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## president's podium

Having recently attended an Area Representative meeting in Turangi I was really impressed with the depth and quality of the Club's Area Representatives and what they brought to the table. Their congeniality around the table was there in bucket loads. We were all very appreciative of our Editor Bruce going the extra mile to get to this meeting. Having to leave home at 3am and not making home again until 10.30pm was a big ask. One of our major tools for communication is through the Club's Newsletter and to be able to sit down with the Editor is not a chance to be missed. The range of topics ranged over a wide spectrum of subjects. Every Rep brought plenty to the table for us all to consider; everyone present took

something very important away from this meeting. The chance to meet fellow Reps face to face and to open up communication channels with each other makes it so much easier to keep the channels of communication open, and to liaise with adjoining areas to share activities. For members of the Club this aspect of the meeting made the weekend worthwhile on its own. Not to mention the productive input from all those present on so many different points of view all of which went into the melting pot to make a better Club for us all. Our Reps are the engine room of our Club and without a committed Rep in an area the area will suffer for it. At the end of the day it is all about functionality along with communication. However, if your area is to stay healthy your Rep needs your input either by way of your participation in events or your contribution by way of support for your Reps efforts on our behalf. Let's not forget if you would like to see something happen in your area your Rep won't know about what you would like to see happen if you don't communicate with them. Three of our Reps were unable to make the Meeting having compelling commitments. Andy in the South, livestock issues; Chocky in the Waikato work came knocking; Ian in the North had to ride a motorcycle in Australia (hard luck Ian) but lucky for us he is now back in the land of the long white cloud.

We currently have two areas where we require a Rep. One in Marlborough and the other in Canterbury. As for Marlborough hang on help is on the way. Canterbury we need you to stand up and give it your best shot. Contact myself or Garry.

You will read elsewhere in this Newsletter there are some remits to be presented at the A.G.M. Come along to the A.G.M. and listen to the background behind these remits before you make a decision. Why not make a weekend of it and join in our Annual Rally. Registrations close at the end of November.

Just one last reminder, all positions on the Executive are up for election. If you know of a financial member who has the skill sets and enthusiasm to try for a position on the Executive why not have a word with this member and obtain their consent in order that you could nominate them for a position suitable for their skill set. Or you might want to offer yourself for a position on the Executive. You will need a member to nominate you. We currently have a nomination for President, Vice President and General Member. The Treasurer and Membership Secretary as incumbents have offered to stand again in their respective roles. This doesn't preclude you for standing for any position on the Executive. The position of Secretary for the coming year doesn't currently have any nominations registered with our current Secretary.

You will also read within this Newsletter an account of a shortened Executive Meeting which took place on the back of the Area Rep Meeting held in Turangi. This meeting was cut short owing to the weather conditions which were forecast for road closures on the Desert Road and heavy rain to the North. Three members in a car elected to go South via the Desert Road and made it across before any heavy snow fell on the road. However three of us on bikes elected to ride round the back of the mountain through National Park and Ohakune. I don't remember riding in colder conditions. The Bruce Road was closed owing to blizzard conditions. All three of us were hammered by the severe chill factor of the winds and icy rain that swept across our pathway home. I even turned the handlebar warmers on.

As always - wheels down, feet up!

**Peter**  
**a.k.a. Tibsy.**

**please note**

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**Cover Photo**

Joe Booyens in smiley mode after the Battle of Trafalgar (see Auckland Area Report, Page 8).

Photo by Anne Onymous.

# 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.

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## events calendar

### other events

**BRONZ Ride Right, Ride Safe.** A great way to get to know your new bike. Usually third Sunday of the month at the Whenuapai Airbase. Contact Finn on 09 625 5533 or 027 484 6326 for details.

**More detail at [rrrs.org.nz](http://rrrs.org.nz)** - and they can **BRING THE COURSE TO YOU** if you can come up with the numbers and a venue: speak to Finn.

**11 - 13 Dec: South Island R.A.G. Rally** (Page 15)

**29-31 Jan 2016: Annual Rally, Hamner Springs**

**30 Jan 2016: BMWOR of NZ (Inc) AGM, Conference Lounge, Hot Springs Motor Lodge, Hamner Springs**

### 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.

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**Note – In addition to the events posted here Wellington also undertake 'Impromptu Rides'.** These are offered via email to the membership with a couple of days notice when the weather looks like being favourable. **Contact Peter Nash [wellington@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:wellington@bmwor.org.nz)** if you are outside their Area but wish to be notified of these runs (handy for an excuse to put off mowing the lawn if they are coming your way.).

### november

**Sunday 1st Auckland:** Café Meeting at 10 am at Columbus, Smales Farm on the North Shore.

**Sunday 8th Waikato:** Ride round the Coromandel Loop. Departs Cambridge BP 9 am.

**Sunday 8th Rangitikei:** Te Papa and War Memorial. Don Cross

**Sunday 8th Wellington:** Club Ride to Motorcycle Museum – Rongotea – Lunch Woolshed Cafe – Sanson

**Monday 9th Wellington:** Club night, Petone Working Men's Club from 6:00pm

**Wednesday 11th Auckland:** Fish and chip supper at the Sea Cow Cafe, Mission Bay waterfront at 7 pm. **(Note the change of day from the usual Monday).**

**Saturday 14th East Coast:** Overnighter to Ormondville. Accommodation at Ormondville railway station and dining at the Settlers Arms. For bookings and further information contact **Folker 06 874 8506**.

**Sunday 15th Auckland:** Ride to Whangamata/Waihi Beach. Leaving Southbound Motorway Service Centre SH1 Papakura at 0930.

**Sunday 15th Waikato:** Ride to "The Centre of the North Island". Note: some gravel. Departs Cambridge BP 9 am.

**Sunday 15th Otago/Southland:** Ride to the Highlands raceway at Cromwell to watch the Highlands 101 endurance race and some of the supporting action. More details by email when I work out suggestions on where and when to meet. This will be one for the motorsports fans, if that doesn't float your boat there will be another ride and lunch along soon!

**Tuesday 17th Rangitikei:** Dinner at Kaffir Lime, Levin (Thai). Don Cross

**Thursday 19th Waikato:** Coffee & Chat Night. Café Oasis. 57 Duke Street, Cambridge at 6:30pm

**Tuesday 24th East Coast:** Monthly gathering at a local Hotel (to be advised) 6:00pm onwards.

**Friday 27th - Sunday 29th November Bay of Plenty "NORTHERN RAMBLE"**

Riding up Friday through Auckland (between rush hours) via Silverdale and SH16 for 2 nights we stay in the Waipu Hotel where you get room, linen and breakfast for \$30pp and bar and restaurant on site. We'll spend Saturday exploring the north east coast Whangarei heads, Ngunguru, Tutukaka, etc. over sealed back roads less travelled (with no doubt some gravel options for GSers) stopping at local highlights along the way. Sunday we cruise south via Mangawhai Heads & old coast roads over the Harbour Bridge and home.

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## december

**Sunday 6th Auckland:** Sunday Café Meeting at 10 am. Venue to be confirmed by email but possibly out west!

**Sunday 13th East Coast:** Christmas barbecue to be advised.

**Sunday 13th Rangitikei:** Christmas function Makoura Lodge - Don Cross

**Sunday 13th Wellington:** Xmas BBQ at Kaitoke from 11:00 to 15:00

**Monday 14th Wellington:** Club Night - Petone Working men's Club from 6pm

**Saturday 19th Bay of Plenty: Evening Xmas BBQ** – BYO drinks, bring plate of food, \$5 pp (for meat/seafood) and a small xmas gift per person for Santa's sack to share.

Venue at Pyes Pa is kindly hosted by our members John & Marie.

Please email your interest for further details: [bayofplenty@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:bayofplenty@bmwor.org.nz)

**Saturday 26th Rangitikei:** Ride - Cemetery Circuit (better hope you can keep up!) - Don Cross

## 2016

### january

**Sunday 10th Rangitikei:** Ride to Cape Palliser - Rob Gardner.

**Tuesday 26th Rangitikei:** Dinner, Brickhouse, Wanganui

### february

**Sunday 14th Rangitikei:** Ride - Ohakea to view helicopters (subject to change at short notice.) - Don Cross

**Tuesday 23rd Rangitikei:** Dinner Bethanys restaurant & cafe, Palmerston North.

## area reports

### bay of plenty

For October we met at Caltex Greerton and discussed our spring ride. An optional gravel leg of the journey was offered but declined due to three crook knees, and a crook shoulder between us(!), so it was decided to just cruise it on seal for the day. Starting with 5 bikes we rode through the back roads of Oropi, Kaharoa Rd, Penny Lane and out Te Waeranga Rd to the top of Lake Rotorua (where our Rotorua members were waiting and hooked in for the ride). Very little traffic and stunning weather made for an easy ride around the eastern lakes of Lake Rotoiti, Lake Rotuehu and Lake Rotoma. A stretch of the legs and scenic pit stop at the Lake edge before a superb car-less sprint over the Manawahe Rd. Here the road was in good condition and then on to Whakatane. We arrived about 1.00pm for Lunch at "Wallys on the Wharf" where another lady rider was waiting for us. Prompt service and amazing fresh fish went down pretty quick by hungry bikers! Our next stop was at Matata Garden Bar to quench the thirst (from all those salty chips!) for the final leg home. Our Rotorua members peeled off via Paengaroa and we continued back to Tauranga via Te Puke (no tolls that way!)

By the time this goes to print we will be having our Pot luck dinner on Halloween night – that could be scary!

Check out the Events notices for our Northern Ramble weekend away to Waipu and districts in November. This is

a great time of the year to visit the coast before the holidaymakers arrive. Block out these dates and come along for a fun summer weekend away (from all those boring pre-xmas parties)!! But keep the evening free for our Xmas BBQ in December!!

See you out there!

### Mike Long and Geri Sizoo wellington

After travelling out of the District for all our monthly rides so far this year, it was a pleasant change to stay in and around Wellington. The October ride was to the Coastguard Base at Evans Bay where two of our local Register members are Coastguard volunteers.

The gathering point for this ride was at the Petone Wharf car park where 5 riders and 2 pillion assembled for the short ride through the city and out around the bays to Evans Bay. Another member Rob Young and his wife Christine joined us at the Evans Bay Base.

Our host and guide was register member Terry Samson. Unfortunately the main rescue craft had been called out earlier in the morning to assist a yacht with engine trouble through the Wellington Harbour heads into a strong northwest breeze. One of the duty crew on this rescue was Dave Hubble who is also a register member.

The coastguard base was built by volunteer labour and houses 2 rescue craft, a training area and a control room which is the nerve centre of the organisation. The nature of the work these volunteers sign up for requires

extensive training in a wide range of areas from boat handling skills and competencies, marine legal requirements and standards that must be met and maintained, rescue techniques through to OSH requirements for both the volunteers and those they rescue alike.

Many of those rescued are being saved from their own stupidity, as recently, as the weekend of the visit a man had to be rescued from floating towards the harbour entrance in a rubber/plastic blow up dinghy purchased from the Warehouse, the alarm having been raised by the cross harbour ferry.

What became abundantly clear is that these volunteers are highly trained and qualified and very dedicated particularly when it is learnt that this Service is totally reliant on goodwill and donations receiving no money from the Government. This was a very interesting visit thanks going to Terry Samson and his on duty colleagues for showing us around and explaining what they do.

Nothing had been formally planned in terms of a ride post the Coastguard Base visit Dave O suggested a ride around the rest of the bays culminating in a ride out to Makara Beach for lunch at the local cafe. This ride also promised the prospect of seeing the larger of the two rescue craft towing the yacht into the harbour. A couple of the riders said they had seen it all happening off Island Bay.

The ride continued in land from Ohiro Bay travelling up through Brooklyn into the Aro Valley over the hill into Karori and onto the Makara Road. As we

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approached Makara Beach we passed another rider heading the other way on a BMW and when he spotted us all he turned and joined us at the local Cafe he turned out to be another Register member Dave Ross.

After a pleasant lunch and conversations we departed most travelling through the Takarau Gorge to Johnsonville and home from what had been a very interesting visit and a varied ride including coastal, city and rural roads.

**Peter Nash**

Wellington ride lunch photo taken by Joe Public.

Group with bikes, Tibsy - musta left Mr Tripod at home.

## otago/southland

Sunday 18th October saw a select contingent from Otago and Southland converge on Lawrence. Others may have seen fit to take note of the extreme weather warning forecasting gales. Yes, it was windy. And judging by the branches on some of the roads I missed the worst of the gusts. There was even a bit of rain on the way home. But there was bacon for lunch, almost a surfeit some might say. It was good to catch up with people after the (long, cold) southern winter, and a unanimous decision was taken that November's ride should be a visit to the Highlands raceway. That's democracy in action. Or anarchy.

**Andy Hutcheon.**



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## auckland

In last month's Newsletter, you will have seen that there was an Area Reps meeting at Turangi over the weekend of 19/20 September. Far from it being held in a resort-like environment with chilled drinks served by attentive staff (I wish!) the accommodation was basic, the lunch made by one of the partners, and instant coffee made by our own fair hands.

It was a very constructive meeting with a wide range of subject covered. Most of the Area Reps were relatively new to the job with the result that many of the subjects had already been previously discussed by the Executive. However, apart from these clarifications, new challenges and suggestions were voiced and it was encouraging to see the approach of everyone there: it was obvious that we all wanted the same thing and that the Executive were doing their best to achieve it.

As you will have seen from last month's Newsletter article on the Area Reps meeting, I was spotted making copious notes and at the following Sunday Café meeting, ran over the 29 points that had come out from the weekend. Most of these were administrative details not worth reporting here but the Executive was excited by Grant Aislabie's suggestion of holding a future rally in Auckland: 2019 is a definite possibility! We now need to start discussing the concept and put a proposal to the Executive. Grant is looking for some initial assistance and any ideas so if you can help, please contact him at [grant@newmarketlaw.co.nz](mailto:grant@newmarketlaw.co.nz).

The 4 October Sunday Café meeting (where I briefed the Auckland committee) was spectacularly well attended. There were so many new faces and the crowd so large that I had to get a chair from outside to join Grant's table. Surprisingly, most of those present left when the Rugby match finished, never to be seen again. However, this did mean that we could at last hear ourselves speak and order coffee and breakfast without getting in the way of the screen. Ironically, sitting in the Trafalgar Café, England lost (but at least they were not playing France or Spain!). Whilst Nelson was shot during this battle, one of the England team was sent off so I guess both sides were playing with one man down. Unusually, everyone in the room was supporting Australia!

After the Café Meeting, 6 bikes left for a tiki tour of the area and then out to Clevedon and Half Moon Bay. The weather turned out to be fantastic making it a really enjoyable day. The next Café Meeting will be on 6 December and we are looking for somewhere suitable out west. If you have any suggestions, please email Joe at [johan\\_booyens@yahoo.com](mailto:johan_booyens@yahoo.com).

The planned ride to Arapuni on 20  
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September was delayed a week due to weather; definitely a good decision. I rode back from the Area Reps meeting on the original date and it was not that pleasant. In contrast, the following week saw a great day with 14 bikes making the trip. The weather was excellent and Tony O'Connor led the group down "Roads less travelled" (as Noel Walker described it).

On Sunday 15 November there is a planned ride to Whangamata/Waihi Beach which should make for a good day also. I will send out details by email shortly.

The monthly Club night was held on 12 October and hosted by Phil and Gail at Techmoto. They have only been open 18 months and I have to admit, it was my first visit. However, I was impressed by their range and quality of rider gear and accessories and I will certainly be going back. It was a really enjoyable evening with 20 or so members attending (most of whom took away free raffle prizes generously donated by Phil and Gail). Techmoto can be found on the web and at 500 New North Road, Kingsland.

The next monthly Club night is planned for Wednesday 11 November at the Sea Cow Cafe on Mission Bay waterfront at 7 pm. The café is opposite the beach car park entrance at the city end of the beach. Motorcycle parking is right outside and cars can park in the carpark opposite. The meal available will be fish, chips with salad for \$12.00 (great value!) or there is an individual full menu as an option. It is licenced and we will have the room upstairs. This is a social evening so hope to see you there.

(Don't forget that all the rides and events published in the Newsletter are open to everyone. If you need more details, please contact the relevant Area Rep; our details are on the back cover).

**Richard Cullingworth**



## FLY spots

Have you recorded FLY spots from your annual rally trip? It's a good start to accumulating points

between 1 Dec 2014 - 30 Nov 2015.

For the uninitiated:

- 1 point is scored per kilometre travelled to, from, and during any event published during the year in the newsletter
- 150 extra points if the trip involves a ferry crossing between the islands (300 return trip)
- 200 extra points if the event is for charity
- up to 300 extra points (at the discretion of the Secretary) if you can demonstrate you've promoted the Register in a positive way during the event.

There's a fabulous trophy donated many moons ago by Finn, Lorraine, Lars and Yvette Neilsen for the member scoring the most points during the year. There is a more recent trophy just for our female riders (Lady FLY). These are presented (if anyone is so deserving) at the Annual Rally each year.

## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month:

- Poullette Peters, Christchurch
- Angus and Jenine Chambers, Tuakau
- George Drayton, Christchurch
- Daniel Wang, Wellington
- John Goss, Wellington
- Todd Chrighton, Wellington

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.

## rangitikei

In Don & Sue's absence (they were in Adelaide) we gathered at Caroline's Boatshed in Wanganui for the monthly meal meeting. By "we", read Barry, Jeanette, Roger, Liz, Neil, Brenda, \*Robert, \*Rob, Lance, Heather, and Leader of the Pack, \*Peer. The names with asterisks are singled out as Real Riders. Yes, they came on their motorcycles.

Some may recall Carolines from their stay at the 2015 Rally/AGM. It is the cafe/restaurant en route to Aramoho Motor Camp and Holiday Park.

Meals are always generous. In fact, they are so generous that few desserts were ordered. The most popular dish of the night was Seafood Chowder.

### Lance Nixon

Lance Nixon had organised a ride to the Rotokare Sanctuary for our monthly ride for October. The ride was to be combined with the Taranaki riders and Ulysses riders from Wanganui and New Plymouth.

Our meeting venue was the Pukeko cafe in Wanganui at 10.00 am with departure scheduled for 10.30.

Lance was unable to ride on the day so at short notice Neville Parker was in the hot seat to lead the ride. By 10.30 eighteen bikes were assembled ready for a briefing with a scheduled meeting with the riders from New Plymouth at Patea. I positioned myself behind Neville as we left the cafe at 10.30 and the view in my mirrors of 16 bikes following made for an impressive sight.

We turned off State Highway 3 at Mokoia for a leisurely ride through some of Taranaki best dairy farm lands.

When we arrived at Rotokare there was a set of double gates that were part of the security system. We opened one set of gates and rode in then these gates closed before the second set would open.

We enjoyed the views over the lake as we ate our packed lunches

Rotokare is the largest fenced natural wetland in New Zealand located 12 km east of Eltham.

With a 230 hectare forested hill-country catchment, extensive wetlands and 17.8 ha natural lake. Mature tawa, rewarewa and mahoe dominated forest is home to kiwi, tui, bellbird, keruru, grey warbler and North Island robin, plus a variety of other bird species. The lake edge habitat consists of raupo, flax and pukatea/kahikatea swamp forest.

Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust was formed in 2004 by a group of locals concerned that the habitat at Rotokare was in a state of decline. Members of the public became involved as volunteers and sponsors of an intensive pest trapping programme. This was highly successful in eradicating well over 4,000 pests.

A specially designed predator-proof fence now circles the 8.2 km reserve perimeter, acting as a barrier to pests immigrating from surrounding farmland. The fence is designed to keep out all species from cats and possums, to rats and baby mice.

After lunch we made our way home in separate groups and the Rangitikei regrouped back at the Pukeko cafe for afternoon coffee.

Our thanks to Lance for organising such an interesting venue for a ride.

**Cheers, Don Cross**

## REVIEW OF BMWOR TROPHIES

I have been asked to form a small group to carry out a review of the present Trophies and Awards made by the Register.

The team members are Barry Hawthorn (Chef de Mission 2015 Rally) and Don Cross (Rangitikei Area Rep).

We held our first meeting on 14 October, and have begun to scope the project.

We may approach previous Trophy winners from time to time for valued feedback

If you have some views about the present trophies and awards to share please contact me at:

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Don sent two images of the lake, I used the one where the water isn't on a slope. I guess the other version is the Irish one, where they do downhill water-skiing.

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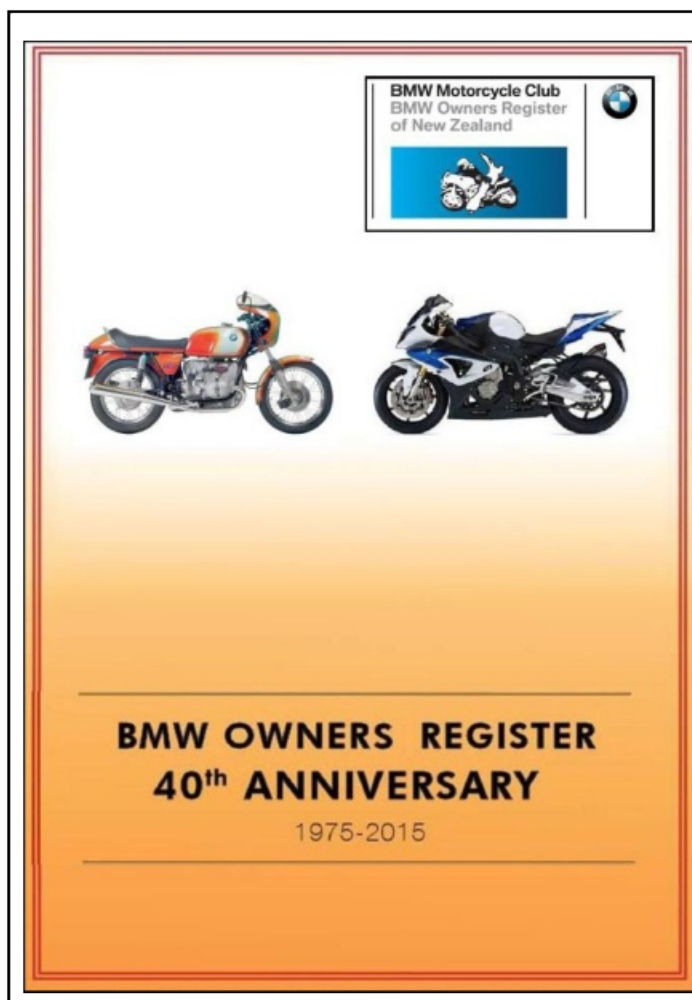
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## More Business For The 2016 AGM

(Received since publication of the October issue.)

### **Remit:**

To facilitate payments of subscriptions pro rata during the year, it is submitted that Rule 5 (vii) be amended.

Currently the Rule 5 (vii) reads:

"Fees for membership applications received after 01 January in any year will be reduced to 50% of the annual subscription for the remainder of the financial year. The new member joining fee will still apply. The member's participating spouse or partner will pay 10% of the full subscription."

This should be amended to read:

"Fees for new membership applications received after July in any year will be reduced pro rata each month.

However, if a New Member joins in June and is prepared to pay the full membership fee, then they will enjoy thirteen months membership for that payment.

The new member joining fee will still apply. The member's participating spouse or partner will pay 10% of the full subscription."

### **Rationale:**

This amendment is suggested to correct a situation where prospective new members see paying twelve months' fee from August to December, and six months' fee from February to June as not being value for money, and a disincentive to joining the Register.

The bonus month if joining in June and paying the full fee is seen as a positive incentive to encourage joining.

**Moved: Ian Macartney 3190**

**Seconded: Bruce Crowther 1861**

### **Nomination for Executive Committee Member:**

**Dale Grover** has been nominated by **Don Cross**.

(Profiles of nominated candidates will be in the December - January issue.)

### **Awards to be presented:**

The FLY and Lady Fly Trophies will be available for presentation (see box, Page 8.)

## AAAAARGH!! I'm late putting in my Rally Booking and the form has gone from Page 12!!!

Yep! I got some very late copy and had to bump something so I pulled the form. Do not despair.

Browse to the pdf at: <http://bmwor.org.nz/downloads/2016RallyRegForm.pdf> fill it out in Adobe Reader, save it and email to Garry and Jo at [riversidebend@scorch.co.nz](mailto:riversidebend@scorch.co.nz) (or find a back issue of the Newsletter and use Page 12 from that.)

Bwucie

### Annual Rally

**November 22nd 2015** is the close off date for registrations for the 2016 Annual Rally, and you really don't want to miss the club's flagship event!

With a refreshed format, our aim is for everyone to have a fun, exciting and memorable weekend drawing on the camaraderie, on and off the road, that our members have always valued.

The venue in Hanmer Springs is drawing members from across New Zealand. Registrations are doing well and accommodation at the Hot Springs Motor Lodge is fully booked, with nearby accommodation options being taken up well also.

Along with our daily rides, there are plenty of other options if you want to do something a bit different, including a guided tour of Christchurch for those who have not seen firsthand the devastation of the 2010/11 earthquakes or have an interest in what our city will look like in the future.

Not forgetting our traditions, we're running an extended gymkhana so everyone can have a go and Henry is back to judge the Concours d'Elegance. We hope to launch an inaugural BMW Trade Show, with members of the dealership network joining forces to bring current BMW motorcycle models and lifestyle range to the Annual Rally. The Rally Dinner promises to be an exciting affair, bring your best dancing shoes – and don't be expecting to be in bed by 9:00 pm! – and the traditional Sunday BBQ is more than a sausage and a bread roll, we can promise you that!

**Garry & Jo**

### Canterbury Ride

Blasphemy I know, but there are a few of us who do understand that a game of rugby will always turn out the same whether we watch it or not. To be honest, when it comes to NZ vs. France in a world cup knock out, I'm far too nervous to watch it live so figure it's better to get out on the bike then watch a replay depending on the final score. So that's what six of us did. In a howling nor'wester, and after just enough rain to keep the dust down, Pat (800GS), Alan and George (800GS), George (800GSA), Andrea (XT225) and I headed up the Okuku Pass for a jaunt through the Lees Valley.

Sublime as always, the road winds up the

pass with some quite tight corners and a number of small fords and gates to negotiate, all done with aplomb today and no mishaps. Even the Okuku River, which can be tricky if you can't see the bottom and don't have your wits about you, proved no problem to these intrepid souls. The wind was a problem, especially on the deeper gravel and a couple of very strong gusts from behind made the descent into the Ashley pretty fiery. However, after a couple of hours of brilliant riding, we emerged onto the main road and headed to Oxford for lunch – sausage rolls the order of the day. ;-0

**Garry Williams**





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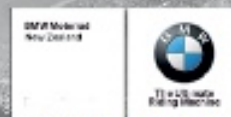
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## east coast

### New Venue East Coast

After a number of years having frequented the Puketapu Hotel, our members decided it was time for a

change so here we are at the Taradale restaurant & bar "The Duke of Gloucester".

Most members seemed to have been happy with the change of scenery so it looks like this is where we will be in the

future.

For November we are having an overnighter on the 14th in the Ormondville railway station - there is still room for 6 more so if you want to join us be quick and contact John Wuts.



## Nelson

We met Pierre (a new rider with us) and took him to our meeting spot just out of Nelson City on the road to Blenheim, I got a huge shock when I arrived to see a what looked like a massive amount of bikes waiting, fortunately they were not all coming with us as the local Ulysses group were also meeting at same place, phew.

We still had an awesome turnout with 14 bikes plus Ethan as my pillion, we made our way to Forrester Cafe just outside of Rai Valley for our coffee stop, then onto Okiwi Bay where we re-grouped and a couple of riders turned back for home as arranged due to the upcoming gravel.

We then carried on to the turn off to Elaine Bay where the gravel road took us down to French Pass, the road surface was perfect (albeit dusty) graduating from extremley smooth dirt to gravel, back to dirt and so on, all the way for 22k's.

I had never ridden this road before and I now regret not doing so earlier as it is brilliant. Once everyone got the dust from between their teeth they seemed to have a great time eating picnic lunches at the beach and gradually left for home in their own time.

We stopped for an ice cream in Okiwi Bay on the way home with Tony & Gretchen, then Ethan and I stopped off in Rai Valley

for more refreshments as he was looking very tired. A great day was had by all and I for one enjoyed meeting some riders that I had never met before.

I would like to say well done to Gretchen braving the chilly seas once again for a quick dip.

**Dale Grover**

Below: There must be better places to hold a picnic, but I can't think of any.

Overleaf, top: Overlooking French Pass. For some reason Ethan has been told to, "Sit on the naughty rock," by the look.

Lower: Pierre bestows Universal Peace. (Photos are Dale's, I believe.)



## South Island R.A.G. Rally 2015 Lake Ohau Lodge - 11th to 13th December

This year's **South Island "Rough as Guts" Rally** is in early December in the heart of the Mackenzie Country. The area offers a wonderful selection of most types of riding. Over the Lindis Pass for lunch in Wanaka? Gravel and fords through the Hakataramea valley, maybe make a loop of it and take in the Black Forest Station Road? Or that lunch in Wanaka then back over Dansey's Pass?

There are options to suit every taste.

Accommodation includes dinner, bed and breakfast at the Lake Ohau Lodge (<http://www.ohau.co.nz/ohau/OhauLodge/>). The food is good, the bar well stocked, the rooms comfortable and the view from the hot tubs spectacular! The Lodge have been kind enough to hold some rooms until the end of August for BMWOR members to book, best to get in quick before they all go or are opened back up to the general public. The rooms on offer are several of each:

- Huxley (outside wing where there are twin or quad (2 sets of bunks) Single \$150; Twin share \$109; Quad share \$97.50
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- Upper Temple (best, rooms have a queen bed only so suitable for singles or couples) Single \$245; Double \$165

Rates are per person, per night, for dinner, bed and breakfast.

Please arrange accommodation directly with the Lodge: email [reservations@ohau.co.nz](mailto:reservations@ohau.co.nz) or phone reception on (03) 4389 885 with the following information: Advise that you are with the BMW group; First and Last Names; Home Address; Cell Phone number; Email; Will you be there for dinner on the Friday night; Do you have any special dietary requirements?

If you can also let me know at [otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:otagosouthland@bmwor.org.nz) that you're planning to attend I'll keep you up to date with any details as they emerge. General plan is to make our own way there to gather for dinner on the Friday evening, spend the Saturday riding in groups or whatever takes peoples fancy before returning for dinner, then head off on Sunday. Look forward to exploring some of the iconic local landscapes together!

**Footnote for the brave/foolhardy:** If you get in too late to arrange accommodation at the Lodge (or you like it really rough) there are a few campsites along the edge of the lake. The DOC one in the Temple valley is a lovely setting amongst a remnant of native beech forest, and free. But there's no hot tub. Or bar. Or food. Or tap. Just a long drop, a creek you can cool your beer in, and a few fords to negotiate on the way to the road end.

**Andy Hutcheon**



## Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older:

- 9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- 8 Life is sexually transmitted.
- 7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- 6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky pankey, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- 5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- 4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- 3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- 2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- 1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

# Brisbane to Sydney, 1600 Kilometres.

Words and images, Ian Macartney

Headed back to Oz as I'd sold the trusty V-Strom after 23,000km around this amazing country over the past 3 years. I'd purchased a 2011 F800GS off [www.bikepoint.com.au](http://www.bikepoint.com.au) with only 6100km and trucked it to Brisbane to set up for some off-road oriented riding.

to Noosa for a wee familiarisation run via the Hinterland and Glasshouse Mountains, then south to Boonah near the NSW border for the Horizons Unlimited Meeting. Then down the New England Highway to Singleton in the Hunter Valley turning off to ride the 178



It's a story on its own about intercountry buying and selling, Interstate registering, reregistering, \$80 Road Worthy Certificates, 3% Stamp Duty, and interstate transport but it all came together via phone, emails and credit card. I'd purchased a few accessories from the USA and sent them directly to Australia as they currently have a \$1000 threshold before GST is added.

Travelling light the plan was to head north

km of the amazing Putty Road to Windsor.

Departed Brisbane up to Mt Mee and the Pit Stop Cafe, a real biker destination. Expansive views down the valley to a very distant Brisbane. This place has regular biker entertainment, a small memorabilia shop, excellent food and even a free cleaning kit for your Helmet and Screen. As it was a weekend there were a lot of bikes out including a guy on a very loud



Harley with 170hp on the dyno at the rear wheel.



I rode on through the D'Aguilar Range to the Blackall Range via Maleny, Montville and Mapelton. The riding up here is superb; rolling, twisting, hill country with views out to the Sunshine Coast and Pacific Ocean 30 km to the East and 400m below.

I thought a little off-road would be good to try the GS so took the Mapelton Forest Road/Track to Lake Cooloolabin and down to Yandina - pretty good and I don't think the V-Strom would have been too happy on the rock shelf and drainage culverts. On into Noosa Beach; not fun in Sunday traffic during school holidays. Beach packed, 25°C, ate lunch feeling overdressed.

Caught up with some NZ friends who had recently emigrated from Flag Central and spent a brilliant day being guided 200km



Ian (right) and Dr Who having a suds in the beer garden of the Tardis.

back up into the hinterland accompanying their '97 Thunderbird 900



Around the world on a Harley, with accompanying tools - but where is the two-pound hammer, also known as "the Fordson Screwdriver"?

Above: F800 and Trumpet outside Rick's Garage cafe, Palmwoods.  
Below: Ian's new mechanic.



to various cafes & watering holes in Kenliworth & Palmwoods.

Next day it was inland to Kilcoy, Somerset Dam and the infamous Mt Glorious Rd into Brisbane. Even on a weekday there were a few riders out but this road didn't feature crosses and mounted helmets for nothing - very tight with leaf litter and shaded, damp, corners could easily see you getting your ambition and ability out of kilter.

Couple of nights in Brisbane reassessing gear, cleaning bike and then through the City Maze (just love that Garmin Zumo) and on to Boonah, a neat little country town with Cafes, 2 Pubs, \$5 beer and designated bike parking outside - too much !

The Horizons Event was located at a purpose built School Camp Facility of a very high standard just on the outskirts of





Above: Plenty of variety of makes, sizes and equipment.

Below: Georgia, Tex and Bundy the Blue Heeler, Jacqui & her Postie bike 33,000km around Oz).



town. You could camp for \$14/night or for \$42/night have a spotless room, bed and linen with places to put your gear, power points and a heat pump - luxury.

Around 130 bikes and attendees. The 2 day programme was varied and interesting. It was a mission picking and choosing who to listen to: workshops on tyre changing, bearings, electrical, secret women's business talks (it's an Australian term), up to the Cape, across the middle, Sydney to London, photography, travelling light, First Aid, camping, etcetera. Huge buffet dinners, followed by another keynote presentation and a firepit which carried on till late.

There were 4 kiwis attending, with one chap flying over and hiring a car just for the weekend.

If you're interested check out [www.horizonsunlimited.com](http://www.horizonsunlimited.com) It's not expensive to join and is a great source of info, forums and interesting people who have done it, are doing it or wanting to do it and keen to help if you want to.

From Boonah I teamed up with another 800GS rider, 22year old Georgia, a Paramedic from Walcha who was riding past my destination of Armidale, 400km south. This young lady is amazing having just returned from a solo Scotland to North Africa return trip. Her bike was extremely well set up and she knew how to ride, having accompanied Charley Boorman on his Compass Expedition Tours as the paid paramedic. She even had a CB radio to talk to Truckers prior to overtaking - very handy in the dusty outback.



Despite the attempt to turn night into day, Oz still isn't the safest country to ride at night.

The New England Highway is a popular route for riders avoiding the Pacific Highway which is not fun - 3 lanes of big trucks and fast cars, boring.

Pretty nippy in Armidale, a frost in fact. 5°C when I set off at 8am to Tamworth where I started peeling layers off. Revisited the private Powerhouse Motorcycle Museum \$8 including a cuppa. This is a fine collection of immaculate bikes with some interesting stories all owned by one man with a passion.

From here it was south along the edge of the Great Dividing Range and into the Hunter Valley, Muswellbrook and



Singleton. This last bit was not that good as speed traps, average speed set ups, police cars, fixed and mobile cameras, trucks and coal mining operations not quite what I was expecting. The other thing is the many and varied speed zones changing constantly so you need to keep a sharp eye for signs and changes. It was good to get to Singleton, fuel up, late lunch. Litre of iced coffee (that wasn't a good idea with 178km of twisties ahead). It was now 30°C. The Putty Road I had ridden 4 months earlier heading north and it's one of those roads you could ride every weekend.

Endless forests of Gum trees, creeks, rocky gorges and mountain top riding. The White Gum Cafe in the middle and not much else. At the end it pops out at Windsor, a very cool little historic village town.

At a rest stop in the forest I met a chap on a VTR 'draining the potatoes' which was on my agenda as well. He said he'd, "Discovered that his fuel tank had twice the range of his bladder." I'd have to concur after the litre of iced coffee & pot of tea I'd drunk 80km earlier in Singleton.

The Sun was dropping so the Garmin guided me 30km to Penrith past lifestyle blocks and commuters heading home.

I parked the bike up in a Kennards self storage facility 2.5m x 1.5m lockup for \$136/month. Caught the express train from Penrith, \$22 and 45min to Central Station, change to Airport, night in the Ibis and 8am Emirates home - top airline.

It was an excellent ride on the superb F800GS. Going to fit some Andy Strapz soft bags later and a plastic suitcase style rear box (\$99 Kingchrome from Bunnings) which is de rigueur amongst the adventure riding set here in Oz. Impressed with the bike although 16 litre fuel capacity is not ideal for Australia. Have purchased a a Desert Fox 5 litre fuel bladder (A\$99) to extend range in the outback by 100-120km, increasing range from 350km to 450km.

Heading back Nov 8-13 to take part in the BMW GS Safari from Jenolan Caves NSW to Bairnsdale VIC along with 200 GS riders.





**Outback Ventriloquist**

A visiting ventriloquist walks into a small outback village and sees a local fellow sitting on his porch patting his dog.

He figures he'll have a little fun, so he says to the man, "Hey, mind if I talk to your dog?"

Local: "The dog doesn't talk, stupid."

Ventriloquist: "Hello dog, how's it going mate?"

Dog: "Do'n' all right."

Local: (look of extreme shock)

Ventriloquist: "Is this bloke your owner?" (pointing at the local).

Dog: "Yep."

Ventriloquist: "How does he treat you?"

Dog: "Real good. He walks me twice a day, feeds me great food and takes me to the lake once a week to play."

Local: (look of utter disbelief)

Ventriloquist: "Mind if I talk to your horse?"

Local: "Uh, the horse don't talk either - I think."

Ventriloquist: "Hey horse, how's it going?"

Horse: "Cool."

Local: (absolutely dumfounded)

Ventriloquist: "Is this your owner?" (pointing at the local).

Horse: "Yep."

Ventriloquist: "How does he treat you?"

Horse: "Pretty good, thanks for asking. He rides me regularly, brushes me down often and keeps me in the barn to protect me from the elements."

Local: (total look of amazement)

Ventriloquist: "Mind if I talk to your sheep?"

Local: (in a panic) "The sheep's a liar."

## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF BMWOR NZ INC HELD IN TURANGI ON SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Meeting commenced at 10:00 am**

### Present

Peter Tibbs (President), Garry Williams (Vice President), Robin Wood (Treasurer), and Dave Oldershaw (Secretary).

### Apologies

Folker Liebenow

### Area Reps present

Dale Grover (Nelson), Peter Nash (Wellington), Don Cross (Rangitikei), Anne and Ray Senior (Taranaki).

### Business

The president opened the meeting by welcoming all Executive Members and Area Reps present to the meeting.

Tibbs stated that this would have to be a short meeting as blizzard conditions were forecast for some of the areas members had to make their way home through.

### Vice President:

**Rally Update** – There are 54 people currently registered for the Rally, more are expected as people have booked at the venue but have not registered yet. Road and gravel rides are being mapped, all is on track for a pretty good weekend.

### Treasurer:

**Financial Report** – Robin advised that there were no changes as the books were with the accountant.

**AGM** – Robin advised that one of his recommendations at the AGM would be to zero rate the joining fee.

**Retain members** – There was some discussion around how we retain members at renewal.

Tibbs advised the executive that he had put together a deal with Motomart whereby Motomart would pay the first year or part year's subscription to BMWOR when people purchased a BMW motorcycle from Motomart.

BMWOR in turn would in turn waive the joining fee.

Tibbs advised that whilst he was in Motomart he had signed John Goss and Todd Crighton up as members. The Treasurer is to bill Motomart for their subs.

As the Treasurer took his bike to Motomart for servicing, he had discussions with John and Todd to ensure that the process for signing up and billing Motomart of new member's subs as smooth as possible.

**Motion** - "I move that we accept membership applications for all purchasers of BMW motorcycles from Motomart Lower Hutt. Motomart in turn will pay their membership subscription cost (sole or joint) on a pro rata basis with the Joining Fee to be covered from register funds."

**Moved Robin/Seconded Peter** - motion was passed.

### Closure:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:25 am

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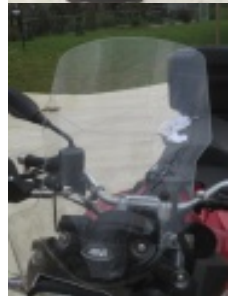
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**Hub for R1150GS or R1100GS with or without ABS mountings.** Both hub and rim needed to convert my 1150 to 21 inch front wheel.

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