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Welcome to our 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 a story and/or 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 please email/phone the Editor no later than the 28th day of the month preceding publication.

We welcome all contributions.

Welcome to:

Paul	BOTHA	PORIRUA
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President's Podium

Chris Souness



BMW Motorcycle Club
Aotearoa New Zealand



February 2023

In my last podium, I was talking about the preparation involved in getting ready for our annual Rally and AGM in Tauranga. Personally, I had my bike booked in for its 80k service on the Wednesday before the rally weekend and I was very nervous as to whether there were going to be any major problems as a result. Fortunately, the bike flew through the service. I'm responsible for 60,000 of those k's and each time the major service comes around, valve timings are checked, and mine have never needed adjustment. Testament, I think, to the quality of the bike's engineering and that the engine is very under-stressed.

A big congratulations to the organisers and sponsors of the Annual Rally and AGM in Tauranga BOP, what a fantastic event! Everyone I spoke to really enjoyed themselves with the location, excellent rides and catering all top-notch. We were also very lucky with the weather apart from a short heavy downpour at the end of Sunday's ride which we got caught in. A great opportunity for the bikes and riders to have a quick, much-needed wash.

On that same ride, I managed to get stung by a bee which was a first for me and hopefully the last. I only had my visor up for a brief moment, and despite also wearing sunglasses the bee ended up dropping down between my glasses lens and my eye. Despite repeated attempts with a gloved hand to extract it from the predicament it was in, being stung was inevitable. Fortunately for me, it stung me on the eyelid and not the eye. It took over two weeks for the swelling and numbness in my face to finally go down. Whist the swelling might have helped with my complexion and the age wrinkles, it's not a sting I would recommend to anyone!

The 2023 AGM was my first as Club President and whilst there were a few operational hiccups during the meeting, I really enjoyed the opportunity to review 2022's performance and set the scene for 2023. Congratulations and a big thank you to our new board member Ian Macartney who has taken on the Area Rep Liaison role and to those who were reappointed in their roles. You will find the minutes of the meeting published in this month's magazine.

Garry very kindly put together a couple of slides as an introduction to our next annual rally which is to be held in the South Island in Methven from the 19th to 22nd of January 2024. This was to be the location of the 2022 Rally which was cancelled due to COVID-19 so I'm sure we all are looking forward to attending this one.

This year is a big one for BMW as it's the 100th anniversary of BMW Motorrad. Many

Continued...





President's Podium

Chris Souness



BMW Motorcycle Club
Aotearoa New Zealand



February 2023

events are being planned by clubs across the world to help celebrate, with a specific emphasis on the BMW Motorrad Days which take place in Berlin between the 7th to 9th July 2023. We received an overview of the event from Clubs International which I have inserted into the newsletter for your information.

Talking about future events, next up in the calendar we have the North Island Rag Rally which is scheduled for the weekend daylight saving changes Friday March 31st to Sunday April 2nd at Taylor Lodge. Further details and a link to the registration form are in the body of the newsletter.

There will be another GS Rally this year with the organisers currently working through the logistics and location options. At this stage it's looking like it will be held in the South Island and we have been advised to let anyone who would be interested in attending to add a "watch this space" date in their diary for October 27th and 29th.

The South Island Rag Rally location and specific dates have yet to be confirmed however the team in Canterbury has it in hand and as soon as dates and a location are confirmed we will let you know.

On a more sombre note, it was recently brought to my attention that Jenny Patterson, wife of Phil Patterson passed away earlier this year. Phil and Jenny joined the club in March 1985 and have had a long-standing association with the club. Our condolences and thoughts are with Phil and his family at this sad time.

As I finish this podium, the country is still under a state of national emergency and reeling from the widespread damage and loss of life caused by Cyclone Gabrielle. I'm stunned by the devastation and impact it has had in so many parts of the country. Our thoughts are with all those who have been impacted by Gabrielle and we wish you all well through this recovery and rebuilding phase.

All the best, stay safe and remember to look after each other.



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Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



January's East Cape Jaunt

Each year, generally with the justification of attending all or part of the National Rally, a group of typically 4 to 6 'senior' Rangitikei couples endeavour to do a road trip with the joint aims of enjoying some social involvement and having the opportunity to take in some of the sites between home and the Rally venue.

This year was no exception although due in part to a degree of uncertainty regarding the proposed Rally programme, as at the time we needed to make travel and accommodation bookings, not all of those in the group planned to attend the actual Rally. (subsequent reports have confirmed that eventually all the usual Rally activities were catered for and the rally was a great success; in hindsight maybe our loss but 'well done' to the team that put it all together).

Our proposal was simply to arrive in 'The Bay' on Saturday and then take a few days



Happy hour at Taupo

getting around East Cape, eventually parting company at Havelock North and heading to our various home destinations. Five couples originally planned to make the trip but one couple opted out when they got a 'better offer' to go on a ski trip to Whistler in Canada. East Coast storms during the two weeks leading to the trip caused a lot of damage and cast doubt on the

viability of the trip, but things settled and roads were open by the time we were due to leave.

The first day, Friday was a short trip to Taupo and then to head on to the Bay on Saturday. However, as my bike was coming due for the 20k service (at Mount Motorcycles) my pillion and I elected to head to the Bay on Thursday, get the service done on Friday morning and then head back to Taupō to meet the others on Friday afternoon. All went well for us on the trip up but as we hit the 'rush hour' traffic coming into Tauranga, and had to slow to about walking pace, we also got caught in a downpour and despite putting on our 'wets' we were soaked by the time we got to our motel. Typically the rain stopped just after we



Anglican church at Raukokore

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



Coffee stop at Waihou Bay

at the Te Kaha Beach Resort. Some of us took the opportunity to enjoy a dip in the Resort's pool. Rain had been threatened during the day but apart from a few spots from time to time, we had a dry ride.

Monday also threatened to bring rain but apart from some wet roads we had, essentially another dry day. Heading

got to the motel and most of your gear was dry by the morning. We enjoyed a great walk around the beaches in the sunshine on Friday morning, while Darryl and the boys attended to the bike, and then an uneventful trip back through Pyes Pa and SH 30 to Taupō to meet up with the others.

Following a mid-morning departure on Saturday, we headed for Rotorua via Poihipi Road, Tirohanga Road and SH30; some cruisy

eastwards from Te Kaha we stopped to view the impressive Anglican church at Raukokore and then enjoyed a coffee at Waihou Bay. From there, as we headed round the Cape, we noticed increasing road damage with slumps and damaged seal. Peer, on the lead bike, took us down a side road to view the bay at Lottin Point and from there it was back to SH 35 and on towards Hicks Bay. Further signs of damage were evident both to the road, to river and



Lottin Point

riding on good sealed roads while dodging the roadworks on SH1. Following lunch in Rotorua we headed for 'The Bay', some of us to Tauranga to attend the Rally ASGM and dinner and the others to Whakatane.

Sunday morning saw us re-group in Whakatane, take the short ride to Ohope Beach for a coffee, and then head on to Opotiki for lunch. The afternoon ride was also relatively short, taking us around the coast to Te Kaha where we were booked into very acceptable (and well-priced) accommodation

stream channels and to crops and farmland. Unfortunately, despite the repair work that was underway I suspect that following Gabrielle there is now probably much more extensive damage through those areas. Being a Monday most of Tokomaru Bay appeared to be 'shut' although we did enjoy a lunch of fish and chips at the local store by the camp ground. Following on down 35 we had a brief look around Tolaga Bay, including the historic (and now closed) wharf. Like so many other areas in that region the beach was covered

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



with forestry slash. That night our stay was at Changers Motor Lodge on the outskirts of Gisborne.

The next leg of the route was via Tiniroto to Wairoa then down SH 2 to Havelock North for the last night of our trip. Care was required on the road through Tiniroto due mainly to large numbers of random potholes which, if hit at speed, could cause significant damage. The weather was dry and the ride was enjoyable but uneventful. We stopped to view the Te Reinga Falls; quite impressive falls but difficult to photograph due to the lack of any decent viewing point. Lunch at Wairoa then on down the road to Havelock North to take up our accommodation at the Wine Country Motel.

Another convivial 'happy hour' and self-catered

BBQ dinner - the perfect end to our trip.

The next morning it was a case of heading for our respective homes, Peer and Lis to Taihape and then home to Whanganui via the Gentle Annie, the rest of us home to Palmy and Levin.

We appreciated being able to enjoy our trip around The

Cape and down through Hawkes Bay and our thoughts now go out to those who have suffered the devastation meted out to those



areas by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Murray #2690

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Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Club Social Meal 9 January 2023

Fourteen members met for a meal at the Petone Club, a good start to the year of Club activities.

January Ride - Sunday 15th January



(Ian, Peter, Denis, John, Geoff, Neil, Keith & Denis (on camera))

Route: Wellington – Shannon – Pahiatua Saddle – Makuri – Pongaroa – Alfredton – Masterton – Wainuioru – Gladstone – Ponatahi – Featherston – Remutaka Hill - home

Seven Wellington riders met at BP Mana or a 9am departure via the Pukerua Bay coast road and new Otaki expressway extension to Shannon where we met five Rangitikei riders (Peer, Neville, Barry, Murray, Ian at the Horseman Cafe for a leisurely coffee. We were reminded that protective riding gear is something we expect when we saw a rider and pillion leaving the café clad in light summer wear with no protective gear except helmets. 😊



Who needs protection?

We rode the Pahiatua Track to Pahiatua and upped the pace through the Makuri Gorge to Pongaroa where we met Tibsy and stopped for lunch. There was a good line up of bikes outside the hotel – plenty of bikers out in fine weather.

After lunch, Rangitikei riders rode north and returned via Dannevirke and the saddle road. Wellington



Bikes at Pongaroa

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Lunch at Pongaroa

riders returned via Highway 52 to fuel up in Masterton, and then ride Stronvar Road to Te Wharaua, Gladstone and Ponatahi to Martinborough, Featherston and the Remutaka Hill home.

This was a 440km ride - great riding, good turnout, good company, and fine weather.

Friday 20th January

This was an impromptu ride to Raetihi via the Whanganui River road and return via the Parapara SH4 Road, a 560km ride blessed with great weather. Seven riders, Ian H, John S, Denis H, Jeff van W, Ian M, Michael C, and Peter N, left BP Mana at 8.30am to ride to Sanson. via the Pukerua Bay coastal route. We arrived at the Woolshed Café, Sanson at 10am, with only minor road work

stoppage at Pukerua Bay where they are still repairing the slip face. The expressway extension to Otaki is part of our routine riding now, and takes out delays, although we still bypassed Levin to avoid traffic.

Peter Nash left us at Sanson to return home. For the rest of us, our ride continued, with brief refuelling for some at

Whanganui, onto the Whanganui River Road with a drink stop at Matahiwi, thinking of Ken Wilson who had taught there and rode here with other BMWMC riders back in February 2020 – best regards, Ken.

We stopped at Jerusalem and rode up to St Joseph's church for a chat with some women who had connections with the



Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Catholic sisters who used to be there. There's not much left of poet James K Baxter's (Hemi) commune (1969-72) here now. We continued our ride to Pipiriki, with a view of Mt Ruapehu, and on to Raetihi.

Unfortunately, by the time we arrived in Raetihi at 2.30pm, food

was off, but the coffee was good. The ride down the Parapara which is always good, lived up to expectations, although there were some roadwork delays and sections of surface gravel to slow us down. Our possible stop at Upokongaro (Behind the Door bakery and café) didn't happen

as again we were chasing the clock, so we continued through to Fordell, and on to Sanson for another fuel stop. The ride home on Foxton straight was gusty, with the usual police presence. We were home by 7pm – a very good 560km big days riding. *Thanks to all who joined the ride.*

Denis #3184

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Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Gretchen Holland



Okiwi Bay - Sunday 8 January 2023

Everyone must have had cabin fever as nearly a week of rain and a forecast of high winds didn't seem to be a concern. And, it was good to be able to once again head north over the Whangamoas, after the road was opened after nearly two months of it being completely closed for repairs due to the high rainfall in August.

Nelson riders met three from Marlborough at the Rai Valley cafe and we had a good long catch-up before most of us headed out to Okiwi Bay. There were quite a few weather-damaged areas on this road, numerous one-way patches, and even a set of traffic lights. It was blowing quite hard along the waterfront, but we tucked into a small picnic area at one end, endured the frequent gusts, and ate our lunch whilst occasionally retrieving our flying gloves and loose gear. Needless



Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Gretchen Holland



Ange, Anja, Sacha at Okiwi Bay

to say, neither Anja nor I went for a swim (am pretty sure we were the only ones who came prepared.....). No one continued to French Pass so to round the day off we rode back to Pelorus Cafe for ice creams, coffee and more nattering. It was really good to see so many pillions out today. And it was a good start to our 2023 riding year.

Riders (19) & pillions (4) were Ross, Peter & Sacha, Ant & Geraldine, Gretchen, Peter W, Rick, Richard, Matthias, Anja, Tony H, Tony B, Laurie, William, Dale & Odette and visitors Trevor, Stu & Ange, Colin, Ben and Gary.

Gretchen #949



Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



December Ride

It was a typical December in Canterbury with unsettled weather and many rainy days. So it wasn't surprising that the ride planned for Sunday 18th was rained off.



So we went to plan B, and scheduled a ride on Friday 23rd December. The very last chance before Santa arrived. It was drizzling as I left home, but looked clear to the north and thankfully the sun was shining as we met at Ravenswood, and headed north towards Motunau Beach. We got onto the winding backroads through Blyth Valley



Cont...

Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



And on to Cheviot and our lunch stop at Number 8 Cafe

At the table
Dick Crocker,
Owen Clutterbuck,
Terry Reilly,
George Kerse,
Garth Brookland,
Mike Gillon.

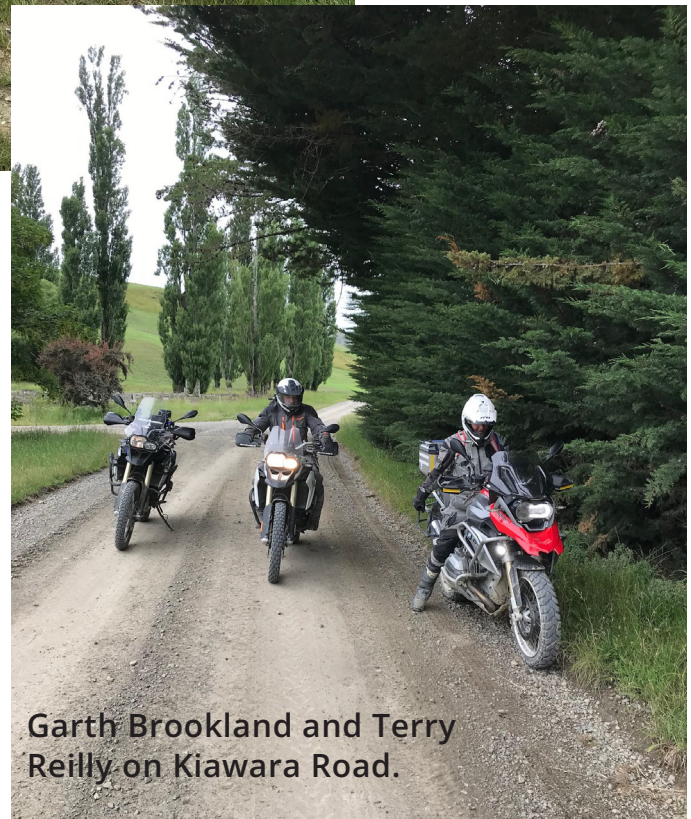


We headed out of town onto the Random Spur Road. Which proved to be quite wet, muddy and slippery, and was a real test for riders.

Kiawara Road was a pleasure to ride after our Random experience on the Spur.

After reaching Culverden, the group split up with the keen boys carrying on through the Pyramid Valley

Ralph Moore #3082



Garth Brookland and Terry Reilly on Kiawara Road.



MINUTES - 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

For the BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand Inc.

Held on Saturday 21st January 2023 from 5-00 pm

1. Welcome from the President.

Apologies from; Lance Nixon, William Robertson, Denis Hulston, Stuart Burns, Robin Wood, Joy Wood, Murray Petherick, Jeanette Petherick, Peer Nielsen, Barbara Petherick, William Robertson, Paul Gillard, Anya Clause, John Glaswell, Linda Glaswell, Richard Kuysten, Barry Richardson, Jo Buckner

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Acknowledged true and correct – Proposed, Chris Souness, Seconded John Wuts.

3. Presidents Annual Report from the Board

BMWMCANZ 2022 Annual Report

Well, I just can't believe that it's been close to a year since I was privileged to be elected as President of the club at our first virtual AGM which was held on the 13th of February 2022.

COVID was again causing major disruptions across the country. The government had only recently introduced the new Traffic Light Framework and at the time of the AGM we were in the RED setting as the first Omicron cases had just been detected late in January. Our National Rally which was planned to be held in Methven that same month unfortunately was another casualty and I remember vividly when the board had to make the call to cancel it. It was a very stressful time for everyone.

The 2022 Annual General Meeting and Board elections saw quite a significant change of guard in terms of board members. At the time I took on the role of Club President, replacing Garry Williams, Stephen Parkinson was elected into my vacant Vice President role and David Fish into the Club Secretary role taking over from David Ross. My hat goes off to both Garry and David for their unwavering commitment to their time on the Board and for putting up with the inevitable regular "can I pick your brains" phone calls when we needed advice. I'm not sure how we would have gotten through this year without their guidance, support and historical knowledge. Also, as always, Barry Petherick, our Membership Secretary has been doing a sterling job dealing with new memberships and renewals. Thanks, Barry.

As at 21 January 2023

Philip King who was elected as Member Representative in 2021 stood down from the role later in August 2022 for personal reasons. I want to take this opportunity to thank him for the time he served on the Board. Ian Macartney was seconded onto the board to fill this role on a temporary basis. Ian has very kindly decided to put himself forward for nomination to take on the role fully at the forthcoming 2023 AGM.

EVENTS 2022

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Despite the cancellation of the 2022 National Rally, with the introduction of the Traffic Light system and the gathering limits under the RED setting increasing from 100 – 200 people later in March, the decision was made to continue with the North Island Rag Rally early in April. I think we had over 50 attendees which made the weekend a real success. We were all ready to have the opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy the social aspect of our memberships which is such a big part of our club.

BOARD / AREA REPRESENTATIVE Face-to-Face Meeting

We were also able to run our combined Area Reps / Board meeting at the end of April. This was a great opportunity for the team to get together and discuss where the club is at, identify areas for improvement and how we can continue to drive the club forward. Some excellent initiatives and ideas were suggested, and many have either already been adopted or are still in the pipeline. All are focused on improving the value proposition for members.

Our volunteer Area Representatives give up their time to organise rides and manage their geographical areas on behalf of the club. They are the ones that are interacting with local members, and they are constantly receiving feedback, good, bad or indifferent. As a team, they do a key job and we all need to recognise the commitment they make and support them where we can in undertaking their roles.

BMWMCNZ GS Rally – Lakes Ranch ROTORUA

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this event however all the feedback I received both prior and post was that it was a great success. The idea of this event was developed during our Area Rep meeting by Stephen Parkinson. Whilst the GS Rally is not new, the idea to hold it at Lakes Ranch and to combine resources with Kiwi Rider was. A huge amount of organisational effort goes into these events and it was really pleasing for all those involved that it went off without a hitch. Well done again to all those involved.

South Island Rag Rally – Geraldine

There were some issues initially with this event which caused a delay in our ability to communicate the location and timing as early as we would have liked. That said, we had a great number of attendees with more than 65 people registering for the Saturday night dinner. Many travelled from across the country to attend which was really pleasing. The weather Gods were not kind to us, but a big hats off to those who stuck it out in their tents at the campsite.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Throughout 2022 the board have been working hard to try and improve our member communication and engagement. Our Area Reaps are currently working through the process of using an external mailer platform that will enable us to create a template to standardise our regular messaging to members. Some have adopted this already and others are still working through the setup process. We have also updated our new member welcome pack.

It is really pleasing to see the marked improvement in the monthly magazine. This has predominantly been driven by Colin Gates our Treasurer who also currently wears the Editor hat. An immense amount of energy and effort from him with the support of the content submitters has gone into improving the image quality, the readability, and the reading options that we now have. I particularly like the flip book option. A big thank you to Colin for his expertise in this area and to all those who submit monthly editorials for the magazine, your contribution is appreciated.

As at 21 January 2023

Thanks also go to those organisations and individuals who pay to advertise in our club magazine. This advertising revenue helps cover our publishing costs and as members, we need to recognise our sponsors and support them when we can.

Our insurance partnership was due for renewal during the year. We spoke to a number of providers during the review process and ultimately, our partnership changed from AON to Star Insurance. It's never easy making these types of changes however the superior, more comprehensive, and competitive offer from Star was accepted by the Board. We are really looking forward to strengthening that partnership in the future.

Club membership over the last year has been steady with a small growth over the period. Initiatives such as discounted rates for the GS Rally for club members have helped with gaining new members however, we are still not as strong as we would like to be in the retention space. We are revising the membership renewal process to make it a little more personal and user-friendly. Also, for those members who choose not to renew we are developing a brief exit survey to try and better understand their expectations and to see if there was anything we could do to help retain their membership.

It has been a pleasure to work with the new look board over the last year and whilst we have experienced a few challenging headwinds, as a team we have been able to stay focused and deliver on our commitments. I am very proud of what we have achieved so far and I would like to personally acknowledge each board member for their willingness to give their own personal time to help guide the club.

To all our members from lifers to newbies, thanks for getting involved and making the club a success. I look forward to seeing many of you in the events and rides we have planned for 2023.



President | BMW Motorcycle Club Aotearoa New Zealand Inc.

4. Treasurers Financial Statements for the Financial Year

Incorporated Statement of Financial Position as of 30th September 2022

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Treasurer's Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 2022.

It gives me pleasure to present to our members the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Financial Position for the twelve months ended 30th September 2022.

We prepare our accounts on a 'Cash' and NOT an 'Accrual' basis. Therefore, they do not consider any outstanding debtors or creditors as of the balance date. However, when prepared, there was no other abnormal costs/income expected, from the normal operational income and expenditure.

Operational Income & Expenditure:

As at 21 January 2023

Income:	Operating income for the period was \$38,598 compared to \$39,593 for the previous 12 months.
Subscriptions	Up by \$2,512 compared to the previous 12 months
Expenditure	Operational costs for the 12 months - \$28,536 compared to \$17,721 for the previous 12 months. The increase is largely due to face-to-face meetings happening once more and the Area Rep meeting taking place.
Administration	Up by \$1,433 to \$1,595. Includes \$1,071 for Membership Card blanks.
Travel & Meeting Costs	\$7,815 up by \$5,659. Reflecting that face-to-face meetings are functioning again. Although most meetings are held online via Zoom.
Surplus/Deficit	The result for the year is a reported operating deficit of \$1,751. As reported last year, we received advanced payments for events that due to Covid concerns were unfortunately cancelled. The deposits received in last year's accounting period were refunded at the start of this financial period.

Net Assets as of 30th September are \$59,555

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of 30th September 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	0	0
Westpac main a/c	26,857	24,700
Westpac Event a/c	10,233	20,605
Term Deposits	22,257	15,168
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	59,347	60,306
FIXED ASSETS		
Computer Equipment	2,629	2,629
Less Accumulated Depreciation	2,420	1,796
Total Fixed Assets	209	833
TOTAL ASSETS	59,555	61,306
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0
NET ASSETS	59,555	61,306

FUNDS as of 30th September 2022

Balance brought forward 1 st October 2021	61,306	33,290
Plus, Cash Surplus/(Less Deficit) for the year	(1,751)	28,016
Assets 30th September 2022	59,555	61,306

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5. Remits

No remits were proposed.

6. Election of Officers

- Election required for Vice-President: (One Nominations received)
 - Stephen Parkinson – Auckland
 - No other nomination was received, and Stephen Parkinson was elected.
- Election required for Treasurer: (One Nomination received)
 - Colin Gates – Wellington
 - No other nomination was received, and Colin Gates was elected.
- Election required for Membership Secretary: (One Nominations received)
 - Barry Petherick – Levin
 - No other nomination was received, and Barry Petherick was elected.
- Election required for Area Rep Liaison: (One Nominations received)
 - Ian Macartney – Northland
 - No other nomination was received, and Ian Macartney was elected.

7. General Business.

No General Business notification was received prior to the AGM. However, attendees were invited to comment or ask any question while the Board remained to answer.

Post AGM Discussion

Scott Mills – Congratulations to the Editor, Colin Gates, for the quality of the monthly Newsletter.

Geoff Gover – had a question regarding what the club was doing to improve membership.

- **David Fish** – Membership has increased approx. 10% in the last year. The problem has been member retention and for various reasons, a number of members leave, impacting the growth of our membership. This has been an ongoing pattern for some years and one we are addressing. We aim to raise the visibility of the Club and events, to improve and advertise the benefits available through the club, and also improve our member's experience by increasing the number, quality, and suitability of ride events, improving communication at a local level when and where events are happening.
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- **Steve Parkinson** – probably the best example of this is the very successful BMWMC GS Rally, run in October, in association with Kiwirider magazine. The idea was to increase Visibility, by branding the event and giving a \$30 discount on entry fees to our members. This will be an annual event, initially for 3 years but hopefully ongoing. The intention is to grow it towards an even bigger, multi-day event.
- **Colin Gates** – We have also instigated a program of contacting people who have not renewed, asking if it was an oversight and/or how could we improve. This has proved successful in finding members who had fallen through the cracks and subsequently renewed. For the few who did not wish to renew the feedback received was extremely useful. Some reasons we can address, and some are just outside of our control i.e. no longer riding.
- It is apparent that many members were/are unaware of just how good some of our member benefits are – Ferry charges and conditions are a good example of how our annual subs can be easily recovered with just a couple of crossings. Many members were unaware that those discounts included cars.
- We have been discussing how the club could use internal resources to organise training, particularly specialist subjects i.e. seal-road and off-road training.
- We welcome the support from Star Insurance, who have been very supportive offering better value to members.
- We are looking to develop ideas on how we can better engage and recruit younger members – social media, types of rides etc.
- **Chris Souness** – also developing a program where new BMW owners can be immediately identified and recruited, by having Distributors offer a first year of membership to purchasers.

Ian Sowden – comment that the discount did apply to cars, but make sure you carry your membership card, as they do ask to view it.

Henry Plowright – asked if the discount applied every time.

- **Colin Gates** – yes, with the understanding that there are the high season dates where it has never applied.
- Interislander is making some changes, and they have a new manager coming, which may bring changes that we are not yet aware of.
- **Folker Liebonow** – asked if membership reminders were by email.
- **Chris Souness** – yes, that is correct, it's an automated system. However, we are aware that there are some database issues – we have three databases, for various things, that

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don't yet talk to one another. The intention is to combine them into a Web-based common system, with improved ease of use.

Chris Townson – enquired if the NI Rag could move around like the SI Rag.

- **Steve Parkinson** – this is definitely something that has been discussed, the relative merits of traditional Rally at Pokaka, versus the wider experience of moving it around. This was overtaken by events in 2022 with Covid – it very nearly didn't happen at all. In the end, it was only by Taylor Lodge coming to the party, allowing us a fee based on the lower numbers we anticipated. Because of that, and the difficult year the Ruapehu District has had with snow cover, we felt that a degree of loyalty was in order, and not to move the event for the moment. We do intend to revisit the issue later.

Trevor Martin – commented that the issue could be resolved by leaving NIRAG as is, and introducing further RAG-style events

- **David Fish** – yes of course. This is where we have been encouraging the Area Reps to get their heads together, and have the ad hoc Rally concept, similar to BoP, Auckland and Northland riders getting together in Russel for a weekend mid-winter. Something similar is being discussed for say Raglan, where Waikato, Taranaki and maybe even further south riders could be attracted as well as the previously mentioned 3 regions.

The meeting finished at 18:40 with the presentation of the Life Membership badge to Noel Walker (Life Member since 2005!).



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Membership report.

Membership numbers remained strong and quietly increased through 2022 as we emerged from the shackles of Covid.

Recruitment was steady and we are focusing on a number of initiatives to keep the membership package attractive to old and new members alike. Even small things like the new membership card sleeves for the mailouts giving a more professional standing. Area Reps have bundles of BMWMCNZ business cards which are being liberally sprinkled on BMW bikes found parked up and down the country. The BMWMCNZ stickers are popular and are going out to members as they renew. Ideal for putting somewhere prominent on the bike or helmet.

Mid 2022 we streamlined the region numbers to better align with the number of Area Reps we have and easier reporting. The previous twenty two Areas has been reduced to thirteen. This process also moved the old Area 4 (Te Awamutu) from Bay of Plenty to where it belonged in the Waikato.

The Board has made membership retention a priority as we move through 2023 and beyond. This is something all members can be aware of and help with as we try and actively grow the club numbers.

Barry Petherick

#3104

Well that was a top weekend at the Trinity Wharf Hotel and the Annual Rallye. Awesome spot and excellent accomodation value at the Club Rate.

Enjoyed the catch up with Club members , some we only see once or twice a year.

Lots of fun on the various rides capably led by local members Alan, JR, Grant & Ian, Thank you.

The Concourse & Gymkhana were a hoot and well done to everyone who took part.

Steve & I did the BMW 300 as a tag team and saw a bit more of the Waikato than we should have, losing sight of the fact it required the least kms to win and were just pleased to complete it , albeit with a few unplanned adventures & a lot of laughs.

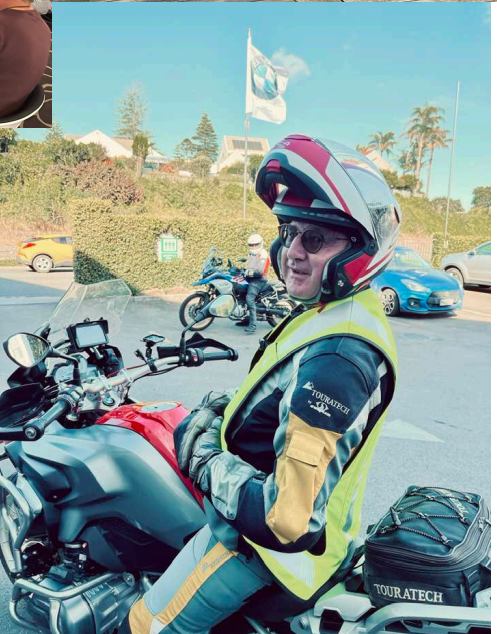
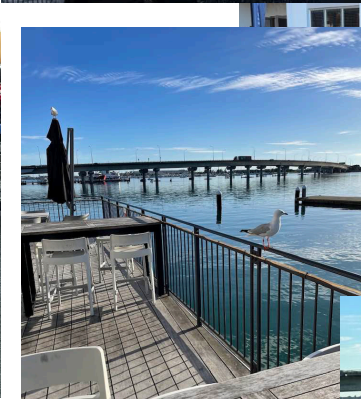
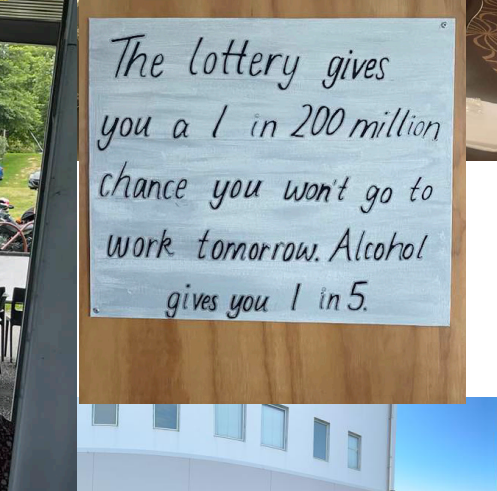
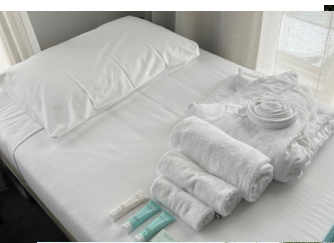
I'm sure everyone who made the effort to attend the Rally had a ball, it is important to remember ' we're here for a good time not a long time ! '

Rock on Methven 2024

Ian Macartney

AGM2023 in pictures





Riding the 35 (Or; After the A'gem is over)

by Dave Morris



It wasn't so much the event but the getting there. No. Actually, to be correct, it was the return trip home. Going up was an overnigher with a sleepover at Rusty Nails, Taihape: It was so quiet there and I didn't even see/met the owners! The return ride was via the East Cape and back home through the Wararapa over five days.

After a slow start deciding and organising the trip to the Tauranga meeting, Dave O and I settled for an AGM attendance on Saturday night. Our Trinity Wharf (Tauranga) room was at the other end of the hotel without a view. But considering one is asleep with eyes shut, the 'good view' is of no matter! If one is going to go ride some 500 km to attend, then why not make a

trip of it? The East Cape it was as I haven't been to this area for at least ten years.

We departed Tauranga at about 7.30 am Sunday morning and refuelled bikes (and us) at Opotiki. The first food place we found open was in the main shopping street opposite the police station. There were a couple of locals sitting at an outdoor table opposite us and we got chatting, but just at the small talk level.

We arrived at Hick Bay motels about an hour early, but that was not a problem for them. This was the only place that had available rooms when I made the booking and it was adequate enough with a meal available too. (Pub menu.)

Monday morning breakfast was on the road and there was nothing available until Te Puia Springs. We did stop over to check out the oldest pohutukawa tree in NZ at Te Araroa.

One noticeable thing about the traffic was the proportionally high number of logging trucks. Passing was not a problem for the twisty windy road – it did have good straight stretches of road and an abundance of passing lanes and slow lanes. This ride was not so long after the area had had wild weather. The road took a beating with washouts and flooding. The road is a State Highway (35) and repairs are funded by Central Government. The repairs were carried out in quick time to give access

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to the towns and people. Evidence of the storm was easy to see, with slips, cave-ins and woven grass through all five of the number 8 wire of the fences. The worst affected section was between Te Aroha and Ruatoria. Fine silt was left over paddocks on both sides of the road and a large part of the speed limit was reduced to a temporary 30 kpm There was a high count of one-way parts of the road where a slip had taken the road and/or lowered the seal level about 150 mm. Those were patched with hot seal as a ramp. Nevertheless, it was hard on the suspension and body. I have to give kudos to the folk who opened the road as soon as possible to get the route re-opened.

I was a little concerned about the level of fuel in the tank. The R1200C has a 17 litre tank and after 300 Kms I am looking for a pump. I have found low populated areas (away from towns and cities) have a dearth of 95-grade petrol. The Catlins and the West Coast (S.I.) are two areas I have found that lack the 95-octane rating. My engine pinks when 91 is used and I always fill it with the red pump. While not on reserve, I swung into Ruatoria to check out 95 availability. Allied had an outlet and only 91 and

diesel. While I dithered in the decision-making, I got talking to the attendant. (Turned out he was the same age as me and we departed friends. Just bring up the Maori Battalion in conversation, and you'll notice a shift in their demeanour to one of respect! Add 'C' Company and you earn cookie points.) In the end, I put in 3 litres of the 91 and mixed it with the remaining tank contents: No sweat! He did have a product on the shelf which could be added but I was reluctant as I had never used it before. I have always found the Ruatorians are always welcoming and friendly and I always make a point to visit there when I pass that way.

Moving on, we kept going down to Te Puia Springs. A stop for 'breakfast'. By this time of the trip I am tired of the food available and I realise I am missing the 'home meals' I am used to. Two other locals sitting outside (passing the time of day) and we strike up/join in with their conversation.

Repleted, we carry on with our ride. Towns and villages flyin' by: Tokamaru Bay, Tolaga Bay, Pouawa, Makorori, Gisborne. - We have arrived. 180 kilometres. It was early afternoon but we checked in before 2.00 pm. Unpacked

and relaxed. Gisborne was a planned layover, 2 days to give the body and mind to relax and ease the muscles associated with riding.

The last leg to the Wellington area was non-eventful and a night at the Waipawa Motor Camp and on the road for the last leg home. Tired but happy. Seven days is a good maximum length for a ride.

'Hi, Honey, I'm home!'

Dave Morris



BMW Motorcycle Club
Aotearoa New Zealand



REGISTRATION FORM - RAG RALLY 2023 (North Island)

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Riding Code:

1. All Club members on Club 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. Club 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, Pillions and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum standard 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. Club Members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.
5. Rider organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride

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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.
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