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*Meetings:*

*8pm, 1st Thursday of each month*

*at*

*Wentworth Hotel,*

*195 Parramatta Rd, Homebush*

*(Opposite the Sydney Markets)*

Fellow Beezers,

Again apologies for the tardiness of the December issue. Only excuse is there were a lot of ads coming in, and it was the Xmas holidays! Hope you all had a great Xmas and have a good 2024! I only hope Budgie Bowen allows us to keep using our precious petrol to fire up the Beeza classics.



Many of you may have noticed the explosion of so-called “electric bicycles” on the roads, often ridden by under-age youth and adults (on the footpaths and roads) at speeds in excess of 50kph and no protection. The worst are the big, black, fat-tyred versions.

These are motorcycles in every way - powered two-wheeler **mopeds**. According to the RMS they must not exceed 50kph on the road and must be registered and ridden by a licenced rider.

You and I, fellow motorcyclist, need a motorcycle licence, insurance and bike registration. I’m waiting to see the first local prang on one of these things ridden by teenagers (sometimes rider plus 2 pillions) when they have an accident and hit the bitumen. Low speed offs can be very painful, even with full gear. As me how I know!

Of course the NSW Plod are nowhere in appearance. Maybe they’ve been told to ignore this.

Fogey Rant over - but I worry about the kids.  
The Ed

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## 2024 BSA INTERNATIONAL RALLY 11-24 AUGUST 2024

The Norwegian BSA owners club wants to invite you to our 4<sup>th</sup> international BSA arrangement. It started with the International rally at Biri in 1986, the International rally in 1997 in Notodden, the summer-camp in Bergen in 2005 and the International rally in Valldal in 2013. Four fantastic weeks for our members with participants from all over the world. All four have been popular rallies and now it is our turn to try again.

This time it will be held in the south east of Norway in an area with a lack of high mountains and deep fjords, but in an area with a lot of history from the beginning of the Norway we know today, rock

carvings, castles, fortified town, the “old town” of Fredrikstad, the islands of Hvaler, and a lot of other interesting things to see and discover of course. We hope to see you all here in Fredrikstad for a week to join friends, the area and of course our beloved BSAs.

BSAOCON.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2024

2023 membership finished December 31. Time to renew for 2024!

The simplest way to renew your Club membership is:

The website - [www.bsansw.org.au](http://www.bsansw.org.au). You can download the renewal form and mail \$30 paper + cheque, or simply do a direct deposit from your bank account to the Club via the details on the renewal site. Any changes, just fill in the form - it will be sent to me and Andrew the webmaster.

If nothing in your details has changed, simply pay by bank deposit and include your name on the transfer, or pop me an email. Otherwise a short note to the Ed will do for any changes. I will then send out your 2024 membership card.

If you are feeling very generous you can pay for more than one year - your membership card will record that extended membership.

**BSA Club of NSW**

**BSB 012559**

**Acct 563879231**

You can still pay with a cheque-in-mail to Victor (PO box on page 11) or at a Club meeting with cash or cheque. Make sure Vic or I record your donation.

**Remember**, If you are non-financial, any BSA NSW Club-supported insurance is not valid and bikes registered via BSA NSW Club Conditional Registration are considered unregistered.

Membership Sec

[bumblebeeza@bigpond.com](mailto:bumblebeeza@bigpond.com)

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# LETTERS

Our inaugural letters page - musings from the members! Recently I sent out a request to members for various anecdotes, including their first experiences of seeing/riding, becoming interested in BSA automobiles.

Our treasurer and Ride Captain Victor was quick off the mark...

In 1965 after failing to win the national service lotto draw, I decided adventure was needed so I signed up for a position in Papua New Guinea. I took a flight on a Vickers Viscount to Port Moresby. It was like stepping into an oven when I arrived there at 6am.



Once I settled in decided it was time to get some transport. There was a Triumph Bonneville T120C, a 1959 model, for sale from a person going back to Australia. Wow, this was certainly a quick bike, probably the fastest thing on wheels at that time. The police used to ride BSA Lightnings and Honda CB450s.

One day I was out riding and the sub-inspector, a European, came after me with his siren on. I accelerated and he eventually pulled his gun out to stop me.

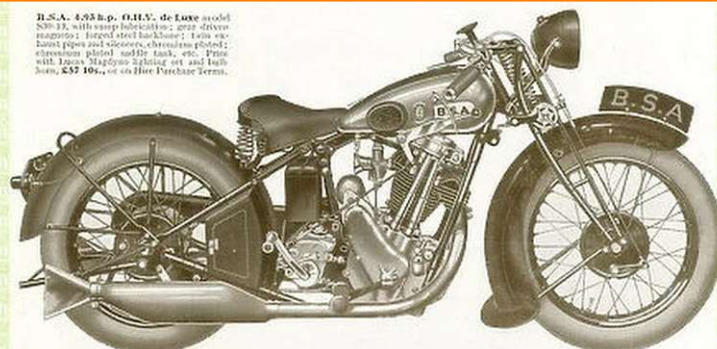
He said that it was his job to stop unruly drivers and riders so he set a challenge: we would have a race up 3-mile hill and if he beat me I would be walking in future.

Anyway, I beat the police Lightning. The cop was impressed and asked if he could ride my bike and I asked him for his. I realised then the the BSA was a much smoother bike to ride than the Triumph.

Sold the Triumph and started my appreciation of BSAs.

I later found out the reason the police bikes were slow; when they were serviced, workers used to spray paint into the carburettors!

Victor T.



Lead the way  
on a B.S.A.

# ODDS & SODS

Hello...I write on behalf of my husband Tom (who is not too handy with internet). He's restoring a BSA Winged Wheel (ie push bike with small petrol motor)

Attached picture-- progress so far

He is keen to discover any owners in Australia. There is little or no reference to these models when searching web sites. There have been a couple of sales in Australia (eg Shannons) so there must be someone out there he can talk to. He's a member of Ulysses but even their web site has no reference(!!)

If any of you have information it would be great to hear from you.

Thanks, Sylvia

(Contact Mark F, the esteemed Club Sec)



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I am searching for a BSA B31, maroon, swinging arm model, that I sold back in the late 1990s. It was my brother's bike in the UK till he passed away and I imported it to Australia about 1988 but after moving house several times I sold it.

The only information I now have is the fact that I sold the bike to a gent from NSW and I delivered the bike to meet him in Goondiwindi Qld, he paid the cash and took the bike away.

I now have no engine or frame numbers and don't have the name of the buyer so it's all very difficult to find it. My only hope is that a member of the BSA NSW club will either own a bike that he collected from Goondiwindi or know of the current owner of the bike.

The bike is now of sentimental value to me; I am 77 years of age and would sincerely like to find the bike with a view to buying it back if the owner is willing.

Regards

Roger Galpin 0402 736045

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A member has advised that he has the following bikes that are ..... "on offer to the " right " party."

B50/B25. Both in good running order, with parts

Any interest back to me and I will put you in touch.

Regards,

Mark F

Club Secretary



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# CLUB RUNS

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

## 2024 Run Calendar

**Please Note:** *If raining on the scheduled ride day, the ride transfers to the following weekend. However, please check with the Club Captain, Victor, to confirm on the actual day as to conditions/ride etc as weather conditions vary in the Sydney region. Also see the webpage for other club invitations.*

- 21/1/24** *Bayview Hotel, WoyWoy. McDonalds, Mt Colah 10.00am*
- 4/2/24** *Wisemans Ferry. McDonalds Kellyville 9.00am*
- 10/3/24** *Mittagong RSL. Leos Truck Stop, Casula 9.00am*
- 7/4/24** *Blackheath/Megalong Valley. McDonalds Kellyville 9.00am*
- 5/5/24** *Burratorang Valley via Camden . Leos Truck stop Casula 9.30am*
- 9/6/24** *Lapstone hotel Lunch. Via Yarramundi. McDonalds Kellyville 10.00am*
- 7/7/24** *Palm Beach via Church Point then lunch at Newport St Ives Showground 10.00am*
- 4/8/24** *Bundeena via Helensburgh. Heathcote Ampol 10.00am*
- 8/9/24** *Bilpin. McDonalds Kellyville 9.30am*
- 6/10/24** *Debz Cafe Colo Heights. McDonalds Kellyville 9.30am*
- 10/11/24.** *Picton via Wallacia. McDonalds Girraween 9.30am*
- 8/12/24** *Mystery Ride Leos Truck Stop Casula 9.30am*

Any queries on runs, please call the Club Captain, Victor, on 0408 286 434



# CLUB MEETINGS

## Minutes of the **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of 2nd November 2023

The Ordinary General Meeting was held via Zoom only.

The meeting commenced at 8:10 pm and was chaired by President Peter W.

**Attendance:** Present via Zoom were the following members: Peter W, Mark K, Trevor H, Shane P, Craig G, Joe W, Tony G, Victor T, Mark F and new member Geoff P.

**Apologies Received:** Philip L, Peter H

**Visitors Present:** Nil

### **General Business:**

**1) Minutes of the prior Meetings:** Due to technical issues (and some technical inability) I was unable to view the previous meetings minutes and attend the meeting at the same time. This meant some general business was not attended to at the meeting and the minutes were not approved. Therefore, some information included below was sourced via email after the event.

**2) Welfare:** Trevor and Shane both recovering well from recent health issues.

**3) Memberships:** No membership report presented. However, emails to the secretary's account indicate 3 member renewals (of the outstanding 12) and 2 new memberships since the last meeting.

New member Geoff P introduced himself to those present and showed us his in progress C15 restoration. Looking good Geoff! There was some discussion around issues he was having, and help has been offered.

### **4) Treasurer's Report:**

Total funds: \$4958.88 The lower balance is due to the purchase of new T-shirts (see below).

### **5) Correspondence:**

**Mail:** nil

**Email:** All emails received via the Secretary's

email address have been issued to members.

**Magazines Received:** BSA Burble October, Vintage crank pin October, Macquarie Towns October and Classic Clatter for November.

**6) Regalia:** New T-shirts with a larger logo are available. Short sleeve: \$25. Long sleeve: \$30

### **7) Ride Reports:**

See the BSA web page and Banter for ride reports.

### **8) Upcoming Rides and events:**

3/12/23 **Mystery Ride** Leos Truck Stop Casula 9.30am

### **9) Other Business and Matters Arising from Correspondence:**

**7th of December Meeting:** 8:00 pm Wentworth Hotel, 195 Parramatta Rd Homebush West and via Zoom (Meeting Id: 852 7057 4301, Passcode: 045999)

### **2023 Christmas Party: 26th of November 2023**

This will be a combined event with the Western Sydney Truck Bike & Car Club. An email (& reminder) has been sent to members with details. As this is a catered event, please RSVP by 14/11/2023.

There being no further General Business, the Ordinary General Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

## Minutes of the **ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of 7th December 2023

The Ordinary General Meeting was held at the Wentworth Hotel and via Zoom.

The meeting commenced at 8:00 pm and was chaired by President Peter W.

**Attendance:** Present at the Wentworth Hotel were Peter W, Victor T, Gordon H and Joe W. Attending via Zoom were Shane P, Darren S, Craig G, Tony G, Nial J, Mark F and Geoff P.

**Apologies Received:** Steve A

**Visitors Present:** Nil



## General Business:

**1) Minutes of the prior Meetings:** Minutes of the two previous meetings (October and November) were accepted. Moved Peter W, Seconded Joe W

**2) Welfare:** Peter W is suffering from arthritis like symptoms which seem to be associated with a recent Covid infection. We are wishing Peter a swift recovery.

**3) Memberships:** No membership report presented. However, we have one new member this month (Alex M) which totals 10 for the year to date.

## 4) Treasurer's Report:

Total funds: \$6046.26

## 5) Correspondence:

**Mail:** nil

**Email:** All emails received via the Secretary's email address have been issued to members.

**Magazines Received:** BSA Burble November, Vintage Crankpin October, Macquarie Towns November and Classic Clatter for December/January.

**6) Regalia:** New T-shirts with a larger logo are available. Short sleeve: \$25 (available now). Long sleeve: \$30 (arriving soon). Contact Trevor H to order.

**7) Christmas Party:** By all reports the Christmas party was a resounding success. Great weather, good food and good company resulted in an enjoyable day for the 80 odd attendees.

## 8) Ride Reports:

See the BSA web page and Banter for ride reports.

## 9) Upcoming Rides and events:

10/12/23 **Ride to Appin. Meet at** Leos Truck Stop Casula 9.30am

## 10) Other Business and Matters Arising from Correspondence:

**2024 Membership Fees:** Fees (\$30) for 2024 are due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December. Visit the club website (<https://www.bsansw.org.au/>) for payment options.

**International Rally:** Stay tuned for Peter W's report which will be published in the Banter.

**2026 Rally site selection:** The Rally Committee visited Tumbarumba on the way home from the International Rally. Tumbarumba received a glowing report from the committee and ticks all the boxes with respect to rides accommodation and facilities. Further costing will be required. The remaining sites in contention are in the Shoalhaven and a weekend visit will be organised at the February meeting.

**1st of February Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday the 1st of February 2024, commencing at 8:00pm. The venue will be the Wentworth Hotel, 195 Parramatta Rd., Homebush West and via Zoom

President Pete wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

There being no further General Business, the Ordinary General Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.





# 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

**1968 BSA** (model unknown) and **1978 Triumph** (ditto). Owned by Phillip Leach who used to be an active BSA NSW member. Partly restored. Also BSA manifold and many books and tools. Reasonable offers Judith Igusti [jigusti@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jigusti@yahoo.com.au)

**Boyer Bransden** Complete Ignition system for BSA singles. On bike and used for only 200 klm. Only \$100.00. New Lucas Ignition Switch, Barrel & Keys 54335169. \$10.00  
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**1971 A65 Lightning**. Deceased estate. Sell hopefully to an enthusiast who will restore and ride it. Bike restored 20 years ago and is complete with a spare tank and other parts. Bike has sat in shed since then and has suffered surface corrosion. See pictures  
Richard Christiansen [rmchrist@gmail.com](mailto:rmchrist@gmail.com)



**1951 BSA B31** Rigid rear, matching numbers - project. Engine turns over, mostly complete. New parts - carbs, SS silencer, rechromed handlebars etc. Dating certificate. Castle Hill. \$3750 firm Steve Taylor 04185 218 602 or [stevez@bigpond.net.au](mailto:stevez@bigpond.net.au).



**1969 A65 Lightning.** Runs well, approx 27K genuine miles. All spares to be sold as well - mostly new old stock. Owned bike for 50 yrs and know original owner. Also included - Thunderbolt motor (bottom end). Negotiable. Bruce 0412 861 350, [bgembits@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bgembits@bigpond.net.au)



## Wanted

**B31 1957 front mudguard.** Have a Triumph guard but I think the stays are original. Happy to trade the Triumph unit. Bob Denholm 0413 314596

**Mudguards** for 1949-50 rigid B34 Competition, Front 65-6611, rear 65-6858. Also chainguard 65-7718. All chromed or otherwise! The Ed [bumblebeeza@bigpond.com](mailto:bumblebeeza@bigpond.com)

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

**Pair 1924 Douglas TS 350cc cylinders,** front & rear, in good condition and good valve seats. Eric 0430226349



# Club Officials & Contact Details

<b>President</b>	Peter W	0432 322 980		
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	Terry D	0407 708 925		
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	Mark F	0432 717 763		
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<b>Permit Registrar</b>	Trevor H	0408 282 243		
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	TBA		(Newcastle)	
	TBA		(North Coast)	
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	Victor	0408 286 434		
<b>Editor</b>	John M	0408 640 542		
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<b>Club Captain</b>	Victor	0408 286 434		
<b>Assistant Club Captain</b>	Joe W	0413 776 508		
<b>Regalia</b>	Trevor and John M holding the fort.			
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	Victor (In West)	0408 286 434		
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	Conrad (Sth Coast)	0487 773 150		
	Denis (Shoalhaven)	4421 7857		
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**REGALIA**

Ben from the Norton club has a contact that makes mugs and we were looking at the ceramic type, but a famous chemical metallurgist (no names, no pack drill!) warned that the Chinese ceramic had dangerous levels of toxic materials.

So he has now sourced the attached stainless mugs and can put on the BSA and Norton logos.

Ben is seeing if we can get the cost down to \$15.00 per mug, hopefully.

Also maybe look at getting a qty of 30 mugs ordered for each Club?

Peter W. (Captain Club)



**CLUB TS LONG AND SHORT**

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