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Club Calendar 2022

- **5 Jun 8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam. Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 10-13 Jun National Motorrad Rally
- 24 Jun 12noon Ladies Who Lunch Mad Asia Robina Town Square
- **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

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.



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Ken's Tales

Never let it be said that I don't go the extra mile for magazine content.

At the end of May I come to the end of my long running 60th birthday celebrations, but I made sure I squeezed every drop out the year. I got 3 BMW GS Safaris in during the 12 months plus a couple of tours, something I would never have contemplated some years ago. This has meant I have ridden north of the Daintree, out to Birdsville and now south through Tasmania, all from my Brisbane home

Yesterday had me flying back from Launceston having completed the 2022 Tasmania GS Safari and for those that are still to do Tassie, may I recommend you get it done ASAP so you can have more time and opportunities to go back again and again.

I am a big fan of the work BMW Safari do and this event just seemed even more fantastic, but this may be influenced by the stunning scenery and riding routes. Registrations for 220 spots sold out in 26 minutes earlier in the year and the amount of support crew seemed more than usual, 18 in all with 3 or 4 mechanics, 3 doctors and the all the backup equipment.

I had taken a few days to ride down to Hobart seeing clients along the way and making sure I had acclimatised to any potential time zone differences before the start of Safari.

Once in Tasmania, I started trying the Pinot Noir's and haven't had a shiraz or Cab Sav since getting back.

One of my clients had recommended a winery and restaurant outside of Hobart run by Stefano Lubiano, they are only open for lunch, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and minimum 2 seats, I figured if nothing else, lunch was just going to be twice as dear as I was travelling alone.

As luck would have it, I stumbled across another rider who was willing to be a Guinea pig for the food tasting. Wow, what a fabulous meal of unexpected food combinations and the matching wines were fantastic. As Molly Meldrum from Countdown would say, "Do yourself a favour and get onto it" And thanks Derick for the recommendation, it pays back the route recommendations I have been happy to give you, keep up the good research.

To be clear, Tasmania is a food and wine paradise and so many great places were found in the most obscure locations, just because the business owner liked the location and wanted to live there



The five days of riding had us leaving Wrest Point Hobart for Strahan, but on as many interesting off-road tracks that they could find. GS Safari is not race to get to there but rather a way of seeing things that most people don't get to.

There were always bitumen sections that had to be done to get to the next dirt section, but if they could find a bitumen road that had extra corners in it we were put on it.





The scenery and riding conditions of each day changed not only by the day but also the hours and minutes, nearly sunny one minute, torrential downpours the next.

It's hard to filter through all the wonderful riding moments, but for me, the 2 stand outs were the "Western Explorer" road running through the Pieman river, probably the best gravel road I have done so far, but under different weather conditions, it could have been a bit slippery and the last day out of St Helen's. It was to be the most technical off road riding of the week and we were into the bush 3 minutes after leaving town and rarely came out onto bitumen. We floated through forestry trails, farming country,





river crossings, steep rough

inclines and descents, excited in riding, but also sad knowing at the end of this day, the magic spell gets broken.

But before the day came to an end, the Jacobs Ladder road up to the top of Ben Lomond beckoned. It was cold and we were in the clouds, I decided I wanted to I get to the top just to say that I had done it. Some of the Safari team have done it 4 times and never seen blue

sky or the view, this day was no different except at the top it started to

lightly snow

It's fair to say that I was pretty broken by the time we pulled into Launceston. The day's technical riding and cold had really finished my arms off and I was almost glad to park the bike at the dealership so it could be transported home.

I had hoped that the mud could stay on as I thought I would have a good shot at winning the dirtiest bike award at the upcoming BMW National Motorcycle Rally in Kooralbyn, but

alas the dealership wanted them all washed,..... something about messing up their showroom.



It was wet at Strahan



The yellow sticker on the branch indicates a hazard to be aware of ahead. 2 lead riders head out at 5:30 to ride the route and check and mark for directions and hazards



The farewell dinner was noisy as good times were relived or exaggerated and the alcohol helped push the 2 auction items (proceeds to Royal Flying Doctor Service) to over \$25000, not bad for a vinyl banner with the Safari Logo and everyone's signature and a last year model GS helmet that didn't fit most of us but had been airbrushed by a specialist who did justice to the 2022 logo featuring the stylised rough terrain outline and foreboding gloomy colour.

All up (and because I know you like the research I do on the clubs behalf)

5695km of which 1797km was on GS Safari.

8199 gear changes (3474 on safari)

Rear brake 6289 applications (2810 on Safari)

Front brake 5189 applications (2295 on Safari)

Apparently 1936 turns on safari and a total of 273 litres of fuel for the entire trip.

Now to wait for the next Safari registration date to offset the post Safari blues.

Post Script.

Due to extreme demand, the organisers were able to (for the first time) run a back to back Safari of about another 110 starting the following day back in Hobart,. The numbers were limited by the minimum number of beds Anthea could source at such short notice (they normally have that sorted 6-8 months out.

Talking to a couple of the follow on riders, they gloated about the sunshine they had, of course I countered with how dust free it was for us. Turns out some of the roads we travelled on were a bit chopped up after 220+ bikes, so they didn't have roads as smooth as ours



Anthea and the crew at check in at the end of the ride (and each day) if you don't check in, Anthea is not a smiling person for long as it could mean someone is still out on the road lost or injured.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With the National Motorrad Rally fast approaching we had a committee meeting last night with 20 people attending and contributing.

The German Club was unavailable to us and we met at MECGC. So it was very good of them to accommodate us at short notice.

Adrian and Cherie went to Ballina Motorcycles on our behalf. They organised purchase of raffle prizes for the rally to the value of \$500. Ballina Motorcycles agreed to match us dollar for dollar in donations for our charity raffle. So now there are also donated raffle prizes from Autosol, as well as an inclusion in our rally pack, (thanks Donna) Smart Moto, also contributing to our rally pack for all registered entrants. (thanks Nic) Motorbike xxx bike care products, thanks John for organising and donating your own raffle prize too as well As Ballina Motorcycles.

We shall start selling raffle tickets at Hinze Dam next breakfast for any club member not attending the rally.

Lyn Dyne brought along the new club banner to display as well as the rally trophies. She has done a marvelous job and will also write an appreciation letter to all donors after the rally.

Julie has been to Kooralbyn and negotiated changes with them brought about by staff issues. Meals prices and availability have changed slightly although Julie's on it. All arrangements will be fine. We are still within budget.

Road and off road rides are being arranged with consideration to weather and road conditions after our rains. We have a number of ride planners and leaders committed to safe riding enjoyment.

Petra Hennig is attending as a guest speaker and offered to recce the GS rides with us. Thanks Nic for the suggestion and organisation.

Needless to say we had an excellent night of discussion and decision making. Too much to cover here.

Many thanks to all who have assisted to make this happen, it will be a fabulous fun weekend.

Only a few spots left now, once they're gone they're gone. Don't miss out.

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Steve Bryant #318



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- 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 <u>remain in position until Tail End Charlie indicates to re-join the ride</u>. 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.





EDITORS NOTE

Don't want to sound like a broken record, but is this rain ever going to let us get some good rides in any time soon. This would be longest period my bike has sat in the shed unridden (medical reasons excluded).

Work progress on the finishing touches to the National Rally which is only a couple of weeks away. Suggested ride routes are being modified to accommodate changing road conditions.

Over the next few months, I am looking for a few people to submit articles for the magazine as I am running out of ideas and will be away a bit and unable to report on club rides etc. It would also be good to have different peoples perspective on things Please don't be shy in coming forward, its better to volunteer than get conscripted.

Registrations for the rally have climbed and are sitting around 75 which is a great result when you consider the amount of uncertainty that has had to be overcome. As sad as the end of a rally is, I know a number of people that will be very happy to see it successfully done and dusted.





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BMW MATTERS

From Lyn Dyne

BMW's Anniversary Model

BMW Motorrad will be releasing an Anniversary edition of the first M motorcycle - the M 1000 RR to mark the 50th anniversary of BMW M GmbH which was founded in 1972 as BMW Motorsport GmbH.

The anniversary edition will be presented in Sao Paulo Yellow with historic 50 years BMW M badging.

It pays homage to the spirit from almost 100 years of BMW Motorrad (2023) production and from 50 years of BMW M vehicles.

The M 1000 RR can also be ordered in non-anniversary guise in light white.

The RR continues the racing tradition of BMW M by being the base bike for the BMW Motorrad World Superbike Team since 2021 as well as being used by many race teams around the world.

In the early decades, legendary names from those early years of racing include Ernst Jakob Henne, who between 1929 and 1937, set no less than 76 world land speed records on super-charged BMW motorcycles.

In 1939, Georg Schorsch Meier won the Senior Tourist Trophy on his 500cc supercharged BMW on the Isle of Man.

Then in 1976, Helmut Dähn and Hans Otto Butenuth celebrated fifth place in the Isle of Man Production TT class.

(They had set the fastest time on their BMW R 90S but due to handicap rules, they were placed behind two 250cc and two 500cc motorcycles).

Michael Dunlop rode his BMW S 1000 RR to victory in the 2014 Isle of Man TT Superbike race. More victories were to follow at the TT on the RR.

In off-road conditions such as the Paris-Dakar rallies in the early 1980's, BMW M colours would be dominated by BMW GS factory riders, Hubert Aurial and Gaston Rahier.

The M 1000 RR 50 Years M Model carries all this historic motorsport DNA within it.

Club Name Badges

Available to all financial members (plus a few paying partners). See the 'Vice' as they will be available for collection at each Club Breakfast Meeting held at the *View Cafe* Hinze Dam on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8 am.

EVENTS:

10-13th June

The **BMW National Motorrad Rally** is being held at Kooralbyn Resort Qld - 5544 6688 / Booking Code 91169 The event is being organised by your BMWMOCGC **7/8th August** - 41st Kosciuszko Rally, Geehi Hut Kosciuszko National Park by *BMWMCC 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

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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