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president's podium



Within this copy of our Newsletter you will read accounts of our Annual Rally which was held in Wanganui. For Ann and I the weekend was one not to have been missed. Neither of us heard one word of disappointment throughout the weekend. I put this down to all the sterling work put in by the Rally Committee who provided a weekend where motorcyclists could just simply relax and be themselves. You will read further on in the Newsletter the reporting on the A.G.M.

As you will read in the A.G.M. minutes Bruce's remit to disestablish the role of Editor from the Executive was successful. The position has been replaced by a position of General Member. If you are willing to serve your Club in this position please make contact with me.

There is finally good news for those of us riding in the South Island. In February, Avon City Suzuki took over the reigns as Christchurch's latest BMW Motorrad dealer and Authorised Service Centre. John Glasswell, After Sales Manager for Europe Imports, has been busy moving new stock and technical gear from Hampton Motorcycles to Avon City's facilities in Epsom Road, Sockburn as well as bringing Michael Larson, Service Manager up to speed on the latest BMW diagnostic software.

The Epsom Street site includes ample parking, a great showroom, with a large purpose built workshop with full facilities and the friendly, qualified technicians are able to do on site warrant of fitness and registrations.

Avon City Suzuki is also the only 5 Star Dealer for Arai Helmets in the South Island. This means when you buy an Arai Helmet from Avon City Suzuki you get standard shop prices, lower than the RRP that other shops sell the helmets for, as well as free lifetime servicing on the helmet. So if you are living in Christchurch or passing through why not stop off and introduce yourselves.

Have to run now the Editor is waiting for this month's Podium so he can put the Newsletter to bed.

As always- wheels down, feet up

Peter

aka. Tibsy

Apology

As we now combine the Annual General Meeting and rally at the one event, there is a massive amount of material presented for the next issue of the Newsletter after that weekend.

Of necessity, I have had to prioritise.

I have included all the Minutes and Financial reporting from the AGM.

I have included all the Area Reps' reports that I received.

I have included all the text I got from Rangitikei relating to the Rally.

And I have included all the advertising that has been paid for (and we should all appreciate and support our advertisers for helping to fund our Newsletter.)

I've included as many photos as I could fit at a reasonable size and resolution.

I'll be including further images and stories spread over a few more issues. I apologise to all those contributors I have had to leave on the spike this month, but a quart into a pint pot won't go.

Bwucie,

Editor for another year.

welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month:

- Alex Zilionis - Auckland
- John and Julie McMeeking - Auckland
- Ethan Grover - Nelson (Ethan would be our youngest member by a "couple" of years, he has a regular habit of appearing just after his Dad, Dale - the length of the bike seat after.)

We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area.

Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch with the Editor no later than the 15th day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All register members on register rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Register members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, pillion, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards New Zealand approved motorcycle helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.
4. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions, and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Organiser and or the Register are not responsible for participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all Road Rules and Laws.

events calendar

2015 Rag Rally

28 - 29 March

Dave Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka (P12)

other events

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bmwor area events

Please note that rides start at varying times and/or places. Read the event notices carefully and, if in doubt, contact the Area Rep (details on rear cover) or ride organiser (if noted) for assistance. On most rides there is a rider briefing 5 minutes prior to departure, at which point riders are expected to be ready to go with bikes fuelled and bladders empty.

Every effort is made to ensure that details of events are correct at the time of printing. Please check the website (<http://bmwor.org.nz>) for current information on events or contact the local Area Rep if you have any questions.

northland

Sunday 15 March - Auckland have a run to Russell. I suggest we go and check out the foreigners in our 'hood. I'll email the where and when as soon as I know them.

auckland

Sunday 15 March - Ride to Russell. leaving Starbucks Westgate at 0930

bay of plenty

Sunday 15th March - Breakfast 'n' ride to Tairua. Meet at Café Nourish Te Puna for summer time breakfast 9am and leave 10am for ride up to Tairua via Whangamata. Non-riders welcome to join us for breakfast and catch-up too!

rangitikei

Sunday 8 March Ride around Mt Ruapehu RICs Peer Nielsen & Barry Hawthorn

Tuesday 31 March Meal at Station Hotel Hunterville at 7 30pm Host Peer Nielsen

Sunday 12 April Ride to Staglands (postponed from 2014) RIC Peter Truter

Tuesday 28 April Meal at Four Flames Feilding at 7 00 pm (earlier time) Host Shane O'Brien

Sunday 10 May Ride to Wheelwright Masterton. RICs Don Cross and Robin Wood.

Tuesday 26 May Dinner, Brickhouse, Whanganui. Jeanette Hawthorn.

Sunday 14 June Ride to Thompson's Bike Museum RIC TBC

Tuesday 30 June, Dinner Lone Star, Palmerston North RIC TBC

east coast

Monthly gathering at the Puketapu Hotel, 679 Puketapu Road, Puketapu. Last Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm onwards.

Sunday 8 March - Ride to Wheels on Windsor car show, Windsor Park, Hastings. Arrive whenever you like to view the show as you wish and then ride on to Clearview Winery for lunch. Leave Windsor Park at 12.00 for lunch at 12.30pm. Meet outside Karamu High School. All enquiries to Norm on 06 877 3383.

Sunday 12 April - Ride to Taupo for hot swims and lunch. Meet at BP Bay View 9.30am. All enquiries to John on 06 844 4751.

wellington

Sunday 8 March - Club ride Waterford Café Pohangina Valley- RIC TBA

Monday 9 March - Monthly Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

Saturday & Sunday 11&12 April - Wellington Overnighter - Wimbledon Tavern

Monday 13 April - Monthly Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm -

Guest speaker Nicole Berman - Motorcycling in South Africa in conjunction with Motomart

Sunday 10 May - Club ride to Castle Point - Lunch at the Whakataki Hotel - RIC Peter Nash

Monday 11 May - Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

otago/southland

8th March keep the day free and I'll think of somewhere to head (maybe lunch in Middlemarch, a loop via Macraes for those of us around Dunedin)

April 12th Kaka Point

May 10th Lawrence.

As usual, details by email as the days draw closer. otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz if you want me to update your email details.

area reports

[You may wonder why the Area Reports don't appear in "traditional" order. Your Editor is lazy: it's easier to drop them in the order they arrive. And it's a giveaway which Area Reps are on the ball! 8-0]

rangitikei

The Rally was the big ticket item for our area in January. We saw up to 94 Register friends sit down to a sumptuous meal at the Infusion restaurant at the Wanganui Raceway. A separate report details the highlights of that weekend.

In various ways, 21 members from the Rangitikei area contributed to what we hope you regard as a very successful Rally. We now pass the Rally mantle to the organisers of the Hanmer Springs event.

And of course we still have our programme of rides and meals to look forward to.

Our first non Rally meal for the year is set for 24 February at Ashhurst. Great food and great company is anticipated and we know that it will exceed expectations.

We have rides and meal meetings planned right through to June this year. Feel free to join us.

The Rag Rally at Pokaka near National

Park on 28/29 March is less than 2 hours away. While we are in the rally spirit it would be good to see lots of Rangitikei members show up even if only for a chat on the Saturday afternoon.

This is my last Area Report. I step down as Area Rep on 1 March. For those who took the time to read my monthly mutterings, thanks. This is auf wiedersehn, sayonara, farewell, haere ra, so long, as your Rangitikei Area Rep.

We will miss helping keep our wider register family up with our busy local schedule, but we will still be a part of the BMWOR.

Lance Nixon and Heather Mitchell-Anyon #1550

Combi-Ride with East Coast, V1.0

I offered to lead a ride to the Hawkes Bay back in 2014 and was contacted by Norm Nichol who offered to meet us at Waipukurau and show us some of their territory.

We arranged to meet at the service station in Ashhurst for a 9.00 am departure.

There were 5 bikes and 9 members ready for adventure.

Barbara and Barry, Karen and Mark, Ann and Peter, Lance, and Sue and Don made up our party.

The plan was to head through the gorge and take Top Grass road to Dannevirke. From there it was Makotuku and Ormondville with a stop at Takapau to remove some layers of clothing as the day was heating up.

I didn't get the timing correct as we were not going to be in Waipukurau for our scheduled meeting time of 10.00. I thought about a phone call to Norm but did not have his number nor did any of our party.

In future the tour guide will be in my top box for just this eventuality.

We arrived about 20 minutes late and our hosts were most understanding.

Dan was to be our leader and we departed at 11.00. We were led on an interesting tour of farm land between state highway 2 and highway 50. The land was parched and brown with the occasional patch of green where a farmer was able to irrigate crops. The land closer to the Ruahine range was noticeably greener.

We then headed up a valley where the road got progressively steeper and came to the top of the Raukawa range with magnificent views over the valley below. Cars on the highway seemed to be small dots in the distance. The only green patch was the wet lands of Lake Poukawa.

It was now time for our lunch destination at the Paper Mulberry cafe which is in an old school.

We enjoyed conversation with our hosts over eats and various drinks.

By now it was 2.00 pm and time to hit the highway. A fuel stop in Dannevirke before we said our farewells and headed for home.

We all had a fantastic day out with special thanks to the East Coast members.

Don & Sue Cross

east coast

Combi-ride with East Coast, V1.01

When we read in the BMWOR newsletter that Rangitikei members were planning on riding into Hawkes Bay on the same day as our February Club ride, we felt it was too good an opportunity to miss catching up with them. After some cooler weather, a cloudless day dawned with the promise of temperatures in the high 20s.

The East Coast contingent met in Hastings and rode down to Café Latitude 40 in Waipukurau. We had a lovely chatty time over coffee waiting for the out of town riders from Palmerston North and further south. After coffees, Les from Napier and Lance from Wanganui headed homeward, while the rest of us followed Dan, our tour leader for the day, into the hills. We were led along some interesting and scenic country roads, that in our four years here we had not travelled on. The Hawkes Bay plains are very dry at present but we found there was some green closer to the hills. As we have come to expect, there was very little traffic. We detoured up Burma Road to admire the magnificent view from the top and then headed back to the Paper Mulberry for lunch. There we found some Triumph Stag club cars, and some MX5 club cars parked up - probably something to do with it being Waitangi weekend. We had a bit of a wait to be served, but the food was good and the chat even better.

It was great catching up with members from a neighbouring area and we hope to do it again. Our thanks go to Dan for scoping and leading this very successful ride.



View from Burma Road.

Marie Nichol

bay of plenty

It was great to have 18 members from the Bay of Plenty come to the annual BMWOR rally. We enjoyed a great group ride down via the railway café at National Park for lunch. The weather was hot as

ever, but this place provided a welcome reprieve with a lovely shady garden area and cool breeze. It was dodgems with the wet tar thru the Parapas, but what a great time we had at the rally and well organized rides. Our highlight being an impromptu swim in the cool Wanganui river to evade the 30 degree heat! We all made our own way home, some with new friends and routes. We (Mike & Geri) hopped the ditch to Picton, Benheim and then went for a great ride up French Pass with Bob who later ventured off south to the Molesworth. We carried on to Takaka for a few nights and rode up the Abel Tasman National Park to Totaranui. Clearest water ever here for a welcome swim! Home via The Criterion at Bulls and only a few spits of rain after 10 days of sunshine - well ridden and rested.

February we enjoyed more sunshine and great country roads for our monthly ride with 8 bikes out from Tauranga to Kawhia, picking up another two bikes on the way at Wharepapa (13 members including pillion riders total). Kawhia Fresh fish and chip filled us up for various routes home, several enjoying the gravel roads through to Raglan en route!

Looking forward to upcoming events....See you soon....

Mike Long and Geri Goodman

wellington

We had our Monthly Club Night last night and we are going to use the local membership to talk about their Career experiences where they had interesting careers, recent travel experiences, and experiences from other organizations they may belong to. This is an attempt to get more members along to Club Night meetings as at present I am loathed to ask members to approach people as possible guest speakers to come along and then only have 10 or 12 members turn up.

Peter Nash

otago/southland

Early in January five of us converged on the Lazy Dog cafe near Wanaka. The dog was indeed lazy, the food and company excellent, the headwind built up to be quite intense by the time we got to the lunch stop. Some of the Nenthorn gravel was sampled on the way home, and I was introduced to an impressively hairpinned bit that I'd somehow overlooked in all the years I worked up that way. As I write this I'm just back from our relatively lazy ride around Otago Peninsula. A collection of both new and familiar faces took in various sights (and sounds, there seemed to be Haka being practiced in the Marae when we stopped outside to admire the carvings.) So that's one long day and one relaxed meander under the Otago/Southland banner since the New Year. Both floated my boat (that, apparently, being what boats do).

Andy Hutcheon

BMWOR 2015 RALLY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN WHANGANUI

With the absolute support of the weather Gods, the 2015 Rally was blessed with the best summer weather most of us can remember. And that weather pattern existed both before and after the rally itself, giving Rally goers fine riding weather to and from the event.

The first to arrive were there the night before, and when the Rally opened at 2 pm on the Friday, a steady number arrived. They booked in at the Top Ten Office, and "clocked in" at Rally HQ almost next door to the office. Committee members greeted everyone at Rally HQ where several display boards displayed upcoming events and times over the weekend. Rally packs were distributed. Tea and coffee were available at HQ throughout the weekend. The minibus ran trips to the supermarket throughout the weekend for those needing to stock up on provisions.

The first gathering was the 7.00 pm finger food meal. The food was delicious and plentiful. That was the catering pattern set by Infusion catering throughout our time together. In fact, up to 94 meals were served in one sitting during the course of the weekend.

That evening Editor Bruce provided a tutorial about the role of the Tail End Charlie (TEC). It culminated in a stage production: crashed bike borrowed from Joe Lett, car driver (Roger) injured, rider (Folker) hurt and pillion (Jeanette) missing in action. This drew a big crowd!

Breakfast was available from 7.00 am on Saturday and those wanting to be considered for the Concourse d'Elegance lined up their bikes from 8.00am. Most riders seemed to have entered. Judging as completed by 9.30am and ride briefings were given for each of the two rides. Before the rides began, Neville provided a tutorial about skilful dirt road riding in anticipation of the day ahead. Sealed rides were led by Roger (Don TEC) and the unsealed were in the hands of Peer (TEC John).

The sealed ride visited the Bruce Ardel museum at Fordell en route to Hunterville, and the unsealed ride completed the somewhat remote loop to Kai Iwi from the Top Ten. A flat tyre held them up briefly but Garry had the skills, tools, and spare tube to get a fellow rider back up and running.

Todd Crighton of Motomart and Nick and Michael of Europe Imports brought along 4 new demonstration bikes for Rally goers to admire and try. Several did both.

Some who stayed at the Top Ten during the day took advantage of the Minibus service and visited the local Market and took a trip upriver on the Waimarie paddle-steamer.

Riders were away on time on Saturday, and back in time for a shower and cool-down, before the two big Transit buses

pulled up to whisk them off to the Wanganui Raceway at 4.30pm. A feature of the whole weekend was the way that Rally goers kept to the time frames, making catering and scheduling work well.

The AGM began at 5.00pm and was all over by 6.20pm. By providing all Rally goers with the Area Rep reports in their Rally packs, there was time saved for other business and an earlier arrival at the bar. A group photo was the last task of the AGM.

The meal was served at 7.00 pm. After the meal we celebrated the 2015 rally by cutting the celebratory cake provided by Sue and Don (from Levin). That honour was given to Ron Rutherford, our only Rangitikei Life Member #18, and the youngest person attending (12 yo Ethan).

Raffles have always been a significant part of each Rally. We were impressed by the generosity of sponsors (AON, Europe Imports, Motomart, Horizons, I-Site Wanganui, Don & Sue Cross, Robert Joe, Barry & Jeanette Hawthorn, Rally Committee Heather & Lance Nixon, Allied Concrete, Henry Plowright) and Rally goers who supported the ticket sellers. The prize draw was triggered by President Peter and successive winners drew the next prize until we had consumed the 31 prizes on the table. The major prize of the night was a \$500 voucher from AON insurance. The honour of drawing that went to our local Life Member Ron. The winner was Rally committee member Neil, who immediately offered the prize back to the meeting and it was redrawn. This was an exceptional offer. The eventual winner was Graeme Duncan.

The buses were right on time at 9.50 pm and the Rally goers were driven back to the Top Ten. Security person Jeff reported no problems during the evening while we were away enjoying the AGM and Rally dinner.

Again, breakfast began at 7.00am and at 9.15 the Gymkhana was under way on the large grassed park area near the Top Ten office. There were 15 members who tested their skills against the clock. There were no major incidents, and there was an appreciative crowd watching, including some members of the public and the Wanganui Chronicle reporter and photographer. Kevan W had a star role in the paper the next day. A large team of 11 lady Rally goers were asked to help with the judging and did a fine job. The winner was of the Rick Kirkman trophy was announced at dinner that night. Congratulations Graeme for the quickest time without faults.

The two organised rides set off at 10.00am and 10.30am. The sealed road riders went to Ohakune for lunch via the now sealed Wanganui River Road, and

the unsealed road riders had lunch at the Gumboot Manor in Taihape after travelling along the Turakina Valley Road. All were back by 5.30pm, and it was obvious which bikes went on the unsealed roads.

During the day some Rally goers went on their own exploration of the area, and some explored the city of Wanganui. Others took one of the two guided mini bus trips around the city and suburbs.

All riders came back safely from their long, hot rides and many took to the heated on site pool to freshen up. Dinner, this time a barbecue, was served at 7.00pm and was followed by the awarding of the Kirkman trophy. A very helpful talk by BMW's John Glasswell told us about the successful sales of BMW motorcycles during 2014, and the work being done by the BMW organisation to increase the distribution of service centres, especially in the South Island.

The announcement that all had waited for all weekend was the venue of the 2016 Rally/AGM. President Peter announced that it would be at Hanmer Springs during the Auckland anniversary weekend. This was greeted enthusiastically.

Chef de Mission Barry thanked all members for their attendance and wished them a safe journey home the next day.

The next day saw breakfast from 7.00 am, with the Rally goers beginning to drift away until the last person to leave rode out the gate at 10.15 am.

Barry, Jeanette, Neil, Brenda, Roger, Liz, Peer, Lis, Neville, Kay, Paul, Heather and I thank you all for your great company and hope that you all have lot of exciting memories to share with your friends.

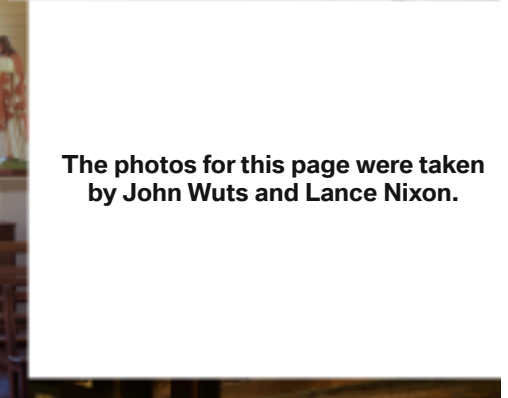
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Area Representative

Rangitikei.



Chef de Mission, Barry, with his "Certificate of Job Well Done" awarded by President Peter. (Lance Nixon)



The photos for this page were taken by John Wuts and Lance Nixon.



Dawn Chorus Camp

Friday evening and Saturday Sparrowfart before the RAG. The Location of Pureora Forest Park is west of Taupo, on State Highway 30. Close to Barryville.

There is a side trip planned to the Geographical centre of the North Island if there is an expression of interest. (It is a GS ride and is within the boundary of the Park.)

When: Friday 27. March Cost: There is a charge for a tent site. (DOC graded Standard campsite.) Fees: Adult - \$6 per night.

- Closest petrol north of Pureora Forest is Whakamaru.
- Riders need to be self sufficient as we are in an isolated area. The nearest town is Mangakino or Whakamaru.
- Insect repellent is a must. (But it's not as bad as Milford Sound!)

For more info contact Dave Morris, daverobertmorris@gmail.com or ring 04 565 3592.



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Letters - well, emails, actually.

GS For Sale?

From: Steve

To: President@bmwor.org.nz

Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 10:20 AM

Subject: BMW touring 2015

Peter,

Several years ago, I joined your club and had the good fortune to meet then members Philip and Judy Meyer of Pukekohe. They had answered my ad in your publication to buy, rent or borrow a bike for a NZ adventure. They loaned me their K75C which allowed be to tour most of your great country and I wrote a follow-up report on my travels which you published in 2000. I want to do it again and **hope to ship my 2011 R1200GS to NZ and leave it there when done travelling on it with my wife. What is the chance that someone in your club might want to own such a great machine?**

This is still very tentative and we must explore the cost of shipping the bike but

it just might be a good thing for all. And if that does not work out, who would you suggest for bike rental for four weeks for our own self-touring as I have ridden most of your roads and tramped 2,900 miles from Cape Reinga to Stuart Island, Big Mercury, Tiri Tiri, etc. and want to come back. The clock is running and at age 70, the bucket list grown!!!

May all be well with you and hope your summer has been comfortable.

Cheers,

Steve Shauger (Col. USAF Ret)

PS Yes, I still have my lifetime flying license in NZ which I got one day at Taupo airport.

Happy Birthday R90S

From: Adrian Collins

Sent: Wednesday, 4 February 2015 12:56 p.m.

To: secretary@bmwor.org.nz

Subject: BMW R90S Birthday

Hi David - I hope you are well.

I see that your annual R.A.G. at Pokaka is on the weekend 28/29 March. By pure chance I have organised a R90S get

together in Taupo for the same weekend. With the 90S being produced from 1973 to 1975 this year is 40 years on from the production midpoint - especially significant as we go onto cheap rego! A few 90S owners had the idea of a get together and we have planned this for the 28/29 March and I hope we will reel in about a dozen bikes. It was then that I realised you also had your rally then.

Not sure if you are planning a ride that goes anywhere near Taupo but if anyone is passing they are welcome to come in an check us out or if you are going on a ride from Pokaka we could do the same and meet up at some midpoint.

We will be staying at: Chelmswood Motel, 250 Lake Terrace, State Highway 1, Taupo, New Zealand | Ph: 0800 238 238 www.chelmswood.co.nz/home.html

Or if there are any 90S owners who want to join us please refer them to me.

Cheers for now

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2015 RAG* Rally

Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka

Saturday 28 March - Sunday 29 March 2015

Cost: \$40.00 per person (plus \$15 for a badge). Includes lodge accommodation/camping and the spit roast on Saturday night.

You will need: a tent and bedroll if you're camping (dormitory accommodation is available for about 50 people - first up, best room), sleeping bag, cup, plate and eating irons.

Please note: Each person to bring vegetables and/or salad for the community pot.

How to get there: Pokaka is on State Highway 4 between National Park and Raetahi

From the North: From National Park, pass through Waikune and Erua. After passing under the Makatote Viaduct, look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on the right side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain. From Raetahi, pass through Tohunga Junction (joins up with highway 49 and Ohakune) Horopito, then look for road sign 'Taylor Memorial Lodge and Pokaka' on left side of road, pointing across the road, in the direction of the mountain.

To secure and pay for your entry, either:

- fill out the booking form below, attach your cheque and post it to RAG Rally, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland 1149; OR
- send an email to secretary@bmwor.org.nz with RAG Rally in the subject line with the details required on the booking form below in the text and **pay by internet banking to the BMWOR 'Event' account 15 3973 0032424 00** (please include your surname as the payee and 'RAG' as a reference).

Please note: 2015 RAG Rally badges will only be available for entries received by 5:00 pm FRIDAY 27 February, otherwise bookings must be received by Friday 13 March for catering purposes.

RAG* Rally Booking Form

Name Membership No

Please book me and the following people:

Number of people attending @ \$40.00 each = \$.....

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BMW Owners Register of NZ Inc. held on Saturday 24th January 2015 at the Wanganui Racecourse, Wanganui in conjunction with the Annual Rally.

Start: 5.00 pm

Opening: President Peter welcomed all members to the meeting and commented that it was one year since we were all together in Nelson.

One minutes silence was observed in memory of members who have passed away since the Nelson AGM.

Attendance: President Peter Tibbs, Secretary Dave Oldershaw, Treasurer Robin Wood, Editor Bruce Crowther, Membership Secretary Folker Liebenow, BMW Gear Ian Sowden and 83 members.

Apologies: Trish Plowright, Richard Kuysten

Moved: John Wuts, Seconded: Revti Verma

Area Reports

Reports were received from Northland, Bay of Plenty, East Coast, Rangitikei, Wellington, Nelson, Otago/Southland and Waikato.

These have been circulated prior to the meeting and are taken as read.

These are attached as an appendix to these minutes

Moved: John Wuts, Seconded: Ian Sowden

Membership Secretary Annual Report

In this report, more than anything else, I note the poor renewal response we achieved again this year and I would like to see a change in the notification part of this process.

Membership has again decreased a little. We now have 564 members including partners. I note that there are several cases of members not renewing the membership of a partner, who had previously been a member. And, no, I am not talking about relationships falling apart. These are members renewing their membership just for themselves and you save yourself \$4.50. I have enrolled just three new members since returning from overseas in early October, two indicating a partner, but only enrolling themselves. A sign of our times, perhaps with additionally a plethora of motorcycle brands and models to suit riders.

The renewal process of your membership to this club is what I would call a passive one. It depends entirely on whether you read the exhortations made on a couple of prominent notices in our newsletter preceding the renewal cut-off at the end of June, to either go on-line to renew your membership, probably pay on-line as well or accomplish the process via snail mail, paying with a cheque.

This depends on members to actually read their newsletter. I would like to think that most members would read some part of the newsletter. The yellow

highlighting of the renewal notice certainly stood out.

After the renewal date passed, some 280 members had not renewed this time. Our editor then sent emails to these people, about 15 % of which were found to be not current. These members received a snail-mail reminder. As a result we achieved a reasonable recovery.

I also note that several members complained about not being included in the bi-annual Touring Guide. It is up to members, when renewing, to tick the box of the renewal portion which relates to being included in this booklet. This process, too, is made either on-line or on the paper renewal form. I have, on several occasions felt like being piggy-in-the-middle for not including members in this guide, but I will not second-guess a member's intentions where a tick/no tick will do the trick.

The monthly delivery of newsletter labels has mostly gone without any hiccups. Membership cards were printed promptly by Nicholas Baker as were name tags by Apex Trophies.

I put myself up for re-election.

Folker Liebenow

Moved: Folker Liebenow, Seconded: Henry Plowright

Editor Annual Report

I made myself available as Editor for the past year because there just didn't seem to be a sniff of another volunteer, and I believe the Newsletter is a very important part of the "glue" that holds the Register together. I did this not without misgivings, because it also required that I be part of your Committee.

It has been an absolute privilege to be your Editor. I get first sight of the stories and images you contribute, including material which I have had to leave on the spike because of lack of space. The amount of material generated by Area Reps and members has been such that I have had to use very little filler material sourced from outside the Register.

I have benefited from the relationship built with our printers, Printing.com, Wellington CBD, and our advertisers, by my predecessor, Garry Williams. All our existing advertisers have continued their support into the new financial year, and we have also received support this year from Compass Expeditions: Rob Hargreaves and his South American fellow travelers contributed to that, I believe.

In response to a problem that Adobe PageMaker was creating for the printers I changed the software used for Newsletter and Tour Guide editing, to the Open Source program Scribus. It's been a bit of a learning curve, but it produces

files the printers are happy with. I also changed the paper weight from 100gsm stock to 80gsm. This has had three benefits; it makes the Newsletter easier to fold, and it keeps the folded size below 6mm thickness so we are not being penalised by NZ Post, and it's cheaper! It has led to a slight increase in colour bleed through the pages, but I think the pros outweigh that slight con.

I'm not available for the Committee next year, so this may well be my last hurrah. The editing has been fun.

Bruce Crowther

Moved: Bruce Crowther, Seconded: Garry Williams

Treasurer Annual Report

Once again it gives me pleasure to present to our members the Treasurers Report and Statement of Financial Position for the twelve months ended 30th June 2014. As is the case with similar incorporated societies these accounts have been prepared on a 'Cash' rather than 'Accrual' basis and therefore do not take into account any outstanding debtors or creditors as at balance date. However, for the record as at 30 June there were debtors of \$4,665 (magazine advertising) and creditors of \$1,771 (printing and stationery costs) due. These debtors and creditors have since been received/paid.

Operational Income & Expenditure:

Income:

Total operating income for the year was \$26,152 down from the previous year by \$1,456. Subscriptions at \$20,737 were down by \$236 and interest income was down by \$208. Main decline however was in advertising revenue, down by \$1,040 from previous year.

Expenditure:

Total expenditure this financial year amounts to \$24,321. This is down a massive \$12,462 from the previous year. You may well ask how was this achieved. I can assure you that it was in no part achieved by a frugal, miserly and/or penny-pinching attitude adopted by the Executive!

It was in fact a \$10,148 reduction in printing costs. Members will remember that the previous financial years Statement of Financial Position reflected an overpayment to our printing supplier. At the time the accounts were closed off for that year a full reconciliation of our account with the supplier was still in progress. It was eventually established that we had overpaid them by \$3,659. This was subsequently credited to our account. During that year we also paid for twelve magazine print runs (instead of the usual 11) pushing the costs up by approximately a further \$1,400.

Other major variances were Postage – down by \$831; Stationery/consumables – up by \$1,883; meeting costs – down by \$1,886.

Surplus/Deficit:

Operating result is a healthy \$1,831 surplus and that, along with net surplus from Event activities has seen an increase in members' funds of \$2,992 to \$49,792.

IRD-Tax Status:

Further to the remits passed at the last AGM we have succeeded in now qualifying as a 'Not-for-profit organisation'.

What does this mean you may ask - Essentially it means that provided our net income after expenses is less than \$1,000.00 in a financial year, we are not required to file an income tax return.

It also means that we have been granted a 'RWT Certificate of Exemption'. A copy of this certificate has been lodged with our bankers and we no longer have RWT deducted from any interest we receive.

I can see some of you are about to say 'hold on – you have just told us all that the Register made a healthy surplus in excess of \$1,000'. Well that is absolutely correct but for taxation purposes membership subscriptions and/or levies are classed as exempt income. So, if we ignore this income then our surplus is turned into a significant deficit and we are therefore not required to furnish a tax return.

Capital Expenditure:

No capital purchases were made during the year.

Cash Reserves:

At year-end we held \$35,000 on Term Deposit and that is essentially our cash reserve. This is some \$5,000 more than 2013-year-end but I would expect this will be eroded during the current year as full year's magazine and Tour Guide costs take effect.

Regalia Shop:

Sales amounted to \$790 and after purchases and some write-offs the result was a cash surplus of \$168 with a closing stock of \$4,997.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

- 1. Subscriptions:** I see no reason to increase subscriptions and recommend that they be held at current levels for a further twelve months.
- 2. Budget 2014/15:** In terms of our Constitution I also present for your information an estimate of Income & Expenditure for the current financial year.

I table this report and move that it, along with the Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2014, be accepted as a true and correct record of the financial position of the Register.

Robin Wood

Moved: Robin Wood, Seconded: Jo Buckner

Details of the financial report are attached as an appendix to these minutes

Vice President Report

I unfortunately won't be attending this AGM. The planning for my annual North Island trip this year got messed up through my being on a public health waiting list for some surgery. I have now recovered, am back on the bike but won't be making it to the meeting. Bruce however has kindly offered to read this report for me.

When I was asked to take up the role of Vice President until the next election, it was explained that the vision was for all members, from Kaitia to Bluff, to have an equal chance of their voice being heard and their needs addressed by the Exec Committee. I was told that I was being asked as the South Island has never previously had any direct representation on the Exec. I soon set about trying to establish what it was, the currently "not heard" members wanted expressed and found that there were very similar things originating from most of the areas that no longer had established Area Reps. In subsequent meetings, I found myself attempting to represent perhaps more actual North Island than the South Island members in number. I gave it my best shot, and at least got many of the things said even if not heard.

Unfortunately I found myself in a position where I was not able to be saying enough of the type of things wanting to be heard, to be able to gain enough cooperation and support from within the Exec to bring about much actual change. Whether the Website becomes more welcoming, friendly and used remains to be seen but I can't honestly say that I see much more transparency around the activities of the Exec or any decrease in the proliferation of new handbooks, policies or constitutional changes. A more positive thing I can report on, is that there are folk out there who appear to be enjoying the pictures posted on the now national Flickr photo site. Over 122,000 in total and at least 51,000 photos have been clicked on and opened up to view since it became the national site. (Not much increase in people's readiness to share their pics and send them in to be put up on the site however.)

I see a serious and growing rift in the membership of the BMWOR to the point where we will either see the club splitting or we see further increases in the passion for the marquee being expressed and the getting out together and riding of of the bikes being done through activities no longer linked to or associated with the Register. It is my sincere hope and wish that the incoming committee makes a greater effort to address this sad but

growing trend. I thank you for the opportunity to at least attempt to make a difference.

Peter Bath

Moved: Peter Bath, Seconded: Gerard Van Berlo

Regalia Report, Web Administrator Report: These have been circulated prior to the meeting and are taken as read. These are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

AGM Report for 2014: President Peter Tibbs

It has been another busy year this past year starting with a very enjoyable and memorable time spent at the Annual Rally based in Nelson. Thanks to Revti and Sue along with the Rally Team. They all put together a great Rally their efforts guaranteed us all an event to remember.

Other events

To take part in a **six day tour of the Lower North Island** with members of this Club some coming from as far away as Alexandra was a great way for Ann and I to spend six days on the road enjoying the company of fellow members. I recommend you all try a tour of your own.

The North Island Rag Rally was once again well supported. The chef should be given a special mention. To see him turn up on his trusty K 100 loaded with heaps of cooking gear plus food for a small army is a sight to behold.

It was especially pleasing to see the life bought back into the **Hot August Night**. Mike and Geri put in a sterling effort and produced a result that reflected their efforts.

The South Island Rag Rally saw members make their way to Haast for a weekend get together. I am told that one or two got a little damp on their way to Haast. It should not go unmentioned that Tony and Andy's timing of the Rally made it possible to take part in the Rally then move on to the Burt Munro event.

Now when you couple these events together with our weekend rides, mid week rides and social get-togethers there is always plenty to do for anyone who chooses to take part in Club activities.

BMWOR is very fortunate to have here today two dealerships and they are represented by Henry and Todd. We also have here with us Michael, Nick and John from Europe Imports. Many of you will remember mid 2013 when Europe Imports took control of BMW motorcycle parts from BMW Aus / NZ. This process took place at the same time as BMW changed their parts distribution systems worldwide. To say it was a smooth transition would be far from the mark. However I am pleased to tell you that Europe Imports have worked through the difficult times and now have on hand in New Zealand more spare parts than BMW ever had. That's really good news.

I am aware of changes coming up with some of our Area Reps, one of those being Wellington, where Peter Nash will take over the role from Stephen Oatley and as we have quite a few Reps here today you might all like to take the chance to have a word with Peter. Over this weekend would be a good time to touch base with each other before our next Area Rep meeting.

However going forward I have two major concerns at the moment:

First is the **lack of an Area Rep in some of our Areas**. The importance of our Area Reps should not be underestimated. They are the glue that holds an Area together. The role of Area Rep does not have to be a lonely one. It is just as important that we make sure our reps don't become overloaded. We can all make sure this doesn't happen by offering a helping hand once in a while. Make it team fun in your area and you will all spend plenty of good times together.

Another concern is the **shortage of Authorised Service Providers**. Many Members have to travel long distances throughout the North Island in order to have their bikes serviced and that has to be a concern. However the situation in the South Island is simply unacceptable to all those riders that ride BMW's. That's right unacceptable to all of us. Just think about it. If you live in the North Island and are planning a trip south and your tyres have 2 or 3000kms left on them and your bike is 2000km away from its next service wouldn't it be great to be able to book into an authorised BMW service provider for those new tyres and that service in the South Island. What about that for an option?

But first things first! The situation in the South Island in regards to authorised BMW service providers is absolutely unacceptable to me. As it stands now Rick at MCR in Dunedin has just recently received the latest diagnostic servicing computer gear. That leaves us in the South Island a long way from an Authorised service centre if we don't live in Dunedin. In order to remedy this situation it is going to take a lot of effort on the part of all of us. Your support is best expressed by resisting the temptation of going on line to source substitute parts off the internet.

Now if you are unable or unwilling to resist the temptation of going on line and you want genuine BMW replacement parts or to upgrade accessories then at least contact your nearest dealer and have a word with them. Give them the chance to compete on an, apples for apples basis while bearing in mind we are all in this Club for the long game. This could well turn out to be a David and Goliath encounter whilst the Executive push the boundary's on all possible options with all party's that could assist in our endeavours to see the establishment of service centres in the

South Island. After all anything worth having is worth the effort as far as I am concerned.

Put simply: no importer; no dealer; no service centres. Where does that leave us as a club? At the end of the day we must all work together as a team in order to ensure a long term future for us all.

Now on a lighter note I would like to thank you all for sharing in this weekend. Your presence makes all the work that the Rally Team here in Rangitikei, put into this weekend worthwhile. We are very fortunate that we have so many people working away in the background for the wellbeing of our Club. Some of the people we don't see so much of for example are our Archivist, Webmaster, Gear Shop Manager and The Folding Team who prepare the Newsletter for posting out to you. Dave Morris is also here this weekend. Most of you know by now that Dave is compiling an overview of the Register's first forty years. To complete this task Dave needs your help. Why not take the opportunity this weekend to have a word with him, after all your story matters.

Let's not forget the Executive Team who works away at preserving our past while planning to safeguard our future. While on the subject of the Executive we have two members standing down this year. One being the Vice President and the other being our Editor. When Bruce took on the role as Editor he had a set of massive boots to fill. I would just like to say Garry you can stop looking for your boots Bruce has been wearing them.

In 2016 I would like to see a V.P. with your support take over the role of President so with that in mind it is my intention to stand down in 2016. My enthusiasm for this Club has never wavered and Ann's support for me in this role as President has been solid. It is for these reasons that I put myself forward for President for 2015 and ask for your support.

Peter Tibbs.

President.

BMWOR of NZ (Inc)

Moved: Peter Tibbs, Seconded: Barry Hawthorn

General Business:

Jimmy Liu spoke on the subject of having the timetable to include an earlier date in January for the AGM as more members may join in.

Peter Tibbs commented that the facilities were not available any earlier and that it is hard to please everyone and the Club needs to work in with available dates for hireage of facilities, especially good quality ones.

Stephen Oatley commented that it is a good date and maybe we need to have a **Facebook** page, it could attract younger people to the club and maybe have online conversations.

Remit: (Submission of proposed remits

for consideration is open and remits must be received by the Secretary no later than Sunday 12 October 2014.)

The remit proposes that Rule 5(1) which currently reads:

"Elections will be held annually for the following honorary positions:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Editor
- (f) Membership Secretary"

Be amended to read:

"Elections will be held annually for the following honorary positions:

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Membership Secretary
- (f) and one other Committee Member"

Peter Tibbs commented that he has never tried to interfere with any newsletter content neither Editor has been obstructed with publishing anything.

Garry Williams: Commented that he has had no problem with the Editor being part of the Committee, the Editor role is time consuming. How the Executive Committee is structured we only need 3 people to make decisions. The Editor does not need to be on the Executive Committee but it should include one area rep.

Moved: Bruce Crowther, seconded: Stephen Oatley

Passed

Elections:

President: The incumbent **Peter Tibbs** advised that he is willing to stand as President for a further year. No further nominations were received from the floor. Seconded: Garry Williams

Vice President: Folker Liebenow nominated **Garry Williams**. Seconded: Steve Oatley.

Secretary: **Dave Oldershaw**. Seconded: Stephen Oatley.

Treasurer: **Robin Wood**. Seconded: Stephen Oatley

Membership Secretary: **Folker Libenow**. Seconded: John Wuts

Editor: **Bruce** agreed to continue in the role of Editor until a replacement can be found. *(see footnote.)

Awards:

10 Year: **David Thomson, Folker Liebenow, Melvyn & Robin Hollands, Michael Long, Neil & Brenda Ross, Revti Verma, Trish Plowright, Warwick & Vicki Ison**

20 Year: Robert & Carole Pearce

30 Year: Paul Roxburgh

Life Memberships: (Existing Life Members presented with a Life Membership Certificate) **Bruce & Jean Crowther, John & Pam Wuts, Garry Williams & Jo Buckner**

Life Memberships: (New) Dave & Cheryl Morris

The Gun Trophy: Garry Williams – this came from the floor

Mitchell – Jansen Two up Award: Peter & Jenny Nash

The Editors Choice Award: Lance Nixon

The Henry Plowright Concourse d'Elegance Award for best bike on show at the rally

1st: Joy-Marie Quilter

2nd: Jo Booyens

3rd: Brian Zemanek

AON: Letter from AON Insurance read out by Peter Tibbs

APPENDICES

Area Reports from Northland, Bay of Plenty, East Coast, Rangitikei, Wellington, Nelson, Otago/Southland and Waikato.

Financial reports

Non Executive Reports

The Annual General Meeting closed at 6.24pm

* The Editor does not want to alter the Minutes, but the understanding around my role for this year should read that:

I am happy to continue as Editor, and until such time as legal requirements relating to the change in Rule 5(1) are fulfilled, I will continue as a Committee Member. Once that requirement is met, I will stand down from the Committee and a new member can be elected or co-opted in my place.

Bwucie

Area Reports

Northland Area Report

I have looked for some kind of "winning formula" for members in Northland: results to date indicate I haven't found it. Not a lot more to say.

Bruce Crowther

Bay Of Plenty Area Report.

We took over the reins as Area reps from Bay of Plenty from Peter Lyner in March 2014.

It has been a busy year with a good year of mild weather bringing many successful rides. Monthly Sunday rides have brought out many different types of riders and bikes, great to see some new and old faces turning up, and also to connect with members in Whakatane and Rotorua. Generally attended by 6-16 bikes we've had short and longer rides

with plenty of coastal scenery, gas stops and photo opportunities to enjoy. Willing helpers for 'tail end Charlie's and corner man systems all working have made for relaxed riding. Mainly sealed routes for the organised ride, however a short gravel alternative route was added to our last ride for interest. We are trying to sync our rides with Mt Motorcycles who also have some great rides/overnighters and encourage members to join these also.

Breakfast or coffee venues for meeting and hour before the rides (9:30-10:30am) have been popular, as this has provided non-riding partners with an opportunity to come and socialize before the riders leave. We've been fortunate to have members offer their homes for pot luck dinners alternate months and a Xmas party which have been well attended, although we have not had many new members come to these. This year we revived the Hot August Night which was attended by 55 and seemed well received as a good overnighiter for those from out of town.

We had our first weekend away – a 2-nighter to Ohakune and over the Gentle Annie to Napier with 11 attending and good camaraderie and positive feedback, so hope to have a few more of these in 2015. Membership numbers have dropped and it appears many members do not realize they have lapsed their membership fees, or their payment records and current details have been lost. We email our members regularly with updates on rides and events; encourage new members and connection with members from other Areas.

Mike Long & Geri Goodman.

Waikato

Due to life changes Mike Amphlett has had to resign as your Waikato's area rep and has passed the reins onto me. I wish thank Mike for volunteering me to replace him and wish him all the best for the future, I hope to see him on a few rides in the further.

For those of you that don't know me my name is Chris Talbot (AKA Chocky). My wife Michelle and I have been married for 15 yrs now and we have an 11y.o. daughter Arabella. I am totally motorcycle mad and will ride anywhere, anytime, no matter what the weather gods throw at me. It is my therapy and the best way to find peace in the hectic life we lead. Unfortunately my wife and daughter don't share my madness although they can be persuaded to come out for the odd day's ride.

I have been riding for 33 yrs now and have owned 9 bikes in that time from 50cc to 1200cc. Bought my first bike (a Yamaha 100 2 stroke) at the age of 16 and did not get my first car till I was 29. Could not carry the hang glider or white water kayak on the bike, so had to buy a car to transport them on.

I joined the register in 1992 when I bought my first BMW, a shiny new Royal Blue K 1100 LT. I instantly fell in love with my little beemer and we had a beautiful 11 yrs love affair travelling everywhere together before she divorcing me for a new owner, a police man from Christchurch. Hurt to see my blue beemer going down the road without me but had to put family first and you can't fit a newborn baby on a bike (needed a second car).

In 1996 I took a break from the register as I was in two other clubs and did not have the time for a third. Deciding it was time to put a little trill in my life I took up hang gliding and white water kayaking. The two sports worked well together as hang gliding was very weather dependant, so if I could not fly due to bad weather, I would go kayaking instead.

In 2011 after 8 hard yrs with no bike decided my daughter was old enough so raced out and bought my current bike, a 1999 K1200LT (I'm in love again) and re-joined the register. I am enjoying my rides even more the older I get, although my body seems to be complaining more than it did when I was 16 but I guess that the same for all of us.

I would love to meet the rest of the Waikato members (or any other BMWOR members) so come along for a ride with me next run, your all welcome. The doors always open for a coffee and chat if you can't make it on a run.

Till then happy riding and keep the rubber side down.

Chocky

East Coast

The year began with the annual rally in Nelson, which a number of members from our area enjoyed. Sadly, Barbara Ennor died while touring in the South Island after the rally, and many Register members met again in Napier, early in February, to pay their last respects. We continue to enjoy the company of Les on our rides.

During the year, we socialised at The Puketapu, meeting for dinner on the last Tuesday of the month. The Puketapu won "Outstanding Local" in the 2013 Hospitality Awards. The group numbers around 20 each month and enjoys a good pub meal, although in August a number of members were overseas and the group numbered just eight. We also met for Mid Winter Christmas Dinner at Scholars Training Restaurant, EIT on one of the coldest nights of the year.

There were two overnighiters for our members during the year. In June we rode up to Morere, staying Saturday night in a lodge at the hot pools. Then in August a number of our group enjoyed Hot August Night at Omokoroa, organised by the Bay of Plenty Area. Winter is the ideal time for a hot swim and the East Coast people enjoy some time in the pool.

Rides have been organised each month during the year, and in addition to the above we have ridden to Wairoa, Waimarama, Waipawa, Tutira, Porangahau, Maraekakaho and Waiouru. The September ride suffered from the annual migration to the northern hemisphere, and those still at home cycled the Hastings Blossom Festival Ride, instead of going on the scheduled BMWOR ride to Tarawera.

Robyn and Warren hosted members for our end-of-year barbecue in December. Unfortunately, it was an overcast cool day, so we all drove our cars and saved a swim in the pool for warmer weather. Robyn and Warren were terrific hosts and we all had a very pleasant afternoon.

During the year we have welcomed new members Wade and Jamie, and farewelled Colin and Diane who have moved to Hamilton, and Miles and Christine who recently moved to Mt Maunganui.

Norm & Marie Nichol

Rangitikei Annual Report

At Nelson a year ago we offered to host the 2015 Rally & AGM. So Rangitikei ran two parallel programmes throughout the year: one was business as usual, and one was the Rally event maintained by Chef de Mission Barry Hawthorn.

Our Area has a pattern of a meal on the last Tuesday of the month and a ride on the second Sunday. Each event is managed by a member who has offered (some say empanelled) to be event leader. Apart from sharing the load amongst the membership, it also gives opportunity to practice leadership and organisational skills. In short, it strengthens the BMWOR.

Our meals have been deliberately held at Levin, Foxton, Ashhurst, Marton, Palmerston North, Hunterville and Wanganui. This shares the travel amongst our widespread membership. Rides have generally started at 10 00 am, and invariably include a great deal of chatter at the lunch stop. Only one ride was postponed due to unsatisfactory, and unsafe, weather conditions. That ride has been rescheduled in 2015.

All of our events are scheduled six months in advance, and our 2015 calendar is already drafted to June 2015.

The BMWOR held an Area Rep gathering during the year. The idea of regularly gathering Area reps together is highly commended. They will be even more valued as the programme, purpose and expectations of attendees is refined. The ability of the Register to remain a strong and connected motorcycle group demands of itself full attendance from all areas, and for every area to have an enthusiastic and focussed Area Representative.

My role as Area rep comes to an end on 1 March 2015. The new rep will inherit a

stable and structured infrastructure, with events planned to June 2015, and all obligations for the March Newsletter met. Of course I remain a loyal adherent of the Register so they are assured of a sympathetic ear nearby. My sincere thanks are extended to the Rangitikei Area membership for all of their support and tolerance throughout the past couple of years. Remain strong and grow.

Lance Nixon

Wellington

Following my ceasing paid employment in July, I've spent almost four months of this year in Australia. Initially touring in Victoria and South Australia in July & August aboard a DR650 and latterly being with my wife here in Melbourne as she gives support to her daughter who has just given birth to her third child.

I took on a 'Coordination' role in February when no one else was willing to come forward as Area Representative.

From my perspective, there have been a number of enjoyable rides, riding with Register members and their friends this year:

- In March I organised a Saturday Ride to Pohongina Valley with an ascent in to the Ruahines via Takapari Road. This attracted several GS riding members who would not normally attend Register rides. Also we were joined by several Register members from the Rangitikei
- In April, Dave Morris convened a ride to Pureora Forest - with the objective of enabling those hardy campers who took part to enjoy the bird song of a dawn chorus.
- This was a great event - albeit attended by only a few including Hawkes Bay 'Coordinator' - Wutsie. President Tibsy impressed us all with his hard man act of sleeping beneath a 'fly' - the rest of us favouring tents.
- The Pureora Forest trip was a precursor to riding on to the ever popular Rag Rally held at Taylor Memorial Lodge - for those that went, the Rag Rally was its usual success
- Together with Selwyn Meaclem, I joined with Back Road Riders led by Neil Wood formerly of the Register to ride Fisher's Track and the 42 Traverse. Selwyn bravely and ably piloted his 1150 GS Adventure through these tracks - no small feat. Myself, I was not game to take my 1200GS on these two tracks opting instead for the lighter weight of my DR650, even then I was grateful for the assistance of younger ones helping to make it up the steepest rock face encountered as you exit a stream crossing.
- May saw a number of hardy souls venture out on another Saturday ride, a Ride to Tui Brewery at

Mangaintinoka - complete with tasting and brewery tour - another event where Hawkes Bay members were able to join us should they wish - Folker took up the offer. This ride included some excellent gravel between Mauriceville and Eketahuna. It was great to see several members who we would not normally see on Register Rides - folk with a passion for sports bikes aboard BMW S1000RR's and Ducatis - (no they didn't join us on the gravel sections).

- July saw a small group travel from Mana to the Short Straw Cafe in Whiteman's Valley for lunch
- August September and October saw rides organised and led by others - I acknowledge Dave Oldershaw here especially along with others I'm unaware of who stepped forward to lend a hand.
- In November I organised an overnigher to Whangamomona - catering for folks whose tastes include a preference for sealed roads and those who prefer gravel. We travelled together from Wellington via Jerusalem and Pipiriki in the Whanganui National Park (the River Road is now fully sealed) on to Ratehi for a late lunch and out on the Forgotten World Highway to Whangamomona. On the Sunday several of us opted to return via Kiwi and Moki roads (gravel) whilst other returned via sealed roads

Other popular tried and true ride destinations throughout the year have included

- Castle point
- Lake Ferry Pub
- Gladstone Pub
- Wild Oats Cafe, Carterton

An innovation initiated by Peter Nash has seen the launch of an email list of those members (and potentially their friends) with the latitude to venture out for a ride mid week. Peter has initiated several of these. In October, I joined him and several others on a ride up the Pohongina Valley out of Ashhurst and on to Apiti returning to Kimbolton for lunch. I was a bit naughty in that I left the 'tar babies' and took a large gravel loop rejoining them at Apiti.

- Monthly Social Evenings at the Petone Working Men's Club have been supported by a core group of members who clearly enjoy the social aspect of these meetings. There has been a range of interesting speakers. Special thanks here to those members who have accepted a 'speaking' slot and President Tibsy who has organised several guest speakers throughout the year.
- I'm stepping aside from the

temporary Coordinator role I took on early last year and am to be replaced by a willing member who has generously agreed to formally becoming the Wellington Area Representative. I'd hope to provide some assistance to that member in organising rides - especially those to 'roads less travelled'

- A huge debt of thanks to National Secretary Dave Oldershaw who has cheerfully picked up the 'baton' of event organisation / notification when I've been absent overseas. Also, President Tibsy for his 'leading from the front' in attempting to ensure that the Wellington Branch of the 'OR', as he fondly refers to it, remains vibrant and attractive to existing and prospective members

Stephen Oatley Nelson

We had an exciting start to 2014, with a total success in the Rally and inaugural combined AGM.

Briefly, to remember and a few highlights about the rally, firstly it was well attended. We met a lot of good friends from all over the country. None other than Dale, a Nelson rider on his non-GS, won the Gymkhana award. This broke the emerging trend of GS bikes dominating the field.

Both Sue and I are very grateful for the support we received from local riders and from other parts of the country to make the rally a success.

As for the rest of the year it just followed on in the same direction as the rally. Very good turnouts at each ride, no major mishaps in fact no mishaps except a couple of riders getting a ticket or two for minor speeding charges.

As far as the rides were concerned during the year, I am not going to elaborate the names or the places we travelled through as these were in the monthly reports, but we had fantastic rides both locally and further afield.

We managed to grow the club a little with a couple of new members joining. I believe this occurs through our relaxed attitude to what bikes riders turn up on and whether or not they are members. We have a large group of riders who receive emails of planned rides etc. Through them joining members on rides, they have decided to join the Register.

We would also like to acknowledge Peter Tibb's support in this approach.

For me personally I did the longest dirt ride on a motorbike since 1967, mainly listening to other local riders like Tony, Nigel, Peter and Mathias about how much fun they have off road. Since the purchase of a GS both Sue I are looking forward to more gravel rides.

We do have some issues with the lack of maintenance and servicing facilities in Nelson. I have had discussions with the

President and the BMW dealership in Auckland but it seems that at present it belongs in the too hard basket. Several owners of BMW bikes have contacted us (some not even members) about this problem and we hope it will be sorted out soon.

Looking forward, I wish the Wanganui members a huge success for the rally. We have several Nelson riders attending.

We wish you all a very prosperous and safe New Year.

Revti and Sue Otago/Southland

There were a series of relatively low key weekend ride-ins during last summer and autumn. The Otago Museum motorcycle exhibition, Clyde, Kaka Point and Lawrence spring to mind, and I'm not sure that list is exhaustive. We also experimented with post-work "third Thursday" brief evening rides in Dunedin, but I think it's fair to say they've been tried. With the large size of the area they were only ever going to be an option for a minority, and early evening coincides with relatively heavy traffic on the interesting roads around the city.

This spring and summer has so far got off to a slow start, both in terms of weather and rides. Organising effort that was available mostly went into the recent South Island RAG Rally, which was well attended by Otago/Southland and other members. Yesterday I was at the Levels watching some fine classic motorcycle racing, in an attempt to hook up a contingent from the south with some Canterbury folks. It was an opportunity to cheer on one of our members as he campaigned a Manx Norton and 350 Gold Star, although he's sometimes seen on a BMW S1000RR.

Upcoming plans are for a pre-Christmas ride down into the Catlin's, repeats of the Clyde, Kaka Point and Lawrence rides in the new year, and an Otago Peninsula wander timed to allow the out of town folks to ride to Dunedin and meet up before heading out for lunch. And some other destinations that might spring to mind or be suggested.

Andy Hutcheon, Non Executive Reports

Web Admin

After carrying out the role for a number of years, I have now been replaced. Arne Rohde has volunteered for the position. His slotting in to the role was in fact delayed for some months while decisions were made about the future role of the Web Administrator. That was eventually resolved as sticking with what has been. Bold initiatives had been proposed to enhance the website to attract more traffic, but help required to facilitate that was not forthcoming: people lead increasingly busy lives running hard to stand still in our brave new world, who has time for extras?

Arne is a real computer man: he had a look at what I was doing and made a couple of suggestions that I took up - stuff I should have worked out for myself years ago. His aim is to get the computer to do the work, whereas in my ignorance just getting things to happen "somehow" has been sufficient.

Far more importantly, Arne is still a BMW motorsickle owner, and retains an interest in the marque that I can no longer pretend to. I think that is very important to the Register, that your Web Admin is being done by one of your own cohort.

I will remain in the wings as Arne's backup person for when he wants/needs a break. I know what a pain in the butt it is having to be tethered to a Netbook whenever I leave home for a couple of days. I'm very happy to spare him that. The space in the luggage I've kept for my Netbook I can now put my handski in. I can strap my fins on the outside if needs be and revert to Body-Surfer-Bwucie, not Bwucie-da-Geek.

Bruce Crowther. Regalia

Sales were steady early in the year but have slowed since September.

Total Sales for the year were \$541.00, offset by the writing off of \$281.00 due to the Time Expiry of some items in the First Aid Kits, this along with postage costs of \$19.50 meant an income of \$240.50 for the year.

Attendance at the Hot August Night gathering netted \$206.00 which was a worthwhile exercise.

There are a number of "old stock" items, Polo Shirts and Fluro vests that I intend to sell cheap at the Rally in Whanganui to move them on.

I will have the full range of regalia items for sale at the Rally, terms of sale being Cash only.

Ian Sowden

**BMW Owners Register of NZ Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June
2014**

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Assets:		
Current Assets:		
Stock	4,997	5,461
TSB Cheque a/c	2,101	4,629
Event a/c	7,694	6,426
TSB Term Investments	35,000	30,000
Total Current Assets:	49,792	46,516
Fixed Assets:		
Computer Equip	546	546
Less Accum Dep	546	262
Total Fixed Assets:	0	284
Total Assets:	49,792	46,800
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:	0	0
Total Liabilities:	0	0
Net Assets:	49,792	46,800

Members Funds as at 30 June 2014

Net assets 30 June 2013	46,800	52,751
Plus Cash Surplus - Year to 30 June 2014	2,992	(5,951)
Assets 30 June 2014	49,792	46,800

Rally Polo Shirts

These shirts were popular. There have been requests for more.

The Exec will take orders for the Rally Polo shirts up to Friday 13 March.

They will have the same logo as those sold at the rally.

Send your order to Dave Oldershaw (secretary @bmwor.org.nz)

Internet Banking: TSB BMWOR RALLY Account 15-3973-0032424-00. Enter your name and BMWOR membership number with Rally Polo in message/reference.

(No. @ \$46 each)	S	M	L	XL
Men's Polo				
Women's Polo				

Total amount to be paid \$ _____



**BMW Owners Register of New Zealand
Incorporated Statement of Income &
Expenditure 12 Months to 30 June 2014**

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Operating Income		
Subscriptions	20,737	20,973
Advertising	4,295	5,335
Donations	128	100
Interest (Gross)	992	1,200
Total Operating Income	26,152	27,608
Operating Expenses		
Printing Costs	12,311	22,459
Postage	4,922	5,753
Administration	357	913
Stationery / Consumables	1,883	0
Advertising	58	0
AGM Costs	587	772
Badges	1,371	1,008
Christmas Subsidy	714	624
Insurance	748	460
Website Costs	0	518
Travel & Meeting - (Inc Area Rep Meetg)	1,141	3,027
Bank Fees	143	197
Ellerslie Bike Show	0	974
RWT Paid	87	78
Total Operating Expenses	24,321	36,783
Surplus From Operations	1,831	(9,175)
Net Cash Contribution This Financial Year from Special Activities		
Shop	168	158
National Rally AGM 2014	(557)	1,091
National Rally AGM 2015	1,348	0
2013 National Rally - Nat Park	0	2,017
North Island RAG Rally	475	480
NZ Cycle Classic	11	(260)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) From Club Activities	1,445	3,486
LESS Depreciation	284	262
Net Surplus / (Deficit) After Depreciation	2,992	(5,951)

BMW Owners Register of NZ Incorporated
Summary of Net Cash Generated by Special
Activities in the Financial Year Ended 30 June
2014

	\$
Shop Gear	
Sales 790	
Less Cost of Goods Sold	
Opening Stock	5,461
Purchases	158
Less Closing Stock June 2014	(4,997)
	622
Cash Surplus Generated	168

National Rally AGM 2014

Income	
Registrations	11,119
Raffle Income	448
AGM cost offset from main a/c	450
	12,017
Expenses	
Catering & Event Hire	10,880
Stationery / Misc costs	808
Badges & Trophies	886
	12,574
Cash Surplus Generated	(557)

National Rally AGM 2015

Income	
Registrations	1,733
Expenses	
Float	250
HQ Accommodation Deposit	135
	385
Cash Surplus Generated	1,348

RAG Rally - North Island

Income	
Registrations	1,270
Expenses	
Accommodation	685
Badges	110
	795
Cash Surplus Generated	475

NZ Cycle Classic

Income	
Donation - NZ Cycle Classic	2,000
Expenses	
Accommodation	488
Rider & Host Reimbursement	1,501
	1,989
Cash Surplus Generated	11

BMWOR Inc Budget for Y/E 30 June 2015

	2014-15	2013-14 Actual	2013-14 Budget
Operating Income:			
Advertising	\$6,000.00	4,295.00	5,500.00
Donations	\$100.00	128.00	-
Gear Shop	\$700.00	790.00	3,000.00
Refund ex Print.com	\$-	3,660.00	3,000.00
Interest	\$1,300.00 **	992.00	1,200.00
Subscriptions	\$20,000.00	20,737.00	21,000.00
Total Operating Income:	\$28,100.00	30,602.00	33,700.00
Operating Expenses:			
Accounting	\$150.00	-	500.00
Administration	\$2,000.00	2,240.00	1,000.00
Advertising	\$500.00	58.00	500.00
AGM Costs	\$500.00	587.00	1,000.00
Badges	\$1,200.00	1,371.00	1,200.00
Bank Fees	\$150.00	143.00	200.00
Christmas Subsidy	\$-	714.00	650.00
Depreciation	\$-	\$-	200.00
Insurance	\$1,700.00	748.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$-	500.00
Postage	\$4,500.00	4,922.00	4,500.00
Printing Costs	\$14,000.00***	15,970.00	15,400.00
Publicity	\$500.00	\$-	500.00
Regalia Purchases	\$-	\$158.00	\$-
RWT on Int received	\$-	\$87.00	\$-
Tour Guide			
(Printing & postage)	\$1,700.00	\$-	\$-
Travel/Meeting Exp's	\$2,000.00	1,141.00	3,000.00
Website Costs	\$500.00	\$-	500.00
Total Operating Expenses:	\$29,900.00	28,139.00	30,150.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$(1,800.00)	2,463.00	3,550.00

** Based on average Term Investments of \$32k at an average rate of 4.0% plus miscellaneous interest from current account balances.

*** Based on 11 magazine issues per year at a cost of approx \$1,300pi.

Comment:

This budget is purely concerned with the Operating Income and Expenditure and does not take into account any 'Event' transactions. Events should be self funding and any resultant shortfall/surplus will be reflected in the funds held in the Event A/c. Budget shows a deficit of \$1.8k which is consistent with the usual 2 yearly cycle (i.e. Tour Guide years). To cover this we are holding \$5k more on TD than at this time last year.

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BMW Grey Rally 2 suit – Size 50

Great suit in good condition. Detachable Gortex liners – jacket liner has small abrasion on the collar edge but this does not affect waterproofing. Trousers little used. \$600.

BMW Grey Rally 2 trousers – Size 52

Well used but still serviceable (I need 52 trousers so bought these from TradeMe). Detachable Gortex liner. \$95.

BMW heated vest – Large In excellent condition. \$225.

Email richard.cullingworth@xtra.co.nz for further information or postage costs from North Shore. (2)

Alloy Pannier boxes Bought from TradeMe but never fitted. They were designed and specially made for a trip across Russia. They come with modified Givi racks for a BMW F650 GS but could be adapted to fit other mounting systems. They are waterproof, lockable, carpet lined, and hold 47l each. I paid \$1000 for them but subsequently bought a different system and have never used them. \$800.

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