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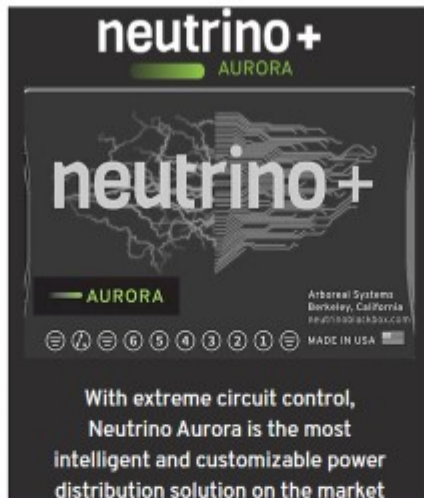
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# Club Calendar

## 2021

- 1 Oct** 12noon **Ladies Who Lunch Mad Asian** Robin Town Square
- 3 Oct** 8.30am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 9 Oct** **SUPPLY MENU CHOICE FOR LUNCH**
- 17 Oct** 30 year **Anniversary Lunch**, German Club, 3 Jondique Ave, Merrimac
- 7 Nov** 8.30am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 21 Nov** 8.30am– **Ride to be advised**
- 5 Dec** 8.30am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 19 Dec** 8.30am– **Ride to be advised**

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. The rides on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month may change according to the ride destination. Changes from the above will be notified to members via email.



**All Newsletter Submissions  
are due to the Editor before  
the 25th of each month**

*You are Invited to the  
BMWMOCGC  
30th Anniversary Lunch*

*11.30am  
17th October 2021  
German Club  
3 Jondique Ave  
Merrimac*

Menu located on next page

RSVP: Before 8th October to Lyn Dyne  
([kenlyn5@bigpond.com](mailto:kenlyn5@bigpond.com))

Your attendance & meal choice.

( Lunch is required to be pre-ordered Menu follows on next page)

# MENU

## Mains

***Pork Loin Schnitzel- crumbed, served with beer battered chips and Salad or potatoes & vegetables***

***\$24.00***

***Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet- topped with mushrooms sauce served with chips & Salads***

***\$24.50***

***Fish 'n' Chips -Flathead Fillets with beer battered chips, fresh garden salad and Tartare sauce***

***\$22.00***

## Desserts

***Sour Cherry Cake with cream or ice cream***

***\$9.50***

***Apple Strudel with cream or ice cream***

***\$8.50***

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

October 2021

As September draws to a close I am staying at home for a few days. The Tweed where I work is in lockdown from yesterday, hopefully only for a short while.

The COVID situation has given me some time to reconnect with our club committee and our rally committee who will get together next week and keep each other mutually updated on club progress. Adrian Headon is organising this meeting for those who are able to attend and contribute.

I would like to say last Sunday's ride with Ken Madsen was an outstanding one over country roads with little traffic and great company.

Just one of those special days Ken, well done and thanks for organising and leading. We had a few new people turn out and made them welcome. Great to meet and share with those mentioned.

Our editor has covered some happenings this month so please read his piece.

The blood riders of our club make me proud to know them, thanks for giving back to the community with your service to isolated people requiring your assistance as well as the regional hospitals you assist. Our small club has 4 registered blood riders so far. Please contact John Eacott if you would like to join them and volunteer some time while riding your bike.

Our club's 30th Anniversary is coming up on 17th October and we will celebrate with a lunch at the German Club. Please contact Lyn Dyne if you would like to join us. We have booked for thirty people and still have a few seats left. Prepaid with menu chosen is a requirement.

See you all soon at Hinze Dam on 3rd October for breakfast from 8.00 am

Steve Bryant # 318



Dear Mr. Dean,

>> DEUTSCHE VERSION WEITER UNTEN <<

After our first BCCM Live in August, the next one is on its way.

**On Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @6.00 pm CEST**

(6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

We will again give you an update on what is going on at BMW and about our plans for the BMW Clubs in the next months. And for sure there will be some entertainment.

So make sure to tune in next Friday for BCCM Live Vol 2:

Link:

[Klicken Sie hier, um an der Besprechung teilzunehmen](#)

**Please note that BCCM Live is meant for each and every club member all around the world!**

Therefore we would really like you to share the link above with all clubs and members that you have in your contacts list.

Looking forward to meet you online!

**About BCCM Live:**

**How does it work?**

We set up a MS Teams meeting, please share the link above with your club members. To have the best possible quality, we kindly ask you to deactivate your camera and mute your microphones.

There will be a slot for Q&A - you can easily type in your questions immediately into the live-chat, we'll try to answer them afterwards.

**What will the sessions be about?**

We want to keep it casual, which means there will be no fixed agenda or keynote. It's just us members of the BCCM that will give you updates on news from the network, the BMW Group and other things that are keeping us busy. We will keep it simple: Neither studio, nor spectacular camera angles, nor sophisticated graphics.

Especially on the first meetings, we kindly ask you for your understanding in case something should not work 100%. There will be always room for improvement and we also want to learn in every session what is most relevant for you. We are pretty sure; we will have a good time. "BCCM Live" should become an established element within the BMW Club world – as an addition. Because we all know: Nothing beats a personal encounter.

Kind regards,

Your BMW Club and Community Management Team

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# BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC

## 30th Anniversary Club History

It all started in 1991. Following the idea of forming the Club by Fred Davies, it was a Tuesday night the 10th October 1991 when the inaugural Meeting of "*BMW Motorcycle Owners Club*" was held at the German Club in Brisbane.

Present were 13 foundation members:

Fred Davies, Nigel Smith, Phil Bryce, Ken Dyne, Lyn Dyne, Ros Pascoe, Ray Peake, Dean Kennedy, Vlad Ettler, Brett Scott, Wolfgang Zech, Aris Kirsons, Christine Morrison. (Absent: Doug Bryce from Sydney) and 6 visitors.

Fred #001 gave a general background of 'why' this new club was being formed and what would be necessary to be an 'official' club in BMW Clubs Australia. The club badge was submitted to BMWCA which was well received and the Chairman of BMWCA requested Fred to appear at the BMW Club General Meeting which was being held during the BMW Nationals in Adelaide at Easter 1992. Up until this time the Nationals were predominately for BMW Cars.

President Fred, in company with Secretary Phil Bryce rode all the way to Adelaide to attend the meeting at which time three BMW motorcycle clubs applications were put forward to the various state delegates - (BMW Motorcycle Owners Club), BMW Owners Club of South Australia BMW Motorcycle Club ACT). Straight after the meeting Fred and Phil rode back to Brisbane which was an admirable endeavour on behalf of the club.

In a letter dated 22nd May 1992 the National Chairman BMWCA confirmed the Club's application was accepted unanimously.

Over the following years more BMW Clubs joined which then represented 7 car & 7 motorcycle clubs. In later years more car clubs were admitted with the ratio presently standing at 9:7.

The first newsletter was produced in November 1991 with the next club meeting being held on 2nd December and from then on the first Tuesday of the month at the German Club, East Brisbane. Membership fees were set at \$15.00 Joining Fee (abolished Oct'98) + \$35.00 Annual subscription. The numbered metal membership badges (in BMW Motorsport colours) were handed out and Club badges (shield design) were ordered.

Advice received from BMW Headquarters in Munich via the BMWCA International delegate stated that there needed to be some 'identification' of the location of the Club. Thereupon the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Brisbane) Inc was incorporated on the 13th January, 1992.

The first General Meeting of the Club after incorporation was held on 3rd March 1992. [Initially the name omitted a location because at the time, the Club had a number of 'Chapters' in North Queensland, namely 'BMW Motorcycle Owners Club FN Qld' with members in Cairns and surrounding regions].



During the nineties the numbers grew steadily with members from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Beaudesert, Jimboomba and Northern NSW. This was quite often due to the various events and club displays such as Laverda Concourse - then held under the Story Bridge - (one year achieving 'Best Club Display') and importantly the coffee mornings held at the BMW Dealerships i.e. Paul Feeney BMW - Nerang, Boyd Yung Motorcycles - Toowoomba and Morgan & Wacker at Newstead, Seaside Motorcycles Ballina.

Other events included combined 'Gold Coast Display Days' with the local BMW Car Club at 'Pit Lane' Surfers, the German Club GC and Sanctuary Cove when the local dealerships would supply one or two of the latest releases for display. The Brisbane Motorcycle Show was another opportunity to promote the Club.

Another attraction for BMW ownership was the Test Ride Days held at the Norwell Driver/Rider Training Centre. BMW Australia sponsored this event where it was an opportunity to test ride the latest models around the track. Rider training courses were held by member Peter Flanders (who trained the motorcycle police) under the auspices of 'Motorcycle Riding School' at the Mt. Cotton Driving Centre. Later on Morgan & Wacker introduced the Motorcycle Training Centre (a Q-Ride Registered Service Provider) headed by Fred as Chief Instructor.

Rallies were popular with those who liked to ride long distances as well as the enjoyment of camping outdoors. At one time the club was involved with the Finch Hatton Rally in North Queensland. Besides those held in Queensland, a good number were in other states. With a number of older BMWs in the club, a few members also enjoyed the historic rallies. Weekends away to country towns and pubs was also on the agenda. Urunga, Dorrigo and Bendemeer were popular destinations.

Also the BMW Nationals saw a few members attend in various states whilst some enjoyed the BMW Motorcycle Safaris.

A group of the more adventurous members of the club who thought nothing of the dirt challenges in some of the most inhospitable areas in this country took on the sand dunes of the Simpson Desert to Mt Dare. Their other challenges were the Canning Stock Route and Gunbarrel Highway all of which required super-human effort. The Off Centre Rally (OCR) was another off-the-beaten-track adventure. Some of the guys on occasion have ridden to the Border Run (WA/SA border) whilst one of our own has become part of the FarRiders (Iron Butt Association) where their shortest ride is a minimum 1600km in less than 24 hours. Riding overseas has also been accomplished by a few of our fellows to Vietnam, USA and South Africa.

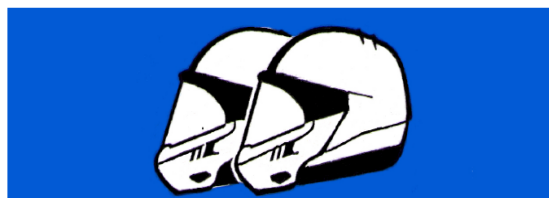
From time to time invitations were received to attend various organisations activities. One such event was the German Open Day held at Bellevue Homestead in Coominya in the Brisbane valley by the National Trust. A very Teutonic atmosphere, including plenty of German food dispensed with German music, German craft and other Germanic attractions. Our BMW bikes and the cars from the BMW Car Club GC were on display.

On a few occasions a few of our guys performed bike duties for cameramen for the Gold Coast Marathon; one was later to perform the same duties at a Variety Club Bash.

At the invitation of the organisers of the Country & Horse Festival in 2001 and 2003 at Beaudesert, members' bikes were part of the parade through the town followed by a display at a local park.

An unforgettable experience in 1994 for Fred (BMWCA International Observer) and the committee members was the attendance at the International Council of BMW Clubs convention which was held at the Hyatt Regency at Sanctuary Cove. There they met a couple from Florida USA representing the 'BMW Riders Association International Club' who were taken on a ride to the Hinterland and along the Coast on a K75S courtesy of Morgan & Wacker. To their surprise our people were then invited to the dinner that evening by the Chairman of the International Council, Friedhelm Günter, a BMW car and bike enthusiast. (There we were in our riding gear seated amongst the delegates from all over the world dressed in their finest attire)!

**BMW Motorcycle Owners Club**  
(Gold Coast) Inc.



## **Anniversaries**

### **1993 - The New Boxer Celebration - The Great BMW 70th Anniversary Ride - The 70th Anniversary Parade - The 70th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance**

BMW chose the Gold Coast to launch the new R100RS at the Coca-Cola BMW Performance Driving Centre at Norwell (May 29/30). 500 riders from all over Australia took part in the celebrations with over 300 test rides a day. 'Best R Series' trophy was awarded to one of our members for his R90S.

1994 - Two of our members rode to Melbourne for a one day event to help celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the R90S at BMW Australia Headquarters at Mulgrave. On display were 8 Daytona Orange & 8 Smoke Grey - (1 Qld - 15 Vic).

### **1998 - BMW celebrates 75th Anniversary of BMW Motorrad.**

A club run was organised around the Brisbane valley area which included two members from the BMW Touring Club NSW. 42 motorcycles & 63 participants took part with lunch held at the German Restaurant at Cabarlah. Special commemorative badges were presented to the riders, compliments of BMW Australia. BMW owners from all over the world took part in the anniversary.

### **2001 - 10th Anniversary of BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Brisbane) Inc**

The event was celebrated with a dinner at the German Club, Brisbane. The gathering included a number of foundation members, Brad Wacker and a staffer from Morgan & Wacker plus a few couples from the BMW Car Club GC. Limited edition Badges were organised and supplied to those present, compliments of a member. (This generosity was also extended later on for a batch of club Grille Badges).

### **2011 - 20th Anniversary of BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc**

This was celebrated with a weekend in Yamba when a special cake was made by a member who was an expert in cake decorating.

In 1995, due to the increasing number of members from the Gold Coast, the decision was made to hold the monthly meetings at a central location. The Gem Hotel at Alberton via Beenleigh was chosen with the first meeting being held in April. Besides those from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, members rode in from Toowoomba, Ipswich, Beaudesert, Jimboomba and Northern NSW.

1997 One of our female riders attended the 'Women & Wheels' event at the now defunct Amaroo Park famous for its Castrol Six-Hour Production Race where in 1977, BMW were victorious. Two Wheels (Magazine) and Stay Upright organised the all Women's ride day to celebrate women in motorcycling. All the manufacturers were present when it was an opportunity to test ride the various makes and models. Three years on in 2000, this event was also attended at Eastern Creek Raceway.

The Club has been involved in rides for charity they being Observation Runs, Toy Runs etc. One heart warming event run by the Lions Club was a day spent with the hearing-impaired kids at Maroon Dam Education Centre when they were taken for rides around the Dam. The Salvation Army were also supported by providing rides for a fee during their Red Shield Appeal days.

For a couple of years a few members took cameramen on board when shooting for the Gold Coast Marathon.

Unfortunately in all clubs there are ups and downs so it was in 1998 that some members of the Committee wanted to make changes which were not in keeping with the club's rules and mission statement. In fact at one stage they had in mind to make the club a chapter of another club! This resulted in a few resigning and consequently there were some months when there was no newsletter produced. Fortunately a few of the foundation members, together with a group of ordinary members brought the club back to life again with Fred coming out of retirement to take the chair once again in July 1999 until the next AGM in July 2000.

During the next decade and beyond saw a number of changes. A move was made for club meetings to be held at the GCCC Bicentennial Community Centre at Nerang in late 2005 to the end of 2006 as the majority of the membership lived in and around the GC.

2006 - A group, including a visitor from America attended the Karuah River Rally held by the BMW Touring Club of NSW. (This was one of many trips made to this rally by our members over the years). Meredith, who was Associate Editor of OTL the official publication of the BMW Riders Association, wrote a piece for the newsletter titled '*From Virginia USA to the Land Down Under*'. For this occasion she was loaned a member's R90S for the trip.

2007 - An important event was a name change to **BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc.** registered with the Dept. of Fair Trading on 11th December 2007.

During the year the club met at various venues including members' homes then in January 2008 the move was made to Cucina Mia Cafe at Mudgeeraba. This also meant a change to a breakfast meeting (social gathering) which proved to be more popular than an evening outing.

Another important change was made by BMW Head Office in Germany when all BMW clubs throughout the world were required to have a new BMW Club Logo which would be in a uniform business card design, a breakaway from the previous layouts. Unfortunately it took twelve months of correspondence for this to be sorted - mainly to do with our name being 'too long'. Eventually on 28th September 2010 the new logo was approved by Germany for use in all the club's correspondence, merchandise etc.

Besides the regular meetings, ride days etc. the membership has enjoyed annual Christmas Parties and President's Dinners (these days lunches). At one such dinner in 1998, three members were bestowed with Life Membership for their contributions to the club. There has also been ambassadors representing the club in many ways which has helped to promote the club.

Awards such as 'Club Member of the Year' were given in the early days. Trophies and awards have also been received by members at rallies, display days, motorcycle shows and BMW Nationals.

2016 - The Club had grown to the extent that it was deemed necessary to find a location to cater for the membership's needs and such a venue was found in July 2016 at the View Cafe at Hinze Dam where the breakfast meetings were continued.

There were two celebrations this year, the BMW Centenary and the club's quarter century which included a photo shoot by members with their machines taken at a Gold Coast beach.

In July 2021 the club received from BMW Munich, a certified copy of the latest design for our club logo which makes it the third change since the club's inception. All BMW Clubs throughout the world now exhibit a portrait design as opposed to the previous landscape design.

And in June 2002 our club has the honour of holding the BMW National Rally at Kooralbyn Resort (Covid permitting).

In 2023 BMW Motorrad will be turning 100 and no doubt there will be celebrations to be had across the globe.

Today the Club is in a good place which in part is due to the dedication, generosity and tenacity of its members. We have also to thank the many sponsors who have helped the club financially.

30 years on and some had said that it would only last six months!

As a tribute to those members who the club has lost over time, we remember the following:

*John Dey, Bernie Shailer, Bernhard Von Potemkin Brandle, Marianne Harris, Kenneth Dyne, Marion Bell.*



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# Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 1st October

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12noon

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RSVP 27th September to Jill

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## CORNER MARKING

### MANY RIDES WILL UTILISE CORNER MARKING.

- The Ride Leader will indicate, by pointing, a safe location where he/she would like the rider directly behind him/her to mark a corner.
- The corner marker should stop in a safe place that is visible to following riders, indicate with the turn signal to following riders the route and remain in position until Tail End Charlie indicates to re-join the ride. Re-join the ride safely.
- If there are inexperienced riders the corner marker may need to wait for a while but remember other riders' enjoyment is dependent on your effort.
- Corner marking is utilised to allow a ride to progress in an orderly and systematic way regardless of factors that could cause a disrupted ride.
- Some of these factors include the following.
- A wide range of rider experience that would cause frustration to more experienced riders by frequently stopping to allow slower riders to catch up.
- Traffic conditions, e.g. frequent traffic lights, or congestion, that cause the ride to break up into groups that lose touch with one another.
- Some riders who just want to "amble" along having a leisurely ride while others go ahead.
- More often than not, especially on mid-week rides, the ride leader will decide that ride members have similar experience and ability and so corner marking can be dispensed with. This means that the ride leader needs to be able to see following riders in his/her mirrors and may prevent the ride breaking up by introducing occasional stops.

## THE RIDE GUIDE

Our branch rides are all about the journey and sharing experiences and fellowship with branch riders and visitors. We should be aware of the varying experience of riders on the day and make allowances for that. In appreciation of the range of bikes and the range of rider experience we ask that each rider to do the following.

- Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder.
- Complete the Ride Register, it is for your own safety
- Listen to the briefing by the Ride Leader.
- Know who Tail End Charlie is and what bike they are riding.
- Keep a safe distance at all times - the 3 second rule is a good guide.
- Ride responsibly, obey road rules and ride at the pace that matches your own ability and skill level.
- Do not pass the Ride Leader unless the ride leader has indicated that this is acceptable. If you do pass without approval you are on your own.
- Overtake only in a different lane.
- if you leave the ride notify the Tail End Charlie and/or The Ride Leader (preferably both); and

If a visitor or new member make sure that the Ride Leader and Tail End Charlie are aware of the bike you are riding and your riding experience and ability.



# Club Ride 19th September

## Montville Lunch

What a cracking day for a long ride and for the riders out of the Gold Coast an extra-long ride.

Steve led the ride from BP Exit 54 and met with me and Greg at my preferred coffee shop in Caboolture (and probably the only one open at that time on a Sunday).

We had 3 new riders along, Steve, Leon and Jayne, so I hope they enjoyed the day.

Initially I had planned to only use the corner marker system just to get out of town, but as the ride went on I continued to make use of it where there was a chance of the back riders breaking contact with us. I was also worried that the 3 potential new



members may rate the club by the number of wrong roads taken and subsequent U-turns and as Steve had already used up one U-turn credit, I played it safe.

On that note, I think it was good practice to do it, even when not totally required. On the previous weekend I had ridden with the BMW Safari tour and even though a relatively small group of 20+ riders, it was used almost always and you just got into the swing of things.

The ride out of Caboolture had us meandering through Bellmere and up Old Northern Road to MT Mee and then down to Woodford. In this area I am a "one trick pony", I need to go up to Bellthorpe and yes that one corner, is still there and just a challenging to get around without crossing the double white line. It goes without saying that we came down Postman's track, one of the few roads where the warning signs are super relevant.



# Club Ride 19th September

## Montville Lunch

Normally we stop at Kenilworth, but today was a day to try something new. After a quick stop at Conondale, it was through Kenilworth and up Obi Obi road to lunch at the Mapleton pub. First time there for me and obviously popular with the other bikers as well. The food was good and served promptly. Sitting on the veranda overlooking the eastern side of the range toward to ocean was great.

As the Harleys thundered by, I was reminded of a line out that great movie classic,

The Castle.....how good was the serenity.

Steve was multitasking on the ride, the bike he was on was being delivered to a mate of his at Boonah so he left early with details the route we were going to take on the way back.

Heading home, we went down Bald Knob Road into Peachester and then Commissioners Flat Road toward Woodford. Not satisfied with the number of corners already done, it was decided that we would go via Somerset and the back way (Split Yard Creek Road) to Fernvale and then the Gold Coast. I peeled off toward Mt Glorious part way through this section and got home having done 390km of great winding roads and was in bed for a nap before boring the kids with details of a great day.

John made sure the rest of the pack stayed hydrated by having a quick stop at the Fernvale Bakery. I am guessing they did an extra 150km on the day.



As always great to get out with like minded riders, until next time, stay safe and upright.

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# EDITORS NOTE

Well the month of September is behind us and it will be remembered for a number of reasons. The chance of getting across the border looked like happening, only to recede into the distant future. When they do unlock us, the border ranges roads are going to be mighty busy for a while.

The ideal riding conditions supported two rides, both mentioned elsewhere.

Behind the scenes, the planning by many for next year's National Rally is getting "all the ducks" in a row. My guess is that when the southerners get let out or allowed in, (particularly the Victorians) they will need some time to believe that travel is again possible and may not really believe that an event planned for June 2022 can be relied upon, so we need to keep projecting positive expectations that it will happen and it should. If they are talking about opening International Borders around Christmas, then running an event in June should be a walk in the park.

Unfortunately a couple of a club members have suffered injuries during the month.

John Vanzino came off on a slow gravel corner during the police Wall to Wall ride last weekend. He now has x-rays of 3 broken ribs and a fibia to put up in the bike room. Not to be deterred he rode 50km on a damaged bike before being put into Robina hospital. If he wasn't before, he's now a legend in the police circles that organise these rides.

Lynne Dyne was out getting some bicycle time when she was knocked off her bike, she is being looked at as I write this article. Its fair to say that her offer to take minutes of meetings while John is out of action indicates that the injuries are manageable or she is one tough cookie, or a bit of both.

We wish them both a speedy and full covert, in the meantime other members have rallied to fill any roles that have become necessary through these events.

On a brighter note, the club has really taken to the Bloodbikes volunteer effort. A number including Stan and Adrian have recently done a large multi hospital run, shifting test samples and medical supplies between 5 outlying hospitals on a Saturday or Sunday, when normally they would have to wait for service Monday to Friday. Donning that yellow Bloodbikes safety vest and knowing that you are doing something to help others (even in a small way) makes the ride even more enjoyable.

On a personal note, I am on the GS Enduro Safari countdown, it starts in Longreach 24th October, but of course I will have many clients and industrial properties to look at on the way, so will need to leave a bit earlier. It was originally planned for late August and the -15 degree sleeping back made sense then, late October in Birdsville not so sure.

Until next time, happy riding and stay safe

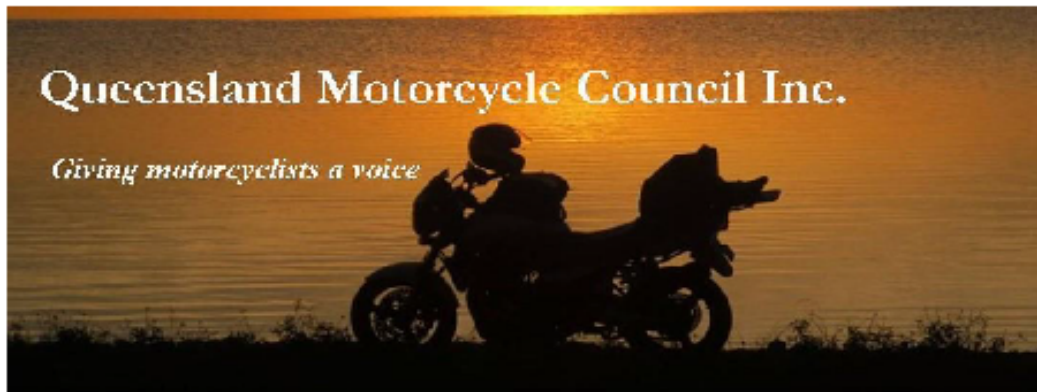


Ken

Queensland Motorcycle Council

The Queensland Motorcycle Council is now up and running, with regular meetings with Government and QPS on behalf of Queensland riders. They obviously need paying members to support their claim to represent riders, and to give some working funds.

Please review the attached. \$10p.a doesn't seem much to have someone as a voice to Government



## ***Queensland Riders Need a Voice.***

When the Motorcycle Riders Association of Queensland (MRAQ) was wound up in 2020 a huge gap in representation at government, industry and community levels was left.

The Queensland Motorcycle Council has been formed to be the representative body for all motorcyclists and other powered two-wheel vehicle riders in Queensland.

### ***The Queensland Motorcycle Council is your voice.***

The Queensland Motorcycle Council has been formed by passionate riders - just like you - and highly experienced industry figures to speak for you.

The aims of the Queensland Motorcycle Council are:

- to establish relationships with, and lobby to, all levels of government and industry on your behalf;
- to influence policies and regulations that affect the safety of riders;
- to work with other road user groups to promote the overall safety of all road users;
- to work with other road user groups to promote the benefits of motorcycles in our community;
- to educate government, motorcycle riders and other road users in the unique challenges riders face on our roads.

### ***Join the Queensland Motorcycle Council to add your voice.***

Numbers carry weight and the Queensland Motorcycle Council needs you to become a member to be able to bring about change and make our voice stronger and louder.

When you join the Queensland Motorcycle Council you are also joining tens of thousands of riders in other states who already have a strong representation to government.

For more information go to our web site at [www.queenslandmotorcyclecouncil.com.au](http://www.queenslandmotorcyclecouncil.com.au)  
or you can contact us by email at [voice@queenslandmotorcyclecouncil.com.au](mailto:voice@queenslandmotorcyclecouncil.com.au)



# QUEENSLAND MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL Inc

## Application for Membership

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Given names: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male  Female  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Details

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration

I have read, and agree to comply with, the Constitution, Code of Conduct and By-Laws of the Queensland Motorcycle Council Inc.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

### Payment Details

Direct Debit: Acct name: Queensland Motorcycle Council Inc BSB: 633000 Acct No: 185878485

Cheque or Money Order: Payable to Queensland Motorcycle Council Inc Post to: P.O. Box 72, Mt Nebo, QLD. 4520

### Nomination Details

#### Proposer:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

#### Secunder:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

### Office Use Only

Application Approved: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

# BMW MATTERS

From Lyn Dyne

**EVENTS:** (All depending on the Covid situation)

**15/16th October - (Postponed)**

BMW/5 Riders Tribute Gathering  
All /5 owners with all other BMW riders are invited & welcome to be part of this celebration being held at Blayney NSW - Dinners, Award etc.  
(The /5 led to the 90S & GS range & to what is available now).  
Contact: Henning Jorgensen 0457 034 488 - hpj333@gmail.com  
Jason Boyd 0412 858 880 - president@bmwtcsw.org.au      RSVP 01/10/2021

**\* 17th October - Sunday**

**BMWMOCGC 30th Anniversary Lunch**

at the German Club 3 Jondique Ave Merrimac - Exit 77 on the M1.

The Flyer plus the meal selection was posted in the August & September Newsletters and it will be necessary for those attending to advise your preferences to the Vice by the 8th October.

Thank you Lyn

**22/24th October** - Hummertopf Rally at Tarooki Campsite, Robe, S.A. by the **BMW Owners Club of South Australia**

**24-30th October**

**BMW Safari GS Enduro** - Longreach to Toowoomba, 6 day, 2,500 km adventure into the Australian Outback.  
Contact: 0438 743 347 - admin@bmwsafari.com  
# (For Queensland residents only due to COVID restrictions)

**6/7th November - Gold Coast Bike Show** at Mudgeeraba

Showgrounds 7am - 3pm  
E. goldcoastbikeshow.com.au  
Mob: 0439 170 882

[Saturday - 50s-70s Retro Cars - 11am - 7pm]

[Sunday - Gold Coast Car Show - 7am - 3pm]

<https://facebook.com/goldcoastcarshow>

**3-5th December (Postponed from 9/10 October)**

40th Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut on the Alpine Way by the **BMW Motorcycle Club ACT**  
[www.bmwccc.org.a](http://www.bmwccc.org.a)

**10-13th June 2022**

Save the date for next year as the BMW National Motorrad Rally is being held at Kooralbyn Resort Qld which will be organised by our BMWMOCGC - Covid permitting

**BMW F 900 XR**

Water cooled 4 stroke in-line two cylinder engine, four valves per cylinder, two overhead camshafts, dry sump lubrication  
Capacity: 895 cc  
Bore/stroke: 86 mm x 77 mm  
Rated output : 73 kW (99hp) at 8,500 rpm  
Max. torque: 88 Nm at 6,750 rpm  
Compression ratio: 13.1 :1  
Mixture control: Electronic injection  
Emission control: Closed-loop 3-way catalytic converter, EU-5  
Performance: Max speed over 200 km/h  
Fuel consumption: 4.2 L per 100 km based on WMTC  
Fuel type: Regular grade unleaded min 91 octane (RON)

**Power transmission:**

Multiple-disc wet clutch (anti hopping), mechanically operated  
Constant Mesh 6-speed gearbox integrated in crankcase  
Endless O-ring chain with shock damping in rear wheel hub

Frame: Bridge-type, steel shell construction

**Suspension:**

Front wheel - Upside-down telescopic fork, Ø 43mm  
Rear wheel - Cast aluminium dual swing arm, central spring strut, spring pre-load hydraulically adjustable, rebound damping adjustable  
Travel, front/rear: 170 mm / 172 mm -  
(OE suspension lowering kit: 150 mm / 152 mm)  
Wheelbase: 1,521 mm

Cast aluminium Wheels: Front 3.50"x 17" Rear 5.50"x 17"

Tyres: Front 120/70 ZR 17 Rear 180/55 ZR 17

Brakes: Front - Dual disc brake, floating discs, Ø 320 mm, 4-piston radial brake calipers  
Rear - Single disc brake, Ø 265 mm, single-piston floating caliper  
BMW Motorrad ABS

Seat height: 825 mm, 775 mm

Usable tank volume: 15.5 l - Reserve: ca. 3.5 l

Unladen weight, road ready, fully fuelled - 219 kg

Permitted weight - 438 kg

Colours: Light White, Racing Red, Galvanic Gold Metallic

Price: from \$17,940 + on-road costs

Warranty: 3 years, unlimited kilometres

**Sunday Run**

The day saw clear blue skies and moderate temperatures which were ideal for the Spyder and Monster to get out and about. I met Ep at Beenleigh around 10am and we headed west to Tamborine Village, Jimboomba and Beaudesert where it was time for a refreshing drink. At a fuel stop at Boonah we ran into Gordon & Jenny on their way home from Warwick. Lunch was had at Peak Crossing where the temperature rose to 30 degrees after which it was a run down the Ipswich Motorway to the M1 and home.

For me it was around 300 + k's.

So many bikes out and about and plenty of housing estates springing up in the Scenic Rim.

# ADVERTISING

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## Club Merchandise



Club Polo Shirts (Blue with white trim) .....\$ 35.00

Club Caps (Black, White or Styled).....\$ 34.00

Lightweight Summer Polo Shirts.....\$ 35.00

Men's: Sky-Blue with white trim or White with  
Sky-Blue trim

Ladies: White with a pale blue trim



**Contact John Vanzino 0414 988 619**



# Sneaky 3 day BMW GS Tour

One of the benefits of adventure motorbike touring is that I see so many places that are off the beaten track and yet people make a living out of country that to my untrained eye is pretty low value or non-productive.

Last weekend I joined a quickly planned 3 day off road tour organised by the BMW Safari team. Numbers were limited to 20 riders and with a number of expert rider trainers as support, I knew my skills would be tested and correction advice given. I saw this ride as a great test before venturing out to do the BMW GS Enduro Safari late October, Longreach to Toowoomba via Birdsville.

Starting in Toowoomba, the team had us travelling through very productive farm areas, back roads and fire trails, eventually overnighting in Kingaroy.

The motel we stayed at (Room Motel Kingaroy) piqued my curiosity, I knew it was a modular form of construction, but it was very well done with clever finishes. It turns out the units are based on a part shipping container type frame and have no top, extra height and pitched roof sits above this and the interior had very neat drop in ceiling and wall panels.

Definitely a different feel to the usual modular worksite type accommodation and yet they fitted a lot into a small space.



The next day had us head toward Kenilworth through some mountainous areas that I am still to work out how we got there. One section, we named the goat track, we could hardly make out the wheel tracks that had formed the track before, the long grass hid the line until we were nearly over it. The lead riders called the track “technical” at the rider briefing the night before. I would agree with that, get your line wrong and you got very close to the drop off on the downhill side, or the erosion rut on the uphill side.

Some of that was captured on the attached video, apologies for its length, it was done for one of the riders who doesn't really remember how/what we did, he was too focused on just getting through.

<https://youtu.be/FAZb02MLW8o>

The other video at Mt Mee doesn't do justice to the steepness of the terrain, but that's a common problem with Gopro video, they flatten out the images, suffice to say, I am feeling more confident of my skills in the lead up to Longreach, now it's a matter of not letting the head psych me out when it comes to the harder sections.

<https://youtu.be/8O1WcRzK7S8>

Definitely feeling invigorated after a very tiring weekend, even though I wanted to sleep on Sunday night, the body was so tired that I think I fidgeted in my sleep all night, last night was much better. I even complimented my personal trainer this morning as I am sure some of the extra riding ability has come from being a bit stronger and more flexible. He got a copy of the videos so he can see what muscles get the extra work out on the ride.

## RIDERS OF A CERTAIN AGE!

Riders of a "Certain Age" how often have we heard this and most of us in the club are just that "Riders of a "Certain age" So what does that really mean? I have been giving a bit of thought to that over the recent years and here is my take on it. Perhaps you can identify with it? If not, no worries, it's a bit of fun after all!

When it comes to bikes, I am constantly looking at what I am going to buy next. I am also obsessed with gear as well. But the larger part of the obsession is borne out by two things:

**Firstly:** I just love riding; I love the feeling every time I walk towards my bike. Nothing is going to distract me from the joy of being on two wheels. Time on the bike allows you to work through things in your mind and start filing things away in a more ordered fashion. Every major decision that I have ever made in my life has been thought through and arrived at whilst riding my bike.

It also allows you to get to places that you may not usually go. I love being quite a long way from home on my bike, being out of my normal environment and having the freedom to go wherever I want and think through any problem whenever I can.

**Secondly:** I love getting the nod from other bike riders and I have three other mates who all ride, and to us it's a point of social currency that's without judgement. We all have different opinions, but we are interested in one another's views, and we get to share that sense of freedom. With bikes there is always something positive on the horizon. It's a passion without end, we will keep riding for as long as we can, always thinking of the next thing to buy, or place to go. It creates a marvellous, valuable social bond based on enthusiasm, shared enjoyment, and generosity. The relationship with my biking mates is, without question, different to the bond that I have with my other friends.

This is a mindset that has matured over the years. Gone is the urge to travel at warp speed everywhere, we have nothing to prove, why, because we have reached the age, we have, without too much trauma and of course have learnt the joy of just riding for fun.

So, what do you think about being a "Rider of a Certain age" then? Interested to hear your views on the subject.

So, until next time Ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Cheers

### The Old Fart



"I believe it's part of a campaign to improve public-to-police relations"



"I don't think it's worth ten pounds, Mr Haggle"

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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 8 Sequoia Close, Elnora, QLD 4221  
 Secretary: John Vanzino  
 Mobile: 0414 988 619  
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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name:	Surname:	Class of Membership (see below):
Family member's first name:	Family member's surname:	Relationship to member:
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Post Code:
BH:	AH:	Mobile:
Email:	Motorcycle Type:	Occupation (optional)

I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List: YES / NO

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:

**SIGNATURES**

I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the constitution of the BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of family member (if joint membership):	Date:

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## CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

### Ordinary Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is an owner of a BMW Motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association and are eligible to vote on any matter and are eligible for election to the Management Committee.

### Associate Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is not an owner of a BMW Motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not eligible for election to the Management Committee.

### Family Member:

This class of membership is available to bone fide immediate family members of an ordinary or associate member. Such members enjoy the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not eligible for election to the Management Committee. Only one family member is permitted for each ordinary or associate member.

## DISCLAIMER

The BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc. is a social club of individuals voluntarily participating in social rides and social activities of their own free accord, and carries no liability or responsibility for the individual actions of any member of the club. By joining the club each member acknowledges that: motorcycle related activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do, happen; that they have adequate motorcycle insurance cover as required by law; and that they are entirely responsible for their own actions and behaviour whilst riding a motorcycle within the club.

## NOTE

The BMWOC(GC) Inc. carries Public liability Insurance in the amount of \$20M.

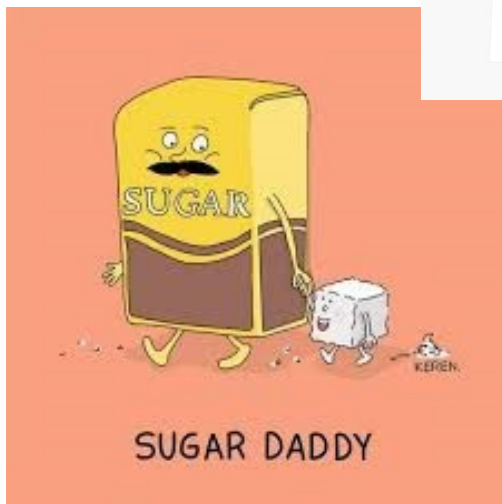
## FEEES

\$50 Joining fee, \$40 Annual Renewal  
BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc.  
Suncorp Bank: BSB 484799 ACC 000294631 REF: Please use your name

## COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Proposed By:	Signature:	Date:
Seconded By:	Signature:	Date:
Membership No.	Notes:	

# JOKES & CONTACT



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