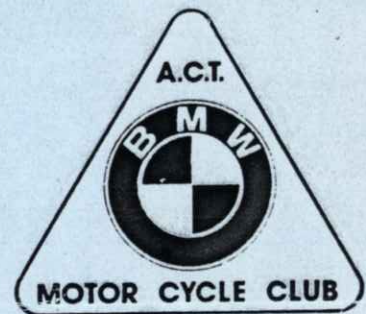


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OF THE



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CLUB ACTIVITIES

GENERAL MEETINGS SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7.45pm.
ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, LIARDET ST, WESTON.
CLUB RUNS FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH (SATURDAY OR SUNDAY)
MEET AT WESTON MOTORCYCLES. SEE "WHAT'S ON" PAGE.
SOCIAL EVENTS AS ARRANGED. WATCH "MINUTES" & "WHAT'S ON" PAGES.
KOSCIUSKO RALLY FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER.
KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK, GEEHI HUT CAMPSITE.

MEMBERSHIP FEES SINGLE - \$10 JOINT - \$12 ASSOCIATE - \$10 / \$12

DISCOUNTS

WESTON MOTORCYCLES
65 DUNDAS COURT
PHILLIP. PH 851944

GENGE MOTORCYCLES
7 LONSDALE STREET,
BRADDON. PH. 497923

JOE'S MOTORCYCLE WRECKERS
UNIT 10, 3 WILUNA STREET,
FYSHWICK. PH. 806703

PADDY PALLIN
46 NORTHBOURNE AVE,
CIVIC. PH. 478949
(Available on purchases
totalling over \$300)

PLEASE SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

WHATSON

- JAN 25 - 27 Karuah River Rally, near Dungog, NSW.
Clubman Rally, Jingellic, NSW.
Canberra Vintage, Veteran & Classic Rally, ACT.
- FEB 2 CLUB RUN to Charlottes Pass (Mt Kosciusko) meet at
9.00am at Phillip Motor Registry Carpark.
- FEB 8 - 9 Mangrove Ck Dam Rally, near Kulnura, NSW.
- FEB 10 GENERAL MEETING - Royals Rugby Football Club, Weston
7.45pm.
- FEB 15 - 16 Swamp Rally near Ryleston, NSW.
- FEB 16 Afternoon tea SOCIAL RUN, meet at Cupacumbalong,
Tharwa, at 2.30 pm.
- FEB 16 "Wheels '86" Exhibition, Braddon football ground.
- MAR 1 - 2 Ellenborough Falls Rally, near Taree, NSW.
- MAR 1 &/or 2 CLUB RUN perhaps to Burrinjuck Dam again ???
- MAR 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Royal Rugby Football Club,
Weston. 7.45pm. Financial members attendance is
essential for election of new committee and winding
up of club business for 1985.
- MAR 28 - 31 Australian Grand Prix races at Mt Panorama, Bathurst
Bathurst Easter Rally, 21km from Mt Panorama.
Cane Toad Rally, near Mackay, QLD.
Note: The Retreat Rally usually held has been
cancelled !
- APR 14 GENERAL MEETING - Royals Rugby Football Club, Weston.
7.45pm.
- APR 25 - 27 BMW Rally, in the Grampians National Park, VIC.
(a beautiful area)
- NOTE : Club Fees must be paid before the AGM on March 10.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

13 JANUARY 1986

OPENED : 8.15pm

VENUE : ROYALS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, WESTON.

APOLOGIES: Andrew Grant, Werner & Ursula Strotmann

PRESENT : 22 MEMBERS

nil VISITORS

NEW MEMBERS: Bill Campbell welcomed.

MINUTES of previous General Meeting accepted. Moved by Jenni Cole

Seconded by Philip Chown

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT : Nil

IN : BMW Australia R65 Press release & Christmas Card
Club magazines WA (Jan), NSW (Dec), Qld (Jan), CDDC (Jan).
Rally Forms - Ellenborough Falls, Cane Toad, Retreat (Cancelled)
Euro Cycle Motorcycle Tours 1986 European Touring Program.

PAST EVENTS REPORTS

Christmas Party by Moff.

BUSINESS :

- . Oil filters bulk buy initial investigation report by Graeme Cameron - \$4.92 each or box of 48 at \$2.96.
- . CT18 Truck wash bulk purchase made by Fran Gilchrist.
- . Frank Millwood created Club Library catalogue.
- . Noise regulation proposed NSW Gov't's NI status discussed.
- . Kosciusko Rally 1986: KNP Head Ranger happy with outcome of 1985's
- . Touring Secretary Bob Rumsey resigned from the committee because he believed that some other committee members had introduced personal bias into club business.
- . Differences of principle, concerning behaviour were aired to the membership concerning the previous President and some committee members - lengthy discussion of particulars,
 - Chris undertook to only represent Club with Committee's approval
- . Secretary, Mark Coghlan gave his position resignation effective immediately.
- . President and Treasurer, Werner & Ursula Strotmann, resignation also (spoken for by Secretary)
 - subject to confirmation in person.
- . Caretaker committee positions agreed to until March AGM
 - President : Mike Houston (subject to Werner's confirmation).
 - Secretary : Graeme Cameron (declined by Mark Coghlan)
 - Treasurer : Jeanette Hahn (subject to Ursula's confirm.)
 - Touring Secretary : Bob Rumsey (agreed by Bob)
- . Social event for 16 Feb at Cuppacumbalong - details in Journal.
- . Letter of invitation to BMW Car Club for social outing.
- . Social event choice in March of talent quest or debate with Ducati Club (if they agree) to expound virtues of friendly rival Club's marque - BMW Club to defend Ducati's and Ducati Club to defend BMW's.

NEXT MEETING : 10 Feb NEXT RUN 2 Feb - Charlott's Pass

MEETING CLOSED 10.30pm

Mark Coghlan 15/1/86

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - JANUARY MEETING

For sometime now a situation of disharmony has existed amongst a few members of the club. This unfortunately involved two members of the current committee and a member who was on the previous committee. The remaining committee members have attempted to constrain those involved from introducing their personal grievances into general club business. However, whilst remedial committee action was in train the matter was introduced at the January General Meeting.

Without going into too much detail I will describe what is now history for those who were present. Our previous President was condemned for representing the club when he was not in a position to do so, to the embarrassment of the committee and the club members, and for his negative attitude. He apologised for his over zealous actions and made a committment to the club to mend his ways. His apology and committment were accepted by the club members.

On the other hand his accusers, who were represented at the meeting by the Secretary, and one of the more vocal members, were demanding the member's resignation and if that was not forthcoming that night, the committee members involved would stand down from their elected positions. Given the club's formal acceptance of the member's apology, the Secretary then announced his resignation and the absentee resignation of the President and the Treasurer. The Touring Secretary had stood down earlier because of the ill feeling within the Committee.

The club members present then voted the Vice President and presiding Chairman as the caretaker President until the A.G.M. who in turn co-opted Graeme Cameron to the position of caretaker Secretary.

The caretaker President undertook to obtain confirmation of their absentee resignations from the President and the Treasurer.

The Treasurer will be required to present a formal annual Treasurer's Report at the February General Meeting before her resignation is accepted. This report will be audited in the traditional manner prior to, and for presentation at, the A.G.M.

All members are now urged to consider this matter at a close, and ask themselves "Not what the Club can do for me, but, What can I do for the Club". With the club elections approaching on 10 March at Royals Rugby Union Club in Weston, members are encouraged to make themselves availble for nomination to the committee.

On behalf of all club members I would like to thank those committee members, who have stepped down, for their hard work and dedication.

Members are also reminded that they must be financial before they can participate in the elections at the A.C.M.

Mike Houston
Vice President

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The latest unconfirmed information obtained by the Vice President is that the President is coming to the February meeting to have his say and to resign from the committee and that the Treasurer is to serve out her term.

PLEASE NOTE : WESTON MOTORCYCLES HAVE MOVED -
SITUATED NOW AT 65 DUNDAS COURT, PHILLIP. 851944
SERVICE STILL AT WESTON.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON SAFETY

RECENTLY OUR CLUB DISCUSSED ASPECTS OF ROAD SAFETY AND MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING IN ORDER TO MAKE US ALL MORE SAFETY CONSCIOUS.

SO FAR THE RIDER TRAINING PART IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES, WITH MIKE 'THE BIKE' HOUSTON DOING THE 'ROAD' SECTION AND BOB RUMSEY TAKING CARE OF DIRT ROAD RIDING. PERHAPS WE CAN USE THE JOURNAL TO IMPART SOME 'HELPFUL HINTS'.

THE IDEA FOR THIS ITEM WAS BROUGHT ON BY A COMMENT IN THE LOCAL 4 OWNERS' MCC JOURNAL. THEIR CLUB CAPTAIN (EQUIVALENT TO OUR TOURING SECRETARY) HAD MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL RIDERS IN THEIR CLUB HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AND HE SOUGHT TO HIGHTEN THEIR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS.

FIRSTLY, WE SHOULD ALL CONSIDER THE ROADWORTHINESS OF OUR BIKES (AND CARS TOO FOR THAT MATTER). CHECK REGULARLY ITEMS SUCH AS TYRES FOR WEAR AND CORRECT PRESSURE, LIGHTS - INCLUDING BRAKE AND INDICATOR BULBS - TO CHECK THAT THEY ARE ALL WORKING AND THAT SPARES ARE AVAILABLE AT HOME IF NOT STORED ON THE BIKE (IN THE TAILLIGHT ASSEMBLY IS A GOOD SPOT). WE ALL KNOW THAT A BULB WILL ONLY 'BLOW' AFTER THE SHOPS ARE SHUT... THE FRONT AND REAR BRAKES SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR ADJUSTEMENT AND TO ENSURE THAT PADS AND/OR SHOES ARE NOT WORN OUT. THE BRAKE FLUID SHOULD BE UP TO THE CORRECT LEVEL AND NOT TOO OLD, AS THE FLUID CAN ABSORB MOISTURE THAT AFFECTS THE BOILING POINT UNDER HARD BRAKING. THIS SHOULD BE CHANGED ACCORDING TO THE OWNER'S MANUAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE MOTOR CAN BE CHECKED FOR OIL LEVEL/LEAKS AND OVERALL PERFORMANCE - CLUTCH ACTION ETC. - AND THE FRAME CHECKED FOR CRACKS/FRACTURES THAT MAY OCCUR AFTER LONG TOURING TRIPS/ROUGH DIRT ROADS AND SO ON. COPIES OF PREVIOUS TECHNICAL ARTICLES FROM EARLIER JOURNALS COVERING THESE ITEMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM FRANK MILLWOOD, THE CLUB LIBRARIAN.

IT IS SO EASY TO TAKE THE BIKE'S CONDITION FOR GRANTED, AND THE DANGER HERE IS THAT WHEN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OCCURS THAT'S THE TIME ANY FAULT COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CLOSE SHAVE AND A NASTY ACCIDENT - AND THAT IS WHAT WE WANT TO AVOID.

THE NEXT THING TO CONSIDER IS OUR 'DRESS'. NO, I DON'T MEAN LIKE THE WOMEN IN THE CLUB WEAR, RATHER THE ITEMS WE SHOULD ALL WEAR AS SAFETY EQUIPEMENT, I.E. HELMET (CLEAN SCRATCH FREE VISOR ?), GLOVES, JACKET, STURDY SHOES OR BOOTS (NONE OF THIS THONGS AND SHORTS PLEASE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A TRIP TO THE CORNER STORE... THATS THE MOST LIKELY RECIPE FOR DISASTER, AS THE CASUALTY WARD AT MOST HOSPITALS WOULD ATTEST TO). I AGREE, IT'S NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE OR ADVISABLE TO PUT ON A FULL SET OF LEATHERS FOR DAILY COMMUTING OR SHORT TRIPS, BUT COMMON SENSE SHOULD PREVAIL OVER UNSAFE CLOTHING STYLES WHEN RIDING IF YOU VALUE YOUR SKIN (LITERALLY). YOUR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING SHOULD BE IN GOOD ORDER AND SUITABLE FOR THE RIDING YOU INTEND TO DO. A LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET MIGHT BE FINE AROUND TOWN BUT NEXT TO USELESS ON A FOUR HOUR RIDE AFTER DARK...

HOW ABOUT YOUR RIDING 'ATTITUDE' ?? DO YOU CONSIDER OTHER ROAD USERS AS WELL AS YOUR PASSENGER'S SAFETY ?? LIKE OVERTAKING OVER DOUBLE YELLOW LINES - EVEN IF IT LOOKS SAFE, IT MAY CAUSE A CAR DRIVER SOME CONCERN AND MAKE HIS ATTITUDE TO RIDERS WORSE. SOMETIMES IT IS WORTHWHILE TO OVERTAKE/PASS AFTER A SHORT WAIT BEHIND A VEHICLE RATHER THAN TO JUST BLAST PAST REGARDLESS AS SOON AS YOU CATCH UP.

YOUR ATTITUDE BECOMES IMPORTANT AS SOON AS YOU CLIMB ABOARD THE BIKE AND START-UP. THE WAY YOU RIDE WILL ENHANCE YOUR CHANCE OF SURVIVAL ON THE ROAD. IF YOU EXPECT THE WORST FROM OTHER ROAD USERS, BE THEY TRUCK DRIVERS WITH A HEAVY RIG, OR A WOMAN IN A DATSUN CONCENTRATING ON THE KIDS PLAYING UP ON THE BACK SEAT INSTEAD OF YOU ABOUT TO CROSS IN FRONT OF HER AT AN INTERSECTION, THEN WHEN THE INEVITABLE ' I DIDN'T SEE YOU' SITUATION OCCURS, YOU ARE ALL PREPARED FOR EVASIVE ACTION.

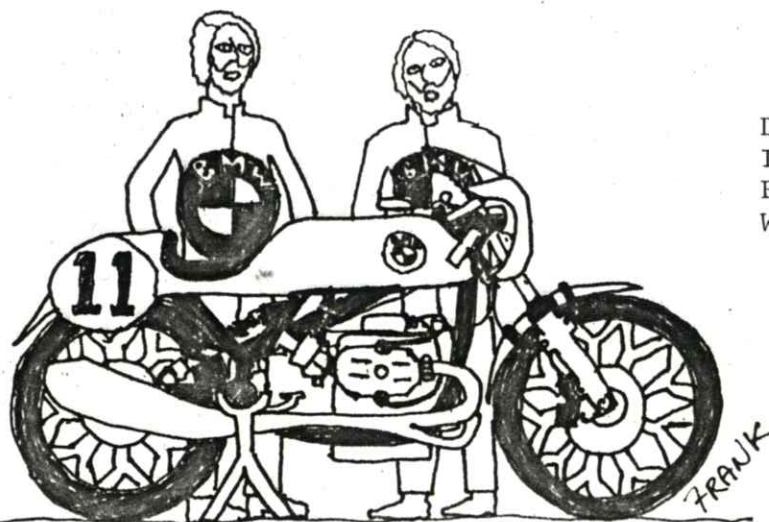
WHAT YOU NEED IS YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU AND AT THE SAME TIME CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER MOTORISTS (SO AS NOT TO DELIBERATELY ANTAGONISE THEM TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WANT TO RUN OVER THE NEXT BIKE THEY SEE...), AS YOUR SAFETY IS VERY OFTEN DEPENDENT ON THE ACTIONS OF OTHERS, ESPECIALLY IN HEAVY TRAFFIC WHEN A CAR CLOSE BEHIND COULD RUN INTO YOU IF YOU HAVE TO BRAKE SUDDENLY. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO CREATE YOUR 'ZONE OF SAFETY' ABOUT YOU AND THAT MAY MEAN LETTING SOMEONE PAST IF THEY DON'T KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BEHIND.

THE 'TWO SECOND RULE' IS ALSO HELPFUL. THAT IS, KEEPING AT LEAST TWO SECONDS AWAY FROM THE CAR/BIKE IN FRONT. WHEN THEY PASS A FIXED OBJECT - SAY A GUIDE POST - YOU COUNT 'ONE THOUSAND, TWO THOUSAND', AND IF YOU PASS THE SAME MARK BEFORE YOU FINISH, THEN YOU ARE TOO CLOSE TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION IF THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHING UNEXPECTED (MAKE IT THREE SECONDS IF IT IS WET). A SIMPLE MATTER TO BE SURE, BUT PART OF THE GOOD ATTITUDE WE SPOKE OF EARLIER.

THEN WE SHOULD IMPROVE OUR ROAD SKILLS. FIND A LARGE CAR PARK OR CLEAR ROAD AND PRACTISE CONTROLLED EMERGENCY BRAKING AND BIKE CONTROL BY SETTING UP A ROW OF WITCH'S HATS (EMPTY MILK CARTONS WITH A LITTLE WATER IN THEM WILL DO) AND SETTING A COURSE THROUGH THEM. IT IS BEST TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE WITH YOU TO OBSERVE/MARK YOUR IMPROVEMENT AND IN CASE YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

PERHAPS OTHERS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE JOURNAL ON THIS MATTER, SHARING THE 'NEAR MISS' EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURED THAT COULD WARN OTHER RIDERS OR PERHAPS JUST TO RAISE QUESTIONS THAT SOMEONE COULD RESEARCH ANSWERS TO ON GENERAL MATTERS OF ROAD SAFETY. WE ARE ALWAYS LEARNING WHEN WE RIDE, AND ONE MISTAKE CAN BE OUR LAST. LET'S HELP EACH OTHER ON THIS ONE BY LEARNING TO RIDE SAFELY AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO RIDE SAFELY AS WELL.

CHRISTOPHER FULKER. R8D.



DO YOU THINK
IF WE PUT SOME
FUEL IN, IT
WOULD GO.

THE R68

The R68 was made from 1952 'til 1954 in which some 1,453 examples were built, it was BMWs first 100mph road bike.

The motor, a type 268/1 was a flat twin four stroke with overhead valves, it had a capacity of 590 cm³ with a bore and stroke of 72 & 73mm, with a compression ratio of 7.6 to 1 and gave out 35 BHP at 7,000 RPM. It was fitted with two semi down draught Bing 26mm carburettors. There was a single disc dry plate clutch which fed power straight to a type 250/5 constant mesh four speed gearbox with gear ratio of 4.0 to 1 for 1st, 2.28 to 1 for 2nd, 1.7 to 1 for 3rd and 1.3 to 1 for 4th. A drive shaft with spiral bevel gear flexible disc hardy and universal joint gave power to the back wheel with a final drive ratio of 3.89 to 1.

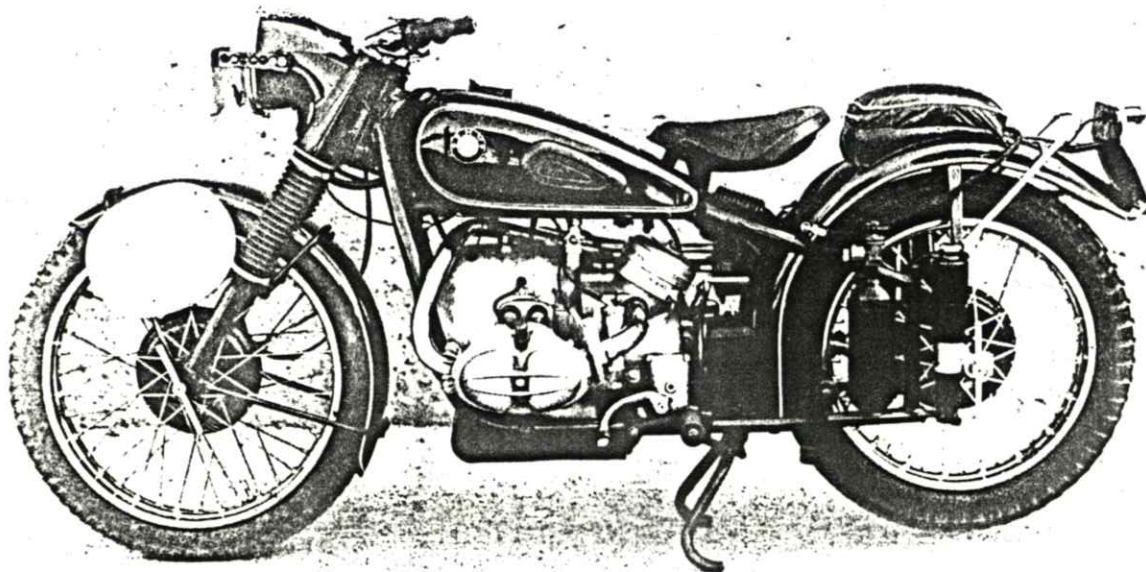
The frame was a type 251/4, a closed triangle twin-loop made out of oval section tubing. Fitted with telescopic forks with hydraulic shock absorber and helical compression springs up front with telescope plunger with helical compression springs at the rear. The wheels were 19 inch with twin leading shoe brakes at the front and single leading shoe at the rear.

The R68 was 2150mm long, a height of 725mm, a width of 790mm and a weight of 193kg unladen. It had a top speed of 160km/h and a fuel consumption of 21 km/l with a 17 litre fuel tank, it had a range of 357 km.

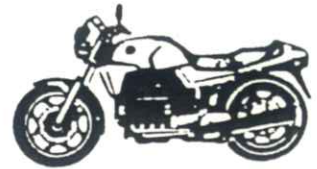
The R68 was BMWs sports model at the time and was different from other models, in that it had a change to the air filter housing and cleaner rocker covers with simpler lines, the mudguards were more sporting than usual on a BMW and it was fitted with a linked saddle and pillion seat which was a fore runner to the dual seat. In 1954 the forks were improved with two way hydraulic damping and lost their upper spring covers which were replaced with rubber gaiters. They were also fitted with full width light alloy hubs, straight spokes and alloy rims.

In 1953 Hans Roth and Georg Meier rode the R68 in the ISDT (International Six Day Trials) to win a gold which to my knowledge was the best off road performance, in road racing Jock Forrest won the 1954 Mount Druitt 24 hour for production machines, there were only two races held at Mount Druitt which is in the Sydney's Western suburbs. It is sad to note that Jocks two co riders were killed in the second race.

Frank.



Modified version used by Meier, Zeller and Roth in ISDT.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEW OR RENEWAL

Dear Secretary/Treasurer,

Please accept this application for new renewal of
 full joint associate member status for the Club year to
March 198__

NAME _____ PH : _____ (H)

ADDRESS _____ PH : _____ (W)

Postcode _____

JOINT MEMBER
NAME _____

MOTORCYCLE MAKE and MODEL - if fitted with sidecar, add s.c.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

FEES \$10 SINGLE \$12 JOINT for FULL or ASSOCIATE status

Attached is the amount of \$ _____ cash/cheque which entitles me/us
to the Club's regular Journal, Membership card, and (new members
only) Club badge.

I/WE agree to comply with the rules of the ACT BMW Motor Cycle Club
according to it's Constitution and to regularly participate in the
Club's activities as is reasonably possible.

signature signature date

COMMITTEE USE ONLY

signature Secretary/Treasurer date

Receipt No _____ Badge M'ship Card Constitution

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COOKS

~~Ian & Jeanette HAHN
67 Harrington Circuit, Kambah 2902~~