still run one if someone could write it up. Have included a couple of comments from the e-group on page 14.

IN MEMORY JOHN MINOGUE

This evening I learn't that John Minogue a keen BMW rider, supporter and member of the BMWTCNSW passed away in Canberra after a long illness.

John loved his bike, loved riding and was a brilliant performer when it came to the roughest and worst of roads.

Unfortunately, an insidious condition grounded him about 5 years ago, taking a great road companion away from us.

His riding spirit is still with us whenever Dave Ramsay takes John's R80GS out for a run.

Hope there are some nice long roads where he's gone.

Rob Lovett

Instant Gratification.

Ian Horsburgh

In this day & age of instant gratification, where you go online & order stuff, you get the idea that it will be delivered TODAY!

Recently I have been changing/upgrading my motorcycle gear, to go along with the change in bike, from Honda ST1100 to KTM 990 Adventure S.

I decided I needed soft panniers. Shopped around, asked around, compared. Finally settled on the Steel Pony brand from WA. They are very similar to Andy Strapz but have pockets front & back & are supplied with 4 x 1L plastic bottles to fit in those pockets. For about the same money.

So, I place an order.
Sorry, can't deliver till mid July!!!

I need a down-filled air mattress.
Found what looks like a good one at Andy Strapz.
He said his supplier couldn't even give him a delivery date! Maybe mid July!!
I found the same thing advertised in a camping shop.
They said they'd have one in in a couple of days.
Then they came back to me. Guess what. Can't supply till mid July!! Now Andy says August.

I found some handlebar risers that looked exactly what I wanted at Motorrad Garage in WA.
I ordered online.
They sent details for payment, which I duly processed.
Then I waited for about 3 weeks.
No message or call to let me know what was happening.
I called to ask what was happening. Didn't say we have 'stuffed up'. No, 'we have a discrepancy in our stock

Surfboard to Cameron Corner by Postie Via OCR



records'. Can't supply for 4 weeks. They did offer to refund money. I waited the 4 weeks, sent an email asking when I could expect delivery.
'Sorry we have a discrepancy in our stock records'.
Can't supply for another 4 weeks!!! We're talking AUGUST now!!!!

I emailed again with a short suggestion they might airfreight a set in, 'cause the cost of the bad publicity I was going to create would be far more than the cost of airfreight'.
At least they did reply, saying minimum 4 weeks delivery?/!/??*##

That's the result of my most recent foray into the world of 'Instant gratification' that is on-line shopping.

Wouldn't you call that false advertising?

I'm beginning to think these delays might be the manifestation of the GFC. I've heard that in the US, businesses are shutting shop, people just leaving their houses 'cause they can't keep up the payments. Maybe they are cutting production to save money?

Another month later I have two of the three items.



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BMWTCNSW Club Meeting 28th July 2010

Chairperson – Andrew Watson

Meeting opened – 7.55pm

Apologies – Bill Sparks, Mick Moriarty, Graham Johns.

Visitors – Bob Williams (President of the BMW Car Club NSW)

Previous Minutes – Acc – Ian Ramsay
Sec – Wolfgang

Correspondence -

* Magazines from –BMW MCC of UK, NZ, SA. BMW Car Club NSW.

* Statement from St George Bank..

President's Report -

* GS Rally was very well organised. Attendees were very impressed. Thanks to those who organised it.

* Received flyer for Beemers by the beach to be held in November. Note discount offer from Radguard.

* Handover meeting was held and new appointees are ready to go.

Vice President's Report – Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – As per Minutes.

Treasurer's Report –

* \$24,000 in the bank

* GS Rally generated a profit of approx \$6,500. More detail later.

Membership Secretary – If anyone knows someone who has not paid, remind them.

Editor –

* E-mail addresses for office holders

* Need to increase Brisban fees because their advert is bigger

Regalia – Andrew organising new stickers & patches.

Assets & Archives – Nothing to report

Clubs Australia – Graham Johns not present.

Webmaster – Roger had nil to report.

MCC – Bruce advised the CTP Green Slips issue has government attention as the RTA is upset because learners will be forced into 650cc bikes. A petition web site has been created to collect names for a petition.

Also a Protest Rally has been organised for 31/8/2010.

Past Events –

* Awards night was very successful. A BBQ lunch was held at Pat's place at Oberon. Warren Brown gave a talk at the dinner. Great location. Resolved to Send Warren Brown a club T-shirt

* Parramatta lakes Bush Walk - Paul advised 12 members went on the walk.

* 30th GS Rally. Great Event. Miles Davis display well received. BMW were very pleased with the event. Venue owners were pleased as we left the place clean. The Dinner was good.

Coming Events – Refer to Newsletter.

General Business -

* Rob Edgar raised \$540 for Dry In July to raise money for cancer research. 9,500 people raised \$Mil9.0.

* Ian Ramsay brought some LED driving lights that he discovered and will place details of the Vendors web-site on the e-group site..

* Phil Maloney died 1/7/2010. Club to send flowers to his parents.

* Cash was raised for MARI at the GS rally. Amount to be determined.

* George Schwatz is having an exhibition of his photos from 18/8 to 25/9/10. Invitations to follow

* BMW Car Club having their Xmas party last Sunday in November at Avon Dam. BMWTC members are welcome. More to come. Car Club Track Day at Eastern Creek 7/8/10. Visitors welcome.

Meeting Closed : 9:10 pm

AWARDS NIGHT 17th July 2010

Report by Mick Furchert.

Evan and myself got away from the Central Coast around a chilly 7am Sat morning. We went via Wiseman's Ferry, which is usually a ride I like, but the fog and moisture on the road made it a while not slow, but definitely a ride to have all the alerts flashing. There was little traffic so it was a good run when I could see through a fogged up visor.

From there we cut onto the Sackville Ferry, then up to the start of the Putty road. By then the sun was starting to warm things up, so I could knock my heated seat and handle bar grips down to setting one. Are the joys of a Luxury Tourer. A quick burst up Kurrajong, put us at the Bilpin Apple shed, for a breakfast of coffee and a salad sandwich. No hot food. Fantastic.

The ride along the Bell Line was the best I have had for a long time, no cars, sun shining over the mountains, does it get



better than this. We turned left at Bell to get to Mount Victoria for a quick fuel stop and a chat with a guy who just sold a R1 to buy a GSXR 1000 Zookie. He decided to ride with us to Oberon. At Hartley we turned left onto the Jenolan Caves Rd. I haven't been on this road for 20 years on a bike, what a bike road :>)) Evan and the Zookie rider got away from me and being on sport bikes I didn't even bother to keep up. The ride got pretty spirited along this stretch and cars loads of tourists going to the caves didn't slow us down much. Nuff said about that. I finally caught up to Evan when I found them pulled up on the side of the road, apparently Evan's tyre had a bit of a huge slide and he was checking to see that he didn't pick up a nail or leak of some sort.

The conclusion was the tyre is a road sport compound and with the road being very cold, so hot rubber on cold tarmac is not good. Just as we took off again, Constable Ploddy came past in his delightfully coloured Highway Patrol car. The Gods were with us today.

The arrangement was to meet up at Pat Dywers property near Edith for a BBQ and then we all ride to Taralga in the afternoon. As we got there, Al and Marie were right behind us, then Ian Berry and Bruce Campbell in the recovery vehicle and Bala followed up later on just before we rode out to Taralga. It was a great little lunch sojourn, with Deb Dwyer looking after our coffee and BBQ needs. Around 2pm we all headed out to Taralga which lead to another little spirited ride to Taralga.

Around 6pm we all met at the Taralga Hotel for the dinner and awards presentation. There were not all that many club members there this year, as the GS Rally the week end after kept the numbers to around 20 to 25 members in attendance. The food was excellent as was the company. Some one happened to notice Warren Brown from "Top Gear" and the Peking to Paris re-enactment, was at the pub with his family, it turns out he is a resident of the sleepy town of Taralga.

Bala managed to talk Warren into giving a little talk after dinner about his adventures. Which turned out to be a wonderfully vague chat about Taralga and the car collectors in the area, he was also very politically correct about the Aussie Top Gear, while most of us agreed James Morrison and himself made the second series very watchable, after the poor attempt of the first series. Warren admitted he didn't know much about motorcycles, which was surprising since he spent a few months with Mick Matherson ex editor of M/C News while driving in the Paris to Peking Doco.

Anyway Awards for 2010

City Clubman of the year..... Mal Cattermole

Runner up City Clubman..... Alan Pennykid

Country Clubman of the year...Rob Lovett

Runner up country clubman.....Cheryl Ison

Editors Award.....Mick Furchert "Honda ST's can't fly"

Presidents trophy.....GS Rally Committee

Anyway great night and its my first real BMW event since I launched myself into fame at the Far Cairn rally, it is so good to be back with the club and out circulating again.

Ride home Boring, boring boring. it was the Hume hwy shuffle.

Mick F



Pat & Deb Dwyer at Awards Night
Soon-to-be Central West Co-Ordinators

Off Centre Rally, Wanaaring NSW, 2010 by Morro

Quite often after a weekend I return to work and when asked if I had a good weekend, I reply that I did as I went for a ride. Here is what I did last weekend:

I am heading to the bi-annual motorcycle ride known as the OCR (or Off Centre Run/Rally) which is held in a remote location somewhere in Australia. It used to be the Centre rally held at Alice Springs but as Alice became more accessible early in the 1980's the location was moved to somewhere Off Centre.

Thursday morning and the bike is packed and I am ready to go. The 2010 OCR is at Wanaaring in western NSW and I am keen to get going but before I leave I am hoping the water will come back on so I can have a shower and at least leave home clean. Council had been working on the pipes overnight and the water was to be on by 0600hrs. It is 0900hrs and I give up and get my riding gear on and take off. It was cool but not bad riding weather. I get to Merriwa and it is starting to cool down and as I ride out of town I notice the temperature on the thermometer stuck onto my instrument panel was starting to fall. After about 10km it was between 10 & 11 deg C and dropping. By Cassilis it was about 9.5 deg C and the cold was starting to bite. The drizzle got heavier but just to the annoying stage of having to wipe the visor all the time. To top things off the predicted gale force winds were starting to rev up and of course I was riding into a headwind. Got to Dunedoo and was going to have a lunch break but the weather was too miserable so I just fuel up and keep riding. At Gilgandra I finally give in and stop for a hot bag of chips and a large coffee. I got going again and the temp was

8.4 deg C but I was heading west so it should start warming up (it didn't). Through Warren and the drizzle had stopped but the headwind was constant. I had decided Nyngan was to be my stop for the night so was pushing on. About 20km from Nyngan a bike came up from behind and it was an R90s BMW. It was Gary, also heading to the OCR. He pulled me over as he recognised my bike. He was heading to Coolabah for the night. About 5km from Nyngan we come across two bikes on the side of the road. One had run out of fuel and was just getting some fuel from the other bike to get into Nyngan. By this time it was dusk and I was glad not to be riding on with Gary. About 650km ridden by me today.



Friday morning and it is a nice looking day, brisk but clear, a nice day to be on the bike. I ride through Coolabah but no sign of Gary so I ride on. Through Byrock and no sign of others that were to be staying there either so on to Bourke.

Just out of Bourke I stop and pay homage to Bourke North Base Trig Station. There is a rest area and information about it on notice boards but I knew all this as I helped get some of the info when the rest area was set up.

Back on the road with Bourke in sight and two bikes loom up behind me. I recognise the first as Trevor and behind him was Gary. They had met up at Coolabah and were still there when I went past. I follow them into Bourke where we see others we know. A bite to eat, fuel the bikes and Trevor, Gary and myself stick together and head off to Wanaaring. 30km out and the tar finishes only 164km of dirt road to go!

The first section was loose and then the surface got a bit better until we come to a sand ridge that Gary did not read too well and the sand took over and the bike went down. All OK and dusted off we keep heading west.

Gary was hoping it would get better as a road bike with road tyres is not the best in the dirt. Trevor's bike was similar but at least he had road/dirt tyres fitted. We come across some water on the road and the surface was a bit greasy and Trevor was on the other side with camera ready (always a dead giveaway) to catch some action. Gary's bike saw the water and stopped. Absolutely no electrics, a dead bike 10 m short of the greasy section. A couple of other bikes pulled up and we found a broken connection at the battery terminal. All fixed and we took off. I got to the other side in time to get my camera out and got a photo of Gary cruising through the mud.



No problems so we keep heading west. We eventually get to Wanaaring after about 5 hours. It would not normally be this long but Gary lost some of his confidence and was being careful and the road never got any better.

At Wanaaring we setup camp and have a few beers at the pub. About 150 already here and it is only Friday night. The local P& C cooked up a good meal and made a bit of money as well. About 400 km ridden today.

Saturday and more riders arrive. Some had even arrived during the night. They came from every direction and every state just for a few drinks with new and old friends and to enjoy the challenge of getting there. The local bush fire brigade (I think) cooked up a camp oven roast and fed the lot of us (about 250 to 300) so another local group benefitted. A few auctions and money raising by the riders raised well over \$500 (probably more like \$1000) for the Royal Flying Doctors Service. 0 km ridden today.



Sunday and I was off. Gary was still packing and was just going to take

his time. Others I sometimes ride with were heading back to Brisbane or back to Sydney via Louth and not aiming to get back until later in the week.

I was in Bourke by 1100hrs, it took me about 3 hours for the 194km from Wanaaring so I was pretty happy about that. I was travelling alone now so I head to Brewarrina and to Walgett. A bit of a feed at Walgett and then I head south towards Gilgandra. I get to Coonamble and am feeling a bit drowsy so I stop for a coffee and a small break as I had been on the road for about 7 hours. I continue to head south to Gilgandra but am still weary. At Gulargambone 4 bikes from the OCR pass me so I stick with them. I pull into a motel for the night. About 650 km ridden today.



Monday and heading home on the final stretch. Through Dunedoo the temperature was back down to the 10 deg C mark and by Merriwa it had risen to 11 deg C. I stop for something to eat and in the café were the couple that I had seen stopped near Nyngan on Thursday afternoon. They had also been to the OCR and were heading to Sydney. I head for home and once I get to around Sandy Hollow the temperature has risen to a very comfortable 17 deg C making the final stretch home very enjoyable. About 400km ridden today.

A good weekend was had and about 2100km was ridden.

BMW Touring Club – South Coast Branch

Bermagui Trip - 28th – 29th August 2010

Come and join South Coast Group of the BMWTCNSW on a ride to Bermagui, for the last weekend of August.

We'll leave from Caltex South Nowra with full tank of fuel at 9am on the Saturday morning, and potter down the coast in order to catch the 2pm guided tour of the Montreal Goldfield at Wallaga Lake.

We'll have time en-route for a coffee and pie at Mogo, or at the world famous East Lynne Pie Shop.

Sunday's activities will be decided on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

The Bermagui Motor Inn presently has rooms available at reasonable rates, and is handy to all facilities – phone John or Sue on (02) 6493 4311 to make your booking – plenty of other accommodation, and eating / drinking establishments are available in the area.

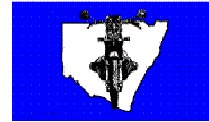
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*The BMWTCNSW presents the
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BMW Touring Club
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18th & 19th September 2010

The **BMW TOURING CLUB of NSW** proudly hosts the 3rd Far Cairn Rally in aid of fund raising for **MARI** (Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative) that was started and funded by George and Charis Schwarz and now run by St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.

A back to basics rally held at Tottenham Race Course and Showground and just three klms from the town centre. Tottenham is approx 120kms north of Condobolin and 120kms west of Dubbo. The Centre Cairn monument is located 33kms out of town near Five Ways and marks the centre of NSW. Erected in 1988 as part of our Bicentennial celebrations, it stands 2m tall and is made of slag taken out of one of the local copper mines.

Accommodation: Tottenham Hotel on 02 6892 4211 or camp on the manicured lawns at the racecourse. No fires on course grounds but there will be a bon fire on Saturday night. There are flush toilets, showers, undercover seating and sleeping available.

Food Supplies: Lunch on Saturday (sandwiches, cakes, hot dogs and drinks) provided on site by the CWA. The Lions Club will cook up a country BBQ Saturday night and will provide breakfast on Sunday Morning.

Fuel: No PULP in town and Sunday trading between 8 and 10am.

All proceeds to MARI . – Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative.

The entry fee of \$25 includes the Rally badge and sausage sizzle for Sunday breakfast, and Rally awards. The Far Cairn Rally is open to all motorcyclists who enjoy a relaxed ride into country NSW. Tottenham is accessible by sealed roads, as well as dirt roads for off road riders, from several directions.

Please send entry in by Friday 3rd September 2010

Visit www.bmwtcnsw.org

Entrants Full Name:			
Pillion/Partner:			
Address/Contact details:			
Club (if any):			
Entry fee/ person (includes a Badge & Sunday breakfast)	\$25.00		\$
Rally Tee Shirt – SizeColour.....	\$25.00		\$
TOTAL			\$

Please make cheques/money orders payable : BMW Touring Club of NSW
PO Box 53,
Rydalmere BC, NSW, 1701

For more information – Andrew Watson – 0419 255 290 or Sandra Gluck – 0419 022 025



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Beemers by the Beach Port Macquarie

13 & 14 November, 2010

This is a fun weekend for BMW Motorcycle enthusiasts and spectators to get together in Port Macquarie. With bike displays and a show to be held on Town Green for all to enjoy, a presentation awards dinner will be held on the evening of the 13th. Great rides on the 13th and 14th November.

All motorcyclists are welcome to join and participate in the weekend activities. For motorcyclists wishing to participate in this event simply contact the club for further details.

beemersbythebeach@hotmail.com.

Hosted by the 'The BMW Touring Club of NSW'

Please click on the link below to view the Interim Programme:

http://www.hastings.nsw.gov.au/resources/documents/Beemers_by_the_Beach_Interim_Programme.pdf

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TTT Rally Sat-Sun 28-29th August

Meet Sat 28th BP North Richmond
10.00am

Back roads to Oberon (dirt), then Edith & Range
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Contact TONY CONLIFFE 0418 466 399

Or for a ride through Wombeyan Caves

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30TH ANNIVERSARY GS RALLY

Comments from the e-group by Mick Furchert

To all who missed out on coming to the GS Rally, what a week end. it wasn't a rally it was an event.

Great company, great event and very well organised.

To all involved in the organisation, take a bow.

It was good to see Brisans there and the support from Clubs Australia. I may be a touch less cynical about owning a new BMW motorcycle, well for a few weeks anyway.

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Oh and this is for Terry from the Newcastle Branch. I was oh> so wrong about the R1200GS Adventure, what I saw done with it on Sat afternoon in capable hands, left me gob smacked and I have definitely changed my opinion on them. They are one awesome bike and if you have leaning towards buying one, do it, the go get some training on how to ride it, you won't be sorry.

And from Ian Berry

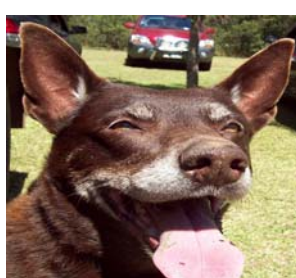
Well said Mick. I must add my congratulations to all involved with what was a Stellar Event. Woz & I got there a little late on Saturday arvo (having waited in line for the masses to be fed at the Bank Hotel), Unfortunately missing the Bike display. The Riding demo by Mile Davis was fantastic, really inspirational. We should have a Club day in a paddock somewhere to practice figure 8's around a couple of old tyres (not Star Pickets, ouch). Perfect Venue & facilities.

Link to Photos by Ian Berry

http://s654.photobucket.com/albums/uu263/ibeng_gsbm/GS%2030th%20Anniversary%20Rally/

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RALLY DETAILS

28-29 August

TTT Rally. In the wilderness somewhere around
Wombeyan Caves. BYO everything as usual.

10-12 September

Dargo High Plains Rally. Talbotville, approx
32kms north of Dargo. \$25.

Ghost Town Rally. Copi Hollow Caravan Park
via Menindee.

[http://ulysses.org.au/branches/brokenhill/rally.ht
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18-19 September

Ragged Fringe Rally. Brett Reserve, approx
33kms from Gloucester on Thunderbolts Way.
\$15 inc badge.

24-26 September

Sidecar Rally. between Hill End and Bathurst.

8-10 October

Thunder Rally. Ducati Owners NSW. Sheba Dam
near Nundle. Contact Aunty Mal, 0404 002 427

23-24 October

Kosciuszko Rally. Geehi Hut, Alpine Way
between Jindabyne and Khancoban. \$20.

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