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28 December

There is NO Club monthly meeting in December

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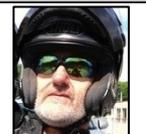
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Bottom: Garry & Bruce. G. Smee

ABOUT THE CLUB

Membership: You can apply to join the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. online from the Club's website <http://bmwmccact.org.au>. Members can update their personal details by logging on to the Club webpage.

Meetings: Club meetings are on the fourth Sunday each month at different locations across the ACT; currently Parks with BBQ's and following a cooked breakfast from 0830. The location and details are posted to the websites *What's On* and email reminders sent to members beforehand.

Activities: The Club's *What's On* web page details Club rides, social and other organised events. Members can email suggested rides and social events directly to the Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au) and Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au) respectively.

The Club's webpage has the most current information. The Ride Coordinator and Social Secretary will email members reminders and late changes to events. Email is the principal means of communicating with Club members; it is up to you to ensure that your email contact address is up to date and mailbox not so full that messages do not get through.

You can also join our Yahoo group ACTGravel surfers: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ACTGravelsurfing/>

Charity Support: Profits from the Club's *Kosciuszko Rally*, held each October, are donated to a nominated charity. Unfortunately, there was no profit in 2013 due to low numbers.

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, the Club welcomes contributions to our magazine 'Shaft Drive Lines'. Emailed content is preferred to the editor@bmwmccact.org.au or by @mail to:

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Participants in BMW MCCA ACT 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 from or through any Club activity. Remember your riding style impacts on the enjoyment and safety of other road users.

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PRESIDENT'S BANTER

Hi fellow members,

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and that you enjoy the festive times with your family and friends and hope that those motorcycle related gifts are just what you wanted! With the coming of the New Year, I take some time to reflect on the Club's activities over the past year and to formulate plans for activities that may interest and attract members throughout 2015.

A quick run-down of the Club's highlights for the past year includes the very successful *BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally* at Lake Cargelligo, the 33rd *Kosciuszko Rally* had perfect conditions and I did enjoy the ride over Dead Horse Gap again. The dual-sport ride from [Peppercorn Hill](#) in the Snowy Mountains down the length of the Murrumbidgee River to end at [Boundary Bend](#) Victoria was another highlight. Many members also enjoyed the Christmas in Winter party at Marlo and attended another First Aid Course to keep our skills up. Our restless Ride Coordinator and Editor, Garry Smees managed to attend numerous rallies as well.

For the rest of us who are less adventurous or time-constrained, we had General Meetings at BBQs the length and breadth of the ACT plus alternative breakfasts in the surrounding district. These General Meetings have proven their worth with a good turn-up every month so these will continue next year. Any suggestions of suitable venues and ride routes would be greatly received by our Ride Coordinator or Social Secretary.

The Club's Christmas party at the Mawson Club on 5th December was enjoyed by the 17 of us in attendance who had an excellent meal and some difficult quizzes. Steve Hay did an excellent job of organising the event and devising brain-stretching quizzes. Steve is looking at a less-formal format for next year's Christmas Party that should appeal to a greater number of members.

Lastly, be extra careful if you are travelling over the holiday period and come back home refreshed and ready for a busy BMW year.

Ride Safely

Martin Robertson



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Preiss

Jan & Jannine Marais-van Vuuren

We look forward to meeting you on a ride or at a Club event

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<<<<<<<<< *Just in case you see a flash of pearl white and electric blue from the corner of your eye. It may well be the Presidents increasingly farkled R1200R, most recently sporting new two-pack electric blue rims.*

WHAT'S ON

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.

The Clubs webpage <http://bmwmccact.org.au> and 'What's On' tab details Club rides and activities, as does the [Ride Coordinator](#) by email to members. Do not forget an article and pictures of your ride for the magazine! Send those to the [Editor](#)

Date	Detail	Contact
4 th Sunday each month	Club monthly meetings are held on the fourth Sunday at different locations. A BBQ breakfast from 0830 or lunch from 1200 (selected winter months) is available to members and visitors (\$5 for an egg & bacon roll and a coffee) beforehand and followed by a ride agreed 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 president@bmwmccact.org.au .
Riding events	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to Club members. If you are planning on a ride and want company, then email the Ride Coordinator before hand with ride and contact details and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Ride Coordinator (rides@bmwmccact.org.au)
Social events	Are listed on the <i>What's On</i> tab of the Clubs webpage http://bmwmccact.org.au and has the most up to date information. Periodic email reminders are sent to members. If you are coming along or want to host a social event then email the Social Secretary of your attendance (for planning numbers) or details of your event and he/she will send an email to members.	Contact the Social Secretary (social@bmwmccact.org.au)

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 to arrange for pickup, delivery and payment.



CLUB 2014 RIDE & SOCIAL CALENDAR



Do you want the Club to ride somewhere or do something in particular during 2014?

Then send your ride event or idea to rides@bmwmccact.org.au or Social event or idea to social@bmwmccact.org.au.

IMPROVING MEMBER RIDING SKILLS

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 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 45% of the course cost and maximum \$100. Sorry no reimbursement for travel, accommodation, meals or entertainment: only the training course.

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 for consideration.

- [BMW Australia Off Road Rider Training](#), various locations,
- [Stay Upright ACT @ Sutton](#),
- [Academy of Off Road Riding @ Nelligen](#)
- [Top Rider Motorcycle Rider Training @ Marulan](#), (occasionally in Canberra, check the web).
- [California Superbike School \(Australia\)](#), various race track locations.

In anticipation of the massed enthusiasm, for 2014 the subsidy has a 20-member course cap. We will keep you up to date on where we are at and if you are concerned please email the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au before booking your course.

The rules!

- You must be a current financial member of the BMW MCCA ACT Inc. Yes, we will check.
- You must book, pay and attend a course with one of the rider training organisations listed above.
- You, having successfully completed your course send a copy of your course completion certificate to the Treasurer@bmwmccact.org.au with your contact email and bank details, and
- The Treasurer, having validated your details will then reimburse you \$100 (maximum).
- You can claim only one reimbursement for this program cycle, April 2014 to February 2015 AGM.

CLUB SPOT



The Club has purchased a SPOT personal (or group) GPS tracker for financial Club members' limited use.

You will need to provide the response mobile phone number or email address that SPOT uses to communicate too. The Club will not be monitoring the SPOT or responding to any request for assistance.

The Club member borrowing the SPOT is required to leave a refundable cash security deposit of \$50 and responsible for providing the four AAA batteries (if/as required).

The SPOT comes with instructions on its use and preformatted messages.

You can read more about SPOT [here](#).

Contact Garry Smee rides@bmwmccact.org.au before you are next 'off grid' ride and let someone know where you are.

BMW MOTORCYCLE & PART RECALLS

Here is a list of recent BMW Motorcycle and motorcycle related product recalls listed on the ACCC [Product Safety Recalls Australia](#) website:

BMW Motorcycles: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/952852>.

Motorcycle Parts & Accessories: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/952853>.

Note: Not all importers choose to list their recalled motorcycle parts and accessories under this sub-heading, so a general search may be required ☹

CLUB WEBSITE, ACCOUNT, LOGIN & EMAILS

You can select what emails you want to receive from the Club by logging in to your account and 'viewing your profile'. From here, you can edit personal details, describe yourself, bikes or interests and importantly select what communications you want to get from the club including ride notices, event announcements and the Club magazine *Shaft Drive Lines*. Some things you cannot deselect including membership notices like renewals and reminders.

If you are not getting emails, maybe it is because your account is full or locked or you have changed email providers. These are all within your control and need to be changed by you. Lost your password? Then send an email to the web@bmwmccact.org.au

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EDITOR'S FILL

Christmas greetings to your all

This edition closes out another 12 months of *Shaft Drive Lines* and Club rides and events. The calendar has been full with quite a few members new and old getting out on at least one or more rides. Our Club, soon to be in its 35th year, only exists for the benefit of you its members; so if you are not seeing or Club not doing something you want to do, then let the Committee know. Why not get in early and make your New Year resolution to get out on the bike and ride more with the Club and even contribute a story or picture to *Shaft Drive Lines*.

Highlights for me included Dave Morgan's expertly led trips to Blue Waterholes and Murrumbidgee River Rides, the success of our hosting the *BMW Clubs Australia Motorrad Rally 2014* in Lake Cargelligo and improved numbers at the Club's 33rd *Kosciuszko Rally* at Geehi.

For our newer members the Club calendar looks a bit thin over late December and January, in part due to historically low numbers on rides, but this does not mean there are not any rides. Keep an eye out for emails of short rides or if you're planning a ride and want to invite company send me an email a few days before to rides@bmwmccact.org.au and I can send the details on to members.

Looking forward, the Club AGM is in March and your renewal falls due at the end of February 2015 with an email inviting your renewal before then along with the invoice for payment by EFT. These may seem a long way off and allowing you ample time to consider nominating and standing for election to the Committee. On the other hand, more likely having your nomination, including nose scratching, accepted. If you have questions as to who does what or what is entailed then contact the current committee member or President Martin. Nomination forms will be available in the New Year.

Thanks for your support through the year and continued safe riding,

Garry Smee

Editor & Ride Coordinator

BMW Clubs Australia Delegate

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Garry Smee, R1200ST

Lucky I had planned an early start for our overnight ride to Parkes with Terry (K1600GTL), Dean (R1200GS), Thilo (F650GS) and Wayne & Dianne (R1100RT) getting away on time under blue skies and warm Spring day to meet Bruce (R1150GS) in Cowra and a now quite warm Spring, more like Summer, day for coffee.



(L-R) Terry, Dean, Bruce, Thilo, Garry, Dianne & Wayne set for their tour.

Our remainder run to Parkes was uneventful only passing the one Macquarie Bank ATM (deposits only) on the outskirts to Parkes on our way to and reason for our visit the [CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope](#) and opportunity for a 'behind-the-wire' guided tour of the telescope. By the time we arrived in the visitor car park the temperature was 37°C and still rising. Having checked in with our tour guide and CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science Visitor Manager Glen Nagle, we stopped for a cold drink and quick lunch in the air-conditioned comfort of the *Dish Café*.

Whilst enjoying a cold beer, it was not long before chatting got in the way of touring and Glenn having stopped back expressly came along to move us on.

Our first stop was the Administration Building for sign-in, induction and safety

briefing. Whilst here Glenn provided us a background on the telescopes reason for being and its fame as star of the c2000 movie '[The Dish](#)'. Moving out to the telescope itself, Glenn proceeded to tell us the continuing story of *The Dish*' early years and the struggle to secure sufficient funding for its construction before moving in to the lower levels and scene of the movies Rudy's security post and kitchen used today by visiting scientists and in the movie with help from some special effects – on the cheap.

Continuing our climb took us to the operations level and operator consoles and meeting rooms before ascending to the telescopes equipment level. Whilst operated remotely today, the telescopes day-staff continues to maintain and configure the telescope for its radio science missions.

Glenn provided our group a short history of space radio science and how this field was helping human understanding of the origins of the universe and continuing expansion today; along with advances in technology that we may not have been seen so soon, if not for the radio astronomers needs.

This level saw us depart to the outside and look at the telescopes mechanical drives and precise control delivered to control the over 1000 tonne rotating structure of British design, German manufacture and Australian construction with funding by Australian Commonwealth, NSW State and US Science Society and private benefactors.

Unfortunately, as the telescope was tracking on the day of our visit, we did not have the opportunity to visit the dish surface and scene of that most famous cricket match. Any disappointment was soon forgotten with our re-entry back into the telescope via the spiral staircase only to reappear back in the equipment level via a 'hidden' door.



Dianne & Wayne listen intently to Glen describing the equipment room function and layout and the all-important telescopes, don't touch, 'movement controls' as they were pre-set to the radio astronomer's favoured location.

Having returned to our start point in the Administration Building some 2 hours later, it was time to hand in our helmets and return to the public side of the fence, thanking Glenn for his time, commitment and obvious passion for the Parkes Radio Telescope.



One person's micrometre smooth antenna track is another person's potential griddle. Barter...have you been listening...how much does the rotating antenna weigh? About 1000 tonnes.

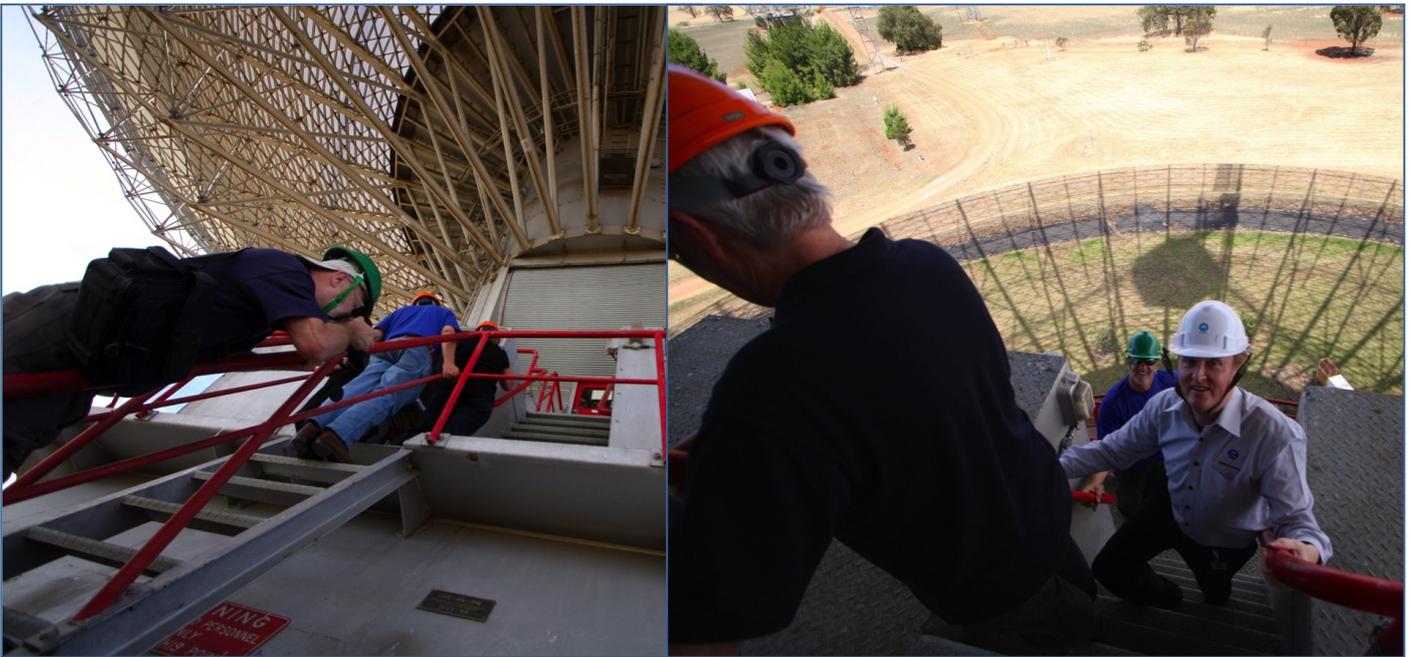
By now, our group was feeling the drying effects of the near 40°C and looking forward to a cold drink so headed off leaving Bruce and I to have a quick look around the Visitor Centre before riding back into town and our nights' accommodation at the *Cambridge Hotel*. The pub was not without its attractions, like rooms that felt like 50°C, although someone had a ceiling fan!

I had also arranged a visit on the same weekend as Parkes Central School Year 12 formal and booked accommodation in the only pub open after 10pm, with band and disco, for post ball drinks ensuring the best night's sleep was had by the couple of members who snuck out to the motel with air-con up the road. They were found out sneaking back in the early morning.

With Terry seeing family and Thilo making his own way home, Wayne & Dianne left

for Forbes to meet Wayne's brother over from the central coast; with the remainder, meeting them at that most assured of early opening cafes the Forbes Macca's for breakfast. Our early start was soon confirmed as a wise choice as the temperature steadily increased as we made our back-roads way to Young.

It was here that we farewelled Bruce for his return to Wagga, and our now diminished group returned via Boorowa, Hume & Barton Highways to home.



Glen led us in-to, up, through, out and back down this amazing 'scientific instrument' celebrating its 53rd birthday and still going strong but with an increasingly uncertain future.

Having ridden past the telescope in the past and visited some years ago with the family, I thoroughly enjoyed this most recent visit and guided tour of *The Dish*.

The future of the CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope is uncertain with reduced funding, competition for funding and newer telescopes coming on line, but it continues to serve Australia well and is well worth the visit when you are next riding past Parkes on the Newell Highway.



Thanks Glenn for the visit to CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope, BMW MCCA CT

AUTO CLASSIC BMW MOTORRAD CENTRE, PERTH

Dave Morgan, R1200GS (when last seen), on assignment in WA

Being my first time in WA on holidays and as son Peter and family had just moved to Perth earlier in the year, we took the R1200GS's for a run to check out the local Perth BMW dealership *enroute* to a pub lunch at Freo. Perth BMW Motorrad looked well sorted, complete with a full professional coffee machine at the ready (although the absence of the barista meant that nothing was on the go there at that time). I did also note that DriRider gear had equal billing with the "home team", in so far as ride clobber went. A goodly collection of gear. Both bike staff members were friendly and helpful and seemed to have a good number of bikes on display, with a few being prepped for collection by their new owners.

A few days earlier, we had obtained leave to do a run up into the Chittering Valley, NE of Perth, starting at Bullsbrook and re-joining the Great Northern Highway just S of Bindoon. From there we basically ran straight W from just above Bindoon, via Gingin, to the coast road, then S to Two Rocks the (current) northern most "frontier" of Perth's coastal creep. After Two Rocks, it was an urban run S to Pete's place at Duncraig.

The Chittering Road ride was obtained from The Bear's *Hema Maps Motorcycle Atlas (5th Edn)* at Ride 89 (Google Maps route <http://goo.gl/maps/izqmN>).

As to the bigger picture, with our two week stay coming to an end, Sue and I start our ride back East, via SW WA coast and the Nullarbor mid next week (~Wed, 3rd Dec 14). More to follow.

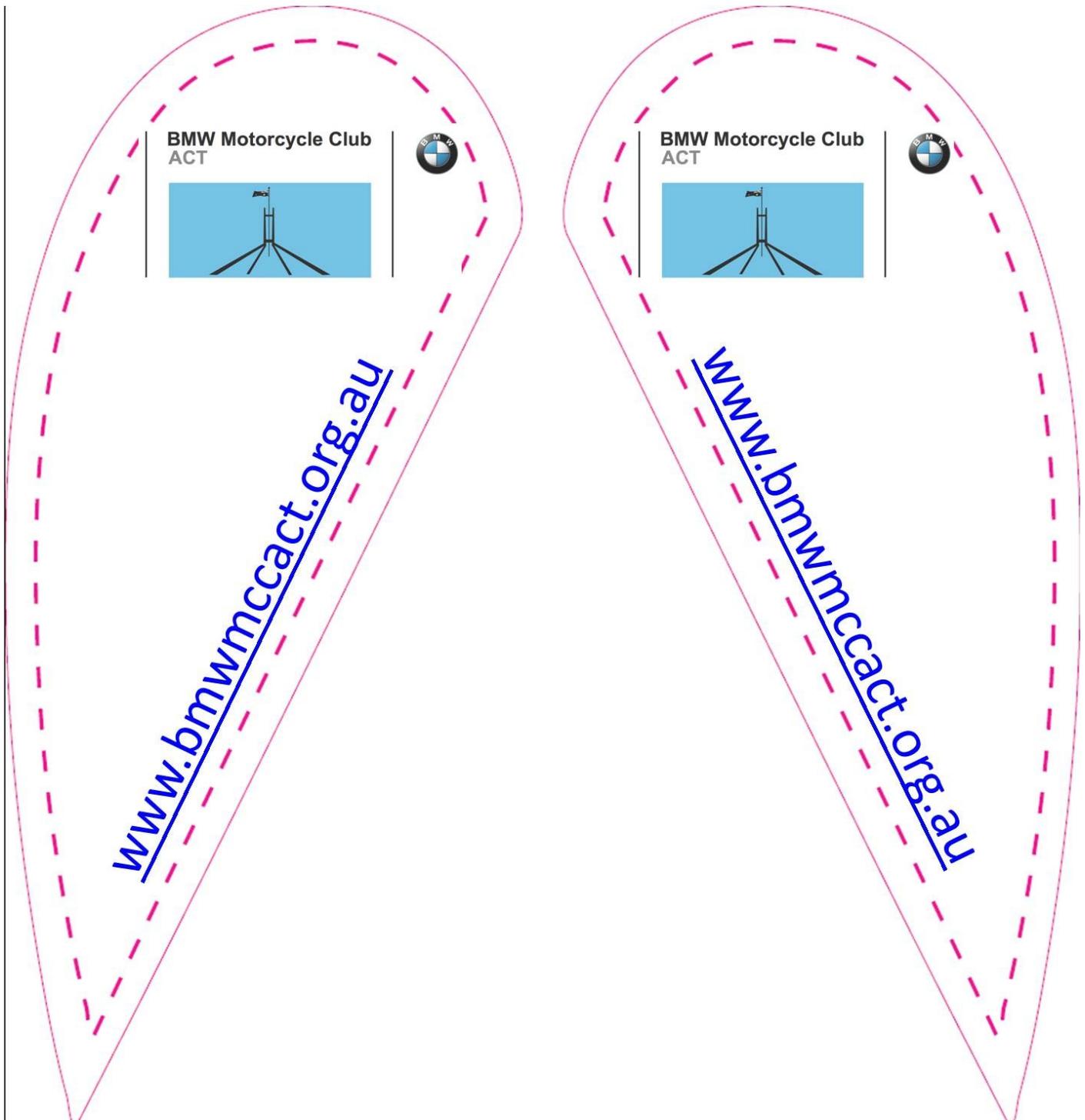


Pete out front of Perth BMW Motorrad

BMWCCACT CLUB BANNER

Garry Smee

As an *Official BMW Club*, we have an approved logo, and to support our public activities the Club has a large banner. To supplement this banner that is not overly motorcycle friendly, your Committee proposes to buy a 2m portable 'teardrop banner' and invites members to consider what to put on the blank space beneath the logo. For the budding or serious artist there is a template in the members' area of the website. Simply download the template, add your contribution and return it by email to editor@bmwmccact.org.au. Look for the results in 2015. In the meantime, here is one example:



You can read more on Print Smart Banners here <http://fabricbanners.net.au/corporate-flags-banners-printing/>.

BMW MOTORRAD 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2016

BMW celebrates 100 years of manufacturing in 2016 and invites Official BMW Clubs to participate by celebrating the event at a local level. BMW will produce a worldwide calendar of events and your Committee is seeking member input to an event. Suggesting an event does not mean you have to plan and run it, but that would be nice. If you have an idea then email it to the President@bwmccact.org.au for consideration. And watch this space.

BMWCCACT LIFE MEMBERS

The Club has seven life members and has lost contact with two of them -

- Christopher Fulker, and
- Frank Millwood

If you know their whereabouts please send the Membership Secretary their contact details at members@bwmccact.org.au.

IT'S A KOALA'S LIFE ON THE BEACH

Summer in Australia; what's missing? A cold drink whilst overlooking the vista of 1200GSA on the beach, could it get much better...



ABC North Queensland's Jamie Rule was on holiday with his family on Magnetic Island when a koala climbed down from a tree and went for a wander on the beach.

James Cook University's Professor Andrew Krockenberger says while it is a rare sight to see a koala on the beach, it is not unheard of. "It is not normal, we don't see that very often, however it is not so abnormal that I've never heard of this before. Koalas found in islands of the Noosa River are known to even swim between islands," he said.

Originally, from Jamie Rule and ABC News website. If you want the rest of the story, see here: <http://www.abc.net.au/local/photos/2014/11/26/4136872.htm>.

From the Editor's Desk

You hear about these, but it is not until you go looking for them that they become known. Now if your brake light stops working and you intend stopping or slowing suddenly, say just before you hit that creek crossing; ride into that patch of bulldust or someone pulls out, turns in front or otherwise impedes your forward motion...

55 How to give a stop signal by giving a hand signal

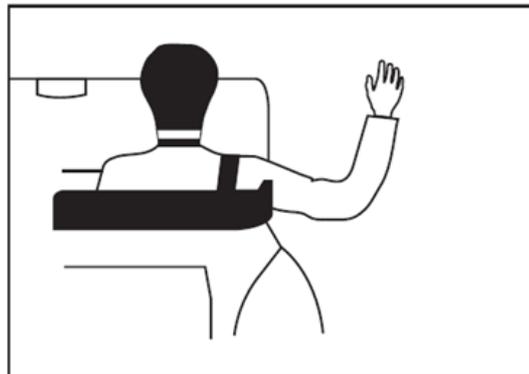
- (1) To give a hand signal for stopping or suddenly slowing, the driver must extend the right arm and hand at right angles from the right side of the vehicle, with the upper arm horizontal and the forearm and hand pointing upwards, and with the hand open and the palm facing the direction of travel.

- (2) However, the rider of a motor bike may give the hand signal by extending the left arm and hand at right angles from the left side of the motor bike, with the upper arm horizontal and the forearm and hand pointing upwards, and with the hand open and the palm facing the direction of travel.

Note **Motor bike** is defined in the dictionary.

Example

Giving a hand signal for stopping or suddenly slowing



BMWCCACT AWARDS NIGHT & CHRISTMAS DINNER

Martin Robertson, pictures

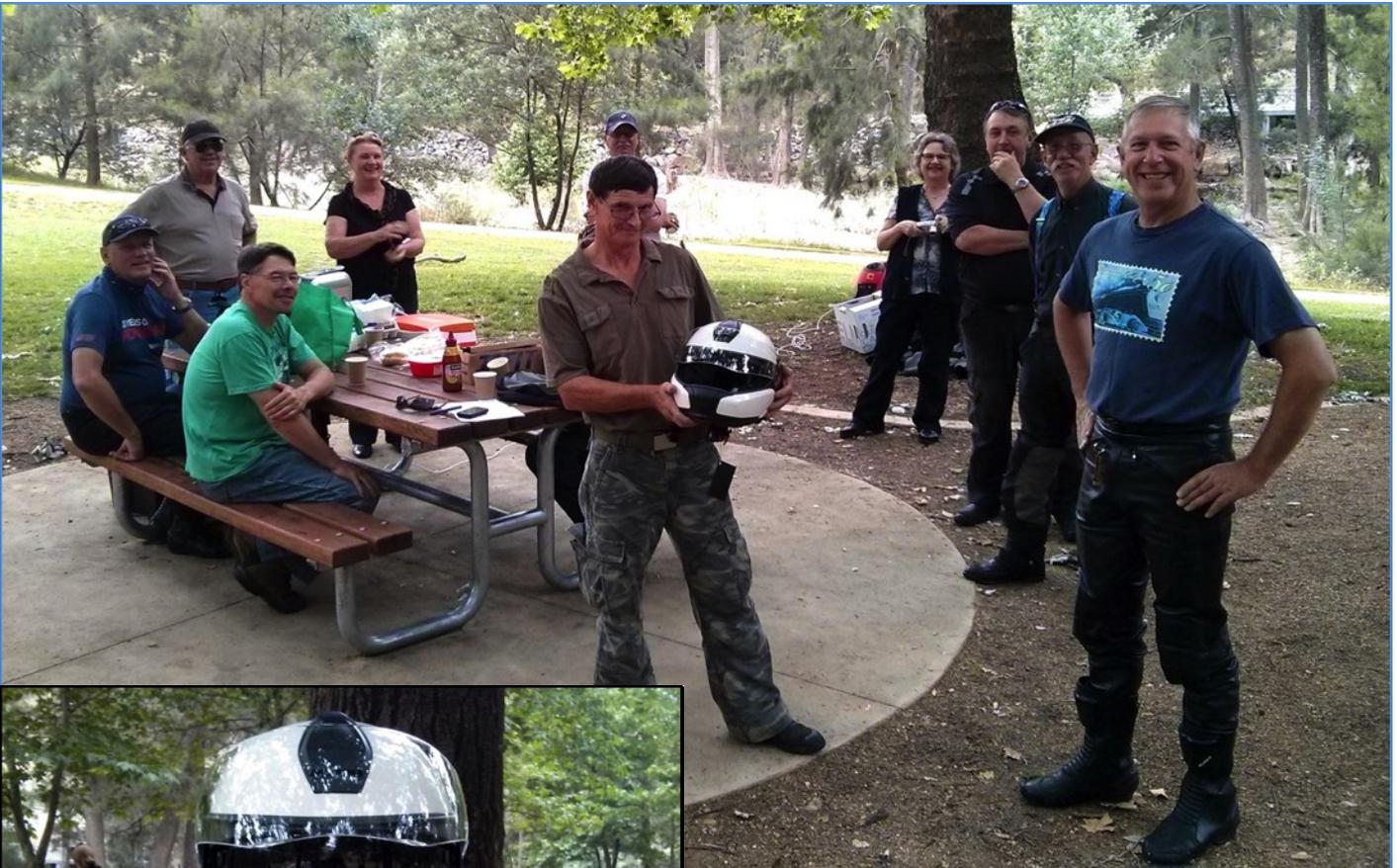


Garry Smee

Our November breakfast & meeting started inauspiciously having walked the dogs under threatening skies and occasional drop of rain. Undeterred and having carriage of the Club' breakfast the Prado left home for the trip to Murrays Corner BBQs. Despite having stopped at these BBQ's twice in the preceding weeks to check the BBQ's were working, today they weren't due to 'no gas', only slightly less frustrating than the previous users who had managed to cook before leaving all their rubbish and dirty hot plates for the next person or group. In this case us.

Undeterred the quick decision was made to relocate back to the Cotter Dam BBQ's 6km's back up the road. And who said living in Canberra was unpleasant! Prez Martin left a note for late arrivals and subsequently missed by Ian Warren's arrival for the Club Meeting; who assumed we would not be far away and found us at the Cotter BBQs.

Following the cooked breakfast of egg & bacon rolls, washed down with the finest fresh espresso coffee, discussed past events and future planned, the meeting concluded under the patter of rain on elm leaves. With no takers for the proffered day ride in the rain, members donned their wet-weathers and headed home.



Stephen Murray an enthusiastic winner of the Club's 2014 *Kosciuszko Rally* major prize a BMW Evo 6 Helmet, donated by *BMW Group Australia* couldn't wait to model his new helmet and soon to be tested on a trip to Queensland.

BMW CLUBS AUSTRALIA MOTORRAD RALLY 2014 – THANK YOU'S

The Club and participants at the Rally donated a 20L Birko Electric Urn valued at \$250 and \$500 cheque to the Curlew Lake Cargelligo Hospital Auxiliary. Staff and patients will use the urn in the day surgery suite and at fund raising events, whilst the \$500 will purchase those necessities and nice-to-haves not provided for by NSW Health.



THANK YOU

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*M. Evans
Treasurer.*

THE TAIL LIGHT

Having difficulty in putting fingers to the keyboard or finding the words to accompany your riding picture? Well then, this is the section just for you. Send your picture to the Editor@bmwmccact.org.au along with your name and a caption. If that is too hard, then your picture will go in without credit!



Terry Cunningham's California Super Bike School Experience.

My son Adam and I rode up to Sydney the night before and stayed at the motel across from the Sydney motor sport complex. A great motel that is close to the complex. Whilst at the motel, a man saw us with our bikes and introduced himself as Louie (Chief riding coach for the [Australian branch](#) of the California Superbike School); he asked if we were here for the school tomorrow. As we talked the conversation went along these lines.

Louie, 'I take it you are hiring a bike from us for the school?' Terry, 'No I will be riding my own bike if that was ok.' Louie, 'well we have never had a bike like yours (2014 GTLE) taking part in our school. I will see you both in the morning.'

The next day showed signs of inclement weather and as our classroom session started down the rain came; it was good that we were learning about throttle control. After the class session, it was then time for the practical session to see how well we can put what we had learnt into practice. Might I say the GTLE was awesome in the rain. Unfortunately, during the session we lost 3 riders due to crashing.

Session two and three talked about Turn Points and Quick Steer. The rest of the day was spent on a dry track. It seemed that the big tourer was getting noticed as when I came back in from the track sessions there was a bunch of guys on sports bike saying that it was not right seeing that bike rounding up sports bikes on the track.

Sessions four and five taught us Rider Input and Two Step Turning. Well, the last session (five) allowed us to use full gears and it was fantastic not having to worry about oncoming traffic and the men in blue just putting everything that we learnt throughout the day into practice until one of the coaches came past me gesturing for me to pull into the pits. Now, I am thinking, what have I done wrong? When we pulled up at the end of the pits, I said what's wrong? He said that there was smoke and sparks coming from my foot pegs and did I know how far over I was in the corners. I replied, 'I am just putting what I have learnt into practice, then back out for the remainder of the session.'

Bring on Level 2 and thank you to the BMWCCACT for the [\\$100 reimbursement](#).