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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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With David Huddy

The end of the financial year is approaching which means it's time to renew memberships. If you have not already done so, please renew NOW so that you will be able to vote at the AGM as only financial members are eligible to vote. Don't forget that if you are not able to attend the meeting, send in a proxy form, which must be signed by both the member and proxy.

The notice regarding the President's Lunch, followed by the AGM is elsewhere in this edition. The admin lady at the German Club, seemed to think we had been there only a few years ago and claimed to remember Lyn. Lyn tells me it was actually the year 2000 that the club went there last! Still, we are assured of a warm welcome, so please be early.

There have been the usual hassles with Teammoto over our PESP goodies from BMW this year. This program started in early March and has only now been resolved with intervention from CA in Melbourne. It makes it hard to think of doing business with them.

Several members have ventured onto the Lions Road recently and news from Kyogle Council is that the gravel on sections of the road are being addressed, but it seems the road will have ongoing roadworks and will never be sealed to make it 'race-track smooth'. It is also reported that the Lions TT event will not be held this year and may be permanently cancelled.

I have included a piece from the MRAQ about lane filtering. These rule changes affect us all and it is easy to get caught if we don't know the latest. The MRAQ has agreed to our re-publishing their articles, so we will be able to keep abreast of developments. Rule changes are an ever growing feast for state government coffers and we need to be aware. Better the money in our pockets than the government's.

Keep on keeping on.

David



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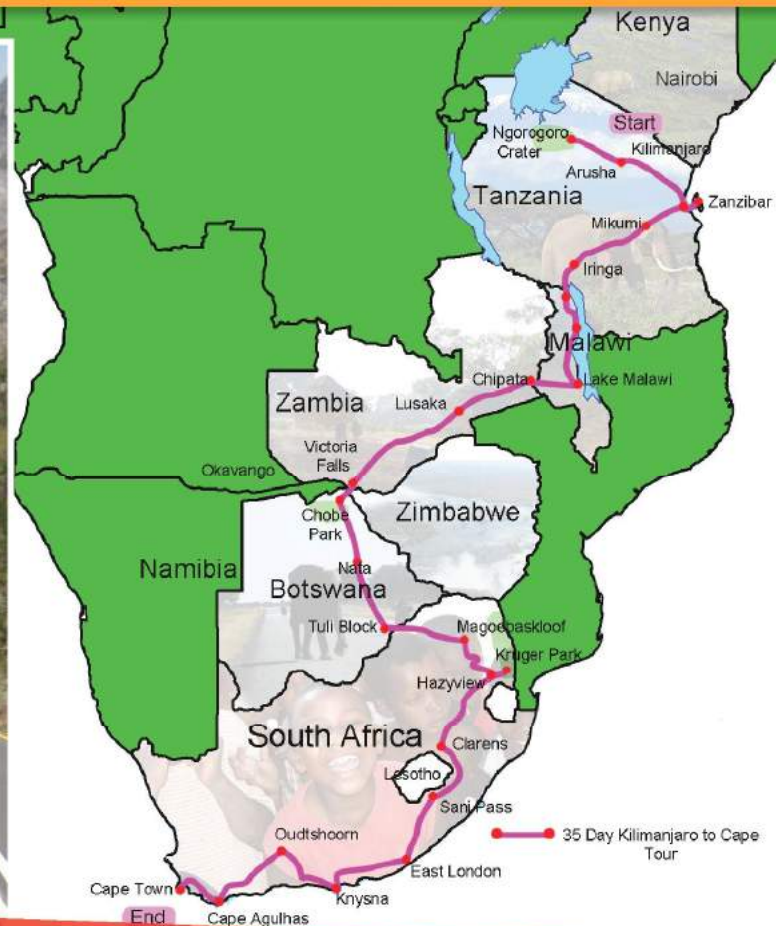
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Lyn Dyne

Well it's just been too cold to get on the bike this past few weeks so I have little to contribute so I thought you may like to look at some interesting motorcycle facts:

1. Harley Davidson motorcycles have a failure rate over twice that of the top three motorcycle manufacturers in the world.
2. In 2003 Dodge built and sold nine motorcycles with a viper V-10 engine called the Dodge Tomahawk.
3. Keanu Reeves used his % profit from The Matrix to buy a motorcycle for all of the movie's stuntmen.
4. The rarest motorcycle in the world was found behind a brick wall in Chicago and has engine technologies well ahead of its time. The "Traub" is still running.
5. Motorcyclists are almost 30X more likely to die than other motorists.
6. The first responders to accidents in high-speed motorcycle races in Northern Ireland are motorcycle doctors. They travel at speeds upwards of 180mph to get to the scene.
7. It is legal in California to drive a motorcycle between two cars in their lane (lane splitting) and only 53% of state residents know that it is legal.
8. The city of Medellin, Colombia reduced motorcycle assassinations by 39% when it banned male passengers from riding on the back of motorbikes.

Until next month—stay safe!

*Mick Holford*



# CLUB CALENDAR

*July 2018*

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## Club Dates

July	1st	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
July	15th	Fri-Mon	Steve
July	20th	Friday	Ladies Lunch - at Betty's Burgers, The Kitchens, Robina Towncentre at 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.*

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

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

## President's Lunch

**BMW Motorcycle Owners  
Club (Gold Coast) Inc.**



## PRESIDENT'S LUNCH AND AGM SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018



This year we will be returning to the German Club for the President's lunch and AGM.

Some of our members have requested a venue closer to town than O'Reilly's and this is a central location with good parking. We were there a few years ago and they are happy to have us back.

There will be music and dancing, for those so inclined, and for that reason it gets busy on Sunday lunch.

We will be given the function room at the rear of the club and are asked to ***be there by 11.30 and to order early.*** Otherwise you may have a long wait.

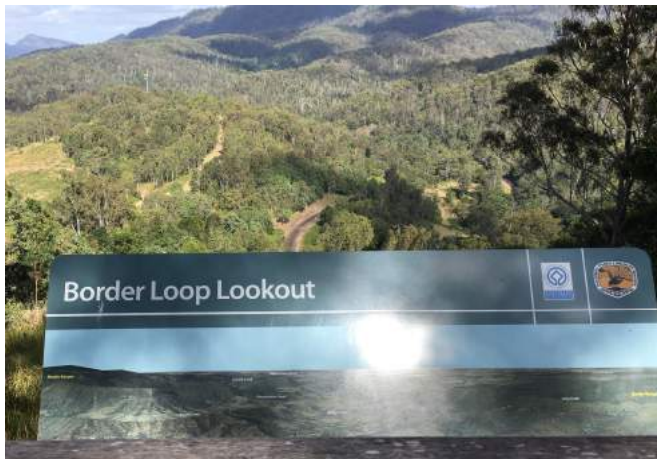
The menu is available on the club's web site: **[www.germanclub.com.au](http://www.germanclub.com.au)** and it will help if you know what you are going to order in advance.

We usually get about 30 members for the AGM and this year it would be good to see many more. There will be important business to consider and Jill will send out the papers in due course.

*Remember. It's your club!*

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## Ride Report with John Vassallo



On Sunday 3 June we had a great turn out for the monthly meeting/ breakfast at Hinze Dam. As usual, the food was terrific.

After the meeting, John V led a group of 8 bikes and 3 pillioners through the usual, not so busy towns of Canungra, Beaudesert and a drink stop at Rathdowne.

After a short break, we rode off into Lions Rd, past the NSW/QLD border and onto the Border Loop Lookout which has a great view of the valley and the historic railway below.

Next stop was the Commercial Hotel at Kyogle for lunch and a coldie.

Home via Murwillumbah, Tomewin and the M1.

Great weather, great company and great motorcycles.

**John Vassallo**

## Bunya Mountains—David Huddy

Barb & I took three days to go and explore the Bunya Mts and Crows Nest area. Unfortunately, due to a certain nervousness on behalf of my never pillion, we took the Kubelwagen. This is stunning scenery and well worth the trip for that reason alone. We headed up to Esk, then the Hampton Road. (This is an excellent bike road, short (45k) but interesting starting with a 60km speed limit for good reason. We stayed for two nights at the Crows Nest Motel which is 4 stars and as good as it gets in motels. Totally renovated recently, with new fixtures and fittings and all new soft furnishings. And electric blankets!

The Old Crow Hotel has accommodation with shared facilities. We met the new manger who gave us a personal tour and it all seems in good condition. They get a lot of bike groups staying there, but the ladies seem to prefer the motel, which is a bit over a km out of town.



So what's at Crows Nest? Nothing much. Food is limited to the hotel, the fish and chips shop, which closes at 7.00pm, or the motel has a limited menu for dinner in rooms.

But it is a good stepping off point for the Bunya Mtn ride which starts at Maclagan. There are two stretches of gravel of a few km each, which don't appear on my maps, but they are OK. Getting to the top of the mountain is a bit like Mystery Road, only 20 times longer and narrower in places.

Some hairpin bends need care and a vehicle coming the other way would be problematic. At the top is Mowbullan Mtn with views which seems to go for ever. Down the other side is less tricky but still a challenge. The road ends on the Bunya Hwy and from there it's a 33km ride on a flat straight road to Kingaroy - Peanut capital of Australia. Those peanut silos dominate the town.

Did you know you can buy 100 different flavours of peanuts? Well, you can in Kingaroy. They also have a museum, which includes ancient peanut harvesting machinery and an early computer with a 6" floppy disk and a manual adding machine. Remember those?



From Kingaroy, loaded with packets of flavoured peanuts, it was back to Crows Nest via Nanango and Yarraman.

An overnight ride would be quite feasible from the Gold Coast. Perhaps, going via Mt Glorious to Esk, and back via Mt Mee or out to the coast. Accommodation - either at Crows Nest or Kingaroy, depending the route.

*David*

# 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  
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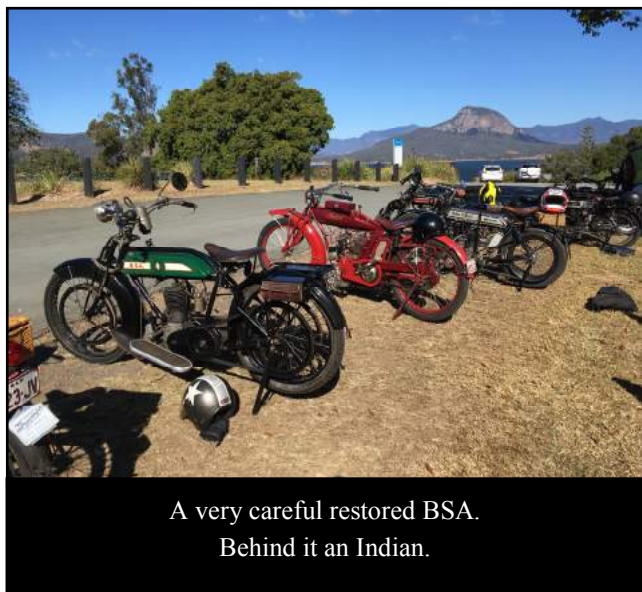
## Ride report—David Huddy

### Sunday Ride - June 17, 2018

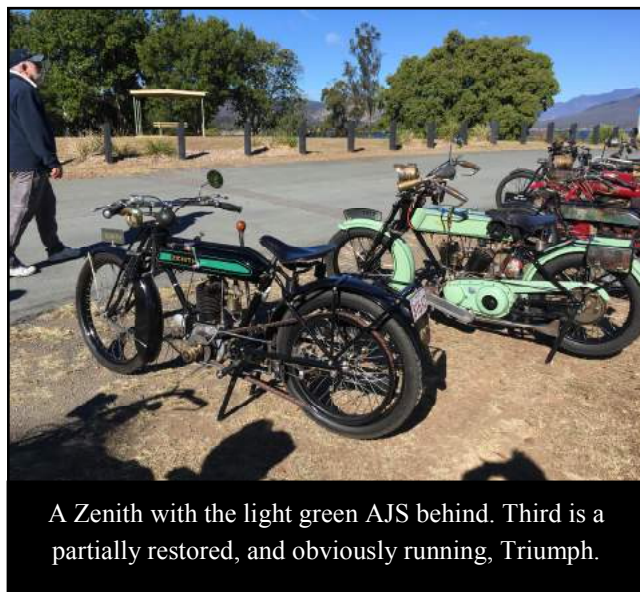
It was a cold morning, which, I presume is why most of our members stayed in bed. One of those days to choose between rugging up to counter the early morning cold and be hot later in the day or brave the early conditions and be comfortable as the sun rose.

It was 4° on the way to Canungra, so no sitting on the balcony. I was joined by Dan and Glenys, Troy and Rohan for an excellent day. After warming our hands on cups of coffee, and with the temp already risen to 9° we headed off to Lake Moogerah Dam via Biddaddaba and Boonah. At the dam the temp had lifted to 16° so all was well apart from the freezing wind coming across the water from the west.

The recreation area at the dam gave us the big surprise of the day. The Historic Motorcycle club was holding a rally of 70 motorcycles: all over 100years old. We watched as they spluttered and banged their way to the assembly area. They had not all arrived while we were there but enough to excite the interest. Brands long lost in time and machines in various states of restoration



A very careful restored BSA.  
Behind it an Indian.



A Zenith with the light green AJS behind. Third is a partially restored, and obviously running, Triumph.

Also at the dam some spectators. A pristine RS100 (1977) and a Norton Commando 100 of similar vintage.

From Moogerah we took the route to Rathdowney then Day Ck Rd and Rudd Lane to Christmas Creek Cafe. The beef and Guinness pie was as good as usual and hot. Funny how cafes can't serve hot coffee but can give you a very hot pie!

Next door to the Cafe is Stinson camping ground, named after an aeroplane which crashed in the area in 1937. Many of you will know this, but I had not heard about the crash. If you had mentioned Stinson to me in my youth I would have immediately thought of aeroplanes but had not made the connection to the park. Of the 7 people on the crashed flight only two survived. They were found by Bernard O'Reilly. There are some remnants of the aircraft still there and it is a popular walking destination, but can be a two day trek, depending where you start.

For the aeroplane buffs, the crashed Stinson was a 3 engined low wing passenger plane on its way from Archerfield to Sydney. Stinson was finally sold to Piper in 1950 when one of its designs became the basis for the first Piper Apache

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# BMW CLUB NEWS

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## Ride report—David Huddy

### Sunday Ride - June 17, 2018 continued

So a good day out with some great interest. The scenery is magnificent at this time of the year as the cold seems to make the views sharper. The return ride from Canungra and back was 255km.



What you miss when you don't ride on Sunday!

David

## GS Trophy Central Asia 2018

**Synopsis of Day 1. Location: Camp Tsagaan Survaga (N44o 34.725' E 105o 47.153') Weather: Sun, 25oC Course: 470km, Chingisiin Khuree, near Ulaanbaatar (N47o 48.625' E106o48.942') to Camp Tsagaan Survaga (N44o 34.725' E 105o 47.153') Terrain types: highway 50%, gravel 30%, sand 20% Tests: SP1: 'Trial challenge', SP2: 'Magic Cliffs'**

Camp Tsagaan Survaga, Mongolia. The BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy Central Asia 2018 sprung into vibrant life today as the competitors charged south from Ulaanbaatar on the first of eight days that will see them circle around southern Mongolia, including a foray into the Gobi Desert, in all a journey of over 2500km.



After rains yesterday and high winds overnight the day started cool, barely 10oC for the 7.00 am start. So it was on with rain jackets and set the heated grips to '2' for the GS riders. But by the end of the first 100km, on the highway, the temperature had risen past 20o, on its way to a high of 26oC.

The GS riders were at this point subjected to something of a baptism of fire as they took to the trails for the first time. These proved highly technical as the gravel trails frequently, and often suddenly, degraded to deep, loose sand. For some competitors this was a first experience of sand riding – which demands a committed riding technique. Consequently there were many 'offs' as the competitors came to terms with the terrain.

While the trail was demanding – portent of a tough week ahead – the scenery was truly breathtaking, 'like the surface of the moon' was a common observation, as the barren nature of this vast arid landscape made itself felt. For much of the day there was no sign of civilization save for the odd goat herder. In fact the fauna was surprisingly plentiful, eagles were common, probably feeding on the abundance of mice that run riot of the semi-desert floor, as well the riders encountered camels (the two-hump 'dromedaries'), wild horses, goats and the odd antelope.

Along the way – as if the trail wasn't test enough – the teams faced two special tests today. SP1, the Trial Challenge saw the competitors tested on their machine handling skills as they rode a tough loop through a rocky outcrop while being hampered by deep sand. The object for each rider being to complete the course as quick as possible with fewest mistakes, time penalties accruing for putting feet down and crashing or running outside the course. Near the end of the day SP2, 'Magic Cliffs', was a navigation exercise, completed on foot, where using a GPS device the teams needed to navigate to four waypoints. At each point, if successfully found, the teams would collect letters to make a complete word for bonus points. Sounds straightforward, only the cliffs were 300 feet (100m) tall and the whole exercise had a time limit of just 20 minutes.

The finish at Camp Tsagaan Survaga came 11 hours after the start, and consequently was much welcomed. Albeit this being the GS Trophy the competitors, exhausted or not, still had to erect their tents, check their bikes and make preparations for Day 2 Without question it had been a tough day – yet this was, in the words of the course director, merely a warm up.

### The day's winners:

Due to problems with the scoring system the day's results have been delayed and will now be announced tomorrow morning before the start of the second day's competition.

## Isle of Man TT

The first two 1000cc races of this year's Isle of Man Tourist Trophy are over – and the top step of the podium was occupied by a BMW road racer on both occasions. Michael Dunlop (GBR) won Saturday's Superbike race for the Tyco BMW team. Monday's Superstock race produced a one-two for the BMW S 1000 RR: Peter Hickman (GBR) from the Smiths Racing Team claimed his first win on the Isle of Man, with Dunlop taking second place.



The Isle of Man Tourist Trophy began with a shock for the BMW Motorrad Motorsport family. Tyco BMW rider Dan Kneen (GBR) was killed in a crash during Superbike qualifying on Wednesday evening. Together with Kneen's family, the team made the decision not to withdraw from the event. Instead, the team and rider Michael Dunlop (GBR) took its place in the race in Kneen's honour. The first 1000cc race was the Superbike race on Saturday. It ended with victory for Dunlop – his 16<sup>th</sup> win on the Isle of Man. The keys to this success were two perfect pit stops and Dunlop's determination. David Johnson (AUS / Gulf BMW) finished fourth. Michael Rutter (GBR / Bathams Racing) was fifth, with Martin Jessopp (GBR / Riders Motorcycles BMW) seventh. Philip Crowe (GBR / HandTrans-John Chapman Racing) also finished in the top-ten in ninth place.

In Monday's Superstock race, it was the turn of Peter Hickman (GBR), of the Smiths Racing Team, to join the list of TT winners. "Hicky" took his maiden win on the Isle of Man, despite dropping back to tenth place following a mistake on the opening lap. This served as the catalyst to a spectacular fight-back from Hickman, who clocked an average speed of 134.403 mph (216.301 km/h) to set a new lap record enroute to his first Isle of Man win. Dunlop had to settle for second place that time. Johnson was fourth again, with Rutter, Jessopp and Sam West (GBR / PRL Worthington) sixth, seventh and eighth respectively.

**Michael Dunlop:** "I wanted to do something in Dan's memory and that win is for his family. It's hard to celebrate this win – it's been a hard week. I struggled at the start of the Superbike race and it took me time to settle. I had a bit of a problem with the rear end but I got my rhythm going and the Tyco BMW team have done a great job."

**Philip Neill (Team Manager Tyco BMW):** "This has been a very emotional week for everyone involved; the loss of Dan is heart-breaking. The best thing we could do was help Michael put the Tyco BMW on the top step of the podium in dedication to Dan. Total respect to our crew in delivering the fastest ever pitstop and to Michael for his commitment. I know Michael had a smile on his face when reading his pit board on the final lap delivered by Dan's partner Leanne with a tribute 55 alongside the P1."

**Peter Hickman:** "Sitting here now as a TT winner feels pretty good! I thought I'd fluffed it at the start though when I overshot on the way into Braddan and I had to stop, reverse and then turn around again before I could get going and I must have lost 15 seconds at least. After that, I got my head down and it's probably the hardest I've ever ridden around here whilst the wind also caught me out a couple of times over the Mountain as it was constantly changing direction. I've been fast on the Superstock bike all week and clawed my way back up to third at the end of the first lap, so I thought I was still in with a chance. I just got my head down and rode as hard as I could so this means a lot to me, my family and the team."

This Friday, the BMW road racers round off the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy with the Senior TT. The race week has been overshadowed by another fatal crash in the 600cc class. Scotland's Adam Lyon was killed in a crash in Monday's Supersport race. The thoughts of the BMW Motorrad Motorsport community are with his family, friends and team.



# MINUTES OF MEETING

Jill Tapp



BMWMOCGC Breakfast

View Café, Hinze Dam, Sunday 3 June 2018

With the promise of good riding weather, great food and an interesting ride programmed, 26 Members and a prospective new Member rolled up for breakfast and comradeship.

Those at breakfast were:

Erik & Robyn Lorentzen, David Huddy, Marion & Martin Bell, John & Julie Vassallo, Peter McGrade, John Vanzino, Jill Tapp, Adrian & Cherie Headon, John Simpson, Troy Power, Ivan Peres, Dan & Glen Willmott, Barry Setttee, Nicholas Mercieca, Mike Skidmore, Murray & Jann Collier, Steve & Pat Bryant, Lyn Dyne, Jim Papandreas, Rohan Bainbridge and Visitor Stan Stevenson. (28)

David extended a special welcome to Lyn and also welcomed Stan to the Club.

David has been organising the PESP goods which TeamMoto will supply. They will be used for the raffle at the Clubs Christmas Party later this year.

A search has been on for a suitable venue for the Presidents Lunch / AGM on 12 August. This function has been held at O'Reillys Vineyard, Canungra, for the past few years and the time has come for a change. Two possible venues will be investigated. The venue will be announced once the decision has been made.

Members were reminded that the \$40 Membership Renewal Fee will be due on 1 July 2018. Any Members who have joined the Club since 1 January 2018 will remain financial through to 30 June 2019.

As there has been no response from Members to take on the role of Editor of The Beemer John Simpson offered to fill in until the December 2018 issue. That means the Club needs a Member to offer to produce The Beemer from the first issue in 2019, i.e. the February issue. August will be Micks last issue.

Once again the issue of watching out for one another on rides was raised. This has to be reinforced as TEC was left behind recently when they had a breakdown (or at least the bike did!).

The Brisbane Club is hosting the 2020 National Rally and our Club may be asked for assistance. This will be discussed further in the future.

Nicholas recently attended the Clubs Australia AGM and gave a brief report to Members as the Minutes from the AGM have been circulated. Clubs Australia has a new website and Nic encourages Members to check it out. The new 310 range and scooters are proving very interesting. BMW bike sales are up 5%. There are now 700 Official Clubs.

Nic reminded Members the BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally 2018 at Wallerawang is being held in September. Nic and Erik are attending.

Nic also asked that if anyone is able to take photos while out on Club rides could they please send them to him and he will post them on the Club facebook page.

At that point John Vassallo was ready to depart for Canungra / Beaudesert/ Rathdowney / Lions Road to Kyogle for lunch with his group of 8 bikes and 11 riders.

## Lyn Dyne

### Team South Africa Wins 2018 GS Trophy

The 2018 edition of the GS Trophy, an eight-day (3-10th June) motorcycle odyssey sponsored by BMW Motorrad, ended near Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with a win by Team South Africa. The team also won the event in 2016. Teams from the USA and France finished second and third respectively.

The teams each included three riders on BMW R 1200 GS Rally models specially prepared for the event. This year there were eighteen teams in all, including both national and multinational teams, with two international women's teams among them.

BMW Motorrad has run the event every other year since 2008. Previous events were run in Tunisia, South Africa, Patagonia, Canada and Thailand.

See Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GSTrophy/>  
and on event website: <https://www.brand.bmw-motorrad.com/en/experience/stories/adventure/gs-trophy-2018/highlights.html>

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 30th June-1st July

Australian Classic Dirt Track Championship at Mick Doohan Raceway, Raubers Road, Northgate, Brisbane.  
Solos and Sidecars pre- 1960 to Evolution  
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#### 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).

### 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: [President@BMWCCACT.org.au](mailto:President@BMWCCACT.org.au)

#### 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).

Proceeds donated to RFDS

#### 26-28th October

Round 17 - Phillip Island GP

#### 3-4th November

37th Thunder Rally by Ducati Club NSW at Sheba Dam Nundle.

#### Book Review

*"The Rugged Road"* - London to Cape Town overland by Panther motorcycle and sidecar, pulling a trailer. No roads, no back-up - just straight across the Sahara through equatorial Africa and south to the Cape in 1935 without even a compass.

Theresa Wallach and friend Florence Blenkiron completed the 7,500-mile expedition on a carefully prepared 600cc Model 100 Panther fitted with extra heavy duty Webb forks, stronger spokes, large section tyres, wider mudguards and a car-sized dynamo.

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#### Bathurst's second circuit

Bathurst Regional Council have released a statement whereby three companies have been invited to submit tenders for a 4.7km international standard circuit to be located on the western side of Mount Panorama. It will be situated adjacent to the existing facilities at Mount Panorama and capable of hosting a variety of motor vehicle and motorcycle events with a capacity of 50,000 spectators.

#### A new track for WA?

At Keysbrook, 60km south of Perth, there could be a motorcycle racing circuit with the announcement of a development application lodged with the local Shire. The plan is for a 3.5km circuit that would initially cater for state and national level events, with later development to bring the circuit up to FIA level. If approved, it would also feature a separate go-kart circuit and conference facilities.

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# OF INTEREST

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Ray van den Bosch

## Shiny Side Up

I'd like to comment on a recent police operation targeting motorcyclists which caused a bit of a stir amongst the riding community. Some riders were not very happy with the attention aimed at motorcyclists. Statements being made on social media by riders debating whether or not it was revenue raising, or if the road toll for riders is actually increasing or decreasing. Whether you like it or not, a crash is a crash, and motorcyclists are more likely to get killed or permanently injured in a crash compared to someone crashing in a modern car.

What was very interesting to read were comments riders were making on social media like "Not my fault and nothing I could have done about it". I know it can seem like this sometimes but if we accept this then riding and not crashing is just dumb luck. That isn't good enough for me and it shouldn't be a lottery every time you ride. My philosophy is to make crashing not an option which starts with taking ownership of the things you can control so you can negotiate the things you cannot control. The easy thing to do is to tell yourself there was nothing you could have done but a careful analysis often reveals cues and clues that were missed, combined with an error of skill or lack of proficiency with stopping that resulted in a preventable crash.

The type of crashes happening now is not new and it is still the case that rider error is the leading crash type risk. Older riders are the ones at risk. So, to those riders that crashed and said it wasn't their fault, in many cases it was. I'm not talking legal fault, as in a breach of the rules, but a fault in your judgement and how you chose to respond to the hazard or situation and/or the time and space you gave yourself was not enough to avoid the crash.

Riders debate whether or not speed caused the crash, but the reality is when a rider fails to negotiate a bend and runs wide into oncoming traffic or hits an object, that crash is put down as speed being a causal factor to the crash because simply speaking, if you were a bit slower you would have been able to make the bend.

How do you avoid being one of those riders that fails to negotiate a bend? Ride sober, work on your vision ahead and what that information is telling you, refresh your skills in braking and cornering. Make a commitment to be better at the 1% skills like head checks every time you move off. A check of the mirror as you start to brake and another as you stop.

Enjoy your ride and Stay Safe!

Ray van den Bosch

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# OF INTEREST

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David Huddy

## Changes to Road Rules

The MRAQ is always looking to find ways to improve conditions for riders.

To this end, numerous Road Rule improvements have been instigated at the request of the Association including rules on helmets, filtering and vehicle control.

Today the Association can announce that two rules are about to be updated and improved directly from work that has been ongoing by the Association for the last 12+ months.

1) Final work on helmet rules. Queensland is unique in having a clause in the Road Rules that clarifies at what point in time the approved Standard for helmets applies. When the helmet rule was changed previously the newly include ECE Standard was not added into this clause thus leaving a potential enforcement loophole. The inclusion of the ECE Standard has now been agreed to be included which should end any further potential problem.

2) Improvement to Edge Filtering rule. Again, Queensland is unique by allowing edge filtering under certain conditions, however, the current rule states that is only permitted on roads posted at 90km/hr or above which means that when a variable sign on a normally posted 90 or above road is changed filtering is no longer possible. This is confusing and counter productive. The MRAQ has been pushing for the wording to read on roads gazetted (normally listed as) 80 or above and where safe to do so which makes far more sense. This change has now been agreed.

These two changes should make substantial improvements in enforcement clarity and remove some misunderstandings that currently exist.

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name:	Surname:	Class of membership (see over):
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Current address:		
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I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List: YES / NO

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:

## SIGNATURES

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:
Signature of family member (if joint membership):	Date:

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*“How rude of me. Our first date and I’ve talked about my bike all night. I haven’t given you a chance to talk about my bike.”*



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