The BSA Banter

The Journal of the BSA Motorcycle Club of NSW Inc

Vol 46 #4 July 2026

Meetings

8pm, 1st Thursday of each month

Wentworth Hotel,

195 Parramatta Rs, Homebush

(Opposite Sydney Markets)

Or Zoom

1

THE SHED

Fellow Beezaphiles…

We are now two weeks from the 26 September deadline for entries to the 2026 National Rally in Pambula Beach, on the sunny South Coast of NSW. Entries may be made at **trybooking.com.au**, where you can pay for the entry, which includes**: 1 rally badge + 1 rally patch + 1 rally polo shirt + 3 concours bike entries + 1 lunch Bombala + 1 presentation dinner + Monday bbq. Bargain!**
Extra badges, polos, patches and dinner tix can also be ordered.
I went for a recce last week to Bermagui and inspected the Pambula caravan site and some of the ride roads, which are cracking good bike stuff.

As we are an "old" bike club, I thought to contact the other state BSA (or accepting) clubs east of WA, and received great responses from SA, Vic and Qld. Quite some differences between states, in both membership and activities. I will put up an article on this in the next Banter after getting the OK for the text from the other club secs.

Recent news from the press on a NSW police "test" crackdown on illegal e-bikes on the Sydney northern beach suburbs. Over 30 "doctored" (ie the throttle cutout disabled) bikes were impounded. Must have been a very small raid as I can count more than that in my suburb alone any day. The NSW gummint is tightening the regs on sales and importation and may introduce some sort of rego. However that won't cover the underage hoons on the streets and paths. I spotted three unregistered trail bikes being ridden by underage kids down our main highway the other day.

Bike safely, all you licensed and insured riders. The Ed

The BSA Banter is the official journal of the BSA Club of New South Wales

It is distributed free to the members of the Club and to other like organizations.

The views expressed are those of the authors of each particular item and may not necessarily be those of the Club in general unless otherwise stated. All articles reprinted have been credited to their original authors where known.

All articles printed are © Copyright BSA Club of NSW by virtue of publication or have, to the best of our knowledge, passed into the public domain.

Disclaimer: To the best of our knowledge, all archive material printed herein has passed into the public domain because of its age. If we have inadvertently used any material which is currently subject to copyright by any other organisation or individual, please contact us and we will either withdraw the material or acknowledge your copyright, as you prefer.

CLUB MEETINGS

Minutes of the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of 2nd July, 2026.
The Ordinary General Meeting was held via combined live and zoom. The meeting commenced at 7:40 pm and was chaired by President Peter W.
Attendance: Present were the following members:
At Wentworth Hotel: Peter W, Shane P, Trevor H, Victor T, Gordon H, Shane R, Michael P, Joe W and Paul A.
Via Zoom: Neil P, Tony G, John M and Mark F.
Apologies Received: Steve A, Peter H, Phillip L, Lewis L, Gary P
Visitors Present: Nil
General Business:
1) Minutes of the prior Meetings:
Minutes from the June 2026 meeting were accepted.
2) Welfare:
Andrew Gunn has been very sick for the past few months. He has spent several weeks in hospital including surgery in March. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Andrew.
Neil P is recovering and will be riding again next week.
Doug M has a broken hip. He has been released from hospital and is recovering.
3) Memberships: Currently 76 members have renewed their membership. Note – if your membership has lapsed, your bike(s) can no longer be legally ridden on public roads!
4) Treasurer's Report: Funds available are $8381.89
5) Correspondence:
Mail (in and out): We received a letter from the Veteran & Historic Motorcycle Club advising that their club magazine will be digital only from this month.
Email: All club related emails received have been issued by the Secretary to the member distribution list.
Magazines Received: (Note – hard copy only reported here – refer mail out lists for all magazines). BSA Burble for June 2026
6) Regalia: Nothing to report.
7) Ride Reports:
Sunday 7th of June to Mittagong RSL. Victor will upload report
8) Upcoming Rides for 2026:
5th July Patonga for lunch, meet Maccas Mt Colah. Leaving 10.00am sharp.
9th August Bundeena via Helensburgh, meet Ampol Heathcote 10.00am
Open forum for All members to contribute to possible Club rides. Joe W interested in any suggestions for both the monthly Club ride and ad hoc mid-week runs.
9) Upcoming Rallies and Swap Meets:
25-26 July Mac Towns Rally - based at Pitt Town Sports Club
28-29 Aug. Bulli Antique Motorcycle weekend Bulli Showgrounds
16-18 Oct. Thunder Rally - Sheba Dams Nundle. Steve 0419 447 833 – Helga 0412 530 713
26-30 Oct. BSA National Rally at Pambula Beach
23-23 Nov. Moss vale Swap meet. Moss Vale Showgrounds Illawarra Hwy Moss Vale
10) Other Business and Matters Arising from Correspondence:
2026 National Rally
Registration for the 2026 Rally is online only via ticketing platform TryBooking.
It was reported that some attendees are not nominating a bike. This info is necessary for working out the concours classes and determining how many medallions are required etc.

A rally meeting at Thirroul will be organised for later in the month. Date to be advised via email. It will be open to all members and will be an official club ride.
Next meeting which includes the AGM is scheduled for the 6th of August 2026 at 7:30pm.
Zoom details
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85270574301?pwd=Y1pmRm8wTmlYWGVvK05YeTVrOWJRZz09
Meeting ID: 852 7057 4301 Passcode: 045999
There being no further General Business, the Ordinary General Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Minutes of the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of 13 August, 2026.
The Ordinary General Meeting was held via combined live and zoom. The meeting commenced at 7:50 pm and was chaired by re-elected President Peter W.
Attendance: Present were the following members:
At Wentworth Hotel: Peter W, Shane P, Trevor H, Victor T, Gordon H, Shane R, Michael P and Joe W
Via Zoom: John M, Mark F and Niall J.
Apologies Received: Peter H, Lewis L, Neil P, Tony G
Visitors Present: Nil
General Business:
1) Minutes of the prior Meetings:
Minutes from the July 2026 meeting were accepted.
2) Welfare:
Doug M is recovering from his broken hip.
3) Memberships: Currently 80 financial members. John advised that Victoria has 415 members and there was a discussion on how they do it. Some of the reasons are the differing state systems and also the events and benefits they are able to provide. John will continue his investigation with the other states in the hope that we can learn something.
4) Treasurer's Report: Funds available are $11386.23. Funds from 29 Rally bookings are included in this figure.
5) Correspondence:
Mail (in and out): We received a letter from the Veteran & Historic Motorcycle Club advising that their club magazine will be digital only from this month.
Email: All club related emails received have been issued by the Secretary to the member distribution list.
Magazines Received: (Note – hard copy only reported here – refer mail out lists for all magazines). BSA Burble for July 2026
6) Regalia: Nothing to report. No sales for the past 2 months.
7) Ride Reports:
No recent rides due to inclement weather.
8) Upcoming Rides for 2026:
6th September Wiseman's Ferry, meet Maccas Kellyville10.00 am – Fathers' Day. 4th October Mystery Ride, meet Leo's Truck Stop Casula 9.00am – daylight saving start 8th November Warragamba Dam via Mulgoa then Thirlmere, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9,00am 6th December Berowra Waters Marina for end of year catch up, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9.00am.
Open forum for All members to contribute to possible Club rides. Joe W interested in any suggestions for both the monthly Club ride and ad hoc mid-week runs.
9) Upcoming Rallies and Swap Meets:
28-29 Aug. Bulli Antique Motorcycle weekend Bulli Showgrounds
16-18 Oct. Thunder Rally - Sheba Dams Nundle. Steve 0419 447 833 – Helga 0412 530 713
26-30 Oct. BSA National Rally at Pambula Beach
23-23 Nov. Moss vale Swap meet. Moss Vale Showgrounds Illawarra Hwy Moss Vale

10) Other Business and Matters Arising from Correspondence:
2026 National Rally
Peter W is waiting on a quote from Premier Awards for 20 x 70mm Medallions which will be presented along with an A5 Card to the concours winners.
Trevor showed his designs for the rally patch and badge.
A rally meeting has been organised for the 26th of August at the Headlands Hotel at Austinmer Beach. Meeting at Ampol Heathcote, leaving at 10:30am. Designated club ride.

11) AGM
The 2026 AGM preceded this OGM. The minutes of the AGM will be issued when I receive the President's Treasurer's and Registrar's reports
Next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd of September 2026 at 7:30pm.
Zoom details
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85270574301?pwd=Y1pmRm8wTmlYWGVvK05YeTVrOWJRZz09 Meeting ID: 852 7057 4301
Passcode: 045999
There being no further General Business, the Ordinary General Meeting closed at 8:15 pm.

Off (!) the Road Again Pts 5/6

By Shane

Part the fifth
Starting to put Humpty together again.

Getting ahead

Cleaned the rocker box gasket faces up with strips of red Scotchbrite pads, kero and elbow grease. Cleaned up the combustion chamber and lapped in the valves. Checked they hold liquid with kero in the combustion chamber overnight.

Installed the new rocker box studs. Installed the rocker box on the head, as per the manual.

The rocker box inner face had to be relieved slightly for exhaust valve spring clearance during assembly.

Installed the new con rod and -0.010” big end shells. Torqued to 22 ft. lb. As per the manual.

NOTE: the oil hole faces the drive side.

Shrank the new bearings into the crankcases and inner timing case. Stuck the bearings in the freezer the night before, and the cases in the oven.

BSA claims 100 degrees C is enough, but I have had far more success with 180 to 200.

The drive side main bearing seemed fine, so that wasn't replaced.
The timing side main bearing and both gearbox bearings were replaced.

Removed the seals from the timing side main bearing for oil flow to the timing gears and cam follower. The original bearing probably would have been fine, but there is a lot of time and effort involved to replace a $20 bearing later if it wasn't.
The workshop manual claims the timing side main bearing is 7/8" x 2" x 9/16". This is incorrect. It is actually a metric 6305.

Both gearbox bearings were a little notchy. The new gearbox sleeve gear bearing is a 6206-2RS-C3 (2 rubber seals, C3 clearance), and the new gearbox timing side bearing is an RLS5-ZZ-C3. (2 metal shields, C3 clearance). The SKF RLS5 is equivalent to the original Hoffmann LJ5/8 (5/8" x 1 9/16" x 7/16")

I tend to be a precious snowflake where bearings are concerned, so prefer RHP, SKF, FAG or NTN.

INVITATION

The Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club are holding their Car and Bike Show on **Saturday 17th October 2026** at the Berry Showground Berry NSW.
The show is replacing the National Motoring Heritage day previously run by SHVC and is open to Historic and Classic Bikes 1900s to 1990s and includes a Show and Shine for later bikes. Bike can include all types. Road, trail, sports, race etc, our last show included a number of restored speedway bikes.

Regards Alan Marshall. (Bike wrangler). 0418 410 388.

CLUB RUNS

Prospect Hotel	3 Great Western Highway, Prospect
BP Asquith	Corner Pacific Hwy and Jersey St, North Asquith
Watertower	Wood Park, small lookout carpark on Hume Hwy westbound at intersection of Stacey St, Bankstown
Caltex Heathcote	1344 Princes Hwy, Heathcote, south of railway station
McDonalds Kellyville	Corner Merriville Rd and Windsor Rd, Kellyville
Luna Park	North Sydney
St Ives Showground	Mona Vale Road, St Ives
Leo's Truck Stop	Uncle Leo's Roadhouse, located in BP servo, 1 Campbelltown Rd, Glenfield
McDonalds Mt Colah	Corner Lady St and Pacific Highway, Mt Colah

Hungry Jacks Seven Hills Next to Bunnings, Prospect Highway, Seven Hills

Please Note: *If raining on the scheduled ride day, the ride transfers to the following weekend. However, please check with Joe Wursten Club Captain (0413776508), to confirm on the actual day as to conditions/ride etc as weather conditions vary in the Sydney region.*

2026 RIDE CALENDAR

4th January	**Lapstone Hotel** via Yarramundi, meet Maccas Kellyville 9,00am
8th February	**Burragorang Valley**, lunch stop on way home at the Oaks, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9.00am
8th March	**Palm Beach** via Church Point, meet St Ives Showground 9.00am
5th April	**Bilpin** for pie and coffee via the turf farms, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9.00am – note it's Easter.'
19th April	**BSA/Norton Gathering** Corrugated Cafe Peats Ridge, meet 9.00 am Maccas Mt Colah.
10th May	**Bayview Hotel** Woy Woy, meet Maccas Mt Colah 9.30am –Mothers' Day.
7th June	**Mittagong** RSL via Picton, Bargo, meet Leo's Truck Stop Casula0.00am
5th July	**Patonga** for lunch, meet Maccas Mt Colah 10.00am
9th August	**Bundeena** via Helensburgh, meet Ampol Heathcote 10.00am
6th September	**Wiseman's Ferry**, meet Maccas Kellyville10.00 am – Fathers' Day.
4th October	**Mystery Ride**, meet Leo's Truck Stop Casula 9.00am – daylight saving start
8th November	**Warragamba Dam** via Mulgoa then Thirlmere, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9,00am
6th December	**Berowra Waters** Marina for end of year catch up, meet Hungry Jacks 7 Hills 9.00am.

There are midweek rides, so if anyone wants to nominate a ride, call Joe Wursten Club Captain on 0413776508 and he will put it on ***whatsapp***. Other riders, friends and other clubs are also welcome.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale or Free

New Inner G/box Cover Gaskets P/N 71-3096 to suit Triumph TR6, TR7, T120 & T140. These were incorrect items I received from British Motorcycle Parts in NZ. They were supposed to be gaskets for my A65. They have sent the correct A65 gaskets, but happy to give these Triumph gaskets to anyone in the Club that has a need? All da best, Peter W. 0432 322 980

New Lucas ignition switch, barrel & keys 54335169. $10.00 Robert Baillie 0405 445 003

B33. Also Harley Davidson for sale. Gloucester area. Asking $14K ONO for BSA.
Stuart Kerr stuart@valleynational.com.au

1954 A10 Golden Flash. Started about 15 years ago and assume it would go fine if cleaned out. Left covered for all this time. $7000 Paul Kimpepper, paul.kimpepper@bigpond.com

1969/70 A65T and '67 A65S

1969/70 A65T .This bike is complete and was last running around 12 months ago. Receipts available for recent work.

1967 A65S (frame at least). This bike is in pieces but should be complete. Some parts have been restored and there might even be some spares. Motor was reconditioned in 2010. It still turns over. There is a Lazy Rizer bike lift also included in the bundle.

Contact Steve Moon on 0408595722. Asking price is $10,000 for both bikes.

Wanted

Mudguards for 1949-50 rigid B34 Competition, Front 65-6611, rear 65-6858. Also chainguard 65-7718 and chaincase 65-7591. These are model specific - not B31/33. All chromed or otherwise! The Ed bumblebeeza@bigpond.com

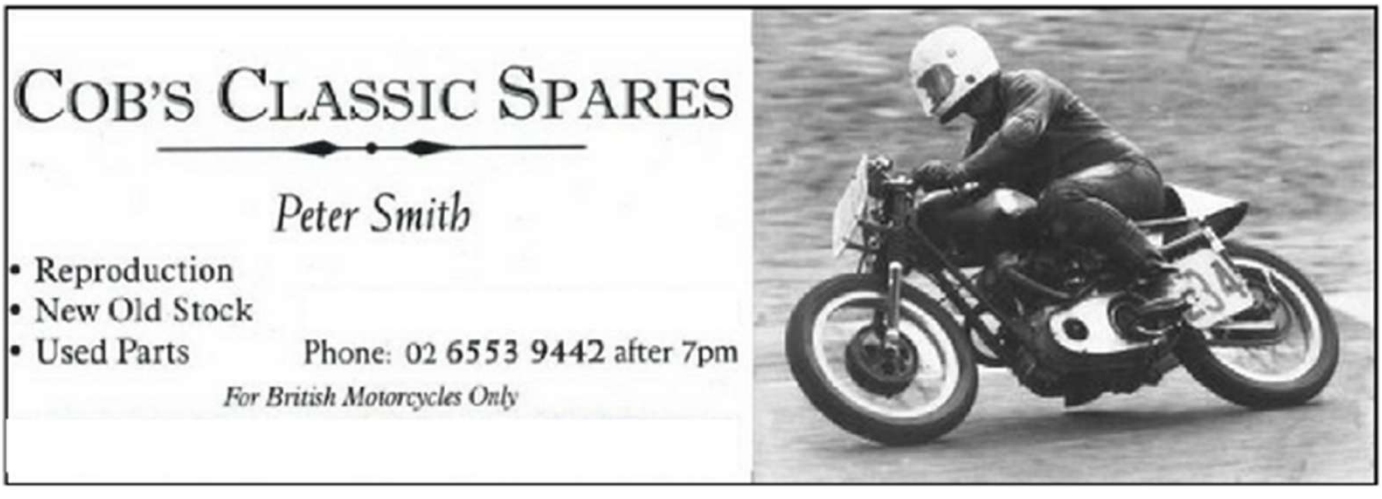
A series (pre-unit) frame. A10/A7. Neil Parker 0414 560 265

Pair 1924 Douglas TS350cc cylinders, front & rear, in good condition and good valve seats. Eric 0430226349

B31 Looking for a maroon coloured B31, swinging arm model about 1955 that might be up for sale from a club member anywhere in Australia. Roger Galpin 0402 736 045 or twinshock2@gmail.com

1970 A65T - Cover plate rear crankcase part #68-0360. Norm Thomas 0422 668 582

1963 D7 Bantam engine wanted. Let me know if you have a suitable engine you wish to sell and I will put you in touch. He would also like an owner's handbook and may be interested in other parts. Mark F Club Secretary secretarybsamccnsw@gmail.com



CLUB OFFICIALS & CONTACTS

President	Peter W	0432 322 980
Vice Presidents	Tony K	4421 6591
	Terry D	0407 708 925
	Steve A	0418 454 026
Secretary	Mark F	0432 717 763
Permit Registrar	Trevor H	0408 282 243
Assistant Secretaries	Tony K	4421 6591 (South Coast)
	TBA (Newcastle)	
	TBA (North Coast)	
	John M	0408 640 542 (Membership)
Treasurer	Victor	0408 286 434
Editor	John M	0408 640 542
Public Officer	Paul A	0411 596 687
Club Captain	Joe W	0413 776 508
Assistant Club Captain	Victor	0408 286 434
Regalia	Trevor and John M holding the fort.	
Machine Examiners	("Scrutineers")	
	Victor (In West)	0408 286 434
	Paul A (Hills)	0411 596 687
	Peter H (N Beaches)	0410 490 954
	Terry (Hunter)	0407 708 925
	Steve (North Coast)	0418 454 026
	Neil (North Coast)	0414 560 265
	Tony (Crookwell)	0423 975 221
	Conrad (Sth Coast)	0487 773 150
	Denis (Shoalhaven)	4421 7857
Welfare Officer	Peter W	0432 322 980
Webmaster	Andrew G	www.bsansw.org.au

Sydney - P.O. Box 4023 Homebush South 2140
Nowra/Shoalhaven - P.O. Box 3323 North Nowra 254
Mid-North Coast - P.O. Box 169 Lake Cathie 2445