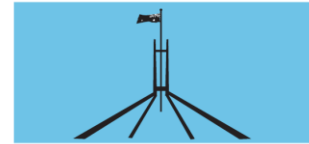


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23-25 January	22nd International Island Classic, Phillip Island Victoria
6-8 February	BMWTCNSW 38 th <i>Karuah River Rally</i> , Frying Pan Creek (via Dungog), NSW
8 February	Alternate Breakfast at the Long Track Pantry, Jugiong
20 February	FIM World Superbikes, Phillip Island, Victoria
22 February	Club Monthly Meeting at Black Mountain Peninsula BBQ's
7 March	Cold Flame Rally, Pinch River on the Barry Way
7 March	38th Annual Rally - The Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club of ACT, 2015
End of March	BMWCCACT Incorporated Annual General Meeting



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**Cover Photo: weekend meet at
Wallendbeen on the way to
Henty NSW. G. Smee**

ABOUT THE CLUB

Membership: You can apply to join the BMW MCCA Inc. online from the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. Members can update their personal details by logging on to the Club webpage.

Meetings: Club meetings are on the fourth Sunday each month at different locations across the ACT; currently Parks with BBQ's and following a cooked breakfast from 0830. The location and details are posted to the websites *What's On* and email reminders sent to members beforehand.

Activities: The Club's *What's On* web page details Club rides, social and other organised events. Members can email suggested rides and social events directly to the Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au) and Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au) respectively.

The Club's webpage 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 do not get through.

You can also join our Yahoo group ACTGravelsurfers: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ACTGravelsurfing/>

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, held each October, are donated to a nominated charity. Unfortunately, there was no profit in 2013 due to low numbers.

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 our magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Emailed content 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.

BMW MCCA INC. RISK STATEMENT

Participants in BMW MCCA Incorporated (the Club) activities do so at their own risk as is obeying the law. The Club, Committee and members are not responsible for personal injury or loss arising from or through any Club activity. Remember your riding style impacts on the enjoyment and safety of other road users.

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

Happy New Year, I hope you were all able to celebrate the Christmas festivities with family friends and are rested and ready for a busy 2015 on two wheels. To kick off the New Year, I organised a ride and committee meeting in Wagga Wagga to meet up with our remote Membership Secretary, Bruce Barter. Our treasurer, Bob Ellison, Social Secretary, Steve Hay, and I took the back roads to Wagga via Harden and Junee and returned the following day via the Snowy Mountains Highway and Cooma. This trip covered many scenic and enjoyable roads and in the company of some good mates. A ride report of our adventure is in this issue.

The Club Committee met to plan the next few month's activities and I can tell you that there will be plenty of events and rides to get you out on your new or more "experienced" BMW.

We will continue with the combined general meeting, breakfast and day ride; the first one for 2015 will be at Black Mountain Peninsula on Sunday 22nd February, where the usual bacon & egg rolls and coffee will be available. Please check out the *What's On* Calendar for event details. Before then is the Alternate Breakfast on 8th February at the popular Long Track Café in Jugiong where we will also have a mini general meeting.

Speaking of Committee business, the next AGM is rapidly approaching; details will be emailed and listed in your copy of *Shaft Drive Lines*.

While all committee positions will be open, I know that a number of long-serving members will be stepping-down, so we will need some "volunteers" to nominate for various roles.

Look for the nomination form and job description in this and subsequent SDL. If you have been considering helping the Club or just want to discuss ideas for improvements to the Club's administration please talk to us at the next event.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Stacey Carpenter, F650GS

Thomas Preiss, R1200R

Michael Heinrich, K1200RS (& lives in Germany)

We look forward to meeting you on a ride or at a Club event

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WHAT'S ON

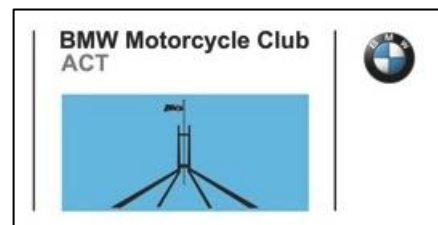
Some Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating 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 are held on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 or lunch from 1200 (selected winter months) 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	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to Club members. If you are planning 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 Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to members. If you are coming along or want to host a social event then email the 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 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 or postage, delivery and payment.



CLUB 2015 RIDE & SOCIAL CALENDAR



Do you want the Club to ride somewhere or do something in particular during 2015?

Then send your ride event or idea to rides@bmwmccact.org.au or Social event or idea to social@bmwmccact.org.au.

IMPROVING MEMBER RIDING SKILLS

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.

- [BMW Australia Off Road Rider Training](#), various locations,
- [Stay Upright ACT](#) @ Sutton,
- [Academy of Off Road Riding](#) @ Nelligen
- [Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training](#) @ Marulan, (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).
- [California Superbike School \(Australia\)](#), various race track locations.

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, for 2014 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 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your course completion certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact email and bank details, and
- The Treasurer, having validated your details will then reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2014 to February 2015 AGM.

CLUB SPOT



The Club has purchased a SPOT personal (or group) GPS tracker for financial Club members' limited use.

You will need to provide the response mobile phone number or email address that SPOT uses to communicate too. The Club will not be monitoring the SPOT or responding to any request for assistance.

The Club member borrowing the SPOT is required to leave a refundable cash security deposit of \$50 and responsible for providing the four AAA batteries (if/as required).

The SPOT comes with instructions on its use and preformatted messages. You can read more about SPOT [here](#).

Contact Garry Smee rides@bmwmccact.org.au before you are next 'off grid' ride and let someone know where you are.

BMW MOTORCYCLE & PART RECALLS

Here is a list of recent BMW Motorcycle and motorcycle related product recalls listed on the ACCC Product Safety Recalls Australia website:

BMW Motorcycles: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/952852>.

Motorcycle Parts & Accessories: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/952853>.

Note: Not all importers choose to list their recalled motorcycle parts and accessories under this sub-heading, so a general search may be required ☹

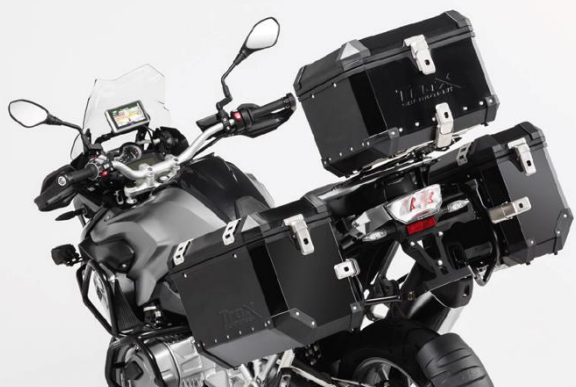
ACCESSING THE CLUB WEBSITE: YOUR ACCOUNT, LOGIN & EMAILS

You can select what emails you want to receive from the Club by logging in to your account and 'viewing your profile'. From here, you can edit personal details, describe yourself, bikes or interests and importantly select what communications you want to get from the club including ride notices, event announcements and the Club magazine *Shaft Drive Lines*. Some things you cannot deselect including membership notices like renewals and reminders.

If you are not getting emails, maybe it is because your account is full or locked or you have changed email providers. These are all within your control and need to be changed by you. Lost your password? Then send an email to the web@bmwmccact.org.au.

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EDITORS FILL

Welcome Members,

The holiday season is over and I hope everyone has recovered from eating and drinking too much, getting sun burnt if not painting then looking over some water somewhere and even gotten some riding in.

The Club financial year is drawing to a close so expect to see your personal invitation to renew your membership by email shortly. This also heralds the Club's AGM in March so why not consider standing for election or at least volunteering to assist in the Club's operation. I am sure the Committee will all observe how rewarding this is; so if you have any questions please contact the current incumbent and look for the nomination form in this magazine or on the Club website.

As Ride Coordinator, I have plenty of rides and post others of potential interest to the Club Event Calendar. If your not seeing a location, event or activity for you then let me know so that I can include your ride or activity. This doesn't mean you have to do much organising or even lead the trip, but then again why not? Help is at hand.

Club Members have the full range of BMW motorcycles, often more than one and even other brands. A consequence of this is a perception that planning reflects only certain members or models. This is unintended and a reflection of those members and type of bikes willing to or going on trips. I would like to ensure that rides cater for all levels of rider experience, make and model of bike and meet the expectations of the many if not the all. I take the ST on dirt and GS on highway trips; both have their drawbacks.

I look forward to seeing you all at a meeting or on a ride and receiving your pictures and story for *Shaft Drive Lines* in 2015.

Ride on,

Garry Smee
Editor & Ride Coordinator
BMW Clubs Australia Delegate

VP David Prest, An article of interest from the Sep/Oct issue of [Adventure Bike Rider](#) (UK) magazine.

Ask the experts

Martin Brown, Director at motorcycle clothing and accessories store Bike Stop in Stevenage answers your questions about helmets in general...

Q. Is it true that you get what you pay for with helmets and if they all pass safety standards isn't a £60 lid going to be just as effective as a £300 one when the time comes for it to do its job?

A: Some helmets will pass the European EC22.05 standard by just a 'whisker' and others will far exceed it. There's also the government run 'SHARP' test which assesses helmets and rates them on a scale of 1-5 stars (www.sharp.direct.gov.uk). The US standard is Snell and some top level lids will pass both EU and US standard. Other factors that effect the price will be the quality of the components used, the additional features such as drop-down sun-visors, the ability to change/remove cheek and crown padding and the inclusion of an anti-fog visor. The materials used to make the shell will also play a large part in the final price, plastic will be the most basic then fibreglass/composites and as you move up the price range there's the addition of Kevlar or even helmets made of pure carbon. It really is the most important piece of kit that you buy and should be a significant part of your budget and there's certainly some truth in the saying you get what you pay for.

Q. What are the main things I should look for when buying a helmet?

A: The first thing you should look for is the EC22.05 approval! It's also strongly recommended that you never buy a used helmet as you don't know its history. It is also worth noting that some lids are designed to fit the standard head shape of the region that they're sold in (US, Europe or Asia) so it's important to make sure that you're buying from an authorised dealer. Then getting a comfortable and correct fit is crucial. Even the most expensive product will not be effective in the event of an accident if it does not fit correctly. Not all lids have the same internal shape and all heads are shaped differently so the key is to try a number of different ones on to ensure both the size and fit are correct. Some helmets have removable cheek and crown padding allowing thinner/thicker ones to be fitted to get the best fit possible. Finally, once you've decided on the one for you, it's important to leave it on for at least 10 minutes to make sure it's comfortable for a longer period of time.

Q. If I drop my helmet is that game over? Do I need to buy a new one?

A: This is a tricky question that we often get asked. The bottom line is, as we have already said, a helmet is your most important piece of safety equipment. You've invested significant money into it – do you want to compromise that protection in anyway? We can check it to see just how much damage has been done to the shell and the liner but it's often then subjective and ultimately has to be your



Martin Brown of Bike Stop



Getting the right size is crucial



And the right fit

decision. Most manufacturers say that any impact renders the helmet unusable. In more severe cases, like an actual accident when the impact is harder, it is normally easier to see damage to the EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner as it's normally painted black and any damage shows as white.

Q. Is there anywhere I can get my helmet checked over to make sure it's still going to do its job right?

A: Yes, we (Bike Stop) are trained by all the suppliers of helmets that we sell (for example we are a 'Arai DNA Centre' and 'Shoei Assured Dealer') and happy to help. Some manufacturers offer a specific service period

where a customer can return the helmet to us for up to 5 years for regular inspection and/or maintenance. To try and help we also carry a large stock of spare parts and if we don't have it in we're able to order quickly from the suppliers.

Q. What's the average lifetime of a helmet? When should I buy a new one?

A: The key factor is the life of the EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner which deteriorates between 2-4% a year, so after 5 years that could be as much as 20%! The linings, cheek pads and straps can also become worn or worn out and clearly with high mileage users this will happen more quickly. Most manufacturers say the life is 5 years and many will come with 5 year warranty, but it can range down to around 2 years. As we have said, in some helmets, the linings can be replaced and we can do that in store, but with straps in particular these would have to be returned to the supplier for replacement.

Q. When I'm in the shop deciding on a helmet, how do I ensure that I'm getting the helmet that fits my head best? Is there a procedure I can do to check the fit of the helmet?

A: We are trained to help but even before you ask us, the fit wants to be 'snug' but comfortable. The cheek pads should be pressing firmly on your cheeks and there should be no discomfort anywhere. The padding is all brand new and will only bed in over time so it's important to be right from the start. We always then ask our customers to hold their heads still and we try and firmly rotate the lid left/right, up/down to make sure that only very minimal movement of the helmet is possible with the head staying still.

Q. What are the benefits of a peak on an adventure helmet, especially if the helmet has an integral sun visor?

A: The benefit of the peak is to try and give shade to the eyes versus the sun-visor, which works more like a traditional pair of sun-glasses. We have met customers that appear to be particularly light sensitive and they need this additional help. There's also a certain style to these adventure helmets though and that's then down to personal choice!

Q. Are there any differences in women's helmets, or are they just smaller shells?

A: There are actually only a very limited number of helmets designed specifically for ladies. Our example is Schubert where they account for what they call, a 'slightly smaller, narrower facial structure', anti-bacterial microfibre interior prevents staining from make-up and a size range down to XXS.

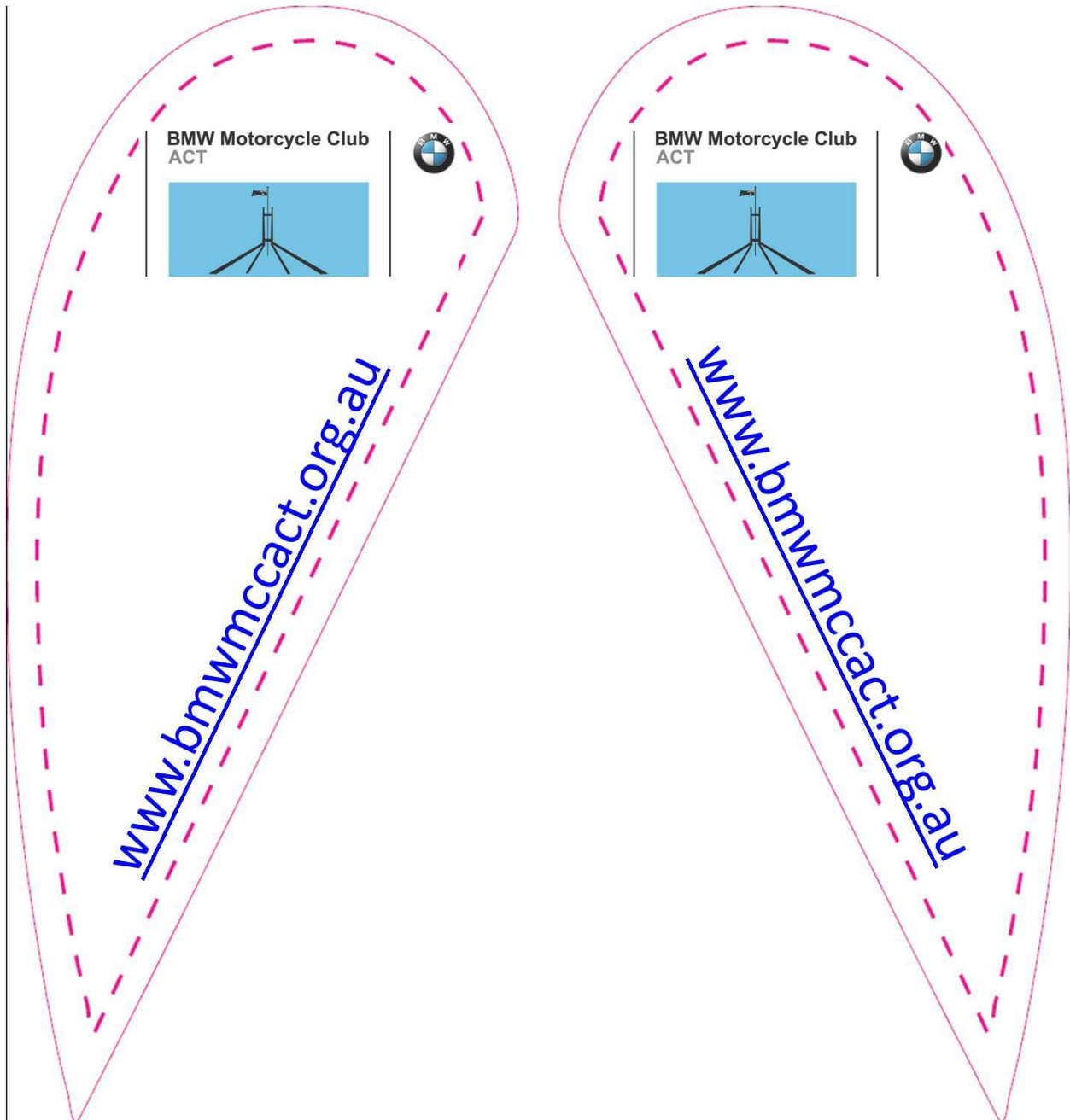


BIKE STOP has over 30 years of experience in the world of motorcycle clothing and accessories. With a wide range of helmets in stock and regularly trained and knowledgeable staff on standby it's an excellent place to visit if you're looking to buy a new lid. For more information visit www.bikestop.co.uk/ask

BMW MCCACT CLUB BANNER

Garry Smee

As an *Official BMW Club*, we have an approved logo, and to support our public activities the Club has a large banner. To supplement this banner that is not overly motorcycle friendly, your Committee proposes to buy a 2m portable 'teardrop banner' and invites members to consider what to put on the blank space beneath the logo. For the budding or serious artist there is a template in the members' area of the website. Simply download the template, add your contribution and return it by email to editor@bmwmccact.org.au. Look for the results in 2015. In the meantime, here is one example:



You can read more on Print Smart Banners here <http://fabricbanners.net.au/corporate-flags-banners-printing/>

ROAD CONDITIONS & OALLEN FORD @ SHOALHAVEN RIVER

David Prest, K75C

The low bridge at Oallen Ford can be covered in water. While there is a flood sign at the crossing near the Loaded Dog Hotel at Tarago, it may not be open to indicate that there is flooding.

Before travelling, to confirm that the ford is open:

- Google the Bureau of Meteorology site,
- Click on New South Wales,
- Click on Latest Rainfall and River Conditions,
- Click on River Conditions,
- Click the map to the right hand side of the outline of the ACT - South Coast Rainfall and River Conditions should appear,

Just up from Braidwood there are number of grey triangles,

Hover the cursor above them and find Hillview,

Click on the triangle and a chart will appear with a blue line, which is the river height at that automatic station which is used as a flood indicator for the ford.

The normal level is about the 1 metre line on the chart. According the Goulburn Council website, the reporting of the water levels has a time lag of 2 hours and the bridge at the ford is 2.2 metres height, so anything above the 1.75 metre line should be treated with caution as the ford may be flooded by the time you get there.

And the picture - <http://www.bom.gov.au/fwo/IDN60234/IDN60234.070335.plt.shtml>

NEW YEAR RIDE TO WAGGA WAGGA

Martin Robertson, R1200R

As the time for your committee to plan the next year's rides and events was upon us, our Ride Coordinator, Garry, suggested we meet up with Membership Secretary, Bruce Barter in Wagga Wagga. What a good idea for a New Year's ride, so in short time Bob Ellison, Steve Hay and I packed our bikes, reserved a cabin and headed west on the 3rd of January. As the other committeemen were occupied with other things, I had notes of their suggestions.

After a short and uneventful ride out past Yass, we took the Burley Griffin Way (what a great name for a road) for a coffee stop in Harden. We noticed that all the wheat and canola in the district had been headed and the fields were looking very dry and neglected. Let us hope that the farmers had a good crop and are not feeling similarly neglected.



Steve and Bob at the Illabo Silos

We took the Jugiong road out of H/M and then turned west on the Cullinga Road that is narrow, bumpy and had no traffic and terminates on the outskirts at Wallendbeen. I looked into several house yards in Wallendbeen but saw no nudists that were the highlight of our trip to the National Motorrad Rally last October. Maybe it was just too hot; the gauge on the R was now up to 34 degrees.

Following the Olympic Highway, we arrived at Cootamundra in no time, where I led the group on a meander through the back streets. Lost – no, just a bit disorientated! Steve grew up in Coota and enjoyed the ride down memory lane. Sticking to the Olympic Hwy we went through Bethungra and Illabo and stopped at a bakery in Junee for lunch.

Junee has an above-average level of civic pride as evidenced by the manicured parks and median strips and neat buildings in the main street. The temperature was up to 38 by the time we arrived at Bruce's.

Fortunately, he was the perfect host and produced cold beers on our arrival. After finding the Big 4 Van Park and a busy but refreshing pool, we gathered around the air-conditioner for the actual meeting. Please see the minutes in this magazine.

Next morning we headed east out of Wagga on the Wantabadgery Rd, past extensive grape plantings, through the hamlet of Nangus to Gundagai for a late breakfast.

Following a fuel stop, we headed for Tumut and the Snowy Mountains Hwy. The SM Hwy was busy, with lots of 4WD Utes and wagons towing camper-trailers and carrying kayaks and canoes. I wonder if this craze for one-man boats is because people like getting into more remote areas or just that it costs a lot less than a powered run-about?



Steve and Bob stretch their legs at a very smoky Kiandra.

Anyhow, when you ride a Bavarian Masterpiece, these other vehicles do not slow you down much. As an aside, I am running a Michelin Pilot Road 4 rear and a Michelin Pilot Power 3 front tyre and on the twisty mountain roads; I cannot fault the PR4 and looks like it will last 16,000kms!



President Martin is all smiles after the temperature dropped from 32 degrees to 19 along the Snowy Mountains Hwy.

We stopped for a breather at Kiandra and speculated on the extent of the bushfires that had filled the air with lots of smoke. What a change from the hot day before, the temp at Kiandra was a cool 19 degrees.

Next stop Cooma for a coffee and then a quiet run home. All in all, it was a weekend well spent.

BMWCCACT NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Financial members and other interested persons are notified of the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (BMWCCACT, the Club) annual general meeting will commence at **(Date TBA)** 2015 at **(TBA)**.

The AGM will follow the March monthly meeting and on conclusion all Committee positions declared vacant. The 2014-15 Public Officer Steve Hay will then hold an election for committee positions. Only BMWCCACT financial members can nominate for election to the Committee using the form included to this edition of *Shaft Drive Lines* or available from the website and completed forms returned to the Club Secretary by email PDF to secretary@bmwmccact.org.au or post and marked for the Secretary's attention to PO Box 4042 Weston Creek 2611 ACT.

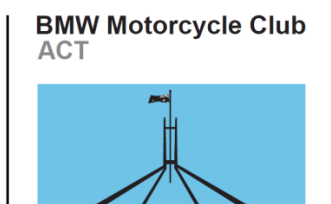
At the Public Officers sole discretion nominations can be made and form submitted on the day of the AGM.

Agenda / Call for Agenda Items

Forward any agenda items to the President Martin Robertson, president@bmwmccact.org.au

1. President's welcome & opening address
2. Vote of acceptance on 2014 AGM Minutes. These are available on the club website here <http://bmwmccact.org.au/page-1419644>.
3. Presidents Report
4. Treasurer's April 2014- March 2015 Report. A copy of the 2014-15 Financial Audit & Report is available on the Club website and must be voted on at the meeting. This is required to meet the ACT Office of Regulatory Services requirements for the Club's continued incorporation along with other paperwork.
5. Membership Secretary's Report
6. Ride Coordinators Report
7. Other Committee Member Reports (TBA)
8. Notified agenda matters:
 - a. ... *(nil at this time)*
 - b. ...
9. Any matter raised by Members from the floor; for the AGM these must only relate to the Club's operation.

Break – Light refreshments will be available to members, guests and visitors
10. The President will suspend the meeting and hand it over to the 2014 Public Officer Steve Hay who will conduct and act as returning officer for the election of the 2015-16 BMWCCACT Committee. On completion, the Public Officer will declare the results of the election and in-coming Committee members. He will then invite the incoming President to resume the meeting.
11. The incoming President will conclude and close the meeting.



BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Notice of Annual General Meeting 29 March 2015 (TBC)

2015-2016 Committee Nomination Form

Only a current financial member of the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (BMWMCCT, the Club) can nominate for and be elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Ride Coordinator, Webmaster, Social Secretary or Membership Secretary. See the Club Constitution for details at www.bmwmcct.org.au.

I (insert name) of

(print address),

being a current financial member of the BMWMCCT nominate for election to the following Committee position(s):

<i>Tick</i>	President	<i>Tick</i>	Vice President
<i>Tick</i>	Secretary	<i>Tick</i>	Treasurer
<i>Tick</i>	Membership Secretary	<i>Tick</i>	Ride Coordinator
<i>Tick</i>	Editor	<i>Tick</i>	Social Secretary
<i>Tick</i>	Webmaster	<i>Tick</i>	Volunteer Assistant (for record only)

Club members do not elect the Club's Public Officer or BMW Clubs Australia Delegate (for the following year) who are appointed by the President having consulted the Committee.

<i>Tick</i>	Public Officer	<i>Tick</i>	BMW Clubs Australia Delegate
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If you are unable to attend the AGM, the Public Officer can act as your proxy *only* if he or she receives your completed nomination form before the AGM commences.

A financial member of the Club must second all nominations.

I (insert name) of

(print address),

being a current financial member of the Club second this nomination.

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(signature of nominee)

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(signature of seconder)

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(print date)

Return this completed form to the secretary@bmwmccact.org.au as a PDF file or @mail marked for the Attention of the Secretary, BMWMCCT PO Box 4042 Weston Creek ACT 2611 by **13 March 2015**.

2014 MICALONG CREEK GATHERING

Garry & Morgane Smee, F800GS

With Christmas 2014 out of the way and remainder family having other activities daughter Morgane and I made our way out to the *Micalong Creek Gathering* unsurprisingly held at [Micalong Creek](#) past Wee Jasper for New Years Eve.

For the purists, there is a mere 7kms of dirt between Canberra and Wee Jasper and the ST could have (& has) traversed this with ease. The gravel from Wee Jasper to Micalong Creek is equally of good order.

A popular camping spot the 'Gathering' site – as it's not a rally' was shared with a good number of 4WDs + camper trailers, tenter's and even some familiar rallyists complete with 4WD/Sedan Caravan and expansive tents.

Karuah Rob had ordered 40 badges and whilst final numbers haven't been confirmed, I suspect the gathering will have been very close to this with riders heading out for the weekend in addition to those present for New Year's eve. Rob is lead organiser of the BMWTCNSW [Karuah River Rally](#) located 30kms from Dungog NSW and to be held over the weekend 6-8 February 2015.



With temperatures in the mid-30's it didn't take long before people headed for the free running creek and various water holes. Others chose the alternate of internal cooling and evaporation sitting and storytelling under the shady trees.

The evening progressed to a somewhat quiet New Year's crescendo with the hardy soles lasting a few more hours before retiring – no doubt chasing & celebrating New Years west across the continent.

With Morgane having work in the afternoon, we had time for a morning swim before packing up and heading home in the early afternoon and mid-30's in light traffic.

Well run, top location and we'll be there in 2015!



MINUTES OF MEETING BMWCCACT – 3RD JANUARY 2015

3 Jan 2015 – Location: Big 4 Van Park, Wagga Wagga	
ATTENDEES:	
President:	Martin Robertson
Treasurer:	Bob Ellison
Membership:	Bruce Barter
Social Sec:	Steve Hay
APOLOGIES:	
Vice President:	David Prest
Secretary:	Dennis Littame
Editor:	Garry Smee
Ride Co-Ord:	Garry Smee
1.0 Welcome and apologies	ACTIONS – Outstanding Matters
1.1 President – opened meeting 5:40pm	Opening and welcome, an alternate venue as Bruce B rarely makes it to Canberra.
1.2 All committee members in attendance	Apologies: as above.
1.3 Minutes of previous meeting read	No minutes were presented from the last meeting ACTION: follow up Secretary. ACTION: Previous meeting - Nil
1.4 Review social calendar.	SH described the next 3 months alternate breakfast venues. 1 st Feb – Long track Pantry, Jugiong. 1 st Mar – Meridian Café, Marulan. 5 th April – Flint In The Vines, Murrumbateman. ACTION - SH to update the Club web site and calendar.
1.5 Review Ride Calendar.	GS has already posted Club rides and numerous 3 rd Party events on the Club web site and calendar. ACTION – Nil, it is all there.
1.6 BMW Group PESP request for 2015.	GS has advised (email to President) that a Principal Event Support Program request for an Evo helmet or a Rallye jacket was sent to BMW Group on 23 rd Dec. ACTION – GS to follow up with BMW Group.
1.7 Clubs Australia meeting 2015.	GS has advised that the meeting will be held in Melbourne on 18 & 19 April. He will nominate for CA Representative at next AGM. ACTION – Following 2015 AGM, a discussion list will be developed.
1.7 Update from Membership Secretary.	BB advised that on 31 st December 2014, the Club membership was; 7 Life 69 Single 33 Joint
1.8 Update from	BE advised that the total of all three club accounts was \$10,787.00 on 3 Jan 15.

Treasurer	ACTION: Nil.
1.9 Planning for AGM	<p>BE suggested that suitable dates were 21st March or 4th April, however there is a lead-time to publish the accounts before the members can vote to adopt/reject them.</p> <p>ACTION: BE to consult the constitution on minimum lead-time.</p> <p>GS suggested that The Irish Club in Weston is a suitable venue for the AGM.</p> <p>ACTION: SH to get cost and availability of the Royals? Club as well.</p>
2.0 AGM Preparations	<p>MR suggested that all members be advised via email of forthcoming AGM, date, time and venue, committee positions available and associated duties.</p> <p>MR advised that he would not be standing for the role of president in 2015.</p> <p>ACTION: MR to send out announcement to all members once the AGM venue has been confirmed.</p>
2.1 Membership Renewals	<p>The W/A app can automatically email every member for 2015 renewals. MR suggested that this be done ASAP.</p> <p>ACTION: BB to send out renewal emails on 10th Jan.</p>
2.2 Charity Donation(s) arising from rally proceeds	<p>The committee discussed the allocation of \$700 proceeds for our 2014 rallies.</p> <p>MR proposed a \$350 donation to the RFDS and a \$350 donation to Beyond Blue. Seconded BE.</p> <p>ACTION: BE to make payments.</p>
2.3 General Business:	<p>BE has PI renewal and policy documents for 2015. The full-year premium is lower than the part-year charge for 2014.</p> <p>ACTION: BE to confirm charge and renew policy</p> <p>MR suggested that if there is no candidate for the position of Editor at the next AGM, the membership vote on the proposal to dispense with monthly issues of SDL and use the live update function within the Wild Apricot application. This has the effect of advising all members (via email) every time a new item has been added to the Club's web site. The Web Master would become the coordinator for all news updates.</p> <p>ACTION: MR to consult with GS and develop proposal.</p>
2.3 Next meeting	<p>Club Monthly – 25 Jan 2015, National Arboretum.</p> <p>Committee Meeting 4 Feb 2015</p>
2.4 Meeting Closed	7.30 pm

WEEKEND RIDE TO HENTY NSW

Garry Smee, R1200ST

BMWTCNSW club member Dave Barlow (2013 Kosciuszko Rally winner of the BMW Evo 6 Helmet prize) spent his early years growing up in Henty NSW and proposed a revisit ride. Dave (K1600GT) would be joined by David (650 VStrom) also from Orange whilst Rob (R1200ST) and I would meet them at Wallendbeen before heading down to Henty and overnight at the Doodle Cooma Arms Hotel.



Unlike the Committee's ride to Wagga the previous weekend in 30°C+ ours was made under leaden skies with the continuing threat of rain only held off when we stopped to put the wet weather gear on; an almost certain surety of it not raining.

Our arrival into the Pub saw the rain make a more determined effort and whilst it was still quite warm, saw us rehydrate before joining Dave on his history walk past the shops, school and converted bank of which his father was the manager. With sightseeing dispensed with, we were now free to problem solve whilst enjoying an outstanding meal courtesy of the bistro accompanied by a local red. Followed on in the time honoured motorcycle tradition of comparing past, present and aspirational future bikes; trips been, planned or wished for and so on, until our host Paddy the publican called it quits at 1000 pm or was that shortly after midnight. We would all recommend the Pub, rooms and food if you are passing this way.

Our Sunday return ride to Canberra was made under steady rain that did little to detract from the overall enjoyment of the weekend, saying our farewells munching on egg n bacon rolls under the very limited shelter offered at the Wallendbeen 'Snack Shack'.



(L-R) David, Dave, Garry and Rob

THE TAIL LIGHT

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!



Garry Smee

For those who need to know, the bridge to Captains Flat has been replaced and re-opened, the Pub's open ☺ (again), Servo is still shut ☹ and Outsider Café is still there. As always the Jerangle Road is great F800GS riding if un-taxing for some.

Meanwhile my little used and unregistered R100GSPD has gone to a new home and replaced with my newest de-super fund a German plated 1980 R100RS. Good news for Rolfe's spares, Munich Motorcycles (WA), Moto-Bins and Motor Works (UK) and MaxBMW (US) who no doubt need help with their super.

1200km's to date and counting.

