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## President's Podium

I'll admit it; apart from a couple of short, local outings I've not been out on the bike much lately. Not for the lack of wanting to, it's just that there's a lot keeping me occupied at work and at home. Negotiating new contracts and embarking on landscaping and house renovations does that for you I guess.

Methven produced one of its finest spring mornings for the penultimate round of this year's Calder Stewart Elite Cycle Series at the beginning of the month. Justin and I were there helping out as riders contested two steep climbs from the Rakaia Gorge on an out-and-back course to Lake Coleridge. We'll also be helping out at the final round in Leeston, which interestingly enough has a couple of gravel sections – on road racing bikes? The Elite Series organisers tell us that riders really appreciate our efforts as moto-marshals and are looking for a long-term relationship with Canterbury members to provide this service. No doubt we'll see the club logo on their marketing and official programme collateral soon.

Our October newsletter marked a milestone for the Executive. On page 6 you'll have seen the link to a draft Constitution the Executive will propose to be adopted at the 2017 AGM. I'm heartened that you appear to be reading the information available. I've had some very positive feedback, and some constructive criticism, on this proposal already.

I've said previously that since our incorporation as a society in 1999, we've seen many and often piecemeal amendments to our Constitution, which does little to support the enduring nature aspired to in such a critical document.

At the heart of any organisation is its purpose, a unifying idea that explains why the organisation exists and the value it creates. An inspiring purpose provides meaning, intent and direction to those charged with an organisation's stewardship.

The purpose of the BMWOR was co-created 40 years ago "to link together in a sense of friendship, all persons with a common interest in BMW motorcycles". This should not be seen as a 'vision' or a desirable picture of the future but rather as a commitment and a cause to anyone involved in the club.

As your elected President, my view of stewardship is all about making wise use of the resources at one's disposal. Your current Executive members and Area Reps work well together, partnering up and bringing their collective strengths to our purpose. The approach we take as a team is very much around co-constructing tailored responses to the challenges we face. This approach means being innovative and flexible and taking some risk together given our current constraints but it's particularly helpful when making decisions about the club's future sustainability.

My goal is that we end up with a Constitution that is an enabler of such innovation and flexibility, particularly in the way our club as a whole operates, rather than a level of prescription that future stewards will struggle with as the environment changes. I welcome any feedback on the proposed constitution and please feel free to discuss any concerns you might have with your Area Rep or any member of the Executive. We'll have a final draft published in December, which will give you plenty of time to consider whether you'll vote for adoption of a new constitution at the next AGM.

The December/January newsletter will be the last that Bruce delivers as Editor. I had hoped (and still do) that one of our members would put their hand up for the role before Bruce steps down, if only to get the benefit of a lengthy handover. By all accounts our newsletter punches well above its weight, maybe people think there's far too much work to do or the skill needed to produce each edition is more than they are comfortable with. I wish I knew; no-one has called me to find out what it actually takes.

Whatever the reason, hope is not a strategy! I'll be recommending to the Executive at our November meeting that, on the condition we can afford it, we go ahead with a contingency plan to contract an editor at large until such time as a member takes on the Editor's role.

On a more positive note, our plan to upgrade an obsolete membership database is well on track. The demand on the Membership Secretary's role has grown significantly over the last four years. Folker and Neil Bartlett, who will take over for the next term, have been working together to identify the many shortcomings of our current database, including the less than useful way information is recorded and updated, the inability to provide useful analytics and an absence of subscription invoicing and payment management.

As a result, we're upgrading to a specifically designed 'cloud based' platform for

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**Cover Photo**

David Ross, Peter Tibbs and Barry Hawthorne pose in front of the Hole In The Wall.  
Photo by Peter Nash, the Fourth Musketeer Desperado. Story, P10.



# BMWOR 2016 Motorcycle Insurance Scheme

## Aon has a new Policy Wording with a new Underwriter

In collaboration with NZI, Aon has a new improved policy wording for Motorcycles. This Prestige Motorcycle Policy gives you the best of the best in cover for all types of On-Road Motorcycles including 3 wheelers, Off-Road Motorcycles including Quad Bikes, Competition Motorcycles (not covered whilst racing), Motorcycle Collections and Classic/Vintage Motorcycles.

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Automatic **Riding Apparel** cover – \$5,000 (indemnity value) any one claim per year.

Option to have **Replacement Riding Apparel** cover – \$5,000 (replacement value) any one claim per year. Premium for BMWOR members \$50 plus GST. (Normally \$75+GST).

### Discounts Discounts Discounts

Age Discounts, Multiple Bike Discount (conditions apply), Loyalty Discounts, Trike Discounts, Named Rider Discounts and the Restricted Usage Discount – this is now based on riding less than 7,500km per year, per bike! (was 5,000km).

### Lower Excesses

The standard policy excess is now \$250 (plus underage excesses applying), \$500 theft excess and on approved track days a \$750 excess only will apply.

### Ride Forever

If you complete a Ride Forever training course, provide us with your certificate and we will apply a NIL excess for one claim within 12 months of completing this course.

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membership data management. Some of the features this platform allows for include:

- individual member access to their own information
- the ability to pay your annual subscription online
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- Executive access for delivery of Newsletters and other club related matters
- Automated functions that create a membership number, order the membership card and advise the local Area Representative when new member details are entered
- Auto-generated reminders of membership anniversary dates

Significant work has been done and the new system is currently undergoing rigorous testing. We anticipate being fully operational by December this year. When we're ready, we'll let you know how you can check and, if necessary, correct your current details.

I'm looking forward to the South Island Rough as Guts (RAG) Rally in Kaikoura from 2 -4 December. Pete Chapman appears to have preparations under control and it promises to be a great weekend. If you're coming, please let Pete know by email at rangamahoe2000@yahoo.com

Annual Rally 2017 organiser Danny Young tells me that there are 42 paid registrations to date and planning for the event is well advanced. Jo and I are booked and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

**Garry**

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## 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.

**South Island R.A.G. Rally**, Inland Kaikoura 02 -04 December (Page 14)

**2017 National Rally Friday 27 to Sunday 29, January, Napier.**

**Annual General Meeting** 1730 Saturday 28 January, Napier (Page 20)

### 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.

**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 06 Auckland:** MacNut Café 914 South Head Rd 0874. Make your own way there for 10am.

**Sunday 13 Rangitikei:** Ride to Hawkes Bay. Meet at Ashhurst service station 10.00am

**Monday 14 Auckland:** 7.30pm Monthly Meeting. The Bike Maintenance Shop. Unit 1 / 2A Akatea Road Glendene

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

**Wednesday 16 Auckland:** Auckland Mid-Week Meandering. Meet Cyclespot BMW Barries Point Rd 10am.

**Sunday 20 Auckland:** Monthly Ride. Dargaville. Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

**Sunday 20 Wellington:** Monthly Club Ride – Horseman Cafe - Shannon

**Tuesday 29 Rangitikei:** Dinner at Rose and Crown Palmerston North. Further details about a ride beforehand will be advised later.



## december

**Sunday 04 Auckland:** Café Run. Destination TBA 10am.

**Monday 12 Auckland:** Monthly Meeting 7.30pm. Cyclespot BMW Barries Point Rd. What is all this new technology and what do these ride modes actually do?

**Thursday 15 Wellington:** Club Night and Christmas Buffet, Kensington Restaurant, Petone Workingmen's Club.

**Sunday 18 Wellington:** Monthly Club Ride – Destination TBA

## area reports wellington

### Motomart Hosted Evening for the BMWOR

Motomart hosted an evening for BMWOR members on Wednesday 21st September at their Dealership in Lower Hutt and was supported by 30+ members and partners. Motomart generously provided drinks and nibbles from 6pm to 8pm.

The evening gave members the opportunity to meet and talk to the Motomart team and discuss any issues they were having with their bikes, it also provided members with the opportunity to catch up with fellow members.

One of the technicians gave a short presentation covering pre-ride checks and then went on to demonstrate repairing a tubular tyre puncture using the BMW puncture repair kit: both topics were well presented and interesting.

The Area Rep (Peter Nash) spoke briefly thanking John Goss and Todd Crighton for the evening and went on to mention the 100 year anniversary of BMW as an entity albeit initially building aircraft engines used ultimately by the German Air Force and as a result of the terms of the Armistice started to build motorcycles in 1923. Peter mentioned that Peter Tibbs had agreed to provide basic gravel road riding training in response to an inquiry from one of our new members who purchase her bike from Motomart. Initial response has yielded 14 members taking up the offer. Todd Crighton had also indicated that he knew of another 4 who had inquired in relation to this type of training. Tibbs gave a brief outline of what he planned to cover which will be very useful and is

based on his broad experience.

A Trade Rep then spoke promoting the latest Michelin tyres and a new Schubert adventure style helmet which includes a peak and should be available in the next couple of months. The helmet is fibreglass, very light and expected sell for around \$1000 for the standard one colour version.

Members were also able to make purchases and a range of BMW merchandise had been assembled that proved to be popular with a number of purchases being made and the Area Rep purchased a new helmet mounted dual communications system.

This was a memorable night and all the feedback has been positive and thanks once again goes to John Goss and Todd Crighton and the Motomart staff and also to the BMWOR Members who attended. We are fortunate to have a supportive Dealership in our area.

### Peter Nash

#### October Ride

It was slightly overcast day, when the interested Wellington Riders met at Caltex Upper Hutt. In all 11 Bikes and 13 Persons. After a briefing from Dave Oldershaw as the Ride Leader we left for 'The Mountain' at 10-15am. A quick 29 Km squirt over the hill to where we all reassembled at Featherston in the sunshine.

This was a day when all other Wellington Riders of varying marques decided that it was also a good day to be out riding. Almost more bikes than cars.

The day's run was from Upper Hutt across to Featherston, out SH 53 to Martinborough, continuing on Hinakura Road with a left turn onto Longbush Road. At that intersection, Chris

Souness and Jeff van Wijk on their GS's took the Gravel Option of continuing on Hinakura Road then left onto Meraki Road for the ride over Admiral Road to re-join on Longbush road.

As I was the tail rider for the day, I waved longingly as they headed for the gravel. Then I settled down again as the Tail enjoying the 'Black Carpet'.

The ride continued along Longbush Road that led onto Te Whiti Road. Before reaching the south east end of Masterton we turned onto Lees Pakaraka Road and went through to the Masterton-Stronvar Road. It was a short ride to end up on the Masterton – Castlepoint Road and heading out towards the coast.

Excellent day and road for a ride and we all arrived at the Tinui Café & Bar just after 12.30pm. Lined up outside were 4 x R1200GS, 2 x K1200RS, K1200GT, Nine T, Honda's of CB500X, CBR650F and Cathy Thomson's new Orange CBR. The K1200RS's belonged to Jay Tapley and Paul and Helen Keats. All are new members for Wellington out on their first ride.

When we arrived there were already 4 bikes present, but more kept arriving and a lot more slowed and rode on past towards Castlepoint.

The Café is nice, Staff and locals are friendly (even the cat). They have a good range of reasonably priced food which along with the coffee is served hot. I tried the 'Tinui Big Brekkie' and I'm sorry to say that it beat me – I couldn't finish it!

Suitably fed and watered, we mounted up for the ride home. 3 Bikes and 4 persons took a different route back so the bikes now numbered 8 with 9 persons.

The return route changed at the Masterton-Stronvar Road and we rode



These clowns should have gone to Motomart with Wgtn, and bought some gears.



Tinui Tavern Bike Rack



past Tibsy's place checking to make sure that our horns were working in case WoF's were due. Turning onto Westmere Road then right onto Tupurupuru Te Wharau Road to climb up the Kourarau Hill. The view of the Wairarapa from there is pretty spectacular. One day I'm going to try and find out what that big chimney/tower is for – It seems to sit on a grassy knoll all by itself!

At the bottom of the hill we joined back up with Te Whiti Road and completed the turn onto Gladstone Road just before the big Martinborough Charity Fun Ride for cyclists. They looked pretty serious to me with Lead Cars, Marshalls and people controlling intersections.

We continued through a combination of road names to end up in Martinborough by the mushroom factory. A right turn for Featherston and then back over 'The Mountain'. The road over 'The Mountain' was full of slow crawling vehicles and probably the slowest trip for me ever – Well it was a Sunday!

From Upper Hutt it was motorway riding with various riders leaving at their exits for home. Home for me was 4.00pm and a total of 346.7 Kilometres travelled. Yet another enjoyable Club ride with a great sociable bunch of interesting members.

### **Dave Ross** **rangitikei**

The Rangitikei team were due to ride to Mt Bruce bird reserve on Sunday 9 October. However a phone call from Barry at 7.00am confirmed my thoughts that we would have to cancel this ride again. The weather forecast was for showers in the Horowhenua but heavy rain in the Wairarapa. I sent a email to our group and from some of the replies many were glad of the decision made, so there is not much to report.

However on a personal note Sue and myself recently enjoyed a break in Brisbane. While there I attended a classic bike race meeting held at Lakeside Raceway. The entry field had more than 100 bikes, most from the 50s 60s and 70s.

The photos are some of the bikes that caught my attention.

### **Don Cross**





## nelson

Thanks to Tony's great suggestion, a group of us rode down to Titirangi Bay for an overnigher this weekend. Tony, Gretchen, Revti and Peter Wood rode to Havelock & met up with Peter Chapman who had ridden up from Kaikoura to join us, they then made their way to Portage for lunch. Kevin and I had planned to meet the other's at Portage, after watching a friend of his race Moto-X outside of Havelock, we took a bit longer than planned and arrived at Portage 45mins after the other guys had left, oops.

The sealed road ended about 20k's after Portage and turned into gravel, which was in very good condition, probably good enough for a road bike to venture down. Anyway we all met up at the Titirangi Bay Farm Park later in the afternoon. The Farm Park is a great place to stay, with a big lodge that sleeps heaps and has all the amenities, there is also a campground on site too. We all slept well and everyone (except me) was up and ready pretty early.

After breakfast we started to make our way back home, Peter C made his way back to Kaikoura, Revti and Gretchen went on to Te Mahia ready for Tony, me, Kevin and Peter to meet them after we had a pretty cool side trip down to Anakoha, where a local gave us a good inpromptu run down on the history of the

area.

After coffee and tea, I had to top up on fuel in Linkwater, I must have been a bit heavy on the throttle along the gravel sections as mine was the only one whose fuel light came on, small price to pay for a bit of fun though.

During lunch the idea was put out that we have a sideroute excursion, we had 3 takers, Tony, myself and

Peter. We went down a track and came across a dirt/rock barrier that had been put across to to stop illegal dumping, they had thoughtfully left a gap for dirt bikes to go through, somebody should have told them a boxer motor is a wee bit

wider than your average dirt bike, after wedging my bike between the rocks we realised it was too wide, hmmm what do? Well, the course of action was go over it, of course, this was achieved after a bit of dirt smoothing, luckily the other two bikes, a V-Strom & F700GS were able to squeeze thru the gap.

We made it home without any further mishaps.

**Dale**

(Photos are also Dale's)



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## auckland

I've noticed a certain pattern over the past few months; strong winds and rain (particularly when they occur simultaneously) tend to reduce the number of bikes taking part in our monthly rides. My personal experience of these rides is also that those staying at home have missed out on some really great runs. September's Okoroire ride was one of those, conditions were pretty rubbish as our numbers slowly swelled to 5 bikes at the BP Service Centre and opinion was divided over whether conditions were likely to deteriorate or improve across the day. The only way to resolve this difference of opinion was to carry on regardless and see how things

panned out. By the time we hit Morrinsville skys had cleared, the wind subsided and we had lunch outside at Okoroire Pub more concerned about sun burn than anything else. The run home was interesting; I have never experienced so many turkeys on the road. I'm not talking about people who need removing from the gene pool, I'm talking about real turkeys, KFC on steroids, frikken big bird things hanging out in large groups. I'm not sure what you call a large group of turkeys, for all I know it's called a council, suffice to say it's a tad distressing to find them crossing the road as you exit a corner. (Make sure you are more than four bikes back when your mate clips one with a footpeg, Stephen, it gets messy - Bwucie, voice of experience.)



Pouring down rain killed our mid-week run and also took a toll on our Café meeting but 6 of us had a good time catching up at Buoy Café, Westhaven.

I've done some research and it seems that our part of world has used up its annual ration of rain and wind and even overdrawn some of next year's ration so it should all be blue sky riding from here on in.

The "A" plan for our monthly

meeting 10 Oct involved having the AA along to talk to us about their various past, present, and proposed initiatives which advocate for the rights and enhance the travel experience of their 40,000 or so members who hold motorcycle licenses. AA is happy to meet with us to discuss ways we can work together around common values however this will initially occur on an informal personal basis in the first instance. It would have been great if they felt able to take up our invitation for the Sept club night however I'm looking forward to progressing this to the point where they do address one of our meetings in the New Year. The "B" plan for September's club night then moved on to a guy currently riding the world and in NZ, he had spent a bit of time with Northland BMWOR members prior to arriving in Akl but it turned out he was due south before our meeting. Hopefully we can catch up with him when he returns to Akl as he has an extraordinary personal story. The "C" plan, hatched one week out from the Oct club night, was to have a quiz night, admittedly the night would have benefited from greater forward planning (the meat pack prize might have contained more than just a firemen's calendar) but never the less it was good night out. The saddest news is that the lowest scoring round involved the Road Code questions. There was also quite a bit of controversy around the question "how many countries did Burt Munro compete in", pretty much everybody answered 2 but the judge's ruling was final and the correct answer is 3 (NZ, Australia, USA).

One advantage of having to write copy for each month's newsletter is that I can take a certain amount of personal licence, so that's what comes now. I have not much more than one year's association with BMWOR and, by circumstances I'm still trying to figure out, ended up Area Rep at the beginning of this year. So there I was, green as grass and not having a clue what I was doing. A bunch of people have supported me from that time until now, saving me from myself and making things as easy as possible. One of those people is Bruce Crowther, our soon to be departed Editor. So Bruce, from me to you, thanks for your support of my amateurish literary endeavours.

Till next time

**Stephen**



## Difficult Decisions.

Torn between spraying thistles and nettle or riding the motorbike – sometimes life throws up these difficult decisions. Well when the Wellington Rep, Peter Nash emailed the offer of a day out on the bike by way of an impromptu ride I had to struggle for all of half a second with the decision; thistles or motorbike riding and guess what – yes that's right the impromptu ride won the day.

The ride started just north of Upper Hutt with three riders crossing the Rimutukas to the Wairarapa. Pete Nash, Dave Ross and Dave Hubble made their way up the Wairarapa to Masterton where I joined them. We rode through beautiful country roads with every type of curves, climbs and descents that a motorcyclist could wish for all the way to Tinui where we all took a break for coffee at the local pub. Here we spent some time swapping stories. It's a wonder we are not still at the Pub. However, we ran out of time, not stories, and had to move on. The plan was to ride from Tinui to Alfredton via the Castle Road and so three of us set off to cross the Castle Hill while Dave Hubble made his way to our lunch stop by way of the black carpet.

Our chosen road was in very good condition, albeit for me as TEC a little dusty. We only had to stop once for a herd of young Angus cattle. This road is one of my favourites and as a young fellow I used to often race across this road when it was all gravel. Our Club rides allow me to have a good look at the countryside which is spectacular. Once we arrived in Alfredton it was agreed I would lead from here to our lunch stop. It was a short ride along the black carpet to Bartons Line and about 300mtrs short of the turnoff to Bartons Line I spotted a car making its way along Bartons Line to the black carpet making dust equal to that of a sandstorm in the Sahara Desert. So we slowed up for a minute or so to let the dust settle. This ride along Bartons Line is only about 7.5kms long which could not be described as a line. It twists and turns climbs and drops. We arrived on the Line not too long after many truck loads of heavy gravel had been dropped from one tyre to the other. We had to search for tyre tracks in the heavy gravel. This is a good little road to take when the opportunity presents itself to you.

Towards the end of Bartons Line we made a right turn onto Mangaoranga Road. This road was hard packed and I had to overcome the temptation to open the throttle and let the bike run the way it is built to do.

Mangaoranga Road is only about 16kms long and runs through to State Highway 2 about 1.5kms south of Eketahuna our lunch stop where we met up again with Dave H. We ordered our lunch and got straight back into our story telling coupled together with discussions about future ride destinations. Days like this one really bring home what a fantastic job our Reps do by providing us with the opportunities to get our bikes out of the shed and enjoy each -others company.

Gotta go now time to spray the thistles and stinging nettle.

**Tibsy.**

## Turakina Valley Ride

This ride was originally scheduled for Saturday 10 September but the weather intervened so it was postponed and Dave Ross and Peter Nash finally got away on Friday 23 September better late than never. The ride out of Wellington was under overcast skies and there had been a fatal RTA north of Waikanae closing part of SH1 with a detour in place through Waikanae to the Peka Peka Road and back onto SH1.

Once clear of the detour good time was made up to the Woolshed Cafe at Sanson to link up with Tibsy and Barry Hawthorn. After a coffee and a comfort stop we headed to Hunterville where fuel tanks were topped up before heading left out to the Mangahoe Road for the run through to the right turn onto the Turakina Valley Road for the ride North. By this time the weather changed to clear blue sky, sunny and warm. This road is part gravel and partly sealed and in the wise words of Peter Tibbs 'the road is being buggered by continuing to seal it' and for me, as a first timer, he was correct.

The wet weather in the previous days and weeks meant little or no dust, there were a few washout signs with a very muddy river and a bit of evidence of slips. The road has it all twisties, hills, wide and

narrow straights, sheer drop offs, loose sheep, lambs, goats and turkeys but zero traffic. The impressive scenery is a mixture of farmed pasture, natural bush and river gorges. At one point we had to stop for a digger straddling the road and it looked as though it was being used to fix a washout. We turned to the left off the Turakina Valley Road onto Owhakura Road for the ride through to the Fields Track and then left onto the Burma Road. It is at this intersection we looked at the 'hole-in-the-wall' a natural large hole in the wall of the cliff with water running out of it down into the Whangaehu River.

At the beginning of the Burma Road there is a sign warning against taking trailers on this road so the question was why. There were some tight corners and some very narrow steep corners with high drop offs into the Whangaehu River, along with evidence of slips and washouts nothing a motorcycle had difficulty handling. However, a sheep truck and trailer would be an entirely different situation hence the sign.

The Burma Road ran into the Mangamahu Road which followed the Whangaehu River with more high drop offs with the road being cut into the grey papa cliffs and again narrow and some parts strewn with large stones that have slid off the tops of the cliffs. Parts of this road were sealed and featured corners that tightened as you got into them without warning. These had the potential to send un-expecting riders/drivers on an 'off' into the river. We continued on this road and turned left onto the Mangatipona Road and then turning right back onto the Turakina Valley Road for the ride through to Turakina.

At Turakina Barry Hawthorn turned right and headed back home to Whanganui and rest of us continued onto Bull and a late lunch, comfort stop and fuel top. After lunch we continued on our homeward journey with Tibsy peeling off at Sanson, with Dave Ross and Peter Nash riding on home to Wellington.

As the organiser of all the Wellington Impromptu rides to date this was by far the best yet also the longest both in terms of distance and time with a home to home total of 533kms and 10:45hrs of marvellous riding in great company long may it continue.

**Peter Nash**

I had a little space left at the bottom of this page - after a rebuild of industrial strength caused by three Area Reps that came to the party kinda late. So I thought I'd put in a little piece of Northland sunshine to brighten the read. Days like have been pretty rare up here lately - but when we get one, it's a cracker.

What did the three tardy Reps cost you? An article about this year's FIM Sidecar Champs, with some amazing photos, and a page of upside down humour. You can find the sidecar stuff on the web, and as for the upside down humour - do a headstand and get somebody to tell you a coupla yarns. **Bwucie**





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## welcome

A warm welcome to our new members this month.

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- John Collins, Auckland
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- Chris Mathews, Christchurch
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- Graeme Spora, New Plymouth
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- Craig Ayers, Nelson
- Paul Gallagher, Auckland
- Paul Gillard, Auckland
- Kevin Rankin, Whangaparaoa

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.



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It's back to basics for the South Island "Rough as Guts" Rally in the heart of Inland Kaikoura early December. The general plan is to make you own way to the site on Friday, spend Saturday riding or whatever takes your fancy, then head home after breakfast on Sunday.

It is the weekend after the Burt Munro Rally, so a great opportunity for North Islanders to stop over on the way home, you're more than welcome.

Inland Kaikoura offers spectacularly scenic road routes and our host is currently planning a ride though privately held land on Saturday for those looking for a bit more adventure.

You will need to bring:

- a tent and bedroll
- sleeping bag
- cup, plate and eating utensils

A contribution of \$25 per person will be appreciated to cover the shopping we'll need to do for evening meals on Friday and Saturday, and breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.

We'll have fruit juice and a few beers on hand, but if you want anything stronger than that you'll need to bring it.

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## Classic Outback Adventures – The 2016 BMW GS Safari Enduro

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From stark, wide-open expanses to the rugged gorges and rocky riverbeds of Arkaroola, this year's BMW GS Safari Enduro had it all. From stark, wide-open expanses to the rugged gorges and rocky riverbeds of Arkaroola, this year's BMW GS Safari Enduro had it all.

Around 100 riders from all corners of the country, as well as several internationals, gathered at the seaside town of Streaky Bay for a taste of classic Aussie outback adventure.

There was a real buzz in the air as the event kicked off with a welcome function and rider's briefing on a Sunday evening, with around 40 of the group on their first BMW Safari.

The opening leg would prove to be a big day, the route threading north between Lake Gairdner and Lake Everard on remote and sometimes sandy tracks before reaching the town of Kingoonya, some 300km later, for a refuel and lunch break.

The afternoon route took the old Stuart Highway past a few stations and an abandoned and slightly eerie rocket range that used to track rockets launched from Woomera back in the day. A couple of the stations in the area have the odd rocket lying around as well as a large bunker, built by the Australian government in the 1960s for families to hide in during rocket launches. Coober Pedy was the final stop of the day, where many spent their first night in underground accommodation.

The following day was a fairly straight forward blast towards Lake Eyre but there was to be a few unexpected treats along the way. The BMW Safari team arranged an early mine tour for those who wanted to go underground, before riding off into the absolute flatness of the outback roads.

The weather was perfect, cool and sunny, and the desert was greener than usual from the recent rains with purple desert flowers lining some road sections.

Arriving at the classic outback town of William Creek some of the group bumped into iconic Australian adventurer Dick Smith who had landed in town for lunch on his way to Alice Springs. Dick spent some time chatting and having his photo taken and was interested to know where we were heading. He told a great story of how watching Charley and Ewan on Long Way Round inspired him to drive a Ford truck and trailer on a similar route around the world. Dick actually bumped into Charley totally by chance at the end of his trip while he was parked at Ayres Rock and they chatted about their adventures and have become friends since.

Dick also gave riders the heads up that the biennial outback festival called Dream

Earth was taking place up the road at the Oodnadatta tracks desert art location called Plane Henge; he had been there the previous night partying with the group. A festival was the last thing you would expect to be riding through in the middle of the outback, but anything can happen when you are on an adventure.

The final stop for the day was at the Muloorina Station campground located between Maree and Lake Eyre, where some took the opportunity to ride the moderately sandy 46km track to Lake Eyre itself and take in the lookout views and plaque to commemorate Sir Donald Campbell's world land speed record in the 1960s. The camp was set up adjacent to a tropical-like lagoon where the station owners provided a hearty feed and riders enjoyed a drink or two at campfires before an unexpected fireworks show.

After two days of classic barren outback scenery, riders headed south past the historic ruins of the Farina township and into the rugged Arkaroola Ranges, the northernmost part of the Flinders Ranges. This is where an optional hard route took the group up rocky tracks and riverbeds, the back way to Arkaroola Village.

Arkaroola is an incredible area, not as frequented as other parts of the Flinders area but with plenty to offer adventure riders. The group gathered around the pool as the sun put a glow on the rugged hills behind for the daily briefing followed by a BBQ dinner.

On offer the following day was a series of loops in and around the Arkaroola area before returning for a second night. It was clear that the technical terrain and rugged scenery was a highlight for many in the group. The atmosphere and rawness of the area really made an impression.

One of the loops was to Lake Frome, where the final sandy section caused some in the group some challenges. The cameras were rolling as some riders flopped in the sand while others showed how it should be done. All good stories and laughs for the evening's festivities.

After two memorable days based at Arkaroola riders saddled up for a similar technical ride south towards Blinman and Wilpena Pound in the centre of the Flinders Ranges. The route bypassed the main dirt roads for a technical route through the Nantawarrina Indigenous protected area, again testing riders with its narrow and rocky tracks and riverbeds. After taking over the highest town in South Australia, Blinman, for a lunch stop, the route headed to the Flinders Ranges 'must do', Buninyroo Road and concluded at Rawnsley Park Station, adjacent to the iconic Wilpena Pound

crater. Again it was a chilly night for the campers in the group, waking up to a crisp and frosty desert winter morning.

After an incredible week of riding it was the final day, where riders headed east to Broken Hill; but not by following the standard path. The day didn't start off going to plan with Craig, one of the lead riders, tagging a roo and coming off his bike. Grant Evans, the event manager and fellow lead rider engaged one of the participants to join him in marking the remainder of the course. At the same time the Safari Doctor "Smithy" received the call and headed to the accident site to give Craig the once-over. Luckily the injuries were not too serious, with a broken collarbone and cracked rib.

The final day was proving challenging as another incident took place not far up the road. Wayne had T-boned (pardon the pun) a cow and really made a mess of his F 800 GS. Fellow Safari participants took care of him until Smithy arrived and, apart from being knocked out, Wayne was luckily uninjured, but very sore (both riders would make it to the farewell function that night for some laughs and pain relief).

After passing by Martins Well Station and the Erudina Woolsheds, the main route headed south before diverting through two massive, million-acre stations. The station tracks were technical and sometimes sandy, causing some challenges, but the finish line was near. The family at the Kalabity Station put on an afternoon tea stop and fuel top-up for participants, really showing their outback hospitality, with all funds donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. From there it was about 50km of dirt and a short blast up the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill.

Riders pulled into town with just enough time to spruce up for the farewell dinner and festivities. The atmosphere was great as everyone reflected on an incredible week on their trusty GSs. Apart from the incidents on the last day the week went like clockwork.

Several prizes were given out for various achievements through the week and it was also announced that over \$4000 was raised for the Royal Flying Doctors Service throughout the week by the generous and appreciative group. As with every Safari event, many friendships were made and riders celebrated an incredible week of adventure riding through some amazing parts of the country.







# REGISTRATION FORM

## ANNUAL RALLY

### ET, Taradale, Napier

### 27 – 29 January 2017

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Registration		\$25 Per person	
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Saturday Packed Lunch – gravel riders		\$13	
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Sunday Breakfast Cooked		\$16	
Continental		\$12	
Sunday Packed Lunch – gravel riders		\$13	
Sunday Barbecue		\$28	
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Please mail all **Registration Forms** (including **Cheques** made out to **BMWOR**) to:

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All entries will be acknowledged

**Registrations close on  
Friday, 16 December 2016**

*Disclaimer: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as set out in the Register's monthly newsletter. By registering for this event, participants agree to abide by all the conditions set out in the said Management Plan.*





## **BMWOR 2017 National Rally Napier Friday 27 to Sunday 29 January 2017**

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We still have accommodation available. The cut-off date for registration is Friday, 16 December, so please get your forms in as soon as possible.

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The coordinator for the rally is Dan Young, who can be reached on 06 857 7058.

Email address for any queries: [bmwor2017rally@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bmwor2017rally@xtra.co.nz)

# Notice of Annual General Meeting 2017

The AGM for the 2016/2017 financial year will be held at 5:30 pm on Saturday 28th January 2017 in the Main Function Room at the Eastern Institute of Technology, 50-1 Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier.

**17.30** Annual General Meeting (conference lounge). The following business is to be conducted:

- ♦ Receive the minutes of the previous AGM
- ♦ President's Report on activities over the last year and priorities for the coming year
- ♦ Balance sheet; annual statement of accounts; 2015/16 budget
- ♦ Area and Activity reports
- ♦ Notice of motion to alter, add to, rescind or otherwise amend the rules of BMWOR of NZ Inc
- ♦ Election to Executive positions
- ♦ Any other business that is resolved to be considered
- ♦ Presentation of awards

## Voting

Those admitted to membership under Rule 3 of the BMWOR of NZ Inc Constitution are entitled to vote at the AGM. A member whose annual subscription is in arrears is not precluded from attending the Rally but will not be entitled to vote at the AGM.

At this AGM, votes may be exercised by proxy as per Rule 5(ix) 5 of the constitution. Proxy Votes will be used for matters of national significance, i.e. changing the constitution or electing Executive members where there is more than one nomination to a position.

If a member cannot be present, and would like to exercise their vote, they will only be able to do so by completing a proxy form. A proxy form will be printed in the November newsletter and will be available from the Secretary on request.

Proxies must be in writing and received by the Secretary on the Proxy Form by 5.00pm on 13 January 2017.

The Proxy Form requires the appointment of one individual to vote on behalf of another by proxy. Therefore, members wishing to appoint a proxy must ensure that the individual appointed will be attending the AGM. If an appointed individual does not attend the AGM, and has been authorised to vote by proxy on a member's behalf, no other member in attendance may vote instead, and the vote will be declared invalid.

## Elections

In accordance with Rule 5(iii) 1, all Executive Committee members retire at each AGM but are eligible for re-election at the same or subsequent meetings.

Nominations are now being called for the following Executive Committee positions:

- ♦ President (Garry Williams)
- ♦ Vice President (Grant Aislabie)
- ♦ Secretary (Incumbent - David Ross)
- ♦ Treasurer (Incumbent - Robin Wood)
- ♦ Membership Secretary (Neil Bartlett)
- ♦ Member Representative (Dale Grover)

Nominations should be made in writing, signed by a current member, endorsed with the consent of the nominee and received by the Secretary in time to be published in the last newsletter to be distributed before the AGM (December edition).

Nominees are asked to provide a photo (head & shoulders) and a brief profile to the Secretary for publication in newsletters running up to the AGM. Members want to know who they will be voting for and why they should vote for them.

Nominations may be received at the AGM provided that the nominee has consented.

Executive Committee members are elected by members in accordance with the Rules at the AGM.

## Obituaries

Obituary notices may be registered with the Secretary up to 13 January 2017.

To register a nomination to the Executive Committee, submit a remit or register an obituary, please email the appropriate details to [secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz) or post to The Secretary, BMWOR, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland. (Note that you should allow 10 working days for NZ post to action the delivery of mail to the current Secretary's Wellington address.)

Dave Ross,  
Secretary,  
BMWOR of NZ Inc





# Proxy Vote AGM 2017

If you are unable to attend this Annual General Meeting but wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf please complete this form.

## 1. Member Details

Name: .....

Address: .....

Membership Number: .....

## 2. Appointment of Proxy

The proxy must be a Member of the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand. You may appoint the Chairman as your proxy.

I appoint either the Chairman of the meeting (tick) ☐ or

Name: .....

Address: .....

Membership Number: .....

as proxy to exercise my vote at the Annual General Meeting of the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand to be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 5.30 pm, and at any adjournment of that meeting. If the person I have appointed is unable to be my proxy then I appoint the Chairman of the meeting.

## 3. Voting Instructions

Please complete this section if you wish to instruct your proxy how to vote. If you want to give your proxy a free hand as to how he or she is to vote then leave this section blank.

I direct my proxy to vote in the following manner

Vote with a tick	For	Against
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Remit - New Constitution		
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Member		

Signed: ..... Date: .....

For this proxy to be valid, you must complete it and make sure it is received by the secretary prior to the start of the meeting. If you return this form without directing the proxy how to vote on any particular matter, the proxy will vote as he or she thinks fit.

Either

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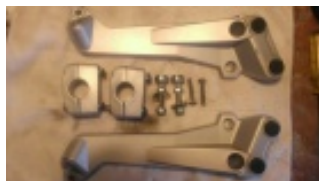
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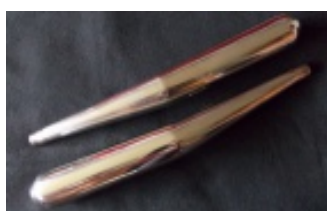
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