



The Said extended family are great supporters of the rally. From left to right: Isabella Said, Martin Said (who rode despite suffering three broken ribs the previous day), Dan Tyson, Benjamin Said, Kevin Said, Paul Said, Rick Ebbels, Luke Said and David Said.

Macquarie Towns Rally

• 26-27 July, 2014 – Windsor, NSW

Rain dance

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Just as the driest July in Sydney for this century drew to a close, Sod's Law mandated that it would rain for the keenly-anticipated Macquarie Towns Motorcycle Restoration & Preservation Club's annual rally. Still, in the 13-year history of the event, this was the first wet one. 149 entrants, down a bit from previous years, gathered for the 9.30am start at the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club on the banks of the Hawkesbury River, as light but steady rain came down. Saturday's route took riders along the pleasant country roads north as far as Maroota before looping back to the morning tea stop, expertly catered for by the P&C group at Hillside Public School on Cattai Ridge Road. Then it was off to Maraylya Park for lunch and judging, with bikes divided into categories ranging from Pre war to 2004. Dinner and presentation took place at the Windsor RSL, and on Sunday, the keener riders backed up for a shorter run that started from the same spot and finished at the Whitewater Stadium at Penrith. It was a very healthy turnout for the second day, with quite a few who had opted out of Saturday's drizzle taking advantage of the beautiful winter sunshine. As always, the organisation was excellent, with marshals on every main corner indicating the way. ■

MTMRPC Rally Awards

CLASS	WINNER	MODEL
Pre 1939	Peter Williams	1938 BSA M22 500cc
1940-1956	Malcolm Burnham	1956 BSA Gold Star 350cc
1957-1968	Brian Rickells	1968 Norton Commando 750cc
1969-1976	Paul Abdilla	1970 BSA Lightning 650cc
1977-1985	Rob Woods	1983 Ducati MHR 900cc
1986-2004	Ford Doubleday	1989 Kawasaki ZXR750H1 750cc
Best American	Mick Bostock	1944 Indian Chief 1200cc
Best British	Brian Rickells	1968 Norton Commando 750cc
Best European	Rob Woods	1983 Ducati MHR 900cc
Best Japanese	David Howe	1971 Kawasaki A7 350cc
Best Sidecar	Mick Hope	1955 BMW R50 750cc
Queen of the Rally	Sue Scaysbrook	1971 Honda CB500 500cc
King of the Rally	Peter Williams	1938 BSA M22 500cc



Steve Runnalls (the man from Raritees shirts) rode his neat BSA A65 Rocket.



King of the rally and winner of the Pre war category, Peter Williams takes it easy through the rain on his 1938 BSA M22.



ABOVE Morning tea stop on Saturday at Hillside School, Glenorie.
BELOW Well travelled BMW R50 outfit of Mick and Janice Hope.



FAR LEFT John Steain enjoys Sunday's sunshine on his 1975 Suzuki RE5 rotary.
LEFT Richard and Glenis Arter on their 1975 Kawasaki Z1B.



John Ingle peers through Saturday's mist on his 1969 Yamaha DS6.

ABOVE Queen of the rally! Mrs Editor and her trusty Honda CB500.
LEFT Allan Penrose on his "special" Ariel VHA.