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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With David Huddy

The weather this last few weeks has put a dampener (ouch!) on riding, so there has not been a lot of activity. Fortunately the weather for the Flutterbies Pizza ride was better. Leaving under a clear blue sky and returning under the stars. We had five bikes and two pillions on the ride and Jill and Greyden met us there. Daylight saving over the border means we got home at a reasonable hour and at this time of year there's no fog. So a very enjoyable evening.

I see that the cafe at Binna Burra offers Saturday evening pasta and pizza from 5.30 to 7.30 and I'll arrange a ride for that soon.

The sad news this month is that Mick and Debbie are leaving us to return to Melbourne to be with family. Mick has offered to keep going with the newsletter, since it's all done on line. And for that a big thank you. Mick and Debbie have been active members of the club, participating in rides and Mick has joined the committee this year as well as producing the newsletter. So they will be greatly missed. Their departure date is not yet finalised, but whenever they leave we wish them well and hope to see them again on visits.

The push for electric bikes is steaming ahead with Harley announcing one to be launched in 2019. The push comes from pollution in major cities rather than climate change, but who is going to buy a silent Harley? And with a range of only 200km it's strictly for suburban use I think.

Our April meeting is on Easter Sunday, but the Hinze breakfast meeting will go ahead as planned with a ride following. The Commonwealth games start 3 days later. No doubt there will be major disruption to the roads and traffic, so perhaps an opportunity to enjoy the road while everyone is glued to their TV screens. Any ideas let Gordon or me know.



Keep on keeping on.

cheers,

David

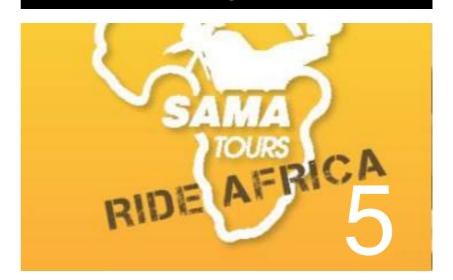
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Editors Comments

Thanks David for the nice words in your submission. Update - we've sold the house on the very first open day so its all got very real. Both Deb and I finish work on March 23 and the removalists are book for March 30 - so only 4 weeks left for us on the coast. Our only problem is that we don't have anywhere to go quite yet :) That's not that unusual for us. On our way up here we only secured a rental the day before we were leaving. We are big believers in putting in the yards and everything always works out. The older we get the more nerve racking it does get though. Deb's in Melbourne at the spending some time with our new grandson and looking at rental properties so something will turn up.

Anyway enough about me and more on the Newsletter. It's a bit light on again this month. If anyone sees or reads an interesting article please email it through. If you've been for a ride, send in a few pictures and a little blurb. Our members are very interested in what you've been doing!

I'm not certain we will have time to catch up with everyone before we go but we will definitely be back and attend one of the meetings later this year. Jill had a great idea that I leave a bike here for Justin (justin case I wanna fly up and ride with the club) Great idea!

So take care out there everyone and we really have enjoyed your club and have met some amazing people along the way. Now it's time to turn the page on a new chapter.



Thanks so much for having us!

Mick Holford

CLUB CALENDAR

March 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Club Dates

March	4th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
March	18th	Sunday	John Vassallo leads the troops
March	23rd	Friday	Evening ride to street food
March	23rd	Friday	Ladies lunch - Yum Cha near Grill'd downstairs by the lake at Robina Town Centre - Midday

Club Ride Rules

Never pass the ride leader.

To be considered as riding with the group, you should be between the ride captain and the tail-end Charlie. (TEC) TEC hasn't got eyes in the back of their head. When riding in staggered formation, the formation is set by the rider behind the ride captain. When the formation changes, please take care. It is not advised to merely move across. Move across if safe to do so.

The rider behind the ride captain corner marks. Do it safely. Try to be in vision of the riders that you are directing. Do not endanger yourself by stopping in loose gravel, or in a place where you may be hit. Tail End Charlie will wave you to re-join the group as he/she approaches you. Again, do it safely. Join only when you think it is appropriate. If TEC is being followed by traffic, pull in behind the traffic and make your way back to the ride. If it's not safe to pull in front of TEC, don't. Use common sense. Keep safe distance at all times.

Advise the ride captain and tail end Charlie if you are leaving the ride before the 'good-bye' point. Be fully fuelled before the ride [The bike guys, the bike]

It is not easy to keep a head count of riders. If you think someone is missing and should not be, ask. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

Never pass on the left; never tail-gate, pass slower riders only when it is safe to do so; be patient.

Abide by the road rules at all times.

2018 RIDE DATES

Gordon McLister

After each Hinze dam breakfast meeting there will be a run 200- 250 k's. Typically lead by us or Steve, or anyone interested to do so on the day. On the third Sunday of each month there will be a run 250 – 400 k's. Each run will be organized by a different person. If you are interested in organising / leading a ride then fantastic, let us know <u>BUT</u> if you just have an idea and want a hand to organise, or would like to organise and let us to lead the ride on the day, or do the whole thing on your own – excellent - anything and everything works. We will be approaching all active club members to volunteer for a date to organise a ride. On other weekends in the month there may be an impromptu run – if you suddenly have an idea then simply contact us, we will promote, arrange, if you like lead the ride, again happy to help.

All subject to change - We will confirm dates, provide detail closer to the time for each event.

April	1st	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
April	8th	Sunday	Dam BBQ breakfast and optional ride after
April	15th	Sunday	Ken - Where the Crowe flies
April	29th	Sunday	Adrian and Cherrie surprise.
Мау	6th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
Мау	20th	Sat/Sun	Damian wriggles to Cambooya
June	3rd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
June	17th	Sunday	Cambooya by Damian
July	1st	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
July	15th	Fri-Mon	Steve
August	5th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
August	12th	Sunday	Club AGM
August	19th	Sunday	Damian bigfella ride
August	26th	Sunday	Queen Mary Falls and Flavours
September	2nd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
September	16th	Sunday	Ken - Postman's knock to Kenilworth
October	7th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
October	21st	Sunday	John E mystery ride
November	2-4th	Fri-Sun	Jacaranda Run to Grafton by David
November	4th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
November	18th	Sunday	Lamb Wrap at
December	2nd	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
December	16th	Sunday	ТВА
December	25th	Sunday	John Simpson reignites his run

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jill Tapp

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting

Held at View Café, Hinze Dam

Sunday 4 February 2018 Commencing at 8.05am

Present: David Huddy President, Mick Holford Editor, Nic Mercieca Media Officer/Delegate, Jill Tapp Secretary, Ian Proctor Treasurer.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2017 were confirmed without amendment.

Moved David, Seconded Nic, All in favour.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

A) Wild Apricot software is a work in progress. John Eacott has experience setting up for SA and has offered to assist Nic in finalizing.

B) Term Deposit: David is to follow up for confirmation paperwork.

C) Spot Tracker has been registered.

D) Registration of The Change of Rules in the Constitution has been confirmed.

3. Correspondence:

Incoming:

David advising committee meeting dates for 2018 (email)

JLT Insurance Package Renewal

ATO - ABN updates

Office of Fair Trading - Registration of New Rules

Secretarial expenses

Outgoing:

Email to TRACKPRO providing advertising costs for The Beemer.

Membership Welcome Letter and badges sent to Troy Power and Ray Scarlett.

Advertising Invoices to: TeamMoto Nerang

SAMA (paid November)

Clean Cut Tree Services

Caltex Byron Service Station

4. Banking The Grand Golf Club invoice for Club Xmas Party Meats \$316 was paid.

5. Reports Nic Mercieca – Wild Apricot project – Work on the club's web site is proceeding. Nic advised that most of the BMW clubs are moving to Wild Apricot software and steps were being taken to co-ordinate development to reduce the need for individual clubs to each do their own.

Nic Mercieca - Clubs Australia - Club Memberships are declining generally throughout Australia. The total number of riders in Australia is 1,889. In 2017 BMW Club Members rode 19 million k's and purchased 116 new BMW's.

PESP is to be discussed at the Clubs Australia Meeting in April.

6. Other Business

Mick and Deb advised of their move to Melbourne. Mick will continue with the Newsletter from Melbourne until a new Editor can be found. Mick is relinquishing the role of Merchandising Officer.

Club Christmas Party Raffle - \$151 was raised and the Club will add \$'s to donate a total of \$300. Members are to be asked for suggestions of a deserving local charity.

7 Membership Report:

94 Members

8. Date of next meeting:

Sunday 6 May at the View café, Hinze Dam preceding breakfast.

9. Closure: The Meeting closed at 8.28am.

BMW NEWS

GS Trophy

The GS Trophy is heading to Mongolia in June 2018 for what will be its biggest challenge yet. With three new teams joining the competition (Australia, India and a second International Female Team) and now with eight days of competition, to allow for the huge distances, the sixth BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy, the Central Asia 2018 edition, is set to break all records



Encountering... everything!

Each of the previous GS Trophies has found its own theme as the competition has hopped from continent to continent. Some have been about mountains or vast volcanic plateaux, others about desert, and the last (in 2016) took the GS riders into the steamy South East Asian rain forests. For 2018, Mongolia will offer much more in just the one experience as the riders will venture from mountains to the desert via the vast Mongolian Steppe (high-altitude grasslands). The scale, for this edition, is truly epic. Unquestionably this is the kind of experience that adventure riders dream about.

About Mongolia.

Mongolia is both vast (at 1.5 million square kilometres it's about three times the size of Germany) and sparsely populated – with a population of just 3 million you'd have to travel to Antarctica to find a lesser populated region!

The country is of course best known for having been the seat of power for the Mongolian Empire when in the 13th century Genghis Khan created the biggest contiguous empire ever known to history. Today, some 30% are still said to be following the centuries-old nomadic horse culture, crossing the steppe each season to graze their livestock, principally yaks and camels.



GS Trophy

Where is Mongolia? From Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital, to Munich (home of BMW Motorrad) is about 8250km by road and track, a journey that typically takes around three weeks. It's still13 hours by plane. It shares its southern border with China while Russia (essentially Siberia) lies to the north. The plateau sits at an altitude of around 1000-1500m above sea level and this will keep the temperatures cooler, the participants should expect anything between frost-nipped 0°C nights through to about 25°C during the day. Conditions can nonetheless get pretty extreme – high winds and dust storms are not uncommon. And while Mongolia is a surprisingly sunny country (averaging around 250 sunny days a year) summer is the rainy season!

All this means the GS riders will need to be ready to deal with a whole range of terrain types as they'll travel across mountains, through canyons, across the steppe and into desert. So that's rock, gravel, grasses, probably mud and finally sand, with all kinds of elevations and gradients to contend with.



About the GS Trophy.

The GS Trophy is a celebration of the spirit of the BMW GS motorcycle, bringing together those elements of leisure, adventure and challenge that this bike engenders. The Central Asia 2018 event is the sixth edition of the GS Trophy, the previous editions took place in South East Asia (Thailand) in 2016, North America (Canada) in 2014, South America (Chile, Argentina) in 2012, South Africa (SA, Swaziland, Mozambique) in 2010 and North Africa) (Tunisia) in 2008. This edition will see 18 teams competing, comprising 54 riders.

The event is not a race but a team competition, pitching the GS-riding international contingent against each other in a series of challenges – and not all involve riding. With the competitors camped nightly in a bivouac, the event also fosters a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood – and camaraderie. The successful team will be respectful of their environment, sympathetic to their machinery and understanding of team-mates.

The event begins on June 1, 2018 when the competitors will arrive at the event HQ in Ulaanbataar for a programme of rider briefings, bike allocations and media meetings. The competition itself will start on June 3 and ends on June 10.

Follow the event.

BMW Motorrad will provide a multi-channel media experience during the event, details of which will be released closer to the time. For now you can find out more about the event and the teams at the dedicated website: <u>www.gstrophy.com</u>.



S 1000 RR

The winter break is over: The BMW S 1000 RR racers, together with the BMW Motorrad Motorsport experts, got their 2018 global racing season underway at the weekend. The first races of the year took place at Phillip Island in Australia, where the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) and the Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) held their season openers.



MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship at Phillip Island, Australia.

For the first of a total of 13 rounds of the 2018 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship 2018 (WorldSBK) the Gulf Althea BMW team and the BMW Motorrad Motorsport experts headed to Phillip Island in southern Australia. For former MotoGP rider Loris Baz of France, who is new to the team this season, it was his first race appearance on the BMW S 1000 RR.

After successful testing on Monday and Tuesday, Baz was full of optimism going into the season opener. However, the Frenchman suffered a setback on Friday: he injured his shoulder and knee when he fell during the practice session. As a result he was unable to improve his practice times and had to compete in Superpole 1, where he qualified in 14thplace on the grid. Despite severe pain in his shoulder, Baz gritted his teeth. He finished in eleventh place in the first race on Saturday. He finished ninth in the race two on Sunday to secure a top 10 result.



With Lyn Dyne

BMW Group achieves best-ever January

Following its seventh consecutive year of record sales, the world's number one manufacturer of premium vehicles started 2018 with another record: The BMW Group has never sold so many cars in January as in this year. A total of 169,538 customers took delivery of a BMW, MINI or Rolls -Royce premium vehicle, an increase of 3.8% on the same month last year.

After celebrating a new record sales year in 2017, **BMW Motorrad** has achieved a very successful start to the new year. A total of 8,455 BMW Motorrad customers took delivery of a new motorcycle or maxi-scooter in January, an increase of 12.7% compared to the same month last year.

BMW and USA Bobsled

BMW of North America and the USA Bobsled/Skeleton were back together again at the XX111 Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea with the Two-Man Bobsled that won three medals in Sochi.

Five two-man teams - three men's teams and two women's teams - competed in the BMW-designed bobsled events.

Since 2014 the BMW-designed bobsleds have been refined in continuance of a highly iterative development process that involves constant consultation and on-site immersion with USABS athletes, coaches and engineers from Designworks, BMW Groups international design studio headquarters in California.

BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy

The sixth GS Trophy event is set to take place in Mongolia in 2018. The event is open to all non-professional BMW riders.

The top 3 riders who participated in the qualifier for the three team positions on 28/29th Oct will be selected to compete in Mongolia in 2018. For more info visit: bmwsafari.com

California Superbike School- Australia - 2018

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit -				
Monday 2nd April (Easter)	Level 1 to Level 4			
Tuesday 3rd April	Level 1 to Level 4			

Queensland Raceway -Work in progress Join Waitlist

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Sydney Motorsports Park -Monday 5th March Level 1 to Level 4 Tuesday 6th March Level 1 to Level 4 Monday 16th April Tuesday 17th April Ph 0456 005 554 info@superbikeschool.com.au

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Aussie legend's Superbike return

Australian Superbike Championship - Phillip Is - **23-25th February 2018**: Three times World Superbike champion Troy Bayliss made a comeback a decade after retiring from full-time racing.

Gold Coast-based Bayliss last contested the ASBK in 1997. Turning 49 in March, Bayliss raced a proven Ducati 1299 Panigale S V-twin.

Since retiring, Bayliss has launched an events company that has staged the Sydney Motorcycle Show and the Melbourne Moto Expo.

22-25 March

International Festival of Speed - (30th Anniversary Celebration World Superbike Championship) at Sydney Motorsport Park. See: internationalfestivalofspeed.com

30 Mar-1 April

Broadford Bike Bonanza at Victorian State Motorcycle and Sports Complex, Broadford - Road race, motocross, trials, Enduro speedway and dirt tracks. e-mail: rachelle@ma.org.au

19/20th May

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4th August

Border Run (WA/SA border) 11/12th August Off Centre Run at Mt Dare

12th August - Gold Coast Bike Show

at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds - Gate 3 Worongary Road 7am - 3pm. See: goldcoastcarshow@gmail.com http://goldcoastcarshow.com.au

8-19 September

Postie Bike Challenge - Desert - Gulf of Carpentaria - Rainforest. ww.postiebikechallenge.org - 0411 090 891

October

Kosciuszko Rally by BMW Motorcycle Club ACT Thunder Rally by Ducati Club NSW

Black Dog Ride 1 DAYER 2018



Black Dog Ride's 1 Dayer 2018 Is Launched!



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mental health awareness to prevent this tragic loss of life to suicide. This year, Black Dog Ride has an amazing 40+ regions across the nation hosting a 1 Dayer, sending a loud and heartfelt message to our communities that Black Dog Riders are strong allies in the fight against the black dog of depression.

Indian Motorcycle is right behind Black Dog Ride, donating an Indian Scout Bobber valued at \$19,995 which will be raffled on the morning of the 1 Dayer in Melbourne. Register online before 9th March and you will automatically be in the running to win the Indian Scout! Thank you Indian MC!

Start the Conversation today! Register for Black Dog Ride's 1 Dayer 2018 here.

https://www.blackdogride.com.au/view/march1dayer

Shiny Side Up

Happy New Year to all Link readers!

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Years break. Did



you get out for a ride during that time? Unfortunately, I am still out of action for a little while longer. My recent X-ray on my hand showed that the wrist still has not healed and I cannot get a clearance to return to full work duties therefore I am still off the bikes. I wasn't expecting that and was eagerly planning my first ride. To say I am disappointed is an understatement.

This got me thinking. It has been over seven months since I last rode my Hayabusa. How will it go for me? Have you been off the bike for an extended period? What did you experience when going for that first ride after a long time off the bikes? Did it feel weird? I'm sure it would have.

The general advice to riders who have spent years off the bike is to do a rider training course or a refresher course. The Stay Upright Road Smart 2 course is perfect for that. The course provides an opportunity to learn from some great coaches on where your head and eyes should be when riding and a chance to practice some skills in a safe environment at a speed comfortable to you. Another benefit is that the Stay Upright coach will be able to give you specific and personal feedback and tips on where to improve, but also what you're doing well. It is also important for your skill progression to hear what you did well.

For me, I plan to start with some short rides, and find a space to practice my slow speed riding and U-turns. I'll find a familiar road close to home and will re-acquaint myself with how the bike feels and practice some emergency stops. That's how I plan to refresh the physical skills, but the mental skills I am still continually practicing when I'm driving my car.

What will help a returning rider planning their first ride again after any absence is to incorporate into their car driving some of the mental and vision skills used when riding your bike. You can still utilise the 12,6 and 3 second vision exercises as you're driving. When you do venture out on the bike, really give yourself the time and space needed. That 3 second follow distance has several benefits, one of them is that little bit of extra time you have to respond to changes in the traffic environment.



If you're particularly rusty, you may find yourself having to devote some mental space and effort to what you're physically doing on the bike. This is the same for novice riders too. By keeping your 3 second follow distance you will find your riding will be more relaxed and comfortable allowing you to focus on what you're doing and doing it the right way. If you've invested the time and effort and worked on improving your 12,6 and 3 vision process you will be able to quickly get back up to speed.

To learn more about the 12,6 and 3 second vision exercises or if you're interested in doing a course, check out the website at <u>www.stayupright.com.au</u>. Alternatively, call Tony on 5596 5440 to discuss training options including private lessons. I hope to see you on a course soon.

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RIDING IN GROUPS – The Basics

Enjoy the ride AND get home so you can enjoy another ride later on

Riding in groups can be incredibly enjoyable. Unfortunately, it can also be a recipe for disaster when you forget the basics. Before you set out have a chat about these questions.

1. Where are we going?

All members of the group, not just the lead rider, need to know the destination and the basic route just in case the group is separated. Eg, when we leave Penrith we are going up the Gt Western Highway. Turn off at Hartley for Tarana and Oberon and on to Bathurst – then back to Lithgow and down the Bells to Richmond.

2. Where do we stop?

Some riders can do 750 klms only stopping for fuel while others need to stop every 100 klms for a smoko and fuel. You need to plan around the limitations of each rider. As a group, you need to plan your smoko and meal stops around the bike with the smallest fuel range.

3. How long will it take?

Some rides will be only a couple of hours and others will be a couple of days. Make sure you all have the right gear for the varying weather and the bikes are prepared for the length of ride. You will need food and water or enough money to buy something on the way. Even if it is fine and clear at home take your wet weather gear as the weather in the mountains can be completely different to weather on the coast. Basic checks such as tyre pressure, chain tension and engine oil will be needed before you set out.

4. What happens if I break down?

Mobile phones have reduced the stress of breaking down. BUT, add a few mountains and the mobile service can disappear, even close to the cities and major towns. The easiest way to manage a breakdown is to make sure you keep an eye on the rider behind you. If they disappear, slow down so they can catch up. If they don't catch up, turn around and find them. The rider in front of you should be doing the same thing so eventually everyone will be heading back to look for the breakdown.

The Buddy System

Many groups use a "buddy" system on all rides. At the start of the rider, riders pair up with others who have similar bikes and riding skills and swap phone numbers. This approach has several advantages, particularly for inexperienced riders and also those riders who like to speed ahead of the group. For example:

- If one of the pair breaks down the other rider is supposed to stop and assist.
- If one rider lags behind for any reason (bike trouble, inexperience, etc) the other rider should slow down and keep them in sight.
- At the end of the day, the riders should phone each other when they get home to make sure everyone actually gets home.

This approach help inexperience riders to build their skills without feeling pressure to keep up with the rest of the group.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Signature of family member <i>(if joint membership):</i>			Date:	

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC. 66 Quany Road, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484 Secretary: Jill Tapp Phone: (02) 6672 1708 Mobile: 0412 761 443 Email: jilliantapp@gmail.com BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc.



CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Ordinary Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is an owner of a BMW motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association and are eligible to vote on any matter and are eligible for election to the Management Committee.

Associate Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is not an owner of a BMW motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not eligible for election to the Management Committee.

Family Member:

This class of membership is available to bone fide immediate family members of an **ordinary** or **associate** member. Such members enjoy the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not be eligible for election to the Management Committee. Only one family member is permitted for each ordinary or associate member.

DISCLAIMER

The BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc, is a social club of individuals voluntarily participating in social rides and social activities of their own free accord, and carries no liability or responsibility for the individual actions of any member of the club. By joining the club each member acknowledges that: motorcycle related activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do, happen; that they have adequate motorcycle insurance cover as required by law; and that they are entirely responsible for their own actions and behavior whilst riding a motorcycle within the club.

NOTE

The BMWMOC(GC) Inc. carries Public liability Insurance in the amount of \$20M.

FEES

\$50 Joining fee, \$40 Annual renewal BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc. Suncorp Bank: BSB 484799 AC: 000294631 REF: Please use your name

COMMITTEE USE ONLY				
Proposed by:	Signature:	Date:		
Seconded by:	Signature:	Date:		
Membership No.	Notes:			

FUNNIES



"What do you mean you were having so much fun riding your new bike you lost track of time? You've been gone for over a year!

> When you break up with ur girlfriend and you can finally decorate the apartment the way you want to



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Contributions should be addressed c/- the Secretary at the e-mail shown on this page. All other correspondence should be addressed to:

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