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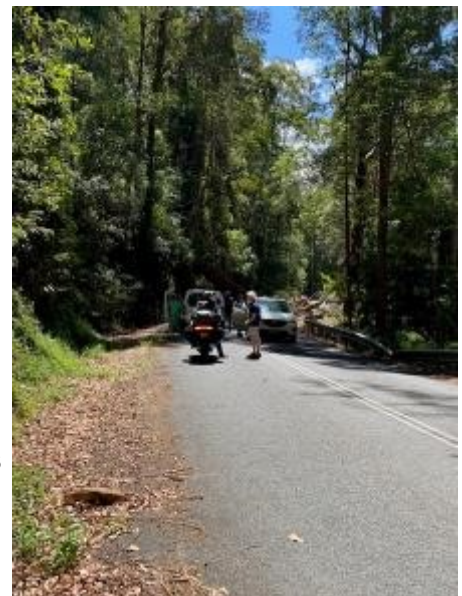
## Xmas Ride 2022 to Ballina

I think it was Forrest Gump that said life's like a box of chocolates, you just never know what you will get when you open the box. We could say that about the BMWOMCGC ride , in particular this years Christmams run, full of twists and turns, deliberate with the odd road block, Numinbah Valley road, picture below on way to this year destination at Ballina.

This years started with plans to Richmond but due to overwhelming demand from members wanting to attend the location had to be shifted to accommodate more than the 22 that the Richmond property can accommodate, just another twist and turn to this years gathering for Christmas, wasn't easy for Adrian too join the dots but he did what he could to try and accommodate everyone preferences, always a task fraught with danger ?

We left Hinze "on time" and meandered our way via Numinbah Valley, Chillingham, Murwillumbah the lovely Burringbar Range to our first stop at the Billinudgel Hotel. We met up with partners and the ladies who wanted to ride at their own pace and route to our lunch time venue. The pub was very accommodating , our original plans were for 20 for lunch this changed to 10-15 and ended up back at 20 on the day, we do like making last minutes plans, but then again life is like that a lot, you just to go with the flow, or be disappointed eh.

The food at Billinudgel didn't disappoint and our spots out the back provided some much needed relief from the sun for a hour or so, from here we made our way to Ballina via the very scenic Coolamon Drive not only has this route got nice twisties but has sensational views our our coastline in this region. We then rode thru Bangalow up the hill and down dale past the Byron Bay Golf Course, Stan just had to see a golf course on route , cant help himself ... we then meandered , some rode slower than others, another challenge in a large group and just yet another life example of being able to go with the flow or be disappointed or there is always the option of doing your thing...then rode thru Lennox Head and the Coast road to our final destinations in Ballina.



Afternoon drinking and few snacks after a how shower were just what the doctor ordered , some had a nana nap, nothing wrong with that given the demographic of the group then pre dinner drinks, some had more than other, just saying Ken that's all... before dinner was served.



Normally we would run raffles etc. for charity at the Xmas Dinner but unfortunately the layout didn't facilitate that option this year, too many other people and we would have been quite disruptive to their evening out, so Steve and the committee made the call to finish our more traditional Christmas activities at the next BMW Club Breakfast at Hinze Dam on Sunday the 4th December, so be there with a bit of pocket money on hand to support some worthwhile causes.



Gordon did what only Gordon does best and no that s not getting lost on way to find the best carrot cake in town , but to lead us yet again and an adventure ride on the Sunday, although this one started with nearly everyone there, Stan was left behind whilst fueling up on our way to the ferry to cross the Richmond river for a cruise through Ballina South before taking in the views at Evans Head. Gordon then took the back roads to Alstonville via so many little places that the writer lost count. Lunch was at Café 86 Alstonville, where again the food didn't disappoint.



Some folk stayed one night whilst other stayed a bit longer, the flexibility of these activities add to their appeal. For those to stayed the extra night the sunset and dolphins put on a show and left us with fond memories of how fortunate we are to life and ride in such a great part of the planet.



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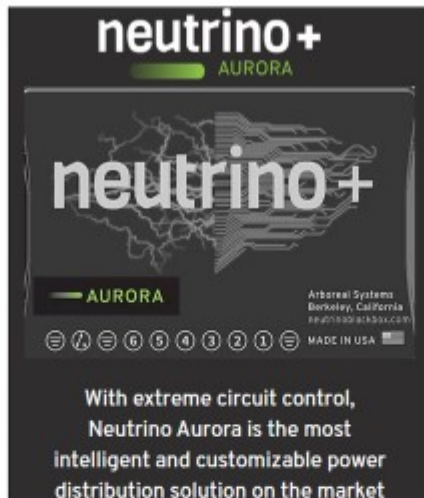
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# Club Calendar

## 2022

- 2 Dec** 12noon **Ladies Who Lunch** The Thai, Worongary
- 4 Dec** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

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**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

December 2022

This being the last newsletter for the year, I would like to recap some of our club's activities.

The first thing that came to mind was our Kooralbyn rally. With all the time and effort invested by club members was a successful weekend and a great achievement

The ladies lunches have been very popular and will continue in the new year no doubt. Thanks to the organisers for making all the ladies welcome and comfortable at these events.

Our social nights also have been popular and lots of fun at different venues, thanks also to the organisers - it doesn't happen by itself.

Our day rides have been many and varied and conducted with safety in mind. We still have a good safety record to be proud of.

Many members have enjoyed themselves on Safari's and organised rides. We've even had a couple of GS weekends away.

As I look back over 2022 I realise what a tight group our great little club remains.

Thank you all for your commitment and contributions to the club.

As the first Sunday in January falls on 1/1/23 we will have our January Hinze Dam breakfast on Sunday 8/1/23. No newsletter for January as usual so our hardworking editors can enjoy the holidays. Thanks for the excellent newsletter during the year. A fabulous job well done all.

Pat and I would like to wish all our club members and our Facebook followers (now at 502) a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2023.

Steve Bryant #318



# BMW TS Safari Launceston to Launceston

I am an easy sale when it comes to the BMW Safari's as I love the free T-shirt that we get each time. An added bonus is the number of likeminded people that get attracted to the event. This year Adrian, Cherie and I met up with Olivier (Oli) Grandjean and his brother Pierre, Oli had been on a previous TS ride with us, so he can't blame us for not being warned. It also worked out that Carol Gilmour from the previous Tasmanian GS ride could fit in a week away, so I had a pillion. Carol is a more confident rider than me and faster on the corners, so I am sure there were times there where she was nodding off or mumbling under her breathe. That Carol had also ridden a GS Safari some years ago with Oli and Pierre just made the week away feel like a reunion. We also had the company of Brent and Robyn who are new to the club.

As mentioned previously, Adrian had issues with his fuel cap, it wouldn't open, so he needed to borrow my toolkit (he didn't have one then, but does now). Turns out that there were no replacement fuel cap assemblies in Australia, so one was flown out recently. Apparently BMW never thought someone would hit the cap closed with their fist so hard and regularly that it jammed.



As is only befitting of BMW riders, the organisers had us starting at Peppers Launceston, spread across the 2 hotels. HQ was based in Peppers Silo, the developers had repurposed the silos as part of the hotel.

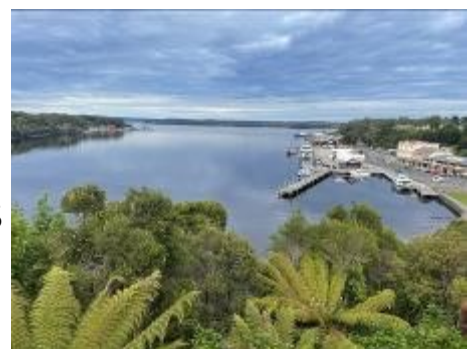


Looking back, the week just blurred into a series of scenic twisting roads, views and then more views and stories over meals. The memorable parts were the fierce winds on the ride up to the Great lakes, keeping the bike upright and in place was a challenge. The days were dust free as the rains that we had in

Victoria followed us to varying degrees, although we did have blue skies overlooking Strahan

The BMW organisers were on the R1800 and some of the GS legends quickly morphed into the Doof Doof mentality.

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With two nights in Hobart, a visit to Bruny Island was on the ride map, the weather gods decided to lash the hotel with driving rain, and we developed Plan B, hired a mini bus and 9 of us drove off to follow the route down for lunch on Bruny Island. On arrival the other riders looked like drowned rats and we felt very wise in our choice. I think we could have sold the vacant seats on the return journey for a profit, if only there was a way to get the bikes back.

The oysters did not disappoint at Get Shucked and the conversations on the journey back never got close to being sensible. Adrian was navigator and as such, he was as useful as pockets on a singlet and slept through some of the drive, waking only as we pulled into Wrexford.



Tasmania really has the food and wine scene sorted, so even small off the beaten track locations had great offerings. On the last day we had to visit the Pub in the Paddock at Pyengana, one of its attractions is the farm pigs enjoy a specially made diluted beer that you buy and give to them. Well on that day, they appeared to be going teetotal and wouldn't engage.

Adrian and Cherie had gone to the nearby cheese factory and it was probably here that Adrian punctured his rear tyre. The trouble was that after fixing the hole, another was spotted and so it went around on the same line for a lot of holes. The Safari crew were on hand to help fix, but it quickly became evident the bike was not going anywhere without a new tyre.

One of the participants was in his car and offered them a ride to our final night back at Launceston, whilst Safari organisers arranged for a truck to pick up and drop off at Devonport, where that night at 10pm a new tyre was fitted, outstanding effort by the organisers and transport company.

We did our best to convince Adrian that maybe it would be easier to just buy a new bike, that way he didn't have to get a new tyre or fix the petrol cap....Cherie couldn't see the logic in this. Where we originally thought it was a faulty tyre, it is now believed that he drove over a dead echidna, apparently, they are very common in Tasmania and there are a number of reported punctures this way.



On the Saturday, Carol had access to a car and we dropped Adrian off at the transport company in Devonport so he could ride the bike back to Launceston before heading off with Cherie, Brent and Robyn for their wandering ride back to the Gold Coast whilst we flew back to start work again on the Monday.

To minimise the Post Safari Blues (PSB), I leave the ride sticker on until I have registered for the next Safari. Registrations open 8am 30<sup>th</sup> November for the March GS Safari, Healesville to Bathurst and the office has been given the dates of when I am again working remotely



## 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.



Where does Santa plug in his new hybrid sleigh?

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# *EDITORS NOTE*

As we close out 2022, I would like to wish all the members and their families an enjoyable and safe Christmas and look forward to riding with you all again next year. With so many events that seem to be squeezed into the period leading up to Christmas, it feels like overload, of course I could hold back on a few, but why? Especially when they are as much fun as the recent Ballina weekend away.

The organisers really set the bar high, from choice of accommodation (Thanks Cherie, even if Adrian said he did it all) to the rides led by Stan and Gordon. Barry's seafood restaurant will be revisited whenever possible.

I am not sure how Stan was able to organise for the fallen tree on The Numinbah Road, but it was great to see the 1600's get a bit of GS action.





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## EVENTS:

### 2023

#### 3-5th March

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## Xmas Party

Fourteen BMW's departed the Hinze Dam Cafe on the Saturday morning after breakfast and headed south to attend the Christmas Party weekend at Ballina. From the rear it was quite a site to see the group wind their way along the 'Hinze Raceway' then cruise through the picturesque Numinbah Valley.

How lucky for us when we were able to negotiate our way under a huge fallen tree (that the tree tops couldn't do) which had fallen across the roadway. We had just made our way to the other side when the police arrived and no doubt they would have closed the road which meant that we would have had to backtrack to the Coast.

It was good to see a few of our new members attending on their first outing with the club. By all accounts everyone had a great time with lots of laughs. Even the weather gods were kind.

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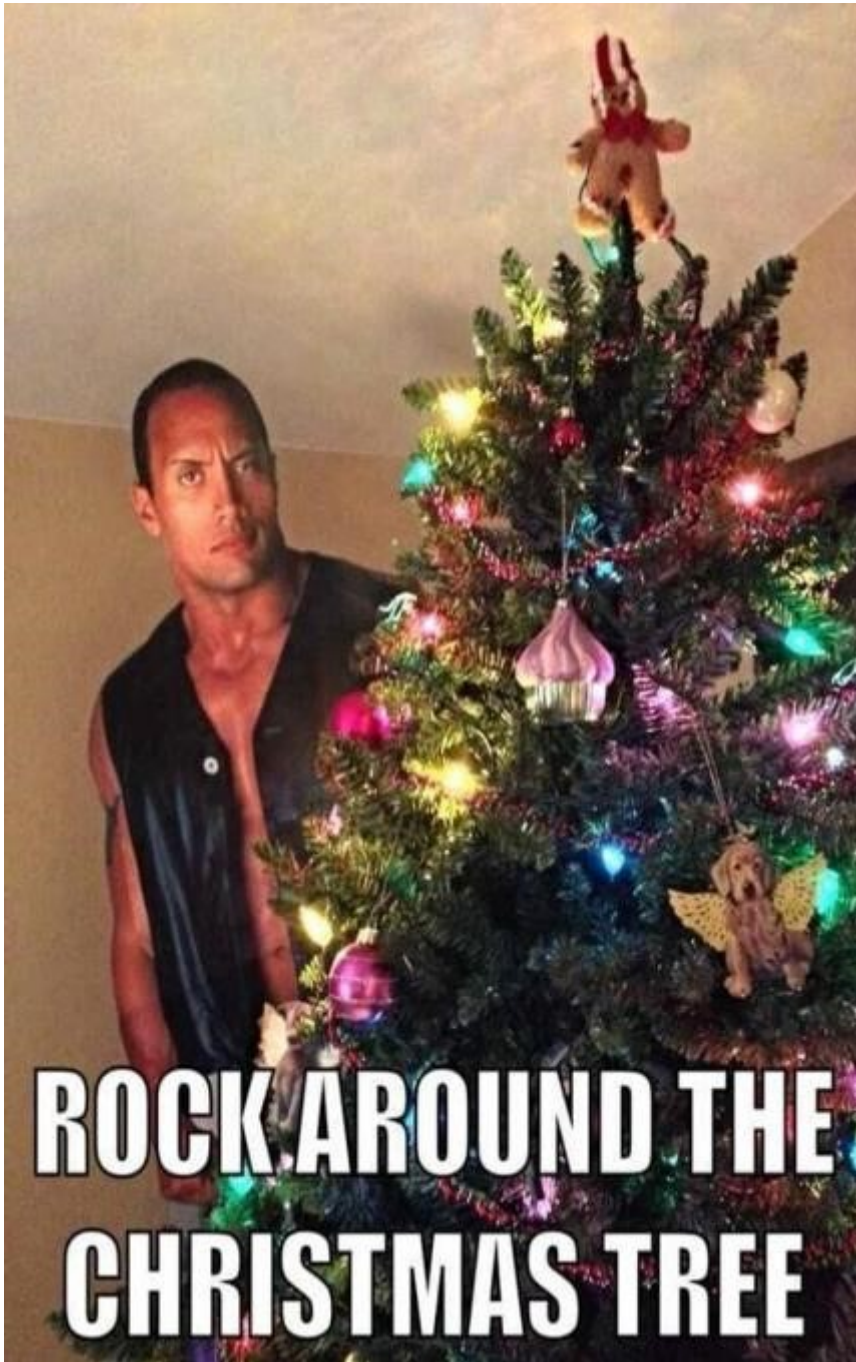


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