



**BWMCCACT Annual General Meeting  
Minutes 21 March 2015**

1. **Location:** Canberra Irish Club, Weston
2. **Date:** 21 March 2015
3. **Meeting Opened:** 1515 (3.15pm), with 22 members per the record of attendance.
4. **Welcome:** The President Martin Robertson welcomed members to the BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Incorporated (the Club) 2015 Annual General Meeting.
5. **Apologies:** Bruce Barter, Dennis Littame, Garry Smee, Dave & Sue Morgan and Bill Brown before the meeting. Martin Gilbert, Rob Berry by others at the meeting.
6. **Presidents Report – Martin Robertson:** Martin provided a rundown of the Club's activities over the previous 12 months. 2014/15 has been a good year for the club, with membership decline levelling out, at 100 odd members. Activities included General Meeting Breakfasts, alternate breakfasts, a variety of rides and destinations, some rallies and get-togethers including Ian Bramston's induction as a "friend of the Marque" sponsored by the BMW ACT Car Club and supported by BMW Clubs Australia, BMW Group Australia and BMW Clubs International. These events attracted many members with the highlights being;
  - 6.1. The *BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally* at Lake Cargelligo NSW last October. More to be said in the Ride Coordinator's Report.
  - 6.2. Our Club hosted the Christmas-in-Winter at Marlo with the BWMCCVIC - a most successful dinner and lots of fun. This year it is the Victorians turn to host the event.
  - 6.3. The Club's 33rd *Kosciuszko Rally* with a good turnout, great weather and firmly at the old Geehi site.
  - 6.4. The Murrumbidgee GS ride last April, was greatly enjoyed by those that went.
7. Many thanks to those that attended and especially to the organising teams. Especially Garry Smee (the rally king) without whose super effort the National Rally would not have been the success that it was. Also thanks to Dave & Sue Morgan, Bill Brown, Jane Smee, David Prest, Bob Ellison, Bruce Barter and Steve Hay for their assistance in making our rallies such a success.
8. Not to be forgotten is the support that these people had from their spouses especially Jane Smee selected as our Club Person of the Year. Martin presented a very surprised Jane with the CPOY trophy in-part recognition of her support at the National Rally.
9. **Ride Coordinator's Report – Garry Smee:** Martin read out Garry's report as he was away at Lake Gardiner South Australia for the 2015 Dry Lakes Racers Australia Speed Week.
  - 9.1. 2014/15 year saw the Club fully embrace Wild Apricot as our operating platform and principle means of communicating with members. As Ride Coordinator, events are easily planned and posted with automated reminders sent to members as the event approaches and for those who register it provides a quick and easy medium for the

ride/event leader to contact them. Looking forward it will become more important that members register for rides or events as this makes their organisation so much easier.

9.2. The 2014/15 Club calendar had 77 general events including the following 'Club Events':

9.2.1. 10 Monthly Meetings and breakfasts. These have proven very popular with members, as has the ad-hoc day ride after the meeting.

9.2.2. 10 alternate breakfasts at regional eateries.

9.2.3. 7 day rides / events catering to the 10 - 500km/day rider and pillion.

9.2.4. 8 overnight rides, that included a scenic route or tour of a local attraction.

9.3. 1 multi-day ride from source to mouth of the Murrumbidgee River. Dave Morgan can rightly take the credit for planning this ride and found a mix of interesting and 'roads less travelled' to lead the group on this journey.

9.4. Two successful rallies:

9.4.1. Firstly, the *BMW Clubs Australia National Motorrad Rally* at Lake Cargelligo saw 72 riders and pillions from all the BMW Motorcycle Clubs other than Western Australia; a tyranny of distance. Highlights included donating \$500 to the Lake Cargelligo Hospital Auxiliary along with a \$250 for a Birko electric urn for the day surgery unit and to support fund raising events, not to mention the collectable multi-tool to early registrants. What's more, when the service station attendant comments on how busy the town is, you know that you have made an impact with the collective group filling the Lake Cargelligo Bowling Club for Saturday night's 'all you could eat' Chinese buffet. The rally was touched with tragedy when Ian Horsburgh, BMWTCNSW Editor, hit an emu on a private ride to Mount Hope to join Saturday's group lunch, dying later from his injuries.

9.4.2. The Club's *33rd Kosciuszko Rally* saw an improvement in numbers to recent years with 60 riders from as far as Newcastle and western Victoria attend. This is your Club Rally and accessed from sealed roads in some of the best riding country to be found in Australia. Why not make a commitment to come along in 2015 or help in its planning.

10. The Club Ride calendar reflects the interests of the persons who plan it. If you're not seeing a ride type or location that suits you, then why not let the Ride Coordinator know in person or by email or consider leading a ride yourself?

11. Finally, I take this opportunity to thank Dave Morgan for his planning the Murrumbidgee Ride; Jane Smee, David Prest & his wagon and others who offered their assistance at Lake Cargelligo and all those members who came along for the ride.

12. **Membership Secretary Report - Bruce Barter:** Although Bruce was in attendance, his report was read by the President as Bruce was unable to speak due to a throat infection.

12.1. Current membership totalled 120, with 95 active and 21 renewals overdue. 5 New and 9 renewals pending.

13. **Social Secretary Report - Steve Hay:** Sunday Breakfasts will continue this year on the first Sunday in the month and will be held at various spots around Canberra with the new Club Banner being displayed to assist members in locating the venue;

13.1. Christmas in Winter is on 20 & 21 June and will be organised this year by the Victorian club and held in the attractive Victorian town of Bright;

13.2. This year's Christmas Party will be held in a Canberra Restaurant TBA in November or December and we hope to get many members to attend; and

- 13.3. Steve finished off with his announcement that he would not be re-standing as a committee member this year due to increasing work commitments of his own.
14. **Treasurer's Report - Bob Ellison:** Bob tabled copies of the 2014-15 annual financial report for members to peruse if they wished that have been available on the Club website for some time. Included in the report were donations to Beyond Blue for \$250 and a further \$250 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service paid from monies raised at the *Kosciuszko Rally*.
15. The Club has also purchased fixed assets for the including a portable gas BBQ, Club Flag (which was on display at the meeting) and Spot GPS Tracking Device. The Spot Tracker is available to any club member undertaking a ride and has been used on several rides already.
16. **Editor's Report – Garry Smee:** Martin read out Garry's report. Gary has advised that he would not be standing for the position of Editor and suggested some possible alternatives for the club to discuss in the absence of any nominations:
- 16.1. Don't have an Editor and just have a committee person add stories from members who supply them;
- 16.2. Change to a Quarterly Shaft Drive Lines instead of monthly issues;
- 16.3. Use the Blog facility that is a part of the Wild Apricot website we already use so members can post articles and have discussions.
17. Garry said that the Blog could be a good way to go as we all have access and it could be used for members to add their own stories, photos and reports for other members to comment on.
18. A possible downside is that whenever an entry was made, an email would be sent to all club members, which could annoy some people.
19. A discussion of the SDL or Blog options then ensued.
- 19.1. Jeannette Hahn suggested that Wild Apricot may be able to run a Digest of activity that would go out to members' weekly or monthly to alert members of the activities of the blog instead of having a notification each time someone contributes to the blog which was thought to be a great idea.
- 19.2. Wayne Higgins volunteered to act as a Club Moderator for posts to be scrutineered for any potential issues.
- 19.3. Brian Weir spoke generally about the idea of a Blog being used as an alternative of the Magazine/Newsletter. Brian also suggested that possibly we could pay someone to put together the magazine.
- 19.4. Ian Hahn said that the Queensland magazine, which is still a printed issue, is quite substantial and does have members contribution stories and photos as well as lots of advertisements which help to pay for the magazine's printing and mailing.
20. Martin spoke about the downside of these alternative magazines funded by Ads and thought that the Blog was worth a try as an alternative.
21. It was moved by Brian Weir and seconded by Jeannette Hahn that "Unless we have someone apply to be Editor, that a 3 month trial of the Blog Facility on Wild Apricot Club Website for club member contributions and chats would be used". It was also agreed that the Blog would have Wayne Higgins as the Club Moderator during its trial instead of a Monthly Magazine for a few months to see how it works.
22. Martin urged members to use the facility and to contribute stories, photos and content for others to read to make this a success.

23. A further suggestion to buy a second Spot Tracker was put forward and this was discussed, but with the current one sitting unused most of the time it was not deemed to be necessary at the moment and members were encouraged to take advantage of the Spot Tracker and use it.

24. The General Meeting was concluded and a break was taken before the AGM.

25. Martin then handed over the meeting to Public Officer Steve Hay.

### **AGM**

26. **2013-14 AGM Minutes**, Steve Proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Mike Kelly.

27. **2015-16 Club Committee (Election):** Steve then formally dissolved the 2014-15 Club Committee and advised members of nominations received and invited those present to nominate from the floor for election to the 2015-16 Committee. Following a closely fought election, Public Officer Steve Hay declared the results and BMW MCCA ACT Incorporated committee for the 2015-16 Club year as:

- President, Garry Smee,
- Vice President, David Prest,
- Secretary, Martin Robertson,
- Treasurer, Bob Ellison,
- Ride Coordinator, Garry Smee
- Webmaster, Garry Smee,
- Editor, vacant, Wayne Higgins as Forum / Blog moderator,
- Social Secretary, Martin Robertson,
- Public Officer, appointed by the President, Steve Hay and
- BMW Clubs Australia Delegate, appointed by the President, Garry Smee.

28. **AGM Business:** The Public Officer then put the following matters to members and voted on at the meeting;

29. That the audited 2014-15 Financial Statements be accepted. Proposed John Kemp; seconded Alison Gilbert; carried by show of hands.

30. The Public Officer Steve Hay opened the floor for any new or additional General Business, and with none received, handed the meeting over to the incoming Secretary Martin Robertson.

31. **Meeting Closed:** With no further business and until the 2015 AGM, the Secretary Martin Robertson, thanked everyone for attending and declared the BMW MCCA ACT 2015 AGM closed at 1720 (5.20pm).