

## **NON EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **EDITOR - Annual Report, 2016 - 2017**

I have taken the liberty of preparing this report, which is required before the deadline for the February 2017 issue of the BMWOR Newsletter, meaning the scope falls within my remit, not that of my replacement, Dave Morris (fine man he is!).

My third year (OF ONE!) as Editor has been a bit easier than the first two: I think I have just about got a grip of the job in time to quit it.

I thank all those who have submitted material during 2016, and apologise to those I have had to leave out, due to the physical restraint imposed on each edition by paid advertisements that MUST be included, and the document requiring to be foldable to less than 6mm thick for mailing.

I thank all the advertisers that have supported the production of the Newsletter (and the Member Services Directory) during the year. I trust our members have supported you with their business in return for your generosity.

I hope Dave will continue to be supported by Area Reps and members with material from here on in: he has been bold enough to stick his hand up for the role again, and does not deserve to have to flog his guts out to find material to fill it.

Now I'm off to play with my toys.

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### **WEBMASTER - Annual Report 2016-2017**

The webmaster job consists mainly of checking applications for forum membership (with about 98% being rejected as spammers), performing backups of the site, updating pages with changes of area reps and executive members, and performing daily checks of the quarantined and accepted emails sent to all bmwor.org.nz addresses. Bruce has continued with assistance as and when required, especially with updates to forms for membership applications and renewals.

The move to a cloud hosting site in late 2015 introduced some unfortunate limitations and changes. For example it is not possible to send an email from the site to more than 25 recipients at a time, there is no means available to perform a backup of emails, and webmail users can't change their own passwords.

Another migration during 2016 had no discernible effect on the site or the maintenance required; except for some more hours spent trying to get help from the ISP helpdesk.

Continuing attempts have been made to get some more activity in the forums, but with very limited or no success. It would be helpful to members and those interested in joining rides if area reps would use the calendar and rides calendar forums to post news of all planned rides, as well as publishing in the events calendar section of the newsletter. However most areas apparently maintain email lists of interested members, or have Facebook pages where ride details are posted and most rides are not listed in the online forum calendar.

The site continues to function more or less as usual, with very little activity in the forums, and very few valid applications for forum membership. It is expected to continue in this manner until a new site has been constructed and introduced, together with a new webmaster.

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**REGALIA - Annual Report 2016-2017.**

Sales were generally slow across the year except for the income from the Rally.

Total Sales for the year were \$1,684.50, up from \$541.00 last year, this was offset by postage costs and purchases of new stock meant an income of \$1,550.00 for the year.

The last Rally especially the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book sales (\$1,190.00) was a worthwhile exercise and so I will have a range of regalia items, including the Anniversary books, for sale at the Hawkes Bay Rally, once again terms of sale will be Cash only.

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**AREA REPORTS**

<b>NORTHLAND:</b>	<b>Not supplied.</b>	<b>TARANAKI.</b>	<b>Not supplied</b>
<b>BAY OF PLENTY:</b>	<b>Not supplied</b>	<b>MARLBOROUGH:</b>	<b>Not supplied</b>
<b>WAIKATO:</b>	<b>Presented Verbally</b>	<b>CANTERBURY:</b>	<b>Presented Verbally</b>

**AUCKLAND - Annual Report 2016**

2017 looms large and the challenge is to move incrementally forward rather than settle for the status quo. The status quo is actually not bad and sees a bit going on each month but it stops short of demanding religious commitment from organisers and members alike; life is all about balance after all.

So looking back over 2016 as a platform to build on there's a few things that are obvious:

- (1) Efforts to forge links with others we share the motorcycle space via our monthly meeting have been successful and we should continue with this theme,
- (2) Our ride schedule could be tinkered with a tad so potential conflict with significant bike events is minimised eg our monthly run could see those attending the Paeroa Street Races travel south with us before parting company,
- (3) We have a great core of spouses / partners so we could benefit from events centred on them,
- (4) There is strong interest in some overnight / weekend fixtures, we should meet this demand and hopefully link up with other regions in the process,
- (5) Communication is critical; we need to develop the range and quality of our communication to members and the broader motorcycle community,
- (6) We need some Saturday events to provide benefit to members, who experience a range of conflicting commitments on Sundays,
- (7) We need to properly engage the North Island Rag Rally,
- (8) We need to involve more members and partners in the organisation and management of Auckland so that many are doing a little with ease as opposed to any other outcome,
- (9) The number of members in our region equals a large range of riding expectations, the only way for everybody to ride their own ride is via the RIC / TEC / Corner man system so this needs to remain a constant,
- (10) The newly re-established mid-week run could expand its parameters to being an evening / twilight run during daylight saving,
- (11) We need to encourage and support our National Executive around initiatives to make our club increasingly relevant and accessible,
- (12) We exist to ride BMW motorcycles not sell them but our future is inextricably intertwined with the brand and its sales, to this end we should actively seek out ways to support the efforts of the brand and its dealerships.

Pretty much anything is on the table as long as it passes the test "is it simple and does it result in like-minded people getting together and / or riding bikes about the place"?

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### **EAST COAST – Annual Report 2016**

The year started very pleasantly with the AGM and Rally in Hanmer Springs enjoyed by a number of us. Hard to believe that 11 months later the road to it would become impassable.

In March we visited Owlcatraz in Shannon and in April we didn't just have our RAG rally to attend to but also made an overnight trip to Gisborne which turned out to be a test of rain gear. The day after Pam & I rushed back as we had to celebrate one of our members 65th birthday.

In May we visited Beyond the Bridge café, combined with a visit to Lindauer's replica museum in Woodville where Cath and Gerard joined us.

In June our mystery trip got us the Paper Mulberry café; later that month we enjoyed the midwinter dinner at Scholars, the EIT training restaurant.

Pam & I did some (push)biking in Germany in September but in October a number of us went for a run to Café 2ate7 in Wairoa.

A small but select group of members had a marvellous time in November at the Scholars training restaurant for a 10 course degustation dinner (complete with matching wines). We concluded our end of year with a dinner at the Puketapu Hotel.

The members have well supported the end of month dinner meetings and we have decided that next year we'll vary the venues around Hawke's Bay, starting with the February one to the 'Chook and Filly' in Maraekakaho.

I have indicated that I am standing down as rides organiser but will continue with the dinner organisation.

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### **RANGITIKEI – Annual Report 2016**

Before I prepared this report I took the time to look back on the newsletters for the last year. I soon realised how much we achieved during that time.

We have kept the existing structure in place that sees a ride on the second Sunday of the month and a dinner gathering on the last Tuesday of the month. These dinner gatherings are spread around the region but generally cover Wanganui, Palmerston North and Horowhenua.

Each month both gatherings are well supported and our rides have had up to 14 bikes many with pillions.

During the year we rode to Cape Palliser in January, then visited Ohakea Air force base in February. Taranaki was our destination for March. The Police Museum in Porirua was worth the visit for our April ride.

During the year only one planned trip was cancelled because of the weather conditions and this happened in June. Other destinations visited include Wairarapa, Wellington, Hawkes Bay and our own back yard the Pohangina valley and Whanganui river valley road.

Our last function was a Christmas lunch at Murrayfield's restaurant near Levin. A total of 25 sat down to a buffet lunch with a Christmas theme. My wife Sue had made a Christmas fruit cake for each couple.

Another highlight during the year was the Area Rep meeting at Porirua. I gained much from the two days we were together and I was impressed with the executive team and the professional way business was conducted. We are in good hands.

The initiative to gain new members thru sales with the BMW dealers is showing good results. I have made contact with the people who have been referred to me. Time will tell if these people will retain membership.

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## WELLINGTON (and Wairarapa) - Annual Report 2016

### *Monthly Club Night Meetings – Petone Workingmen’s Club – Second Monday each Month*

Speakers and local visits this year have included:-

- Motorcycle travel or other recent travel experiences
- Club visit to the Wellington Traffic Control Centre
- A Club visit to Motomart for an evening hosted by John Goss and his team which gave members an opportunity to meet and talk to the Motomart team. This further enhanced the close relationship between members and the local BMW Dealership, it also gave members an opportunity to make purchases included a non BMW bike so it was a win, win for Motomart and the local members.

### *Monthly Rides – Sunday following the Monthly Club Night Meeting*

There was a planned monthly ride for each month all on sealed roads with a couple with a gravel option in an attempt to appeal to the widest range of membership interests.

- One cancelled due to no membership interest
- One cancelled due to bad weather
- *Overnight Rides*
- One in March to Tokaanu 6 members participated on 2 bikes and in 1 car (Area Rep with his broken leg)
- One offered in September to Taihape which drew 7 bikes and 8 people – postponed due to bad weather. Offered again in November and again postponed due to bad weather has been rescheduled for early 2017.

### *Impromptu Rides*

Weather dependant midweek rides offered with a couple days’ notice, to Members who are retired or have flexible employment.

Ten rides have been offered

- A breakdown shows:-
  - Sealed only – 4 rides
  - Gravel only – 4 rides
  - Both Sealed & Gravel options – 2
  - Rides offered to members in other Areas – 2

The highlight was the gravel ride up the Turakina Valley and back down the Whangaehu River Valley on the Mangamahu Road. This ride was originally postponed due to weather and when it finally went ahead we had 3 Wellington Members and 1 Rangitikei Member. This was also the longest Impromptu Ride over 500km for 2 of the Wellington Members.

### *Training*

Ride Forever

The local Membership visit to the Wellington Traffic Control Centre (noted above) was organised by member Carey Griffiths who is also the Motorcycle Safety Manager for ACC. Carey presented a number of ACC cards that provided members with free attendance at a one day Ride Forever rider training course which has been taken up by a number of the members.

The course the Area Rep attended was conducted by Andrew Templeton and had 6 riders and 1 pillion and given the length of time these riders had been riding the course was the Gold course. Each of us came away having learnt a number of things that served to polish existing experience. The one catch phrase that continues to resonate with the Area Rep was 'trust your tyres'. This was a very good days experience and is recommended to all riders regardless of experience level.

#### Gravel Road Riding

The increase in local membership in Wellington and particularly in the Wairarapa due to the efforts of Motomart has seen increased interest in riding on gravel. A request from a new member for advice has led to a decision to put together a 1 day training session covering basic gravel road riding skills.

Peter Tibbs agreed to provide some advice based on his own long gravel riding experience. Pete wanted to keep the number for each session down to around 6 to 8 riders. Members were asked to nominate their day of the week preferences this resulted in one session on a Friday and another session on a Sunday. To date only Friday riders have attended this training with the weather intervening for the Sunday group. Clearly this type of riding advice will continue to be welcomed by members of all levels of experience.

#### *Event Support*

Members assisted the organizers of the Wellington event of the TRI series Triathlon's where they carried Referees to ensure that competitors observed the strict rules covering the cycle race section of this Triathlon. This event has clashed with the BMWOR National Rally and AGM in the last 2 years getting membership support has been a bit of a challenge.

#### *Area Reps Meeting – RNZ Police College at Porirua*

This was a very good meeting the first for the new Executive and a couple of the Area Reps and provided an opportunity to renew friendships with the other Area Reps. The issues discussed have been covered elsewhere in depth in the Newsletter and personally I came away with a very positive vibe for the future of the BMWOR and look forward to continuing my role as an Area Rep.

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#### **NELSON – Annual Report 2016**

The year started with a fantastic rally in beautiful Hanmer. We had 7 members and 1 prospective member (who is not only now a member but our Area Rep) attend.

Our rides have been well attended by Nelsons core BMWOR members and we've also managed to attract a few new riders. We are always happy to welcome new riders on whatever casual arrangement suits them. Some of our riders have been regular attendees at slow riding/skills based practice evenings and I've been invited to help run these as well. It's always good to see people upskill and prove even old dogs can learn new tricks, to that end I have also bought an early '80s Honda XR200 which will be available for any club member to brush up on the off-road side of things without scratching their shiny new (expensive) BMW.

We have had some great rides around the region this year & this brings home how awesome it is to live here. We are very lucky with the roads (sealed and unsealed) in the area and we are also usually pretty lucky with the weather. I personally have enjoyed a few more gravel and forestry roads this year, but I think the traction control on my R1150GS must be broken because I seem to go through back tyres awful quick.

Our second Sunday of the month rides have fallen on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day this year and we have welcomed our partners (either on their own bikes or as pillion). My wife at least, might feel like it's the only way she'll get to spend time with me on those special days.

We've had one overnighter this year to Titirangi Bay in the scenic Pelorus Sound via long and winding roads, this ride was enjoyed by all even though we had a fair bit of gravel to travel on.

We were looking forward to the South Island RAG Rally but due to the earth moving this was cancelled. We feel for our North Canterbury members. Our final ride for the year included a road option and an off-road option, we all met up after at Rabbit Island for a BBQ and a bit of Christmas cake.

I have been very encouraged by member's willingness to lead rides in my absence as well as write ride reports. I am relinquishing my role as Nelson area rep, as I think 2 years is enough of a commitment for now and that other people have valuable skills to share and may like to take rides in a different direction. I welcome Kevin Hewitt to the role and am always available to help him if needed.

Of course as well as the riding, we enjoy each other's company and a good old chin wag about bikes and whatever else takes our fancy and that is not likely to change.

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### **OTAGO SOUTHLAND – Annual Report 2016**

Late summer saw regular rides, roughly monthly as I recall until the unreliable autumn weather down here in the south made planning ahead unwise.

Spring has been quieter than intended. We helped out with a bicycle race, an experience I'd definitely recommend and a reminder of how hard case those bike racers are. I know a lot of us were looking forward to the SI RAG rally, but events rather overtook that.

I'm hoping to kick regular local rides off in the new year, I've been rather busy and inconvenienced by various events (I advise against removing a fingerprint with a kitchen knife, makes the cell phone harder to unlock and hampers putting gloves on for a while...). Watch this space, I'll soon do battle with the webmail system and its draconian limits on the length of the bcc list!

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