

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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NEWS



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Canberra



Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Autumn is with us and much like Canberra's trees so too members have started to thin out on Club rides. Personally, it is a good time to ride as whilst the weather is cooler, the days are often still clear and for regional riding the roads and coffee shops are also less crowded.

Please join me in welcoming our new members Noan Potgieter (F900R), Raymond Watkins (Suzuki GSX1400) and from last month and may not have made the emailed News Chris Prosser (Suzuki TU250X). I look forward to meeting you at a Club event and for our current members be the first to welcome them to the Club on your next and their first ride.

[What's On](#) has the up to date information for all of the Club rides and events. For our new and current members please use the registration option (where posted) as this helps organisers know who to expect and let venues know how many may be looking for lunch etc. Club members can access subsidised [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#) in their second year of membership.

If you are going on a ride then start with a full tank of fuel, carry a personal first aid kit and tyre puncture repair kit - and know how to use both. If you need to leave the ride - for any reason - let the ride leader know BEFORE YOU LEAVE. It is unreasonable for a group ride to be delayed because you started out with 1/2 a tank of fuel or have to stop, wondering where someone has gotten too. Smaller bike and tank capacity? No problem, you do not need to own a GSA but most modern bikes will comfortably ride 200+km. Regular Club rides will have a break ~2 hour mark so use the break to top up fuel for the bike and food for you if needed.

What's On lists club rides and events and other motorcycle events of interest to members. If you know of one or interested in going to an event and looking for company then email rides@bmwmcc.au or president@bmwmcc.au and we can share it with members. Some upcoming Club events of interest include:

- [Weekend Overnight Ride – Rylstone & Hill End, NSW \(Club Event\)](#)
- [BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra Inc. 2024 AGM \(Club Event\)](#)
- [BMW/MCC / BMW/MCCVIC Christmas in Winter Dinner \(Club Event\)](#).

Committee News

The committee riding members meet monthly and on occasion joined by the non-riding committee members :) to discuss Club management, events and direction. Here is some news from our May meeting:

- Treasurer Bob is currently enjoying a European vacation, not on the club expense account, but reports the Club to have funds for current and anticipated debts. The 2023-34 Financial Report will be available at the AGM;
- VP Cam is adding to and working on his collection of CRS vehicles, and finding out that you can spend more time in the shed than using them whilst finding out who all the reputable parts providers are;
- Membership Sec. Mike is up to date with our new members, resurrecting the occasional lapsed member - renewing their membership and answering email inquiries. For our plus one members the Club has Joint and Joint+ memberships with details on the website; and
- Ride Coordinator Karen is poring over maps to find ever more obscure roads to those often bypassed towns and hamlets within a 'days' ride of Canberra and beyond. With the shorter days you can expect commensurate shorter rides in the mix.

[2024 BMWCC Annual General Meeting](#)

The Club AGM is on Saturday 22 June 2024 at the Queanbeyan Hotel. Click on the link above for details and to register YOUR + (optional) partner or guest attendance.

AGM's are not the most exciting club event but are important for the running of and continued success of the Club. As well as a legal requirement under the *Incorporated Associations Act 1991*.

Know the drill? Then why not nominate and stand for election to the committee and play a role in the Club's organisation and direction. You can download the nomination form [here](#). Complete and return it 10 days before the AGM.

The Club *Upside Down Award* is given with good grace and humour to the Club member who finds themselves separated from their motorcycle - other than conventionally parked.

You can self nominate or *check with them first*, nominate another member. Be prepared to explain your mis-adventure, in good spirits, during lunch at the AGM.



The *Club Person of the Year* is awarded to the Club member that makes the greatest contribution to your Clubs operation(s), planning or contributing to Club rides and events over the past year. The 2024 winner will be announced at the AGM lunch.



Email me President@bmwmcc.au with your or their nomination for the *Upside Down Award* and short story before 7 June 2024, 2 weeks before the AGM.

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

President

President@bmwmcc.au

(R). I bought a new adventure helmet for my upcoming motorcycle tour in the Himalayas and a new R1250RS appeared as well. Dangerous stuff new helmets.



Important - Payment for Club Events

The Club uses Beyond Bank that NO LONGER accepts paper based deposit payments including cheques and money orders from any financial institution or Australia Post. The Club is charged (up to) A\$8.50 for non-standard electronic payments. If you cannot use EFT from an Australian financial institution (Bank, Building Society etc) then email the treasurer@bmwmcc.au or members@bmwmcc.au to make alternate arrangement(s). **DO NOT** send cash through the mail.

From 17 May 2024, Beyond Bank cheques will no longer be accepted as a payment method.

If you use cheque books, visit beyondbank.com.au/cheques to find out what this means for you.

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