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Club Calendar

2022

- 3 Jul** **8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 19 Jul** **8.30am Ride to be advised**
- 24 Jun** **12noon Ladies Who Lunch Mad Asia** Robina Town Square

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the first and 3rd Sundays. The rides on the 3rd 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**

Rally Roundup

2022 was a first for our Club in that we hosted the BMW Motorrad National Rally. Actually we did have some input in the past when we were involved in the combined Car & Bike Nationals in 2000 at Caloundra and Stanthorpe in 2005.

This then was to be the last of the joint Nationals as the cars went their own way.

Unfortunately thereafter the bike people were slow to take up the opportunity but in 2014, the ACT Motorcycle Club hosted the rally at Lake Cargelligo NSW.

Somewhere along the way, the Nationals had become an event held every second year instead of annually (mainly held on the eastern seaboard), so the next Motorrad Rally was held in Victoria in 2016. Then in 2018 it was back to NSW at Wallerawang west of Sydney.

The event could not be held in 2020 because of Covid but in 2021 a few clubs got together to hold it in Condobolin in the NSW west, and to their credit, as they didn't have a great deal of time to organise it for June.

In the BMWMOCGC we had a small group, who on their own volition, came forward to form the Rally Committee and perform their various duties over the twelve months preceding the event.

Initially we hoped for around fifty or so participants and with thoughts that it may not even take place because of the virus. It was a relief then in the last few days that the number reached 78.

On the Friday night after dinner we moved on to the 'Shed' which was heated thankfully as it was a very cold night. One of our ladies nearly had her puffer jacket melt when she warmed herself besides the heater. Another group gathered outside around the open fire and some took the opportunity to partake of toasted marshmallows.

The rides throughout the Scenic Rim area were well received. One of our members is a hardy soul as he was spotted wearing a BMW Air-Flow Jacket!

Trevor Dean (NSW) the International Delegate was impressed with the organised rides. Other officials attending were the National Chair, Garry Smee (ACT), Vice-Chair Motorcycles, Bailey Gifford (SA) and Vice-Chair Cars Bob Williams with his wife

Carolyn (NSW). Bob has attended a number of Motorrad Rallies over the last few years.

We were fortunate also that we had a number of sponsors who were very generous with their products -

Ballina Motorcycles gave vouchers for the Raffle/Show & Shine, *MotorBike XXX* donated a variety of their products, *Autosol* (thank you Donna) were extremely generous with their goods and our own Nic Mercieca (*Smart Moto*) supplied each participant with a First Aid Kit. These goods were put towards the Welcome Pack and Raffle, the proceeds of which are being donated to our charity of choice, *The Sanctuary Women, Children & Pet's Refuge* on the Gold Coast.

It seems that everyone enjoyed the weekend at the Kooralbyn Resort where there was a lot on offer to the group. For those not taking part in the rides, some took the opportunity to play golf on the Resort's fairway or there was the 36 hole Mini Golf.

The Awards:

Longest Distance Male - *Thomas Kuen* of Melbourne 12,159 kms

Longest Distance Female - *Karen Longstaff* of Canberra 1,200 kms

Oldest Combined Bike & Rider - *Trevor Hooker* (97 yrs)

Youngest Rider (37) - *Bronwyn Morgan*

Hard Luck Award - *Carla Tupicoff*

Show & Shine:

Best in Show (Peoples Choice) R1200C - *Cindy Bennett* - *Qld Club*

Best R Series (R1100S) - *Gerald Wright* - *NSW Club*

Best K Series (K1100LT) - *Lou Baljak* - *Act Club*

Best GS (R1100GS) - *Frank Hills* - *Qld Club*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July 2022

What a fabulous group to work with. I have to say again how much I admire our members for their contributions for our great little club and activities.

Kooralbyn was a success and that's all I can say. Our organisers planned everything so well, the rides were perfect, the show and shine, the raffles, the programming and the fundraising. We also had perfect Queensland weather to show off where we live and how spoilt we are for choice in ride routes and destinations.

We luckily found sponsors who added so much to the event. Ballina Motorcycles, Smart Moto, Autosol, by way of Blossoms Florists (Donna organised their huge involvement on our behalf) and XXX motorcycle cleaning products. Thank you all and it won't be forgotten.

Steve Bryant # 318



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2022 National Motorrad Rally Overview

Well that year went fast; seemed like only a few weeks ago the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Gold Coast was at Condobolin and offering to host the 2022 National Motorrad Rally. In that time the club members and some behind the scenes superhero's, worked through the various Covid, border, accommodation and staffing restrictions that kept changing. I know a few breathed a sigh of relief when the club put out the welcome mat to over 80 attendees that made their way to Kooralbyn.



It had always been hoped that the Scenic Rim would justify the effort of riding from interstate. The area is in our backyard and it easy to take it for granted, but the Weather Gods really helped showcase the area.

The Kooralbyn Resort provided a central point for all activities and having everyone in the same area just meant an immediate connection with BMW riders known and those we were yet to know.

The event started down at "The Shed" where a welcome pack and drinks were available; looking at the amount of cleaning products in the pack I was wondering if someone was trying to give me the hint. The scarf was certainly a thoughtful addition as we locals thought it a bit chilly. Interesting to watch a couple of the deep southerners out and about in shorts during the weekend.

Dinner was a buffet both nights and a great chance to mingle. After dinner, a large open fire was raging, and many took the opportunity to gather around and look at the starry sky and compare ride stories. The wise ones left early to prepare for the organised rides the next day.

Saturday broke to a clear bright sky and 2degrees. For those in "Show & Shine" this meant a trip to the bike to wipe off the frost and condensation and then to come back 5 minutes later and do it all over again. Judging was a very serious process undertaken by one of our sponsors and Gold Coast Member young Nic Mercieca (SMART MOTO) and John Simpson (AKA The Old Fart). There were a number of categories with the respective winners being Cindy Bennett BMW MC Qld for people's choice, GS Model Frank Hills BMW MC Qld, the K Model Gerald Wright BMW Touring Club of NSW and for a very pretty R model Lou Baljak from BMW MOC Gold Coast.



That and breakfast out of the way, a pre-ride briefing before 5 different ride groups headed off for various destinations starting from 9am. Four were bitumen, but Steve Bryant led an off-road ride and it was pleasing to see the number of riders following, even better when the same number returned. The heavy rains over the last few months had caused changes to ride routes due to road closures or bitumen routes more resembling a serious off-road challenge. As late as 2 weeks ago it was decided one of the off-road routes was still too difficult for even accomplished riders.



With the bikes away, the Resort was once again peaceful and serious thought could be given to lunch options. There were several ladies not riding and it was decided they would partake of a Ladies Lunch down at the Copper Kettle. John Vanzino and I were given temporary female designation and attended what was a most enjoyable and entertaining lunch. Of course, what is said at lunch stays at lunch, but I felt less stressed on a tough off-road ride than I did trying to keep up with the conversations and not get into too much trouble.



Early afternoon had the various rides coming back in. By the looks on the riders faces, the day had given what they wanted.

Dinner was another buffet with Awards handed out for the categories. Nic did an excellent job as MC and kept the night running smoothly and as a special treat the Club had convinced Petra Hennig to speak on her progress to undertaking BMW GS Trophy as an Australian competitor. Petra is passionate about motorbike riding and GS and always good fun to be around.



Sunday awoke to slightly warmer morning (if you can call 5 degrees warm). The 9am ride departures didn't seem to leave with the military precision seen the day before and some decided to leave even later. Maybe the conversations the night before or the good country air had made them a bit more tired.



By this time the routine was well established, bikes returned mid-afternoon, drinks were found, and stories exaggerated. It's hard to tell which day had the loudest banter through the night.

South Australia has offered to host the next National Motorrad Rally in 2024, Adelaide is known as the City of Churches, but I am betting it is more likely to be located near wineries and winding roads, but time will tell.

A big thank you to all that made this a very enjoyable event.

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.

Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 29th July

TGI Fridays

On the Promenade Robina Town Centre

12noon

RSVP 26th July 2022

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Contact John Vanzino 0414 988 619



EDITORS NOTE

June was dominated by the National Rally, a big thank you to Donna Anderson and her family connections that so kindly organised and donated so much Autosol product to the Rally. A big shout also to Nic Mercieca for his kind support in providing Smart Moto product in the welcome packs as well as MCing the Saturday night and getting Petra and Jamie along so we could hear some of Petra's story.



Also a big thank you to the quiet behind the scenes ladies that did an outstanding job of organising the accommodation etc. In real life they are not known to be quiet, but for this event, they just worked away in near stealth mode at the detail and made the committees job so much easier. I am sure I will get to hear more from them at some stage.

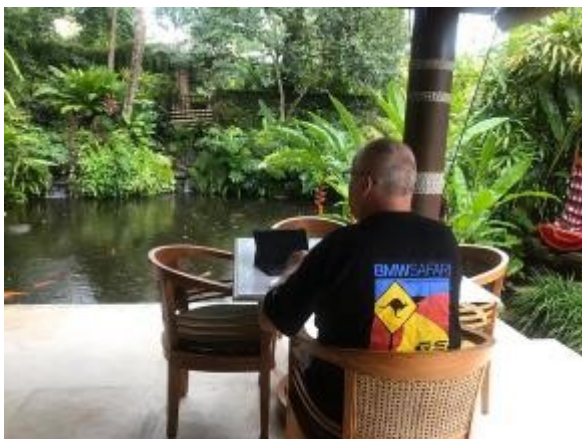
For the next couple of months, I will be pretty much working remotely and am looking for continuing help by the ride leaders for content for the July and August magazine.



I am currently in Bali at a seminar and can confirm there are very few BMW 1250's here and the driving style doesn't really leave much room between passing traffic for a 1250 (aka rhino) to pass between like the scooters do. Not sure how they maintain their population numbers based on the number of people on a scooter, how many only wear safety sandals but leave any helmet at home and pass oncoming traffic with aplomb.

Until we meet at the next club ride, keep the shiny side up.

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EVENTS:

1st July - BMW 20th Motorrad Days, Berlin, Germany

7/8th August - 41st Kosciuszko Rally, Geehi Hut Kosciuszko National Park by *BMWCC ACT*

13/14 August - Off Centre Rally at Adels Grove Nth Qld. See Facebook page - 2020 OCR (rebooted for 2022)

14th August - Gold Coast Bike Show at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds 7am - 3pm. - everything on wheels: cars, bikes & trucks. 0439 170 882 / 0498 054 140 info@goldcoastcarshow.com.au

16-18th August - Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham by the *BMW Touring Club of New South Wales*

27th August - Espresso Twenty5 - Caffeine, Banter & Bike's @ 1 Boatworks Drive, Coomera - 7am-11am.

3-13th September - Postie Bike Challenge, Brisbane - Alice Springs - 3,500 k www.postiebikechallenge.org

4-10 September - (International) BMW Motorrad GS Trophy 2022 Southeast Europe - in Albania

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Saturday & Sunday NMR 2022 Numinbah Rides

With Gordon

Rides went well. On the Saturday we had 9 bikes. Big thank you to John McKeon as TEC and Stan floating in the middle holding the group together. Sunday was young Mike and two newbies to the magnificent Gold Coast Hinterland area.

We left Kooralbyn and off to Beaudesert, through Biddaddaba, Canungra and up Beechmont. The day was perfect, views spectacular.

The road into Binna Burra is dangerous as the views get better and better, need to look at the road.

Coffee at Binna Burra and a ride around to Numinbah, up Springbrook to show the visitors the rain forest and views.

Back to Hinze Dam for a great lunch, Sophie the owner told us about her we trip on a BMW from Austria to Mongolia to Shanghai 30 years ago!



On the Sunday ride we did Mount Tambourine as well, an ambition Brookland Road tested everyone's skills. Young Mike was TEC.

The idea of this ride was a sampler of the highlights close to the Gold Coast.



P.S Below photos may be from other rides (Carla)



Saturday & Sunday GS NRM 2022 Rides

With Steve Bryant

Starting our Saturday ride from Kooralbyn at 9.00am we headed over Mt Lindsay to Old Bruxner Rd, followed Boomi Club Rd to Urbanville and refuelled or topped up for the run to the Lunatic Hotel at Drake for lunch no fuel available there for the return trip.

We enjoyed Paddys Flat Rd and returned via Dyrabba Rd and Kyogle.

Sundays excursion via Boonah, Carney's Club Rd, White Swamp to Queen Mary's Falls for lunch and home via Urbanville and Mt Lindsay. No incidents or problems except for one bike which refused to restart at roadworks. Dieter later rejoined our ride.

Excellent off road conditions and good company I really enjoyed the whole weekend. Thank you all riders.



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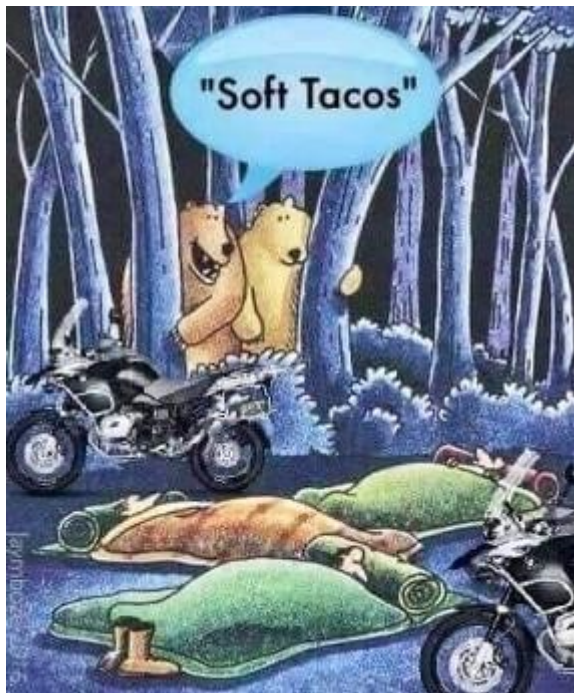
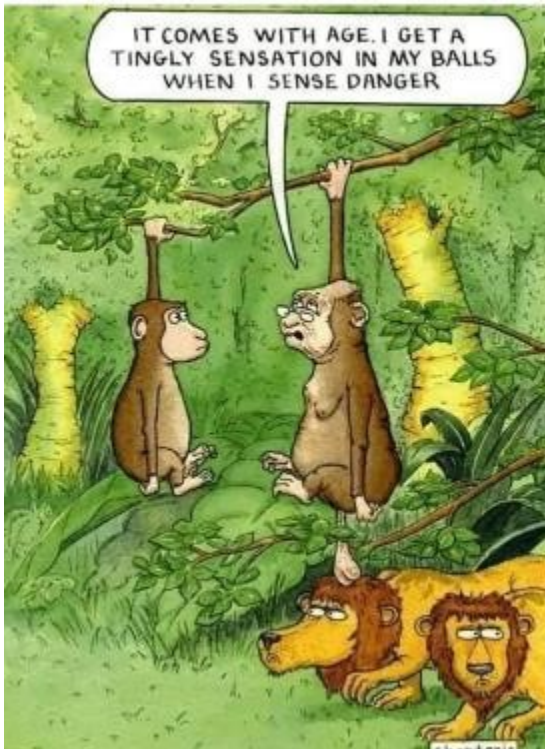
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