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## 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

### President's Podium November 2018

Wow, my last podium as your club's President this term and the last newsletter for 2018. I'm not entirely sure how the year has gone by so quickly, maybe it's an age thing, but it's been a pretty full on year!

I've been out on the bike a bit too, the recent South Island RAG Rally being one of the highlights in the last month or so. Our Canterbury Area Rep, Julie, pulled a masterstroke in securing the Top10 Holiday Park in Geraldine as the venue. The 30 or so members, including Richard and Janine from Auckland, had a huge amount of fun. Aside from great riding, there were lots of laughs over the weekend and a bit of silliness from time to time as well. Just like it should be!

Just last weekend, my good friend Chris and I hosted a couple of guys I went to welding school with in Wellington and two of their friends looking for an adventure between Hanmer Springs and Waiau on a four day South Island tour. Suffice to say we were happy to accommodate and, with the help of local landowners, arranged a route across the Amuri Saddle loosely following one undertaken on a Yamaha Safari I recall doing back in 2009. Despite impressive rainfall figures the Thursday prior we had no worries crossing the Hanmer River, enjoyed a sublime ride over Birch Topping and Balcadine, reveled in the great conditions over the Lowry Hills and had a hilarious time navigating Random Spur Road, the last couple of kilometers in ankle deep mud. Our northern brethren turned left at Cheviot heading for an overnight stay in Kaikoura while Chris and I headed home via Cathedral Cliffs, the Blythe Valley and Motunau Beach, just because we could. It was a wicked day, awesome company, and lots of good laughs.

Pretty much all of this was organised over a week or two through social media and various photos and commentary subsequently posted on our club Facebook page amongst others. It's one of the benefits of platforms like Facebook, in my view an invaluable way of keeping in touch with people you otherwise wouldn't see on a regular basis, and enabling others to hear about real-time events and gatherings you might otherwise miss.

On the other hand, Facebook can be annoying and confusing given that there are few restrictions on what groups or pages people can set up and what they call themselves. I've been fielding a number of calls from members around some confusion with a group called "BMW Riders NZ", and what relationship it has with the club.

BMW Riders NZ is a page that has been set up by one of our members. As I understand it, there was a time back when OSH issues became such that operating and organising a ride for the BMWOR Auckland Branch became quite onerous. The local Auckland Branch riders decided that a means by which they could ride (and communicate) on a more casual basis would include a webpage/face book page for those riders who attended the rides under the title Auckland BMW Riders. Although predominantly owners of BMWs and members of BMWOR, all makes were encouraged. For reasons unbeknown, this then morphed into BMW Riders NZ.

Like I said, if a person wants to start a social network inspired club or page, there's nothing stopping them from doing so and naming it whatever they want. There is a plethora of BMW related pages and groups on Facebook, just as you'll find many Harley and Triumph brand interest groups and other riding-type interest groups (distance, adventure, touring, etc.) out there.

There are two clubs in New Zealand currently authorised by BMW to provide a home for owners post purchase and others embracing the brand. One of these is the BMW Car Club, the other one is us.

To be clear, our club Facebook page is BMW Motorcycle Club - New Zealand. The distinction is that, as the only current official BMW Motorcycle Club in New Zealand through our relationship with BMW Motorrad NZ and BMW Clubs International, we enjoy the benefits of BMW's Corporate Identity and we're able to use the BMW roundel and other copy-write collateral in any of our settings.

In the spirit of co-operation between New Zealand's two official BMW clubs, I'm delighted that the President of the BMW Car Club has reached out to organise a joint car/bike weekend based in Turangi for the last weekend of March 2019. We've been talking about such events for some time; it's great we can now make it happen. More detail will be out about that soon.

It's been a really good year in the main, I have enjoyed this past term as President immensely and thank all members of the current Board for the way in which each has undertaken their responsibilities and particular tasks over the year. We work well together as a team, partnering up and bringing our collective strengths to our purpose.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our Area Reps, Editor, Gear Shop administrator and all the other great people who help our club operate in the way it does. It is a real privileged to be part of such a great team!

And a big "thank you" to you too. Your commitment to membership of our club is very much appreciated.

Jo and I hope to catch up with you at the Annual Rally in January, and we're very much looking forward to the journey north.

No matter how you celebrate it, I wish you all the happiness the Christmas season can bring, and may it follow you throughout the coming year. Wherever your travels take you; have fun and make good decisions!

Garry

## START PLANNING NOW!

### RAG Rally

is next on our Calendar after the AGM/Annual Rally.

More detail to follow next month, but this meeting usually falls on the Weekend of Daylight Savings eve.



# 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

Link for country-wide events: <https://www.mnz.co.nz/events>

### National BMWOR Events

Jan. 2019 Annual Rally/AGM. Auckland. See page 14.

March/April (around): RAG Rally National Park. North Island.

### Regional BMWOR Events

Northland See area Rep.

#### Auckland

Sunday 2nd December. Café run. Destination Café Miko 100 Hill Road Manurewa 2105 (Botanic Gardens). Make your own way there for 10.00am.

Monday 10th December. Monthly meeting Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose 7.30pm. Bound to turn into a bit of a Christmas do.

Sunday 16th December. Monthly Ride, destination Whatawhata. Meet BP Service Centre Southern Motorway between Papakura and Drury off ramps. 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

Thursday 20th December. Mid-week ride. Meet at The Garage 57 Barrys Point Road Takapuna for a 10am start.

January. Rally 2019 is our focus but there will likely be some impromptu stuff going on. If you are reading this and don't receive email notifications before every event then contact me [steve@ctnsider.co.nz](mailto:steve@ctnsider.co.nz).

Waikato See Area Rep.

Bay of Plenty See Area Rep.

Taranaki See Area Rep.

Rangitikei See Area Rep.

East Coast See Area Rep.

#### Wairarapa/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.

Monday – 10 December - Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm

Sunday – 16 December - TBA

#### Nelson

9th December. Anatoki Salmon farm.

Canterbury See Area Rep.

Otago/Southland See Area Rep.



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## Area Reports

### Auckland

October's monthly ride was the Bennydale loop and this ride has tended to log around 600kms for the last couple of years. For those of us that love distance riding it's one of the best days out, for those perhaps not so used to that type of distance it can be pretty daunting particularly if we get a bit behind schedule early on and need to reduce the riding time per km. Tony hasn't lead this ride for the past couple of years and was aware that some riders were out at the limit of what they could cope within a day so he applied some Tony magic, introduced some awesome backroads, a few shortcuts and reduced the Kms to more like 500. Hell of a good day out. Incidentally Tony is in charge of the Rally 2019 road rides, expect good stuff.

A few months back we were invited to be part of an evening hosted by Cyclespot at The Garage Barrys Point Road. It was always going to be a good night because a bunch of bikes (inside) and a bunch of riders all got together in a café type setting with free barista coffee. The point to this is that the idea took hold of a mid-week ride which had a few less kms attached to it, was pretty laid back and catered also for some of the older bikes lurking about in garages. The first of these occurred 16th October and the second 15th November. Known as the Thursday ride, it has proven to provide another opportunity for folk to ride bikes about the place. The ride is pretty much a self-directed thing determined by the riders that turn up on the day and I think that's a good thing which adds character to the event.

November's Café run destination was Café Sole located Clarks Beach, this is the second time we've been there and the venue stayed true to expectation. Peter Zink and I were kinda keen to head off as soon as possible because we had secured a meeting with the General Manager of Limestone Downs, a 3216 hectare mixed use cattle station located on the west coast south of Port Waikato. The purpose of our meeting was access to this massive private holding for Rally 2019. Others at the café run joined us for the ride from Clarks Beach to Port Waikato, they were on sport bikes and you don't have to go far beyond Port Waikato before a sport bike is just the wrong tool from the tool kit for the job at hand. The Limestone Downs meeting was a resounding success and the Sunday experience for GS riders attending Rally 2019 just got way more interesting. We have yet to map the Limestone Downs stage but broadly speaking we will be making our way toward a 7.5km section of west coast beach protected by bluffs at either end where we can just Burt Monroe the hell out that place. It seems there will be two routes to the beach, one will be ok for basic to intermediate riders and the other will require a more advanced level of adventure riding skill. Limestone Downs also has a 40 bed lodge attached so there's definitely a north of the north RAG rally going down next year.

Our monthly meeting Nov 12th turned into movie night. Craig Jackson of Compass Expeditions visited us a few months back and left a couple of DVD's. In the week leading up to our meeting I grabbed one of these DVD's and hit play. What I encountered was not endless footage of bikes riding about the place; it was way more than that. The quality of these productions is extraordinary, it's about the journey, the riders, the people they encounter, the challenges and tragedies, the heritage of the countries and roads they encounter. Charley Boorman narrates, the ride leader is Mick McDonald, riders are prepared by Simon Pavey and the route covered is from London to Magadan, one quarter of the earth's surface. You have to see this. Currently the DVD's are on their way to BOP for an upcoming evening.



In general news there's an ongoing problem around the emergence of an online based riding community named in such a way that folk searching for a genuine (authorised) BMW motorcycle home are misled. The community itself probably has a legitimate place and meets a certain need in the riding world but the deliberate choice of name (BMW Riders New Zealand) is misleading. The community is a multi-brand/all comers' type deal; very few BMW bikes are present on their rides. Reputational damage for us is already a reality as even our existing partners in the riding world are being misled, incorrectly judging us according to the conduct of this group leading rise to unnecessary explanation and/or damage control. BMW and BMW Clubs International probably won't tolerate this unauthorised use of the BMW brand for much longer but action by individuals to encourage a name change either in person or via social media should take place wherever possible. There is only one motorcycle club in New Zealand authorised to use the BMW brand and we are it.



Kuripapango Campsite Gentle Annie,  
Taihape - Napier Road



The Tikokino Pub, S.H50

Remember to get your Rally 2019 registrations in real soon, we can deal with some very last minute registrations but we are getting close to the date already.

Stephen

#### Rangitikei

With longer days at this stage of the year we decided to revisit a favoured but rather lengthy ride option; the Gentle Annie road. This is one of the best rides in our area and the route has been fully sealed for some time now.

Six bikes left Bulls together at 9am and we picked up our Whanganui friends Nev and Peer at Hunterville. First stop was BP Taihape for fuel and to grab a drink and sandwiches for the planned picnic lunch.

Off we headed at around 10.30am heading north then east from Taihape into the pastoral lands. About half an hour in we stopped for a stretch on the

old swing bridge which spans the Rangitikei river. From here the road climbs up onto the volcanic plateau passing Ngamatea station before descending down into the Kaweka Forest Park. Superb ride with big hills, fast and slow bends and little traffic.

Arriving at Kuripapango we enjoyed our picnic lunch at an expansive domain surrounded by bush and towering hills. Comments were many about the ride, settled weather and lack of wind which can often be an issue on this road. A very pleasant and relaxing stop.

Continuing eastwards we eventually arrived at Omaha then skirted Fernhill going to SH50 at Maraekakaho. Stopping again at the Tikokino Pub we enjoyed live music in the Garden Bar with a coffee or milkshake. Continuing on there was a refuel at Dannevirke before negotiating the Saddle Road to Ashhurst. Here we split with riders heading home in smaller groups.

A great day out over a route so superb we're talking about making it an annual event.

#### Wellington/Wairarapa

Tuesday 13 Nov. - An Impromptu Sealed Road Ride to Lake Ferry looked like a good excuse to try their 'famous' fish and chips lunch again. Wairarapa and Rangitikei Riders were met at the Bach Cafe on the Corner of the Martinborough Square and Jellecoe Road/Lake Ferry Road. There was one.

Wellington Riders assembled at the Caltex Rimutaka for departure, our established R.V. for many years now. I had arranged to meet at the Square in Martinborough. - And there they were waiting when I arrived. Then the Manawatu Battalion arrived. -Just one. But that's great. Remember it was a working day (impromptu, remember).

We rode south in single file owning the road. Traffic was light; very light. The Lake Ferry cafe was waiting there for us, and without wasting time, we filed in and ordered our meals. I was swayed by a mushroom burger listed on the menu and forsook the 'famous' fish 'n' chips. - It was worth it.

Sunday 18 November was the Wellington November Monthly Club ride - 2 Riders 1 refuelled at BP Mana - the RV place. As no one else had indicated they were coming, we rode off up SH1 turned at Kimberly Road stopping at the Horseman in Shannon to put an extra layer of clothing on, the wind was cold. We had coffee and continued on to the Kimbolton Pub for lunch. The single Wairarapa Rider and his Mate did not appear so after lunch we left in drizzle riding through Fielding and into sunshine, down back roads onto SH56 and then onto SH57 through Shannon and home traffic thickened up gradually as we got closer to Wellington.

Home to Home distance for the lead rider 340kms.

#### Nelson

Another fantastic ride and couldn't have asked for better weather.

We met up at QE2 car park in Nelson and headed to Pelorous for morning tea. Tony and Hans took the Maungatapu route and met us there. It was nice to see Peter and Sacha back on the bike; they met up with us at Pelorous. And we also met Ross at Pelorous out on his R80.

After chatting and refreshments some headed off their own way and the rest of us went onto Yealands Estate for a picnic lunch overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The weather was perfect, about 20C and no wind. The winery is near Seddon, and is open to the public to go on the white road and do a self tour around the vineyard. Highly recommended and we will be back again. Thanks to all that came, see you next month on the Christmas ride.

Kevin







Titled, simply; 'Eating'  
(Nelson)



Neson - 'Gotta take a photo!'



WHEN OFF-ROAD RIDERS  
Lose their Keys!

## Preliminary Notice of AGM

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of BMW Owner's Register Inc. will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday 12 January 2019 at Wesley College, 801 State Highway 22, Paerata, Auckland 2676.

Any Member of BMWOR intending to bring forward a subject for discussion or to move a resolution at the AGM must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or prior to Sunday 23 December 2018.

Notices must specify the subject or set out the resolution to be moved in accordance with clause 9.1.5 of the club's constitution and must be dated and signed by the mover and seconder, both of whom must be members of BMWOR. Any notices of resolution submitted after Sunday 23 December 2018 will not be accepted.

The final agenda for the Annual General Meeting, including any notices of motion received from any Members, will be sent electronically or by post to all members at their last known place of address and posted on the Club website fourteen days prior to the meeting.

All elected Board members' two year terms expire at the AGM in January 2019, therefore election to each position for a further term is required. This is in accordance with BMWOR's constitution, which is available on the club website at [www.bmwor.org.nz](http://www.bmwor.org.nz).

Nominations for members of the Board received by the closing date of 15 November 2018 are as follows:

President:	Garry Williams - 1510
Vice President:	Grant Aislabie - 2621
Treasurer:	Robin Wood - 2560
Secretary:	David Ross - 3161
Membership:	Chris Souness - 3272
Member Rep:	Dale Grover - 3170.

Nominations made after 15 November 2018 can only be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

A final Notice of the AGM will be sent out on Sunday 23 December and will include details of the business at hand that includes:

- o Minutes of the previous meeting,
- o Annual report from the Board,
- o Financial statements for the financial year, including income and expenditure, balance sheet for the past year and the estimate of income and expenditure for the current year,
- o Election of Officers
- o any remits, notice of motion or anything to be included as business beyond that prescribed above that the Secretary has received prior to the 20th day before the AGM (which is Sunday 23 December 2018)



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Reporting a, "Lost in (Cyber) Space" . . . .

## BOP: A Special Area Report

The weekend of September 29th - 30th Six of us headed up to Coromandel town where we stayed at Tidewater Motel for a couple of nights. The plan was to leave Friday afternoon so we could have a full Saturday gravel riding to both Fletcher Bay and Stoney Bay to enjoy both the roads and the scenery. Included hopefully in this newsletter should be a few photos from the weekend. We had stunning weather for the whole weekend and Fletcher Bay would have to be one of NZ's best gravel roads and scenery combined. Food was taken in the Star & Garter Pub which is a motorcyclist haven with memorabilia on all walls and great food.

Octobers club rides destination was Pio Pio, and was attended by 7 riders and 1 pillion meeting in Arapuni for a change at the Rhubarb Café. The weather held out till we got to Pio Pio then down came the drizzle, so before the return trip home most kitted up[] with their wet weather gear only to find it cleared up 5 kilometres down the road! Still a great days riding was had by all and one or two new potential members may join our club.

Last month's social night was kindly hosted by Kathy and Mark Roberts who did a superb job, thank you both. Future socials will be organised for midweek as weekends become more family precious to some, so I will see how this works out.



Above: On the way to Fletcher-Bay.

The Coromandel Fletcher Bay gravel ride.

Above: The guy with his back to us is Bob Hunt testing the electric fence out whilst having a leak!

Right: Stoney Bay



It's raining today so I've picked up pen and paper to jot down some highlight of rides-past. You know - incidents and things as a result of concatenations.

One big ride was back in the R80 days and Cheryl and I tripped the South Island. From Murchison to Greymouth we rode into rain with an extremely low viscosity which lasted all day: There was no wind to speak of, which in turn kept the clouds at an altitude of 1 metre. Riverton was eerie, the lighting was still on in the railway yard. You could just see the tops of goods carriages and coal carts in the mist. We had no advanced accommodation booking and arriving at Greymouth we looked for and secured a motel south of the commercial area. So the memory here was the free drying room. We took all our wet gear including boots down to the room and by morning everything was dry! We were happy riders. The evening meal was one we remember too; ironically I can't remember what it was!

So while I'm on the wet riding and West Coast S.I., I must mention a couple of other things. We took a detour up to the Blackball Hotel, ('Formally the Blackball Hilton Hotel') and arrived as wet as! The fire was roaring, and we had a meal there and in the time from order to repelition we were dry.

Did you go to the Alexandra Annual Rally? I did and beautiful weather it was. My plan was to ride up the West Coast and pass through Nelson. My next night was in the old school at Okarito. (That's a nice side road to add to your 'Been There' desti's folder.) But the closer I got to the pass at Makaroa, I knew rain was inevitable. And yes it was just past the General Store that the precipitation went pitter-patter. Again it never let up and at Fox Glacier I stopped for a break. The rain was at 40d angle, - I swear. You could see it!

I have to point out here about the West Coast. I believe in the adage, 'First impressions – Lasting impressions.' My very first time I went to the West Coast, it was fine weather. Absolutely beautiful. And that is my lasting impression of the West Coast.

I've been to Taranaki/New Plymouth many times. My Dad was born there; not that there are rellies to visit. My very first BMWOR AGM was there too. - The 2001 meeting.

I will never forget the trip home in the rain. On that part of SH 3 between Stratford and Hawera, I got stuck behind a tanker truck. The spray kicked up from the 14 or so wheels was intense. There was a wall of spray that moved with the truck that I just could not penetrate./ Eventually I stopped at Sanson to refuel. (I don't remember how far I tailed the truck.) I stood in the forecourt and the water just flowed out of my clothing. The wet weather clothing was totally out of it's league. I was saturated. But I never got a cold – or worse.

Once I went up to see mother In Napier I came back with 10 bottles of wine in the saddle bags! – Yes, ten! A good trip. Cornucopian bags!

Heading back home from an Annual Rally in Otago, I arrived in Ashburton and over to my left was the strangest sight I'd ever seen. It was a septic tank storage facility. It looked so unusual and funny. I've never seen another place like it. (Photo right)

One very good trip was with Rangitikei Branch and a visit to the underground power station off The Dessert Road. It was a case of, "What lies beneath!"

I always visit the wharf and harbour when I go to Westport. I was in the recreational berths when I was pleasantly surprised to find a Sam Rabl 'Mocking Bird Jr. moored there. Sam R was an American naval architect who was designing yachts in the classical style when they were new. 1910-1940's era. This 18 foot Mocking Bird was a hard



chine planked design and came in sloop and ketch rig options. (See Photo)

A few years back I started a 'tack-on' day/night to the time proven popular perennial RAG Rally. This was the 'Dawn Chorus'. The idea was to tent out in a bush reserve and be there for the dawn chorus of native birds at first light. Somewhere on the next page is a group of these happy campers at Pureora Forest Park. (Photo center left)

I have only ever given assistance to the cycling fraternity assisting with support for their annual races. This time it was based out of Masterton. My memory of that event was the great camaraderie with everybody involved and the appreciation of our time and bikes for assistance. (Photo center right - somewhere in the Wairarapa.)

To finish off this magic memory time, I have to go back to the South Island and I remember a side trip out to Lake Kanerie in the hinterland of Hokitika. A very beautiful and peaceful place, which I had to record the visit with a camera. (Photo bottom page 13)





The Mocking Bird Jr.



Dawn Chorus







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To all BMW Club members,

You are invited to attend the inaugural annual National Festival to be held at Braxmere Lodge, 88 Waihi Rd, Tokaanu (Turangi) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

A National Show and Shine will be held right on the edge of Lake Taupo

Cars & bikes will be on display all day on Saturday on the lake edge with the Show and Shine starting at 10am

This is a joint event organised by the BMW Car Club New Zealand & the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand. It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded folk from both sides of the BMW badge.

A dinner at the Lakeland Restaurant (part of Braxmere Lodge) on Saturday night will round out the day's events for everyone involved.

Accommodation is limited to 10 units only at Braxmere – first in first served. \$150 /night for 2 nights (Fri & Sat). (Accommodation at Braxmere is configured as a king bed in one room with double fold out bed in the lounge). Once this is booked there are plenty of motels & accommodation in & around Turangi.

Please contact Braxmere Lodge directly to book accommodation on 07 386 6449 or 027 427 2963, mentioning BMW Clubs. This will be held for Club members until early January.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> a drive/ride will be held around the base of National Park with brunch in Ohakune. From there, participants can make their way home, whether north, south, east or west.

We would love to see as many cars and bikes as possible for this new, exciting event.

Registration details will follow soon.



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The accommodation is a school with residential facilities, so accommodation is practical, with single twin and cubicles in larger rooms; all linen and catering is provided. There are great socialising areas with tea, coffee and kitchen facilities, lounges, decks, and a pool along with great on-site areas for planned activities over the weekend.

Pukekohe township is 10 minutes drive and has much to offer those looking for shops, markets and galleries. It is about 15 minutes drive to the train station to journey into Auckland and explore the city or catch the Ferry to Waiheke. There will be opportunities for non riders and partners to visit local gardens, cafes, winery tours, Waiheke Island, hiking tracks and walks etc. Look for updates as we get close to the event. **Registrations are open, with options for live in and locals to attend daily.**







# Registration Form: 2019 Annual BMWOR Rally

Wesley College: 801 State Highway 22, Paerata, Auckland, New Zealand 2676

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Name of registered member			
Address			Postcode:
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Name 1:	Number	Cost PP	Total
Name 2:			
<b>Registration:</b> Participation in events over the weekend (Excludes Meals/Accom.) This provides access to tea and coffee in registration area over the weekend.		\$40	
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<b>TOTAL</b>			

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Health/ dietary concerns that are pertinent to this event.

It is important if you are travelling /participating as an **individual** that the organisers are aware of these.  
**Please communicate these with the appropriate staff member at registration.** (Being old doesn't count.)  
**Meals are all buffet style:** the kitchen is experienced at providing meals for all special requests.  
**Please circle below if you have specific requirements.**

Meal requirements	Dairy Free	Vegetarian	Gluten Free	Gluten Intolerant	Other:
Packed lunch for	MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> (for your journey home)				YES / NO

**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.

## The South Island RAG Rally



A great team of hardy BMW riders gathered at Geraldine on Friday afternoon for the South Island RAG Rally. The venue was the Top 10 Motor Camp located right in the middle of town. It was a chance to catch up with friends from Auckland to Cromwell. Wonderful to have guests from so far afield.

We all wandered into town for a pub meal on Friday night and to plan Saturday's rides.

Saturday dawned sunny and warm, and after breakfast at a local cafe, we were all keen to get out and explore beautiful south Canterbury and the McKenzie country.

The road touring team went to Mt Cook village. Here Rodney and Sharon ditched the bike and lead a short tramp in search of views of Tasman Glacier and lake. A bit of huffing and puffing involved by all accounts.

The GS riders were treated to some primo remote gravel riding. Gary and Chris lead the riders through the foothills around Raincliff, then over Mount Gay, and the McKenzie Pass, with a stop at the stone cairn memorial to James McKenzie. After some perfect views of Mt Cook, we climbed easily over the Hakataramea Pass and dropped down into the very long Hakataramea Valley. We eventually found the correct road, turned east and rode over Meyers Pass through much tighter gorge country, and made our way out to Waimate for a late lunch. It was then a pleasant ride along Back Line Road to Cave and home to Geraldine for a fantastic BBQ prepared by Jo and the lovely ladies, and cooked by Ralph. Of course, there was the compulsory beer and a debrief of the day's adventures.

We even turned on a hail storm after dinner to amuse our guests.

Sunday morning, we cooked up bacon and eggs and enjoyed breakfast with all our friends before saying our goodbyes and all heading away home under threatening skies.

Thanks to the Canterbury team for a great rally.

Words by Ralph..edited by Julie who will not mention one rider seen moving quickly back uphill in an effort to return their bike to upright unobserved.





## Gravel Road Riding – Five Day Ride

In 2016 Peter Tibbs offered to conduct gravel road riding training to be based out of the Masterton Menzshed. Initially this offer generated quite a lot of interest with 15 members wanting to participate. Training was undertaken on Saturdays and was weather dependant and Menzshed availability attendees came and went as they had time available. This training was also offered to members of the Wairarapa Ulysses Club and members also showed interest with several attending.

Peter planned a 5 day ride for those who had attended most of the training, taking in a range of gravel roads in the central and lower North Island at Labour Weekend. Peter and Ann Tibbs were joined by 5 Riders, (one as far as Whakatane) 2 Dual BMWOR/Ulysses members and 3 Ulysses members and 2 BMWOR members in a car as Support Crew.

I had planned to go on this ride but had a non motorcycling mishap which did some damage to my left shoulder making riding on this ride impossible. Peter suggested I might like to come along in the car as support crew which Jenny and I did. We were Tail End Charlie and as a consequence got a really good dusting on the dry gravel roads. The car went everywhere the bikes went and the drive was a great experience.

As a group we booked into accommodation as the 'Dusty Riders' and the ride started at 08:30 on Thursday 18 October at the Masterton McDonalds where we had one additional ex local Ulysses rider who rode with us as far as Whakatane close to his home in Ohope Beach. BMW bikes were the bikes of choice with two BMW 1200GSAs, two 1200GSs one GS700 and one rider on a Vstrom DL1000.

The ride included a lot of sealed back roads as more of the gravel gets replaced by seal, however, both sets of roads took in some spectacular scenery.

Day one – Masterton McDonalds to The Red Shed, the first night's accommodation in Shearers quarters on a large farm South West of Putorino inland Northern Hawke Bay. The first gravel being from Bideford to Route 52 with final section being on Daggs Road parts of this area had been resurfaced or graded so the surface was loose in places. This next gravel was around the Oringi area south of Dannevirke a coffee break was taken 7 km north of Dannevirke this was followed by more sealed back roads through Ormondville and Takapau. Both Dannevirke and Waipukurau were noted as refueling waypoints for those needing to top up. The ride continued on SH2 turning off in Waipawa for the ride through to the Patangata Pub for lunch. The ride continued avoiding the busier main roads in the Hasting Napier area with a refuel waypoint being the Z Taradale where we also stopped for coffee. Moving North via back roads and briefly joining the Napier Taupo Road as far as Waipunga Road and then onto Darkies Spur Road. The view from the ridge was, for me, the most spectacular scenery of the day with a huge landscape away to the West. We descended from the ridge ultimately turning onto SH2 for the short ride to Matahorua Road to the Red Shed and the first night's accommodation. This was basic comfortable accommodation and the farmer's wife produced a beef casserole with all the trimmings in terms of vegetables for dinner as well as the cereals and toast bread and spreads for breakfast all for \$50 per person. The Red Shed faces the East and the sunrise the next morning was a magnificent site to behold.

Day two – The Red Shed to Whakatane with the second night's accommodation in the Karibu Backpackers in Whakatane which can best be described as very basic and unorganized with some of our riders not getting what they had requested and the manager had agreed to.

On Friday morning we all had an early breakfast we departed down to SH2 North East passing under the Mohaka Viaduct.



The Red Shed

We turned inland onto Putere Road passing Lakes Rotongaio, Rotorua, Rotonuihia before turning into Waireka Road gravel on this road in one stretch looked as though it had been resurfaced the day before which was a challenge that all met safely. This thick gravel led down to a bridge that one of the GPS's had raised a doubt as to whether the bridge existed. The bridge provided some quality photo opportunities and a comfort stop. Further on we joined Waihi Road more gravel which climbed up onto a ridge at this point one of the riders noticed a warning light which at first looked like a need for some oil however a check showed there was plenty of oil. The view from the ridge was a panorama of the surrounding hills which was duly videoed. From Waihi Road we exited onto Lake Road and then onto Piripaua Road for the ride down to Lake Whakamarino. There is a well established community on the shore of this lake including a Lake Whakamarino lodge again video and photo opportunities were taken.

After leaving Lake Whakamarino on Rotten Row we turned onto Tuai Main Road and then onto Lake Road and ultimately into Waikaremoana Road where we stopped to look at and photograph the Mokau falls. We continued the ride around and past Lake Waikaremoana to wind through the bush covered hills past small communities to the lunch stop at Ruatahuna. Ruatahuna was also a fuel stop with a card operated facility alongside a new Café where the food was excellent and very reasonably priced. After lunch we continued on Ruatahuna Road which is a winding gravel main road with bush down to the road for a lot of the way almost to Murupara. Ice creams were purchased in Murupara. Exiting via Kopuriki Road and then on to Pokairoa Road (Gravel) then Galatea Road to SH30 for the ride around Whakatane and out on to White Pine Bush Road eventually leading to Stanley Road which is narrow, steep, winding and gravel. From the gravel we exited onto sealed Wainui Road eventually to Ohope Beach and to Greg Evans home (the rider traveling with us to his home) for a BBQ which was great. After a very enjoyable time with Greg and Yvonne we rode into Whakatane to the Karibu Backpackers for the night.

Highlight's for the day was the ride in, around and out of the Waikaremoana area which for me was new territory.

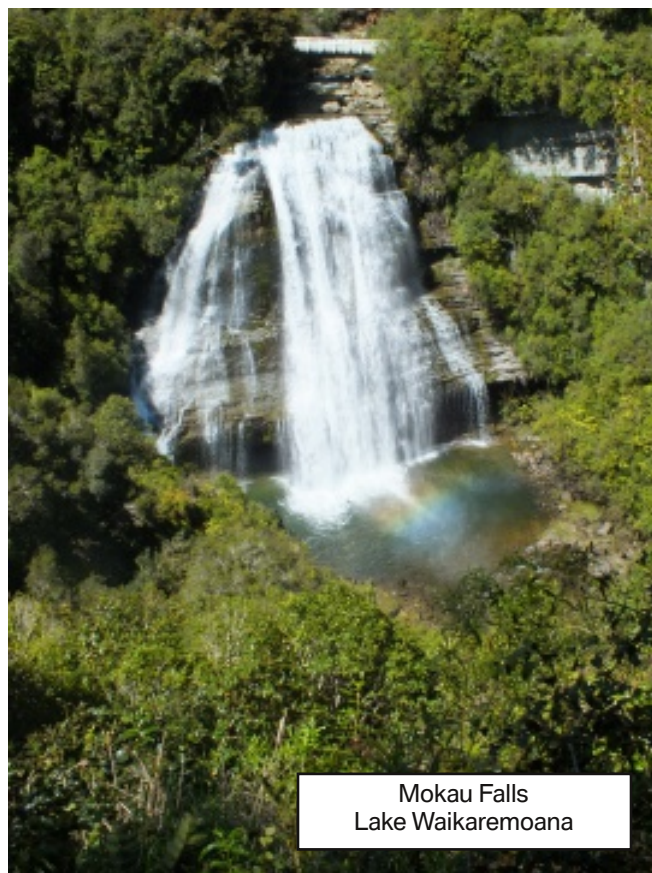
Day three – Whakatane to Awakino, the third day dawned sunny and warm the night in the Karibu Backpackers was seriously unremarkable and most of us were glad to put this dump behind us. Breakfast was planned for The Town and Country Food Café in Kawarau and was excellent a large range of food was on offer and they served good coffee. We departed on Kawarau Road turning into SH30 for the ride past Lakes Rotoma, Rotoehu and Rotoiti all of these lakes are very scenic particularly on a beautifully sunny day. We turned onto SH33 to go across the Northern End of Lake Rotorua turning again onto Hamurana Road then SH36 to ride down the Western Side of Lake Rotorua. A leg stretch and comfort stop was taken at a lake side car park which also provided photo and video opportunities. Continuing on SH36 to Oturoa Road turning right onto SH5, Whites Road, Leslie Road the first gravel riding of the day was in this area, eventually onto SH1 to Putaruru for a refueling stop at the BP 2go. We exited Putaruru via Arapuni Road and stopped at the Arapuni Domain to visit a historic swing bridge over the Waikato River, built in 1925 to enable the Arapuni Power house to be constructed this provided some great views of the Waikato River. We continued south via back roads to the lunch stop at Rosie's Takeaways in Mangakino. After lunch we headed out on to Mitchell Road (SH30) for the start of the afternoons riding.

State Highway 30 takes you through Barryville where we visited Pureora where some of the BMWOR riders attending the North Island RAG Rally camp the night before the rally at a DoC campsite which appeared to be a tranquil place to stay. Continuing down SH30 through Bennydale and onto Kopaki Road through to SH4 and starting with Tikitiki Road, a number of back gravel roads to Aria. Aria is a small hamlet visited on Tibsys 2014 Central and Southern 6 day ride, its only claim to fame is its Cossie Club which was a welcome relief from the heat of the afternoon sun. Travelling in the car as Support Crew with the windows up to avoid the dust inside the car, in the heat, was not pleasant. Cold beverages were consumed to rehydrate. From Aria we turned onto Totoro Road joining SH3 for the ride South West to the Junction Service Station to refuel and then a few hundred metres to the Awakino Hotel for the night.

Highlight's of Day 3, the visit to the Swing Bridge at Arapuni, the gravel roads into Aria, and the Aria Cossie Club.



The Arapuni Power house and swing bridge



Mokau Falls  
Lake Waikaremoana

Day 4 – Awakino to Stratford - The Awakino Pub Cook got up early and provided cooked breakfasts, two sizes large and small the large looked more like a 2 course meal rolled into one so we were all well fed. The day was overcast and with a breeze but mild. We headed out down SH3 turning into Uriti Road where we encountered an interesting rock cliffs and the first of three tunnels carved out of the solid rock. The iconic Kiwi Road in this area was avoided as the condition of this road apparently has deteriorated to the point where it is believed to be closed. We exited back onto SH3 via Kaka Road for the ride into Urenui for a coffee and comfort stop. After the stop in Urenui we turned into Ohanga Road for the start of the ride on sealed and gravel roads, stopping at one point in Matua where a left turn would ultimately lead via Junction Road to SH43 or the 'Forgotten World Highway'. We turned right onto Mata Road and continued onto Stratford and a lunch stop at a Café very similar to the breakfast stop in Kawarau.

After lunch we started to ride around Mount Taranaki on a series of roads starting with Opunake Road continuing on the roads that

followed with a comfort stop at Pukeiti Garden in Carrington Road. The ride continued joining SH3 riding through Egmont Village and a refueling stop in Inglewood continuing on and turning into Pembroke Road riding up the Mountain to the end of this road. The reward was, a panoramic view of the Eastern Taranaki countryside spoilt only by overcast sky and cloud obscuring some of the view.

We descended down Pembroke Road into Stratford and to the night's accommodation in Commercial Hotel comfortable apart from the building shaking ever time a heavy truck went past during the night.

Highlights of Day 4 gravel roads, 3 tunnels and the view from the mountain for me the countryside we rode/drove through was not nearly as rugged as I expected.

Day 5 – Stratford to Masterton - Day 5 was another fine sunny day we are all morning people so breakfast was a self help affair from the Hotel kitchen from around 6:30 and we departed around 07:15. We started out on SH3 and turned off just North of Hawera on Ohangai Road to bypass Hawera and then back onto SH3 stopping at Patea for a comfort stop. Continuing south we turned inland again at Kai iwi on Brunswick Road to basically bypass having to ride through Whanganui stopping for coffee at The Yellow House Café. After crossing the Whanganui River we followed ANZAC Avenue turning onto Portal Street leading to No2 Line out through Fordell continuing until we reached the Turakina Valley Road turning onto Taurimu Road (gravel) leading through Marton to SH1 for the ride to Viv's Café in Sanson for the lunch stop.

The afternoon ride started by continuing on SH3 through Palmerston North onto SH57 for the short ride to the Pahiatua Track and over to the Wairarapa. We turned off the 'Track' at Nikau Road and followed both sealed and the last, and some of the deepest gravel,



on the ride, eventually turning onto SH2 South of Eketahuna. We then rode back down SH2 to Masterton passing the Start/Finish site McDonalds and onto Pack and Save to purchase food for a BBQ that rider Mike and wife Shona Purcell had kindly invited the group to at their home. The BBQ was great and it was much appreciated by all of the riders and support crew as it was a chance to relax with a sense of achievement.

Highlights of the day where the roads used to

bypass the main Wanganui CBD, the final gravel roads in the Wairarapa and the BBQ hosted by Mike and Shona Purcell.

There were no mishaps and no mechanical issues on the entire 5 day ride and Tibsy's Garmin Maps were all spot on although the lads with Tom Tom GPS's had a few issues with the conversion. Thanks goes to Peter and Ann Tibbs for what must have been a major planning and mapping exercise and to all the riders for their great company.

Peter Nash



Legend:  
1st. Day Magenta  
2nd. Day Cyan  
3rd Day Green  
4th. Day Blue  
5th. Day Red

The Icons shown in the map are standard Garmin GPS map symbols And are not directly relevant to the story trip.

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"Poor Old fool," thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he'd humor the old man and asked, "So how many have you caught today?" The old man replied, "You're the eighth."

When a soldier came to the clinic where I work for an MRI, he was put into the machine by an attractive, young technician. Sometime later, when the examination was over, he was helped out of the machine by a far older woman. The soldier remarked, "How long was I in there for?"

After trick-or-treating, a teen takes a shortcut home through the cemetery. Halfway across, he's startled by a tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, he spots an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at a headstone.

"I thought you were a ghost," says the relieved teen. "What are you doing working so late?"

"Oh, those idiots," grumbles the old man. "They misspelled my name!"



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