BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra NEWS

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Canberra is in the grip of winter but Club members and me rode to the BMW Owners Club SA *Hummertoph Rally in Robe SA* last month and shortly followed by the *National Motorrad Rally 2022* in Kooralbyn Queensland over the June long weekend and hosted by the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) and 79 registrants.

The Club was represented by 9 members and rewarded with the Youngest Rider Bronwyn Morgan, Best K Series Lou Baljak and Longest Distance Female Karen Longstaff (2224km) awards. We gave the largest Club award a good run but pipped by the BMWMCQ with 13...now if it was by distance x riders, then would have been ours with a close challenge by the BMWOCSA 7 members. NMR24 will be hosted by BMWOCSA near a vineyard in the early part of the year.



A group of us passed up the NMR22 organised rides and took a day ride to O'Reilly's Rainforest

Retreat. The resort cafe has a great view and windy road with not too many passing spots. Wondering how a bus would go, we passed a coach coming up late in the afternoon on a hairpin corner as we were riding down presenting a challenge for the queued cars but not us with Dave Morgan leading the charge around the banked cars.

New Members. The Club's membership continues to grow, so please join me welcoming our newest members Ken Jeffery (F850GSA), Grant King (R1250GS), Adam Nisbett (R1250GSA), Karl Roberts (R1200GSA), Mark Rule (R1200GS), Brian Senior (R1250GS) and Colin Sweeney (K1200LT). Current Club members and me look forward to meeting you on your first Club ride so keep up to date by checking and registering to events at What's On.



The Club July general meeting had 15 members ride to the Bushranger Hotel Collector for lunch, with the GS riders returning via Collector Road and coffee at Sutton.

Joint+ Members. The Club offers complimentary membership to financial member' partners who can opt in for personal emails and access to member only website pages. Simply email the Membership Secretary with the financial members name, your name and email who will register and send the partner their log in details.

Canberra BMW & BSI Service Packages. Supports the Club offering a 10% discount on service, parts and accessories (T&C's). You need to present your membership card, electronically available on the website and your profile, and tell them in advance that you are a Club member. Once the sale or invoice is made up, then it's too late. Travelling big km? Then a BSI service package offers benefits and transferable if you sell your bike. Again, you need to tell the service advisor that you have a package, don't assume that it automatically comes up and accessible at any BMW Dealer. If you are looking for that next BMW, service, parts or accessory then consider BMW Canberra.

BMW 100 Year Anniversary celebrations are planned for BMW Motorrad Days in Berlin the first week of July. The President is planning on going to the Isle of Man over the first two weeks of June (10 day tour package including airfares ~A\$10k) and filling in the gap with car hire. Motorcycle hire was an early plan but at ~A\$200/day a budget extravagance. Having endured another detailed "fantastic, best ever" recount of the IoM at last weekends Winter Rally, my enthusiasm is back on and mentioned here as bookings for Isle of Man 2023 open shortly (& fill faster than a BMW Safari). Email me if you are interested.

Rider & First Aid Training subsidy of \$100 and \$50 is open to members in their second year of membership. Details are on the <u>website</u> and if you are still in your first year can renew for one year in advance to qualify. Nice hey.

Motorcycle Insurance companies may offer a discount if you are a financial member of a motorcycle club. The discount is probably more than your membership and worth asking for at your next renewal.

Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2022. Thanks to Greg Chesher for leading our riders in raising & members/friends donating A\$878 for this worthy cause.

Check the Club's page https://www.gentlemansride.com/fundraiser/BMWMotorcycleClubCanberra

I'll close out this month's News with the reminder to register to What's On events as it helps with planning, knowing who is riding and contacting you with late changes and letting venues know how many to expect. Have an idea for a ride? Then email Rides@bmwmcc.org.au and we'll see if it cannot get on the calendar.

Enjoy your ride

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Right: Returning from NMR22 on the Mount Lindesay Hwy :)



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