

# BMWCCACT News



## February 2020

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Welcome to Australia the land of fires and flooding rain making for a fairly ordinary summer with the smoke and all. We have had a good mix and after a slow start the ACT has caught up with the rest of the country with 50%+ Namadgi NP burnt out and now all the rivers and dams full of silt and sludge and what about that hail event.

### Past Rides

The International Island Classic @ Phillip Island is held over Fri/Sat/Sunday nearest Australia Day and with 2020 a 3 day weekend, a good number of Club members made the trip down (Photo 1) for some close and spectacular racing from pre WWII to early 1990's motorcycles. Not fast enough for you? The top speeds down the straight were on the upside of 270kmh and you can walk through the pits and talk to the teams. No penguins were sighted and fine and sunny weather for all 3 days.

The recent weather has made organising Club rides a challenge with some deferred and others going to new routes and locations. Dave Morgan (R1200GS), son Mitchell (Ducati ST4s) and me (F800GS) went to a wet BMWTCNSW 43rd Karuah River Rally last weekend at Frying Pan Creek 30km north of Dungog NSW. Not the wettest one I have ever been to and better than 2018's 50oC but the 'normal' Telegerry R was a raging torrent Saturday night and 1m up Sunday meaning the 'low road' was the way out. We chased thunderstorms all Sunday to Gulgong and home on Monday until joining the Hume Hwy south of Yass, before riding into a thunderstorm and got to practise yet more river crossings - on the highway!! (Photo 2 Abercrombie Bridge,P3 Dave Morgan crossing Telegerry R,P4 Mitchell Smee "ST4s just love the mud").

### Renewal & AGM

The Club photo competition for a free 2020 year's membership closed and given the lack of entries (other than mine and two I borrowed from Ride Coord. Cameron's fb, plus one Kati & Alan) no winner declared. Clearly we are all happy to pay our \$40 (single) / \$42 (joint) and renew for 2020. You are a member of one of the most active BMW Clubs and will only get out what you put in. I encourage you all to renew and continue being active in the Club and not just a bystander.

A quick re-mention on Joint and Joint+ memberships. A Joint membership allows for the primary member and the one who gets emails and silent partner, no emails, thank you very much. Both Joint+ members get emails. This requires some back of house admin, so email Memembrship@bmwmccact.org.au with your partners name and email to be added. The Primary member must remain financial for the Joint+ member to continue.

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20 February is the end of Club financial year and if you haven't paid by then will find yourself sin binned with no more emails or membership privileges. If you do renew after this time then this just makes additional and unnecessary work for the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, so please pay now if you are going to continue as a member. Club not to your liking :( then let us know so we can stop emailing you the reminders. We will welcome you back at any time.

I invite you to a late lunch 1330 Saturday 28 March at the Canberra Irish Club and to stay around for the [BMW Motorcycle Club ACT 2020 Annual General Meeting](#). A mystery raffle prize will be drawn after the meeting - so get your free ticket on the way in and you must be in the room after the AGM for the draw. Your pre-registration will help with the catering.

The AGM is an important and required meeting on the Club calendar and your chance to nominate and stand for election as captain or crew to the Club Committee for 2020/21. Whilst all positions will be declared vacant and some committee will renominate and stand for (re)election, VP Ron Tito and Social Secretary Steve Hay are retiring (with my, Committee and your thanks) and Secretary Martin Robertson is looking for a job change or the loan of a pen. Look for the Agenda, Committee Nomination form, 2019 Minutes and (draft) 2019-20 Financial Statement that need to be voted on at the AGM as they (progressively) come to hand. Want to raise a constitutional matter at the AGM, then email me [President@bwmccact.org.au](mailto:President@bwmccact.org.au).

Contact any Committee Member for a run down on what their position and duties require. It's not as hard as you may think and rewarding.

## Upcoming Rides

Check What's On for the full list, however VP Ron' relatives are owner operators of the Kandos Fairways Motel by coincidence in Kandos NSW. We have used the ACT Reconciliation Day long weekend 29-30 May & 1 June to plan a 3-day ride. Whilst some way off this ride planning has 2 parts. No RSVP, no registration, no ride. Then why not make the following Queen's birthday weekend and 51st Alpine Rally.

Part 1. If interested **YOU** need to RSVP your interest here [3 Day Ride to Kandos \(RSVP\)](#). Route details are on Part 2. Do not book your motel room just yet.

Part 2. If the Club gets sufficient registered members, then the [3 Day Club Ride to Kandos, NSW \(Club Event\)](#) will be activated and allow you, + partner or buddy to register. **YOU** will need to book your own room(s) and responsible for any cancellation fees.

Enjoy your ride

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