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President's Podium July 2017



It was with great sadness that Jo and I learned of Alexis "Lex" Taylor losing her courageous battle with cancer, passing away peacefully at home with her family at her bedside. Aside from being a very close friend, Lex was also half the team filling the role of Canterbury Area Rep for many years, a Life Member of our club and a true stalwart within it. Lex made the world a brighter place. Our deepest and sincerest condolences are with Warren and the family.

It's starting to get cold down here. You might have noticed if you were one of the 1500 or so participants enjoying a frosty camp under the stars for the 37th Brass Monkey Rally further south at Otarehuna in Central Otago. From the multiple Facebook posts I've been sent it appears to have been another great weekend for many of our members. If you made the trip, good on you!

As you'll have read in previous newsletters, Barry is working on the 2018 Annual Rally we're holding in Cromwell. The club's 2018 Annual General Meeting will also be held over the same weekend. The Annual Rally registration form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and more about the programme will appear as it develops. Jo and I are already looking forward to it!

I am also looking forward to bringing Area Reps together again soon. We'll have a date and venue sorted in the very near future. On our agenda will be time for discussion on topics that matter to them and to consider how, through collaboration and the support of the Board, we will continue to add value and improve engagement with you as a valued member.

We'll take a look at the benefits of being a member of the BMWOR and make sure we all understand what these are and can talk to them confidently. For example, there's our club insurance scheme with Aon, which some refer to as "cheap" when they talk about it. That's not really the message because it's not about being cheap. It's about what the Aon policy provides in terms of quality of cover, along with good savings on premiums for members who might look for the same level of cover elsewhere.

Our ultimate goal is to make it as attractive as possible for all BMW riders to choose to be members of our club and provide equal opportunity to participate in rides or social events on a regular basis irrespective of where you live.

I've mentioned previously that Dave agreed to take on the Editor's role temporarily while we seek someone to take on the job longer-term. At our last Board meeting we determined that what is actually needed is more of a 'media management' type of role. We have a number of options we're working our way through, one of which will be to advertise such a role internally. We know everybody is good at something, and it may be that we have someone in the club with the necessary skills and the time available to help us out with the important job of communication and engagement. We decided we will have a go at finding that person from inside the club first.

The ability of people with different skills to work willingly together for the betterment of all is a powerful thing. As a member, you are the most important resource we have and, as in all clubs, you generally get out of it what you put in. If you think things could or should be different in your Area, talk to your Area Rep about how you can help out organising rides or social events. If you've got ideas or skills that can be put to use to improve our club at a national level then give me a call. I'm sure we'll find something you can help with.

Wherever your travels take you in July; stay warm, be safe and have fun!

Garry

Right:
Ray, Dave,
Peter at
Ruatiti.
Dawn
Chorus.



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BMWOR 2016 Motorcycle Insurance Scheme

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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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Roadside Assistance is provided on comprehensively covered motorcycles.

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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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BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

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

Riding Code:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Events Calendar

National Events

January 2018. BMWOR AGM & Annual Rally. (See page 6.)

Area Events

Northland

Contact Area rep

Auckland

Sun 2nd July Café run. Destination, Café View, Wainui Golf Club, 35 Windmill Dve, Wainui 0992. Make your own way there for 10am.

Monday 10th July Monthly Meeting. 7.30pm Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose.

Sunday 16th July Monthly ride. Kopu / Thames. Meet BP Service Centre M/way Sth between Papakura and Drury off ramps 9.00am for 9.30 departure.

Wednesday 19th July. Mid-week ride. Meet Cyclespot BMW Barrys Point Road 10am.

Sunday 6th August. Café run. Destination TBA. Make your own way there for 10am.

Monday 14th August Monthly meeting. Venue TBA 7.30pm.

Wednesday 16th August. Mid-week ride. Meet Cyclespot BMW Barrys Point Road 10am.

Sunday 20th August Monthly Ride. Waipu Cove. Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

Waikato

Contact Area Rep

Bay Of Plenty

Sunday 15th. July. 9am Ride to Kawhia. Depart B.P. Tauranga Lakes. Sealed roads to Kawhia. GS option for ride home.

Sunday 6th. August. 9am Ride to the Coromandel Peninsula. Depart Bethlehem Hot Bread shop. Ride Via Whangamata. Lunch at Hot Water Beach. Return via Whangamata, or Kopu, as you wish.

Taranaki

Contact Area Rep

Rangitikei

Contact Area Rep

East Coast

Contact Area rep

Wellington

Note – In addition to the events noted here we 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.



“Gateway to Paradise”

2018 Rally and AGM

The 2018 Annual Rally and AGM are going to be held in Cromwell in the heart of Central Otago, commencing on Friday afternoon January 5 and concluding on Monday morning January 8. Put these dates in your diary now!

The venue is “The Gate” which is booked out to us for that period. It is a terrific venue which has just been refurbished and developed, as has much of the Cromwell town centre across the road, and you will be able to be as busy or as lazy as you like in this fantastic location! The Gate is an upmarket motor lodge with very comfortable, quiet rooms, all with great views of the surrounding mountains and vineyards, and of course there is plenty of safe parking for our BMWs. It is also close to Lake Dunstan and there are great walks in all directions for those whose bottoms are sore from lots of riding!

The Gate has its own cafe, “Forage”, which is open from early morning until late in the day, and which caters for all tastes and wallets. If you want to stretch your legs a bit, cross the road and check out the cafes, bars and eateries of the Cromwell.

Over the Rally weekend there will be organised road rides and adventure rides—we can even organise for you to hire a trail bike if you come on your road bike. There will also be a wine tour for those wine lovers amongst you. If you want to do your own thing, the choices are huge, from Highlands Park to the many cafes and historical townships and sites that abound in Central Otago.

Once you have registered, we will send you a Rally Pack which will give you advance notice of what you can expect in Paradise---and yes, we can even take you there!

Please do not contact The Gate yourself because all room bookings will be done as part of registration which will open in the July Newsletter.

So, watch for developments—January is not far away!

REGISTER NOW - SEE NEXT PAGE

Wellington continued ...

Sunday – 09 July - Destination Ride – Palmers Garden Centre - Miramar

Thursday - 13 July - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:30pm this will be the Mid Winter Buffet Night in the Kensington Restaurant. A numbers request will be sent out in early July.

Sunday – 16 July - Monthly Club Ride to Lake Ferry Pub – Lunch

Sunday – 13 August - Destination Ride – TBA

Monday – 14 August - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm

Sunday – 20 August – Monthly Club ride to Riversdale Beach – Lunch

Sunday – 10 September - Destination Ride – TBA

Monday – 11 September - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm

Sunday – 17 September - Monthly Club ride to the Woolshed Cafe Sanson - Lunch

Nelson

Contact Area Rep

Marlborough

Contact Area Rep

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REGISTRATION FORM - 2018 ANNUAL RALLY

‘THE GATE’, CROMWELL, CENTRAL OTAGO.

Friday 5-Monday 8 January

Name/s	
Address	
Email	

BMWOR Number		Area	
Phone		Mobile	
Bike / Model		Year	

	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Registration (non-refundable)		\$25-00	
2018 Rally Badge		\$12-00	
Friday evening ‘Meet & Greet’: Rolling Pizza		\$18-00	
Saturday evening: Dinner		\$47-00	
Sunday evening: ‘Burger-fest’		\$18-00	
Polo shirt: circle size /s S M L XL 2XL 3XL		\$45-00	
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TOTAL			

Cancellations – Registration fee is non-refundable. Other fees refundable, depending on costs incurred

Please mail all Registration Forms – (including cheques made out to BMWOR) – to: Barry Richardson 25 Boundary Road ALEXANDRA 9320 Or SCAN and EMAIL to: sn.btrichardson@xtra.co.nz	Payment by Internet Banking BMWOR Event Account 03-1519-0034447-001 NB – This is NOT the subscription account Please reference with: NAME, BMWOR Member Number Rally	General enquiries to: Rally Coordinator Barry Richardson 03 448 8681 sn.btrichardson@xtra.co.nz All entries will be acknowledged Registrations close: Tuesday 12 December 2017
DISCLAIMER: This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the register’s official newsletter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan		

Canterbury

Forward dates - 2nd Wednesday of every month: 12 July; 9 August; 13 September; 11 October; 8 November; 13 December.

Canterbury Club Night – note change of dates and venue for the rest of the year.

- 6.30 pm onwards at the Papanui Club, 310 Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui. (Carvery/Club Bar – choice of carvery or menu.)
- You need to either be a member or one of 5 guests of a member of the Papanui Club (or similar club elsewhere) to dine and have a drink – check with those there on the night or take out membership yourself – it is only \$30 per year so well worth it. Membership will give you access to other facilities – with pool tables and darts boards we might have to get a competition going! More information at <http://www.papanuiclub.co.nz/>

Saturday Morning Coffee – Avon City Motorcycles. You're always welcome to drop in and have a coffee and a natter at Avon City Motorcycles – especially on Saturday mornings. Rob Newton and other stalwarts will see you there – remember to take some chocolate biccies to share with Eliot and the Avon City team.

Mid-Week Get-Togethers.

Not bound by the 9 to 5 workaday grind and looking for something motorcycle inclined to do during the week? Let me know your ideas for a regular mid-week

get-together and I'll get it advertised.

Jo Buckner. Canterbury Area Coordinator.

Otago & Southland

Contact Area Rep

Members of other Areas should contact their Area Rep or listed Area Reps of above events.

My name is David Winters and I live in Sydney, Australia. I'm a keen BMW rider and currently have a 2006 R1200RT SE in the shed. I have toured a fair chunk of Australia on my previous bike an R1150RT, also Great Britain and some of Europe on a hired R1200GS.

I'd love to tour NZ but not keen on throwing thousands at a bike hire place or shipping my bike. I'm interested in a bike swap arrangement, i.e. I come to NZ and ride your bike, you come to Australia and ride mine, not necessarily at the same time.

We can work out something between us where neither party is out of pocket for running expenses, etc. Times, dates and details are open to negotiation.

I work for the Royal Australian Navy providing Marine Engineering advice and know my way around machinery. I am 51 years of age and have held my motor cycle license for 34 years. My bike is in pristine condition, fully loaded and ready to go.

If you're interested I'm keen to hear from you, just drop me a line at davidwinters2@gmail.com

Thanks, David Winters.

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Right - Auckland Report: "Just love some of the machinery that turns up on café runs"



Left - East Coast Report: How to fit 24 people at a table.

Below - Wellington toy bikes.



Reports From The Areas

Auckland.

It's a tad tricky for a rep to compile an area report if that rep hasn't managed to make it to any events. To make it even more difficult the monthly meeting was cancelled because he realised he wasn't even in the country. As luck would have it, I have received some intel around what's been going on while I've been "missing in action".

The café run to Shelly Beach on June 4th enjoyed good weather even though much of Auckland was having a rubbish weather weekend. Six riders made the 10am target and enjoyed brunch during which another 4 riders turned up and joined for coffee etc. The proprietors of The Jetty Café must have been thanking their lucky stars for the biker fraternity as locals seemed absent which just left our 10 and 4 non-associated riders for much of the brunch time frame. A stack of Ulysses bikes turned up to provide a second wave for lunch. The café runs are perfect for establishing a sense of community within the club and also provide a great opportunity for family members / friends etc to enjoy a bit of our culture.

I've seen photos of our riders during a regroup stop on-route to Cambridge, there seems to be somewhere between ten to sixteen bikes and riders involved so another successful ride I'm assuming. Waikato in the autumn never disappoints.

For any new members in the Auckland region expecting direct contact from me, I will hopefully have my membership database reconciled before you get to read this newsletter. A friend of mine just got laid off from her admin position during a downsizing exercise so I've actually hired her to deal with some overdue tasks (commercial and BMWOR). My cell phone number is listed in the newsletter, please feel free to phone or text on that if there's anything you want to know.

I'm off to re-acquaint myself with my bike now, there's a ride heading north to Ruakaka in a couple of days' time in what promises to be perfect conditions and I'm over missing out.

Till next time, Stephen.

Bay of Plenty.

Bay of Plenty "Sent off Spring" with a Pot Luck dinner at our place at Papmamao. It was a most enjoyable meal, And great to catch up with everyone socially.

* By the time this goes to print, we will have had another dinner at Carol and Ian Sowdens' in Katikati.

The Journey to the Centre of the North Island - June 11.

- You really should try this one!!

At last, we got away, after twice previously postponing the trip because of "Inclement Weather". This time we were given a magnificent day. First stop of Course, Rhubarb Café at Arapuni, for the caffeine Top-up. Nice winding bit of seal to start on Mangare road, (off Rototonga Rd) which turns to nice firm, fast gravel as far as Waipapa Road. The next gravel spell is Ranginui Road, down to SH30 and right toward Bennydale. Turning left at the Barryville sign brings you to Link road, about 1 k in on the left. Link Road is a DOC/forestry road between State Highways 30 and 32. The DOC site describes the road as "a well maintained forestry road suitable for two wheel drive vehicles". We should try that some time --preferably in your car, not mine.

The Geographic Centre is off a side road from Link, You need to really look for it, as all DOC signposts are painted green -- you know, -- the same colour as their trees!

Gravel has washed off down to the rocky base on this side road, giving it an enjoyable rocks, washouts, potholes and surprise touches of its own. There is a new marble Plinth marking "The Centre". Not quite as impressive as the Absolutely Magnificent Totara parked right next to it.

We had time to break the ice on the puddles at the at the car park before returning to Link and turning left to SH32 and lunch at Whakamaru.

We then skilfully avoided both Tokoroa and Putaruru for a Blat over the Kaimais and home.

Melvyn Hollands

East Coast.

Our May dinner meeting was held at Jarks Cityside Restaurant & Bar in Hastings. We seem to have parked up our bikes for a while but I am sure that will change before long. A number of us appear to be using our pushbikes more than the motorised variety, in an effort to keep our waistlines from expanding!

The Long Table

On 30 May we had a grand total of 24 members attending the end-of-month dinner at Jarks Café in Hastings. This was the largest number we have ever had attending the end of month dinners and it shows we not only like to ride well, we also enjoy partaking in Hawke's Bay's finest produce.

The long Queens Birthday Sunday weekend brought out a group of hardy East Coast bikers who were led by Xan Harding for a most enjoyable ride to the Paper Mulberry Café in Otane where lunch was partaken. From here it was a pleasurable ride via Te Onepu, Raukawa Rd and Whakapiro Rd to Godzone Brewery for a beer tasting and then home.

Rangitikei

The destination for our June ride was Porangahu. Our meeting point was the shopping centre at Summerhill car park in Palmerston North.

By our departure time of 9.30 am we had 8 bikes but no pillions. Along for the ride were John Christie, Lance Nixon, Murray Pethrick, Barry Pethrick, Robin Wood, Rob Gardner, Rob Freeman and myself.

I gave a briefing of the route and the area we would regroup. Robin Wood has happy to be TEC.

We headed for the Pahiatua Track and the increased volume of traffic was soon noticed. The Manawatu Gorge is still closed and the Pahiatua Track and Saddle Road are the only ways to get between Manawatu and Wairapa. Continued overleaf ...

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Just north of Pahiatua Lance left the group to return to Wanganui while the remainder turned off state highway 2 to head to the Makuri gorge. This is a interesting piece of road with a Limestone quarry at the start of the Gorge.

There are steep hill sides covered in native bush and the remains of frost could still be seen in sheltered places. The road does not get much sun light and the centre was covered in moss. The climb out of the gorge is interesting with sharp uphill hairpin turns as we climbed to the top of the Puiketo range.

We now headed for Pongaroa and arrived just before 11.00 am and were the first customers at the pub but coffee was the order of the day. After a short break we were ready to continue riding on highway 52 towards our lunch destination at Porangahau. At Weber, Rob Gardner departed the group to head back to Palmerston North for afternoon family commitments. From Wimbledon the condition of the road deteriorated with numerous signs warning "uneven surface". Some years ago the area was subject to earthquake damage and the road suffered slips and slumping. Repairs were not made and now the road is in poor condition. The safest way to ride was to keep close to the centre line and avoid the left hand side of the road. As its near to the shortest day the sun did not rise very high and we seemed to be in constant shadows which made riding some what challenging.

Close to Porangahau we stopped at the location of the longest place name for a locality in the world. I would need a wide angle lens on my camera to get the full name recorded.

The pub at Porangahau was busy and the car park was almost full. There were 8 other bikes and a group of Mazda MX5 sports cars as well as the locals.

We had to wait for a table to become free so we could enjoy the tasty fish and chips we all seemed to order.

I asked Robin Wood to lead our return ride and he found some fantastic roads that were fast flowing and far more enjoyable than the morning session. We had a regroup at Dannevirke for coffee and rejoined highway 2 before branching off at Oringi for more roads away from the state highway. We rejoined the state highway at Mangatainoka for a ride into Pahiatua and then back to Palmerston north via the Pahiatua Track.

I departed home at 8.00am and returned at 5.00 pm and as I write this report I feel I am still "fizzing" after an excellent day out.

Don Cross

Wellington Monthly Report – May and June.

Six riders gathered at the BP Mana for the May monthly ride, this time to Pahiatua via SH1 SH56 and the Pahiatua Track for lunch which was the midpoint of the ride. Lunch was at the Pahaitua Bakery and Cafe formerly Charlies Bakery and Cafe it was better when it was Charlies.

After lunch we continued out on the Mangaone Valley Road then the Pa Valley Road onto Route52 ultimately to Masterton and then south on SH2. We had a brief leg stretch stop in Carterton before continuing over the Rimutaka hill in lots of other traffic and home.

The weather was cold but sunny and calm some parts of the back roads do not see the sun at this time of year so were wet with the ever present green moss like covering leading to a cautious approach. This was another great ride that was attended by a new member Keith T who like three of the other riders was on a F700GS. It is the first time the 700 has outnumbered the 1200 of which there was two and Dave T on his Honda.

Another enjoyable ride with a couple of members who we haven't seen on a monthly ride for a while which was great and long may it continue.

Destination Ride - The latest ride was to the Front Room Café at Waikanae Beach on Sunday 11 June, saw 10 members, where coffee and brunch was enjoyed, along with a great opportunity to swap riding experiences for a couple of hours at a popular venue. The ride to the venue was chilly reaching down to 4 degrees in the shade.

Monthly Club Ride – Was on Sunday 18 June and features a ride over the Rimutaka Hill to Masterton and then via back sealed roads to Pahaitua and then on to Woodville and lunch at Café 88, returning to Wellington via the Saddle Road to Ashhurst or the Pahiatua track and ultimately SH1. There is also a Gravel option – Pori Road.

Monthly Club Social Get Together – This was on Monday 12 June at our usual venue the Petone Workingmen's Club. We had a turnout of 20 members including 4 from the Wairarapa. We had a guest speaker introduced by Dave and Cheryl Morris, Dr Kyle Bland who is a Geologist, Kyle spoke about the geological history of New Zealand and how it was formed into the state we know today and where New Zealand fits into the 'Ring of Fire' that covers the outer rim of the Pacific Ocean.

He also covered and showed slides of how Wellington's coastline was formed and where beaches had once been in the distant past which are now high and dry all resulting from the tectonic plate movement and resulting earthquakes. The slides clearly showed where the three main earthquake fault lines Ohariu, Wellington and Wairarapa lie which are of real interest to Wellington residents.

Kyle and his partner Angela Griffin, who is also a Geologist, answered a lot of questions and both being able to put what is a highly technical subject into terms that the laymen could understand. Members asked a lot of questions and we all came away with a much better understanding where the 'shakey Isles' fit into the overall geological scheme of things.

A much appreciated thank you to both Kyle and Angela for the absorbing presentation covering topics that have awakened a lot of interest post, the Kiakoura and Christchurch earthquakes.

Impromptu Rides – Since the last Report the Area Rep has organized 2 Impromptu rides, the first on Monday 22 May saw 5 Wellington and 3 Rangitikei members ride to the Apiti Pub for lunch which turned out to be closed so we back tracked to the Kimbolton Pub and had lunch there. The planned ride post lunch via sealed back roads was not completed and will be included on a future ride. The second ride was on Wednesday 31 May where 4 members rode to Riversdale Beach and had lunch at the store/café. This venue produces great food at a reasonable price.

Peter Nash

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Nelson

Great turn out for our mid winter ride. 6 GSs, one with pillion. It was also nice to welcome one of our new members, Paul Arrowsmith on his Wet Head.

We met up at 3 Brothers corner, 10 am. 6 Celsius on the gauge and glorious sunshine.

We rode to St Arnaud via Eighty Eight Valley and Golden Downs. A bit frosty in places and as low as minus 2 on the digital mercury! We stopped at the petrol station cafe for refreshments where Peter Unger was waiting for us on his older, but very capable and reliable GS. Before we headed on Peter and Sacha joined us on his recently acquired Africa Twin. We went down to the lake to take in the magnificent scenery and a photo opportunity. It was a pleasant 10 degrees for mid winter in St Arnaud. Then it was off through the Wairau to Renwick for lunch at the Cork and Keg. Good food was had by all, and stories exchanged. The road was better than I had expected, a few deformations here and there but nothing too extreme and the traffic we had been warned about was virtually non existent.

Then some time later two of the Peters (and Sacha) made their own way home and the rest of us headed back to Nelson over the Wangamoas, which had just been resealed and was leeching oily residue, needless to say we took it very cautiously.

It was fantastic mid winter ride!

Kevin.



Above - Rangitikei - Copy and paste to spell.

Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu

Translates roughly as "The summit where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, the slider, climber of mountains, the land-swallower who travelled about, played his nose flute to his loved one".

Right - Rangitikei "Yes you're right it is!
But yours is smaller."



Article from Anja

This is an article from me (Anja) about our recent trip down south for nine days. Hans put his view on the trip as well because we did not always ride together. So that is added on at the bottom.

On Friday 2nd of June 2017 my husband and I took off in the morning to make our way to the Brass Monkey from our home in Belgrove near Nelson.

Me on my BMW F800R and Hans on his KTM 690 enduro. Until Murchison we rode together and had a stop there for some petrol and a brief.

Hans would take some back gravel roads and I would stick to the main road and we would catch up again in Culverden, where we had some lunch.

I really enjoyed going over the Lewis Pass. There were not too many roadwork stops, I was told that the workers had to be off the road before it got too busy for the long weekend.

From there we would both make our own way to Geraldine where we stayed the first night. I was the first one to arrive in Geraldine and after some shopping at the Barker's store discovered that our planned but not booked accommodation in the Historic Hotel was not a happening thing. After a few unsuccessful enquiries at motels, we ended up at the top 10 holiday park in a nice warm room with 5 beds between the two of us.

On Saturday we were making our own way again to meet at Ranfurly. From there we rode together to Ida Dam Valley to collect our Brass Monkey Badge and pitched our tent. The night was fresh but not extreme and the roaring bonfire kept us warm. The music was great and lots of new and interesting people to talk to as well as some people we met at last year's event.

Sunday was to get to Te Anau. Hans was going off road and I would go via Raes Junction and Gore as later on in the week we would come back via Queenstown and I wanted to cover as many different roads as possible. As it turned out I took the wrong way in Alexandra and ended up in Cromwell. A very nice ride which I really enjoyed so turned round and went back to Alexandra to take the route I planned. I also really liked the ride from Alexandra through to Raes Junction. I was still the first one to arrive in Te Anau, again to find that a lot of accommodation was taken because of the long weekend and ended up in a lodge at the top 10 holiday park.

From Te Anau we went to Milford Sound. The road into Milford is a very nice road to ride as well. In winter time there are not many campervans and after 10 am most tourists would have already set off. We stopped and had a look at interesting places on the way. We arrived in Milford just after 3pm and that was just as well as black ice was already covering the road. Made it to the Lodge where we were going to stay for two nights. We had some decent frosts here overnight. The boat cruise with drop off to the Discovery Centre and Underwater Observatory is a must do when you are in Milford. On Wednesday we returned to Te Anau, but did a little bit of a side road : Hollyford track passed Gunns camp to Humboldt Falls. This was my second time going off a tar sealed road.

Thursday we set off to Lake Tekapo, via Lindis Pass. The weather we had was great. Frosty nights but beautiful clear sunny days. We did not start riding before 10 because of this and made sure we were not too late at our destination either. All the passes we have come over were reasonable to ride. You had to be careful where the road had not been in the sun and although there were a few slippery bits nothing that we could not handle.

On Friday over Burkes Pass to Fairlie where we had some famous pies from the bakery in town. The Salmon and Bacon pie was recommended by one of the locals and it was certainly very nice indeed. The pork, apple and crackle pie was not bad either. After this feast we were ready to ride again and stopped in Springfield to get some petrol and supplies as we were planning to stay at Arthur's Pass. Going over Porters Pass to get to the township of Arthur's Pass. Here they recommended that we kept riding as the actual pass was still to come, the wind would get up to gale force and rain was about to set in. Either bunker down for the night or get the hell out of here. We decided to keep riding over the actual pass and down to Otira where we stayed in the Otira Stagecoach Hotel. This is not your usual hotel as there were so many interesting things to look at wherever you looked: Also very worthwhile to visit.

Saturday was back home via Lake Brunner Road to Stillwater where we did some train spotting. We were checking out the loading of the coal wagons when the Trans Alpine train was coming past. After a hot chocolate to warm up at the Formerly the Blackball Hilton; it was straight home for us.

Below - Nelson Area Report. At the Lakes district.



Sunday was for cleaning up my bike, get all the gear sorted and thinking where to go for the next trip and when, because it feels so good to be on the road on your bike.
Anja Claus.

This is Hans's take on a great ride to and from the Brass Monkey.

As Anja said, from Murchison I took the Maruia Saddle road to meet up on SH65 and had to follow the road to meet up in Culverden.

From there on I left the SH in Hurunui and had some back roads to get me to Mc Donald's Down farm which brings you to Lees Pass just short of the Okuku river. Being on my own I decided to paddle through the river as I already had an off in one of the rivers on the farm.

On through the Lees Valley and an uneventful ride to Oxford and Waddington. Since I think it is a disgrace to wear knobbles down on tar I took the back roads from Waddington to Glentunnel. From there I had to keep going over the Scenic Inland Route to Geraldine to meet up with Anja.

Next day from Geraldine over Brenton road to Hilton, Kakahu and Cricklewood to McKenzie Pass onto Hakataramea Pass road. According to my map there are two roads leading to the pass, never found the first one and this time really looked for it. Works out it is a very rough track and hoping that it meets up with the main road. It did and had to get through a gate with a sign stating "no entry", always love those signs as there was not any at the start and what is the point of going back? Very misty on the pass and had to go a bit slower as vision wasn't great with my visor fogging up.

Had lunch at Cattle Creek and since I had a bit of time decided what to do to fill that. Saw a track just before Hakataramea which lead up to a mast and although it was a bit steep in places it was more than worthwhile. Since the weather cleared up the view was outstanding. One way towards Lake Aviemore and Lake Benmore, looking back towards Hakataramea Pass and the other way towards the sea in the distance.

Had a bit of a scare going up the Dansey as there was a speeding quad coming my way and it looked as if it was out of control. For people who do some riding on gravel you know what I mean, as you see a vehicle coming your way and they jerk on the steering wheel to get out of your way. Saw quite a few motorbikes on the Dansey. I think they go to the Brass Monkey, go through the gate, get a badge and go home again.

Met up with Anja in Ranfurly, had a drink to get warm again and set off to the Brass Monkey. This is the second time for us, always thought those rallies is about getting pissed, doing burn outs at night time, wet tee shirt competitions (good for watching) and everyone sleeping in another tent but theirs.

Last year pleasantly surprised as it is all about a social get together and there is really a mix of every imaginable motorcycle group. There are ladies and guys in leathers, adventure riding gear, dirt bikes, quads and anything in between. There is a huge bonfire, fireworks and a band. Thoroughly enjoyed it.

During the night it started to rain and since I wanted to go over the Nevis I was hoping it wouldn't snow too much. In Alexandra it looked alright and someone told me when going over the Hawksburn road and if there was snow in the valleys it would be better to turn around. I went over and although it was cold it was all good. Stopped for lunch about halfway up the Nevis and someone approached me in a four wheel drive. They came from Garston and told me that the road further in was very muddy because of last night's snow and being on my own it would be better to turn around. Adventure riders don't turn around for no reason so finished lunch and on my way again. And yes it was muddy, I could just hear the motor working way harder to keep going and with the tyres I run at the moment I had a blast. Thanks Russell. The river crossings were all good so just kept going. However before you go out of the valley there is still one pass to go over and it started to snow. Never know how to approach that so took it easy to get out of it. Had to get going to make it in time to meet up with Anja in TeAnau.

From there on I stayed with Anja and only the bit in the Hollyford Valley it was all the way back over the tar. Been a great little holiday. The weather was settled, hardly any campervans on the road and the Buller Gorge was a blast all by myself.
Anja & Hans.

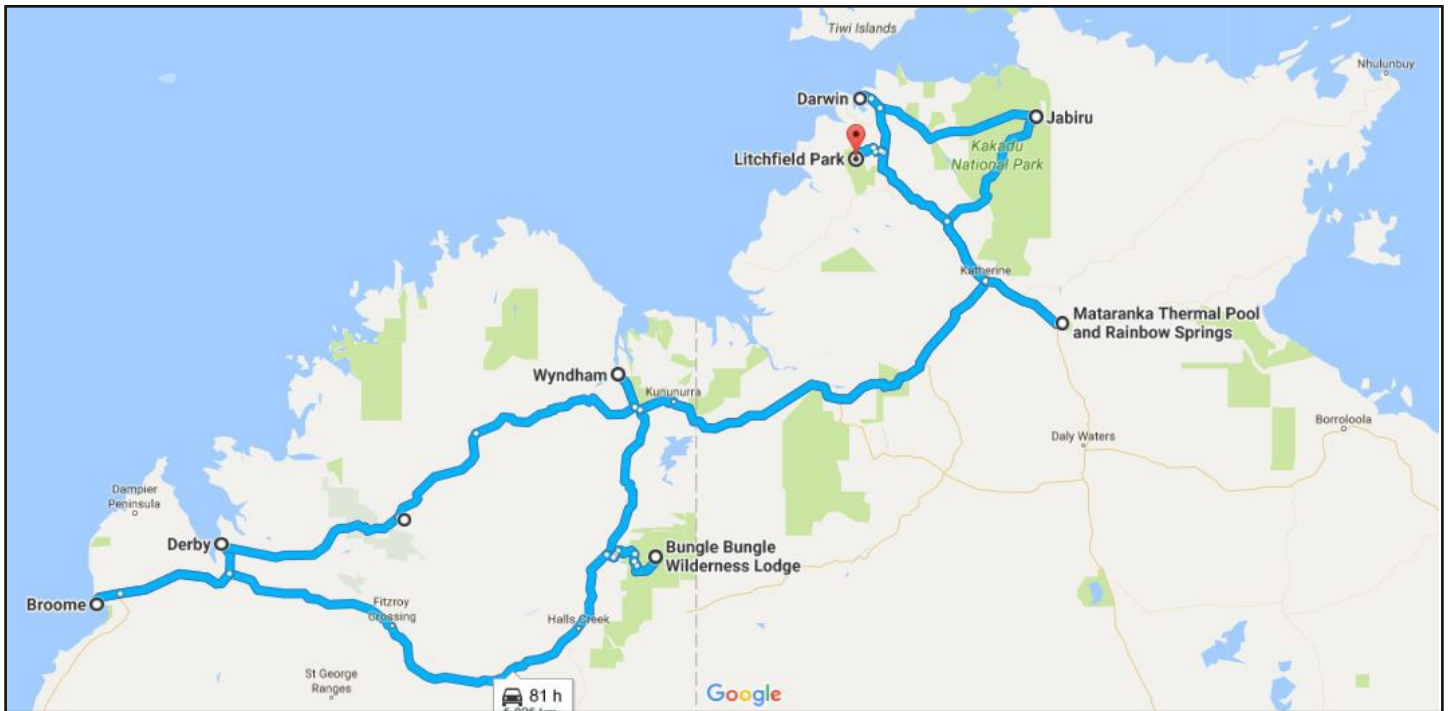


Above - Nevis Road.



Left - Hakataramea

The Kimberley's - A Quick Northern Loop



Our oldest son (Jamie) and I have just returned from an interesting gravel & tar ride along the top of Western Australia and Northern Territory through the Kimberley Ranges. Due to time constraints we'd decided to do it over 3-weeks so opted to hire two BMW F800GSA's from Darwin rather than ship our own bikes across from NZ which I'd done for longer trips in the past. There's not a lot of choice for hire bike companies over there but we were very happy with 'BikeAroundOz', a nation-wide company who use Southern Cross Motorcycles in Darwin as their Northern Territory agent.

We landed in Darwin on 7 May and took the short taxi trip straight across to Southern Cross where they were waiting for us even though it was the middle of a Sunday afternoon. I'd pre-ordered spare tubes and BMW-specific 'Torx' tools as well as other assorted bibs and bobs. Everything was ready and waiting for us when we turned up including a well-stocked first aid kit and good condition off-road knobbly tyres. A quick repacking of our suitcase contents into panniers and we were off within the hour heading south towards Katherine.

We took two days to get across to Kununurra which is close to the Northern Territory / Western Australia border and situated not far from our first off-road excursion into the Bungle Bungle Ranges. These are fascinating layered rock formations within the Purnululu National Park. The road out to the 'Bungles' was 100 km return of clay corrugations, sand and innumerable rocky &/or muddy creek crossings. The scenery was spectacular but the riding conditions were challenging to say the least with the sand patches getting longer and deeper the closer to the Bungles we got. Somehow I managed to stay upright but Jamie had a few slow-speed 'moments' in the sand. No damage to the bike but being fully loaded it was a two man effort each time to get the bike upright again. The 35 degree heat, dust and bugs didn't contribute much to the overall comfort factor!

After the Bungles we returned to the main highway the same way we rode in. We only got bogged (engine-deep) in a river crossing once but were fortunate enough to get winched out by a passing Park Ranger without needing to fully offload the heavy panniers. At least the Rangers got a laugh at our expense.

We camped out every night for the 3-weeks, mostly in the 24-hour roadside rest areas where motorists are permitted to stay overnight. (See photo on page 21.) These spots generally have a table, a fireplace, a composting toilet and a bit of flat ground (invariably near a big ants nest) suitable for campervans or tents. Not a lot of showering to be had along the way but plenty of jumping into water holes wearing full motorcycling gear to cool off and wash out some of the red dust. Jamie was in charge of food so being a recent Otago University graduate meant most dinners tended to be boiled rice flavoured up with a can of tomato soup or similar. I balanced my 'student' diet with roadhouse pies, chocolate bars and coffee.

After the Bungles we headed over to Broome for a couple of luxury days at a town caravan park which came complete with shower block, laundry and flushing toilet. I even did a load of washing and located a change of clothes in the bottom of a pannier.

North from Broome is the 210 km unsealed road up to Cape Leveque. We had the intention of riding up to this apparently beautiful coastal spot and friendly aboriginal community but after coming unstuck in the first 500 metres of deep sand we gave up on this idea and turned back, again with predictable embarrassing results whilst executing the U-turn. We noted on the way back that even the four wheel drivers were letting air out of their tyres down to near atmospheric pressure to deal with the soft sand.

Next stop was Derby for the main goal of the trip - the 600 km long unsealed Gibb River Road riding west to east through the Kimberley Ranges. The Visitor Information Centre in Derby told us the main river crossings over the Durrack and Pentecost Rivers should be ok for us to ride through as they were reported as being only about 500mm deep at the time. The four wheel drivers who had just come through from the east also said there weren't too many sandy patches on the road (by their knobbly tyre standards). This was reasonably important information as we were travelling right at the start of the dry season after a longer than usual 'wet' and a recent cyclone that had dropped a lot of water across the Top End. The two main river crossings are right at the far eastern end of the Gibb River Road so it would be a 600km return ride back to Derby or several days wait if they proved to be too deep for us. A return to Derby would have put our fuel range, including the 10 litre spare we each carried, right into the "might not quite make it" category. There was diesel at a couple of places along the Gibb Road but only one (dubious) working petrol pump half way along.

We did the Gibb River Road over four days. The main gorges in the King Leopold Range National Park were closed due to impassable muddy road conditions but we still got to see some pretty spectacular scenery including deep gorges, waterfalls and swimming holes where we were able to keep up with the washing. When we got to the Durrack and Pentecost River crossings we took one look and opted to walk the bikes across without even attempting to ride through. We did this under power by playing the

clutch with one person each side for stability due to the deep murky water and large hidden rocks. We ignored the numerous crocodile warning signs to wade across five times i.e. there and back to check the depth and best line of assault then across and back again for each bike. We did have a few inquisitive four wheel drivers watching us from the river banks with cameras at the ready waiting for an anticipated headline news story – sorry to disappoint!

We then ducked up to Wyndham to see a once thriving but now rapidly declining northern cattle town. Other than the coffee, chocolate bar and pie being of a satisfactory standard, there's not a lot to say about Wyndham. Oh yes, I do remember it had lots of mangroves and an Afghan cemetery facing Mecca for the camel-train drivers of old. I also learned that the grave sites were extra big because the lead camel was often buried with its driver.

And then we started the ride back towards Darwin with a side trip to Lake Argyle Dam and the huge Ord River irrigation scheme. Being an engineer I like big dams, especially when the overflows are releasing after a decent wet season.

Jamie only had two weeks leave and needed to return to work in Dunedin so on arrival back in Darwin we washed his bike down and took it back to Southern Cross where we humbly confessed our contribution to the extra dents in the panniers. Jamie's loop came in at a healthy 4,300 km over his two weeks of riding.

I had another weeks leave so after pillioning Jamie to the airport and saying our farewells, I rode out to Kakadu National Park for a couple of days looking at Uranium mines and aboriginal sacred sites – an odd combination by any standard. After two days of mosquito attack and likely contraction of a mosquito borne tropical disease, I was pleased to ride the 320 km south to Katherine Gorge. Here the evening mosquito melody was replaced with that of thousands of bats roosting above where I'd unwittingly put up my tent. I thought bats were supposed to communicate a couple of octaves above what the human ear can hear – not so!

Besides the bats, Katherine Gorge is lovely. The river was closed for swimming as it was still a bit high and murky from the wet season and the Rangers said there was evidence of three salt water crocodiles still hanging around the area. I went for a walk instead but was probably a bit silly taking the 10km Gorge Escarpment Track by myself in the middle of a near 40 degree day. The ice cream and coffee back at the Visitor Centre went down especially well afterwards though.

After Katherine Gorge I continued 130 km south to Mataranka with its thermal springs. They are not geothermal by NZ standards but the water coming out of the ground is heated to blood temperature as it filters through a layer of shallow sandstone. After the oldies had got out of the pools for the day and with no one else around to offend I managed to get some dusty motorcycling gear washed in the warm, and until I got in, crystal clear spring water.

From Mataranka I started heading north again towards Darwin via Litchfield National Park. This huge park I highly recommend for motorcycling for its lovely open winding roads, spectacular gorges, waterfalls and swimming holes. After a couple of days exploring Litchfield it was back to Darwin to clean up everything and return the bike to Southern Cross Motorcycles. What was left of my last day was used to visit Darwin Museum and the tropical Botanical Gardens before catching the midnight flight back home. My three weeks in the saddle came in at almost exactly 6,000 km.

I certainly do recommend a northern Oz ride to anyone with an interest in wide open spaces, spectacular scenery and long dirt roads. Perhaps next time I'd opt for the helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungles instead of the ride in. That 50 km of dodgy track I'd probably not recommend to others on heavily loaded adventure bikes – might be fun on a dirt bike though...

Rob & Jamie Gardner

The Bungle Bungles themselves are well worth a look.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BMWOR NZ (Inc) BOARD HELD AT WELLINGTON ON SATURDAY 13th May 2017

Meeting commenced at 9.05 am

Present

Garry Williams (President), Grant Aislabie (Vice President), Dale Grover (Member Rep), Neil Bartlett (Membership) and Dave Ross (Secretary).

Apologies

Robin Wood (Treasurer).

Previous Minutes (Executive Meeting):

Accepted as Read.

Moved: Garry Williams. Seconded: Grant Aislabie

Matters Arising

- Action Points:
 - o Action Point 1: Create appropriate Incident Reporting Form – UNDER ACTION.
 - o Action Point 2: Prepare Financial Data from last AGM/Rally – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 3: Check amended Constitution and prepare for distribution – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 4: Maintain contact with Chair of AGM/Rally – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 5: Contact suggested person to assist at AGM/Rally – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 6: Supply contact details for Clifford McClennaghan – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 7: Contact nominated person to discuss temporary Editor role – COMPLETED.
 - o Action Point 8: Contact Faye Allison (InterIslander) re change of time span – ARRANGED.
 - o Action Point 9: Review and Instigate necessary Privacy Changes – COMPLETED.
- Other Matters arising : Nil

President's Report:

It's been some time since we last met. I'd like the Board to formally recognise the organisers and sponsors for an outstanding 2017 Rally. 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. When you think about it, the event nailed the primary objective of the club in "providing a means by which BMW motorcycle owners can ride together, meet for companionship and social activities".

Planning is well underway for the 2018 Rally in Cromwell. Barry Richardson seems to have everything well under control despite changes in management at the venue. Barry and I keep in touch regularly and I know Robin and David are supporting as well; a great team effort! We are also starting to scope out potential venues for the 2019 Annual Rally.

The weather over March and April was a challenge, especially up north. With a local state of emergency declared before the heavy rain expected from Cyclone Cook even arrived, I'm sure it didn't help matters as many people were reeling from the effects of Cyclone Debbie. We saw severe weather in Auckland, Waikato and in parts of Otago, the West Coast and Nelson.

Nevertheless, there appears to have been quite a bit of activity in the regions and I'm told the RAG Rally went well. Many thanks to Clifford who did another fabulous job with the spit roast; I'm reliably informed very little was left over even though attendance was down a bit on previous years.

As you read this, the South Island RAG Rally is on at the Hanmer Springs Forestry Camp, which is a replacement for the Rally we had to cancel due to the Kaikoura/Hurunui earthquake event. Sadly, in my efforts to find a date that suited the majority of South Island Area Reps and their members, I'd not given too much thought to what I was doing. We have around 15 people booked to attend; I'll be heading over on Saturday evening assuming my flight from Wellington is not delayed.

I caught up with Gerry Hodges, BMW Car Club NZ President, early in the New Year to discuss the role of BMW Clubs International and the strategy for NZ Clubs around maximising the benefits of belonging to an umbrella organisation. Fair to say there is some dysfunction in the parent organisation and a number of changes going on at senior and administrative levels. Gerry and I have agreed to continue our respective roles as Delegate and Observer with a view to changing the "associate" status of the BMWOR when there is more surety around the composition of BMW Clubs International Council and the strategic direction it subscribes to.

I also recently met with Carey Griffiths, National President of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM New Zealand), to start a conversation around a relationship between IAM NZ and BMWOR. Their mentoring programme may be of interest to members and we could potentially explore ways to provide within the club as a member benefit.

There are many questions we need to think about relating to the publication and distribution of the newsletter. It costs 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, while we should at least explore these, we also need to look at the relevance of a monthly newsletter that's up to 3 weeks old by the time it's published in relation to a broader communication and social marketing strategy based in real time.

Our position is that the club simply can't afford to continue to produce a monthly publication to the current standard and fund the development and management of an interactive website and social media presence that the Board aspires to without a massive increase in revenue or accepting that any investment in a digital presence is carried out over a longer timeframe, which raises its own issues in development costs.

We can solve the problems; it'll just take some innovative thinking and collaborative effort, similar to our approach of changing an obsolete membership database to something more suiting the 21st century.

Vice President's Report:

Paerata (Where?) 2019 Rally/AGM. Venue obtained. We have both sealed and off-road Ride Masters. Steve Parkinson is organising and working well with them. Logistical Plans working well in the background. There will be NO options Rally. There will be a Single Registration Fee for the rally – everything included whether you want to be involved with all activities or not. Rally entry will include a Badge. Catering on site via a full commercial kitchen. Early estimate suggests \$300-00 for the weekend.

Auckland is working really well, thanks to Steven Parkinson. He has ride organised most weekends and occasionally mid week. He

has some changes in his business and may reduce some of his input .

Treasurers Report:

Attached single page report outlining the current fiscal situation was explained and discussed. (Page 14 June Newsletter - Ed)

Membership Report:

Dave Ross

Database final cost \$4,134.25 (GST inclusive).

Has continued with oversight of the Membership Role and the Database.

Has just requested 93 Membership Cards. Has received 30 Name Badges.

New Membership Packs ready to send but awaiting Membership Cards.

Current Membership numbers 730 (including Clubs & Companies of 36)

Current Membership Fees overdue = 37 members (Value \$1,845-50)

Neil Bartlett

Reports/data

Garry Williams would like a seamless process for fees renewal. Explain in Newsletter how process works. (Page 11 June Newsletter - Ed)

The fees renewal process will be variable until January next year, when the standard renewal email is sent. At that time the process is seamless as long as our members follow the hyperlink to the Website Store.

Members Rep Report:

I appreciate the opportunity to have a say, however I have nothing to report. People still contact me as the previous Area Rep.

10.22am Morning Tea Break. 10.32am Meeting resumed

Secretary's Report:

Correspondence Report attached.

Have been assisting with Membership while Neil has been unavailable.

General Business

- Update the Executive Action Plan (<https://www.bmwor.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/executiveplan.pdf>).
- Garry Williams will undertake to update the Executive Action Plan (which may be renamed). Does not need input from other Board Members at this time.
- Update handbook (<https://www.bmwor.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/handbook.pdf>)
- o Dale Grover to discuss the updating of the Handbook with Richard Cullingworth. Garry Williams will maintain an overview.
- Attendance of non-members at BMWOR Events.
- o Full discussion takes place and a Policy Document Folder (or Operations Manual) will be created to hold all BMWOR Policies. The following policy is created:
It is the policy of the BMW Owners Register that a non-member can attend a BMWOR Event only at the invitation of a current and financial BMWOR Member. That BMWOR Member is then responsible for the actions of that Guest as there are ramifications attached to our Public Liability Insurance. Attendance by a Guest will be subject to payment of the event fee and an additional charge of 50% of the event fee.
- Membership: A discussion takes place re partner membership. Full Discussion took place with white board working. The result (and in accordance with the Constitution) is:

It was resolved (unanimously) at the Board meeting on 13 May 2017 that the categories of membership and corresponding membership fee shall be:

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| • LIFE Membership: | No fee. Able to Vote. Access all events. |
| • Owner Membership: | Fee \$60-00. Able to Vote. Access all events |
| • Associate Membership: | Fee \$50-00. Able to Vote. Access all events. |
| • Pillion Membership: | Fee \$20-00. No vote. Access all events. |
| • Introductory Membership: | No fee, Limited to 12 months. No vote. Access all events |
| • Corporate Member: | Fee \$120-00. 2 cards issued. No vote. Access all events. |
| • Complimentary Membership: | No fee. No vote. No access. Newsletter only. |

and that these changes will take effect for membership renewals from 1 July 2017.

- o Note: Complimentary Membership relates to Overseas Clubs, New Zealand Dealers and Service Agents.
- Plan for New Membership Categories to start with the membership renewals from January 2018. This will require:
- o Check of Constitution (Grant Aislabie)
- o Creating individual member numbers.
- o Change to printing of Membership Cards to place the Membership Category next to the name and new end date (so members will have a visual reference to when their membership fees are due).
- o Individual Letter or Email (?) to members on the changes at Renewal??
- o Changes to the Membership Category in the Website Shop.
- o Consider issues with tracking bank deposits.

Lunch Break: 12.22pm. Resumed 12.53pm.

- Seek early confirmation (or otherwise) of who is standing again the 2018 AGM.
- o The board will not change significantly, with the exception of resignations or challenges/nominations for the various board positions.
- o Small discussion as to whether the Owners Register should consider a Patron.
- Area Representatives Meeting

- o Timing with next board meeting (Last weekend of August, or 1st weekend of September?)
- o Where – consider RNZPC
- o Agenda – consider over the next few months. Call for agenda items from Area Reps.
- o Policy Suggestion: Retiring Area Rep identifies/recruits replacement and introduces them at the next available National Reps Meeting.
- Annual Rally 2019: See Vice President's Report.
- Newsletter - reducing costs, Editorial requirements, advertising, Website - progress, hosting, what next (social media links), etc.
- o Previously sent out to the board were options from Nettl re management of Website and running of Social Media.
- o Considering having Nettl look to take over Management of Website and bringing email host provider back to New Zealand.
- o Nettl? To set up a national BMWOR FaceBook site with links on website. Examples discussed for other groups.
- o Hyperlink other area Facebooks accounts to Website.
- o The Board will arrange the publication of the following in the Next Newsletter:
- At the Board meeting on 13 May it was decided that the BMWOR desperately needs a Media Manager to manage and produce the Newsletter (paper & electronic), Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In (to be established and maintained).
- o Secretary requests that known BMW links are sent to the Secretary for addition to Website. GSgiants, Adventure Riding NZ, Remote Moto, top of the south adventure riders, adventure riders. BMW 1200gs/a owners New Zealand, BMW motorcycle enthusiasts WellingtonNZ.
- Trophies - new, repurposed, timing, how they get awarded, etc
- o Need to tell membership what the trophies are and how to be a part of them. People need to know what they are and how they are awarded.
- o Consider issuing / presenting Certificates of Recognition.
- o Dead Fly Trophy. Start 1 July end 31 December. Entries finalised for next AGM. Message will be sent out from the President.
- o RAG Trophy not awarded at this year's North Island RAG.
- o Gun Trophy. Editor selects nominees for a Board Decision.
- o President to send Trophies data for addition to Policies Folder (or Operations Manual).
- Generalised discussion on Facebook. Pro's and Con's. Open, Closed & Secret Groups.

Action Points from Board Meeting Saturday 13 May 2017

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| 01 | Letter of thanks to the 2017 Rally Committee for a job well done. | WILLIAMS |
| 02 | Explanation of Renewal and joining process in Newsletter to Members. | ROSS |
| 03 | Update Privacy Statement to include information sharing with Insurance Company. | ROSS |
| 04 | Update Executive Action Plan – Solo. Does not need full Committee input. | WILLIAMS |
| 05 | Update of BMWOR Handbook. Dale Grover to discuss with Richard Cullingworth (Nelson) updating the Handbook. Garry Williams to maintain the overview. | GROVER |
| 06 | Changes to Policy Document free Introductory Membership then send to Secretary. | WILLIAMS |
| 07 | Create / assemble Policy Folder (or Operations Manual). | ROSS |
| 08 | Create Non member attendance at BMWOR Events Policy. | ROSS |
| 09 | Check constitution re start date for new Member Categories. | AISLABIE |

There being no further discussion the meeting was closed at 2.30pm.



Left - A typical morning getting ready for the days ride.

See story:
The Kimberleys. Page 17.

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