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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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With David Huddy

Life has just about got back to normal, at least for those of us living on or near the glitter strip. Every time I go through the big Carrara roundabout I give thanks for the Comm Game as it was funded by the Feds for the event.

This month has sown some good rides, with a rare “off” reported and that in slow motion. Gordon is presently O/S but will be resuming normal activities soon.

The Binna Burra Saturday pizza night was very well attended and I wonder if, being a shorter ride than Tyalgum on Friday, made it more attractive. We can do that again when the weather warms up. Adrian and Cherie’s fun Day was enjoyed by those who went. Damien’s Cambooya run was another great success last Sunday, with some variation to previous routes to add interest. The weather was near perfect and with 8 bikes, and one pillion a good size group. My thanks to Darren, John & Barry for fixing my chain which was coming loose. It’s noticeable that our group road manners are improving, so no was left behind. We have some good events coming up including Moree, and Grafton, but any more suggestions would be welcome.

We seem to have come across a lot of road works lately, although they tend to be well managed. Perhaps the word has got out to local councils that they can be sued for not providing a safe alternative and have a duty of care to clean up afterwards. Maurice Blackburn recently won a case for a rider due to laxity by a council, but no details have been published. We must take care but councils must do their part to keep the roads safe for road users, including motorbikes.

On another subject entirely. I had day surgery last week and went through the usual hospital bureaucratic maze. The admitting nurse put a tag on my right wrist, which is normal, but then put another tag on my left ankle. Which made me wonder: Is there a risk that my body, and those of other patients, might be cut in half and the tags needed to gather them together? I’m back there again next week. I’ll ask.

Keep on keeping on,

*David*





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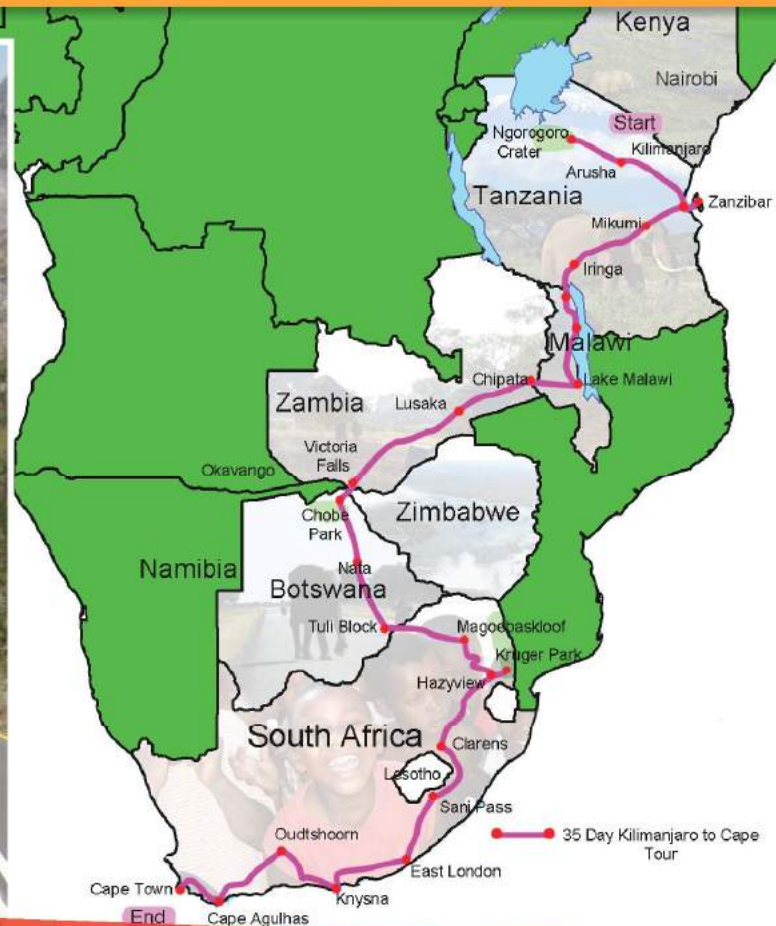
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Last week I realised that Deb has not been back on the bike since our little mishap at Canungra where we both fell off a basically stationery bike. I'm not sure if she's lost confidence in my riding ability or if she's still getting over the embarrassment of falling off in the main street of Canungra with hundreds of on-lookers – well it felt like that anyway. So when the need arose to have our car serviced, I checked the weather (not sure why I do that as it's rarely correct anyway) and planned a trip into Melbourne on the bike. I've been out a few times since arriving here in Ocean Grove and the cold has actually been quite bearable but I took no chances and made sure we were both rugged up. Many of you will laugh but this ride which will take around 3.5 hours of riding throughout the entire day is the longest ride I have done in quite a while. Anyway, we dropped the car off and as Deb mounted the bike I could feel her trepidation. Not wanting to lose any momentum I took off - ah success! I managed to do it without falling over. It wasn't long before I felt Deb release her death like grip from around my sides and start to relax and enjoy the ride - thank goodness. For those of you who usually ride two-up you will understand that not having your partner on the back just doesn't feel right! Anyway the next few hours were full of cramps, pins and needles, stiffening joints and all the usual stuff you face after not riding for quite some time. I'm not sure if it's the cold or if I'm getting old but hips, elbows, wrists, hands and back all felt the effort. And do you know what? I just can't wait to do it all again! It looks like you guys have been having a ball with the ride reports showing some awesome rides which we are both missing greatly, Hopefully, we'll be back soon for a break and join one. In the mean time stay safe.

*Mick Holford*



# CLUB CALENDAR

*June 2018*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Club Dates

June	3rd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - ride with John M
June	10th	Sunday	Motorcycle Happy Laps - 7:45 AM - 9:15 AM Lakeside Raceway, Lakeside Road Kurwongbah
June	17th	Sunday	350k ride with Gordon and Jenny
June	22nd	Friday	Ladies Lunch at Chong Co Thai, The Kitchens, Robina Town Centre, 11.30am

## Club Ride Rules

Never pass the ride leader.

To be considered as riding with the group, you should be between the ride captain and the tail-end Charlie. (TEC) TEC hasn't got eyes in the back of their head. When riding in staggered formation, the formation is set by the rider behind the ride captain. When the formation changes, please take care. It is not advised to merely move across. Move across if safe to do so.

The rider behind the ride captain corner marks. Do it safely. Try to be in vision of the riders that you are directing. Do not endanger yourself by stopping in loose gravel, or in a place where you may be hit. Tail End Charlie will wave you to re-join the group as he/she approaches you. Again, do it safely. Join only when you think it is appropriate. If TEC is being followed by traffic, pull in behind the traffic and make your way back to the ride. If it's not safe to pull in front of TEC, don't. Use common sense. Keep safe distance at all times.

Advise the ride captain and tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride before the 'good-bye' point. Be fully fuelled before the ride [The bike guys, the bike]

It is not easy to keep a head count of riders. If you think someone is missing and should not be, ask. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Never pass on the left; never tail-gate, pass slower riders only when it is safe to do so; be patient.

Abide by the road rules at all times.

# 2018 RIDE DATES

## Gordon McLister

*After each Hinze dam breakfast meeting there will be a run 200- 250 k's. Typically lead by us or Steve, or anyone interested to do so on the day. On the third Sunday of each month there will be a run 250 – 400 k's. Each run will be organized by a different person. If you are interested in organising / leading a ride then fantastic, let us know BUT if you just have an idea and want a hand to organise, or would like to organise and let us to lead the ride on the day, or do the whole thing on your own – excellent - anything and everything works. We will be approaching all active club members to volunteer for a date to organise a ride. On other weekends in the month there may be an impromptu run – if you suddenly have an idea then simply contact us, we will promote, arrange, if you like lead the ride, again happy to help.*

*Today we got the TEC treatment - Martin & Damian have experienced this, even new members are not exempt - John E was left while at the loo! We were abandoned in the middle of a wilderness .... no water, no food, it was looking grim at one stage - unplanned weight loss. Well Kingscliff is out of town ..... I mean - NSW!!!*

*Yes, I have been working long hours and not really concentrating and yes a slow turn at a gas station and YES, splat on to the ground - Jenny rolled as she has had to the 5 - 6 times this has happened before - at least the LT stayed at 45 degrees!*

*On the way back from Hastings Point, my foot fell off the foot peg, that's strange I thought..... Hmmmm, My leg is wet (let's leave this statement alone) ..... Oooops, Gordon has caused a radiator leak...From the glare of the sun beating down on us we see a motorcycle copper coming to our rescue after hours and hours, seemed like days, stress ages a person ... No, it is Nick, with more candle power on the front lights than a 747!*

*Two hours later we get a tilt tray owned by a motorcyclist. Great guy.... I get to ride the GTL on and off the tilt tray - those tilt trays are rather slippery, almost dropped the bike again! Dropped the bike off at his depot and a bus to Broadbeach and an Uber and home by 6pm - an 11 hour club event! Now this is a day out!*

All subject to change - We will confirm dates, provide detail closer to the time for each event.

July	1st	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
July	15th	Fri-Mon	Steve
August	5th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
August	12th	Sunday	Club AGM
August	19th	Sunday	Damian bigfella ride
August	26th	Sunday	Queen Mary Falls and Flavours
September	2nd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
September	16th	Sunday	Ken - Postman's knock to Kenilworth
September	29-30	Sat/Sun	and October 1 - BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 2018, Wallerawang NSW (Raffle Tickets available from Nic)
October	7th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
October	21st	Sunday	John E mystery ride
November	2-4th	Fri-Sun	Jacaranda Run to Grafton by David
November	4th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
November	18th	Sunday	Lamb Wrap at
December	2nd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
December	16th	Sunday	TBA
December	25th	Sunday	John Simpson reignites his run



# BMW CLUB NEWS

## GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL

2 Nights 2-3 November 2018



Ride will depart Cucina Mia 8.00am Friday 2 November - returning Sunday arvo.

Riverlight Festival Friday 2 Nov.

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2018  
JACARANDA RIVER FESTIVAL FEAST

Feast, is an event for the tastebuds! Enjoy locally crafted beer and wine, delicious locally sourced produce and listen to the sounds coming from the Riverbank's stage. During the evening, the lucky winner of the Festival's major raffle will be drawn. The Feast event will pause whilst the Float Parade makes it journey down Prince Street and then will recommence once finished, Approx 6pm.

Some accommodation is already fully booked so:  
Grafton Central has 4 rooms left. (02 6642 1944)

If your are interested you must **BOOK NOW!!**

[jacarandafestival.com](http://jacarandafestival.com)

## Festsaal Kreuzberg



After three successful years and sold out festivals, Pure&Crafted takes a creative break this year. Since the festival's inception in summer 2015, Pure&Crafted has been established as a brand and epitome of music, motorcycles and new heritage in Berlin and throughout Germany. In the past years, performances by The Hives, Refused, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Mando Diao, Interpol and Car Seat Headrest at Postbahnhof and at Altes Kraftwerk Rummelsburg won over fans and critics alike.

This year the festival will take on a different format. Pure&Crafted won't press the mute button, though, quite the contrary! To find new inspiration and to look out for the latest trends, the festival will hit the road this summer, taking Pure&Crafted to the next level. Under the banner of ON THE ROAD, we are keen to discover all the places where the Pure&Crafted lifestyle is lived out and experienced on a daily basis.

For that reason, we'll send our Pure&Crafted signature bike, a BMW R nineT Pure, on a journey across Europe for 4 months. 10 riders will seek out the most exciting routes, the smallest workshops, the most exceptional builders, the best food and the coolest gigs. Crafterad writers **Henry Kerinnes** and **Jan Joswig** will be part of the journey as well as **Martien Delgaauw** from Berham Customs, photographer **Jo Fischer**, the all-female motorcycle club **The Curves** and **Bernhard Elflein** from Herzbube Motorcycles.

Last Friday, on May 25, we sent off our first rider, **Henry Kerinnes**, who is now on his way to Copenhagen. Via our Pure&Crafted social media channels and our interactive website, you can follow and cheer on our Pure&Crafted riders on their adventures across Europe.

It goes without saying that Henry didn't take off quietly on our signature bike. The evening before, we celebrated the Pure&Crafted on the Road's kick-off presented by BMW Motorrad in proper style with a Pure&Crafted Barbecue at Festsaal Kreuzberg in Berlin. There, guests were treated to Pure&Crafted essentials: motorcycle culture, new heritage lifestyle, a smashing BBQ and other delicacies as well as a decent amount of handmade music, of course.

Alongside performances by rock band The Picturebooks, Rews from London and Trixie Trainwreck No Man Band, we brought back the legendary punk rock karaoke, a favourite amongst festival-goers in 2016. In between performances, visitors were invited to explore the exhibition space with its extraordinary custom motorcycles, leather products by Ondura and Tony's Munich, jewellery and accessories by Süßmaedchen, natural clothes by Usaato, and exclusive helmets by Cafe Racer 69. Other booths included Crafterad magazine and our annual Barber Shop indulging one or the other festival-goers on location.

As in previous years, we're thrilled to support the **Movember Foundation**, an organisation committed to changing the face of men's health, with donations gathered during the event.



## GS Trophy 2018

The Central Asia edition of the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy is now just days away. The 54 finalists, riding in 18 international teams, have been issued their GS-specific rider equipment – customized with their names, national flags and Int. GS Trophy 2018 insignia – and will soon be boarding their international flights to the venue, ready for the ride of their life.

For those not lucky enough to be competing, BMW Motorrad has devised a full range of multi-media coverage of the event so that GS fans from all over the world will be able to read about, watch and even participate (through a photographic competition) in the event.



### **Int. GS Trophy photo contest.**

The interactive photo contest was debuted in the 2010 event and proved so popular, with over 20,000 community members voting, that it has become a permanent fixture of the event. So, on days two (June 4) and five (June 7) of the Int. GS Trophy 2018 the teams themselves will be photographing all aspects of their adventure. The subject matter for the competition is entirely open, it might be an action shot of team-mates, or a spectacular landscape, maybe a unique aspect of local life. Each team will then submit their best photo at the end of both days, to be posted on the GS Trophy website [www.gstrophy.com](http://www.gstrophy.com) as well as [www.facebook.com/bmwmotorrad](https://www.facebook.com/bmwmotorrad) while the voting will be accessed through [www.bmw-motorrad.com/voting](http://www.bmw-motorrad.com/voting). As before, the photos are posted without credit, so the fans will vote for the best photo, not their favourite team. But as in previous years we can expect the teams to reveal their identities one way or another...! Note that the time for voting will be limited to just 24 hours on each occasion as the results will need to be fed back into the competition and to accord with the time difference between Munich and Mongolia:

### **Photo competition 1**

Voting opens June 4, 23:59 Mongolian Time (17:59 CEST)

Voting closes June 5, 23:59 Mongolian time (17:59 CEST)

The results of the vote will be announced in the evening of June 6.

### **Photo competition 2**

Voting opens June 7, 23:59 Mongolian time (17:59 CEST)

Voting closes June 8, 23:59 Mongolian time (17:59 CEST)

The results of the vote will be announced in the evening of June 9.

The teams will be awarded points toward their overall competition score in accordance with their performance in the votes.

### **Daily updates to the media.**

Journalists and media organisations are invited to follow the Int. GS Trophy 2018 and to find free access to GS Trophy resources – which during the event will be updated daily with news stories and photos – through the dedicated

BMW Group Press Club facility which can be found at [www.press.bmwgroup.com](http://www.press.bmwgroup.com)

## North West 200

**The international road racing season has begun: the North West 200 was the first major event on this year's calendar. BMW riders enjoyed an extremely successful race week in Coleraine, Northern Ireland. They celebrated a top-four lock-out and a one-two finish in the Superstock races, as well as one second place and one third place to reach the podium in the Superbike events. As the North West 200 is part of the BMW Combined Road Race Challenge (BMW RRC), points are scored in the BMW Motorrad Race Trophy.**



The action in the 1000cc classes began on Thursday with the first Superstock race which was dominated by BMW riders as they celebrated a top-four lock-out. Peter Hickman (GBR) claimed his first North West 200 victory with the Team Smiths Racing BMW. On the final lap, Hickman pulled off a brave overtaking manoeuvre to pass Tyco BMW rider Alastair Seeley (GBR), who had been in the lead up to that point. Seeley finished in second position, 0.5 seconds behind. Michael Dunlop (GBR / MD Racing / Tyco BMW Motorrad) was just another half-second behind in third place, also reaching the podium. The top-four lock-out was completed by Michael Rutter (GBR) on his Bathams Racing BMW.

Saturday is traditionally the main race day at the North West 200. The first Superbike race was the opening event on the schedule and Rutter reached the podium, finishing in third place. In fact, Seeley had crossed the line in third position. However, a five-second penalty for a jump start saw him slip to fifth in the final standings.

Next up was the Saturday race in the Superstock class. Hickman and Seeley delivered another enthralling duel for the lead. This time it was Seeley, who has won at least one race at the North West 200 every year since 2008 and holds the record for NW200 wins, who prevailed. The Tyco BMW rider crossed the line first, 0.186 seconds ahead of Hickman in second. Dunlop finished fourth, missing out on a podium by two-tenths of a second.

The North West 200 concluded with the Feature Superbike Race on Saturday – Dunlop did reach the podium that time, finishing second on his Tyco BMW S 1000 RR. Martin Jessopp (GBR / Riders Motorcycles BMW) crossed the line fourth, just 0.2 seconds behind the third-placed rider.



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# MINUTES OF MEETING

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Jill Tapp

**BMWMOCGC Breakfast  
View Café, Hinze Dam, Sunday 6 May 2018**

Once again, even though it was a long weekend for Queensland, it was a great rollup to breakfast and apologies were received from Ken Madsen (riding the twisters near Grafton), Ian & Rose Proctor, Nic Mercieca, Pat & Steve Bryant and Murray Speden (on the high seas). Mick and Deb Holford sent their regards to everyone.

Those at breakfast were:

Erik & Robyn Lorentzen, David Huddy, Marion & Martin Bell, John & Julie Vassallo, Ray Scarlett, Peter McGrade, John & Gayle Vanzino, Jill & Greyden Tapp, Adrian & Cherie Headon, Jenny & Gordon McLister, John Simpson, Troy Power, Ivan Peres, Damian Walsh, John Eacott, John McKeon Tony Harris and Visitors (and now Members) Glenys & Dan Willmott. (27)

David welcomed Visitors Dan and Glenys, hoping they would enjoy the day with the Club.

There has still not been a volunteer to take over as Newsletter Editor from July when Mick finishes. At the request of David, John Simpson will “seriously consider” taking it on from when Mick finishes in July until the end of the year when we can revisit the issue.

**A volunteer to take on the role of Web Master is needed urgently.** Gordon and Martin are going to meetup and look at what is involved in this role. Gordon would like to be able to help Martin out.

Gordon advised there would be a ride to Tyalgum after breakfast, departing 09.15.

Next Saturday (12 May) Adrian and Cherie are leading a ride which starts with breakfast at Robina then going via Numinbah, Tyalgum, Murwillumbah and Hastings Point they will arrive at Ripples for lunch.

## Lyn Dyne

### **BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 29-30th Sept - 1 Oct 2018**

at Wallerawang, NSW. Hosted by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT. Register online to include rally registration, dinner Sunday 29th Sept & (optional) breakfast Monday 1st Oct. The Rally, dinner & breakfast bookings are non-refundable after 14 September 2018.

For Bookings visit:

<https://www.bmwccact.org.au/National-Motorrad-Rally>  
(Rally entry pp (\$20), Dinner (\$40) & (optional) Breakfast (\$25) are ticketed events for pre-planning & catering.

There is NO option to arrive on Sunday night for the Dinner with an expectation you can be catered for).

NOTE: You are responsible for making your own accommodation bookings. The Black Gold Motel is the main venue but other local alternates have been notified of the rally. Mention you are going to the BMW Motorrad Rally when making your booking. There is a raffle and major prize of a BMW G310GS.

Tickets are \$20 and max. 600 sold.

**Contact:** [nicholasalbertmercieca@live.com.au](mailto:nicholasalbertmercieca@live.com.au)

### **Savings on BMW four cylinder motorcycles-**

BMW Motorrad Australia has announced value offers on selected BMW 4 cylinder motorcycles across the S1000 range for a limited time only - to 30/6/18.

Savings of up to \$2,500.00 - while stocks last at participating BMW Motorrad Dealers -

<b>BMW S1000 RR Sport</b>	\$24,108 Ride Away
<b>BMW S1000 R Sport</b>	\$21,791 Ride Away
<b>BMW S1000 XR</b>	\$25,652 Ride Away

### **Save \$3,500 on all BMW Boxer Engined Motorcycles-**

BMW Motorrad Australia has announced the Boxer Benefits offer across selected BMW Boxer Engine Heritage Motorcycles to 30/6/18. These offers are strictly whilst stocks last at participating BMW Motorrad Dealers -

<b>BMW R nineT</b>	\$21,694 Ride Away
<b>BMW R nine T Racer</b>	\$19,668 Ride Away
<b>BMW R nine T Urban G/S</b>	\$19,254 Ride Away
<b>BMW R nine T Scrambler</b>	\$19,254 Ride Away
<b>BMW R nine T Pure</b>	\$18,633 Ride Away

### **BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy June 3 - 10**

The sixth GS Trophy event is set to take place in Mongolia in 2018. Teams from around the world will compete including for 2018, two female teams. For the first time in history India joins the competition. Riders selected for the teams qualified on 28/29th October last. [www.gstrophy.com](http://www.gstrophy.com)

### **Electrified BMW Group vehicles**

In the first four months of the year, BMW Group Electrified sales totalled 36,692 units, up 41.7% on the same period last year.

**BMW Motorrad** is introducing nine new models this year and with the related adjustments in production and the long winter in many markets, has affected sales. In the first four months sales of \$52,957 were down 1.1%.

### **BMW featured in Mission Impossible**

The Bavarian brand has featured in Mission Impossible movies for years now, from the BMW Vision Dynamics Concept to the BMW M3 and BMW motorcycles. In the new movie 'Fallout' Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) is riding a BMW R nineT Scrambler.

### **NSW Police get BMWs**

The NSW Police Force has purchased a fleet of BMW 530d models fitted with the M Sport package with comfort seats. Last year the Victorian Police Force purchased 80 such models. (The use of Holden Commodores and Falcons are slowly being ushered out).

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **9-11th June**

Alpine Rally 'back to basics' at Cotterill's Cottage on banks of Yarrangobilly River, Snowy Mountains Hwy.

#### **30th June-1st July**

Australian Classic Dirt Track Championship at Mick Doohan Raceway, Raubers Road, Northgate, Brisbane. Solos and Sidecars pre- 1960 to Evolution info: [cmetcher@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cmetcher@bigpond.net.au) / 0459 122 090

#### **15th July**

Club Laverda's 30th Anniversary Bash at Cleveland Showgrounds, Norm Price Park, Long Street, Cleveland. Event Manager - Bryan Horn 0404 540 617 e-mail: [concours@clublaverdaqld.com.au](mailto:concours@clublaverdaqld.com.au)

#### **4th August - Border Run (WA/SA border)**

Sat 11th August

Off Centre Run at Mt Dare, South Australia

#### **12th August - Gold Coast Bike Show**

at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds - Gate 3 Worongary Road 7am - 3pm. See: [goldcoastcarshow@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcarshow@gmail.com) <http://goldcoastcarshow.com.au>

#### **8-19 September**

Postie Bike Challenge - Desert - Gulf of Carpentaria - Rainforest. Finale is a celebration dinner and a soft bed at a Cairns Resort. [www.postiebikechallenge.org](http://www.postiebikechallenge.org)

#### **14-16th September**

Far Cairn Rally hosted by BMW Touring Club NSW. Held at Tottenham Racecourse approx. 3km from the town's centre. Funds raised support the Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI).

#### **12-14th October**

Kosciuszko Rally by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Geehi Hut Campground on the Alpine Way, Snowy Mountains. Partly catered but supplies can be purchased at Thredbo (43km) or Khancoban (31km).

#### **26-28th October**

Round 17 - Phillip Island GP

#### **3-4th November**

Thunder Rally by Ducati Club NSW at Sheba Dam Nundle.



## Shiny Side Up

Happy New Year to all Link readers!



I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years break. Did

you get out for a ride during that time? Unfortunately, I am still out of action for a little while longer. My recent X-ray on my hand showed that the wrist still has not healed and I cannot get a clearance to return to full work duties therefore I am still off the bikes. I wasn't expecting that and was eagerly planning my first ride. To say I am disappointed is an understatement.

This got me thinking. It has been over seven months since I last rode my Hayabusa. How will it go for me? Have you been off the bike for an extended period? What did you experience when going for that first ride after a long time off the bikes? Did it feel weird? I'm sure it would have.

The general advice to riders who have spent years off the bike is to do a rider training course or a refresher course. The Stay Upright Road Smart 2 course is perfect for that. The course provides an opportunity to learn from some great coaches on where your head and eyes should be when riding and a chance to practice some skills in a safe environment at a speed comfortable to you. Another benefit is that the Stay Upright coach will be able to give you specific and personal feedback and tips on where to improve, but also what you're doing well. It is also important for your skill progression to hear what you did well.

For me, I plan to start with some short rides, and find a space to practice my slow speed riding and U-turns. I'll find a familiar road close to home and will re-acquaint myself with how the bike feels and practice some emergency stops. That's how I plan to refresh the physical skills, but the mental skills I am still continually practicing when I'm driving my car.

What will help a returning rider planning their first ride again after any absence is to incorporate into their car driving some of the mental and vision skills used when riding your bike. You can still utilise the 12,6 and 3 second vision exercises as you're driving. When you do venture out on the bike, really give yourself the time and space needed. That 3 second follow distance has several benefits, one of them is that little bit of extra time you have to respond to changes in the traffic environment.

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## RIDING IN GROUPS – The Basics

### Enjoy the ride AND get home so you can enjoy another ride later on

Riding in groups can be incredibly enjoyable. Unfortunately, it can also be a recipe for disaster when you forget the basics. Before you set out have a chat about these questions.

**1. Where are we going?**

All members of the group, not just the lead rider, need to know the destination and the basic route just in case the group is separated. Eg, *when we leave Penrith we are going up the Gt Western Highway. Turn off at Hartley for Tarana and Oberon and on to Bathurst – then back to Lithgow and down the Bells to Richmond.*

**2. Where do we stop?**

Some riders can do 750 klms only stopping for fuel while others need to stop every 100 klms for a smoko and fuel. You need to plan around the limitations of each rider. *As a group, you need to plan your smoko and meal stops around the bike with the smallest fuel range.*

**3. How long will it take?**

Some rides will be only a couple of hours and others will be a couple of days. Make sure you all have the right gear for the varying weather and the bikes are prepared for the length of ride. You will need food and water or enough money to buy something on the way. Even if it is fine and clear at home take your wet weather gear as the weather in the mountains can be completely different to weather on the coast. Basic checks such as tyre pressure, chain tension and engine oil will be needed before you set out.

**4. What happens if I break down?**

Mobile phones have reduced the stress of breaking down. BUT, add a few mountains and the mobile service can disappear, even close to the cities and major towns. The easiest way to manage a breakdown is to make sure you keep an eye on the rider behind you. If they disappear, slow down so they can catch up. If they don't catch up, turn around and find them. The rider in front of you should be doing the same thing so eventually everyone will be heading back to look for the breakdown.

### The Buddy System

Many groups use a "buddy" system on all rides. At the start of the ride, riders pair up with others who have similar bikes and riding skills and swap phone numbers. This approach has several advantages, particularly for inexperienced riders and also those riders who like to speed ahead of the group. For example:

- If one of the pair breaks down the other rider is supposed to stop and assist.
- If one rider lags behind for any reason (bike trouble, inexperience, etc) the other rider should slow down and keep them in sight.
- At the end of the day, the riders should phone each other when they get home to make sure everyone actually gets home.

This approach help inexperienced riders to build their skills without feeling pressure to keep up with the rest of the group.

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I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List: YES / NO

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I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the constitution of the BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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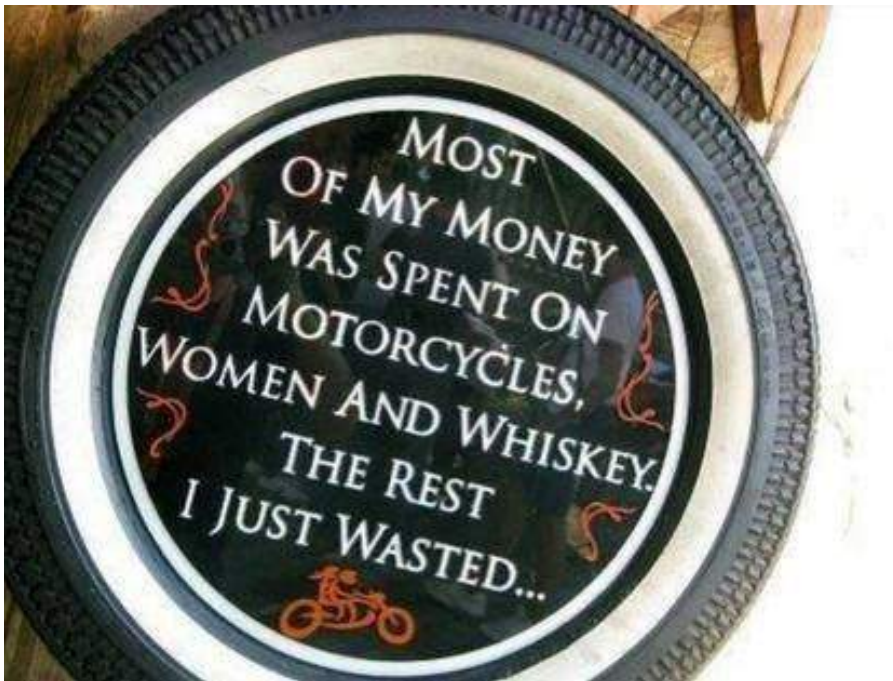
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