

# BMWCCACT News



## June 2020

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

After what seems like forever, the easing of restrictions on riding and socialising does not mean we become complacent. So no sharing the same helmet when riding but do make sure to welcome and acknowledge our newest members Andrew Campbell (R1250RS), Brad Greer (F800GSA) and Graeme Ball (F800R) with a nod, elbow or ankle tap on his first and your next ride.

### Rides, Rides, Rides

Ride Coordinator Cameron's return to paid work has freed him up and with the easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions started putting rides up on [What's On](#). Please use the non-binding registration option for Club events as this helps the organiser and venue to plan and for us to keep you up to date with late changes.

Your Committee riding preferences include half, full and multi day rides on sealed and gravel main and secondary roads with highways reserved for the 'transport' stage. There is not too much appetite for 'single track' or intended deep sand or mud in ride planning but committee open to a volunteer lead for that sector. The President is still in his rallying phase so you will see **your** Club's Kosciuszko and other motorcycle Club rallies posted to What's On. Club members are also encouraged to organise and post rides preferably to the Club website by emailing details to the Ride Coordinator a minimum 3 weeks beforehand or for ad-hoc informal rides using the Club Facebook page - not all members use social media. Multi-day rides may be participant number limited to ensure a good time is had by all and to manage the logistics.

The BMWCA are hosts for the BMW Clubs Australia [2020 National Motorrad Rally](#) 2-4 October in Stanthorpe Queensland. We hosted two previous rallies - 2014 Lake Cargelligo, donating over \$800 to the local hospital auxiliary and 2018 Wallerawang, donating \$5000 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia. BMWCCVIC hosted the 2016 rally in Bright, Vic.

It would be good to have members attend this year's rally (providing the QLD border reopens) and there is a Club Member ride planned departing Canberra Thursday 1 Oct. So register your interest in a joint ride or even to meet us there. Your NMR20 rally registration is separate and from the webpage.

Your Club [39th Kosciuszko Rally](#) is the following weekend 9-11 October and closer at Geehi Hut on the Alpine Way between Thredbo and Khancoban/Corryong. To ensure its success we need some member assistance before and at the rally. Contact me if you want to or able to help.

### Club Committee

You are a member of a volunteer administered Club and Committee looks after the routine administration of the Club. The Club is looking for a volunteer for the positions of Secretary (admin) and Social Secretary. Neither is particularly onerous and rewarding providing you a direct say in the Clubs operation. See or email me if you have any questions or interested.

### First Aid, Rider Training and Roadside Repairs

During a recent Club ride, a member had the misfortune of getting a flat tyre and possibly easily fixed on the side of the road, if someone had the tools and know how to effect a roadside repair.

Whilst BMW Roadside Assist recovered the rider and bike to home the incident did happen (no ho) the days ride.

I carry a tyre repair (& F/A) kit on all my bikes from the simple fix-in-a-can (maybe) to patches, spare tubes, rim protectors, tyre levers and 12V compressor on the GS. Small, cheap and effective motorcycle tyre repair kits are available at motorcycle and auto shops or online.

First aid kits are standardised for the 'risk' or more accurately how far you may be away from emergency services so larger means more options. For example, the smallest kit probably will not include an emergency (space/foil/heat) blanket whereas a larger one will along with more triangular bandages than your basic kit. You might be waiting for some time for help to arrive or need to self-rescue the injured rider and their bike and the Club has a SPOT emergency distress beacon for that longer trip.

Want more; financial members in their second year can access Club subsidised [advanced rider or first aid training](#).

The Committee agreed to reimburse members with 'any reasonable spares' used to assist in repairing another members road side flat tyre or encourage you to consider this paying forward should you be caught out one day.

### Website & Joint+ Members

I like to think the Club website has information of interest to the public and restricted member only areas, including other [BMW Club magazines](#). Whilst the Club has Life and Single members, we also cater for Joint and Joint+ (max. 2) memberships. A Joint member can only access the public areas of the Club website; the free Joint+ member links to the prime (paying) member and has access to member only restricted areas of the website. If your partner would like their own login, then all you need do is email their name and email to the Membership Secretary. A Joint+ member only continues provided the Prime Member remains current.

This is a timely reminder to ask that each of us check their online Club profile for accuracy and completeness. As part of our incorporation the Club is required to keep the contact details of members (subject to privacy policy) and having your current email and mobile/telephone numbers assists in notifying late changes to event programs. In return we ask that you email/text the event coordinator if, having registered to an event, your plans change.

There is a Wild Apricot Member App available in the App(le) and Google Play Store providing you mobile access to the Club What's On page.

I look forward to seeing you on the road at your next Club event and until then enjoy your ride.

Garry Smee

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*Club ride to Crookwell and group photo at Pejar Dam, Goulburn. No shortage of tyre repair or first aid kits on this ride. (L-R) Chai, Mike, Martin, Ashley, Simo & Rod. Photo. G.Smee*

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