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1967 BSA HORNET DESERT SLED



This issue's BSA model is a far cry from most of the previous offerings, insofar that here is a seriously hard-used example of the mid-sixties,

offroad A65.



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The Hornet was originally the Spitfire Hornet, a stoked-up unit twin specifically for the American market. With compression ratios as high as 10.5:1, straight-through pipes, tacho only, battery-free ignition and no



lights (depending on east or west coast USA markets) and folding footpegs, the Beesa factory was serious about offering the Yanks a genuine desert sled with enough power to blow most competitors into the weeds.



However... there were a couple of big problems which slowed the average

desert racer down.
Compared with the
evermore present
two strokes, the big
Beesa lacked
suspension travel, and
suffered from being
pretty heavy. It was
competitive with other



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1967 BSA HORNET DESERT SLED (Cont'd)



British sleds, though the King of Cool (Steve McQueen) thought the steering was too quick, and needed to be raked out for better stability. The bikes you







see here aren't your modern garage queens. They've been used for the LA-Barstow-Vegas, which is one of the oldest desert rally rides in USA. This isn't for the faint of heart!

Hornets were purpose-built offroad motorcycles, primarily for desert racing and general offroad

thrilling around, one assumes. Basically, US customers wanted stripped-down Lightnings with more grunt. Apparently the speedsters could be used on-road, even thought there were usually no lights standard and the exhausts were

constant-diameter open pipes, as mentioned previously. Twin carbs were the go here.

The main bike featured above is different from the standard models by using a single carb. OEM West Coast bikes had open low pipes: obviously this machine has the high ones, standard for the east coast models.

Its actually a source of great pleasure that a modern rider(s) have enough gumption to race these old bikes. It's plain that the weapons have a pretty hard time, yet they still come back for more. Maybe Beesas were, and are, a lot better motorbikes than rumour and history would have us believe.

I know for a fact the A65s were successfully used for brumby running and general stock work here in Oz, backing up the theory that they were tougher than people think. Undoubtedly they looked as battered as our featured Beesa. Hats off to the old jiggers!

BY MEMORIAL NON-RIDE SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER



The three A65s waiting in vain for a few mates.

It's springtime. An obvious statement. Yet with its arrival the weather, while generally trying to improve (a bit, anyway!), is notoriously fickle and a source of great annoyance to those of us who prefer not to get wet.

So the Arthur Clisby ride wasn't going anywhere when only three brave riders turned up. Neil (ride coordinator) and Bob Pearce, and club captain Mark Howson on his late model A65.



They sat around for a while, no one else rolled up, so they all went home.

Regardless, thanks and sympathy must go to Neil for putting in the effort to no avail.

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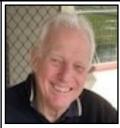


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President's Report



Hi Members,

'Tis is my first president's report in quite a while, so here goes. First of all a huge thanks to all who have continued to keep our club thriving through their hard work and commitment, and to those who have put their hands up again this year to keep us moving forward.

Our outgoing president Dave will be a hard act to follow. His last five years have seen many great club activities, including the international rally which was such a success. I am looking forward to working with this year's committee towards another good year.

Over the last few months we have been quite active, and have visited the tramways museum at St Kilda followed by lunch at Dave and Verity's. About twenty bikes turned out with many more people enjoying the lunch of soups, rolls and sweets. Thanks to all who made it such a good day.

Ian Rounsevell took us on a ride up through the hills, not missing any of the winding turns our Adelaide hills provide. We ended up at Balhanah Bakery for lunch, and finished the run back at the Feathers. Thanks to all and for the back up trailer.

On September Father's Day we had breakfast at the clubhouse, followed by a short ride to the Keswick Barracks Museum. Many thanks to our new club captain Mark and his partner Miranda for hosting us, and cooking a welcoming breakfast.

We had our club dinner organised by John Veale this year, which saw a change of venue to the Glenelg Football Club eatery, where about 50 of us enjoyed good food and good company. Thanks to all involved.

We also look forward to our annual Rally at Port Vincent. I am sure Verity has a great weekend planned for us.

Numbers at our meetings have been down a bit lately. It would be nice to see some more familiar faces again. I forgot the pies and pasties last meeting, and have been rightly reprimanded, so I'll see to it in the future. Meeting nights, apart from the formalities, are a good chance to catch up and discuss your projects, perhaps put your two bob's worth into the club's activities, and maybe bring a few nibbles. Not just to add to the night, but make the vacuuming an adventure as well!

Cheers, Mal Mackay.

Editor's Effort

Hullo Everyone

It's magazine month again! As I've said before, it's scary how fast time rushes by.

I think that I'd like to add my thanks, to those who've already done, so to club members and families who made the last couple of month's activities possible.

First, thanks go to Dave and Verity Robertson (BSA guru and Club Secretary respectively) for organising the Tram Museum visit and subsequently feeding the ride members and families at their house. Grant Trotter did the story for that event with photos, so my appreciation goes to him for that effort.

As Mal has already said, John and Bron Veale did the heavy lifting for our annual dinner, and also supplied a report covering the event, which I really appreciated. They also provided a report covering the Keswick Barracks visit, with photos. Mark Howson also supplied photos, so thanks everyone for your support of the Journal.

I think that, where possible, club members who get hold of a new-to-them Beesa should have their latest pride and joy appreciated by all and sundry though our mag. By this time, I suspect many members will already know of our club captain's late model A65 Thunderbolt. It's alaways good news when a rarer bike joins the club through its new owner. To that end, the bike does feature a bit in this issue, as it should. I'm sure we all wish Mark many years of happy Beesering, and may his spanners grow rusty. Good job, Mark.

But they come, they go. Sadly Chris Sentance has sold his 1970 A50 to a member of the Tasmanian BSAOC. Having something of an interest in this model, I believe that only Gary Stone's very nice example and my own not-so-nice example are the only two remaining in the club. I'd be happy to be wrong here, so I'm open to correction. Anyone?

Speaking of the not-so-nice example, since the cylinder scuffing episode it has completed two mid-week rides of at least 210km each without any real drama. But... as I've discovered, there's rarely a ride when some first world problem doesn't erupt on Birmingham's finest. I was passing a truck (an amazing event in itself), when the left mirror came loose at the bar and swung distractingly around in the breeze. I tightened it up, and about 400 metres later it was flailing around again.

Sufffice to say Loctite and a spring washer have solved that irritation.

That's enough from me, I think. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone above. I trust you all have great spring riding! Ed

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS					
Venue	Description	Club	Date	Time	Comments
			October		
V&VMC	MC Only Swap Meet	No	Sun 5 th	7.00am	Michael Griffin 0439 039 904
BSAOCSA	Club Meeting	Yes	Tues 7 th	8:00pm	CCC Clubrooms
BSAOCSA	Club Run	Yes	Sun 12 th	TBA	BSA only. Howard Parslow 0418 960 561
Strath Auto	Swap Meet	No	Sun 12 th	6.30am	Enqiries John 0438 525 560
FOHMSA	Federation Motorfest	No	13 th - 24 th	TBA	Shirley 0439 898 851 ¹
Barossa Classic	Annual One-Day Rally	No	Sun 19 th	TBN	Pete Rosser 043906840660 ²
BSAOCSA	Annual Two-Day Rally	Yes	25 th , 26 th	9.00 - 9.15	Verity Robertson 0418 639 429
			November		
Lions	Bike Show	No	Sun 2 nd	TBN	Macclesfield Oval ³
BSAOCSA	Club Meeting	Yes	Tues 4 th	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms
Mt Barker Counc	Power Of The Past 2 Day	No	TBA	10am, 9am	Info: Allan Wheaton 0408 899 775
BSAOCSA	Club Run (All British)	Yes	Sun 9 th	09:30	Mark Howson. Mannum ⁴
Fed of HMSA	Bendigo Swap Meet	No	14 th -16 th	TBA	Shirley 0439898851, Simon 0413881499
BSA MC Vic	BSA National Rally	No	28,29,30 th	TBN	Online ⁵
			December		
BSAOCSA	Club Lunch, BSA Only Run	Yes	Sun14 th	10.00	Mark Howson 0439 831 862 ⁶
			January 202	6	
BSAOCSA	Club Meeting	Yes	Tues 6 th	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms
BSAOCSA	Club Small Bike Ride	Yes	Sun 11 th	TBA	Steve Holmes 0402 678 654
FB-EK Car Club	All Holden Day	No	Sun 18 th	9.00am	Roger 0419 730 177
			February		
BSAOCSA	Club Meeting	Yes	Tues 3 rd	8.00pm	CCC Clubrooms
BSAOCSA	Club Ride, BSA Only	Yes	Sun 8 th	TBA	Ian Rounsevell 0412 708 410
NZBSAOC	63 rd BSA International Rally	No	13 th - 20 th	See flyer	bsarally2026@outlook.com
			May		
FOHMCSA	Fed Meet the Clubs Tour '26	No	16 th - 24 th	See Link	Info for Tour see below ⁷
Remember if the temp on the day of a club ride is 35°C or greater the ride will be cancelled.					

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^{4.} Mannum Paddle Boat \$30, 90 min. \$12 barbecue lunch on riverbank by the Mannum Rowing Club

^{5.} www.trybooking.com/CYYPJ

^{6.} Hamburger Run. Ride in hills, coffee around 11, followed by 12.00 Miranda's Infamous Home Made Hamburger for lunch

 $^{7. \ \}underline{https://fhmcsa.org.au/uploadFiles/newGlobalFiles/Federation\%20Tour\%202026\%20Update\%20V1.pdf} \qquad \textbf{This link is on the Federation website.}$

Minutes of BSA Owners Club of SA General Meeting 5th August 2025 "Triple C" Clubrooms Clark Avenue, Glandore OPENING and WELCOME: Meeting opened at 8.02 pm. MEMBERS; 28, NEW MEMBERS; Nil, VISITORS, Nil APOLOGIES: Chris Magor, Brenton Giles, Mark Hood, Jeff Jones, Mal Mackay. WELCOME: President Dave Long opened the meeting and welcomed all and: Advised the Fire and emergency evacuation drill. Reminded Members and Visitors to sign the attendance book. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the previous meeting, 1 July 2025, were forwarded to all members who provided the club with email addresses. The Secretary proposed the following motion: That the Minutes, as circulated to members, be accepted. Moved: Ian Rounsevell, Seconded: Jeff Cleary. Carried. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Nil. CORRESPONDENCE IN (Includes emails): 7 July 2025 - From Chris Magor re Club Run 8 July 2025 - From Secretary Triple 'C' re Information regarding the DIT Grants for 2025-2026. 10 July 2025 - From Secretary of the Triple 'C' re City of Marion Community Grants and Youth Grants to assist local not-for-profits to establish and undertake projects or activities that are beneficial to the community are now open. 10 July 2025 – From the BSA Owners Club UK - The Star magazine for June 2025. 14 July 2025 – From Jessica Foreman re the Victor Harbor Rock 'N' Roll Festival: 'Cars, bikes & chrome by the coast'. From the 19 to 21 September 2025. Info on the Non BSA Club Events Calendar, 25 July 2025 – From Andy Lorenz re any questions from the Club to be raised at the Denmark Rally. 27 July 2025 – From the Barossa Valley Classic Motorcycle Club re their 39th Annual Rally 2025 on 19 October 2025 - Entry Form - Info on the Non BSA Club Events Calendar. 30 July 2025 - From Secretary Triple 'C' re: Drive It Day 1st Sept 2025 and Motorfest info 2025 - Info on the Non BSA Club Events Calendar. 1 August 2025 - From Regan Littlewood of the NZ BSA MOC re 63rd International BSA Rally - New Zealand 2026 - to be held between 13th and 20th February 2026 at Silverstream Retreat in Wellington NZ. Bookings can be made online at the 'trybooking.com' website and other information is available on the NZ BSA MOC website; https://www.bsaoc.co.nz/ international-bsa-rally-2026, and also our BSAOC International Rally 2026 - Hutt Valley, New Zealand Facebook Group. CORRESPONDENCE OUT (Includes emails): 15 July 2025 – Bulk email out to all members re link to The Star June 2025 magazine of the BSA Owners Club UK. 17 July 2025 – Bulk email out to all members re: link to The Star July 2025 - magazine of the BSA Owners Club UK. Last chance to order a 'Hoodie.' Club badges for sale. ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT: Nil. TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Holmes read out the Treasurers Financial Report for July 2025, Currently there are 159 financial members, Moyed: Dave Pearson, Seconded: Jim Nixon, Carried, ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURERS REPORT: Nil. CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT Mal Mackay advised the meeting: August Run – Dave and Verity Robertson, run to St Kilda Tram Museum and then lunch at their home in Prospect. Meet at Clubrooms for a 9.00 am depart, Dave Long to lead the run to Grand Junction Road/Pt Wakefield Road intersection, for a re-group at the Kart Mania Carpark and pick up Northern members. Arrive at St Kilda Tram Museum for 10.00 am. A driver will be available for a tram ride for members. Cost of museum is \$7.00 per person (group concession). All welcome for lunch at Prospect whether riding or not. September Run – Father's Day details TBA. **EDITORS REPORT:** Chas Dean said thanks to the Steve Holmes, Paul Wells and Mark Hood for their contributions. All great to receive articles - please keep them coming in. OTHER REPORTS: Nil FEDERATION REPORT: Nil. Next meeting 16 August – Dave Long to attend. CCC: Geoff Wood to attend the next meeting of the Triple 'C' to be held on 11 August. CLUB REGISTRAR: Mike will be away from September to November. Dave Pearson will be available but will also be away for a few weeks during this time. If you know that you will be needing Hist Reg. please contact Mike asap to make arrangements. LIBRARIAN: Bryan is still converting videos of rallies etc to thumb drives ready for our projector. John Veale is hoping to have the projector ready for a 'show' at the Annual Dinner. Bryan advised that he has checked the De-fib machine and it is in good working order – he will take on the responsibility of checking it monthly at club meetings as recommended. **REGALIA:** Nigel Downes has had some Club Badges made, if the Club orders 50 then the badges will be \$10 each. Samples of insulated stainless steel coffee mugs and stubby holders with lasered Club Badges were shown to the meeting – Committee to consider purchasing Only a few club members advised they would like Hoodies – new email to be sent.

ANNUAL RALLY: 6 Entries so far. A bulk email to be sent out to members and previous rally goers with all the information and references to our web site. WELFARE OFFICER: The club received the sad news of the passing of a past Club Member, Lynn West. The club sends deepest sympathies to Tom and the family. Mal Mackay has had his knee replacement surgery and we hope to see him back soon. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS: Bryan Dunn advised that the current administrators for the club Facebook page are himself, Dave Long and Mark Howson – to be accepted an applicant must answer 3 specific questions or the application is rejected. Howard advised the meeting that he felt the club webpage needs re-vamping. Dave Long advised that he will be taking a more active role in managing the website. Verity advised that she thought the Club Notice Board on the website is a great idea – important documents for club members are up front and easy to access. Reminder for the Annual Dinner on the 23 August – bookings close on the 9 August. Dave Long advised that he now sends the link to the Beesa Journal to all club members who have supplied an email address. RAFFLE: The raffle was won by Lyndon and raised TBA. PARTS BOOK: President read out the Parts Book. MEETING CLOSED: 8.43 pm

Minutes of BSA Owners Club of SA General Meeting 2nd September 2025"Triple C" Clubrooms
OPENING & WELCOME: Meeting Opened at 8.10 pm. MEMBERS: 23 NEW MEMBERS: Nil. VISITORS: 5
APOLOGIES: Dave Long, Jim Nixon, Bruce Colwell, John Zippel, Mike Apthorpe. WELCOME: President Malcolm Mackay opened the meeting and welcomed all and: Advised of the Fire and emergency evacuation drill, and reminded Members and Visitors to sign the attendance book. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5th AUGUST 2025, were forwarded to all members who provided the club with email addresses. The SECRETARY PROPOSED THE MOTION: 'That the Minutes of the August 2025 General Meeting, as circulated to members, be accepted. Moved: Dave Robertson Seconded: Jeff Curtis. Carried.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Nil. CORRESPONDENCE IN (Includes emails): 13 August 2025 – From Secretary Triple 'C' - Minutes of the August Meeting & the AGM Minutes as at 11th August 2025. 18 August 2025 – From Secretary Triple 'C' – Information about and a link to the Federation Meet the Clubs Tour 2026 - Visiting the Mid North towns of

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September Minutes Cont'd

South Australia - Saturday 16 May to Sunday 24 May 2026 includes a Programme of Tour - added to Non BSA Club Events Calendar. 25 August 2025 – From NAB – Merchant Statement for July 2025. 25 August 2025 - Information from the Wellington Hotel. 25 August 2025 - Dept Infrastructure & Transport re Acknowledgement of 'Unfinancial Member List' - advising that letters will be sent to those on the list. 28 August 2025 - From Secretary FHMCSA August minutes and new Federation constitution. 5 Aug – 2 Sept 2025 – From Various Rally Goers – 28 Rally Entry Forms. 1 September 2025 – BSA Burble – Victorian BSA Club Magazine. CORRESPONDENCE OUT - (Includes emails): 25 Aug 2025 - To Dept Transport & Infrastructure – advising BSA Owners Club of South Australia – Unfinancial Members. 26 August 2025 -To Secretary Federation – Updating the Club's contacts for the coming year - submitted the 'Club Database Sheet - 2025.' 26 August 2025 - To Secretary Triple 'C' - Updated BSAOC of SA Inc Committee for 2025-2026. 28 August 20025 - To the Australian Taxation Office (via phone lodgement) – Lodgement of the Not-for-Profit company Non-lodgement Return (return not necessary) for year 2024-2025. 29 August 2025 - To Federation - Log Book Declaration and Return Sheets for 2024-2025 year. ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE IN AND OUT: Nil. TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Holmes read out the Treasurers Financial Report for August 2025. Currently there are 167 financial members. Moved: Howard Parslow, Seconded: Jeff Jones. Carried. ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE TREASURERS REPORT: Nil. CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Mark Howson advised the meeting: August Run – Dave & Verity Robertson, run to St Kilda Tram Museum and then Lunch at their home in Prospect. Some members met at the Clubrooms for a 9.00 am depart, Dave Long led the run to Grand Junction Road/ Pt Wakefield Road intersection, for a re-group at the Kart Mania Carpark and pick up Northern members. Approximately 18 bikes turned out for the ride. The group arrived at St Kilda Tram Museum and a driver was available for tram rides for members. Cost of museum was \$7.00 per person (group concession). Approximately 35 people attended lunch. Many thanks to Dave & Verity for lunch. September Run – Father's Day Breakfast Run and visit to the Military Museum at the Keswick Army barracks. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 concession & \$2.00 for children. Cooked breakfast will be at 9.00 am then off to the museum. EDITOR'S REPORT: Chas Dean advised: Welcome to Gary Stone, a member from Finnis who attended tonight's meeting. Thanks to John & Bronwyn Veale for and article and photographs. GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil. OTHER REPORTS: Nil. FEDERATION REPORT: Nil. CCC: Geoff Wood attended the next meeting of the Triple 'C' held on 11 August 2025 and submitted the following written report: On 11 August I represented the BSAOCSA at two meetings of the Combined Car Clubs of SA (CCC), held at the CCC clubrooms at Glandore. First came a normal quarterly meeting, followed by the AGM of the CCC. The Chair was Brian Davey in the absence of the substantive President Bob Moylan. As I am unable to report in person at the next BSAOCSA meeting (apologies) I am providing this written report. Matters of note included: Delegates from 12 clubs were present. We were the only motorcycle club represented. Bookings of the CCC clubrooms were discussed, especially around Christmas. It was noted that the BSAOCSA has it booked for 6 December. The CCC Treasurer's report was accepted. It showed the organisation is in a healthy state with an accumulated balance of around \$15,000Each club representative made a short presentation on their club's activities. There were some innovative ideas for activities, some of which we could consider adopting -A visit to the Holden Manufacturing Heritage Centre at Elizabeth; Taking a "behind the scenes" tour of the horse tram centre at Victor Harbor, Use of guest speakers. A couple that appealed to me were an expert on 3D printing, and a sports medicine expert talking about medical issues including posture. Visiting the Charles Sturt Museum at Grange. There was a long discussion about the possibility and mechanisms for merging clubs, something which in some cases is becoming desirable due to falling memberships and lack of interest from younger people. There was a discussion about issues relating to non-profit status of clubs, and the implications for taxation. BSAOCSA is invited to attend the Barossa Drive-It day, the Arthur Clisby run, the Touch-a-Truck day for children and Motorfest. Brochures were provided. The AGM resulted in the following office-bearers being appointed: President: Bob Moylan, Vice-President: Brian Davey, Secretary: Cynthia Davey, Treasurer: Bob Warby. The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next normal CCC meeting will be on 13 October at 7.30 pm at CCC. The next CCC meeting will be on 3 August, 2026.BSAOC to advise Committee members for 2025/2026 year. CLUB REGISTRAR: Nil. LIBRARIAN: Bryan advised we have a new member who had already utilised the library. REGALIA: Nil. ANNUAL RALLY: Runs and all the catering are organised – going over the peninsula this week for final check of the rally routes and confirmation dinners etc. To date we have 36 Rally Entries. Badges are organised. Would like donations of goods for the Raffle at the next meeting, please.

WELFARE OFFICER: Nil. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS: Annual BSA Club Dinner – Glenelg Football Clubrooms - approximately 51 attended the Annual Dinner. Many thanks to John and Bronwyn Veale for organising the dinner. The venue and food were great and all enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Bryan Dunn for organising the photos into a format that John was able to have presented on one of the Football Club's TVs for the viewing pleasure of all who attended the dinner. Mal Mackay said that Jim Nixon has stood down from the Committee this year after 23 years of continuous committee service. Many thanks to Jim for a huge effort for the club. A round of applause for Jim! Mal apologised for there being no pies and pasties for supper, he'll do better next meeting! RAFFLE: The raffle was won by Chris Magor, and raised TBA. PARTS BOOK: President read out the Parts Book. MEETING CLOSED: Approx 8:45pm.

CLUB RUN Sunday August 9th - The Tramway Museum.

By 1967 A65 Thunderbolt Rider Grant Trotter

Bronte and I have been away quite a lot in the first 6 months of this year. My last club ride was on May 11th, so I was very keen to join Dave Roberton's run to visit The Tramway Museum.

I had been having some trouble charging my bike battery using my C-Tek Charger. Only charging to three dots. On removing the leads, I found that the thread on the negative bolt was covered in corrosion. Bike is starting much better now!

I arrived at the CCC Clubrooms at approimately 8.30am. Several of us admired Mark Howson's A65 he recently purchased, with all remarking what a good buy he had made.

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CLUB RUN Sunday August 9th - The Tramway Museum Cont'd



John Mikita and Jeff Barnes deep in discussion. A couple of nice BSA's in

Dave Long lead the way from the Clubrooms through to Anzac Highway, as South Road was closed due to major construction work for the Tram Overpass. Embarrassment! – I stalled my bike (in 2nd gear at the lights) leading on to Anzac Highway. I got going again, only to see Miranda, who was hauling the backup trailer, doing a U-turn to come and help. (She won't be happy, I thought !!!)

I caught up with the group on South Road at the Richmond Road intersection. We then had a good run exiting the M2 onto Grand Junction Road, then on to meet with the northern group at Kart Mania, Gepps Cross. In total our group was now 18 bikes, including the outfits of Dave Pearson and Jeff Barnes. An excellent roll-up. After a few minutes of hellos and bike banter, Dave Robertson presented a briefing re the museum run, and then the route we will be taking to their home in Prospect for lunch.

No sooner had we started to head north on Port Wakefield Road, than it started to rain lightly. What's going on??? Fortunately it was shortlived. We turned left at Waterloo Corner Road, then onto St.Kilda Road. (Dave worked in a little gymkhana at the St Kilda Road turn just

to keep us on our toes – whoops!)

After entry to the Tramway Museum, we explored the three sheds housing numerous types of trams. In all they house a total of 26 tramcars from Adelaide, Melbourne, Ballarat and Sydney.

Many of us commented that we remember riding on trams. Guess we are showing our age.

We were then guided by our Driver for the Day to a beautifully restored MTT 1910 E-Type Tram 118 - a double bogie tram - for a run down to St. Kilda. Due to track/road works the tram could only go to the start of Shell Street and not the foreshore. The ride

> was a bit of fun though, and enjoyed by all. Many of our group boarded a second tram, the MTT 1908 A-Type named "Bib and Bub." Bib and Bub are two single bogie trams joined together, therefore only needing one driver. This made up for the lack of manpower due to driver shortages during the war years. No women drivers were employed then, which would have helped.

Off to Dave and Verity's for coffee/tea,

tasty soups and rolls followed

by a choice of chocolate brownies, orange cake or blueberry muffins. Did some people have all three sweets??

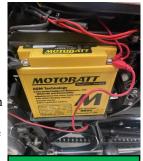
Our group had then swelled to approximately 30. A convivial couple of hours was spent mingling and chatting. Our new president Mal thanked all involved in the day's organisation, and commented what a great group of like-minded members we have – great camaraderie!!!!

My personal thanks to Dave and Verity for hosting a delightful lunch at their beautiful home

Now for the ride to Lonsdale where I store my A65. Don't you love Sunday afternoon traffic? It was a relief to reach the Southern Expressway and open the BSA up to 60 to 65 mph.

What an Excellent Day !!!

setting at Dave and Verity's



The invisible corrosion underneath the negative terminal of my battery...

A familiar sight - for those of a certain age!



At last a coffee - Mal, Doc, Jeff Jones, Jeff and Vanessa Cleary



President Mal thanking Dave, Verity and helpers



Chris Magor up front, Barry Ellis down the back - Tram 118



Rest of us in the rear -Tram 118



Part of the bike contingent at the museum

BSA Annual Dinner – 23rd August 2025

Glenelg Football Club

By John and Bronwyn Veale



The new venue at the Glenelg Football Club

After a number of successful dinners at the Marion Sports Club, we took on the challenge of finding an alternative venue when the committee decided it was time for a change. It was very pleasing to have 51 members attend the new venue at the Glenelg Football Club. The club offered us a menu consisting of a starter, five main courses and three choices for dessert.

We had a roped off area overlooking the oval,

> allowing us to erect our club banner, and use their TV screen to show photos of past **BSA**



Unarguably excellent value for money, especially with our club helping us out with the cost

Club events which were provided by Bryan Dunn.

> There were five long rectangular tables in close proximity, which drew comments from the members that it allowed the group to mix more freely.

Our club generously paid the balance of the meal cost after a deposit of \$20 per head was paid by members. Comments by members was that the food was excellent and generous, together with the staff having a warm and friendly approach.

It is a venue which could be considered again for future Club functions.

Thank you to the members who attended and made it an

enjoyable night. (End)



little things that make the difference



Man of the moment: organiser John Veale (minus woman of the moment, fellow organiser and wife Bron. (Sorry Bron, Ed)



Fellow A50 owner Gary Stone with his

wife Lisa

Howard Parslow and Miranda Howson, with Registrar Mike Apthorpe trying not to sneeze in his beer in the background. Good save, Mike!



Club President Mal MacKay with Darren Zacher, who missed out on the camera!



From left: Miranda, Curly and Mark Howson, Dianne Long, Vanessa and **Jeff Cleary** and Barrry Ellis

<u>BREAKFAST AT CLUBROOMS AND VISIT TO KESWICK ARMY BARRACKS MUSEUM - SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025</u>

By John and Bronwyn Veale. With Photos by Mark Howson.



Your authors oustside the CCC clubrooms

The weather forecast for Sunday morning was not encouraging, yet we were surprised by sunshine and only a few light showers. An ideal opportunity for a shakedown ride and oil change on the A65 prior to the up-and-coming Port Vincent club weekend.

On arrival at the clubrooms, we were greeted by 7 BSAs, 1 Royal Enfield and a couple of members in vehicles. Mark and Miranda Howson were busy at the barbecues, having already prepared a selection of sausages, bacon, baked and were cooking the eggs toast for serving to us lucky attendees.

Mark Howson's really nice new-to-him A65 Thunderbolt. One more Bessa has found a good home being bought by our Club Captain

beans and

After breakfast, a group of 12 of us headed towards

Mark (ride organiser) and Miranda Howson hard at work supplying sustenance to the starving hordes of club members. Well, not quite, but you get the drift. Criag Silcock lending a hand

Keswick Army Barracks Museum. This museum houses a very extensive collection of artefacts, such as uniforms, medals,



Club president Mal MacKay building strength for the trip to Keswick Barracks!



No doubt about Craig's plunger A10, it's a nice bike.



A tough way to go to war. Recommended reading on the subject is Ion Idriess' 'The Desert Column'

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(Continued From Page 11) BREAKFAST AT CLUBROOMS AND KESWICK BARRACKS MUSEUM (Cont'd)

correspondence and weapons ranging from hand guns to tanks. We were made very welcome by the volunteer staff, who photographed the bikes for their magazine. Coinciding with Father's Day, amongst the visitors was a family who were



A display good enough to make older people shudder. Kokoda track. A bastard of a place, according to my father. No argument there in the context of war.



Very effective displays, I think you'd agree

treating their Dad to a visit to a location of his choice. A nice

touch.

I was attracted by the women's exhibits, particularly the nurses and their stories, whereas John told me he loved the 4-wheel drive off-road trucks and trailers, items which would be ideal for a



All but two of the bikes ridden to Keswick shown here



No military display should forget the vast contribution women made to any war effort



The Museum people have put together a wide cross-section of war memorabilia



trip to places such as Cape York. Each to their own!

We departed at 11.30, in time for any Father's Day commitments.

Special thanks to Mark and Miranda for their work in cooking and providing the breakfast and organising an interesting visit.

(End)





Bantam trials outfit fitted with a lightweight sidecar. Engine is from a D7. Note vastly stronger kickstart and gear levers.

Barossa Valley Classic Motorcycle Club 39th Annual Rally Sunday,19th of October 2025





The BVCMCC invites all motorcycle enthusiasts to our Annual Rally, to be held in the beautiful Barossa Valley, Angaston Recreation Park, October this year.

The RUN:

The Run will be through the picturesque wine country of the Barossa Valley with a stop for morning tea. It will be approximately 100 kms and will suit veteran and classic motorcycles. Support vehicles will be in attendance.

LUNCH

Lunch will be available at the end of your ride.

TROPHIES & AWARDS:

Categories --- At least eight categories will be available (provided on Entry information)

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Entry Forms

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barossavcmcc@gmail.com

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Pete Rosser 0439684660

Place it in your calendar



BSA Owners Club of 25th & 26th October 2025 Information Sheet



The Rally Organiser: Verity Robertson 12 Azalea Street Prospect 5082.

Ph. 0418 639 429 Email: bsaocsa.sec@gmail.com

· Rally Head Quarters: Pt Vincent Caravan Park & Seaside Cabins

12-17 Minlacowie Rd Port Vincent SA 5591

Ph.: (08) 8853 7011

Email: https://portvincentcaravanpark.com.au/

· Rally Entries: Close 14 September 2025

Lodge and pay online - at www.bsasa.org.au -

'Click' on Rally Tab to Register and Pay online

Assistance in booking online is available, please call Rally Organiser on 0418 639 429

- Full payment is required when lodging your Entry Form.
- If lodging online you must pay on line
- If paying via bank Direct Credit send payment to:

BSB 105-079 - Acct No. 045144940 - Acct Name BSA Owners Club of SA Inc.

Please ensure your full name is recorded on the bank payment advice otherwise it will

be impossible for us to identify your payment!!

Please note: No refunds are possible as all expenses are pre-booked.

• Registrations: Rally pack collections & registrations at Rally HQ Pt Vincent Caravan Park & Seaside Cabins, from Friday evening (24/10) and **BEFORE** 8.30 am Saturday (25/10)

Brief run down on the weekend, full run details and maps in the Rally packs.

Friday Night Tea. Pt Vincent Bowling Club

Saturday - Rally assembly point: At Pt Vincent Caravan Park & Seaside Cabins,

12-17 Minlacowie Road Pt Vincent

Departing at 9.00 - 9.15 am.

Morning Tea: Yorketown via coast road to Edithburgh, provided by the Yorketown

Progress Association

Lunch: Hardwicke Bay via Pt Turton, provided by the Hardwicke Bay Progress Association

Returning to Pt Vincent via Minlaton - total day approx. XXX kms.

'Happy Hour': Drinks and nibbles will be provided between 4.30-ish to 5.30-ish.

Dinner: Pt Vincent Hotel - 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Sunday - Rally assembly point: At Pt Vincent Caravan Park & Seaside Cabins,

12-17 Minlacowie Road Pt Vincent

Departing at 9.30 am.

Morning tea: Ardrossan, via, provided by the Ardrossan CWA

Lunch: Port Victoria Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol Head Quarters, Port Victoria, provided by the

Total approx. XXX kms.

Lunch will end the BSA Owners Club of SA annual rally for 2025 Thanks for being with us, see you next year.

BSA Owners Club of South Australia Inc Annual General Meeting Minutes Tuesday 5th August 2025 CCC Clubrooms

Meeting Opened at: 8.44 pm. Members: 28. Apologies: Chris Magor, Brenton Giles, Mark Hood, Jeff Jones, Mal Mackay Guests: Nil.

WELCOME: President Dave Long declared the Annual General Meeting opened and welcomed all members attending.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Verity Robertson read the Minutes of the AGM of the BSAOC of SA Inc held 6th August 2024.Moved: Howard Parslow, Seconded: Jim Nixon. Carried. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES:** Nil

CORRESPONDENCE DIRECTED TO THE AGM MEETING: NIL. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE: NIL.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT: Dave Long addressed the meeting and advised that the club had had a quieter year with smaller numbers attending meeting,s but all meetings were positive. The Club rides had been well supported and the club is fortunate to have an excellent solid core of active, dedicated members. The club, though meeting attendances may be lower, is still travelling well, enjoying riding and socialising with each other. The reduction in club membership is across the board, not just our club. Many thanks to everybody for their support throughout the year. Dave received a round of applause from members for all his efforts throughout his tenure as President.

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT: Steve Holmes gave a report of the club's finances and advised that the club has been audited. He advised the meeting that records, receipts and banks statements etc of all transactions were presented to the auditor, including records of the disposal of club assets, i.e. club trailer and purchases of equipment e.g. the club projector. The Auditor stated in his report that he has: 'Audited the financial books of the club and believe that the tabled report is an accurate record of the financial transitions conducted by the club during the year ending 30 June 2025.'Copies of the financial records are available to members upon request from the Treasurer. Steve advised the meeting that he has enjoyed being Treasurer and thanks all for their continued support. Moved: Jeff Cleary, Seconded: Miranda Howson. Carried. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT: Nil.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CLUB AUDITOR FOR 2025/2026: The Treasurer advised that he had approached the Auditor, Mr. EJ Buckland, and asked whether he would be prepared to be appointed the Club's auditor for the coming year. Mr. Buckland agreed to be appointed. Steve Holmes, Treasurer put the motion to the meeting that Mr. EJ Buckland be appointed auditor for the BSAOC of SA Inc for the coming financial year 2025/2026. Moved: Jim Nixon, Seconded: Geoff Wood. Carried.

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT: The President Dave long declared all committee positions vacant and asked David Robertson, the guest Chairperson to Chair the AGM.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: President: Nomination: Malcolm Mackay. Nominated by: Dave Robertson, Seconded by: Bryan Dunn. Adopted by: All members attending. Vice President: Nomination: John Zippel.Nominated by: Dave Long, Seconded by: Ian Rounsevell Adopted by: All members attending. Secretary: Nomination: Verity Robertson.Nominated by: Dave Long, Seconded by: Mark Howson. Adopted by: All members attending. Treasurer: Nomination: Steven Holmes. Nominated by: Malcolm Mackay, Seconded by: Howard Parslow. Adopted by: All members attending. Editor: Nomination: Charles Dean. Nominated by: Verity Robertson Seconded by: Ian Rounsevell. Adopted by: All members attending. Public Officer: Nomination: Robert Pearce.Nominated by: Verity Robertson, Seconded by: Howard Parslow. Adopted by: All members attending. Librarian: Nomination: Bryan Dunn. Nominated by: Verity Robertson, Seconded by: Jim Nixon. Adopted by: All members attending. Committee Member 1: Nomination: Ian Rounsevell. Nominated by: Dave Robertson, Seconded by: Dave Long. Adopted by: All members attending. Committee Member 2: Nomination: Jeff Cleary. Nominated by: Verity Robertson, Seconded by: Dave Long. Seconded by: Dave Long, Seconded by: Mike Apthorpe Adopted by: All members attending. Committee Member 4: Nomination: Barry Ellis. Nominated by: Steve Holmes, Seconded by: Jim Nixon. Adopted by: All members attending. Other Non-Committee Club Positions: Historic Registrar: Mike Apthorpe.

Northern Historic Registrar: David Pearson. Central Historic Registrar: Mike Apthorpe. CCC Rep: Dave Long. Assistant Editor: Jeff Cleary. Federation Rep: Dave Long. Website Manager: Dave Long. Facebook Manager/(1st Admin): Bryan Dunn.

The Guest Chairman Dave Robertson thanked the members for their support, and also took the opportunity to thank the retiring committee members for all their hard work.

As Mal Mackay, the newly elected President, was unable to attend the meeting due to recovering from his knee replacement surgery, the meeting was closed and we moved to supper.

AGM closed at 9.11 pm.

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FURTHER MOTOR CYCLE REMINISCENCES

anon a tutta-tutta would begin, and, with further pedalling, would swell into quite a regular noise. Meanwhile, the shed would be blued by the fumes of the burnt paraffin, and the Tate sugar boxes would begin to oscillate about the floor. You sat down on the saddle, toyed with the afore-mentioned quartette of levers, and inhaled blue paraffin smoke into your purple cheeks.

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If you did not stop the engine by incautious use of the coarse air control, the engine was now ready for a pukka start on the road itself, for, having no clutch, you had to stop the engine before you could commence your ride. I once had a brain-wave, and arranged my sugar boxes so that the front wheel faced the door. I then suborned the cook and the housemaid to up-end them as I sat on the machine with the engine running, the wire nails having been driven in towards the front corners of the crate. Never again!

If this preliminary ritual had been properly carried out, the second or real start on the road itself was seldom very arduous, especially if there was a slight fall in the road. It was, of course, possible that the engine might pull up on a compression just as your foot was shoving the pedal hard down. In that case the pedal flew back, and you might be projected violently backwards out of the saddle. More usually your foot slipped off the pedal

and you felt as if you had stopped one of Dempsey's with your tummy. As a matter of fact, I very soon adopted the run and jump mount for start No. 2; but for start No. 1 the pedals were absolutely essential.

This explains why leather gaiters were de rigueur...

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STARTING

A moment's thought will convince the reader that the free-wheel made or marred this pedalling gear. The free-wheels for several years were of the standard push bike variety, which was never designed for such heavy duty. It could obviously play you two abominable tricks. On the one hand, it might free-wheel both ways, in which case nothing but a long, steep hill would set your machine going from cold. On the other hand, it might seize and become a fixed wheel. This was intensely dangerous. In the motor shed it meant that when your engine started, the pedals, instead of sinking into instant rest, continued revolving at increased speed. You tried to keep your feet on them, but, of course, they slipped off and inflicted horrific gashes on your calves. This explains why leather gaiters were de rigueur with all pioneer motor cyclists. Or they might seize on the road. The immediate action, as machine gunners call it, was a dismount.

In the side of your tool-bag was a miserable little tin oilcan containing about a dessertspoonful of paraffin. (I earned many a guinea for eloquent articles, pleading that the capacity of this can should be increased to a quart.) Plenteous injections of paraffin would generally free the free-wheel again, but you had probably used all the juice to start the engine. In that case you had to continue your ride on a machine which was revolving two enormous

your ride on a machine which was revolving two enormous pedals in a semi-visible blur, something like the scythes on the hubs of Boadicea's war chariots. Worse still were the days on which the free-wheel behaved intermitten'tly. You would be pedalling on the stand to get a start or up a hill to avert a probable

Life Members of the BSAOC of SA

This honour is awarded to members for meritorious service to the club by the committee.

Founding Member

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Verity Robertson Ross Edwards Peter Bennett †

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Above is the final installment of the library's contents. On behalf of all club members who read our Journal, I'd like to thank Alison Jones for the very long hours she spent collating all the library books. Though the list isn't in sequential mag issues, the lists should be so, when they appear.

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Hinkley built in late 2007, comes with OE rear rack and aftermarket saddle bags Rego YZX-975, unregistered. mileage 93560km which dictates price. I will register if full price paid.



2 sets keys, owners manual. It has been a very reliable bike, only letting me down with a leaky rocker gasket 4 years ago. The sprockets and chain along, with the rear disc and pads all round, I did at the same time. Other than that just normal service items.

I have only used it 4 times in the last 10 months, so it's time to go to a new owner. Turn the key, hit the starter button and drive away.

Chris Magor 0475437076





Regrettable sale 1962 A10. Further Information Contact Al 0406 961 342 - \$9750 ONO

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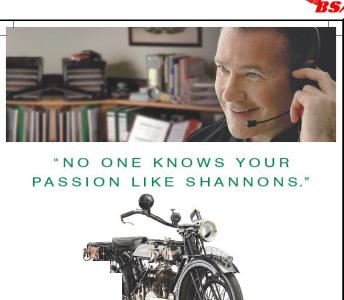
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A10/B33/B31 Swinging Arm to suit rod operated brake, not cable Ph Mike Apthorpe 0412 139 325

A10/B33 1954 - 57 Foot brake pedal (rod operated for QD wheel) plus Rider's footrest set including distance pieces LH and RH. Phone Dave 0413 599 920

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