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What's On

- 1 December Alternate Breakfast in Gunning NSW
- 6 December BMWMCCT Annual Awards & Christmas Dinner



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Rob 'this new GS just doesn't have the character of my R80ST/GS hybrid Cape York special'. Photo: Garry Smee

ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings: For 2013-14, monthly Club meetings will start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au.

Membership: Membership forms are printed periodically in the magazine or can be downloaded from the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>

Web Site: Check the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au> for updates to rides and social events and keep in touch by joining one of our Yahoo groups:

- BMW MCCA: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>
- ACT Gravel surfers: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/>

Activities: Club rides, social events and other organised events are listed on the web page <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. The Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au) and Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au) welcome suggestions and can be emailed directly.

The webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> has the most current information. The Ride Coordinator and Social Secretary will email members reminders and late changes to events. Email is the principal means of communicating with Club members; it is up to you to ensure that your email contact address is up to date and mailbox not so full that messages don't get through.

You can update your personal details by logging on from the Club webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au>.

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. There was no profit in 2012.

PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

The Club's *Privacy & Spam* policy is available on the webpage or on request.

SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, the Club welcomes contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Email is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to:

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For emails, do not embed pictures or compress their size to less than 200 dpi.

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

As the year draws to the end and many thoughts turn to Christmas and probable family get-togethers, the club's social calendar has many options for everyone's enjoyment. First up is our last General Meeting & Breakfast for the year, this time in Gungahlin, so the north Canberra Members can sleep in a little longer. The following Sunday has a ride to Gunning for the December Alternative breakfast. I find the run to Gunning always enjoyable and there are several diverse routes back home for those looking for a longer ride.

Later in the same week are our Christmas Party and Awards Night. I can guarantee a fun night out with plenty of laughs and a hearty Christmas meal as well. Please checkout the What's On calendar on the Club's website for details of where, when and how much.

The club is also trying to assist the less well-off in our community by collecting your old and redundant jackets and gloves and donating them to the Salvation Army for distribution to the homeless and always need warm and waterproof clothing. Check out the What's On calendar and come to the Salvos in Dickson on the 7th December.

If you cannot make it but have a jacket to donate, contact me on 0409329270 or Bill Brown on 0418131048.

This issue of *Shaft Drive Lines* also has a report on the Sydney Motorcycle and Scooter Show; so if this inspires you to grab a helmet and your bike keys for a summer ride, join your club mates for a weekend away on the 14-15th December to Huskisson on the shores of Jervis Bay.

You will probably need a beach towel, sunscreen, a camera and sticky tyres to get the most of what the Eurobodalla Coast has to offer.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings for 2013 will be roving and held at 0930 (or 1230 in winter) on the fourth Sunday of each month, following a 0830 (1200) BBQ breakfast and before a ride decided on the day and leaving ~1000. The venue will be advised by email to members and on the Club webpage or contact the President president@bmwmccact.org.au.

You can find the next location here <http://bmwmccact.org.au> and 'What's On' tab.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Michael Pearson

James Robinson

Fergus Hood

CLASSIFIEDS

BMWWMCCACT members can advertise their BMWs and motorcycling related goods on the Club's web page. Send your contact details, advertisement and picture to the web@bmwmccact.org.au. The Webmaster has the right to modify (for space not content), refuse or reject any ad without reason.

WHAT'S ON

Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to make way for other customers.

The Clubs webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> and 'What's On' tab details Club rides and activities, as does the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

Date	Detail	Contact
4 th Sunday each month	Club monthly meetings start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) beforehand and followed by a ride agreed on the day.	The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at president@bmwmccact.org.au .
Riding events	The webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au lists Club riding activities and reminders emailed to members. If you are going on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Rides Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	The webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au lists Club social activities and reminders emailed to members. If you are coming along or want to host a social event then email Social Secretary of your attendance (for planning numbers) or details of your event and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au)

CLUB AWARDS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS DINNER



Come and celebrate the Club Awards, Shannon's German Autofest concourse winners and enjoy a Christmas dinner at The Mawson Club, Heard Street, Mawson from 5pm on Friday 6 December 2013.

You can navigate there using your bike's navigator or Google Map link [here](#) and an easy day's ride for members north of the lake, 5 minutes ride for members south of the lake or at their leisure for those members who live further out of town or interstate.

For **\$55** per person you will get a 3-course meal (alternates serves) and buy your own drinks at Club prices. If you have special dietary requirements please let the Social Secretary Steve Hay know in advance.

To come along you need to pre-book with Social Secretary Steve Hay by email social@bmwmccact.org.au and pay Steve in cash or EFT, include your name in the form tab, to the Club's account:

- Account name: BMWWMCCACT
- BSB: 805022 (Community CPS Credit Union)
- Account number: 03318092

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 29 November 2013.



2013 TROUT RALLY

Garry Smee, F800GS

The *Tumut Valley Riders* host the *Trout Rally* on the banks of Three Mile Dam located on the Link Road between Kiandra and Cabramurra. The weather can range from bright warm sunshine, rain to snow and anything in between making the riding always exciting.

In recent years it has also coincided with the Snowy Ride that adds to the excitement with some 3000 riders on the same roads. Tragically 3 riders died on the ride and the Snowy Southcare chopper touched down on the Link Road retrieving at least one other downed non-rallying rider.

I had planned to ride down with Rob (R1200GS) on Saturday morning but he was held up by the tedium of work, so made my own way down the Bobeyan Road with Jane taking a weekend off pillioning. The Bobeyan was in good condition with only one 4WD needing the whole road and my avoidance before arriving in Adaminaby. This is one of the Snowy Ride checkpoints, so the Pub had put on a guitar player, who was making good use of both kinds of music – country and western, accompanied by the Adaminaby P&C doing a roaring trade in sausage sandwiches. The shop horseshoe car park was packed along with the grass and approaches with riders and bikes. This always looks funny, as there is a mix of rallyists (panniers, chairs, swags or tents) parked alongside the latest Euro/Jap hyper-sports bike, Harley or Gold wing and everything in between. You can read more or register for the 2014 Snowy Ride here, <http://www.snowyride.org.au>.

Having had lunch and washed down the dust, Rob arrived, calling for a further rinsing of dust from the back of the throat before we headed off to the rally. There was a good attendance but still plenty of camping spots to be had, with ours down on the dam foreshore. I found club member Steve Murray and his recently rebuilt F650GS in attendance, but no others from the Club.



'Tug-o-War', when only the best footwear will do.

Three Mile Dam, lakeside camping at its finest

This year's rally had a Halloween theme with potions to be mixed and drunk in a somewhat complex order designed to test the most 'cast iron' of pots let alone stomachs. The tug-o-war, egg toss and slow races were well patronised before the all-important raffle was drawn. For those who have never made the trout, the locally caught and on-scene smoked trout make a very welcome and appreciated prize.

Club The settling dusk and wocka-wocka of the helicopter, making another trip, made me glad that we were the one's sitting beside the campfire retelling old rides and the planning of new ones under a mild and starlit sky.

The morning broke under threatening clouds, so Rob and I packed, paid our farewells and headed in to Adaminaby. With the other early risers and Snowy Riders making for a full bakery, we rode on for the return trip up Bobeyan Road in very light traffic and made home for lunch, bike washing and repacking for the next rally. New Karoo 3's next week and test report to follow.



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CLUB MEMBER RIDING PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Having difficulty in putting fingers to the keyboard or finding the words to accompany your riding picture? Well then this is the section just for you. Send your picture to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au along with your name and a caption. If that is too hard, then your picture will go in without credit!



Peter Robinson with his 1100GS at the Arctic Circle. Would you have guessed it?

THE MONTHLY FARKLE

Tap King

Tired of broken glass or split aluminium cans getting hydrating fluids to the rally? Then tap King is the latest convenient beer transportation device. Chill the 2.2L 'keg' the night before and load on the bike. You may need the adapter valve to pour the beer, but this will be tested over the coming months.

Read more here <http://www.tapking.com> and watch the funny You Tube videos [here](#).



CLUB IDENTIFICATION

Looking for a sticker of the Club logo for your bike or badge to wear? Small Stickers \$0.50, large ones \$1.00 and enamel pin badges \$5.00. Send an email to members@bmwmccact.org.au to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.

Good News. Your Committee has continued this into 2013

One of the Club's objectives is to improve club members riding skills. In recent years, the Club has sponsored and organised rider skills training and motorcyclist first aid courses. This year the Committee has adopted a different approach where you book, pay and attend a selected rider training program and on completion present your 'certificate' to the Treasurer who will reimburse you \$100 off the course cost. Sorry no reimbursement for travel, accommodation, meals or entertainment: only the training course.

The Committee has approved the following training providers and courses. If you find another one, please send the details to the Committee@bmwmccact.org.au for consideration.

- Stay Upright ACT @ Sutton, <http://www.stayupright.com.au/stay-upright-act-0>
- Academy of Off Road Riding @ Nelligen, <http://www.academyofoffroadriding.com.au/adventure-bike-courses/>
- Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training @ Marulan, <http://www.toprider.com.au/Pages.asp?PageID=42> (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, for 2013 the subsidy has a 20-member course cap. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the 3 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact email and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2013 to March 2014 AGM.

THE EDITORS FILL

Wanted: Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2013 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au with captions and photographer credits.

Hi Riders,

I recently rode to Flowerdale Vic for a 70th birthday party and naturally took the mountain route there and back via Cabramurra, Tallangatta and Mansfield ☺. On my return, I stopped at Tooma Dam to remove some bugs and stretch; walking around the front of the bike to see this.

Slowing my pace, I made Cabramurra and called son Mitchell for car & trailer backup in case an unplanned stop was called for. I did wonder on the Sunday afternoon wait for BMW Roadside Assist, but called on the son instead, meeting up in Cooma before deciding to ride on given the tyre centre tread was still there and it was the Monaro Highway.

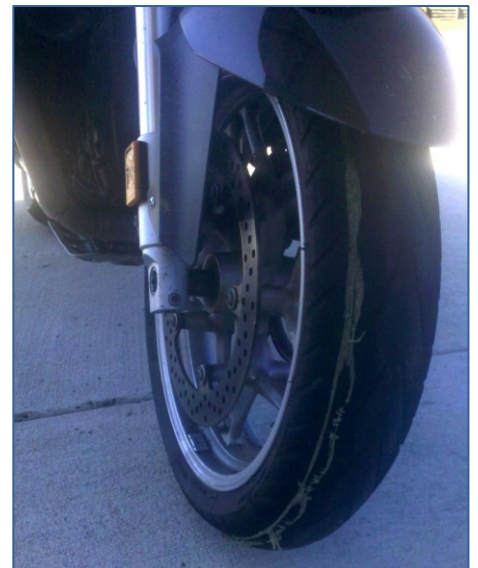
We made it back to Canberra without incident, and suffice to say another Michelin Pilot 3 has been fitted. For me this is another testament to the massive improvement in tyre technology over recent years as there was no sign of the tyre moving around before my stopping and seeing the Kevlar.

That's my fill,

Garry Smee,

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BMW Clubs Australia Delegate



SYDNEY MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER SHOW

Martin Robertson, R1200R

After seeing the report on the forthcoming BMW R nineT in last month's magazine, I was keen to this bike "in the flesh". So when Michael Andrews at Rolfe BMW told me that there would be one on display at the Sydney Motorcycle Show, I needed no more encouragement.

I packed the mighty R1200R on the Friday and headed to Sydney with the chatty GPS to give me directions to Western Sydney and my accommodation in Emu Plains. Why so far west, I hear you ask? I hate Sydney traffic and I was to join the club ride to Lithgow and Oberon on the Saturday, so I was halfway there. The train ride into the city was quicker than riding and no parking or security issues once I arrived at Darling Harbor Exhibition Centre.



Indian with lots of cow hide

The show filled three halls with representation from all the big brands and most of the smaller distributors as well. The only obvious omissions were Husqvarna and the Chinese manufacturers. I guess the Chinese minimize their promotion dollars to keep the bike and scooter costs down. No cost saving was evident with the Americans. There were large stands of Victory, Harley Davidson and Indian motorcycles where you were even allowed to sit on these large and to my mind, overly flashy, bikes. If you want to make a two-wheeled statement, buy an Indian Chieftain with an 1811cc Thunderstroke 111 engine!

The BMW R nineT has great styling combining old-school café racer elements with modern mechanicals and suspension plus exquisite detailing. Have a look at the aluminum brace

below the seat or the brushed stainless steel air snorkel cover. Just the things to make Ducati owners take a second look.

BMW also had a pre-release S1000R, which is a less-faired version of the S1000 sports bike. It should appeal to the boy-racer who likes to look at the engine rather than have it covered with a full fairing. The equivalent bikes from Ducati and KTM look even more aggressive and should scare the roadside bunnies away.

The other highlight for me was the exhibition of café racers and customized home-built bikes from the Australian Café Racers Group. The bikes ranged from a fully restored R60/2 with some minor mods to an 80's Kawasaki Twin with rear-set pegs, clip-on bars and USD forks with no paint on the tank or guards, just two-tone rust, to a ridged-frame Triumph with a polished alloy tank and clip-ons.

I now have a head full of ideas for my R80 project bike.



Build your own bike from stuff in the shed, this guy did.



BMW R nineT

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Application for Membership
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Membership expires on the last day of February each year. Applications are subject to committee approval and may take several weeks to process. Please do not send cash. We do not have credit card facilities.

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(If joining after the general meeting in October the fee is \$20.00 + joining fee)

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SIGNATURE 1

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Membership #

Date

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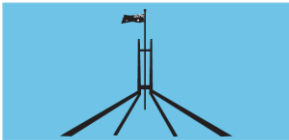
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