

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Please join me in welcoming our newest members Stuart Burrows & Andrea (K1600GT + R1200GS), Peter Carew (F800GSA) and Michael Briguglio (S100R) so make sure to say hello on their first and your next Club ride.

I am writing this months News having breached the borders and travelled to Tasmania to visit my father for the first time in almost 3 years. Joining the fruit beagle at the airport was the new inspector of Covid-19 vaccination certificates. No certificate? Then expect to be shown to the anteroom. Other Club members have been overseas or crossed other state borders but no one has made it to WA yet or lived to tell us what it is like. Where will your next ride be and with who?

February 28 is the end of the Club year and you will have by now been invited to renew and continue your membership, in what I believe to be one of the more active Official BMW Clubs. If you have joined in the last 3 months, bonus as you are automatically rolled over to Feb 23 :). Okay, your invitation looks like an invoice but your \$40 offers great value and gives you a say in how the Club is run. *It makes the Treasurer and Membership Sec lives that much easier if you pay before 28 February 2022 so please do not wait until the AGM as your membership will have lapsed before then.*

The Club AGM will be in March/April and Committee positions declared vacant offering you the chance to take the Club in a new direction on your election. Wondering what the committee does, then read the [constitution](#) or ask the current member in that role. If that sounds too complex and you just have an idea then share it with your committee. Clubs are only as active as its members are.

March 22 will have some members choose not to renew. The Club understands that life offers many challenges and opportunities and respects members that leave to take on new choices.

However, if the Club did not meet your expectations and you would like to tell us why then please see or email me confidentially President@bmwmcc.org.au.

Last month I polled Club Members and their interest in a fortnightly mid-week meet, coffee & ride. We have tried this in the past and are doing so again for those who can make it.

These rides will be Club recurring events and listed on [What's On](#). Starting on the most polled Thursday at 0900 and meeting at [KT Bee's Kitchen](#) Queanbeyan located in the same shops as Supercheap. Whilst the Riverside Cafe was in the poll as an option, KT's offers plenty of level parking on bitumen within sight of the cafe for the security conscious.

Important; these are not 'lead' rides to a pre-arranged point so you may find yourself the only person there or one of many on the day. Those there on the day can decide where to ride too or not. Whilst the event will allow registration, it is as an indicator of intent and not confirmation of your appearance. The Ride Coordinator and Committee will appreciate an email from someone who went, with who and to where for the record and welcomes any feedback.

This will be my last reminder for the [National Motorrad Rally 2022, BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Gold Coast \(TS3\) \[Club Event\]](#) as the Kooralbyn Valley Resort is reclaiming 10 unreserved rooms/month for release to the general public. Apparently there are no nearby accommodation alternatives, so if you are planning on going then had better get on and reserve your accommodation or make it a day trip from outside the valley.



Club members and visitors raised \$132 from the raffle at the Club Australia Day BBQ whilst enjoying a free sausage or egg & bacon rolls with espresso coffee and fruit juice.

The prize was a waterproof GS pannier liner. Congratulations to Chai as winner and thank you to visitor Deb for drawing the winning ticket and commiserations to everyone who bought a ticket(s) and didn't win.

This money will be added to proceeds from the 2021 40th Kosciuszko Rally and donated to charity. Did you buy a badge? Then they have arrived and Membership Mike is posting them out this week. See you at [41st Kosciuszko Rally, BMWCCACT \(Club Event\)](#).



The Club February Ride to Lunch and Meeting saw 22 riders enjoy the ride to Binalong Hotel and a relaxed lunch in their improving beer garden. After a ride to Boorowa for coffee the group divided again with some taking the 'dirt' detour via Dalton to Gunning and home.

Club member Bruce lead the country member ride joining us from Wagga.



Service Your Bike @ BMW? BMW Motorrad basic service schedule is every 10 000km or 12 months. BMW cars use in-car sensors and condition based servicing, so give your M Car a good work out Sunday and you could find yourself in the shop on Monday.

The service schedule and list of recommended work can be found in your owners manual or online. Other items like brake or clutch fluid replacement are scheduled according to your bikes 'build date'. It is important that when you book or drop your bike at the dealer that you discuss with the service advisor what work is scheduled to be done and what needs to be done. This is why they ask for your VIN or registration. BMW unsurprisingly only records the service work you have had done at a BMW Dealer. So if you have had work done elsewhere, then you need to tell the service advisor and she/he can delete the 'scheduled' work from your approved work to be done. Anniversary 'work' is automatically rescheduled. You can expect a call from the service advisor for 'new work or defects found' as these must be approved by the owner and has agreed to pay pay for them before work starts.

The post-service road test. Canberra BMW Motorrad charge ~15 minutes for a road test on completion of your service. This previously hidden cost is now an optional line item. You do not have to agree to the test and pay for it, however think of it as the parachute packers quality assurance or motorcycle technician checking the quality of their work and identifying any issues you may not have noticed or had become accustomed too - a favourite story of the quality control and quality assurance industry. You as owner and the Dealer have shared responsibilities in servicing your bike.

The disclaimer & acknowledgement: thanks to (son) Mitchell Smee @ Canberra BMW Motorrad. No family members were harmed or bikes serviced for this story.

As Canberra's summer draws to a close, there are plenty of rides and events on [What's On](#) or let Ride Coordinator Cameron or me know by email if you have a ride or event in mind. Thanks for renewing your membership!

Enjoy your ride

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