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# Club Calendar

## 2019/2020

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- 2 Feb**     **8.30am** **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 14 Feb**    **12noon** **Ladies Lunch**, Mad Asian, Upstairs in The Kitchens, Robina Town Centre
- 1 Mar**     **8.30am** **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

The club 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.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year over and we are well into 2020. I gave up on new year's resolutions many years ago, so no great expectations for 2020. Ok! to ride more, but that's a given.

While I think of it; this year, it will be important to write the year date on all documents as 2020 (nn/nn/2020) and NOT simply 20 (nn/nn/20) as it is easy to alter by adding 2 digits and might facilitate a fraud. Also, use a date stamp when-ever you can as they are harder to falsify. So take care.

We have all seen the bushfires across SE Australia, but, apart from Binna Burra early in the summer, we have been spared. Those areas which have been devastated by drought and now fire are having a tough time and would greatly appreciate visits from bikers to spend a little money even if it's only coffee and a carrot cake. We might take this into consideration when planning rides.

Now is the time for everybody to start thinking about what activities we want this year, our normal day rides but also overnights to destination which might appreciate our visit. So please, thinking caps on and let me know what ideas you have. These can then be put into the events calendar on our new website.

There will be a committee meeting preceding the breakfast gathering on 2 February and after breakfast Nic will be giving a demonstration of Facebook and how the club can use it as a means of communication.

We had a big turn out our January meeting, which was pleasing followed by a short ride over the range finishing in Murwillumbah, led by John V. 10 started out but only 6, I think, finished. Presumably, the others got home safely.

One sad piece of news. The Queensland Motorcycle Riders Association has wound up, due to a lack of interest. That's unfortunate as it was the only body able to represent the interests of the motorcycling community to the state government.

Don't forget we still need more action images of riders on bikes for use on the web site and Facebook.

Keep on keeping on.

Dave Huddy





Lyn Dyne at Le Vintage Boutique Cafe, Worongary, December Ladies lunch. The bird flies around free and there are many other birds

It's a nice Cafe, good food and comfortable but would be much more pleasant in cooler weather, but the water spraying fans did a great job. Thank you Jill for the photo



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## 45<sup>th</sup> year Celebrations and Re-union

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In addition to our own club members, we would like to re-acquaint ourselves with old friends, and hopefully make some new ones, from interstate clubs. We understand that nowadays we no longer ride 2000km for a weekend get together as we used to, and thus we are giving early notification should you wish to include our Rally in any holiday plans.

This could well be the biggest gathering of BMW riders in the southern hemisphere. A lot of effort is going into making it the best. The earlier people enter the better we can plan.

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Or:

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# Maldon Rally 2020

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# Saddle Fitness Training Camp

## 2nd January 2020

**Ken Madsen**

The need to buy a new 1250 GSA came about because my son, Cameron, mentioned he would like to ride with me to Craigs Hut in Mt Stirling. He has always loved the Man from Snowy River movies

and who was I not to encourage him with this idea. Of course the planets aligned and BMW are doing a Safari near there in late March, about the time we were going to go, so I signed us both up.



Cameron has plenty of dirt bike experience, but I wanted to make sure he was comfortable on 265kg of bike and the distances that we often do, day in day out. To that end, we cobbled together a 2 day ride over MT Mee and the scenic back roads to Gympie, then around to Kilkivan and overnight at Joes Commercial Hotel, Goomeri.

I must have done a great job of talking up the ride features and food quality as all of sudden through the marvels of social connectivity, Cameron had included a friend (Ben) who had been a neighbour some years ago. Ben does 300km rides comfortably and rides in these areas so not much new for him. Cameron's cousin Peter, got to hear about it and wanted to come along, so all of sudden Cameron had a pillion. Needless to say being a first time pillion on a 320km first day tested Peter's legs.



The food at Joes did not disappoint. The boys had gone straight to happy hour whilst I had a nap, after dinner they were early to bed.



The next morning it was over to the Goomeri Bakery, I have sung its praises before, but will do so again. We are very lucky such fine food can exist in places unexpected.



All the boys went to the same school and the old boy network kicked in. Peter had just come back from a new years eve party on a farm at Durong, west of Kingaroy. It made sense at the time to venture out there for morning tea.

What's an extra 150km when you can bring a beautiful crusty poppy seed coated cob loaf in return for a coffee.

The original aim of the ride was to let Cameron gain some hours in the seat and get some saddle fitness. He has learnt that standing on the pegs every so often helps. Peter managed his aches and pains by stretching out every 90 minutes or so on the ground, these breaks got closer together the more the day went on.

After Durong a nice ride over the Bunya Mountains and then lunch at McCoy's at Cooyar. How Cameron finished the burger escapes me, but he did.

Our next stop was Esk, where Peter had arranged to get a lift home with his Dad, the total of 850km was much more than he had expected and was



he happy to climb into a car seat and stretch out.

I am now just waiting for the right weather to again undertake saddle fitness training and the excuse to ride and eat. We ride for Phillip island 25/3 and then do the

Safari and head home from the Blue Mountains some 10 days later

**PS** I am hoping to put together a club ride following much the same route as it really is a good couple of days, if I can find something to tag onto so it becomes a 3 dayer so be it.



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# EDITORS NOTE

Well 2020 has got off to a quick start. I can usually find the early weeks of January that are a bit slow and justify staying away from the office on research missions, but not this year. The fires in interesting areas has forced me and many others to curtail their holiday activities, I usually ride around the NSW/Vic border after Christmas, but that wasn't going to happen this year. In talking with other business people, they are seeing an early return of activity and we suspect it is because many did not go away fully and in doing so "disengage from thinking" so have got back into work mode quicker than usual.

Our president is spot on when he points out that we can do our bit by visiting some of the fire affected areas. To this end and in spite of rain forecasts, I joined Steve and his daughter, Laurens, boyfriend Mark, on what was to be a 3 day journey to Bendemeer via Dorrigo. This was to serve two purposes, one, honour Ken Dyne at the Bendemeer Hotel and two, spread money in areas that haven't seen much tourist/biker activity due to fires, for example, Gingers Creek café has had the road to them closed for nearly a month, is open now, but what a cashflow crunch

Now I know what you are thinking, Steve Bryant and Dorrigo.....well I let the pull of helping these communities mask the realities of Steve's deluge making abilities and those abilities got stronger the closer we got to Dorrigo.

We were dry from Robina until Grafton, the ride down was through some burnt out areas that in their own way are very interesting and well worth doing, you actually see more of the country side now than you did when scrub came up to the roadsides. I am not sure what Steve had promised Mark, or if Mark was just trying to be in Steve's (and therefor Lauren's) good books, but he was on a naked Ducati with 100% road tyres. The road conditions were in many places more suited to GS's and to then find out he didn't have cruise control or heated grips and it was a 400km day on a bike where seat padding is misrepresentation, well I am sure he felt everything.

Of course once we started to climb toward Dorrigo, Steve's powers kicked in and we were getting wet, well Steve and I weren't getting to bad, but Mark had very basic "wet" weather gear and his riding boots were actually lace up road racing shoes, . He was so cold and wet once we got to Dorigo that he was straight into the hot shower whilst Steve entertained the chef who had become a barfly.

As always the food and company was great and I looked forward to a good nights sleep. Well that didn't happen, it poured down so much that I woke up many times due to the noise. The next day, Steve made the sensible decision to end the ride south, we used Waterfall way to get to Coffs Harbour and then scooted as best we could through the torrential rain back home.

The early break meant I had spare time to put the finishing touches to the repurposed workshop downstairs, it now houses my bike and when I want, I can always turn the air-conditioning on, to make it more inviting I put an old TV up so I can watch streamed videos and not annoy the family with repeated motorbike videos.

I had hoped to ride over the Australia Day weekend, but the reports seem as bad a last weekends and I know how that ended up, so I might just stay in the workshop and sharpen the mower blades or the motorbike equivalent.



**KEN**



Mark looking so happy to try and stay dry day two, more gaffer tape outside the shoes to reduce water, inside he had plastic bags as liners to try and keep his feet dry



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# BMW MATTERS

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From Lyn Dyne

## BMW MATTERS

**BMW Motorrad** has announced new models for 2020: S1000 XR F900 XR & F900 R

### BMW Motorrad Presents The R 18

On 22nd-24th May the BMW Motorrad Concept R 18 will be presented at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este in Cernobbio on Lake Como, Italy.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 24-26 January

International Island Classic at Phillip Island when Australia defends their international challenge title against the USA and the UK

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**7-9th February** - Karuah River Rally at Frying Pan Creek, Chichester State Forest via Dungog by *BMW Touring Club of New South Wales*.

[www.bmwtcnsw.org.au](http://www.bmwtcnsw.org.au)

**28 Feb - 1 March** - Australian Superbike Championship - Round 1 at Phillip Is.

**19-22nd March** - International Festival of Speed (formally known as Barry Sheene Festival of Speed) at Sydney Motorsport Park - Eastern Creek

<https://www.internationalfestivalofspeed.com/>

**27-29th March** - ASBK - Round 2 at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. <https://www.asbk.com.au/spectator-info/round-2-wakefield/>

**29 Mar - 3 April** - **BMW GS Safari** - Phillip Is to Blue Mountains. Register: <https://bmwsafari.com/events/2020-bmw-gs-safari/Australia>

### 10th - 12th April (Easter)

Broadford Bike Bonanza at the State Motorcycle Sports Complex, Broadford Vic.

[www.ma.org.au](http://www.ma.org.au)

**24-26th April** - Cane Toad Rally at Toobeah Hotel, Toobeah Qld by *BMW Motorcycle Club Queensland*

**29/30th May** - Historic Winton Race Meeting at Winton Raceway, Victoria. More than 400 historic cars, motorbikes and sidecars will compete.

**6-9th June** - 51st Alpine Rally at Yarrangobilly Village Campground, Snowy Mountain Highway NSW.

**3-5th July** - **BMW Motorrad Days** will take place at the foot of the Zugspitze at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. More than 40,000 visitors will be treated to many new products, stunts, motorsport stars and deals.

**8th August** - The next *Off Centre Rally* will be held at Adeles Grove, Qld

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### BMWCA National Motorrad Rally

being held at Stanthorpe Showgrounds, Stanthorpe on

#### 2nd - 5th October

Registration costs @ \$64.39 per person and includes Rally entry, dinner on the Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning plus a welcome pack including Rally Badge and Sticker along with goodies from generous sponsors.

Accommodation options include camping at the Showgrounds or your preferred style of lodging in or around Stanthorpe.

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**9-11th October** - Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut Campsite, Alpine Way Kosciuszko NP by *BMW Motorcycle Club ACT*

**18-23rd October** - **BMW TS Safari** (Dates TBC) at NSW & VIC Alpine Region.

Note: Rallies could be cancelled or postponed depending on the fire situation.

The BMW Motorcycle Club ACT had to cancel their rally on 10-12 January at Stewarts Crossing Campground on the Shoalhaven River NSW due to bushfires and road closures in the area.





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## Securing raw material supplies for battery cells: BMW Group signs supply contract with Ganfeng for sustainable lithium from mines in Australia

- Projected order volume totals 540 million euros
- Raw material extracted sustainably at mines in Australia

**Munich.** As part of its electromobility expansion, the BMW Group is deepening its existing business relationship with Ganfeng Lithium Co., Ltd. (Ganfeng) (China). The two companies have signed a supply contract for the lithium needed as a key raw material for battery cells. "The projected order volume totals 540 million euros. In this way, the BMW Group is securing 100% of its lithium hydroxide needs for fifth-generation battery cells in its high-voltage vehicles," said Dr. Andreas Wendt, member of the Board of Management of BMW AG responsible for Purchasing and Global Network. The contract is for a term of five years (2016 – 2020).

"Alongside cobalt, lithium is one of the key raw materials for electromobility. With the signing of this contract, we are securing our lithium needs for battery cells," continued Wendt. "We aim to have 25 electric models in our line-up by 2020 – and more than half will be fully electric. Our need for raw materials will continue to grow accordingly. By 2025, for lithium alone, we expect to need about seven times the amount we do today."

Sustainability and security of supply are important factors in the expansion of electromobility. For the BMW Group's purchasing experts, ethically responsible raw material extraction and processing begins right at the start of the value chain. They are intensively involved throughout our battery cell supply chains – all the way down to the mines themselves. Compliance with environmental standards and respect for human rights have absolute priority. "Sustainability is an important aspect of our corporate strategy and plays a central role in expanding electromobility. We are fully aware of our responsibilities. Lithium and other raw materials must be mined and processed under ethically responsible conditions," underlined Wendt. Ganfeng extracts lithium by mining so-called hard-rock deposits in Australia under the strictest sustainability standards.

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Securing rare metal supplies for battery cells: BMW Group signs supply contract with Codelco for sustainable lithium from mines in Chile

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The BMW Group is ready to publish the countries of origin of the essential raw materials within two hours. For the upcoming fifth generation of battery cells, the company has also reduced its supply chain and is now sourcing both lithium and cobalt, directly from 2020, making the raw materials available to the two battery cell manufacturers, CATL and Samsung SDI. This ensures full transparency over where raw materials come from. Cobalt will be sourced directly from mines in Australia and Morocco in the future. Supply contracts will ensure the company's security of supply up to 2025 and beyond.

The BMW Group also recently announced that it is increasing the order volume for battery cells from CATL to 7.5 billion euros (for the 2020 to 2021) and also signed a long-term contract worth 7.5 billion euros with Samsung SDI for its fifth-generation electric drive trains (contract: 2021 to 2025). In this way, we are securing our long-term battery cell needs. Every cell generation is awarded in global competition to the leading manufacturer from both a technology and a business perspective. This ensures we always have access to the best possible cell technology," added Wendt.

The BMW Group's fifth-generation electric drive trains from 2021 on will also be produced entirely without using rare earths. "This means we will no longer be dependent on their availability," emphasized Wendt.

### **Extensive in-house expertise throughout entire value chain for battery cell technology**

The BMW Group possesses extensive in-house expertise throughout the entire value chain for battery cell technology. In-house battery production takes place at BMW Group Plants Dingolfing (Germany) and Spartanburg (USA), and at the BSA plant in Shenyang (China). The BMW Group has also localized cell tray production in Thailand and is working with the Daimler Group in this area.

In mid-November, the company opened its Battery Cell Competence Center in Munich. The aim of the center is to concentrate battery cell technology and intellectual

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into production processes. The company is investing a total of 200 million euros in the location, which is set to create up to 200 jobs. The production of battery cell prototypes makes it possible to fully analyse and understand cell value creation processes. "Whether we set up our own standard production of cells at a later date will largely depend on how the supplier market develops," according to Wöhrle.

The BMW Group has formed a joint technology consortium with Swedish battery manufacturer Northvolt and Umicore, a Belgian developer of battery materials, for the purpose of developing the cell technology crucial to electromobility. The cooperation will focus on creating a complete, sustainable value chain for battery cells in Europe, extending from development and production all the way to recycling. Recycling of battery components plays a decisive role in closing the materials cycle as far as possible and maximising reuse of raw materials as demand for battery cells grows.

#### **BMW Group is a pioneer in electromobility – 25 electrified models by 2023**

The company will have 25 electrified models in its line-up by 2023. The basis for this is provided by flexible vehicle architectures for fully electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and models with combustion engines that enable the company to respond quickly to changing conditions. More than half of the 25 models will be fully electric. The BMW Group will double its sales of electrified vehicles between 2019 and 2021. The company expects to see a steep growth curve up to 2025. Global sales of electrified vehicles should increase by an average of over 30 percent every year. In Europe, the company is also following an ambitious growth logic: The aim is to increase the percentage of electrified vehicles in the new vehicle fleet to a quarter in 2021 and to a third in 2023; by 2030, they should account for half of sales volumes.

As an e-mobility pioneer, the BMW Group is already a leading supplier of electrified vehicles. By the end of 2019, the company aims to have more than half a million vehicles with fully electric or plug-in hybrid drive on the roads. Within two years, the BMW Group will offer five fully electric series-production vehicles. Alongside the BMW i3\*, with more than 160,000 units built to date, this year will see the start of production of the fully

## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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YES / NO

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

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### 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:
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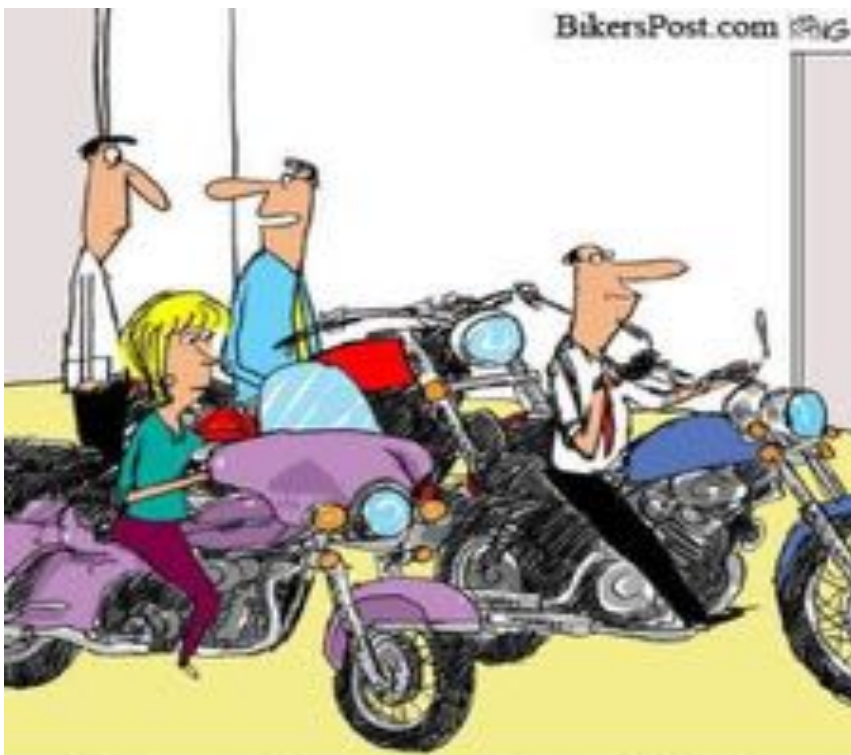
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*"I assume you'll be ordering for, um... your date?"*



*"Some offices have Casual Friday.  
We thought Motorcycle Friday was a  
much better idea."*

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