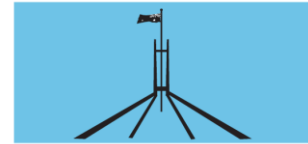




# Shaft Drive Lines

March 2013











## What's On

- ❖ 20/21 April, Club overnight ride to Gippsland.
- ❖ 11/12 May, Club overnight ride to Lake Cargelligo



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

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

- BMWCCACT: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/actbmwmcc/>.
- ACTGravel surfers: <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. The 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. There was no profit in 2012.

### PRIVACY OF CLUB MEMBER INFORMATION

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

### SHAFT DRIVE LINES

Whilst the Editor has absolute discretion, we welcome contributions to the Club's magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Email is preferred to the [editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:editor@bmwmccact.org.au) or by @mail to

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

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## PRESIDENT'S BANTER

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Hi fellow members,

The AGM has just been held and the Club now has a new committee for 2013, fortunately with many familiar faces for last year. Our thanks go to the two retiring members, Jack Foley for his work as our Treasurer and Ian Warren our past Vice President. Jack encouraged the Club to undertake many of the bigger-budget activities including the First Aid Course and the Off-Road Adventure Bike Course whilst keeping expenditure matched to our income. Ian has been busy "behind the scenes" by giving the committee advice on possible changes to the Club's Constitution with the aim of simplifying our procedures and bringing them into line with web-based communications.

To replace the retiring committee members, I welcome Bob Ellison as our new Treasurer and David Prest as the new Vice President. All other positions are unchanged with the exception of the appointment of Garry Smee as our Clubs Australia Representative. Garry is looking forward to meeting with BMW and the other club representatives next month to discuss a wide range of topics that both car and motorcycle clubs across the nation.

The AGM also had a presentation from Nicole and South African Motorcycle Adventure (SAMA) Tours, showing scenes and conditions that should appeal to any rider interested in seeing many parts of southern Africa. I was intrigued to note that one of the warnings on the tours is to look out for crossing Ostriches and Elephants as they don't look left or right before entering your path. The tours have a choice of G650GS or F800GS or R1200GS machines and can be a short 3-day self-guided ride to a 24-day epic ride through 6 different countries. Even though I have visited many of the sites included in these tours, I would consider going again just to experience these countries from a bike. Got to be more fun that riding in a mini bus!

The other highlight of our evening at Rolfe's was the unveiling of the new R1200GS, water-cooled model. The demo bike (well it was actually a customer's bike about to be delivered) was soon surrounded with an admiring throng, with many members now considering an upgrade. Josh has advised that a demo bike will be arriving soon and we will be able to book a test ride and order one if it is the bike for you.

See you at the next event.

Martin Robertson

None this month ☹️

## CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings for 2013 will be roving and held at 0930 on the fourth Sunday of each month, following a BBQ breakfast and before a ride decided on the day. The venue will be advised by email to members and on the Club webpage or contact the President [president@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:president@bmwmccact.org.au).

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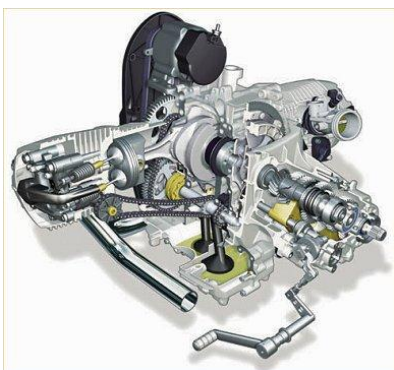
Club members meet for an informal breakfast each Sunday from 0845 at the [Thymes Thirty Three Café](#) 3/33 Ellendon Street Bungendore. Everyone is welcome from 0830-1000 and often an ad-hoc short ride is arranged on the day for afterwards. Please free up the tables from 1000 if you are not eating to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

This calendar lists Club activities and updated on the web page ([www.bmwccact.org.au](http://www.bmwccact.org.au)) or by the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. This does not stop you from arranging a ride, and if you want company, email the [Ride Coordinator](#) who will pass your planned trip on to the Club members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

Date	Detail	Contact
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday each month	For 2013, monthly Club meetings will start at 0930 on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) followed by the meeting and a ride after decided on the day.	The President will advise the location by email and on the Club's website. Alternatively, you can contact the President directly at <a href="mailto:president@bmwmccact.org.au">president@bmwmccact.org.au</a> .
Riding events	Rides will be notified by email and updated on the webpage. If you are going on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and an email will be sent to members.	Contact the Rides Coordinator ( <a href="mailto:rides@bmwmccact.org.au">rides@bmwmccact.org.au</a> )
Social events	Social events will be notified by email and updated on the webpage. If you want to come to or plan a social event and looking for company then email the Social Secretary before hand with event and contact details and an email will be sent to members.	Contact the Social Secretary ( <a href="mailto:social@bmwmccact.org.au">social@bmwmccact.org.au</a> )

2013	Date	Detail	Contact
<b>April</b>	Sunday 7	Alternative Breakfast - Paragon Cafe, Goulburn. Group departure from BP Servo, Watson, at 8:30 AM. After breakfast, a ride around the region will follow for those keen to complete the day on the bike.	RSVP to Steve Hay, Social Secretary, on <a href="mailto:social@bmwmccact.org.au">social@bmwmccact.org.au</a> or 0422 006 727.
	Wednesday 10	BMWCCACT Committee Meeting.	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
	Saturday 20 Sunday 21	Club ride to FEG (Far East Gippsland). Route will cater for both GS and TS rider's tastes. Plan is to camp at Marlo, on the coast, where the Snowy River meets the sea.	Departure and details TBA closer to the date.
	Thursday 25	ANZAC Day.	
	Sunday 28	Breakfast and General Meeting. Details TBA. \$5 breakfast of bacon and egg roll, and coffee, tea or hot chocolate, followed by the monthly General Meeting.	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>
<b>May</b>	Sunday 5	Alternative Breakfast - Moon Rock Cafe, Tidbinbilla. Timing TBA closer to the event.	RSVP to Steve Hay, Social Secretary, on <a href="mailto:social@bmwmccact.org.au">social@bmwmccact.org.au</a> or 0422 006 727.
	Saturday 11 Sunday 12	Club ride to Lake Cargelligo. Departing Hall lay-by, 8:00 AM. More info closer to the date. Not heard of Lake Cargelligo? Check it out here <a href="http://www.lakecargelligo.net.au">http://www.lakecargelligo.net.au</a>	
	Sunday 19	Breakfast and General Meeting. Details TBA. \$5 breakfast of bacon and egg roll, and coffee, tea or hot chocolate, followed by the monthly General Meeting.	Contact the <a href="#">President</a>

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OIL HEAD RALLY



The Club is proposing to hold a rally in Canberra to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BMW's oil cooled horizontal twin engine.

This is a call for volunteers to help plan, prepare for and conduct the rally to be held in Spring 2013.

Here is YOUR opportunity to be involved with the Club and fellow BMW enthusiasts.

Contact Martin Robertson at [President@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:President@bmwmccact.org.au).

**Planning has started!**

## SOUTH AFRICA MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE TOURS

Garry Smee, F800GS

For those who came along to the AGM, Nicole from her family based SAMA Tours gave a presentation on South Africa and the various motorcycle tours they offer. I had tried and failed to entice Jane on a similar M/C tour of South Africa during the Rugby World Cup that included two games, but after Nicole's presentation Jane is all set for a trip; all we have to do is decide if its one or all of them, given the wide variety and options. Even Morgane got a look in as SAMA cater for pillions or those who prefer to travel in the support vehicle. After the meeting Ian Hahn suggested Nicole visit the Snowy Mountains during her 3 months in Australia. Jane, Morgane and I we met up with Nicole on Thursday night for a quick twilight car tour of Canberra before dinner and planning an Easter Friday ride.

Nicole had been given the use of a F650GS whilst in Australia, so our planned route was Bobeyan Road to Adaminaby before heading up to Cabramurra and down to Khancoban for lunch. Stopping at Geehi, crowded with Easter campers, for a photo shoot with a goanna and kangaroos we pressed on to Tom Groggin – also full of campers, but at least Nicole had plenty of photos near kangaroos that were proving surprisingly uncooperative - prompting the question "you must have a lot of photos with kangaroos?" Garry "no, none; do you have any with elephants?" Nicole, "no". Garry "then I expect to have plenty of photographs of elephants and me if Jane and I get to South Africa".

Our 500km return trip included the mandatory photo stop at Dead Horse Gap, a walk around Thredbo and night ride back up the Monaro Highway.

Nicole planned on being in Katoomba by Saturday night, so I talked her into a ride via Gunning, Crookwell, Taralga and Oberon before parting company; Nicole for Katoomba and me to camp with my brother on his 'bush block' on the Jenolan Caves road.

We parted company wishing each other happy travels and the prospect of meeting up again in South Africa.

If you want to look at SAMA Tours and what they have to offer then look here:

<http://www.samatours.co.za/index.html>



*Pause at Eucumbene R, Snowy Mtns Hwy.*



*Tom Groggin campground & uncooperative kangaroos*



#### CLUB IDENTIFICATION

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

## ADVENTURE BIKE TRAINING

David Morgan, R1200GS

Last month eight Club members took part in a training course aimed squarely at the larger adventure bike, with our bikes ranging from R1200GSA / GS, F800GS, R100GS and President Martin's Husqvarna 630 (built when BMW owned Husqvarna, Martin makes clear). The course was run by the south coast based, Academy of Off-Road Riding on private property in the Buckenbowra area, roughly 20 kms from Nelligen and Mogo. All eight of us bar Ross, being a local from the coast, camped on site.



*Steve musters the team for some group instruction (L-R: Bob Ellison, Chris Mullins, Peter Morgan, Simo Jaatinen, Tim Geoghegan, Ross Hayward, Martin Robertson, Steve Pritchard)*

Peter, Tim and I arrived Friday late afternoon, whereas Martin and Bob turned up much later, electing to surf the gravel roads and creek crossing to the site in the dark. The remainder of the group arrived breakfast time, Saturday morning. As did our hosts, Lyndon Heffernan and Steve Pritchard, with our breakfast. The "fully catered" course fee of \$350 included all meals and morning and afternoon teas, from Saturday through to Sunday's lunch. The property was close to the Buckenbowra River, which had a fine swimming hole close to the campsite, which a few found refreshing after warm day in riding gear doing slow speed manoeuvres.



*"Cornering101" demo by Steve*

The course commenced 8:30 AM Saturday, with Lyndon giving a brief of the course outline followed by a discourse on adventure bikes and appropriate rider clothing and gear. Following that we mounted and up and followed Steve, on his Yamaha Ténéré, to an open field where the majority of the training was to take place. There, Steve commenced with the first lesson of the day, concerning appropriate stance and position on the bikes - standing of course - bringing in teaching points on foot-peg steering, weight distribution, and the like. After demonstrating himself, we all then got to put the instruction into practice around the circuit.

In the course of the practical exercises, Steve would individually assist / advise where required, to ensure that we all had the routines squared away before moving on to the next lesson. Each lesson was essentially a build up to the next in a logical progression. The mornings were a little more challenging at times, especially for bikes with "dual-purpose" tyres, as the damp grass provided much more scope for movement than later in the day. All the exercises done around the training paddock were all at relatively low speed, 40 kph or less. As the last activity of each day, we rode off following Steve to put the day's teaching into practice around some of the gravel roads and fire-trails in the local area. The only casualty off any sort was Simo's F800GS, in which his bike simply stopped and refused to go any further. The problem, suspected to be electrical, was later found to be a fully dead battery. Notwithstanding, Simo was able to continue training using the Academy's Ténéré, once Steve had finished his demonstrations.

Overall, the consensus seemed to be that the course was well run and enjoyed by all who attended. Most importantly, it seemed that no matter what your past experience, all of us went away having learnt new skills and improved on our old skills in this area of our riding. If there's the interest later in 2013, the Club will liaise with the Academy with a view to running the course again specifically for our Club. In any event, the Academy may be scheduling Adventure Bike Training during the year, so it's worth checking out their web site if you're keen to go, at <http://www.academyofoffroadriding.com.au>.



*Chris smoothly fettles his GSA up a steep fire trail*

## END OF ACT REGISTRATION LABELS



The abolition of registration labels has been considered nationally and locally a number of times. WA, SA and Tasmania have recently ceased issuing registration labels and NSW has announced that they will also be abolishing registration labels on 1 January 2013.

As part of the ACT Government's Red Tape Reduction Panel the Government has agreed to abolish registration labels for light vehicles. It is expected that registration labels will no longer be required for light vehicles from 1 July 2013. It should be noted that while registration labels provide an indication that a vehicle is registered; a registration label cannot be relied on as proof of registration. In some instances labels have been found to be fraudulent and there are cases where a person pays for their registration, receives a label and subsequently the payment is dishonoured meaning the vehicle is unregistered but displaying a "current" label. In addition, there are cases where a person pays for their registration and subsequently cancels the registration again meaning the vehicle is unregistered but may continue to display a "current" label. Also, the introduction of the RAPID numberplate identification technology by ACT Policing has resulted in the identification and removal of unregistered vehicles from ACT's roads without relying on registration labels.

Light vehicle owners will continue to receive registration renewal reminder notices and registration certificates, however they will no longer be required to display a registration label on their vehicle.

This is a copy of the media release here: <http://www.rego.act.gov.au/Whatsnew/regolabelabolish.htm>



The Club has moved to a new online home <http://bmwmccact.wildapricot.org/>

Your complaints, the Webmaster's bloodied & pounded fingers, Treasurer's gnashing of teeth and new Membership Secretary's anticipated joy have been heard. After months of research the Webmaster, supported by the Committee have selected the *Wild Apricot* software platform as our new cyber-home.

Your current membership details have been transferred and your email address is the basis of your online account. A temporary one-use password will be emailed to you directly. Once you have your login and password you can customise your information and update personal details in real time and contact other members directly or collectively.

The Ride Coordinator will update rides and email members directly, whilst the Treasurer can generate invoices (for renewals) automatically with members able to pay directly online, again in real time. In addition, intending members can join online directly to the Membership Secretary. Future options include setting up an online store for Club regalia; members posting their own ride reports and pictures to the webpage and creation of member special interest groups.

The Committee had hoped to use the software for 2013 renewals, however some teething troubles have emerged and whilst swiftly dealt with have meant a mixture of old and new methodologies.

If you have any concerns please email the Webmaster directly but remain positive, patient and understanding.

This software will enhance the Club's on line presence, intended to make your engagement with the Club a more attractive experience and lighten the burden on the Committee charged with operating the Club on your behalf.

**IMPROVING MEMBER RIDING SKILLS**

# Closed for 2012. Missed out? Then tell the 2013 Committee

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

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

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

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, the subsidy is capped at 20 member courses for 2012. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the [Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au) before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMWCCACT Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the 3 rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your certificate to the [Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au) with your contact and bank details who will reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
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**The Battery Doc** provides reliable battery maintenance and comes with 3 attachment leads and a carry bag. One lead connects to your battery and once fitted protecting your battery with regular maintenance is as simple as connecting the plugs when you park your bike! There's also a small indicator light in the top left corner of the 'Doc which changes colour to indicate what it's doing.

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[http://www.airhawk.com.au/content.php?content\\_id=48](http://www.airhawk.com.au/content.php?content_id=48)

2013 MRA CAPITAL RALLY



Garry Smee, R1200ST

Following the 2012 floods in Brindabella Valley and losing its original site, the MRA (ACT) *Capital Rally* moved to a new site *Caloola Farm* south of Canberra on the edge of Namadgi National Park. The site is accessed via 7km of very good dirt road with the last ~2km on the farm itself requiring sports bike riders to pay attention and dodge the potholes and washouts.

The campsite itself is flat and had plenty of shade and grass with the organisers providing cooked food and variety of drinks for those who wanted

the full resort experience. With my Saturday night already booked, I went for the afternoon to see the new site and catch up with the rally regulars. When leaving I estimated there were 60 in attendance and settling in for a warm afternoon and fine autumn evening around the communal camp fire.

If you ever wanted to try camping or rallying then the MRA *Capital Rally* is as good as any to make a start on.



The MRA's control 'Yurt', kitchen & bar



The MRA Capital Rally only 35km from Tuggeranong and 7km of good dirt, why not make it a day or overnight ride?

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

All these products are included for member's information only; no product is endorsed or warranted by the BMWCCA.

# QUEANBEYAN TOURERS PRESENT



## THE LOADED DOG RALLY

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Tarago Show Ground New South Wales,  
*Between Goulburn & Bungendore*



Rally Fees include badge, camping fee & lucky gate ticket:

**Pre-paid entry \$15** or \$20 at the Gate

**Badge Only** for Day Trippers \$10

Usual trophies & Raffle (Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5)  
+ **Free** Coffee/Tea station

Catering by the *Tarago Show Society* from Saturday lunchtime through to breakfast  
Sunday and/or eat at the pub or back to basics.

IF SUFFICIENT DEMAND IS INDICATED, THE GOLD COIN SHUTTLE BUS MAY RETURN, SO SPEAK UP  
**NO DOGS AND NO CARS IN RALLY AREA**

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Send to PO Box 311, Fyshwick ACT 2609



Garry Smee, F800GS

This year's 13<sup>th</sup> *Cold Flame* Rally was back to it's usual spot on the Barry Way - Pinch River intersection under sunny skies, a pleasant change to last years floods that saw the Barry Way closed and rally moved to later in the year. Like some other rallies the *Cold Flame* saw ~40 riders on the Friday night, ~120+ on the Saturday with an unknown number staying on for the Sunday evening as well in part because of the Canberra Day long weekend.

Steve (F800GS), Hal (F650GS) and I left on Saturday morning for the run south along the Bobeyan Road through Namadgi NP, Berridale and into Jindabyne for lunch. As is often the case, breaks were often taken in company of other riders with Jindabyne's Nugget Crossing bakery doing a steady trade in tourists and locals.

Lunch out of the way and au revoir's to those we would see later, we headed off for the Barry Way. The first 30km of bitumen help clear the head after lunch before the gravel starts. I have taken the 1200ST down this road in the past, so provided you keep out of the washouts and eye on the loose spots, there shouldn't be a reason not to go along. Attested to by the many sports bikes young and old that make it to the *Cold Flame* each year. With Jane not riding under Doctor's orders, I was able to give the F800 a bit more headway as I work on improving my dirt riding ability with a pause a photo opportunity taken at the Wallace Craigie Lookout.



Hal, Steve and Garry @ Wallace Craigie Lookout

The run down the hill to the Snowy River makes for great riding before joining the Snowy River and run along its banks to the Pinch River campsite and steadily increasing temperature from mid 20's to mid 30's.

Our arrival and early greetings dispensed with, we made camp on the top part, with the creek side camping filled with Friday nighters and what must be weekday apartment dwellers.



Steve made camp ensuring he was clear of any snakes and flooding.

Having looked for a Rally with appropriate tree spacing, Steve hung his combination hammock and hutchie as protection from snakes and/or floods. I wasn't clear on which, whilst Hal and I opted for the more conventional tent arrangement.

The domestic arrangements out of the way and in deference to Jane's forced absence I assembled the [Helinox](#)

(rather than Kermit) chair and opened a cold one. Crisis! With Jane's absence, I had reorganised the packing routine, putting the chilled beer in a pannier rather than the usual affair; this had resulted in not only one but two beers having sprung a leak. A curse on brewery executives and their quest for ever thinner cans. All was not lost though as I had only lost a ~1/3 of each can, but still I felt the pain – to the web shop!

This travesty called for a swim in the Pinch to cool my fevered brow and the mid afternoon 30+ temperatures; Hal and Steve had the red, cheese and biscuits. And who said rallying was hard yakka?

The afternoon and evening progressed along usual lines of talking, story telling and reliving past, present and proposed future rides into the wee small hours under a clear a star lit night. For reasons unknown I was awake at 4am and gentle snoring and surprisingly quiet campfire chatter, dozing until daylight and clear skies when I resolved to break camp and make the run south to Victoria and McKillops Bridge.



*The Cold Flame Campsite; plenty of flat ground, trees and the Pinch River on-hand, what more could you ask for?  
Plenty of likeminded rallyists, fine weather and stories aplenty!*

I had never travelled the length of the Barry Way before now, but it certainly won't be the last. The early morning sun cresting the mountains, Snowy River and great road surface made for great riding and stunning scenery.

Coming out at Suggan Buggan I was left with a right turn to Benambra, suggested by Hal and Steve, or continue on turning left before Brumby and McKillops Bridge. I was only just inside the Alpine National Park when a 4WD coming the other way prompted a rapid move left, closely followed and missed by his mate, travelling right up his a@#e or trying to overtake in the dust. Shades of Cape York and the Peninsula Development Road. This precursor to what is known as a narrow road were short lived as they were the only moving vehicles I saw between the Rally and a farm ute on the Bonang Highway before Delegate.

McKillops Bridge is a marvel of engineering, for a purpose not quite clear, but probably explained in the unvisited picnic shelter, to support the long departed forestry and cattle industries. It is well worth the trip and will be revisited in the future. A pocket camera does not do the bridge, mountains, river or vista the justice they deserve.

The run out of McKillops Bridge was equally enjoyable with good gravel roads, great scenery only shared with the grazing cattle, one wallaby and a startled wedge tail eagle picking on a not so fortunate wallaby.

Joining the Bonang Highway, another motorcyclist's must do road, I passed a group of road and adventure BM's in Delegate with a nod and a wave pressing on to Bombala.



*[McKillops Bridge](#), well worth the trip and a very impressive use of trees into wood.  
What's even better was only seeing three cars between the Pinch River and Delegate :)*



*The BMWCCVIC were on tour in Bombala and on their way to Eden.*

Bombala is a happening town on Sunday's, but the previously visited Bakery was open and \$10 egg & bacon roll + coffee special taken up.

Whilst waiting here, the previous group of BM's rolled in and continued for a time; it was the Victorian BMW Club on their own visit to Gippsland, Bombala, Eden and back to Melbourne. I counted ~10 bikes, but there may have been more. Pleasantries out of the way, I continued north to Nimmitabel with the intention of travelling up the Braidwood Road, as advertising obscured my map and road from Bombala; the price of a free map I guess.

This road is also quite good and not too challenging to the new dirt rider, whilst offering opportunities for the more experienced rider. The road was all the more enjoyable with few cars or even bikes.

My final stop was Captains Flat; with the Pub closed (again) and Outsider Café closed, this left the Bowling club & RSL. Served by one, my cold beer & I joined the one patron who confirmed the Servo's closure and unlikely re-opening due to the weight limitations placed on the bridge. A subject of an ACT 730 report, I find it amazing that a Council can get to the point where a bridge falls into a state of disrepair is now seriously jeopardising a communities future.

Palerang Council must share the same planning skills as Dungog's.

The run home from Captains Flat was made without incident, closing out a weekend of fine riding, great company and stunning scenery. The right hand loop to Benambra will have to wait for another day or 14<sup>th</sup> Cold Flame in 2014.

Lastly, co-organiser Sue reported with thanks on [www.advrider.com](http://www.advrider.com), that the rally participants raised \$1280.60 for Prostate Cancer Research from the \$20 entry fee that included a badge and stubby cooler or \$100 note-press for non-drinkers.



*710km of great dirt roads, country and riding.*

## WIN A K1600 GTL

The Black Dog Ride-Lifeline Raffle is off and running and the lucky winner will ride away on a K 1600 GTL. There are 1000 tickets on sale at \$100 per ticket so the chances of winning are very good.

The Raffle will coincide with the annual Black Dog Ride on March 24. The Black Dog Ride was established in 2009 to raise money and awareness for mental health services and fosters a culture of mental health awareness around the country. In this time over \$600,000 has been raised.



This year the focus is on awareness of depression and suicide prevention and around the country across 17 locations motorcyclists will not only enjoy a great ride but also help Lifeline in their ongoing work.

Lifeline is the beneficiary of the funds raised on this year's Black Dog Ride and the Raffle. Lifeline is the pre-eminent suicide prevention organisation in Australia. Lifeline provides national services and campaigns that promote emotional wellbeing, encourage help seeking, and address suicide prevention and awareness in addition to providing vital access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services. Funds raised by Black Dog Ride and the Raffle will enable Lifeline to maintain and build their vital suicide prevention programs across the nation.

The Raffle will be drawn on Thursday May 28 so do not delay in grabbing your chance to own a K 1600 GTL and help in the battle with mental illness awareness.

For ticket purchasing go to <http://blackdoglifeline.gofundraise.com.au/>





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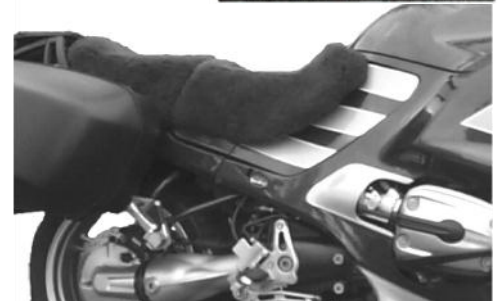
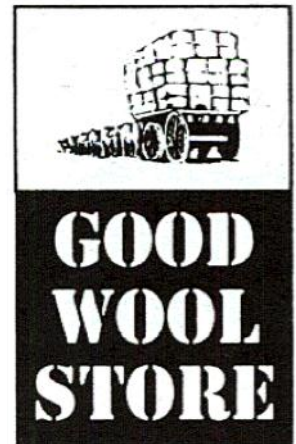
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#### THE EDITORS FILL

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

Hi Riders,

You will be reading this after the Club's 2013 AGM and election of a new Committee for 2013-14. Did you go along, did you nominate, were you elected and if not, considered how you can contribute to the Club. The Committee reflects itself with input from the members, so if you want to do something in particular like that favourite ride for a day, overnight or week then let someone know. Or if social outings are your thing, then it is much the same, the best organisation and outing comes from those who most want it to succeed; the organiser.

It appears in the absence of other aspiring editors I have another 12 months in the chair. The aim over the next 12 months is to transition the Club's monthly communication with members to the online environment. Further to declining requests for paper copies, *Shaft Drive Lines* is the largest cost and drain on member's funds. This will require a change in format although the content and quality remains with those who submit the articles and pictures – you ☺



*The Editor and his Christmas present.*

Lastly, well done to the outgoing 2012 Committee and all the best to the incoming 2013 one.

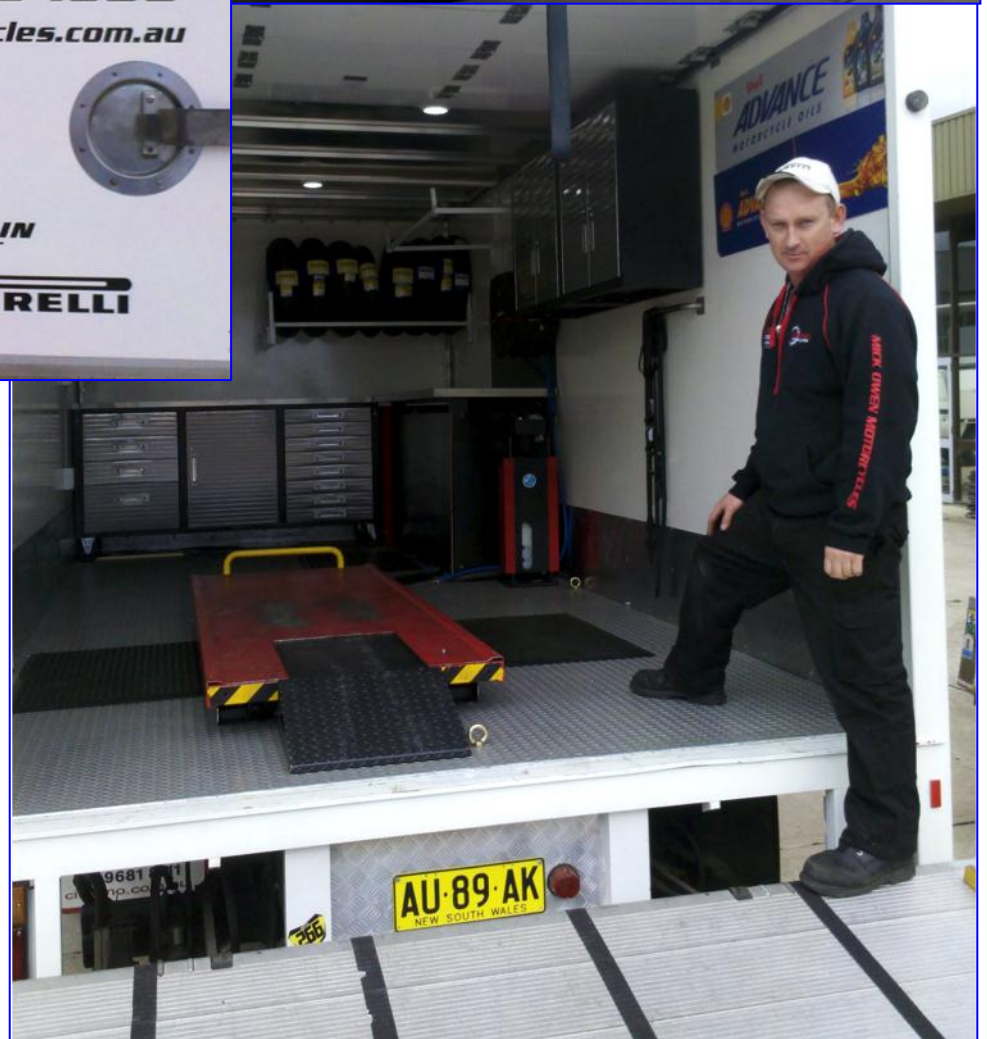
That's my fill,

Garry Smeed, [Editor@bmwmccact.org.au](mailto:Editor@bmwmccact.org.au)

Garry Smee

Mick Owen has gone postal. Not quite, but you can now have your bike serviced or tyres fitted where you want and without the travel hassle, Mick comes to you. Simply call, book your bike in and location you're at and Mick will come to you with his purpose fitted out truck, so weather isn't a problem either.

Big Job? No problem, Mick has some workshop space for the larger or parts dependant jobs and will pick up your bike and return it on completion. So give Mick a call on (02) 6228 1855 or on the web at [www.mickowenmotorcycles.com.au](http://www.mickowenmotorcycles.com.au) for your next service.



Mick Owen showed off his new mobile service and business direction recently. Mick and the fully equipped and mobile workshop will come to you for minor and routine service needs, or transport your bike to secure workshop and storage for the more in depth and complex repairs needs.

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## FOR SALE

### R1200RT for Sale



First registered 12/09, 9500kms

Lovingly looked after, sad sale, most kms are highway. Not using enough!

Registered 12/13

Tony Wade, 0439 974 433

### BMW K100RS, 1986

It is in fair condition but needs a new clutch and some tidying up with 165000km on the clock after 13 years ownership. Regularly serviced by club member Taffy.

The bike is in Holt and I can be contacted by email [Les.Atyeo@act.gov.au](mailto:Les.Atyeo@act.gov.au), phone (m) 0407 262616 (w) 6207 7275 (h) 6254 5650.

Les Atyeo

### BMW K1200S 2007/08

Black, 26,000km, ABS, ESA, BMW panniers, Remus carbon muffler plus some other carbon fibre bits. Excellent condition. Full service history. \$16,500.

Please call Markus on 0418 632 855.

### BMW G 650 GS (single) 2011



Immaculate condition. Build compliance January 2011, bought June 2011.

Features:

- 12 Months NSW Registration,
- ABS,
- Hand Guards,
- White/Grey/Black Colour Scheme.
- Learner Legal,
- Heated Grips,
- Centre Stand,

One woman owner, travelled only 3500 kms.

Has never been on a dirt road or dropped.

Serviced by Mick Owen Motorcycles Fyshwick, ACT. \$10,000 ONO.

Phone: Dallys 0408 193 960 or Murray 0414 454 210

### DRIRIDER motorcycle jacket

Best offer; One near new size 8, with forearm padding.



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All in excellent condition. A real bargain for Christmas. Contact Sue Ball-Guymer 0419 628891.

### BMW R1100S 2002



With 70000 kms reluctantly for sale. Lady owner but the shame of it is that Sally is just a too short to be comfortable when the bike is stopped!

Accessories include headlight protector, carbon rear hugger, heated handgrips, panniers, a Ventura rack (not fitted) cylinder head protectors and an accessory plug. The tyres are Pirelli Angels and are about 70%. Doug Bryant and Mick Owen have always serviced the bike. We love this bike – it's just a whisker too big! The bike is located in Tathra but can be in Canberra with a bit of notice! \$8400.

Phone Richard and Sally Gallimore 0447 466 818 (S) or 0477 007 360 (R)

### F650GS 2006 Twin Spark – Parts

The bike has gone, so now for the spares & accessories:

- Spark Plugs NGK DR8EB #4855, 4 @ \$5 ea
- Oil Filters OX119, \$15
- BMW Genuine Fork Seals (2) and Dust Caps (2), \$120
- BMW OEM Chain, Front & Rear Sprockets, \$250

Parts can be picked up or +postage arranged.

Contact Garry [garrysmee@gmail.com](mailto:garrysmee@gmail.com) or

62017915 (bh) or 62915901(ah).

### BMW R1200R 9/2008



Biarritz Blue, 12,201km, ACT Rego to 9/2012.

Great bike, 2nd owner, Extras include: BMW panniers, GIVI top box, Staintune exhaust (I have the original if you want), sports screen, new Michelin Pilot Road 3 tyres, LED turning signals, BMW sports screen (also have Ztechnik V screen) + more. Complete service history. This is a great fun bike for a quick ride to the bay or the grand tour. You won't be disappointed.

Peter on 0408 239 330 or [peter.frankis@inet.net.au](mailto:peter.frankis@inet.net.au)

**WANTED TO BE 😊**

Rolfe Classic BMW have an eBay store here: <http://stores.ebay.com.au/Rolfe-Classic-BMW>

Mick Owen sells on eBay; search sellers for 'bmwmotobmw' online or here: <http://www.eastcoastbms.com.au/>

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PO Box 4042 Weston Creek, 2611

EFT to: BSB 805-022, account 03318092.

Account name: BMWCCACT

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ACT



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

Payment Type: (please check)    EFT     Cheque     Money Order

## SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

\$40.00 plus \$5.00 joining fee. Total \$45.00  
*(If joining after the general meeting in October the fee is \$20.00 + joining fee)*

## PARTNER/JOINT/FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

An extra \$5.00 is required for Partner, Joint or Family Membership.

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The fees paid as above entitles member/s to receive the Club Magazine, a club badge, sticker and membership card (for each member) and to participate in all the Club activities.

Participants in Club activities are advised that they do so at their own risk. You are required to obey the law at all times and ride with your safety and the safety of others in mind.

I / We agree to comply with the rules of the BMW MCC ACT according to its Constitution.

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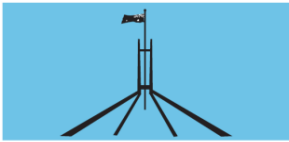
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