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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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With David Huddy

This month the sad news that Bernhard von Potemkin has passed away. Bernhard joined the club in 2009 and has been active in club events. Jill has sent a card of condolences on behalf of his friends at the club to his wife Renata.

Our campaign to improve ride discipline seems to be paying off, with no riders lost recently! But there is still room for improvement. At lights or in heavy traffic, double up - two bikes to a lane will get the ride across an intersection more quickly and avoid the necessity of a stop the other side waiting for a second change of lights. A bunch of riders stopped on a busy road becomes a hazard to other road users. And PLEASE if you plan to leave a ride after a break let the leader know. It saves them going in search of missing riders.

Also, we have had some good response to our request for members to lead rides. Ken, Adrian & Cherie and Damien have all put their hands up. These are one-offs and will provide some variety and relief for Gordon. More regular ride leaders are also needed. If you are interested, speak with Gordon or me. There has been some interest in evening rides so Binna Burra is on for 21<sup>st</sup> April, after the games, as we all wind down.

To date there has been no volunteer to take on the role of newsletter editor, which is disappointing. I said last year the a club is what the members make it, and it would be unfortunate if we had to drop the newsletter and lose the income it generates. Mick tells me that it takes 4-8 hour per month and is largely cut and paste, depending on content. The software he uses is MS Publisher, which is not hard to learn. So please consider it - we need some help!

It seems the Qld Government has rejected a proposal to allow unlimited parking for motorcycles on footpaths and to do away with toll fees for bikes. I thought the latter was a bit optimistic, as the fee is already half that of a car, and what government ever gives up a cash flow!... but I have often warned biking tourists from Victoria about parking bikes on the foot path here at Broadbeach.

The games traffic measures are now fully operational with road closures in place. The best advice for anyone thinking of visiting Broadbeach and the glitter strip generally, as well as any road linked to Carrara, is to stay away or use public transport.

Keep on keeping on.

David



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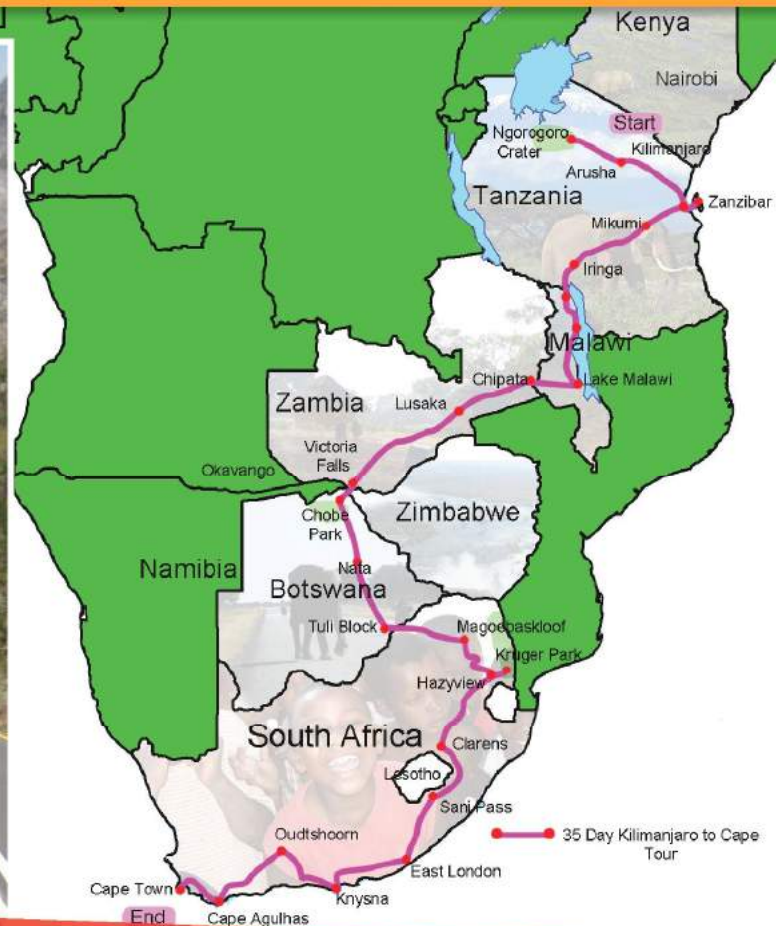
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This will be my last Newsletter produced on the Gold Coast which does make me a little sad. As I tap away here at the keyboard our removalists are on their way to our house to collect all of our furniture which makes it all very real! The place looks like a bomb's hit it and there's boxes and stuff everywhere. On the up side of very disappointing experience looking for rentals we were able to find a B&B for a month while we look for more permanent accommodation. So our first stay back in Melbourne is in the beachside town of Ocean Grove - only a hop, step and jump from the Great Ocean Road. Luckily the removalists were willing to take Arthur (our R1150RT) in the truck with them so it saved an additional trip down to Melbourne. Given more time it would have been a tremendous experience to do the ride but it all happened so quickly. And just quietly I did have quite a number of volunteers to ride the bike for me - I'm not sure if it was from nice people or just those that love to ride - perhaps both!

Joining the BMWCO was our very first experience of joining a club of any description. We did look at a few meet-up groups and even attended a Ulysses club ride but they were not for us. I fondly remember the joining process of our club and still smile when I think I had to print out an application and post it back! Further humoured when I saw we had to send a cheque. I had to ask Deb if we still even had a cheque book! With trepidation we attended our first club meeting and after being made so welcome by all the attending members we both knew we had found the club we wanted to be a part of. I know that if we are to continue to grow as a club that we need to update technologically but it's the people that make the club so it's even more important to keep that side of things going.

Deb and I are going to miss you all and want to thank you for making us so welcome during that first meeting and every time since. Take care out there and we hope we will be back soon to attend a meeting and ride - can't wait!

*Mick Holford*



# CLUB CALENDAR

*April 2018*

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## Club Dates

April	1st	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - Evans Head for lunch
April	15th	Sunday	Mystery Ride 300 - 350 k's
April	20th	Friday	Ladies lunch at Salsa, downstairs at Robina Town Centre - Midday
April	29th	Sunday	Adrian and Cherie surprise.

## 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 BUT 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.

May	6th	Sunday	After Hinze Dam breakfast & club meeting - run for 180 - 250 k's
May	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	TBA
December	25th	Sunday	John Simpson reignites his run



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# MINUTES OF MEETING

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Jill Tapp

BMWMOCGC Breakfast

View Café, Hinze Dam, Sunday 4 March 2018

There was another good rollup to breakfast and apologies were received from Ken Madsen (BMW Safari)...*(I should add here that this is an absolute selfless effort by Ken... he's just doing his bit for the next Beemer magazine!)*, John & Cheryl Simpson (cruising to Japan) and Ian & Rose Proctor (work). Those at breakfast were:

Erik Lorentzen, Glen Galloway, David Huddy, Marion & Martin Bell, Steve & Pat Bryant, John & Julie Vassallo, Ray Scarlett, Peter McGrade, John Vanzino, Nic Mercieca, Murray & Jann Collier, Jill & Greyden Tapp, Rohan Bainbridge, Adrian & Cherie Headon, Jenny & Gordon McLister and visitors Jeanette & Henny Vervaart and Rod Kennedy. (25)

David welcomed the Visitors and hoped that Rod would consider joining the Club.

During the month the invoice from BMW Clubs Australia for Membership fee of \$94 was received.

\$180 was reimbursed to Martin for payment to Netregistry for Website Hosting and Clean Cut Tree Services paid for 2 years advertising in The Beemer.

Bernhard Von Potemkin-Brandle is in hospital. Ivan and Jim have visited Bernhard.

Members were asked to consider taking on the role of Editor of The Beemer as our valued Member Mick Holford and his wife Deb are returning to Melbourne.

Nic informed Members that his company Smart Motorcycle Accessories is now selling Schuberth E1 Helmets. Information is contained in his advertisement in The Beemer March edition.

Gordon advised there were two rides available after breakfast due to the hot, humid weather..... a short ride to Numinbah, Mooball and Cabarita; a longer ride to Numinbah, Mooball and on to the Channon.

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## 2018 Safari with Ken Masden

*Many an inspired thought has been born from alcohol and the decision to do the 2018 BMW High-country Safari was no different. I eagerly awaited registration day as I wanted to get in fast and have the pick of accommodation choices, even though I was waiting for their website to go live (they were 6 minutes late), I found out I was number 16....shows you how keen people are to get on the safari. Safari, Accommodation, pre ride training/refresher, and new tyres booked, I then started to wonder what the hell I had just done.*



Although I have a GS 1200 adventure bike, my off road riding is tentative.

There are 4 levels of competency in anything, the unconscious incompetent (they don't even know they are incompetent) the conscious incompetent (they are aware of their incompetency), the conscious competent and the ultimate, the unconscious competent, they just do it right without even realising they do it right). In my case I definitely started as a conscious incompetent, I had done off road courses but still felt nervous off road.

Watching the various videos of previous safari's, had me changing daily from, I can do this to, I will embarrass myself and hold others up and then back to I can do this.

The ride down from Brisbane was to start on the Wednesday, but my mind had already left for the safari, so I decided to follow it, leaving Brisbane Tuesday lunchtime, of course the few days when it was pouring with rain. By the time I left Armidale the next morning I was out of most of the rain and enjoyed the winding road toward Walcha and off course Gingers Creek for another T-shirt at Gingers Creek. The plan was to then go via Wingham, but the creeks were up and some of the bridges probably impassable. Back toward Nowendoc and onto Singleton.



The next day was of course the Putty Road and Jenolan Caves before stopping at Bungendore outside Canberra.

The location had been suggested by an agent friend in Canberra and I lucked on staying in a very basic hotel room, but at the front they have created a fantastic restaurant. I never expected to dine in a country pub where they have great chefs and also two wine sommeliers. I must say the wines from around Canberra area are veeeeeeery nice.

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## 2018 Safari with Ken Masden

The next morning I met with my agent friends in Canberra (see Gordon, I am always working) and told them of the meal etc, they had never experienced that so were going to venture out the 30km to try it.

That afternoon I was pulling into Jindabyne to start the BMW experience and was immediately impressed with their organisation. The tyre truck was set up and those needing new tyres lined up for their pre-ordered selection, off came the TKC 70 and on went the TKC 80's. The buzz of excited riders set the tone for the week.



The next day 60 of us started off road training, whilst not the full level 1 course, it covered the items that would come in handy for the next week. The 2 days gave me comfort in knowing I was not the only one unsure of their skill levels vs the required riding techniques, and also confidence that done steady that I could get through and the big lesson....on gravel roads ride in a high gear rather than match the gear to the speed. This last item was a lifesaver in terms of making the riding smoother on what was to be some sketchy (epic was the word used by Myles regularly at rider wrap up briefings) road surfaces.

The Sunday night has just over 200 riders at Thredbo for the pre-ride dinner, if I thought it was loud at Jindabyne, Thredbo was through the roof and that was before alcohol kicked in.

The BMW Safari organisers have got this really well organised. Every night we had a review of the days ride and any changes needed, be they technique or rider etiquette, to reading the riot act to ignorant riders that could have endangered others or caused issues for the event organisers. Then we were given the ride map for the next day and comments on any issues to watch for and what time to start.

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## 2018 Safari with Ken Masden

Each morning they sent out 2 lead riders that put direction arrow stickers in important places or warning "!", we also had GPS maps loaded for the satnavs. But we were always told the stickers had priority over the GPS. 1 hour after our start time, the sweep vehicle followed to remove the stickers and to make sure that no one was left behind. They also towed a bike trailer to collect bikes and riders that were unable to finish the day, usually for a laydown that caused some injuries to the body.

Amongst the golden rules, you must sign off each day when collecting your luggage, this way they know if anyone is missing.

As the week went on the noise at the start of each briefing only got louder and people more animated.



Whilst the ride covered an awesome amount of great road and dirt riding each day, the highlight for me was day 2 outside Bright. There were couple of steep hills mentioned the night before, but doable. Since they scoped the ride 6 weeks prior, there had been no rain and the track was now very difficult and low traction. The first inkling that this was going to be not a normal day was a rider coming back up a hill that we found challenging riding down. In short time 3 bikes had fallen just on the descent and I think we all started to wonder what was going on. Coming across a group of riders at the base of the big climb and watching 5 or 6 bikes having a lie down on the track at various stages up the hill only compounded the mind games going on. After some time, some of the instructor riders came though and together with other riders started to put a system into place. If you lost momentum going up, you were unlikely to get started again and then you had to turn the bike around on a very steep incline and go back down to try again. None of this was good for the self-confidence.

There was also a camber to the left and the track needed to be taken toward the right. I made it to within 20m metres of the top but went into the right hand drain/edge and stopped dead on a big rock. So near and yet so far! The choice of turning back down and doing it again was not appealing and my hands were shaking from nerves.



# BMW CLUB NEWS

## 2018 Safari with Ken Masden

Shane Booth, one of the trainers hopped on, went back to a small relatively flat spot and then gunned it to the top. I walked up, very grateful that I had plenty of water in my camelback as I was very thirsty and needed a break. Assuming the worst was over, I got to the 2nd hill only to find this steeper. Having decided that I had already crashed and survived, I gunned it up the hill, navigated around rocks and close to the top saw a rider in front of me go down, bugger following suit, I swerved to the left and rode around him and got to the top of Mt Emu. That night the stories were all similar and to an outsider, we could have sounded like we were exaggerating. I think nearly 50% of the riders went down that day so I don't think it was exaggerating, we had a great day and the war stories and beer drunk at Bright brewery made for a very memorable day. From thereon, whatever was thrown at us just seemed doable.



I previously mentioned the 4 levels of competency, there were many riders on the trip and in particular the trainers and organisers that must have been born with a bike under their bum. They could ride anywhere and they also seemed to possess a spatial effect of having, the bike could be a metre wide and yet they could ride through  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre opening with ease and at 60kmh.

This year I will be attending my 40 year school reunion, on this ride I met a school chum that I had probably not have seen in the intervening 40 years. We had a great time reliving both the day's ride and also what we did 40+ years ago. I don't think we are a day older in attitude than we were then and when I looked around the room each night we were all kids in older bodies. The oldest rider on the trip was 77.

Whilst waiting for my school mate James at the end of ride dinner, I found out he had gone down on the last day and was getting x-rayed at Jindabyne. It was his 57th birthday that day, so he got a nice x-ray as gift showing 3 fractures to his leg. That put an end to his plans to ride back to the Gold Coast, he had an alcohol free night in Canberra hospital and I had to soldier on at the dinner.

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## 2018 Safari with Ken Masden

I am afraid I have been badly bitten by the Safari bug and will be doing some other off road training near Port Macquarie in May.

I am still to hear how many more sleeps before I can register for the next safari.

Whist not necessarily a cheap trip, the value for money was excellent and the amount of team members and support was beyond expectation. I have never been on a ride where there were so many recovery vehicles and trailers, tyre fitting crew, mechanics, sweep riders front and back, medics, luggage arrangements and always helpful tips from those more experienced to make the ride a great day Stats for the ride

Brisbane to Jindabyne 1660km over 3.5 days (approx. 420km of gravel)

Thredbo to Thredbo 1500.1km

Total 3365km over 10 days

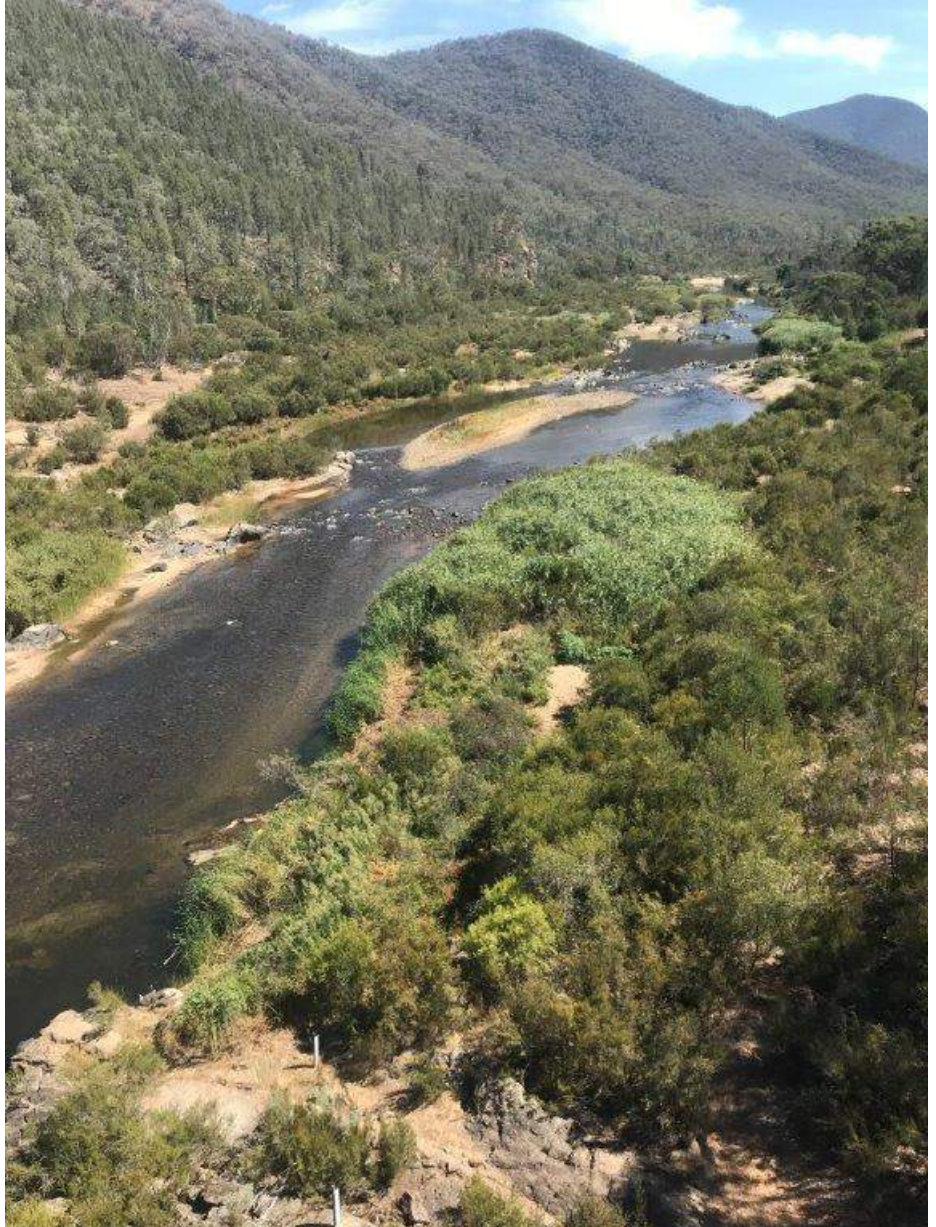
Time in saddle (or standing up) 62.3 hours.

On reflection, the day climbing Emu Hill moved me from a conscious incompetent to a conscious competent, so long as I keep my head about me, I can do most of the riding required....the bike certainly can and does make up for any of my inadequacies.

I have shared 2 videos with friends of mine. If you can open the links, please accept my apologies for any language that may be heard in the heat of the moment.

Emu Hill climb 1 - nearly made it <https://youtu.be/hnAlmKPCGwA>

Emu Hill climb 2 <https://youtu.be/WiFw7YND1LE>



# BMW CLUB NEWS

## Doonan Creek - Darren Alchin

Yesterday, myself, Gai and Barry Settree went to Doonan creek. Then onto Kyogle to the bakery. We tried to get through Lions rd. Whilst Gai and i managed the detour which had 4 water crossings, the last one was not only half way up the wheels but also very large rocks within.. we had scary fun crossing that one..

the sign said 'road closed' the GS said 'open'. There was no way Barry's RS was getting through so then back onto the Summerland Way and over Mt. Lindsey for a swim at Mt. Barney. An ice cream at the 'Shed Cafe' ' and then a coffee and toastie at Maca's Nerang before heading home. A fantastic day- 420km..

How can i best make other riders aware/ invite them in the future?

Cheers, Darren .



Right on time for the nationwide start of the season on 17 March 2018, BMW Motorrad was once again pleased to receive numerous distinctions at the annual readers' vote held by the magazine MOTORRAD. BMW Motorrad representatives climbed up on the podium a total of nine times at the award ceremony in Stuttgart, including twice to the top position.



"Nine distinctions including two wins is a great confirmation of our product offensive. This result once again demonstrates that BMW Motorrad has adopted the right strategy with its broad product range," says Timo Resch, Head of Sales and Marketing BMW Motorrad, commenting on the result of what is now the 20th readers' vote to be held by the magazine MOTORRAD. "I should like to thank the readers of MOTORRAD most sincerely for their wonderful support – this will be an enormous incentive for us to work hard to defend our leading position in the motorcycle market." With victories in the "Touring Bike/Sports Touring Bike" category for the BMW R 1200 RS and in the "Crossover" category for the BMW S 1000 XR as well five second places and two third places, BMW Motorrad once again put on an impressive showing at this year's competition, which involved a total of 51.497 readers voting in Germany on a total of 206 motorcycle models.

The BMW S 1000 XR dominated the "Crossover" category once again this year, commanding a 24.2 per cent share of the vote in what is a hotly competed segmented. With its fascinating blend of sporty riding dynamics, outstanding sports touring qualities and individual design, it is once again the most highly ranked model among readers in 2018.

Another model with an appetite for more glory at the top of the podium is the BMW R 1200 RS. After supreme victories in past years, the BMW R 1200 RS once again finished as the celebrated winner in the "Touring Bike/Sports Touring Bike" segment. Thanks to its excellent all-round qualities of riding dynamics, sporty flair and touring suitability, it was again able to set itself apart from strong competition with a 22.4 per cent share of the vote.

The BMW R 1200 RS also sailed onto the stage in the slipstream of the BMW R 1200 RT: an excellent third place in the "Touring Bike/Sports Touring Bike" category gave BMW Motorrad an impressive class victory.

The BMW S 1000 RR only just missed out on victory this year. Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> model year, this pioneering supersports bike finished second in the "Sports" category – still giving it every reason to celebrate. No other model has been able to assert its presence for so many years within the leading group in such a technology and performance-driven segment. Offering an excellent combination of high performance with a high level of active riding safety based on Race ABS and Dynamic Traction Control DTC as well as the optional electronically regulated suspension system Dynamic Damping Control DDC, it remains very popular among customers as a result of ongoing further development. Another top placement was secured by the BMW R nineT in the category "Modern Classics". It was only just short of victory with a vote share of 18.9 per cent. But all in all BMW Motorrad was more than satisfied here, too: after all, two closely related family members also achieved very good results, namely the BMW R nineT Pure and R nineT Scrambler. Classic design, lifestyle, state-of-the-art technology and sporty riding dynamics – these features guarantee the success of the new BMW Motorrad world of experience "Heritage".

Meanwhile the BMW Motorrad icon R 1200 GS starts the new year with its popularity unwavering. Its second place in the readers' vote – as well as a number of good placements achieved by other BMW Adventure models – once again confirms the strong presence of BMW Motorrad in this highly competitive segment. More than 50,000 units of the BMW R 1200 GS and its deep-treaded sibling the BMW R 1200 GS Adventure alone were sold in 2017, setting yet another positive record.

Among the "Naked Bikes", the unfaired boxer BMW R 1200 R was able to defend its outstanding second place from the previous year. Given that this segment has so many different engine concepts, this success is a clear indication that motorcyclists regard the boxer engine from Munich as modern and future-oriented. In the "Scooter" category the podium was once again dominated by the colours white and blue. Second place went to the emissions-free BMW C evolution and third place to the BMW C 650 Sport/C 650 GT, ensuring a superb overall result in the urban segment and rounding off the excellent performance of BMW Motorrad in the "2018 Motorcycle of the Year" readers' vote.

The award ceremony was held on 12 March 2018 in Stuttgart. This year, 51.497 readers took part in "2018 Motorcycle of the Year", which is regarded as the most important readers' vote on motorcycles and scooters in the whole of Europe.



## GS Trophy Central Asia 2018

*In June 2018 the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy will be heading to Mongolia. 114 BMW R 1200 GS Rallye motorcycles have been prepared for the rigours of the extreme adventure competition. Fortunately the GS motorcycles are well-equipped as standard, so the preparation undertaken to equip the machines is modest: all the parts required are available as ex works optional equipment or from the Original BMW Motorrad Accessories catalogue.*



### **The R 1200 GS Rallye.**

The “BMW GS” concept has embodied the desire for adventure for almost 40 years. This applies especially to the GS motorcycles with the opposed-twin boxer engine. The “big GS” allows motorcyclists to explore the most remote corners of the world – an idea that has already inspired numerous globetrotters to set off on their travels.

So for 2018 it will again be the BMW R 1200 GS that the competitors will ride, this time the Rallye variant (first introduced in 2017) which particularly emphasises the off-road character R 1200 GS. The colouring in Lupine Blue metallic and in particular the frame powder-coated in Cordoba Blue go together with the black drivetrain and gold-finished brake callipers to create the sportiest standard “big GS” of all times, even from a purely visual point of view.

Functionally speaking, the new R 1200 GS Rallye underscores this claim with numerous refined details. These include a radiator trim in robust stainless steel, a radiator guard that protects the radiator from stone chip and a special frame guard protects the section of the suspension in the boot area from unwanted scrape marks. The R 1200 GS Rallye rolls on cross-spoke wheel with great offroad capability and Metzeler Karoo 3 off-road tyres.

## BMW Motorrad BoxerCup



**From 2001 to 2004, the international BMW Motorrad BoxerCup thrilled spectators at the MotoGP™, the Superbike World Championship & ca. Now, BMW Motorrad is bringing the Boxer engine back to motorsport. The new BMW Motorrad BoxerCup starts in spring 2018. All riders race on identical BMW R nineT Racer bikes that have been modified for racing. The season opener will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 as part of the ADAC Classic at the Sachsenring (GER). The other races take place as part of the International German Motorcycle Championship (IDM).**

“A level playing field with identical machines meeting style and individuality. We are looking forward to bringing the BMW Motorrad BoxerCup back to life with the BMW R nineT Racer, and to thrilling the crowds at the racetracks with that emotional Boxer engine,” says Henning Putzke, Head of BMW Motorrad Deutschland.

The regulations promise some thrilling action, with victory and defeat being determined solely by the ability and determination of the riders. The riders will be on BMW R nineT Racer sport motorbikes with air/oil-cooled 1,170cc boxer engines, producing 81 kW (110 HP) performance. All the race bikes boast identical modifications, including redesigned front forks and dampers from Wilbers, cylinder head covers, engine spoilers and rear panels from Ilmberger, sports shocks and titanium manifold from Akrapovič, BMW Motorrad ABS with racing software, BREMBO brake pads, the “High End” steering dampers from Müller Präzision, and uniform Metzeler tyres.

All motorbikes will be prepared for competitive racing at the BMW Motorrad Centre in Munich. Side stands, mirrors, number plate holders, indicators and lights were all removed to accommodate the modifications. However, once the season is over the bike can be returned to its original state and be approved for road use.

To ensure that all competitors have the same chance of success, no changes - apart from optical modifications to the paintwork, or the application of stickers or film - are permitted, beyond those made in Munich. All technical components and wear parts are precisely specified and regulated. No tuning is permitted whatsoever.

The starting field for the BMW Motorrad BoxerCup will feature 30 places for the new season. In addition to the regular starters, well-known guest riders will take part in the races on two VIP bikes. Riders over 18 years of age and in possession of a national B license (or higher), or a comparable license from another FIM federation, can apply to take part. Buying one of the BoxerCup special edition BMW R nineT Racers is another precondition for competition. Participants can choose between four different performance packages when making their purchase. The offer includes the basic package, which just includes the bike, and stretches all the way to the VIP package, including transport and storage of the bike, insurance, catering on race weekends and other advantages. BMW Motorrad also enables the race bikes to be rented for the entire 2018 season, as an alternative to purchasing one. Registration is open now using the link below.

The BMW Motorrad BoxerCup season starts on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June at the ADAC Classic at the Sachsenring (GER) and comprises a total of six race events. Round two is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July in Zolder, Belgium. This is followed by the races at Schleiz (28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July), at the Lausitzring (25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August), and on the legendary TT Circuit in Assen, Netherlands (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September). The finale will then take place on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> September at Hockenheim (GER).

## BMW S 1000 RR racer Loris Baz



**After the season opener at Australian Phillip Island, the Gulf Althea BMW team was in action at the second round of the 2018 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) at the weekend. This time, the Italian team, with Loris Baz (FRA) riding, took to the track at Chang International Circuit in Buriram. Baz finished the two Thailand round races in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.**

In tropical conditions with temperatures around 30 degrees Celsius, Baz was eighth on his BMW S 1000 RR in the first free practice. In the following sessions, however, he failed to reach the top-ten positions. In Superpole 1, the French rider qualified 15<sup>th</sup> on the grid. In both races, Baz made up several places to finish 11<sup>th</sup> on Saturday and 12<sup>th</sup> on Sunday and collect nine more world championship points. After the two events in Australia and Thailand, the WorldSBK now begins its European season with the next races being held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April at MotorLand Aragón near Alcañiz (ESP).

### **Loris Baz:**

“In Superpole we had an issue with the first tyre and then on the second I made a mistake, losing valuable tenths and missing out on SP2. In Saturday’s race I didn’t make a great start but then was fast through the first corners. Unfortunately though, I wasn’t able to conserve the tyre in the opening stages, which meant I struggled during the final part of the race. On Sunday, we tried something in the warm-up which felt better but it didn’t work in the race. Overall, not a good weekend for us. We need to change the way we work as we are not improving as much as our rivals throughout the weekend.”

## New Season Outfit



Even a very long winter with icy temperatures can't change one thing: the growing sense of anticipation as the 2018 motorcycling season gets closer and closer. Man and machine can hardly wait to get back on the road – or off the road. **BMW Motorrad** provides support in preparing for the first spring tours. The 2018 range of rider equipment comprises ideal products for every climate zone and route as well as state-of-the-art safety technology and cutting-edge design. BMW Motorrad wishes all riders an exciting, eventful and above all safe season in 2018. These are the highlights of the 2018 rider equipment range:

### **Rallye suit – premium equipment for globetrotters.**

The latest generation of the **Rallye suit** designed for off-road use is available in two new colour combinations: Blue/Black and Grey. The material mix of the premium suit reflects the very latest technology: the functional fabric ProTechWool consists of polyamide and wool with a carbon finish. It is compressed under pressure and heat, thereby making it highly abrasion resistant. The elbows and knees now have additional protection with ceramic dot prints. The Rallye suit is fitted with removable NP2 protectors with the addition of the new enlarged NP Pro back protector. One particular innovation in the Rallye suit is the button-in jacket insert. It is waterproof and robust enough to be worn as an outsert over the suit so as to provide protection from soiling and moisture. A waterproof zip-in insert is available for the trousers. The suit is excellently ventilated due to ventilation zips and an expansive vent on the back. Other updates for the Rallye suit include a number of details ranging from a small, concealed interior pocket at the waistband for cash and cards through to an extended leather patch on the insides of the knees for an excellent grip on the fuel tank when riding off-road.

### **GS Dry suit – waterproof adventurer for men and women.**

The **GS Dry suit** has an impressively distinctive down-to-earth look that is emphasised with the new colours Black and Grey. The suit is now made of a new basic material: a high-strength mixture of CORDURA 500 and polyamide developed specially by BMW Motorrad itself. The breathable fabric offers an extremely dense structure. For significantly increased abrasion resistance, a PU layer with ceramic particles has been used to reinforce the sensitive areas.

The GS Dry suit is unrivalled in terms of climate control: it is the only garment of its kind to offer special waterproof-bonded zips at the chest and back, opening not just the upper material but the membrane, too. This ensures a direct and highly effective ventilation and air extraction for the upper body. In addition to NP2 protectors of the latest generation, the GS Dry suit now also features the long version of the new NP Pro back protector for maximum safety. The GS Dry suit is available in identical colours for men and women for a perfect partner look.

### **Atlantis suit – unique, top-quality piece of equipment for all weathers.**

Every one is a unique specimen because the **all-weather leather touring suit Atlantis** is made of hand-picked breathable nubuck leather which becomes increasingly attractive the more it is used. It comes solely from young pasture-raised bulls in the Alpine region and offers a high degree of elasticity and thickness – 1.2 to 1.4 millimetres – as well as maximum abrasion resistance. For the 2018 collection, this luxurious suit undergoes a particularly elaborate manufacturing process: low-impact, sustainable mineral tanning produces a leather that is extremely soft and skin-friendly but still highly robust. The special hydrophobing applied during the manufacturing process makes it extremely water-repellent while still fully retaining the leather's natural breathable properties. As such the Atlantis suit ensures excellent climate comfort.

Comfort Fit with stretch zones in the shoulder and back area as well as above the knees and in the rear waistband ensures that the Atlantis suit offers what really counts on long tours: freedom of movement and improved wear comfort. The Atlantis suit's safety concept includes impact-absorbing protectors at the shoulders, elbows, hips and knees as well as the new NP Pro back protector. The Atlantis suit is available for men and women in the colour Anthracite. Continued.....

## New Season Outfit

### Street Air Dry jacket and Street Air vest – the perfect airbag system.

Optimum impact protection in no more than 85 milliseconds – this is all the time it takes for the BMW Motorrad **Street Air vest** by Alpinestars to precisely detect an accident situation and inflate the integrated airbag. The high-tech system does not require any sensors on the motorcycle itself: it works entirely autonomously. The airbag protects the upper body where it is especially sensitive in the event of a fall: at the back, rib cage, collarbone and shoulders.

The second component of the Street Air system is a matching jacket with API preparation (Active Protection Inflatable) – either the **Street Air Dry jacket** or the **StreetGuard Air jacket**. Both support the functionality of the vest. The jacket and vest are available separately and in different sizes in order to ensure an optimum fit for all driver physiques.

### System 7 Carbon helmet – the high-end all-rounder.

The BMW helmet developers and designers are proud to present one of the safest and yet most versatile motorcycle helmets available. The **System 7 Carbon helmet** made of solid carbon fibre with reinforcement inserts meets the very highest safety standards, providing excellent impact absorption levels and optimum stiffness. Integrated neck straps ensure that the helmet remains in the optimum position on the head in the event of an accident. Only very few helmets boast this very special safety feature.

The stylish helmet can be converted into an air-permeable jet helmet in no time: the chin section is easy to remove without tools – a unique feature that users love when out for a relaxed tour on a hot day.

Meanwhile the double-glazed visor guarantees a clear view even when visibility is difficult – with an anti-fog effect on the inside and scratch-resistant coating on the outside – and there is also an integrated sun shield with continuously variable adjustment function. The BMW Motorrad Communication System was developed for maximum convenience and further enhanced safety. The System 7 Carbon is naturally fitted with the relevant preparation.

In spite of its extensive fittings, the System 7 Carbon helmet is a comfortable lightweight at just 1590 g or 1690 g, depending on the size. It is available in the non-metallic colours Black and Light White, in the metallic colours Graphic Matt and Silver, and in the colour schemes Spectrum Fluor, Prime and Moto.

### Functional clothing – smart underwear and clever jackets.

Highly breathable, moisture-transporting and designed in close-fitting style as is suitable for motorcycling – BMW Motorrad functional underwear perfectly meets motorcyclists' needs: the **Summer** collection provides the necessary temperature balance in the hot weather, while **Thermo** keeps the rider warm when travelling on frosty days.

BMW offers another highly functional layer along with an ingenious feature in the **fleece jacket Ride**, the **windbreaker Ride** and the **jacket PCM**: all jackets have a practical transverse zip in the extended back section. This allows the motorcycle jacket and trousers to be connected by the zip without the jacket having to be tucked awkwardly and uncomfortably into the trousers.

### BMW Motorrad Fan Collection – Make Life a Ride.

BMW Motorrad presents the new **Style KIT Collection** for all fans of the brand. It is available right away, offering high-quality and above all authentic leisure wear for him and her. With stylish designs, discreet branding and powerful messages such as "Make Life a Ride", the collection perfectly captures the lifestyle of motorcycle enthusiasts. The range includes caps, shirts, hoodies and exclusive leather accessories such as vintage belts, rugged wallets and even a magnificent penknife with olive wood handle and leather belt sheath – a particularly attractive gift idea.



# BMW MATTERS

With Lyn Dyne

**BMW Group** reports eighth successive record year in 2017 despite high upfront expenditure.

**Motorcycles segment** deliveries surpass 150,000 units for the first time — 2017 was also a record-breaking year for the Motorcycles segment when motorcycles and maxi-scooters deliveries rose by 13.2% to 164,153 units (2016: 145,032).

The size of the **workforce** grew by 4.2% in 2017. At 31 December, the BMW Group employed 129,932 people worldwide (2016: 124,729 employees).

## Best-ever February for BMW Group global sales

Sales at the **BMW Group** have achieved new heights with total sales in February up 5.8% (178,910). In the same month **BMW** brand sales grew by 5.1% to total 155,328.

**BMW Motorrad** sales also continued their steady growth with sales in the month up 3.1% to 10,172. In the first two months of the year, a total of 18,627 BMW Motorrad customers took delivery of a new motorcycle or maxi-scooter, an increase of 7.2% compared to the same period last year.

## 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](http://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 - 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  
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## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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](mailto:rachelle@ma.org.au)

### 13th May - Sunday

Ray Owen Classic Bike Show & Swap Meet at 49 Coburg Rd Canungra.  
Gates open: 7am -3pm  
Free Bike Registration: 7am - 10am  
Presentation: 2pm

### 19/20th May

Ruptured Budgie Rally by Motor Guzzi Club of Qld at Mingoola approx 60km west of Tenterfield on Bruxner H'way. [info@motoguzziclubqld.org](mailto:info@motoguzziclubqld.org)

## HearTheRoad Motorcycle Tours Italy

Mugello MotoGP and the Italian Ride being held May 29th to June 6th 2018. Choose your motorcycle - BMW, Moto Guzzi, Ducati See: [enrico@motorcycletoursitaly.com](mailto:enrico@motorcycletoursitaly.com)

### 3rd-10th June

GS Trophy celebrating the spirit of the BMW GS motorcycle. A team competition taking place in Central Asia. This year will see 18 teams and 54 riders.  
See: [www.gstrophy.com](http://www.gstrophy.com)

## 2018 Isle of Man TT Festival (May/June)

40th Anniversary of Mike Hailwood's comeback win and 100th IoM running of the TT. Return shipments in July & October e-mail: [dave@getrouted.com.au](mailto:dave@getrouted.com.au)

### 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](mailto:goldcoastcarshow@gmail.com)  
<http://goldcoastcarshow.com.au>

## 8-19 September

Postie Bike Challenge - Desert - Gulf of Carpentaria - Rain-forest. [www.postiebikechallenge.org](http://www.postiebikechallenge.org) - 0411 090 891

## October

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

## 26-28th October

Round 17 - Phillip Island GP

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# BMW CLUB NEWS

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In memory of Bernhard Von Potemkin by Ivan



I will miss the standard familiar reply of “Buckingham palace, prince Philip speaking” Whenever I called Bernhard’s house.

This was followed by 5 to 10 minutes of German conversation as he tried to bring my rusty German up to speed.

He was the first person I really got to know in the club because he too rode an R65. Jim came next as he rode an R65 too, and we formed an unlikely trio of a German, Greek and Indian.

I always called him if I had a Bike problem and he called me for IT advice.

The three of us used to meet quite often at my place for a bite to eat, a good coffee and a biking movie, followed by a lot of tall tales. Jim and I will miss those interludes.

Bernhard passed away on the 17th of March. What started as a chest infection, turned out to be more significant. He was in hospital for a couple of weeks. Jim and I saw him at home after he was discharged. He looked frail, although his dry wit remained the same.

He was a good mate and we will miss him.

Regards  
Ivan

# BMW CLUB NEWS

## GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL

2 Nights 2-3 November 2018



Ride will depart Cucina Mia 8.00am Friday 2 November - returning Sunday arvo.

Riverlight Festival Friday 2 Nov.

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JACARANDA RIVER FESTIVAL FEAST

Feast, is an event for the tastebuds! Enjoy locally crafted beer and wine, delicious locally sourced produce and listen to the sounds coming from the Riverbank's stage. During the evening, the lucky winner of the Festival's major raffle will be drawn. The Feast event will pause whilst the Float Parade makes it journey down Prince Street and then will recommence once finished, Approx 6pm.

Some accommodation is already fully booked so:  
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If your are interested you must **BOOK NOW!!**

[jacarandafestival.com](http://jacarandafestival.com)



## 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.

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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 [www.stayupright.com.au](http://www.stayupright.com.au). Alternatively, call Tony on 5596 5440 to discuss training options including private lessons. I hope to see you on a course soon.

Stay Upright

Ray van den Bosch

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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 ride, 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 inexperienced 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

**BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC.**  
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**BMW Motorcycle Owners Club  
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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name:	Surname:	Class of membership (see over):
Family member's first name:	Family member's surname:	Relationship to member:
Current address:		
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Email:	Motorcycle type:	Occupation (optional)

I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List: YES / NO

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:

## SIGNATURES

I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the constitution of the BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of family member (if joint membership):	Date:



## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC.

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

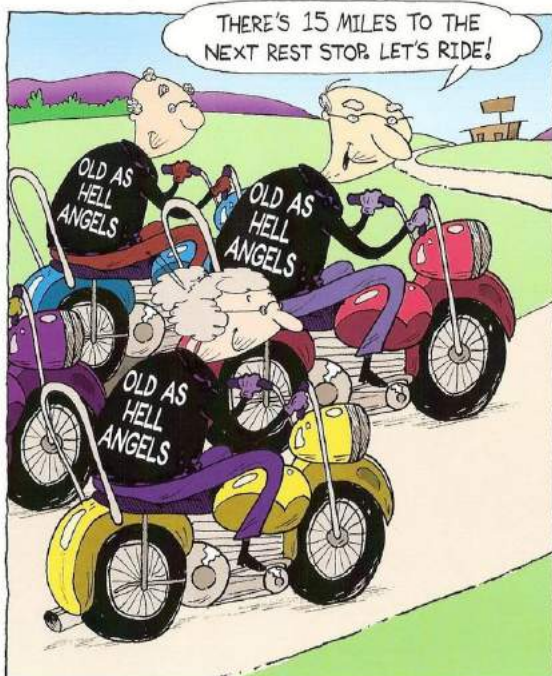
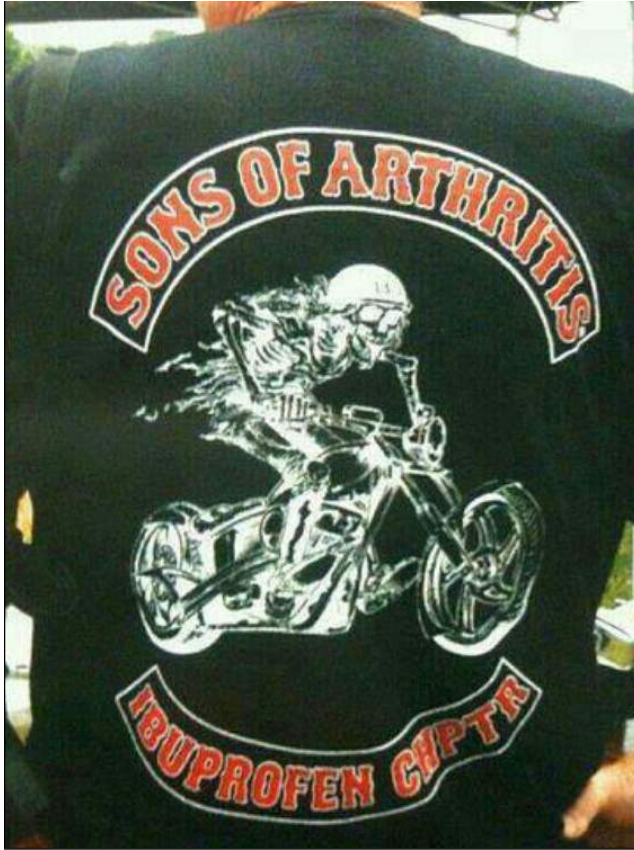
### FEEES

\$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



**SENIOR BIKE GANGS**

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**Member of the International Council of BMW Clubs**

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