

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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NEWS



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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

The Club and members have ridden into the 2024-25 Club financial year and I'll take this opportunity to thank you and other renewing members and as a vote of confidence in your committee and operation of the Club. The onset of cooler weather often means a few members will be parking their bikes up from Easter / Anzac Day until the October long weekend, the official Canberra home heating season. Or as the military (of old) would say "*light 'em if you've got 'em*".

The rest of us will keep riding and with the range of modern riding gear including heated jackets, vests, pants, boot socks and gloves (really!) along with heated motorcycle grips and seats for those on newer bikes, there is no reason to be cold so why not keep on riding.

What's On

Ride Coordinator Karen's call for member suggested rides had responses from Brett Everitt for the now planned [Weekend Overnight Ride – Rylstone & Hill End, NSW \(Club Event\)](#) and Brad Greer suggestion of an overnight ride to Bright and Omeo. Karen is working on this one and planning between October and December this year.

But for those planning ahead keep your weekends free for the [43rd Kosciuszko Camp \(Club Event\)](#) and [BMWCC 2024 Awards & Christmas Lunch \(Club Event\)](#).

And if your planning calendar extends into 2025 then have a look at my [EOI 14 Day Motorcycle Tour Vietnam, March 2025](#). Club member Stuart Burrows and I will be riding the Himalaya's this July along with the [Adventures of the Club SPOT](#).

BMWCC / BMWCCVIC Christmas in Winter 13 July 2024



Finley Returned Soldiers Club

Your Club are hosts for the [BMWCC / BMWCCVIC Christmas in Winter Dinner \(Club Event\)](#) on Saturday 13 July at the Finley Returned Soldiers Club, Finley NSW.

Register yourself, partner or guest for this overnight weekend ride or car trip to Finley and help show up the 800+ members of the BMWCCVIC.

Ride Coordinator Karen is the club contact and with Finley an easy ~430km ride or drive from Canberra with plenty of accomodation options in town.

Missed that Ride...

National Motorrad Rally 2024, Nuriootpa SA had 8 Club members make their way across the Hay Plain by various routes to South Australia for NMR24.

Rally hosts BMWOCSA had ~140 riders from every official Australian BMW Club in attendance from as far away as WA and the 2 Qld Clubs. Based at the Big 4 Caravan Park the OCSA had planned & lead daily TS or GS rides, rally participant gift bags, catered breakfasts with the official dinner at the local Vine Inn that catered for the individually ordered meals.



On the Thursday day ride to Victor Harbor with Stuart and Chai I got a puncture (repaired on side of road) and we returned via the Adelaide Hills and Birdwood Museum.

Stuart, Chai and I returned via Ballarat and Bendigo Art Gallery with Chai explaining the finer points and rationale of contemporary art, curators and exhibits.

Chai Sambrani, Stuart and me tested the Finley Big 4 CP and RSC returning from NMR24. 👍 As a bonus to come along the RSC offers a FREE shuttle bus to/from the Club.

Everyone had a great weekend and our members got home without incident.

BMWTCNSW taking up the baton for the 2026 National Motorrad Rally.



Rocky Hill War Memorial & Museum mid-week ride started off with 5 registered and rode with 2 for a pre Anzac Day visit and lunch. Well worth the visit if you are ever in Goulburn.

You will find future planned mid-week day and overnight rides on [What's On](#).

Have a suggestion for a weekend or weekday ride? Then check a past or future ride event for the required basic details and email Karen Rides@bmwmcc.au or me President@bmwmcc.au.

Then check out [What's On](#).

For sale BMW GS/GSA Panniers - \$1500 negotiable.

A full set of BMW Genuine Adventure Aluminium Panniers off a 2016 R1200GSA.

Cam thinks they may fit BMW's from 2013 700, 750, 800, 1200 and water cooled 1200 and 1250 as long as you have the framework that suits the Aluminium Panniers.

They are NOT damaged and have some minor scuffing as expected for adventure bike use and age. Black protective stickers on the top of them all. Two Touratech fuel/water bottle holders attached with the straps to secure the bottles.

NO keys for the locks but I am assured that to rekey them is pretty easy?! Pick up Watson ACT.

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VP Cam is clearing out his GS gear. Check out the Club fb page for more.

Committee Matters

This new section is intended to update members on operation of the Club and committee deliberations or news for members. You are encouraged to ask questions or raise concerns in-person on a ride or at an event or by email to the committee member.

Your committee are volunteers who have non-club responsibilities, so respect them and their roles and we shouldn't have any problems.

VP Cam has given his GS to Shannons and working on his K75 project bike in the interim so may be absent from a few Club rides and enjoying the Kombi life.

Treasurer Bob reports the Club to be in a (sic) 'sound financial position' and a full audited Financial Report for the 2023 Club Year will be available at the AGM.

Membership Mike is keeping an eye on new members and importantly for our Joint members, your partner can access Joint+ membership and get their own emails. For those so interested, this requires some backend work so email Mike at members@bmwmcc.au.

Ride coordinator Karen has posted, lead and herded some outstanding rides. These are proving so popular that you can consider a self paced and directed ride with friends to reduce the pressure that large Club rides can result in. A large group ride can be 6+ allowing for various skills, motorcycles and riding styles.

Remember; road rules are there for all our safety and recognise your own limitations. Starting with a full fuel tank, staying with the group and telling the ride leader that you are leaving the group are only some of the common courtesies.

Thank you for continuing your membership with the Club and remember your active contribution on rides at events or on/with the committee adds to the well-being and continuing success of the Club.

Enjoy your ride

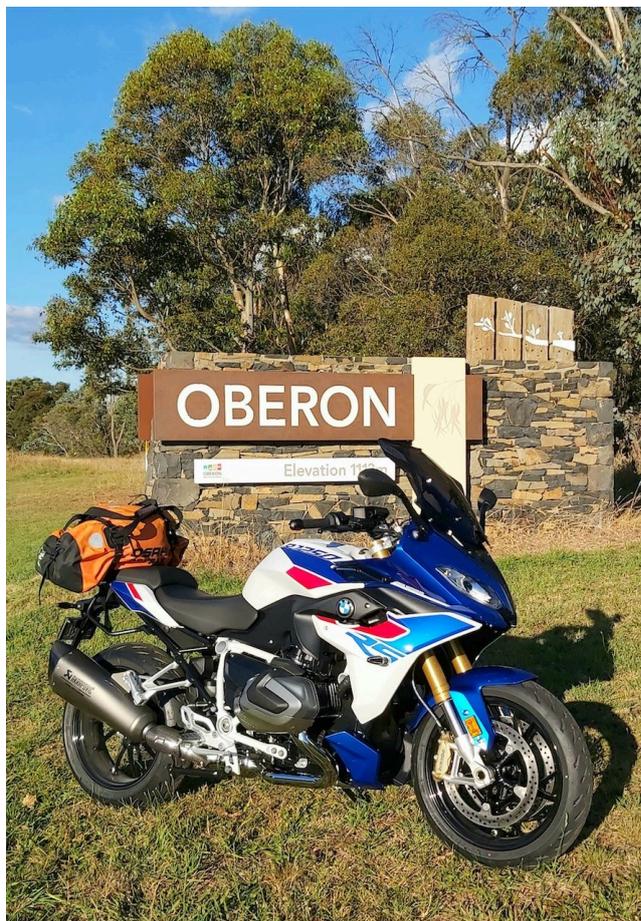
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My motorcycle consolidation project is progressing well by helping BMW Australia clear out their warehouse.

Visit Canberra BMW Motorrad and help them out by seeing what's on offer or to take advantage of the financial member 10% discount on parts, service and accessories. (T&Cs on the Club website)



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