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## President's Podium February 2017

Wow, hats off to the organisers and sponsors of our 2017 Annual Rally in Napier last month! Jo and I really enjoyed the great programme, excellent accommodation and catering, brilliant rides and fabulous company. It was great to catch up with friends we'd not seen for some time and to meet quite a number of people new to the club.

You'll find the Annual General Meeting minutes published elsewhere but, in a nutshell, I'm honoured to be re-elected as President; we have a new constitution that will be more helpful when making decisions about the club's future sustainability;

your subscription fee will go up a bit next financial year; and we retain the previous executive team as a Board, with the exception that Neil Bartlett takes over from Folker as Membership Secretary.

Folker signalled he was looking to hand over the baton last year. Neil has been transitioning into the role and really getting his head around the changes we've been making. Thanks to both Folker and Neil for their excellent work together to make this handover seamless - and to Folker, we all wish you the very best in your new found retirement.

Over the weekend, it was also announced that our 2018 Annual Rally will be held in Cromwell on the weekend of 5/6 January. I appreciate the sentiments received from a couple of members regarding this earlier timing, but for everyone expressing a preference for late January there is always another that prefers we hold it earlier. The fact is that, through initial discussions with various venues more than 12 months ago, the only available dates were those now confirmed.

It wasn't that long ago we were obliged to hold the Annual Rally on the second weekend of January simply because of a clause in our constitution. To be fair, I can't say I've noticed any more or less attendance irrespective of the Rally being held early or later in the month. As I've mentioned, in the case of Cromwell next year we are largely driven by the availability of the venue and, while we do try and cater for the needs of all, we won't be shifting the dates.

I hope to see you there but also appreciate that family commitments over the New Year period will come first for some.

By now you'll have heard that Dave Morris is acting as temporary Editor of our newsletter and I owe him a deep debt of gratitude for stepping in when we needed it. We'd known for some time that Bruce intended to retire as Editor at the end of last year. I must say I was neither overly comfortable nor filled with much confidence having to wait until the last possible moment for someone to volunteer for the role, even temporarily. I'm left wondering now whether the job is just too big for a volunteer. Maybe, but that's not my view after seven years as Editor myself. Could the Editor's role be outsourced? How would we pay for that? Would we really want to pay for that?

I can tell you with some certainty that without the key position of Editor being filled the club simply can't produce this magnificent publication in any form, be it hard copy or an electronic version. I am open to all and any volunteers to step forward, and will consider a variation of the current monthly format; maybe once every two or three months or a reduction in content if that reduces the workload.

There are many questions we need to think about relating to the publication and distribution of the newsletter. It costs us a significant portion of the club's income to produce and distribute our newsletter as it is. Potential solutions were mooted by some members at the AGM and the Board will work through this as a priority this year. I would be very keen to hear from anyone with a view on how we can solve this problem. I'm sure there is a solution, and together we will find it - but it may take a little time and that's okay.

In the meantime there's plenty to get on with. Our next national event is the Annual RAG Rally Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka near National Park on the weekend of Saturday 1/Sunday 2 April. We'll also be looking to run an event in the South Island to substitute for the RAG Rally we had to cancel due to the Kaikoura earthquake.

If you're a relatively new member it would be great to see you at club events. Don't be shy! Pitch in, enjoy yourself and let us get to know you and you can get to know your club. We are, above all, a social motorcycle club dedicated to the BMW marque. All our members look forward to showing you what our club has to offer, either on a ride or at an event.

One of my highlights of the Rally was the opportunity to present Henry Plowright with his Life Membership certificate and pin. This is the club's most prestigious award and is not awarded lightly. To hand the certificate over personally to Henry proved to be quite an emotional moment, especially as it's long overdue, just a shame Trish was not there too. For those of you that know Henry, you'll know that it's not often you'll find Henry at a loss for words!

Garry

Cover

Yes, it **is** BMW related.

Every year BMW sponsor a Jazz Festival: The BMW Welt Jazz Award 2017. It kicked off its ninth season in January. This is a promotion photo for 2017.



# 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.

### Some of the Benefits

New replacement Motorcycle if a total loss occurs within 12 months of the insured motorcycle being first registered as a new Motorcycle up to 20,000km – this increases to 24 months and 30,000km for BMWOR members.

Windscreen/shield, headlights or **tail lights** covered – Nil excess.

**Roadside Assistance** is provided on comprehensively covered motorcycles.

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.

### Contact

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# BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

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## 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

### BMWOR National Events

#### March

**Friday 31: Dawn Chorus, Ruatiti Domain** - see Page Nine.

#### April

**Saturday/Sunday 01 - 02 R.A.G. Rally** - see page 10.

### 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.)

#### March

**Sunday 5 Auckland:** Café ride. Venue TBA via email. Make your own way there for 10am.

**Sunday 12 Rangitikei:** Ride to Mt Bruce Depart Ashhurst Fusion cafe at 10.00

**Sunday 12 Otago/Southland:** Ranfurly for lunch around 12:30

Monday 13 Auckland: Monthly meeting Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose 7.30pm.

**Monday 13 Canterbury:** Club night, Styx and Stone Bar and Restaurant in Northwood, Belfast.

Wednesday 15 Auckland: Mid-week ride. Meet Cyclespot BMW Barrys Point Road. 10am.

**Saturday/Sunday 18 -19 Wellington:** Monthly Club Ride is to Taihape for the overnighter – this is the twice cancelled ride from September & October 2016.

Sunday 19 Auckland: Monthly ride. Destination Paihia. Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

**Tuesday 28 Rangitikei:** Dinner in Wanganui venue to be confirmed.

Friday 31 Dawn Chorus - see Page Nine.

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# Area Reports

## Auckland

The astute amongst us will have noticed that there was no Auckland area report in last month's newsletter. I'd like to allay any suggestion that this was a product of the Area Rep not having his S#!t together, it was in fact a deliberate and sacrificial act which made available sufficient copy space for Ian McCartney's Kangaroo tale (see what I did there with Kangaroo and tale / tail?). Never mind, let's move on.

2017 kicked off for Auckland with a relaxed BBQ occasion (under threat of rubbish weather) followed by the phasing in of our foundation events (café run, monthly meeting, monthly ride, and the soon to be engaged midweek run). It's kind of therapeutic when the unnatural pressures of the Christmas / New Year period give way to the comfort of known routine. As comforting as this may be the reality is that "same old same old" is no way to go ahead and in fact would see us effectively going backwards because the world around us will be evolving and developing. Recognising this reality, a survey of our Auckland BMW community conducted over December / January formed the basis for discussion over recent weeks (particularly at our Feb monthly meeting held at the Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms Penrose). There's always apprehension around initiatives which could suggest change or could come head to head with entrenched views. My personal apprehension has been absolutely dispelled as parties from either end of the continuum and those of no particular alignment have united in balanced dialogue around the questions and potential answers arising from the survey and general discussion around our forward direction. Based on this alone, 2017 will be a good year for Auckland.

There will be plenty of space in this newsletter dealing with the 2016 Annual rally and AGM Napier but there's only one forum to express the respect and gratitude that Auckland attending members have for all those involved in making this event happen. This Auckland area report is that forum. The journey there (SH38), the community of "family" on site, the rides showcasing Hawkes Bay's back yard, the side shows (gymkhana, etc), seamless administration, rally dinner event (I hope those photo's never see the light of day), the journey home (Gentle Annie, Whakamaru, and popping out Hunua believe it or not), comprise an indelible memory. Thank you.

A part of the AGM centres around various awards but the one which endures in my mind is the awarding of life membership to Henry and Trish Plowright. Henry was genuinely shocked, uncharacteristically humble, and almost lost for words as he



Photos from the Castlepoint ride. Supplied by Don Cross



received this honour. In contrast to this humility is the mountain of evidence around their individual and joint works in support and furtherance of the BMWOR. Worthy recipients.

Auckland has an expectation going forward that foundation events will grow in participation, additional ad hoc ride

options will become known via social media, and we will combine with other regions around cross border rides and multi day events.

Stephen

### Taranaki Area Report

Hi All. Much the same as the rest of the Country we are still awaiting the arrival of Summer so not been getting a lot of participation on rides so far.

As Taranaki Ulysses Coordinator as well have been trying to combine our outings as both branches are lacking active numbers for these events. It appears Lunch/Brunch type outings to a destination are more popular than riding all day for most members so will keep trying along those lines, but any help or suggestions would be most appreciated.

Anne and I both enjoyed the Annual BMWOR Rally in Napier even though we arrived with a caravan and no bike for the first time ever. Congratulations to the organizing committee and all their helpers for a well run event and great venue.

Yesterday we had a very successful ride to Whangamomona for lunch and turned out one of the best I have been on out there. Numbers were down due to the forecast but we headed off in a bit of drizzle and damp road out, so good for practising caution on the corners, getting lines and speed right and being very aware of the surface, and making allowance for oncoming traffic not getting it quite right.

Coming up I am going to the Dawn Chorus and RAG Rally end of March if anyone is interested in joining up for the ride over and hope to hook up with the Wellington overnighter to Taihape on 18th and 19th March.

If anyone from the 'Naki is not getting my emails and would like to be put on the list please let me know and hope we see you all out there sometime soon.

Ray

### Rangatikei

Our meeting point was the Fusion Cafe in Ashhurst for our first group ride for 2017. No ride was scheduled in January because of the annual rally.

Our departure time was 10.00 am and gathered were 9 bikes two with pillion. The destination was Castlepoint and our route would take us over the Saddle road to Woodville then on to Pahiatua for a regroup. Lance Nixon departed to return to Wanganui while the remainder turned left in Pahiatua to head to Highway 52.

I had an unscheduled stop at Tane for a group photo of our bikes and in the background is the homestead built by my Great-grandfather in 1890. The home is now 127 years old and still occupied. Highway 52 is one of my favourite roads and is so much better in summer with no moss or wet corners that is the norm in winter.

Our next regroup was at Te Ore Ore just outside Masterton and then on to the road to Castlepoint. All the roads in Wairarapa are in excellent condition and make for a pleasant trip. We passed through Tinui, the site of the first ANZAC service held in New Zealand. Castlepoint is a scenic location with an excellent surf beach and the iconic lighthouse that seems to feature on every calendar each year. We had our lunch break and enjoyed the views.

A return trip to Masterton for coffee and fuel and we were set for the return journey home. It was up highway two until the turn of to Mangamaire and the Pahiatua track.

It was time to have some serious fun and I increased speed to see who would come with me for a blast over the track. I'm pleased to say I wasn't the only one who wanted to play. Mark and Graeme seemed happy with the increased pace. I

hope all our rides can be this much fun.

Don

### Wellington

Sunday, 5 February – Destination Ride – The Beachhouse Cafe – South Coast. This was the first ride of this type undertaken since I was Area Rep and we had 12 members attend; 10 from Wellington and 2 Nelson members passing through on their way home from the National Rally, Reviti and Sue Verma. The venue was crowded so we were not all able to sit together, however, the feedback has been positive and it is planned to have another similar ride in early March.

Monday, 13 February - Club Social get together - Petone Workingmen's Club from 6pm. Eleven members attended and enjoyed the facilities at PWMC.

Sunday, 19 February – Monthly Club Ride – This ride was to Kimbolton Pub for lunch riding via Ashhurst, Pohangina Valley and Apiti, departing the BP Mana 09:00. – Ride report next month.

Peter

### Otago & Southland

- A very brief piece: A select group of Otago/Southland riders converged on Arrowtown for a fine lunch, conversation, and to watch the parking antics of hordes of tourists in rental cars. It was always going to be a limited turnout because of the clash with the Annual Rally, but it was a consolation ride for those of us unable to make it to the main event... As always, it was good to catch up with friends old and new, and to admire new bikes. Hope to see folks next time, when we're off to Invercargill to admire old bikes.

Andy



Otago/Southland: Wandering the byways of the South. Supplied by Andy H.

## Rally/AGM Photos



### NEW MEMBERS

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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# DAWN CHORUS 2017



Dawn Chorus will be held once again in the idyllic peaceful

## Ruatiti Domain

at the back of beyond,  
of  
Raetihi.

There is no standing accommodation at this domain. Camping, caravan or motor-home is the only choice. There is no cost for

a site and toilet and shower facilities are there.

Join the Hardy Brothers and enjoy the comradeship of fellows of the opposed twin (Included are K and F).

**More info about the Domain can be found here:**

<http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/SiteCollectionDocuments/Brochures/Parks%20and%20Reserves/parks%20reserves%20-%20ruatiti%20domain.pdf>

**Date: Friday March, 31st 2017.**

You will need to be self-sufficient with shelter, appropriate clothing and food, including cooking and utensils. Usually we have breakfast 'down the road'. Some of us carry on to **BMWOR RAG Rally** from there.

Join up with riding mates and make you own way to the venue. Preferred camping area is down toward the junction of the two rivers.

**Contact for questions and info:**

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## Changes to Annual Member Fees.

With the introduction of the new Database and the changes to the value of the annual membership made at the AGM, there is now a change to the way in which Annual Membership Fees are paid.

Annual Membership Fees are now due on the Anniversary of your joining the club. Page 8 of the February Newsletter will explain how to check your anniversary date.

Over the next year, there is a transition from the old system to the new and as a result when your automated notification arrives advising that your Fees are due, that fee payment will be from the End of June this year until your anniversary date next year.

This is explained fully if you read: <https://www.bmwor.org.nz/changes-annual-membership-fees/>.

Enquiries to Membership Secretary on [membership@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:membership@bmwor.org.nz) or to the Secretary on [secretary@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz)

**April**

**Sunday 9th Otago/Southland:** Kaka Point for lunch around 12:30.

**May**

**Sunday 7th Otago/Southland:** "Autumn colours" ride to Lawrence for lunch around 12:30 at the Wild Walnut.

**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** - and they can **BRING THE COURSE TO YOU** if you can come up with the numbers and a venue: speak to Finn.



# 2017 R.A.G.\* Rally

**Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka**

Saturday 01 April - Sunday 02 April 2017

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

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

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

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

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

**To secure and pay for your entry, either:**

- fill out the booking form below, attach your cheque and post it to RAG Rally, PO Box 109-245, Newmarket, Auckland 1149; OR
- send an email to secretary@bmwor.org.nz with RAG Rally in the subject line with the details required on the booking form below in the text and **pay by internet banking to the BMWOR 'Event' account 03-1519-0034447-001 NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER!!!!** (Please include your surname as the payee and 'RAG' as a reference).

**Please note:** 2017 RAG Rally badges will only be available for entries received by 5:00 pm Friday 24 February, otherwise bookings must be received by Friday 18 March for catering purposes.



## RAG\* Rally Booking Form

Name ..... Membership No .....

**Please book me and the following people:**.....

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

Number of badges required ..... @ \$15.00 each = \$.....My cheque for \$ ..... is attached.

**\*RAG** stands for **Rough As Guts**, but it isn't really.

## CUSTOMISING PARTS For The R nine T Family

### BMW Motorrad presents Machined Parts

Turning a motorbike into an unmistakably unique specimen is something that particularly fuels the motorcycling passion of many fans. This is precisely why BMW Motorrad has extended the design program of its Original BMW Motorrad Accessories to include the “Machined” range of customising parts for the models R nineT, R nine T Pure, R nineT Scrambler, R nine T Racer and R nine T Urban G/S.

Elaborately produced in high-quality aluminium, their extravagant design is mainly intended to lend expression to an individual passion for fine, premium-grade motorcycle technology.

The unique design was created in collaboration with Roland Sands, the well-known customiser based in USA/California.

A special manufacturing technique ensures a surface quality with attractive contrasts between glossy black and aluminium.

The parts are initially made from an aluminium forging blank using a CNC-controlled machine tool, after they undergo elaborate hand-polishing before application of a black coating.

Selected areas are then milled once more so that the original distinctive aluminium surface becomes visible again.

All “Machined Parts” bear a BMW logo or a BMW Motorrad inscription. The inscription “by Roland Sands Design” is also applied to emphasise the designer’s signature style. In the colour combination black-aluminium, the parts blend in particularly organically with the vintage look of the models.

<https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0267920EN/bmw-motorrad-presents-machined-parts-fine-quality-customising-parts-for-the-r-ninet-family>.



Young Dan. As never before. This pic was used in local Napier newspapers to publicise the coming Rally in the area.

*'Am I glad I did it?  
Hell yeah.'*

David, Australia - Road of Bones



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Fine People - Fine Dining.

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BMW Owners Register of NZ Inc. held on Saturday 28th January 2017 in the Ko Nga Ara Tumanako Lounge at the Eastern Institute of Technology, 5012 Gloucester Rd, Taradale in conjunction with the Annual Rally.

Start: 5.04 pm

Opening: President Garry welcomed all members to the meeting. Thanks to the Organisers of the rides today, The designer and organiser of the gymkhana, the Hawkes bay organizing team.

Attendance: President Garry Williams, Vice President Grant Aislabie, Secretary Dave Ross, Treasurer Robin Wood, Membership Secretary Neil Bartlett, Member Rep Dale Grover and 73 members.

Apologies: Arne Rohde – Papamoa, Peter & Ann Tibbs – Masterton, Greg Campbell – Christchurch, Lance Nixon & Heather Mitchell-Anyon – Wanganui. Trish Plowright – Auckland. Warren and Lex Taylor - Rangiora, Murray & Jeanette Pethrick – Levin. Geoff Stot - Christchurch . Graeme & Sue Duncan – Cambridge. Terry Ellis-Smith - Auckland.

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were supplied, confirmed and taken as read.

Moved Garry Williams #1510

Seconded John Wuts #1867

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President's Annual Report

Welcome

Welcome everybody, and I'll start off by thanking everyone who has done such a great job in bringing this weekend together. Progress on priorities for 2016.

### Updating the Constitution

Grant has done an extremely thorough job with the constitution update. The feedback on our proposed amendments has been very positive; the only thing left to do is to have it adopted at this meeting.

Improving membership process and records management.

David, Folker and Neil have done a marvellous job realising a plan to upgrade an obsolete membership database. We now have a specifically designed 'cloud based' application, which means a few changes to the way in which membership is managed. For example, we will be shifting to membership renewal based on the anniversary of joining dates and being able to invoice accordingly.

### Developing our social media capability

We have been working with a web design studio called Netti, sister company to Printing.Com to re-purpose the Club's current website. Our aim is a mobile friendly and responsive website and web shop which will underpin future developments in our social media strategy.

### The trophy review

At our July meeting, the Executive agreed that recommendations from the trophy review led by Lance and Rangitikei members are adopted and implemented following this AGM. The exception is the introduction of a South Island RAG award as South Island Reps did not feel this was necessary. We have a plan and will roll this out shortly.

### Key events over the year

I got an opportunity to visit our club stand at the Ride Forever Motorcycle Show 13-14 August at the ASB Showgrounds in Auckland. This year it wasn't a case of who came to the show, but who was missing. There were 27 clubs representing all ages, marques, styles and interests. Auckland Area Rep Stephen and friends did a superb job with the stand; it really stood out and appeared to me to capture and hold people's attention with ease. It was fabulous to see Paul Edlington and Trevor Stafford, who were obviously enjoying every minute they manned the stand.

It was fantastic to see many club members at the GS Rallye in Raglan on 16 April. I lived in Raglan for many years and there's plenty of amazing gravel and sealed routes around the area. The crew organising the GS Rallye did a great job of catering for true dual purpose bikes and riders had loads of options to suit their riding preferences. Of equal importance though was the chance to catch up with friends who enjoyed a decade of BMW Safaris. Quite a few people I met weren't riding but joined us for welcome barbeque on Friday evening and the after ride dinner on Saturday.

Locally, it was great to see so many people turn out at Avon City Motorcycles for our "100 Years of BMW" celebration. Area Rep Jo did a fabulous job organising fresh baked pretzels, apple strudel, bratwurst sausages and sauerkraut - the BBQ was going non-stop! There was plenty of interest in the lineup of performance machines; an R90S, an HP4 and a K1 each provoking much discussion. Elliot had the BBQ organised, along with a couple of R Nine T's as demos so there was plenty going on for those interested in seeing what BMWs and our club are all about.



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It was a proud moment in September when ACC Minister Nikki Kaye announced that our Canterbury Area Rep and Life Member, Jo Buckner, had been appointed to the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (MSAC). The council represents the motorcycling community and is working with ACC exploring a range of new initiatives involving rider skills, road user behaviour, road and roadside improvements and motorcycle safety technology. Jo brings to the Council a strong background of leadership and advisory experience, along with a passion for motorcyclists' safety.

I'm sure you'll appreciate having a club member playing a key role influencing the work of ACC and others aimed at reducing motorcycle crashes and the impact they have on riders, their families and the community.

#### Area Reps

The work of Area Reps in making local activities interesting and engaging for new members is crucial. I certainly appreciate your efforts and do not take it for granted. I am also convinced that there's real value in bringing Area Reps together to share their experiences, knowledge and local perspectives on the things that work well for them and things that don't. Real innovation often falls out of such gatherings. I am, as are the executive team, committed to bringing Area Reps together from time to time and I look forward to our next gathering.

#### Change in positions

While we're on the topic of Area Reps, I'm delighted that Kevin Hewitt has taken over duties in the Nelson area. Thanks for stepping up Kevin, and thanks Dale for the contribution you've made for Nelson based members during your time. Also, while our search for a permanent Editor is not over, Dave Morris has agreed to take over from Bruce on a temporary basis. Many of you will know Dave as a previous Editor of the club newsletter so you know he'll do a great job in the interim. While I'm still hopeful we can find someone who will pick up the role on a more permanent basis, I owe Dave a deep debt of gratitude for stepping in when we needed it.

I'll take this as another opportunity to thank Bruce for the sterling work he has done for the club over the last few years and wish him all the best in his "retirement".

I'd also like to thank Folker for his commitment to the Membership Secretary role over the last few years. Folker signaled he was looking to hand over the baton last year and Neil Bartlett from Wellington has been transitioning into the role and really getting his head around the changes we've wanted to make. Thanks to both Folker and Neil for their excellent work together to make this change seamless. Folker, we all wish you the very best in your new found retirement.

I do want to thank all of you here. As members, you are the most important resource our club has. Everyone is good at something, and the ability of people with different skills to work willingly together for the betterment of the club and themselves is a powerful thing.

Last and by no means least, I want to thank my colleagues on the Executive team for the work they've done this year and the way in which each has undertaken particular tasks. We work well together as a team, partnering up and bringing our collective strengths to our purpose.

I'm privileged to be part of this club and happy to serve as your President for another year if you'll have me.

Moved Garry Williams #1510

Secoded Henry Plowright #795

#### Treasurer Annual Report

It gives me pleasure to present to our members the Treasurers Report and Statement of Financial Position for the twelve months ended 30th June 2016 together with the projected summary of Income & Expenditure for the year to 30th June 2017.

Please note that the accounts have been prepared on a 'Cash' rather than 'Accrual' basis and therefore do not take into account any outstanding debtors or creditors as at balance date. However, apart from normal operational income and expenditure there was no other abnormal costs/income as at that date.

#### Operational Income & Expenditure:

##### Income:

Total income for the year was \$24,963 down by \$4,231 from previous year.

Magazine advertising the main component of this reduction – down by \$3,430 to \$4,020.

Subscriptions remained consistent at \$19,321.

##### Expenditure:

Total costs rose by \$7,671 to \$33,204. Major contributors to this were:

Advertising – up by \$1,331 to \$1,653.

AGM Costs – up by \$1,919 to \$2,669 – This includes the \$2.5k contribution to National Rally organisers to cover associated costs of providing location and setting for AGM.

Badges/Trophies – up by \$2,381 to \$3,162. Represented by bulk purchased of 'blanks' for future use and trophy refit.

Travel/Meeting costs – up by \$2,391 to \$5,169. Includes Executive and Area Rep meetings.

#### Surplus/Deficit:

Result for the year is an operating deficit of \$8,241 and after all 'Event' & 'Regalia' Income/Expenditure is taken into account we have an overall deficit of \$13,952 for the year. This has seen our Members Funds decrease to \$41,570.

#### Summary of Net Cash Generated by Special Activities:

1. Gear Shop – Deficit \$538. Generated after major stock purchases of \$2,815 and sales of only \$1,580 resulting in an increased closing stock figure of \$5,695.
2. National Rally/AGM 2017 – Surplus \$781. Reflects early registrations less insurance payment.
3. National Rally/AGM 2016 – Deficit \$6,439. I feel this item needs a more detailed and informed explanation than what the raw data reveals. In this respect I have attached a full breakdown of total income and expenditure for this event.
4. NI RAG Rally – Surplus \$485. Generated after all registration income and full costs.

#### Capital Expenditure:

There was no expenditure on capital items during the year.

#### Cash Reserves:

We hold \$25k on Term Deposit. This will be reduced throughout this financial year as overhaul/redevelopment of website and database costs take effect.

#### Treasurers Recommendations:

##### 1. Subscriptions:

Over the past couple of years we have held a healthy reserve. Some have said too healthy. During the past year we reduced this by partly subsidising activities associated with the 2016 National Rally/AGM. Also the Executive has budgeted to carry out a substantial review and overhaul to our website and membership database which will see a further reduction in these reserves. Therefore, in light of budgeted expenditure and to maintain a break-even financial regime, I recommend an increase in subs. Specifically a \$15.00 increase to \$60.00 per member and \$6.00 per partner.

In recommending this it is important to note that subs have been held at current levels for several years despite cost increases in postage and printing and should my recommendation be adopted, based on current membership levels, will see approximately \$7k lift in income.

##### 2. Joining Fee:

I recommend that this be maintained at \$0.00 for the time being but continued to be reviewed annually.

##### 3. Budget 2016/2017:

In terms of our Constitution I also present for your information an estimate of the operational Income & Expenditure for the current financial year to 30 June 2017. This has been prepared and based on membership levels at 30 June 2016. Subscription increases as proposed in item 1 above are not reflected, as they would not come into effect until the 2017/18 financial year. However I did do the exercise to show what this increase in subs would have produced should they have been in place for the current financial year. This would have resulted in an operating deficit of \$12,155 after allowing for a \$14k

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expenditure on Website/Database overhaul.

I table this report and move the Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2016, Budget Forecast to 30th June 2017 and proposed increase in subscriptions be accepted. (Details of the financial report are attached as an appendix to these minutes)

#### Questions

- Costs re Database?
- Costs re Website?
- Cost blow out re last year's Rally?
- Newsletter. Hard copy vs electronic? Costs..?
- Newsletter costs don't seem to have increased from last year?

#### Suggestions

- People who want newsletter could pay more for subs?
- Newsletter production cost now \$18,000-00 per year. May need to go Electronic?
- Suggest that new website can 'Pull Newsletter' rather than 'Push' as in now?
- Printed copy Newsletter End date as advertising income going down?
- Printed Newsletter purchased from Gear shop?

Moved Robin Wood #2560  
Seconded Garry Williams #1510

Proposal: That the annual subscription is moved to \$60-00 for the year.

Moved Geoff Gover #3083  
Seconded Henry Plowright #795  
Vote: Carried unanimously.

#### Secretary's Annual Report

This has been my first year as the Secretary for our Organisation. It has been an interesting and sometimes challenging experience. Apart from recording the discussion and content of various meeting, I also have the role of looking after Inward and Outward Correspondence.

There are the regular contact and magazines from:

- BMW Touring Club of New South Wales
- BMW Car Club
- BeeEm Club of Victoria
- BMW ON (Owners News) of America

I have also dealt with general enquiries from our members and some Area Representatives. This past year there has also been information both received and sent regarding:

- Service Awards and Badges
- Companies Office for changes to the Constitution
- Extended Liability Insurance
- AON Insurance Policy data
- InterIslander – BMWOR Club Discounts
- Both Trust Bank and Westpac (forwarded to Treasurer),
- Eight (8) notifications from members re non-renewal of membership, and
- A Significant number of cheques for membership renewal

The multi layered and confusing processes for Membership Renewal and Recording lead to a sub-committee being formed for the development of the new Membership Database. I have worked on that project since it was formed and the Membership Database is now both complete and operational. If re-elected, I look forward to another exciting year.

#### Membership Secretary Annual Report

With the previous Membership Secretary signaling his desire to hand over the role, midway through last year I offered my services to the Club for that role.

I have attended a number of the executive meetings and also spent a weekend with Folker in the Hawkes Bay in an effort to understand and learn the complicated process. We were both very pleased when a subcommittee was formed to develop a new Membership Database. I formally took over the role in November of last year. I acknowledge Folker Liebenow with both the extensive time and effort he committed to the club in that role. The Secretary and I have worked closely together in the development of the new 'cloud based' Membership Database and the end result will benefit both the Club and the Members. Training Packages for the Executive and the Area Reps had been created and the feedback has been very positive. Information has recently been sent out to all of our Members with instructions of how to:

- Check and confirm their personal details (including a Year of Birth),
- Check and/or amend their contact details (including their email addresses),
- Add Next of Kin or Emergency Contact Details,
- Update and record the type/s of Motorcycle/s they have or have previously owned,
- Update or amend their preferences for details to appear in the Member Services Directory, and
- Update or select their preference for receiving the BMWOR Newsletter.

It is important that these details are completed as the Database now produces:

- Information on the number of Newsletters needed to be printed,
- the labels for delivery addresses of the Newsletter,
- the electronic Newsletter delivery list,
- prepare the details for the Member Services Directory

The Membership Database will also now:

- Automatically advise our members when their Annual Membership Fees are due. (The new system is now based on the Anniversary of your joining the Club and not in the congested period of June-July).
- Provide important demographics for the Executive so as to assist in providing services that our members need and to further the needs of our organisation.
- Be easier and simpler for our members to access their own information.

The membership count at last year's AGM stood at 557 members (including partners). The current Membership Count now stands at 699 (including partners but excluding 38 Club and Company references). The relationship between BMW Dealers and the BMWOR for Introductory membership has assisted in this growth.

The new system has now created Eight (8) Categories of Membership. The breakdown is as follows:

Associate Members 29  
Clubs 08  
Company 30  
Full Members 586  
Insurance Members 01  
Introductory Members 40  
Life Members 29  
Overseas Members 14  
TOTAL 737

New processes have also been developed for accepting and recording new members and in the way that current members are able to pay for Membership Renewals, Events and items from the Store.

The new Database was quietly transitioned into use in early December. Over the next few months there maybe a few teething issues and any issues or problems can be directed to either the Secretary or me for remedy. I am excited about the year ahead.

## REMIT

Introduction to Remit by Garry Williams.

Current constitution refers to 'Amendments' being published in the Newsletter. This is a new Constitution created by the Executive for our Club. It has been discussed with the Area Reps and links sent out for feedback and comment. I acknowledge those who read and commented on the draft constitution. Most of the comments were very positive and there were also a couple of very good suggestions that have since been incorporated into the document.

Introduces Grant Aislabie.

At the AGM held at Hanmer Springs, I accepted the position as long as there was no work. Then I accepted the challenge of writing the new constitution. The previous constitution had lots of amendments, over amendments and over other amendment. The new constitution as been re-written in the spirit of the old constitution. Some major changes have been signalled, in particular the length of term for office holders so as to maintain continuity of knowledge.

Motion:

That the rules of the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand Incorporated, dated 5 July 1999, are revoked and the rules attached to this notice of motion made in substitution.

Rationale:

The proposed constitution has been written to update the rules of the Club.

Moved: Grant Aislabie #2621

Seconded: Bob Hunt #3264

Vote: Carried unanimously.

## ELECTIONS:

President: Garry Williams - No other nominations.

Nominated: Don Cross #2913

Seconded: Revti Verma #1967

Elected unanimously

Vice Pres: Grant Aislabie – No other nominations

Nominated: Garry Williams #1510

Seconded: Barry Richardson #911

Elected unanimously

Secretary: David Ross - No other nominations

Nominated: Garry William #1510

Seconded: Grant Aislabie #2621

Elected unanimously

Treasurer: Robin Wood - No other nominations

Nominated: Garry Williams #1510

Seconded: Grant Aislabie #2621

Elected unanimously

Membership Secy: Neil Bartlett – No other noms

Nominated: Garry Williams #1510

Seconded: Folker Liebenow #2466

Elected unanimously

Member Representative: Dale Grover

Nominated: Garry Williams #1510

Seconded: Revti Verma #1967

Elected unanimously

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

a. Guest Speaker – Leone STEADMAN – AON Insurance.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 6.13 pm

Appendices:

• Area Reports from Auckland, East Coast, Rangitikei, Wellington, Nelson. \*

• Non Executive Reports

• Financial reports

(See overpage)

\*Area Reports

Canterbury: Verbally presented. Points covered included area contact via Facebook, local social events and rides.

Waikato: Verbally presented and covered monthly Coffee and Chat nights. Rides – struggle to get some (members) out.

Going good.

## Attachments to the AGM Report

(6 pages)

Click on link

Including Editor, Webmaster, Regailia and Area Reps.

<http://www.bmwor.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Combined-reports.pdf>

<https://www.bmwor.org.nz/2017-agm-minutes-reports/>

## Gravel Road Riding - Training

With the increase in new members in Wellington most resulting from the great sales efforts of our local Dealership, Motomart, members were asked if they would like some training in basic gravel road riding. The response was positive and the first of these sessions was presented by Peter Tibbs to a group of 7 riders all with varying levels of experience at the Menzshed in Masterton on Friday morning 28 October.

Tibsy noted that he wasn't an instructor and what he was about to present was how he rides on gravel based his experiences over the years, dating back to when the gear and brake pedals were on the opposite sides of the bike from to days machines, i.e. quite a while ago. He basically covered off what he does how he does it when he does it and why he does it all presented in clear no BS style.

Tibsy prepared and used a prompting sheet titled 'Let's all start from scratch' with a list of headings that he spoke to e.g. The types of bikes we ride, Moving from seal to gravel, Braking on gravel, Cornering on gravel, Corrugations and Running off the road and many more. This gave a pretty good insight into riding on gravel and what to do in a range of situations.

After a quick coffee at the Menzshed

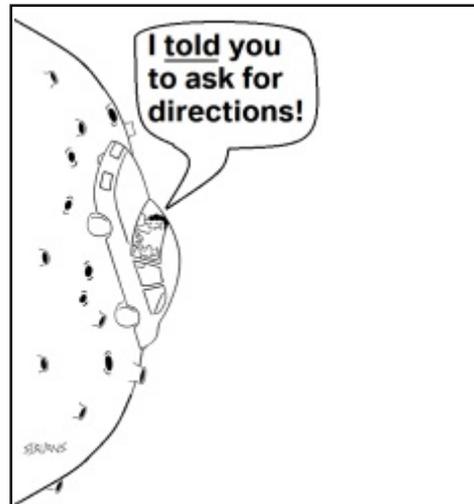
then we moved outside where a Menzshed member took a photo of the group and we departed on a variety of gravel roads in land from Eketahuna. Tibsy led and we covered straight, winding, hilly, wide, narrow, fine and deeper gravel and as is often the case in the Wairarapa, no traffic.

We had a lunch stop in Eketahuna where the mornings riding was discussed, experiences swapped and problems sorted out. After lunch we re-rode some of the morning's roads but from the other direction and finished the day at McDonalds in Masterton where we had another debrief before riding home.

A very instructive and constructive day was had by all of us and this was the first of these Riding Gravel Roads sessions to be run. There is another group who chose a Sunday as their training day so we just have to wait for the weather to settle to get a fine Sunday.

The ride home was interesting from a weather perspective we rode into a southerly on the Wairarapa side. On leaving Masterton the ambient temperature was 19, at the bottom of the Rimutaka Hill 14, Summit 10, bottom on the Wellington side 13 and raining.

Peter Nash



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# Rally/AGM Photos



Nelson Rulz



Napier Mayor Bill Dalton Opens the Rally



The 2017 AGM gets under way.



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