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Club Calendar

2020

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- 20 Mar** 12noon **Ladies Lunch**, Mad Asian, Upstairs in The Kitchens, Robina Town Centre
- 15 Mar** 8.30am Club Ride
- 5 Apr** 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 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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hard to believe we are into the third month of 2020, but here we are.

This month I've been out of circulation with 3 visits to hospital, one of them unplanned, which means the bike has been gathering dust. Hopefully that will be over by our meeting on 3 March.

The committee has made considerable progress with club affairs in the last few months, thanks to Stan and Nic who have been successful setting up our on-line facilities and Gordon and his staff for getting the web site working. That is now in the tender hands of Nic, so if there is anything anyone want to put on the web site, Nic is the go to person.

Nic is also looking at a new fabric and design for club shirts.

At its latest meeting, the committee decided that we have enough funds to subsidise riding and first aid courses and I'll be following up on that once my feet are back on the ground.

Unfortunately, John Vassallo has been forced to give up his ride co-ordinator role due to work pressures, so we will be looking at alternative ways of publicising rides. What we still need is ride leaders and we have many members who could take on the job quite easily. More on that soon.

A piece of bad news is that BMW Clubs Australia are planning to drop the PESP program, which has funded the items we auctioned at the Christmas Parties. We will need to think whether we continue with the raffles and if so, how they are funded.

Some dates for your calendar:

Annual General Meeting – 9th August 2020 and Xmas Party on 29th November 2020 location TBC.

Don't forget the Cane Toad Rally in April which is being coordinated by BMWMCQ.

Finally, for James Bond devotees:

The new James Bond movie, No Time to Die, will hit the screens in early April. There are several chase scenes involving motorcycles, no Beemers unfortunately, with Daniel Craig on a Triumph Scrambler 1200. In other scenes will be a static Norton and a Ducati racing through Italy.

Keep on keeping on.

Dave Huddy



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EDITORS NOTE

I know February was 3.5% longer than usual, but it seemed to slip by incredibly fast. This might explain why we didn't get many contributions this month and I am left to make up stuff.

David has mentioned that John has work commitments that prevent him from the role of ride coordinator. I am sure all of us have some favourite rides that they could share, now is the time to offer them up.

Gordon, I am busy working and studying in Ubud, Bali as I write this piece. So far the 3 coffees and great breakfast have done nothing to assist the creative juices, but I will push through as I am afraid I may succumb to a food coma and nap if I don't.

After I return from this conference, I have 2 weeks to prepare for the next BMW GS Safari from Philip Island to Blue Mountains. So far my training and fitness plan remains pristine and unopened, although my eating and rehydration training is on track.

This year I have the added pleasure of riding with my son Cameron on the event. This will be his first Safari and also his first ever experience of multi-day riding, the stuff we all enjoy.

We are leaving Brisbane on the 21st March and will do around 400km a day as I show him the various scenic routes. We plan to arrive in Melbourne on the Friday and meet up with Nick another of my sons' and spend 2 days there resting up, washing and sight seeing, before heading off to Sorento for the BMW Safari registration and arduous rider dinner and briefing, before spending the next 5 days riding back to the Blue mountains .

As a bit of fun and to hopefully create content for a future Beemer article, I plan to reset both Nav's and see what the statistics are between GSA 1200 and 1250. Of course Cameron has more natural riding skills and will no doubt make it look easy which will distort the data, but what the hell, I may try and nobble him by introducing him to the late nighters, while I sneak off to bed.

Until next time, stay safe and please let us know of any adventures or rides that we could report on.



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From Lyn Dyne

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

15th Mar - Northern Rivers Classic Motorcycle Club presents 2020 Classic Bike Show and Shine at Alstonville. secretary@nrcmcc.org

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

24-26th April - Cane Toad Rally at Toobeah Hotel, Toobeah 48km west of Goondiwindi by *BMW Motorcycle Club Queensland*. Proceeds to RFDS. www.bmwmcq.org.au

2nd May -Saturday - Dubbo Motor Bike Rally at Talbragar Street, Dubbo. From Harleys to Hondas, Buells to Beemers & Piaggios to Posties - all bikes and riders welcome. e: dubbomotorbikerally@gmail.com

16th May - The *BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria (BMWCCVIC)* are celebrating their 45th anniversary with a back to the 70's themed rally at Maldon, Victoria. Ph. Phil 0456 391 173 or Neil 0429 359 484 www.bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org

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

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.

9-11th October - 39th 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.

Motorcycle Towing

A piece of advice received from a friend who in turn received it from a Senior advisor in QT that motorcycle towing is essentially unlawful as it exceeds the bikes Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) and bikes do not have a GCM (Gross Combination Mass) which any vehicle designed to tow has.

Unless the motorcycle owner can provide proof from the motorcycle manufacturer that the vehicle can tow a trailer then it is unlawful and the biker could be left having to leave a trailer in the middle of nowhere, or stranded guarding his trailer in the middle of nowhere.

Worst case, the hapless biker could be left with a lawsuit if involved in an incident in which a savvy law team realise he/she shouldn't have been towing a trailer in the first place.

LADIES LUNCH

SAIKO
TEPPANYAKI

Friday 20th March

12noon

Upstairs in the

Kitchens

Robina Town Centre

Saiko Teppanyaki



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before the 25th of
each month**

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Media information
26 February 2020

Good-looking long-distance performance.

The new XRide suit by BMW Motorrad ideally combines extensive rider protection and maximum comfort.



PHOTO: BMW

Munich, 26 February 2020. With the XRide suit, BMW Motorrad demonstrates how maximum comfort can be combined with comprehensive protection and a stylish, sporty look. The close fit and striking design make for an exciting look. The XRide Pro men's jacket, which is limited to 1,500 pieces, is also a real eye-catcher.

All elements of the XRide are characterized by great freedom of movement. This is achieved by body-hugging and effective protection as well as a strap technology specially designed for the XRide. Here the areas requiring protection have been wrapped with an elastic fabric tape to provide support. This ensures greater flexibility and at the same time improves the fit of the protectors without neglecting wearing comfort. The suit offers great freedom of movement, especially in zones such as the arms, shoulders and knees thanks to accordion stretch and ergonomic pleats in the form of specially positioned leather cut-outs, achieving the ideal balance between

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safety and dynamics. Smartly designed details provide the required functionality.

The leather of the jacket is lined with elastic and abrasion-resistant polyamide at the shoulders and arms as part of the Ergonomic Concept. The shoulders are fitted with close-fitting NP3 protectors, the elbows, hips and knees are protected with NP2 protectors and the back is shielded by NP-Pro long protectors. Cowhide leather inserts, which offer further protection, are located in possible fall zones and on the inside of the trousers. Reflectors on the upper arms, the front of the jacket, the knees and the lower leg area ensure good visibility in traffic.

With four front pockets, one of which is waterproof, one back pocket and two inside pockets, the jacket provides enough storage space for the odds and ends of motorcycling life. The AirVent system at the front with double zipper and the 3D spacer fabric at the back ensure perfect air conditioning in all weather conditions. An additional zipper at the leg bottoms provide further comfort. The trousers have a total of three pockets, one of which is an inside secret pocket.

The outset jacket with integrated storm hood in the collar and the outset trousers with long side zippers make putting the rider equipment on an easy affair. Both feature a small pack size, close fit and excellent durability thanks to abrasion-resistant print in stressed areas.

With its white cowhide inserts on the arms, the limited XRide Pro men's jacket is a very special highlight in the rider equipment range. The leather is lined with elastic textile material and thus ensures greater flexibility in these areas. The eye-catching shoulder protectors made of a plastic-steel combination with BMW Motorrad branding make for additional visual highlights.

The XRide suit is available for men in sizes 46 to 66, 68 to 110 and 24 to 32, for women in sizes 34 to 48. The XRide Pro jacket is available for men in sizes 46 to 60.

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In 2019, the BMW Group sold over 2,520,000 passenger vehicles and more than 175,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax in the financial year 2019 was 4.9315 billion on revenues amounting to 49.7,682 billion. As of 31 December 2019, the BMW Group had a workforce of 134,682 employees.

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Name:	Phone:
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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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