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Dave Oldershaw and Julie Quinlan have announced their engagement. The wedding is planned for March 2018.

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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President's Podium September 2017

It's a conundrum writing for a newsletter when your bit is due by the 15th of the month but you know some members won't be reading it until the beginning of the next month.

Had I given more thought last month to what was coming up for September, I might have mentioned that ACC had declared it Motorcycle Awareness month.

And for good reason; there are more motorcycles, and more motorcycle crashes, on the road than ever before. We are all affected – whether it is as a rider, another road user, or as a friend or family member of a motorcyclist.

The announcement of a month dedicated to increasing the awareness of motorcycling and motorcycle safety recognises this. It is a step forward and we as a club welcome it, particularly as it involves a number of ACC-led initiatives dedicated to improving motorcycle safety.

The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council, on which sits our own Canterbury Area Rep Jo Buckner, is playing its part through the launch of their Ride and Decide initiative, which brings everyone involved in motorcycle safety together to share knowledge and collaborate around embedding motorcycle safety as a crucial aspect of overall road safety initiatives.

One way you can commit to motorcycle safety is by signing up for a Ride Forever course. The courses are heavily subsidised by ACC and emphasise increasing skills to get the most out of your ride. And if you are taking your bike out of storage for the coming summer, give it a once over to make sure it's road ready.

I regretfully accepted Neil Bartlett's resignation as Membership Secretary on behalf of the Board last month. Neil put in a lot of work establishing our new membership database and refining the processes around membership management and I thank him for that.

I am, however, delighted to let you know that Chris Souness, no doubt to be ably assisted by his wife Tracy, has taken on the Membership Secretary role. Chris' contact details can be found at the front of the newsletter and on the club's website.

Speaking of our website, Peter Haigh, Chairperson of the newly reinvigorated Wellington branch of the BMW Car Club, got in touch recently wanting to know a bit about our website development. His view is that in comparison to the Car Club site, ours looks absolutely fantastic! The Car Club are very keen to look at adopting the same platform that we are using, which is testament to the work Secretary David and our Nettle developers have put in to it so far. Well done!

By the time you read this the Ride Forever Motorcycle Show in Auckland will be over, the club's Board will have met in Wellington for its penultimate meeting of the year, and Canterbury members will be manning the club stand at the 2017 Kick Start Motorcycle Riders Event at the Canterbury Agricultural Park on Sunday 1 October.

I hope you had a great time if you visited the Ride Forever Motorcycle Show, and maybe walked away with the door prize of a brand new Royal Enfield Classic 350.

Unfortunately I didn't make it to Auckland as the Board meeting was on the same weekend.

I am though looking forward to the Kick Start event, jointly organised by Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri Council, ACC and the Police. It's in its sixth year and now features dealer displays with some of the latest bikes and safety gear; static displays of motorcycles (including some belonging to our members); riding demonstrations; bike 'health' checks; and BBQ food for a gold coin donation.

Hopefully, now that it's getting a bit warmer and with daylight savings on the horizon, I'll have my bike out of the garage a lot more often than it has been lately. One event Jo and I won't miss is the Annual Rally in Cromwell early next year. Planning is progressing well for that and Barry tells me there are around 60 registrations in already, with 29 of the 47 available rooms booked. This is well ahead of the same time for the Cromwell rally in 2012, so it is likely to be a well attended rally. Be mindful that registrations for rooms will close on 12 December 2017, and any unsold rooms will be released back to the hotel. You can still register for the Rally from 13 December 2017 but you will then need to find your own accommodation.

Look forward to seeing you on the trails. Wherever your travels take you in October; be safe and have fun!

Garry.



I've been told that when you meet the right person, you know immediately: How come when you meet the wrong person, it takes a year and a half?

A man storms into his manager's office and demands a raise. 'And just so you know,' he blusters, 'three other companies are after me.'

'Is that so,' says the manager. 'Which companies are they?'

'The Telephone Company, Electric and Gas Company!'

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 BMWOR Events

5- 8 January 2018 Annual Rally and AGM. Cromwell. See page 16.

Northland

Contact Area Rep

Auckland

Sunday 1st October. Café run. Ara-Tai café Promenade Building Ara-Tai Road Half Moon Bay Marina. Make your own way there for 10am.

Sunday 8th October. Pink Ribbon Ride. This is a public run which raises awareness around breast cancer. Check out the details on line and Facebook. Hmmm, note to self, make sure all the pink stuff in my wardrobe still fits.

Monday 9th October. Monthly meeting 7.30pm. Venue TBA.

Sunday 15th October. Monthly ride, Matamata, meet 9.00am for 9.30 departure BP Service Centre M/way south between Papakura and Drury off ramps.

Sunday 5th November. Café run. Venue TBA

Monday 13th November. Monthly meeting. Venue TBA.

Sunday 19th November. Monthly ride. Raglan. I can sense a serious gravel option coming on for those of us that like it a bit loose, on a good day the road riders will be having a blast and the rest of us could probably get all the way to Raglan without encountering any tarseal and have even more of a blast.

Waikato

Bay Of Plenty

Taranaki

Rangitikei

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.

Sunday – 08 October – Destination Ride – The Instincts Cafe – Eastbourne.

Monday – 09 October - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm.

Sunday – 15 October – Monthly Club Ride to Hunterville – Lunch.

Sunday – 12 November – Destination Ride – Mega Mitre Ten Cafe – Porirua.

Monday – 13 November - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm.

Sunday – 19 November - Monthly Club Ride to Herbertville Pub – Lunch.

Nelson

Contact Area Rep

17- 19 Nelson. Weekender. Exploring D'Urville island possibilities. See page 12.

Marlborough

Contact Area Rep

Canterbury

Sat 1 October Kick Start Event – Christchurch Agricultural Park

Wed 11 October Club Night

Wed 18 October Mid-Week Ride – meet up details to come

Sat 28 October Club ride – ideas please

Wed 8 November Club Night – as above

Sun 26 November Club ride – ideas please

Wed 13 December Club Night – Christmas Party

Canterbury

- Forward dates - 2nd Wednesday of every month: 11 October; 8 November; 13 December.

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 bikkies 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. - Area Coordinator – Canterbury.

Otago & Southland

Contact Area Rep

National Motorcycle Events

8 - 11 February 2018. 12th. Annual Burt Munro Challenge. <http://www.burtmunrochallenge.co.nz/>

PRODUCT REVIEW

AIR HAWK Automatic Cordless Tyre Inflator

RRP \$129

My wife Cath is a keen cyclist but struggles pumping her tyres to the required 100psi, so when I saw the Air Hawk tyre inflator recently on display in our local Mitre 10 store, it seemed to offer a solution to our problem.

- easy and safe to use
- battery powered
- can be fitted to a range of tyres

So I bought one.

The inflator is shaped like a simple handheld electric drill, with the flexible air hose attached to the housing where you would usually find the drill chuck.

It has a digital pressure gauge that you set, which triggers the cut-off when the required pressure is reached.

The unit weighs 2.7kg and has a well thought out carry bag for all attachments.

The air hose is suitable for motorcycle/car/wheelbarrow/golf cart/mountain bike valves. The kit contains a couple of multi-purpose attachments for pumping things such as air beds, or sports equipment. Unfortunately it does not have the attachment to pump a presta valve which is the thinner higher pressure valve found on racing pushbikes, but the attachment to connect the two is easily available from cycle shops, and is cheap.

This model comes with two power sources. A Lithium Ion rechargeable battery, and a 12v car adaptor that plugs in to a vehicle power outlet. Both work perfectly well in the inflator I purchased.

For travelling, the second power option of the 12v adaptor fits the standard power outlet on motor vehicles, not the smaller motorcycle power outlet. Riders who have set their bikes up to take compressors on trips will already have the answer to this.

And similarly, the unit will draw too many amps to be used in any BMW Canbus connection, but this is common to all compressors and riders who take compressors away on trips will have set their bikes up to manage this.

For home use, the Lithium Ion battery should be all that is needed.

There is a cheaper version (around \$69 at the time I bought my inflator) that is mains powered only.

At \$129 this is not that cheap against other compressors available. I have another one that I take on multi-day gravel trips that cost less than \$40 and is 60% of the weight and size. But the difference is that the Air Hawk is so simple and convenient to handle, and it can be used on a variety of jobs from inflating air mattresses, to soccer balls, to BMW motorcycle tyres.

I am really happy with this purchase. The inflator is light to hold, and easy to actually use.

Size-wise, it is about the same size as, say, a standard Ryobi electric drill.

I am getting many top-up pumps out of a single charge, whether it be pushbike or motorcycle.

Putting an additional 6psi in to my BMW's rear tyre takes around a minute and a half without any apparent stress or heat buildup. They do say three minutes is maximum pump time in any one go.

I have just one minor irritation with the Air Hawk. The attachment point from the air hose to the valve is a threaded tip, against snap valve most commonly found on air hoses at service stations and on bicycle floor pumps. This means that it takes a little longer to disconnect the air hose when you have concluded pumping the tyre, resulting in a small air loss in the process. This just means you put in an extra psi in the pumping process, but a snap valve would have been better.

All in all, I have found this to be a good addition to our garage. The cheaper mains-powered version might be very well be an even better buy?

Whats hot?

- Simple to use
- Safe to use with a preset cut-off limit
- Seems to have ample inflating power for motorcycle tyres
- Multiple power supplies
- Good carry bag for trips

Whats Not?

- Threaded tip on the air hose
- Not the cheapest compressor on the market.

David Thompson



Area Reports

Auckland

For those of us that don't really embrace the busyness that seems to build as we approach Christmas, there's bad news, it's started already. On the upside, this time of year also comes packaged up with improving weather and broader riding options.

Our August ride saw us all heading off in the general direction of Waipu Cove, many of our regulars couldn't make the ride but that vacuum was more than filled with other less regular riders and new members. The trend around Northland riders meeting up with us every time we head that way meant that The Cove Café had a big day out managing to shoehorn about 24 of us in for lunch. Numbers would have peaked at more but two riders that normally meet up with us at Wellsford managed to get to Waipu Cove, have lunch with the Northland members and leave before we arrived. To be fair we were a tad behind schedule when we arrived, our next north ride is scheduled for December so hopefully we are a little more in synch.

September's café run was almost a red letter day because, for a while, it looked like the number attending was going to match the number of seats booked. In a strange way it was comforting when one more bike turned up and restored the natural order of things. In fact as we were leaving yet another bike turned up so 4 of us turned around in the car park and went back inside for another crack at the menu.

BMW put on a launch evening September 6th for the newly available G310R. A huge range of people attended and everybody had a good night. Who would have thought that gathering a bunch of biking types together in a whisky bar with an open tab would be a big success? BMW's generosity extended to some really tasty food circulating as we all socialised. I did note that all the G310R's positioned at the entrance and throughout the venue had the keys removed, another good move I suspect.

Bikers in Blue is an annual ride which raises awareness around prostate cancer and oddly this cause receives little or no government funding so fundraising is another focus of the ride. Funds raised go toward early detection education and support services. Around 3,000 men per year are diagnosed and of these around 600 are terminal cases. These stats suggest that a simple blood test once a year might be a good idea. The Auckland based ride took place Sunday September 10th in the midst of some pretty hideous weather. In spite of the weather the ride drew together 250 bikes by start time at Placemakers Highland Park. Traffic control gave us green lights along the route which kept everybody together assisted by police and IAM marshalling. The ride started out in OK weather but by the time we hit the harbour bridge we got served up winds averaging 58km gusting 85km with a side order of rain and topped off by hail. I learnt two new things about helmets that day, (1) If you attach a blue afro wig to your helmet the wind force will try to rip your head off and leave you with a headache, (2) If you wear an open face helmet in hail at open road speeds your face will pretty much get bead blasted, become very cold, and give you another headache to add to the one you already have courtesy of the wig.

At our monthly meeting Trevor and Audrey Stafford spoke of the preparation building up to their recent epic ride from London to Beijing. The degree of personal and administrative preparation involved was a real eye opener. Just the paperwork required to cross 17 borders would have seen most people give up before they started.

See you out there. Stephen

East Coast

Lo and behold, we have 2 events to report this month, a dinner and a ride! On the last Tuesday of August we assembled at the Thai Chef in Onekawa, where a total of 21 diners took part in a most convivial meal. We had started off with 12 confirmed, but the number kept growing, so that in the end the restaurant had to split up our tables. In the picture is the smaller of the two, with from left to right Warren Welch, Maria (obscured) and Tony Jericevich, new members Ruth and Malcolm Eves and Robyn Welch.

Then on Sunday 10 September five of us assembled at BP Stortford Lodge in Hastings to ride a very gentle cruise via Middle Road, Patangata, River Road to Waipawa and from there to Waipukurau, and the Central Hawke's Bay Festival held at the Pukeora Estate, a venue known to quite a number of BMWOR members as we held a AGM at this place. It is on the market so we are not sure what the future will hold for this wonderful place. In the picture, apart from the bikes, are from left to right Xan, Malcolm, Alison, Ruth and myself.

We look forward to getting out a bit more now the weather has started to warm up a bit.

John Wuts, Napier

PS Don't forget we meet for a dinner on the last Tuesday of the month, alternating between a venue in Napier and Hastings/Havelock North. Give me a call if you want to join us.

Rangitikei

There is no report from Rangitikei for this month. We were due to have a ride on Sunday 10 September but this was postponed due to the weather. This ride was re-scheduled for Sunday 17 September.

Regards, Don Cross.

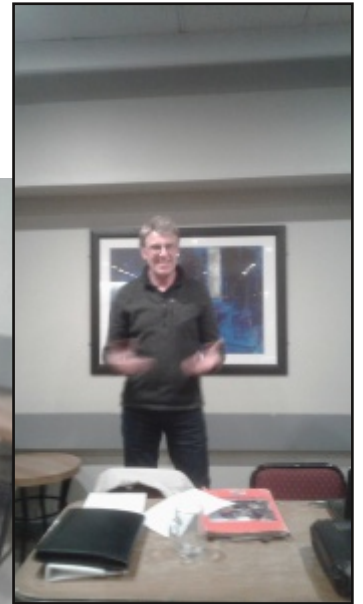
Wellington

Destination Ride - The latest ride in September was to the Aston Norwood Café at Kaitoke where we had 4 riders and 2 by car where coffee and a variety of taste morsels were enjoyed. On arrival there were 6 or 7 Ferrari's in the car park and one by one they took off up the Rimutaka Hill nothing quite like the sound of V12 on full song. Shortly after there was the normal Sunday Rimutaka TT riders went rocketing past in close formation basically a disaster looking for somewhere to happen.

Monthly Club Ride – Was on Sunday 17 September and featured a ride over the Rimutaka Hill to Masterton and then down the Castlepoint Road to Riversdale Beach for lunch. This ride was originally set down for August but was cancelled due to the weather. For the return ride there was a gravel option over the Homewood, Kaiwhata and Te Wharau Roads.

Monthly Club Social Get Together – This was on Monday 11 September at our usual venue the Petone Workingmen's Club.

Guest Speaker - We had a guest speaker Member Ralph Rackstraw who spoke of his experiences of riding in 3 annual Scottish



Around the areas:

(Clockwise)

Top left: Dining Thai style in Napier.

Centre: Ralph's Beta trials bike on display.

Top right: Ralph delivers.

East Coaster at Pureora.



International 6 Day Trials in 1988, 89 and 1990. He also brought his bike along to add interest to what was a very interesting presentation assisted by a number of slides showing the challenging sections having to be ridden. The skill levels needed to compete in this well established international event are incredibly high and clearly Ralph has these skills.

Thanks again Ralph for a very interesting professionally presented talk on an area of motorcycling that not many of us have tried – brilliant.

Impromptu Ride – Four riders 2 from Rangitikei and 2 from Wellington took part in an Impromptu Ride on Tuesday 12 September. For the Wellington pair (Dave Hubble and Peter Nash) the ride started at the BP Mana for the ride through to the Eastern end of the Kimberly Road to be joined by Murray Petherick for the ride over the Pahiatua Track to Pahiatua for a quick coffee. We were joined by Rangitikei member Peter Clark for the second part of the ride over the Saddle Road and on via Vinegar Hill to Hunterville for lunch. After the lunch stop we each returned to our respective homes separately.

This was another interesting ride which in future may be reversed and used as a Monthly Club Ride with a lunch stop in either Woodville or Pahiatua, for the writer it was a 400 km home to home ride which was great getting a few kilometers under the bum in readiness for the ride South for the 2018 National rally.

Peter Nash

Nelson

Kevin was going to be away & asked me to lead our ride, unfortunately the person who had purchased my R1200GS was due to fly into Nelson @ 10.15am, so Revti graciously accepted the ride leader role, but luckily the flight times changed & I was able to lead after all.

Our ride this month was going to be a bit different with no destination prior to leaving; we were having a mystery tour. Basically this was the same as the corner man system, but when the lead rider turned off the next rider became the lead until they decided to turn off, then the next rider took over & so on. We went all over the place, mostly the back roads beyond Motueka/Moutere area including some roads that none of us had ridden before. We ended up going right along the Motueka Valley to The Flat Rock Cafe at Kohatu for refreshments before we split into 2 groups, the gravel riders went over Sunday Creek road & the road guys through Dovedale.

We had arranged for all of us to meet up again at Nigel's new house site, the framing & roof are up but nothing else, so no cups of tea.

Dale Grover

Exploring D'Urville Island

The weekend of the 17th to 19th of November I am organizing an exploration weekend to D'Urville Island in the Marlborough Sounds. It is a small island; it is less than 40 km from North to South and not even 15 km wide.

Plan is to go over by barge on Friday afternoon from French Pass to Kapowai, set up camp on a campsite at Moawhitu by the sea and hoping there will be an awesome sunset that evening. Next day do a bit of exploring over the island and on Sunday explore another part of the island and making our way to the barge to get off the island.

Since there are only a few public roads on the island, I am in contact with a few landowners to get permission to access their land. Already had 1 where the policy is that motorbikes are not welcome on the farm anymore. Bad experience with motorbike groups, where gates didn't get closed behind them and stock shit scared on the bluffs after the bikes were gone. Had to do a bit of talking and explaining that this is the BMW group where the average age is well above 50 and that more than 80% of the riders cannot even do wheelies. Hahaha. So far it is looking good.

So this is how I see that weekend. I am trying to get access to about 6 farms so we can ride from Cape Stephens in the North to Ohana in the South and going over a few other farms to other parts of the island. The easiest will be camping for two nights. There is a community hall which I will enquire about but will be a backup in case of bad weather, as it is in the middle of the island on a ridge in the bush. There is a resort on the island, I had a look on their website but most of the rooms have a queen bed. I don't know about the rest of you but I am past an age that I want to share a bed with another male. So my preferred option will be camping by the beach, they reckon the fishing is great and we might get a most spectacular sunset. However you will have to be self-sufficient. There is an option to have dinner at the resort but you will have to ride your bike back at night to the camp site. And that might be a challenge by itself.

The limit will be 16 motorbikes for the weekend. It will cost \$60.00 per bike, for a return back to French Pass. There will be a \$20.00 charge for a community project and you will have to pay in advance. Reason is that I will have to order the ferry and if a few will pull out at the last moment the charge for the ferry is \$150.00 per sailing for up to 5 bikes. So if you want to get off the island by yourself earlier or later the charge will be \$150.00 too.

As I stated before, landowners are very wary about motorbikes. You cannot go on your own as there are a lot of private roads where access is required and I don't want to upset the locals as I'd like to go again at a later date. It is a small island so there is no reason to speed. I have never been before but understand in places it can be steep and rough. If this is your idea of a



FYI - Links

Picture of campsite:

https://www.rankers.co.nz/experiences/2795-Moawhitu_Camping_Ground_D_Urville_Island

Map:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/marlborough/places/french-pass-and-durville-island-scenic-reserves/things-to-do/campsites/moawhitu-campsite/>

weekend away please get in contact with Hans by email; schultzrd@slingshot.co.nz and I will send you more information. Please get in contact before the 20th of October so we can start planning.

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Above: Flashback. Mike D, Gary W and John G playing with toys.

This photo would have been taken in 1996/7. There was a function at a racecourse in Ellerslie, featuring Rock & Roll dancers doing something from Grease. We rode the bikes into the event while the male singer sang or mimed (?), "Hopelessly Devoted to You" to his wife (or partner). Then he draped a leather jacket around her shoulders. & they hopped on the back of the bikes & we rode off.

-- That may or may not be true in the detail.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BMWOR NZ (Inc) BOARD

Held at Wellington on Saturday 16th September 2017

Meeting commenced at 9.05 am

Present

Garry Williams (President), Grant Aislabie (Vice President), Robin Wood (Treasurer), Dale Grover (Member Rep), Chris Souness (Membership) and Dave Ross (Secretary)

Other

Dale Grover (Member Rep) – Will arrive late due to transport issues.

Previous Minutes (Executive Meeting): Accepted as Read.

Moved: Garry Williams Seconded: Grant Aislabie.

Matters Arising

Action Points:

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

Other Matters arising : Nil

President's Report:

- Resignation of Neil Bartlett (Membership) reluctantly accepted due to his personal and family circumstances. The Board formally recognises the effort that Neil put into the development and processes around the membership role. Welcome and thanks to Chris Souness for stepping into the Membership position.
- Received a couple of phone call relating to the new membership fee structure. Members seemed to be confused about choices they have and the implications for a shift to fees based on anniversary dates. Although there was a lot of information shared, perhaps we could have done a better job of communicating change in relation to the broader strategy? Generally feedback was more positive after conversations, however, have taken feedback on board. Not necessarily a point to review what has just been implemented.
- Discussion of options re: Shop Payments. Process is a lot more linear with fewer steps, better choice of payment options. Limitation is the host server but when upgraded will provide a much faster portal.
- Thank you for those who recognised Septembers Motorcycle Safety Month. It was only announced on 30 August. I've made contact with ACC requesting earlier advice next year.
- Need to make contact with Michael Beckhaus about supporting the Dealer Network around Introductory Membership, and to discuss more collaboration with events such as the Auckland Motorcycle show.
- 1 October is Canterbury's 'Kick Start' motorcycle event - supported by ACC, NZ Police and greater Christchurch local authorities supporting Motorcycle Safety. Discussion later re: Canterbury request.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report:

- Attached Treasurers Financial Report – as at 31 August 2017 outlining the current financial position were explained and discussed.
Moved: Robin Wood Seconded: Grant Aislabie
- Membership income running at approx \$2,000-00 per month (or \$24,000-00 a year)
- Discussion of annual 'Statement of Financial Position' as at 30 June 2017
- Discussion on future budget for year ending 30 June 2018

Morning Tea Break - 10.03 am, meeting resumed 10.15am

Membership Report:

- Numbers on Membership Type supplied and discussed.
- What reporting requirements are required in the future?
- Would like to develop trends.

- Discussion on Exit Follow-up? Should there be a formal process for this? If so, What?
- NB Issues re membership - Question of fairness in Associate vs Owner Membership
- Only concerned with Owner vs Associate and not the Partner/Pillion issue.
 - From the feedback the Board has received, the current membership fees are generally accepted.

Secretary's Report:

- Correspondence Report attached.
- Emails and letters received from Members discussed in full.
- Have been monitoring and assisting with Membership.

General Business:

- Minor Change to Constitution. Clause 8.2.6. Remove the word 'Monthly'.

RESOLUTION: That the Board resolves to amend the Constitution at Clause 8.2.6 by removing the word 'monthly' at the next Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Robin Wood Seconded: Dale Grover

- Discussion of future Board Meetings being held electronically.
 - o Potential to use online conferencing arrangements such as ZOOM. Explained as an electronic meeting held on your computer screen that shows all participants of the meeting on multi-mini view screens.
 - o A ZOOM meeting is controlled in the same way as a physical meeting.
 - o Could also be used by Area Reps on an 'as needed basis'.
 - o The Board could meet electronically for urgent matters and could also hold 2 of its required meetings a year electronically and make savings in travel, meeting site, etc.
- Discussion on Pre-paid Westpac Credit Card for payment re ZOOM.
 - o Westpac Card is too expensive.
 - o Agreed that the Treasurer complete the application for ZOOM and that he will be reimbursed.
- Discussion on Insurance for the stock held by the BMWOR Shop.
 - o Insurance advice is that Regalia Stock should be covered by Home owners insurance.
 - o The Board agrees that if the insurance does not pay, then BMWOR will cover any cost.
- Annual Rally 2018 – Report from Barry Richardson
 - o Planning for the Rally/AGM in Cromwell is progressing well. So far there are 59 registrations, and 29 of the 47 rooms are booked. This is better than at the same time for the first Cromwell rally in 2012, so we can safely assume that this is going to be a very well-attended rally [the 2012 rally had 115 attendees]. Registrations for rooms will close on 12 December, and any unsold rooms will be released back to the hotel. As from 13 December I will still be taking registrations from people wishing to attend the Rally, but they will have to find their own accommodation.
 - o I have organised for music for the Saturday night—nothing too dramatic, more background with a few songs, tales etc.
 - o The only problem I have is finding someone to organise the gymkhana. Any thoughts/help you may have on this will be appreciated.
 - o Apart from that everything is fine. The Gate is very good to deal with, and the local Information Centre is providing me with an up-to-date list of things to do in the Cromwell area—and there is a lot. I will organise the “official” road rides, and Garry is doing the off-road itinerary.
 - o Garry and I are organising prizes for the raffle, and we are hopeful of a reasonable “table”.
- Annual Rally 2019 – Report from Grant Aislabie
 - o Stephan Parkinson has taken the organisational role. Planning is underway as discussed at the last meeting. Dates are 11 – 13 January 2019. Stephen will take the planning team to the site within the next few months.
- Alternate Badge/Patch Design – Grant Aislabie
 - o Discussion on a submission by Ian Macartney. The Board appreciates the efforts made by Ian; however, corporate identity restrictions placed on the club by BMW AG under the Clubs International agreement mean we cannot change our logo arbitrarily. The Board has no objection to merchandise being created generally as suggested by Ian as long as it has the prior consent of BMW New Zealand.
 - o The Board is of the opinion that it is timely to look at the modernisation of the graphic on the current logo (viz the Motorcycle and Map of New Zealand).
- Trophies - new, repurposed, timing, how they get awarded, etc
 - o Discussion about the purpose of each. Some more small work to be done.
 - o Documents now prepared for submitting to the Policy Folder.

Lunch Break - 12.03 pm, meeting resumed 12.30pm

- Editor's Role – making it easier, more attractive. Discussion on role and production.
 - o Full discussion on Newsletter costs – the pros and cons of Paper vs Electronic – or continued combination of both. The result is that the printing and delivery of the Newsletter is the club's major expense, often at the expense of other projects.
 - o The Board is looking to the future and at better electronic delivery options for communicating with its members. Publishing

our newsletter electronically does not mean that printed copies cannot be made available on a case by case basis to those members who could not access or read electronic versions; it just won't be through the current arrangement we have for print media.

RESOLUTION: The Board resolves that from 30 June 2018 the Club Newsletter will only be published electronically.

- Facebook – broad discussion around the emergence and regional variation of club Facebook pages.
- o Could we use/want a National Facebook Page? (Branding, consistency, oversight, etc) – Agreement that yes, a national page would be desirable from a branding perspective but would potentially be simply an umbrella page with links to all local groups.
- o How would moderating happen? – depends on whether the national page was more than the umbrella, was open and allowed people to post whatever they wanted.
- o Should we have website links to each FB area – Yes, ideally the website would have a “follow us” icon and potentially links to each area page (possibly under Area Rep contact details)
- o Need a scoping meeting with Nettl to discuss potential development time, costs, implementation issues, etc. Chris Souness and Dave Ross nominated to make the meeting.

RESOLUTION: That the Board investigates the professional management of a National FB Page.

- Website – the Board consider where we are at with the website development.
- o Considered from analytics, who is using it and what for?
- o Good progress with phase 1 and we'd expect to see increased usage once the next phase is implemented. There's still some fine tuning to get optimal benefit for members.
- o Members Only Area – How will that work? Potentially the same way members access their own member accounts. Must be simple and secure.
- o Need to consider the introduction of the Member Services Directory electronically, ideally in the secure Members Area of the website.

This discussion identified that there has been a problem recording details for the Member Services Directory since the new Database went live in December 2016.

- Upcoming and other proposed Events:
- o RAG – i. South Island 2017 – November – also covering as a South Island Area Reps meeting. (North Island Reps are Welcome to attend)
- ii. North Island 2018 - April – this will also be a North Island Area Reps Meeting (South Island Area Reps are also welcome to attend)
- o Annual Rally planning for 2020 – Area Selection Discussion. South Island looking between Oamaru and Gore. Timing to perhaps coincide with the Burt Munro? Initial investigations underway by Garry Williams
- o Consideration for a NEW National Event around September? GS Training weekend – Saturday morning intro, Saturday Afternoon learning, Sunday fun day... Consider Cruiser ride at the same time meeting back up for dinner / evening event?? Further planning and investigation is required.
- Canterbury Marketing Request
- o Previous discussion held regarding the production of free standing flags to be used at various BMWOR events.
- o Could be used by Area that have an event, but will need to be controlled on a sign-out and sign-in basis.

RESOLUTION: The Board resolves to purchase two free standing logo enhanced banner flags.

RESOLUTIONS from the Board Meeting of Saturday 16 September 2017.

- 01 The Board resolves to amend the Constitution at Clause 8.2.6 by removing the word 'monthly' at the next AGM.
- 02 The Board resolves that from 30 June 2018 the Club Newsletter will only be published electronically.
- 03 The Board investigates the professional management of a National FaceBook Page.
- 04 The Board resolves to purchase two free standing logo enhanced banner flags.

ACTION POINTS from Board Meeting Saturday 16 September 2017.

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| 01 | Prepare Resolution to change the Constitution at Clause 8.2.6 for AGM. | Dave ROSS |
| 02 | ZOOM Information to be supplied to the board. | Dave ROSS |
| 03 | Put Policy documents folder on Website. | Dave ROSS |
| 04 | Chris Souness to investigate and cost appropriate flags. | Chris SOUNESS |
| 05 | Garry Williams to send High Resolution files to assist. | Garry WILLIAMS |
| 06 | Design/Update entry form to include amended privacy and Member Service Directory data. | Dave ROSS |
| 07 | Members Only Area – How will that work. Meeting with Nettl. | Dave ROSS & Chris Souness |
| 08 | Member Services Directory links? Print list?? Check with Two Monkeys. | Dave ROSS |
| 09 | Create a retrieval of Member Services Directory data from Dec 2016 | Dave Ross |
| 10 | Send update Introductory Membership policy to Dave Ross. | Garry WILLIAMS |
| 11 | Book the North Island RAG Rally Site for 2018. | Robin WOOD |
| 12 | Email to all Area Reps re Area reps Meeting. | Garry WILLIAMS |
| 13 | Contact Barry RICHARDSON at Cromwell re Gymkhana. | Dale GROVER |
| 14 | Contact Clifford McClenaghan re RAG Catering. | Robin WOOD |

There being no further discussion the meeting was closed at 2.50pm.

BMWOR Treasurers Report

I am pleased to present to the Board meeting held on 16 September 2017 the following report outlining the financial position of the organisation as at 31 August 2017.

1. Current and Investment accounts – Balance as at 31/08/2017:

Westpac - Main:				\$ 6,201
Westpac - Event account:				\$ 15,548
TSB Term Deposits:				
(0001)	3.30%	Matures 29/01/18	(Westpac)	\$10,000
(0002)	3.20%	Matures 04/09/17	(Westpac)	\$ 5,087
Total Invested				<u>\$15,087</u>
Total funds as at 31/08/2017				<u>\$ 36,917</u>

2. Revenue/Expenditure YTD:

Below is a summary of Income/Expenditure for the financial year to date:

			This year <u>1.07.17 – 31.08.17</u>	Last year <u>1.07.16 – 31.08.16</u>
- Main Account:	Cash In-	Sub's	\$ 3,769	\$ 7,078
		Donations	\$ 0	\$ 0
		Gear Shop	\$ 126	\$ 35
		Badge sales	\$ 0	\$ 0
		Magazine Advertising	\$ 2,677	\$ 7,272
		Interest	<u>\$ 159</u>	<u>\$ 171</u>
		Total Income	<u>\$ 6,731</u>	<u>\$ 14,556</u>
	Cash Out-	Printing	\$ 1,585	\$ 2,705
		Postage	\$ 371	\$ 372
		Gear Shop Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 0
		AGM Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0
		Stationery	\$ 0	\$ 70
		Transaction/Bank Fees	\$ 14	\$ 0
		Website/Database	\$ 207	\$ 0
		Administration*	\$ 113	\$ 0
		Miscellaneous***	\$ 80	\$ 0
		Meeting Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 1,410
		Liability Insurance	\$ 0	\$ 0
		Publicity/Advertising	\$ 0	\$ 0
		Badges & Trophies	\$ 97	\$ 728
		Total outgoing	<u>\$ 2,467</u>	<u>\$ 5,285</u>
		Deficit/Surplus for YTD	<u>\$ 4,264</u>	<u>\$ 9,271</u>

(*) Bookbinding – Old Magazines - 5113

(**) Accountancy - 580

- Event Account:	Income -	2018 Nat'l Rally Income	\$ 11,841
		Interest	<u>\$ 2</u>
		Total Income	\$ 11,843
	Expenditure -		<u>\$ 0</u>
		Total Exp's	<u>\$ 0</u>

3. Current financial matters:

Operating A/c

Income:

Subscriptions - Based on current membership numbers indications are that income cashflow from this source will be approximately \$2k per month.

Advertising revenue well down on this time last year. However last years income did reflect a catch up of advertising creditors from previous financial year.

Expenses:

Printing costs reduction a result of reduced magazine print run due to increased number of members electing to receive electronic copy.

4. Term Deposit Maturities:

Will assess cashflow position near the maturity times with regard to re-investment.

I table this report and move that it be accepted as a true and correct record of the current financial position of the Register as at 31 August 2017 and that accounts paid/to be paid since last Board meeting be ratified.

Robin Wood
Treasurer
16 September 2017



“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. Don't leave your decision to register any longer! The end of the year is not far away!

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 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.

Later in the year 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 close on 12 December.

So, watch for developments—January is closing in!

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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	
Accommodation at The Gate:			
• All rooms have en-suites & tea/coffee making facilities			
• Rate per room is for 1-2 people per night		\$145-00	
• Some rooms can have an extra person. Cost per night		\$25-00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Want to share a room? We'll try to arrange it.			
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Pongaroa Pub (A Wellington Impromptu Ride) Friday, 18 August ,2017

This ride started off with the writer fuelling up at the BP Mana and checking the phone to see if any other local Wellington resident members had decided on Friday morning to join the ride, there were none. So the solo ride to link up with Murray and Barry Petherick at the Eastern end of Kimberly Road before the left turn to travel north and bypass Levin, started. The traffic going north was relatively light the three of us continued to make good time until North of Shannon. Just past the intersection where SH56 branched off from SH57 a large soft sided truck appeared to have jack knifed and completely blocked SH57 in both directions there was a crane attempting to lift the rear of the truck around so it could continue travelling South. A quick decision was made to turn onto SH56 and ride through to Opiki and turning right to head back to SH57 and onto the Pahiatua Track for the ride to Pahiatua for coffee and to meet Peter and Ann Tibbs.

After a quick coffee and one of the riders refuelling the 4 bikes headed onto the Pahiatua- Pongaroa Road. This is a very scenic road which goes through the Makuri River gorge and winds over a range and down into Pongaroa for lunch at the local Pub. The range of food choices was quite extensive with something for all tastes.

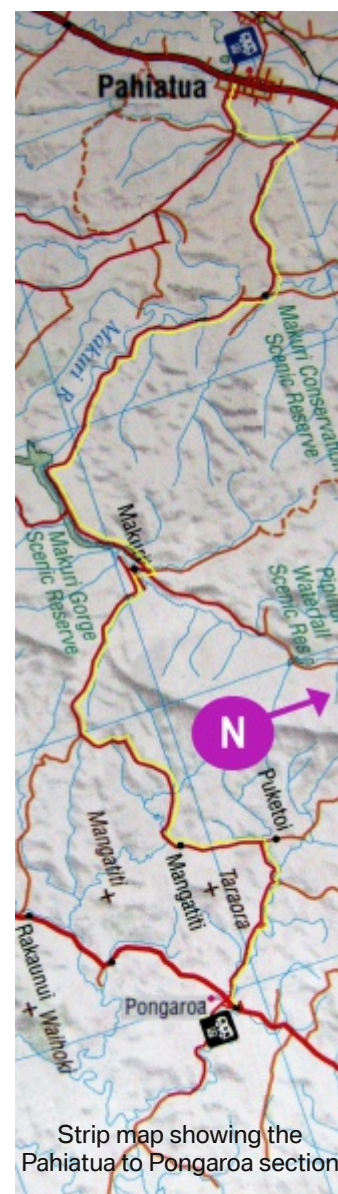
Of interest is the fact that a Challenge Gas Station is being built in Pongaroa it is understood the local residents provided significant funding for this project.

It is these lunch and coffee stops that the spirit of the BMWOR comes to the fore, here we had 5 mature people with a lot of motorcycling kilometres under their bums sitting and swapping motorcycling and life experiences covering a lifetime of riding this with humour and good natured banter. Members who, for whatever reason, do not participate in any of the BMWOR rides rallies etc miss an awful lot of camaraderie and entertainment with people, many of whom have the same or similar outlook on life. Many motorcycling problems either riding or mechanical have been solved or qualified advice given on how to overcome these issues.

After lunch we set out down Route 52 heading towards Eketahuna and then back over the Pahiatua Track and retracing our steps from the morning ride. Route 52 has received extensive damage as a result of the extremely wet last few weeks with a number of slips coned off awaiting attention. One really bad washout which took out a 5 or 6 metre chunk of the complete road was particularly dangerous , the approach was up a rise making it unseen until you were on it, a temporary rough gravel bypass had been put in to enable the road to stay open. The total lack of signage warning of this situation made it very dangerous to the point where Ann Tibbs phoned the local road management authorities to complain. Apart from this incident the return ride was the usual Friday afternoon traffic with the Tibsy's opting to go around the 'block' riding over the Paekakariki Hill, Haywards Hill and then the Rimutaka Hill and home to Masterton.

Another great days riding in fine weather and great company for the writer it was a 443km home to home ride.

Peter Nash



Strip map showing the Pahiatua to Pongaroa section

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Travel Arrangements

Traveling or touring on the bike is a very enjoyable. But some motorcyclists might say there is a down-side: Luggage limitation. – Even worst when you are two-up.

Before I joined the BMWOR, riding was essentially commuting. When I bought my first Beemer, I moved into bigger bikes, and going greater distances. I joined my first motorcycle club and participated in the rides. The bike was capable and had the power required for the manoeuvres that can come into play when riding the different sorts of roads and conditions met on the open road. Then the day-trips changed into more than a day: Overnights and weekend trips.

Now with about 20 years of motorcycle travel behind me I believe I have stowage for the adventures down to a fine art. The R80 came with carrier racks but sans saddle bags. I bought a throw over canvas set and that got me going. I think I used bungee cords to secure an overnight bag.

As bikes' ownership change so too does the luggage systems. It is almost never one model carrier and side bags can be switched over.

That was the case when I moved up to the Cruiser (R1200C). The bike came with baggage – no pun. Also it sported a Ventura rack. But the standard Cruiser bags were really 'around town' bags. (Identified by a black leather finish.) A BMW accessory bag was available through the dealers; comparatively quite large. After dreaming about it for a short time, I bit the bullet and bought the pair. (Identified by a vinyl only finish.) It was into 4 figures, so decision to buy wasn't made lightly. These bags are not common, and I believe are quite saleable when my riding days are over.

Now I have a flexible luggage system that is tailor-made for my purposes for the Cruiser. - Luggage space for two people. If I was





The old backpack

with a pillion the large touring bags were utilised – one each. And a ‘backpack’ style bag was slipped over the Ventura frame. A good arrangement and worked for us for a long time. The pack is still in my ownership, but has changed from a rich black to a light purple. One of the twin zips on the main flap has broken, but never-the-less it is still usable. I haven’t used it for a number of years now as the pack has been superseded.

Some time ago about when BMW introduced their Luggage roll, I bought a ‘Mk 1’ version. – My description. It’s still available from BMW, but different.

When I travel solo, this is my preferred choice. The amount of gear I carry tweaked by size, large or small, or an over-night bag smaller than the Roll. The best way I find to secure the roll bag is the versatile cargo net. The cargo net is the greatest invention yet. Better than bungee cords or straps. The net securely holds everything in place without squashing down very tightly over a small area. Added, the stoage area of the net is almost nil. I put mine in a small bag when not in use. That keeps it tidy and not fouling up on neighbouring stowage. To a newcomer using the cargo net, it might be a little frustrating, with the hooks getting tangled in the weave and the net getting all caught up in itself.

This is how I handle that. Know the net – in detail. The one I have has six hooks – 3 on either side. As a habit, I have the three hooks in line with the bike – a north/south orientation. I find a corner hook, turn the hook to a facing down position. Using this as a base to work from, I unhook and untangle the net. Anchor the base-hook to something and it is easier to untangle. On my particular bike, I have defined places where to attach the hooks on the bike. I make sure they will not slide or move about from where I secure them to.

For me, this is a proven way to secure the luggage roll. Usually inboard over the pillion seat.

My bags are waterproof, but I still pack everything into supermarket bags; suspend by the handles and spin. Then place these into the saddle bags upside down. It’s own weight keeps the contents dry. (Well something like that!)

I used to place all the socks in one bag and shirts in another. But now I find it far more convenient to place a day’s clothing set into one bag. So; a bag a day.

On longer trips I will throw in a small sachet of soap power.

Frequently used items like map, wet weather gear, camera, drink etc. I will place in the left side saddle bag (nearside).

‘Bon voyage!’



Small saddles, big bag



Big saddles, big bag

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Al Hirschfeld

If you only read books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.
Haruki Murakami

Obituary

It is with great sadness to report that members Robert and Esther Joe's son, Elliot, passed away in August after a long illness. Elliot leaves behind a partner and young son. Our thoughts are with Robert and Esther at this very sad time.

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