

## **Shaft Drive Lines**

November 2011





#### **Look Out For**

The Club meets at the Harmonie German Club Canberra, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue Narrabundah ACT.

- November, Friday 4 Sunday 6. 17th Trout Rally at Three Mile Dam.
- > November Sunday 6. Alternate Breakfast at Captains Flat
- ➤ November Saturday 19 Sunday 20. Overnight ride to Cootamundra and Temora Aviation Show on Sunday before returning to Canberra.
- ➤ December Friday 9. Club Awards Night & Christmas Dinner.

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#### SHAFT DRIVE LINES **VOLUME 31. NOVEMBER 2011**

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Cover Photo: The Maffra -Cooma road; GS owners need not ride. G. Smee

#### ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings: 7.45 pm, fourth Monday of each month at the Harmonie German Club Canberra 49 Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah, ACT or by Google Map.

Membership: Check this magazine for a membership form or down load one from the Club's website http://bmwmccact.org.au/.

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

- BMWMCCACT: http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/.
- ACTGravelsurfers: http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTGravelsurfing/.

Activities: The Club endeavours to have at least one organized run and social event per month and listed on the What's On page and welcomes suggestions for rides or social events. Send your suggestions to the Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

Whilst we make every effort to keep the What's On page accurate, changes to meeting times and places can occur between publication dates. The Club uses email to inform Members of late changes to rides and activities or general information including ad-hoc events. If your email address has changed or your mailbox is full, we cannot contact you, so advise the Membership Secretary of changes to your contact details. Our website contains the most up-to-date information.

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's Kosciuszko Rally, held each October, are used to support a nominated charity. For 2010, this was the RFDS.

#### 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, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Email is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to

> The Editor, Shaft Drive Lines **BMWMCCACT** PO Box 4042 **WESTON CREEK ACT 2611**

For emails, do not embed pictures & compress their size to <500kB each.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

Participants in BMWMCCACT 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 through any Club activity. Remember your riding style impacts on the enjoyment and safety of other road users.

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi.

Perfect riding weather at the moment, so I hope everyone is planning on going to our rally down at Geehi on the weekend of October 22/23. With any luck the weather will be kind to us. Superb roads, scenery and camp site are just some of the reasons to make the effort.

Once again I've been thinking about adding another bike to my collection, which currently stands at a: R1200GS, R1100RS, R80G/S PD and a Ducati 900SS. I'm really impressed with the F series GS's. Nice and light, good power, even the '650' which, of course, is a detuned 800. There is a lot to be said for a small, lightweight (at least compared to a Boxer) bike that has more than enough power and I'm surprised that I don't see more of them in the club. Especially as some of our members are getting older, a lighter bike makes riding a lot more enjoyable, and less stressful. And that is especially true if you do dirt roads. Have come close to pulling the trigger a few times, and Josh at Rolfe's does have some good deals going at the moment, so tempting. What I am currently doing is a few mods to my G/S so make it a bit more useable. Then I'll see if I can really justify getting another bike. But, if all you have in the garage is/are big, heavy bikes. I'd recommend giving an F series of some description a go. Especially if you are finding the weight of the bigger bike becoming more of a hassle.

See you out & about,

Mark

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Olaf & Sheryle Moon BMW F800GS, Vespa 300ETS, Haryey Davision FL STC

Welcome, see you on a ride 😊



Christmas is coming...who needs a tree?

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#### HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB CANBERRA

The Club meets 1945 the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Harmonie German Club Canberra.

Address: 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue Narrabundah ACT 2604.

Phone: 02 6295 9853

Web: <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>

Directions: Google Map



The club has a Chinese restaurant no need to book!



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#### WHAT'S ON

Here is a list of Club arranged activities. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, let the Ride Coordinator know and they will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send them to the Editor.

2011	Date	Detail	Contact
November	Friday 4 Sunday 6	17th Annual Trout Rally on the foreshores of Three Mile Dam, ride past Kiandra (look out for the Brumby's) and turn left to Cabramurra, the site is past Mount Selwyn. Less gravel than getting to our Kosciuszko Rally!	Tumut Valley Riders MC Inc http://wwwangelfire.com/in/tvrmc 212km from Canberra via Cooma; yes it has snowed!
	Saturday 5	Dalton Primary School Spring Fete. 92km from Canberra via Gunning.	The teacher has invited the Club as a ride activity.
	Saturday 5	2011 The Snowy Ride is a motorcycle event run annually in the Alpine Region of NSW with the aim of involving motorcycle riders from all over Australia to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research. Read more here: <a href="http://www.snowyride.org.au/index.php">http://www.snowyride.org.au/index.php</a>	Any takers?
	Sunday 6	Alternate Breakfast at Captains Flat; group departure 0830 from Red Rooster Queanbeyan. Look out for the email.	RSVP Colin McNally, (colinmcnally@bigpond.com) (02) 6238 1060 by Tuesday 1 November 2011
	Wednesday 9	Xtreme Ride Day @ Wakefield Park Raceway	
	Monday 14	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>	Contact the <u>President</u>
	Saturday 19	Celebration of Motorcycles, Bombala Showground.	Any takers?
	Saturday 19 Sunday 20	Temora Aviation Museum, Major Air Show 2011. Overnight ride leaving Watson Saturday 0830 to meet the BMWTCNSW at Gunning (0900-30). Overnight camp at Cootamundra or your choice & air show Sunday before returning.	Contact Martin Robertson rides@bmwmccact.org.au
	Wednesday 23	Xtreme Ride Day @ Wakefield Park Raceway	
	Monday 28	General Meeting— 1945 Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a> .	Contact the <u>President</u>

2011	Date	Detail	Contact		
December		Christmas Rally. NSW. Private property approx 4kms south of Nerriga on the Nowra - Braidwood Road.  \$15/\$20. The rally is held on 50 acres of	United Tourers, PO Box 1189 Penrith NSW 2751. Leon 0409 814 547 Don 0438 053 064 or email dbaker55@tpg.comau		
	Saturday 3 Sunday 4	land with plenty of camping space and firewood. Huge bonfire Saturday night. Refreshments and food available. Gymkhana 3pm Saturday, trophies presented 8am Sunday. No dogs, glass, bad attitudes.			
	Tuesday 6	Xtreme Ride Day @ Wakefield Park Raceway			
	Friday 9	1800. Club Awards Night & Christmas Party @ Hellenic Club Civic. Loud Shirt is de rigour, ladies optional frock-up night	Contact the President. Pay the Treasurer, treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au		
	Monday 12	Committee Meeting 1930, Harmonie German Club, 49 Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah. <a href="http://www.harmonieclub.com.au">http://www.harmonieclub.com.au</a>	Contact the <u>President</u>		
	Monday 26	No General Meeting in December Merry Christmas & Happy New Year	Contact the <u>President</u>		
January	Generally no organised rides, but if you are looking for company send an email with a start point time and contact details to <a href="mailto:rides@bmwmccact.org.au">rides@bmwmccact.org.au</a> .				
	Saturday 31 Monday 2	New Year Rally. Micalong Creek Reserve, NSW. Camping fees, basic facilities & likely fire ban. Turn left after Wee Jasper (no fuel, Pub or food).	rob@gaslightbooks.com.au TBC		
	Sunday 1 Sunday 15	2012 Dakar. Watch on SBS or online here: <a href="http://www.dakar.com">http://www.dakar.com</a>			
	Friday 7 Sunday 9	30 Years of the MRA Capital Rally 1983- 2012 ACT. On the Canberra side of the Goodradigbee River. From Canberra, take Brindabella Road and turn right at Piccadilly Circus, then turn left at Brindabella Valley Road before the bridge. Unsealed roads.	Phil 0418 639 483 (preferably because his 'phone is usually turned on), or Catbert 0400 438 251 (where you can leave a message), or email <a href="mailto:catbert@hotkey.net.au">catbert@hotkey.net.au</a> for more info or to order 2010 badges @ \$5.00 each including postage!		
	Wednesday 11	Committee Meeting 1930, Canberra Club 45 West Row Civic.	Contact the President		
	Wednesday 25	General Meeting, 1945, Canberra Club 45 West Row Civic.	Contact the President		



Do something special. Make an appointment 13 14 95

Don't forget to tell them that you are with the BMWMCCACT!

#### **BMW TOUREN SAFARI 2012**

Missed the GS bash to Port Augusta from Broken Hill in September 2011? Planning is also underway on the next BMW TS Safari. At this stage it looks like timing will be early 2012, more information will be available in the New Year. Please register your interest to receive BMW Safari updates here: <a href="http://www.bmwsafari.com/index/ts-safari">http://www.bmwsafari.com/index/ts-safari</a>.

#### FIRST AID DRESSING

Following on from our first aid training, I have been looking for a long-life trauma dressing; one that is robust enough of withstanding being thrown in the bottom of the tank bag or pannier.



I have found a supplier in Perth, <a href="www.kitbag.com.au">www.kitbag.com.au</a> who stock a trauma dressing used by the IDF for \$15 + shipping. The ADF equivalent is currently out of stock and only ordered in 25 000 lots by the Australian importer! You can read more on this particular dressing here:

http://www.kitbag.com.au/products/Emergency-Haemorrhage-Compression-Israeli-Army-Trauma-Bandage.html.

I have asked Kitbag for a bulk order discount price and will coordinate orders for interested club members. If so, please email me your name, contact email and quantity required. You will need to pre-pay before ordering through the Club (detail TBA) with pickup at a Club meeting or by agreement.

Alternatively you can order them yourself ©

Garry Smee editor@bmwmccact.org.au

#### THE MONTHLY FARKLE<sup>1</sup>





Sorry, can only find the picture, but who wouldn't want one for the Christmas party.

Merit Plugs as used on your BMW, from \$6 at your local or online Jaycar Electronics store <a href="www.jarcar.com.au">www.jarcar.com.au</a>

#### **8 QUESTIONS (LOOKING FOR A NAME)**

This month (your name) who has offered to share their answers to the following questions with you.

- 1. When did you start riding and why?
- 2. What was your first and current motorcycle and was there a favourite along the way?
- 3. How often do you ride?
- 4. Who do you ride with (Club, friends, social)
- 5. Where is your favourite ride and why?
- 6. What is your favourite BMWMCCACT activity?
- 7. If you could ride any bike anywhere, what bike would that be and where would you ride it?
- 8. What top motorcycling tip would you like to share with us?

Email your answers including a photo of you and the bike to the <a href="mailto:editor@bmwmccact.org.au">editor@bmwmccact.org.au</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fancy Accessory Really Kool & Likely Expensive.

#### **BMWMCCACT AWARDS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS DINNER 2011**

Your Committee invite you to the BMWMCCACT Awards Night and Christmas Dinner to be held at the Hellenic Club in the City, 13 Moore Street, Canberra ACT 2601, (02) 6162 6777.

Or web http://www.hellenicclub.com.au/city/index\_city.html

Time & Date: 1800, Friday 9 December 2011

Dress: Loud Shirt (Hawaiian), casual dining or take the opportunity to dress up or down.



Menu, 3 courses - 50/50 Service (buy your own drinks @ Club prices)

#### Fintrees

Traditional Caesar salad with bacon, croutons, anchovy mayonnaise & parmesan

or

Smoked salmon & avocado salad with capers, shallots & chive cream dressing

#### Mains

Traditional festive roast of roast turkey & glazed leg ham served with baked vegetables, seasonal greens, cranberry sauce & roast gravy

or

Roasted herb crusted sirloin of beef with festive vegetables, Yorkshire pudding, Dijon mustard & dark roast gravy

#### Dessert

Christmas plum pudding with brandy custard

or

Milk chocolate, frangelico and hazelnut praline with butterscotch sauce

Freshly brewed tea & coffee

Cost: \$45.00, per person

You must book and pay by Thursday 24 November 2011, in person by cash (don not mail cash) to the Treasurer or EFT to the Club's bank account. If paying by EFT make sure you include your surname (or as much as will fit in) to the EFT description and send an email to the Treasurer including your name, number attending and date of payment so that Treasurer Jack can sort out who has or hasn't paid).

Account Name: ACT BMW MCC

BSB: **805-022** 

Account Number: 03318092

Looking forward to seeing you there, your host

Mark Edwards

President BMWMCCACT

President@bmwmccact.org.au

Vegan or special dietary requirements? Contact the President.

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#### THE EDITORS FILL

**Wanted:** Pictures of Members, their bikes and their trips during 2011 for the Magazine and Christmas Party. Send them and articles to the <a href="mailto:Editor@bmwmccact.org.au">Editor@bmwmccact.org.au</a> with captions and photographer credits.



Hi Riders,

The Club's 30th Kosciuszko Rally will have been and gone when you read this issue so will have to wait until December for the pictures and reports (hint). Jane and I will have done the Club & Golden Dragon Rallies and possibly have the hallmark of all prospective Ulysses members – a trailer by now.

I had planned to change my 1200's sealed for life final drive oil the other week when the splined drive refused to separate per the manual and You Tube video. A frustrating day and half later and various attempts to separate the two saw the bike delivered to Rolfes for a fix, including replacing (leaky) input and

output gearbox seals and change of engine oil (now that was lazy). On the bikes return and close inspection I saw that the spline is in fact open to the elements at the bottom and my surmising that the lubricant was most likely washed away with a multitude of water crossings, riding in the rain and on dirt roads and age. I won't be waiting for this to happen again and will plan to lubricate the spline during engine oil changes in future. Our Christmas dinner and awards night is planned for Friday 9 December at the Hellenic Club in the City, look for the flyer in this magazine or email and make sure you get your name down and payment in before Thursday 24 November as the Club must confirm numbers before hand. No name; no pay; no go.

That's my fill, have a good ride,

Garry Smee editor@bmwmccact.org.au

#### THE VP'S OUTBACK WANDER

As previously advised at Meetings, Minutes and Shaft Drive Lines our VP Ian Warren is leading a 12 de through western NSW to Broken Hill, Pt a, Adelaic : & return. Both Touren (road) and S (d ) ps /ill be catered for with attractions id a / (tu) s oc Ving for all. o camp for int re te Sf rs te c ıtact him direct wine e e no no no are are are that he interested in hearing from me win ree ed in assisting with said planning / indivadal rend for date, route, attractions, accommodation and so on.

**Location:** Mostly South Australia with a split point being around Port Augusta for those wishing to go to the Flinders Ranges and the others south or wherever.

Budget / Distance: Approx 3981km, Fuel - \$280 @

\$1.40 litre average and 5 litres per 100km (do your own sums as appropriate), 12 breakfast @ \$15 each 12 Lunches @ \$15 each 11 Dinners @ \$45 each, 11 Motels @ \$80 per night. Total would be something around \$2015 (plus incidentals).

Day	From	То	Distance	Time
1	Canberra	Hay	527	06:05
2	Hay	Broken Hill	527	06:06
3	Rest Day			
3	Broken Hill	Pt Augusta	414	04:48
5	Pt A gus	Pt Lincoln	341	04:38
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11	Rest Day			667 /
12	Adelaide	Echuca		08:2′
13	Echuca	Canberra	600	7

#### **CLUB GOING ON'S**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING 13 SEP 11**

Tuesday 13 September 2011 @ Mark Edwards salubrious home in the burbs

Meeting opened 1935hrs

Present: Mark Edwards, Gary Melling, Alan Walsh, Ian Warren, Martin Robinson

**Apologies:** Steve Hay, Garry Smee, Jack Foley and lan Hahn.

#### **Discussion Points (from President)**

**Item 1** – General discussion around layout of Autofest Registration form. Mark emphasised the need to get a gold coin donation at Registration rather than after the event.

**Item 2** –.General discussion on the Kozi rally with all requirements appearing to be under control.

Item 3 – Martin led general discussion around the GS Safari and upcoming rides. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to be more female friendly to entice greater participation from the ladies. There was also a wrap up on upcoming rides being planned with promulgation through the magazine and general emails.

**Item 4** – More conversation around the specific upcoming ride to Gulgong on the 24/25 Sep. Meeting point will be Roses Café at Goulburn at 10 Mongolia Street @ 0900hrs.

#### Reports

**Social Secretary** – Nil Report (still no person acting in this role)

Ride Coordinator – As discussed above.

Vice President – Report on the upcoming Xmas function. Decision was taken that the \$48.50 menu (#2) was the best option. Decision was also taken by the committee that the club would sponsor the event hire. More details to be published in the magazine.

Secretary – Discussion on a new segment in the club magazine based around Andrew Denton's "Enough Rope". A series of questions will be posed to random members and their answers will be published in upcoming editions of the magazine. It is hoped that members will get to know others members and some of their background. More details on likely questions at next committee meeting. Committee agreed to the concept.

**Membership** – Nil report

Webmaster - All good

Editor – Nil report

Treasurer -Nil report.

#### **General Business**

Next committee meeting at the Canberra Club on Tue 11<sup>th</sup>.October 2011.

Club meetings to continue at the German Club until the end of the year

Meeting closed at 2100hrs.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2011**

Meeting opened 1949hrs @ Canberra Club.

**Present:** Mark Edwards, Gary Melling, Garry Smee, Martin Robinson, Ian Hahn and Jack Foley

Apologies: Steve Hay, Alan Walsh and Ian Warren

#### **General Discussion Points**

Item 1 – Upcoming Kozi Rally. General discussion on who was to do what to ensure rally went smoothly. Tasks were assigned.

#### Item 2 – Xmas Party.

**Decision** - The committee agreed that the cost for the dinner will be \$45 per head with the club to subsidise other cost involved in conducting the function.

## Item 3 – Reduced Members Fees for members living some distance from Canberra.

**Decision** - The committee agreed that membership fees will remain the same for all members.

## Item 4 – Discussion on Vintage Bike component to club structure.

**Decision** – To be raised at General meting and if sufficient interest is shown it will be taken further.

## Item 5 – Potential new location for club and committee meetings in 2012.

**Decision** – Arrangements to be made for all club meetings to be conducted at Canberra Club from Jan 2012. Likely to be on Wednesdays because of Canberra Club timetables.

## Item 6 – "Enough Rope" or another name for in depth snapshot of current members. To be published monthly in Club Magazine.

**Decision** – A series of questions have been agreed upon. These will initially be promulgated to committee members to create an initial bank with a series of in depth interviews to be completed at Sunday rides for available members.

#### Item 7 – Ian Hahn raised membership renewal.

**Decision** – Item to be deferred until Alan Walsh is in attendance (for technical reasons)

## Item 8 – Jack Foley raised issue of Term Deposits and interest rates.

**Decision** – Treasurer is authorised to increase term deposit from operating account to maximise receipt of interest.

#### Reports

Ride Coordinator – Martin spoke about upcoming rides and events in the next two months. These will continue to be promulgated in the club magazine and on the web site. He also received some emails from

the public highlighting awareness of upcoming events.

Meeting closed at 2052hrs.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

BMWMCCACT members can place an advert in this newsletter and on the website (including a photo) free of charge. Please include your membership number when placing ad.

Ads from non-members may be restricted due to space limitations.

The Editor and Webmaster have the right to refuse or reject any ad without reason.

#### For Sale

#### BMW K100 & 75 Workshop Manual

Haynes owners workshop manual for 983 ~ 740cc K100 & 75 motorbikes manufactured between 1983 to 1987. I don't have the bike so don't need the manual. \$20 plus postage. Contact Garry editor@bmwmccact.org.au or (02) 6291 5901 ah.

#### BMW R1150 GSA (Adventure)

I am looking for \$9000 one for the bike by itself, or \$10000 one with a huge amount of accessories thrown in including:

- Garmin Zumo 550 GPS (and the mount is hard-wired to bikes electrics), including a lifetime subscription of free map updates available on-line with the account password I would give you.
- Uniden 76sx UHF radio (with mount also wired into the bike, with UHF bike aerial included).
- Two silver helmets both with Blue-Ant intercoms and one with UHF headset. (Zeus XXL Adventure helmet well used, and an RJays Tour-Tech XL as new).
- Three different motorbike jackets two are as new (Sizes 4xl - 5xl).
- Genuine BMW tank bag (purchased for \$350 6-months ago).
- As seen in the photo, the bike comes with three genuine BMW aluminium panniers, which offer a heap of storage space.
- Airhawk cushion seat (purchased for \$150 12-months ago).
- There are also heaps of gloves, straps, tools, and other misc items that I have brought for the bike over the years.
- The bike comes with a full service history from the 3 owners it has had since 2002 when it was manufactured, and all relevant paperwork is available.
- The bike is registered here in the ACT until near the end of March 2012.
- The tyres are both Heidenau K60 road/off-

road tyres with plenty of tread.

If you want to see some more photos just shoot me an email



Please no 'tyre kickers' and contact me on Matt (Red Hill)

2010 G650GS - Only 20km! Yes, that's right.

lan Branston President of the BMW Car Club Canberra) and currently Chairman, BMW Clubs International Council won a G650GS in a raffle drawn whilst attending the BMW Motorrad Days in Garmisch Pertenkirchen, Germany. He has just taken delivery from Rolfes, but has a garage full of 4-wheel Beemer's and would like to see this one go to a good home. With only 20kms on the clock and all the goodies including ABS, heated handgrips, rear splashguard, centre stand and 2 years BMW Warranty and Roadside Assistance.



Aura White

Rolfe Classic sells this motorcycle, on the road, for \$13,800. I am offering it for sale, with about 20km on the clock, for \$12,000.

If this is what you are looking for, you can contact lan Branston by email bnbranno@hotmail.com and phone (02) 6251 1976 or 0415 104333.

Last one: Ian will be travelling to Berlin for the

annual conference of the International Council until 11 October 2011 so there may be a delay in email responses.

#### BMW K75S (1989)

Reluctant sale of a beloved, utmost reliable and trusted companion of nearly eighteen years, in excellent condition and meticulously serviced (for the past 3 years by Mick Owens). Winner of Clubs Australia Best In Class 2 Valve K series 2004, Classic 2009 etc.



Includes pannier system and luggage rack, specialized rear shock absorber with re weighted fork springs, stain tune sports exhaust, genuine low seat option, fork gaiters, braided fuel and brake lines, polished honeycomb wheel rims and custom paint highlights. Heated handgrips, hazard lights, hubcap and sheepskin throw over – original manual and handbook complete this bike.

Recently serviced (July) and registered until Jun 2012. All mechanical documentation and history provided. Glass valuation certificate supplied

\$5150.00 ono, for more information or pictures contact paulsherriekye@bigpond.com.

Wanted to be ©

None this month



Am I on fire tonight or what? Yes you are...really!

#### SNOWY RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE RIDE

After a week of rain and having watched Bathurst, the Canberra Family Day public holiday was beckoning. With the daughter at the coast, one son at another part of the coast, the other son gaming and Jane on Adventure Rider (<a href="https://www.advrider.com">www.advrider.com</a>) coupled with cool but sunny weather there was only one thing for it; a ride.

Having filled up and checked the tyres I made my way to the Williamsdale rendezvous point with time to spare. Meeting myself, I discussed route options and it was agreed that the ride would be to Jindabyne to have a look at the Snowy River environmental release of water. The traffic was light making short work of the Monaro passing the Highway Patrol (both kinds) and Bredbo-Cooma point 2 point, sorry average speed camera on the way. Cooma saw us pass the first group of MotoGP riders, not me - but maybe next year  $\otimes$ 

I regrouped with myself in town before pressing on to Jindabyne. The Jindabyne spillway has undergone a \$120m refurbishment over recent years to meet both NSW environmental licence conditions and insurance requirements post Snowy Hydro's corporatisation c2002.

The temporary viewing area was just past the tip, a Jindabyne landmark not to be missed. You will have seen the footage on the news by the time you read this, so my photo does not do justice to the some 12GL/d being released to wash sediment from the river. The largest flow since being dammed in the 60's and sufficient to dislodge football-sized rocks. By comparison Lake Burley Griffin





was reported as containing ~33GL. Over a Serge' coffee and egg & bacon roll in Jindabyne a vote was taken to ride on to Dalgety ~25km downstream for a look; unanimous. Free of traffic, this sector was made in company with local farmers and that highway scourge — Subaru's. Our arrival in Dalgety timed with an equal influx of visitors seeing the Snowy flowing deeper and faster than even some locals remembered.

With photos out of the way and before lunch at the Pub called, the group remounted and left for Cooma via Maffra. Mmmm, now here was a hidden gem and last crossed with the Gravel Surfers riding from west-east Berridale to Nimmitabel the dirt way. Did I mention that the road this way (south-north) is sealed, in good

condition, has open sweeping corners and little traffic ©.

Our arrival back in Cooma called for coffee at the East Enders Café before returning to Canberra via the highway. Again the Highway Patrol was active, no doubt looking to get a personal perspective on Garth Tander's Bathurst win or an update on Casey Stoner's prospects for the GP @ the Island. On this leg, I counted 20+ bikes with gear heading south or had I missed another rally? I left myself at the Chisholm roundabout and still had time to make a trip to Fyshwick and assist Jane's purchase of a new mattress for the daughter's new bed; part of the birthday that keeps giving.

Garry Smee, R1200ST (for today)





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