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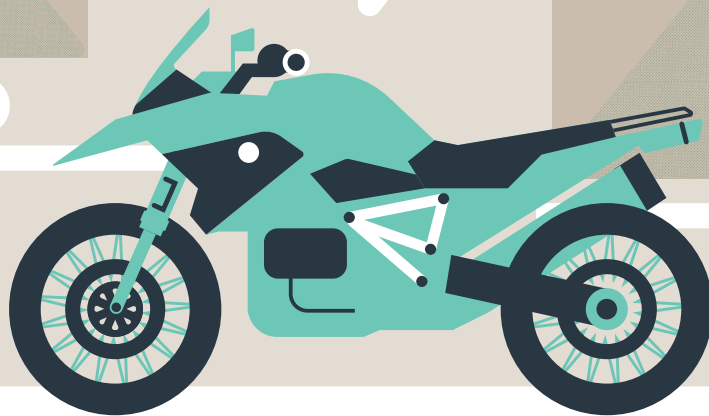


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**Welcome to our New Members**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the month.

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## President's Podium

Chris Souness



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# January 2025

## Happy New Year and Welcome to 2025!

2024 was undoubtedly a challenging year for many, and I know I'm not alone in looking forward to a brighter 2025. As we head into this new year, there's much to be optimistic about, especially as we mark a significant milestone in the history of our BMW Owners Club.

### Celebrating 50 Years of Brotherhood and Riding

Let's take a trip back in time to 1975. It was then that Martin Bootten distributed a letter inviting all interested BMW owners in Auckland to join him for a ride to Orere Point on the Western side of the Firth of Thames. That ride, which took place on a Sunday, 10th of August, wasn't just about the joy of two wheels and the promise of a BBQ lunch. It was the start of something much bigger—the founding of the BMW Owners Club.

The inaugural newsletter after that ride described what was considered a decent turnout: seven bikes, two cars, and a memorable BBQ featuring crayfish! Attendees agreed to hold the first official club meeting on the 9th of October, 1975, where they elected officials, discussed subscription options, and, no surprise here, forged the beginning of the close-knit community we are today.

It's truly incredible to think about how the essence of the club has remained largely unchanged over the past five decades: shared values, group rides, camaraderie, and a deep love of BMW motorcycles.

### A Special Year Ahead: Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary

As we enter this major 50th anniversary year, I feel both honoured and privileged to serve as your president. This is a milestone for all of us, and I'm excited to celebrate it with as many of you as possible throughout the year. We've got a great lineup of events planned, beginning with our combined National Rally and AGM in Masterton next month.

The registration numbers for the rally are looking fantastic, but there's still time to sign up! Final registrations close on the 20th January, so be sure to get your name down. All the details and registration links are included in this newsletter.

### Here's to a Bright 2025!

As we look forward to the year ahead, let's hope this unseasonal spring-like weather improves so we can make the most of our rides and finally enjoy a true Kiwi Summer.

Stay safe out there, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the rally and other events this year.

*Chris*





# Area Report: Waikato

Paul Quilter



## Waikato rides in December



We had an impromptu ride on Sat 29th December, to Raglan for lunch. We had a very good turnout with 9 people on 8 bikes. We even had a visitor from Tauranga – the area rep!

The ride was led by Chris Townson, who joined us in Ohaupo,

These are a some pictures of the rest of the crew before we left Cambridge.

Paul #3711








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# A Short history

Paul Quilter



It was 1966 and my mother had purchased a Honda 50cc step-through scooter to be able to travel to work in Turangi. She was doing part-time reporting for the Turangi Chronicle newspaper.

It was not long before I had managed to get to ride it, (off road only of course) at age 13. I also got into pulling it apart and putting it back together, ostensibly to help her service it, but mainly because I just wanted to see how things worked. Miraculously it ran after my many interventions.

When I started my 5th form year it was announced to me that I would be given the Honda if I passed my School C exams. No better incentive was ever given to me... I passed and the Honda and I had our first official outing together on my 15th birthday.



Library shot

I rode into Turangi where the testing officer sent me up the road (it was pouring rain at the time), when I got back he was writing out the license.

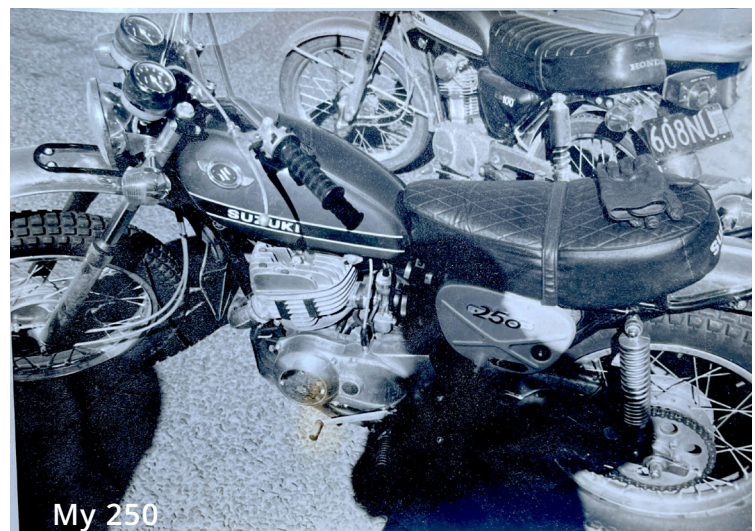
The first major test of the little Honda was a trip from Turangi to Gisborne for the summer holidays in early 1969. The first day was from Turangi to Edgecumbe and then on the second day it was through the gorge

to Gisborne. I think my average speed was something like 20 miles per hour, so a trip that would take under 3 hours today, took an entire day.

From the Honda I moved up to a Jawa – I think the model was a CZ 175 which had a unique sound that I can still recall all these years later. It was a 2 stroke which could not only be clearly heard approaching but had route mapping via the smoke screen that it left behind.

It would be replaced by a Triumph Bonneville 650, which in my mind was my first REAL motorbike. I can still recall getting my first ticket on it between Palmerston North and Fielding when I was riding back to my mate's place after going to see the movie Easy Rider sometime in 1969. It would be my commuting bike whilst I was studying to be a communications technician in Hamilton.

It was not long before I got the Japanese bug, a Suzuki 500 Titan in 1970 from Colemans in Wanganui – my first brand-new bike. Unfortunately, I have no pictures of it. I did some huge mileage on that bike all over the north island. It was whilst working in Whangarei that I got introduced to beach racing and made the change to a trail bike. It was a Suzuki 250 – shown below:



My 250



This was followed up by a Suzuki TS185, which was one of several Suzuki trail bikes that were to come...

Whilst I had the TS185 I met my wife Joy.

She got her motorbike license shortly after we were married. Her first bike was a Suzuki TS125K – shown in this picture.

We did a lot of off-road riding but the 185 could go up hills that were a challenge for the little 125, so after a while I sold the 185 and got Joy a new TS125J, whilst I used the older bike.

It was 1978 when we sold both of the bikes to start a business, and as the kids were growing up we had no bikes until, 1997...

That was the year that I decided to get back into bikes as the kids had left home.

I made the plunge by getting into the biggest bike that I had ever owned – and my first BMW – a 1996 K1100RS. At the time we had a retail store in Christchurch, so I would ride the bike from Tokoroa down to Christchurch – leaving in the late afternoon, catching the overnight ferry and arriving in Christchurch by opening time the following day.

On one of those trips, I snapped this picture in Kaikoura (at my regular breakfast stop). That bike was the most enjoyable bike that I had owned. I joined the BMW Owners register at that time – member number 1918.

Another break from bikes came when we bought a lifestyle



block and started to build premises for our business and a few years later a new strawbale house. All my spare time was taken up with overseeing the building work, which took 5 years to complete.







It was 2013 before I could get back into bikes, and this time it was a K 1200 RS which fitted the bill.

In 2023 the BMW was becoming a bit too heavy for me to comfortably & safely move around the garage, so we parted company and I bought a lighter bike, a Suzuki GSXS1000GT, which along with a BMW G310GS are my on and off-road steeds.

**Paul #3711**



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## Motorcycle Rego Cashback programme

Great news! We have extended the programme until 30 June 2025. We offer experienced riders, who are eligible, \$200 Cashback on their motorcycle rego.



# Area Report: Bay of Plenty

Alan Belworthy



November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 a couple of the BOP BMW members set off on a SI trip with 9 others on various bikes from around the Bay to the South Island for 8 days, taking in as many roads as possible. Ride from Tauranga to the ferry, and sailing across Cook Strait on day 1.

The 8 days took us across Takaka Hill, Buller Gorge, West Coast through the Haast Pass to Mossburn, Milford Sound, Fiordland to Invercargill. Back up the SI including the Catlins, Alexandra, Otematata, back to Omarama, through the Mackenzie Country to Arthurs Pass, Hokitika, Lake Brunner, the Buller Gorge again, and back to Picton via St Arnaud. A great trip with a very competent bunch of riders and the 2 1250 GS's compared well against the other bikes.

It has been fairly skinny on the rides with work, trips away and the weather all playing a part. We did however strike a cracker of an evening for our annual

Christmas BBQ, with 22 members in attendance. This was a great chance to catch up with fellow members and their partners for a pleasant wind down for the year.

On the Dec, 27th I caught up with a group of Waikato BMW members and rode to Raglan for a great catchup over lunch. This was the first serious outing on my new Christmas present, (and it didn't disappoint). Thank you, guys, for posting an impromptu ride, as the timing worked out perfectly for around 7 of us to enjoy a great day out riding together.

I will be posting the 2025 riding calendar shortly for the BOP members to enable plan ahead for this year's rides. See you on the road soon.

Looking forward to 2025 with some great rides planned, and putting a bunch more k's on my new R1300GS.

Alan #47









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# Area Report: Wellington

Denis Hulston



## Social Meet & Eat - 2<sup>nd</sup> December

We had a good turnout of members for our monthly get-together, the last for the year. These have been well attended each month. New members are always welcome.

## Club Rides - December

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - Pahaoa River Mouth, Wairarapa

We continued our ride theme of riding gravel out to various locations on the Wairarapa Coast. This time the ride was over Admiral Hill to Hinakura and to the Pahaoa river mouth, about 60km of gravel return.



Wellington riders gearing up for Pahaoa – Wild Oats Café, Carterton

Eight Wellington riders – Keith Thomson, Michael McKeon, Philip Yearly, Phil Patterson, Mike Wiley, Scott Ford, Trevor Walker, Denis Hulston stopped at the Wild Oats Bakery to stock up on food for a picnic at the coast as there are no cafés out there. We joined Tibsy and three other Wairarapa riders at Admirals Hill for the gravel ride - twelve riders all up.

This was very good riding, the gravel was in good condition, and the route over Admirals Hill had stunning views. The route to the coast follows the Pahaoa River, with lazy scenic views on a sunny warm day. There were a few cattle and sheep on the road, enough to require the bikes to be hosed down when we got home. We stopped for

photos along the way, including Brian's drone footage. At the coast, there was plenty of chat at a great place to picnic on the Pahaoa Station by the river mouth.

We returned via the same route, some riders choosing the more direct route back to Martinborough, a road that has recently been reopened after repairs on a very extensive slip. The others rode Admiral Hill and back to Martinborough via Gladstone and Longbush Road.

This was an excellent day riding, 270km, and a good day for a picnic, too. Thanks, Tibsy. It was great to catch up with the Wairarapa guys again.





Regrouping bridge stop – Admiral Hill route



Regrouping gate stop – Admiral Hill



Gravel and dust on route to Pahaoa





Pahaoa River mouth Tibsy and Alex

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch

We enjoyed good food and company at Denis and Annie's home. Twenty-one in our small house and not the best weather for eating outside, so we all managed a sit-down meal inside – barbecue fillet, potatoes, salads, quiche,

and fresh fruit desserts with meringues and Christmas cake (thanks Jenny). This is a convivial time with good company, good memories of riding over the year and an opportunity to get together over a meal and drinks.







## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Pillion riders to Lake Ferry

Thanks, Ian, for arranging an impromptu pillion ride. Three bikes with Ian, Lynn, Martyn, Sue, Annie and Denis rode to Lake Ferry via the western lake road, across the East-West access road to Tuhitarata to by-pass the once again closed Land Girl Café at Pirinoa (one day it will be open when we're there).

The Lake Ferry hotel was pumping with crowds for end-of-year celebration lunches. However, all

the reserved seating was available for us, as everyone else had moved outside for the sun. So Lake Ferry's famous fish and chips was the order – great Dory fillets with chips and salad, and great service despite the crowd.



Martyn, Ian, Sue, Lynn @ Lake Ferry





Lake Ferry – Lynn, Annie, Ian, Sue, Martyn (K1600, RT1250, GS1250)

## How much riding in 2024?

Thanks to all who supported our Club rides and social events in 2024. We rode twenty-nine club rides, nearly 7000km and for those who watch mid-week riders enviously, we held 21 rides on Saturdays or Sundays, and 8 mid-week rides. One hundred and sixty riders turned out to ride. We also held twelve monthly social club nights - 145 members participated. Those numbers don't reveal the repeat "offenders" – their support is very much valued.

It seemed at times that we were victims of bad weather, as we cancelled five rides this year. Thanks, Martyn for setting up our WhatsApp WLG Impromptu Rides link in December 2023. Thirty members use it to arrange impromptus and keep in touch with weather and ride updates.

We have ninety-five members in our Wellington area. Here's hoping 2025 will attract those who have been "thinking about riding" to "join the ride" or our social activity.

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## What is the BMWMCNZ Annual Rally?

### Some background notes.

#### **Preamble**

During recent months, we have provided information articles via the Club newsletter regarding the coming 2025 Annual Rally based in Masterton. However, it has recently occurred to us (the Rally Team), that there may be several members, particularly those who have joined the Club relatively recently, for whom the Rally event remains a bit of a mystery. The following notes and comments will provide some background information and remove some of the mystery.

#### **Background**

The Annual Rally is the flagship event on the BMWMCNZ calendar and is held in conjunction with the Club's annual general meeting. It is held over a weekend early in the calendar year and the venue typically alternates between the North and South Islands. The rally is generally organised and run by a group of locally based volunteers and in the case of the 2025 Masterton rally the organising 'team' is comprised of the Area Reps from Wairarapa, Wellington and Rangitikei.

The rally event provides an opportunity for like-minded members and interested non-members to gather to participate in a range of activities, including riding, socialising and (usually) a bit of local sightseeing or similar activities. Participation in any of the activities is always optional and, in most cases, is free of charge, meals and accommodation being the main exceptions. The rides and other activities usually take place throughout the day, and the evenings provide opportunities for socialising, trying your luck at a raffle or two, and perhaps picking up a bit of promo information from one or two of the main sponsors. The club trophies are also usually awarded on Sunday evening.

Formats may vary a little between different rallies but typically the rally 'registration', where participants check in and collect their information pack, is held through Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning there is the Concourse D'Elegance and the gymkhana, followed by organised rides which usually include sealed road and gravel or off-road options. The AGM is held later on Saturday afternoon following the rides and prior to the evening meal. Sunday usually offers further organised ride opportunities. Depending on the location, and local opportunities, the organisers may also offer some 'off-bike' optional activities, eg a wine trail or visits to local points of interest.

The following notes briefly describe some of the main activities.

#### **The Concourse D'Elegance**

The Concourse is held on Saturday morning and is an opportunity to line up your 'pride and joy' (your bike, not your partner) and convince Henry (the event sponsor) that your bike is the best in the line-up. Being considered the 'best' can be judged in a number of ways and may be due to it being nice and shiny, or being unique or iconic, or that it is a mud-covered GS being used as the designers intended. Henry appreciates all bikes and there will be a nice trophy at stake in Masterton.



## ***The Gymkhana***

The gymkhana follows the Concourse on Saturday morning and is an exercise in bike handling skills, tested through a range of 'low speed' exercises run against the clock. It usually includes challenges like a ride through a twisty, coned course, perhaps riding along a plank, over a see-saw or some similar challenge, and 'slow racing' head to head with another rider. In Masterton this event will be held on the large lawn area at the front of the hotel.

## ***Organised Rides.***

Most rally organising teams will offer organised rides on both Saturday, following the gymkhana, and on Sunday; usually offering both seal and gravel options. The rides are planned by local riders who apply their local knowledge to show you roads and places that you perhaps would not have otherwise considered or known of. If you prefer not to participate in the organised rides there is always the option of doing your own exploring.

## ***Alternative Activities.***

Depending on the venue location and the availability of local opportunities and/or points of interest the rally organisers may offer visits or sight-seeing trips for those who may want something a bit different to getting on the bike.

## ***The Annual General Meeting***

The AGM is held in the latter part of Saturday afternoon and includes all the usual club AGM business and activities. These include hearing the various officer reports, catching up on the Club's finances and participating in the election of new officers.

## ***Club Trophies.***

The club has a number of trophies that are awarded annually, usually during the Sunday evening dinner and social time. The trophies are awarded for a variety of activities and achievements, including the Concourse D'Elegance, the gymkhana, outstanding contributions to the Club newsletter, a lady rider trophy, a dirty bike award, an 'oops' trophy, and several others.

## ***Sponsorships***

Rally organising teams are often able to enjoy support from sponsors, particularly those who perhaps have some previous or on-going affiliation with the Club. The benefits of sponsorships can range from displays of bikes and equipment (including the option to try 'demo' bikes), introductions to other motorcycle and motorcycling related products, through to direct financial assistance with rally related expenses. Various such sponsorships make the Rally more interesting and/or help ease cost to the rally participants, and in this respect the Masterton rally is no exception. All such sponsorship is really appreciated.

## ***Rally Accommodation***

Rallies are typically based at a hotel, or similar establishment, that can offer a range of facilities, including dining and meeting room spaces, perhaps a gym and/or swimming pool, as well as the usual bedroom accommodation. Typically, a number of accommodation rooms will be tagged for use by rally participants, available on a 'first in, first served' basis, but participants are also welcome to arrange their own accommodation elsewhere if they so choose. Booking suitable accommodation is usually the care of the participants and is not normally managed by the rally organisers.



# Rally 2025 January's Update



## \* Minibus tours - booking extended, subject to availability

We have now received over 100 registrations but we expect there are still more who will be planning to attend so keep the registrations coming. January 20th, 2025, has been set as the closing date for registrations.

If you need to contact us for any reason please use the email address [agmrally@bmwmc.nz](mailto:agmrally@bmwmc.nz).

During the Rally the Registration Desk will be manned from 2 pm on Friday and then for morning and late afternoon periods on Saturday and Sunday. The desk will not be manned through the mid part of Saturday and Sunday as most of the volunteers will be involved in other rally activities during those periods.

As we head into the final stage of planning for the various activities, in particular the Saturday rides, it would be helpful if participants could assist us by providing a little further information.

We haven't previously asked for information on the Saturday ride participation but for ride management purposes it would help us to know how many riders and pillions we can expect on the respective rides. Ride options include the gravel ride and either one

of two sealed road trips, these being to either Castle Point and Riversdale or to Cape Palliser and Lake Ferry. Please take a minute to send us a quick one-line email at '[agmrally@bmwmc.nz](mailto:agmrally@bmwmc.nz)' to confirm your ride intentions.

The Saturday minibus tours are proving popular and we have added a second minibus for the wine trail trip. There are still a small number of seats available on each tour and these will be allocated strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Over the course of the weekend there will be a number of minibus trips and tours. While we have some drivers available a few more volunteer drivers (must have a 'clean' full licence) would help take a bit of pressure off the team. Please let us know if you could make yourself available to help us out.

There are also still some opportunities for people to help with other activities, particularly the gymkhana.

A reminder that during the Rally, and particularly the evening social sessions, there will be opportunities to participate in a variety of raffles so make sure you bring plenty of coins and small notes. Don't count on us being able to change





larger notes for you. No EFTPOS! There are some great prizes available, including riding gear, a set of bike tyres, a BMW battery charger, several gift vouchers, a selection of Tee shirts and other items. We will also throw in some lucky spot and lucky number prize opportunities, for which you will need to be present.

We have received several personal dietary requirement requests but if you have any requirements of which we may not have been notified, a situation that may apply to some of the early registrants, then please send us a relevant note.

The Copthorne Hotel still has some 'reserved' rooms available but these won't last long. The Rally room rate is \$199 per night. For bookings contact the Hotel directly (not via their website): phone 06 370 0500 or email 'reservations@solway.co.nz'. Quote the booking code #72266 to get the special Rally room rate. Please indicate willingness to room share, if appropriate. On-line booking via the

'public' system may well show the hotel is fully booked when there may actually still be some reserved rally rooms available.

On the room share note we have one respectable, senior male who has booked a room and is keen to share (room and costs) with another registrant. If this interests you please let us know so we can arrange a link-up.

The Rally Team is looking forward to having you join us for this significant 50th Anniversary event. Make sure you don't miss out; register now!

This is our last 'newsletter opportunity' to convey information to you before the commencement of the Rally but in the meantime please direct any enquiries you have to us at [agmrally@bmwmc.nz](mailto:agmrally@bmwmc.nz)

### The Rally Team

Peter, Denis and Murray





# Area Report: Top of the South

Gretchen Holland



Port Underwood - 8<sup>th</sup> December



We headed off from Nelson nice and early and travelled via Queen Charlotte Drive (for the second month in a row...) through to a café in Picton to find Dale and Odette already there from their overnigher in Blenheim. We had a nice lunch, part of which was generously sponsored by the Club, thank you very much to the Board for that. The weather forecast had been for afternoon rain everywhere and severe winds in the Marlborough Sounds but six determined bikers decided to proceed out to Jerdan's Bay in Port Underwood regardless. You may remember this as the gravel ride destination for the Blenheim AGM when we swam and picnicked on a lovely sunny day at this lovely spot. It wasn't like that this time unfortunately and no one braved the water here. But Odette takes this month's award for bravely swimming at Robin Hood Bay when she and Dale elected to head back that way – the other six following later. Others returned home by various other routes. All of us got wet around Havelock.

Thanks to Tony for locating the current owner and gaining permission to use the Jerdan's Bay beach again.

Ride Leader and scribe – Gretchen Holland

Celebrating another year of successful, enjoyable riding were: Dale, Odette, Gretchen, Tony, Trevor, Anja, Rick, Trudi, Terry, Shep, Matthias  
Visitors: Annette, Chris, Ben





Odette at Robin Hood Bay



Robin Hood Bay



Whites Bay



# FINAL NOTICE

## Annual General Meeting 2025

**17:45 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**Copthorne Hotel & Resort,**  
**High Street, Masterton**



BMW Motorcycle Club  
New Zealand



The 2025 Annual General Meeting of BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc.) will be held at **5:45 pm on Saturday 8th February 2025** at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort, situated at High Street, Masterton. **Please note the change in time for the AGM** – this has been made at the request of the Rally Committee to accommodate the Saturday events.

Any Member of BMWMC intending to bring forward a subject for discussion or to move a resolution at the AGM must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or before 17:00 on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Secretary will accept notices as a document attached to email at [secretary@bmwmc.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwmc.nz)

Notices must specify the subject or set out the resolution to be moved in accordance with clause 9.1.5 of the club's constitution and must be dated and signed by the mover and seconder, both of whom must be current members of BMWMC. Any subject of discussion or notice of resolution submitted after Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will not be accepted.

The final agenda for the Annual General Meeting, including any notices of motion received from any Members, will be sent electronically to all members at their last known email address and published on our website, [www.bmwmc.nz](http://www.bmwmc.nz) fourteen days before the AGM.

The positions of President and Secretary were re-elected for a two-year period at the 2024 AGM.

The following positions are open for election at this AGM

- **Vice President** – incumbent Steve Parkinson, who is willing to serve another term
- **Treasurer** - incumbent Colin Gates, who is willing to serve another term
- **Area Rep Liaison** – incumbent Ian Macartney, who is willing to serve another term
- **Membership Secretary** – incumbent Barry Petherick. **Barry is not standing again, so we are currently looking for nominations.**

The Board would like to make a point of acknowledging and thanking Barry for his excellent work in this role, and generally on the board.



These positions are open for any member to be nominated if they so wish.

**The Board encourages anyone who wishes to be involved, to have themselves submitted for nomination to any of the available positions.**

In accordance with our Constitution, each elected position is for a two-year period. The Nomination Form is available by clicking [HERE](#)

Nominations must be by a current financial member and endorsed by the nominee. Nominations closed at 5:00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

A valid nomination for the Vacant Membership Secretary has been received for:

David Oldershaw  
Grenada Village,  
Wellington  
Membership Number 2052

Thank you David for putting your hand up.

Nominations for all 4 positions may be received at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the nominated member has consented to be nominated. If possible, please fill out a Nomination form beforehand, and a heads up to the Secretary would be appreciated.

A final Notice of the AGM will be sent out on Saturday 25th January 2025 and will include, not least:

- Minutes of the previous meeting,
- Annual report from the Board,
- Financial statements for the financial year, including income and expenditure, balance sheet for the past year and the estimate of income and expenditure for the current year,
- Election of Officers
- Any remits, notice of motion or anything to be included as business, beyond that prescribed above, that the Secretary has received by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (20 days before the AGM)
- 

#### **Important Dates:**

<b>Nominations for Board Members</b>	<b>Friday 3rd January 2025</b>
<b>Subject for Discussion/Remit</b>	<b>5.00pm Sunday 19th January 2025</b>
<b>Final Agenda for AGM</b>	<b>Saturday 25th January 2025</b>
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>Saturday 8th February 2025</b>





# NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

## Annual General Meeting 2025

### 1. Details of the Member making the nomination

Name: ..... Membership Number: .....  
Address: .....  
Signature ..... Date: .....

### 2. Details of person nominated

Name: ..... Membership Number: .....  
Address: .....

I nominate the above Nominee for the Board Position of:

( Write the Board Position in the box above )

### 3. Nominee Acceptance (Nominee must sign to be accepted)

I acknowledge and accept the nomination shown above.

Signature ..... Date: .....

### 4. Constitutional Requirement

7.2.1 At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), subject to the position being up for election, Life and Financial Members of the Club are eligible to vote, by ballot, to elect the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary and the Members' Representative. Note: each position is elected for a two-year term. Nominations shall be a completed Nomination Form, signed by the current Life/Financial Member making the nomination and the Nominee. All nominees must sign their approval of the nomination.

The Secretary must receive all Nominations by the date stated below and in the Notice to ensure all members are notified of each Nomination; their details will be included in the last Newsletter (usually the month before) and the Final Agenda before the date of the AGM. Nominations can be received, subject to the terms above, any time before the day of the AGM but the Nominee's details will have missed the deadline and only be made available at the Annual General Meeting.

### 5. Nomination Delivery and Deadlines

For many reasons not least the delays, the postal option is impractical.

- Please scan and email the completed form to [secretary@bmwmc.nz](mailto:secretary@bmwmc.nz)

**Deadline: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**

Nomination forms received **before** the deadline will have the details of the Nominee included in the last Newsletter and the Final Agenda notification before the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination forms received **after** the deadline can only be presented on the day, before the start of the AGM. Therefore, the details of the nominee will NOT be published.





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# Club Notice

## Constitution Matters

The Board considers the Clubs current Constitution to be a very effective document – that should come as no surprise, given it was updated only a few years ago. It provides a good framework in which to carry out the Governance of the Club, and the Board has not found any area of consequence which requires any changes.

However, the Government has other ideas! In 2022 the “Incorporated Societies Act 2022” became law. The Club, as an Incorporated Society, is bound by the requirements of this Act.

To cut a very long, boring, story short, the Club is required to

1. Re-register by April 2026
2. Incorporate several mandatory requirements into the Clubs Constitution.

The implication, of course, is that in order complete reregistration, the Constitution will have to comply with all the mandatory requirements and have nothing that would conflict with those requirements.

Happily, MBIE provided an online Constitution Builder tool, which generates a document which, presumably, will satisfy the requirements for reregistration.

The Board tasked the club Secretary, David Fish, to work through this process, to produce a draft document which meets the Clubs aims, and the requirements to achieve reregistration.

The tool itself was quite simple to use, and produced a document, with some additions and corrections, that did not conflict with the existing Constitution.

The resulting document, though, is some 75% longer than our existing Constitution. Some of this is down to verbal style, but largely it is due to the incorporation of segments to do with “Conflicts of Interest”, “Interested Members”, an “Interests Register”, a section on “Access to Information by Members”, and then a lengthy section on procedures for handling Disputes.

Much of the document is mandatory, and we have opted not to change the language or try to simplify, to ensure compliance with the Legislation. We have incorporated some of our own requirements to do with Election and terms of Officers, and Board roles and titles.



In spite of this increase, there is still much in our existing Constitution that is not incorporated – for example, the requirements around the 3 permanent events.

Not wanting to make the new document any larger than necessary (and perhaps risking rejection by MBIE), the Board proposes the following

1. Adoption of the new draft Constitution, for purposes of reregistering as an Incorporated Society. There is still some work to do, in terms of perhaps cleaning up minor mistakes, but the document would not change in any material way
2. Reformatting the existing Constitution as a policy framework, which the Board would be bound to follow in the general business of the Club.
3. This would require some adjustment, to ensure that nothing conflicted with the new Constitution which would have to be pre-eminent.
4. Any future changes would be required to go through the same ratification process at a General Meeting. However, we would be free to make such changes as the Club desired, but without the need to change and resubmit the Constitution to MBIE and perhaps subjecting ourselves to bureaucratic scrutiny. It should be stated explicitly that any such changes would not conflict with the Legislations intent.

Items 2 through 4 could be thought of as adopting a set of Regulations to govern the Club, along with a process to control changes to those Regulations.

The Board plans to introduce a remit at the AGM, proposing the changes stated above.

Although we have two AGMs before the April 2026 deadline, we believe it is not prudent to wait until the last minute to engage in the reregistration process. The current Constitution does not comply with the new Legislation, there is no option but to adopt a new or modified Constitution. Our belief is that adopting the form provided by the MBIE tool will ensure that we have no issues complying. Converting the current constitution to a set of Governance Regulations should ensure continuity and manageability going forward.

David Fish

National Secretary on behalf of the Board

Note: The new version will be in the region of 20 pages and the full Draft version is available for review and a link in the covering email. The next 3 pages are a sample.





# Constitution

## BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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## Introductory rules

### Name

The name of the Club is BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND Incorporated (in this **Constitution** referred to as the '**Club**').

### Charitable status

We are a Non-Profit but are not and do not intend to be registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005.

## Definitions

In this **Constitution**, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

'**Act**' means the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 or any Act which replaces it (including amendments to it from time to time), and any regulations made under the Act or under any Act which replaces it.

'**Annual General Meeting**' means a meeting of the **Members** of the **Club** held once per year which, among other things, will receive and consider reports on the **Club's** activities and finances.

'**President**' means the **Officer** responsible for chairing **General Meetings** and Board meetings, and who provides leadership for the **Club**.

'**Board**' means the **Club's** governing body.

'**Constitution**' means the rules in this document.

'**Vice President**' means the **Officer** elected or appointed to deputise in the absence of the **President**.

'**General Meeting**' means either an **Annual General Meeting** or a **Special General Meeting** of the **Members** of the **Club**.

'**Interested Member**' means a **Member** who is interested in a matter for any of the reasons set out in section 62 of the **Act**.

'**Interests Register**' means the register of interests of **Officers**, kept under this **Constitution** and as required by section 73 of the **Act**.

'**Matter**' means—

1. the **Club's** performance of its activities or exercise of its powers; or
2. an arrangement, agreement, or contract (a transaction) made or entered into, or proposed to be entered into, by the **Club**.

'**Member**' means a person who has consented to become a **Member** of the **Club** and has been properly admitted to the **Club** and has not ceased to be a **Member** of the **Club**.

'**Notice**' to **Members** includes any notice given by email, post, or courier.



‘**Officer**’ means a natural person who is: a member of the **Board** or ‘**Register of Members**’ means the register of **Members** kept under this **Constitution** as required by section 79 of the **Act**.

‘**Secretary**’ means the **Officer** responsible for the matters specifically noted in this **Constitution**.

‘**Special General Meeting**’ means a meeting of the **Members**, other than an **Annual General Meeting**, called for a specific purpose or purposes.

‘**Working Days**’ means as defined in the Legislation Act 2019. Examples of days that are not **Working Days** include but are not limited to, the following — a Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, ANZAC Day, the Sovereign’s birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day.

## Purposes

The primary purposes of the **Club** are to—

- Provide a means by which BMW and other brand of motorcycle owners can ride together, and meet for companionship and social activities.
- Encourage the responsible pursuit and enjoyment of owning and riding BMW motorcycles.
- Represent among government, regulatory authorities, manufacturers, media and other relevant bodies the interests of BMW motorcyclists in particular and motorcyclists in general.
- Encourage and promote safe motorcycling among members and the motorcycling community.

The **Club** must not operate for the purpose of, or with the effect of—

- distributing, any gain, profit, surplus, dividend, or other similar financial benefit to any of its **Members** (whether in money or in-kind); or
- having capital that is divided into shares or stock held by its **Members**; or
- holding, property in which its members have a disposable interest (whether directly, or in the form of shares or stock in the capital of the **Club** or otherwise).

But the **Club** will not operate for the financial gain of **Members** simply if the **Club**—

- engages in trade,
- pays a **Member** for matters that are incidental to the purposes of the **Club**, and the **Member** is a not-for-profit entity,
- distributes funds to a **Member** to further the purposes of the **Club**, and the **Member**—
  - is a not-for-profit entity, and
  - is affiliated or closely related to the **Club**, and
  - has the same, or substantially the same, purposes as the **Club**.
- occupying a position in the **Club** that allows them to exercise significant influence over the management or administration of the **Club**, including any Chief Executive or Treasurer.
- reimburses a **Member** for reasonable expenses legitimately incurred on behalf of the **Club** or while pursuing the **Club**’s purposes,



# Coming Events - Details on our Website

07  
February  
2025

Club




ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
GET INVOLVED

**2025 National AGM/Rally, North Island - Fri 7th - Monday 10th February 2025**

Updated: 01/07/2024 BMWMC AGM Rally 2025 - Friday 7th - Monday 10th February 2025: This will be the 50th Anniversary of our club and not to be missed! Save the dates - more details and registration to follow nearer the event: The location is TBC but will be South of the North Island. Email any [...]

[Find out more](#)


04  
April  
2025



**NIRAG 2025**

North Island RAG: Subject to confirmation but most likely this event will be:  
Venue: Taylor Lodge, Tongariro National Park, 20 Pokaka Road, Erua 3990.  
Arrive Friday, April 4th (afternoon) to departure Sunday morning April 6th.  
Registration: Available nearer the time Most of you will know the format but here's a guide: Accommodation options: Bunkrooms, tent [...]

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As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations at the 2025 AGM and Annual Rally, we would like to compile an audio-visual presentation of rides and events over our Club's history.

Please share with us any photos or videos you might have over the period, preferably with some explanatory notes that we could include in any presentation.

There is a link in the covering email to upload any files. Any problems or if you require the link again, please email [treasurer@bmwmc.nz](mailto:treasurer@bmwmc.nz)

*Thank you*

## BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand - Risk Management Plan

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

### Riding Code:

1. All 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 as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for the other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Ride Organiser and or the Club are not responsible for the participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with the Road Rules and Laws.



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