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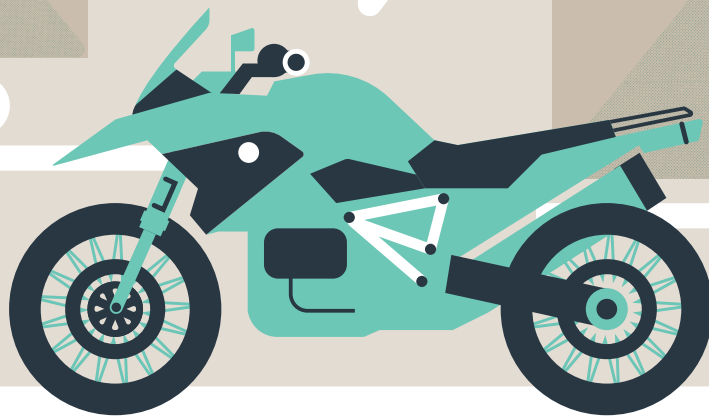


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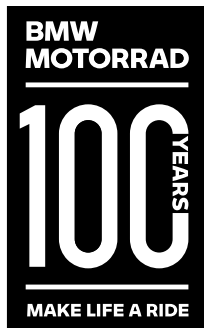


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Welcome to our New Members

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 2nd day of the month.

We look forward to your contributions.

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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November 2024

I've been away for the last couple of months, and I want to thank Colin our Editor/Treasurer and Stephen Parkinson our Vice President for standing in on my behalf and supplying copy for the podium over that period.

I was very fortunate to be able to travel to Europe to get away from our Southern Hemisphere winter to enjoy some of the warm sunny days that Spain and Portugal offer this time of year. Apart from a bout of Covid caught by a travelling companion, we had a fantastic time, but I have to say in the end, it was nice to get back home and to settle into our regular daily routines.....Not! ;o)

I've just come back from a whirlwind three-day trip attending our South Island RAG Rally, hosted by the team from Top of the South and held at Reefton in Buller. It was a fantastic weekend with some exceptional riding and great camaraderie. As with any Rally this time of year, the weather can be inclement, and this weekend was no exception but whatever Mother Nature decided to throw at us, it didn't deter anyone from having a great time.

The decision by the Rally committee to have the local school host and provide our BBQ dinner on Friday night as a fundraiser for their students was a real winner. There was an abundance of food cooked to perfection and the opportunity to help support the students fundraiser for an up-and-coming trip to Canterbury was a great way to give back to the community and a real win-win for everyone.

Whichever way you choose to travel from Reefton there is excellent riding and the three options provided by the committee on Saturday didn't disappoint. They all created excellent conversation and banter over dinner at the local Dawsons pub on the Sat night.

A big thanks to the Top of the South Team, and in particular Gretchen, Tony, Dale and Ben for the hard work and effort they put into organising it for us. I think we ended up with 66 registered in the end which was a great turnout.

The next big club event on the calendar is our National Rally and AGM being held in Masterton at the Copthorne Hotel on Feb 25th. 2025 is our Club's 50th anniversary year so it's going to be an event which you won't want to miss. All the details and registration form links are in the newsletter so if you haven't already registered, get onto it as places are filling up fast.

All the best, have a great November and above all, ride safe...

Chris



Area Report: East Coast

John Wuts



From left: Pam, John, Robert, Carole, Tony, Maria, Anne, Alan and Les.

On Wednesday 30th October nine of our members and ex-members gathered at The Curve Restaurant & Bar, Napier for an enjoyable dinner. It was also the last one organised by Pam and John Wuts who have been taking care of these get-togethers for many years. The good news is that Alan Robinson and Ann Galloway have taken on the organising of these monthly meetings that everybody enjoys very much. The numbers were down a bit because Walter and Stella are in South Africa, Warren and Robyn recovering from operations, Peter and Bronwen are in Sydney and John and Leonie had another engagement!

All we need now is a regular rides organiser! Anyone?

We are also looking at our Christmas function - this year looking at a commercial venue, probably on a Saturday or Sunday. **John #1867**

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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

Wayne Higgins



October's Ride

This month's ride was organised by Phil D'arth who took us on an adventure through South Taranaki, the majority of which were on back roads.

It was a great day for a ride and we had a pleasing turnout of 6 bikes and eight riders.

After leaving Z in Stratford, we headed to South Taranaki on back roads bypassing Hawera.

Our first stop was at Manutahi Beach. Getting to this beach took us down a short, challenging, loose gravel road. But it was worth it for the view looking back up the coast.

We then travelled on, down to Wainui Beach again on all the back roads there were to take. We did a few more gravel roads that were hard packed and easy going.

After a rest and chat we headed on our way back. We turned inland at Waitotara, which had great scenery and some nice sweeping corners. Also as many backroads back to Patea as possible.

By now we were in need of refuelling our bodies, so we stopped in Patea for a late lunch.

A great ride, thanks so much to Phil for organising an excellent day out.

Wayne #4097



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

Murray Petherick



October's Monthly Ride



Our scheduled ride on Sunday 13th was effectively gazumped by MetService. Peter, ride organiser, and yours truly decided to call the ride off when the forecast showed morning showers turning to afternoon rain in the ride region. The reality was that the day remained fine and there was no rain until later in the evening. Maybe the date had something to do with that!

Following on from that we decided to save Peter's ride for another time and to have an 'impromptu' ride the following Sunday, 20th. None of the regular riders from Whanganui were available but a group of seven from Palmy and Levin gathered at Sanson then went on to the MooMaa Café on SH1 for a morning coffee. From MooMaa the Magnificent Seven headed up SH1 and just north of Hunterville turned off to do a loop around Murimotu and Kie Kie Roads, then back out on to SH1. Spotted a rare train just before Hunterville but it got away! Back on SH1 we headed northwards, past the

impressive Makohine Viaduct which is well visible from the road, then turned into Toe Toe Road just before reaching Utiku. From SH1, Toe Toe Road heads downhill to cross the Rangitikei River and as we neared the bottom of the gradient, you guessed it, we had to wait at the flashing lights for that rare train (the Northern Explorer) to pass! From there we completed the loop via Potaka and Kawhatau Roads to the Awastone Campground and Café.

We enjoyed a nice lunch at the Café, backdropped by the mudstone cliffs on the far side of the nearby river. The café has often been closed when we have tried to visit previously but is now in good hands and offers a very pleasant setting and good service for a lunch or coffee stop. Interestingly another couple of groups of bikers arrived while we were there so it is obviously a popular spot.

After a bit of discussion, the consensus was that we would head home down the east side of the Pohangina valley to Ashhurst, and homewards from there. We found out after the event that Denis and his Wellington cohort had poached our patch that day, even riding up the Pohangina Valley, but somehow they managed to elude us! The ride down the valley was uneventful but very pleasant although by the time we reached Ashhurst, we were all ready to have a leg stretch and rest our butts: serious lack of riding time through recent weeks! I can report that something is finally being done with the 'Gatwick Express' (a pair of railway carriages parked in a farm



paddock clearly sign written Gatwick Express, that have sat there untouched for several years) although it is not clear just what the plan is. More on that later once the intent of the project becomes clearer!

From Ashhurst we headed homewards, having enjoyed a day of pleasant riding, good company, and mild, favourable weather.

Our Brunch gathering 27th

The holiday weekend gathering saw the numbers of both our group, and the other café patrons, down a bit from 'usual', when we met at The Woolshed for our brunch. It was a pleasant, mild morning so the four ladies sat outside on the deck and the six blokes sat inside and discussed important things like motorbikes, tyre preferences and the coming SI RAG.

When asked what we talked about we replied, 'women', but it was obvious they didn't believe that response!



Murray #2690



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Area Report: Wellington

Denis Hulston



October

Social Meet & Eat - 7th October

We had a good turnout for our club night on the first Monday of the month. However, we once again had to compete with the karaoke night which had changed its night. Nevertheless, there

was lots of catching up to do despite some of our members struggling to stay awake (still on Northern Hemisphere time).

Club Rides October

Saturday 12th

Seven riders met at Remutaka for a day wandering in the northern Wairarapa. We had been watching the long-range forecast for a day which had been promising fine and warm weather and good riding, and yes it was 21 degrees, sunny and virtually no wind.

We crossed the Remutaka Hill and doodled our way north to Clareville where we stopped for coffee and tasty food at the Clareville Bakery (welcome after many kilometres of 80km speed limit which makes for slow straight road travelling).

We planned our riding split – five riders for gravel (Denis, Keith, Chester, Michael McK and Mike W), and two for bitumen riding (Ian and Martyn), and rode north via the Masterton bypass to Opaki and Mauriceville where gravel riders went west and bitumen riders continued north and east. The rides were planned to take much the same time so that we could meet at Eketahuna for more coffee and lunch. Our gravel route was mostly in good condition and tracked, except for one graded road.

After lunch Ian and Martyn rode the most direct route back to Masterton but ran into a road closure and diversion on SH2, and also the mop-up of a motorcycle accident on the Wellington side of the Remutaka.

Gravel riders returned to the bitumen for a beautiful winding ride east to Alfredton, and then south on SH52 and Whangaehu Valley road to Te Ore Ore. We took the back route through Lees Pakaraka, Gladstone and Ponatahi to Martinborough for another coffee stop before an event-free ride back over the Remutaka Hill, about 330km riding.





Plenty of food and coffee at Clareville -
With an abundance of discussion.

Sunday 20th

What a great day for a ride – fine sunshine, no wind, so our planned gravel and bitumen rides went ahead as planned. Ian H, Scott F, Keith, T, Peter N, and Denis H met at Mana for the ride north along the Paekakariki coast, now Highway 59, always a good ride with views of a mystical Kapiti Island floating offshore, and a leisurely route without traffic, off Highway 1 and Transmission Gully. South of Levin we diverted onto Kimberley Road for the ride to Shannon for coffee and a snack, sustenance for the next few hours riding north of Ashhurst.



20 minutes ahead of the gravel riders. Peter managed to capture some GoPro of the East Pohangina route. The gravel was fun, mostly a well tracked ride with great views of the Ruahines from the ridge, interspersed with occasional fresh laid deeper gravel to keep us focused. Coffee and food at Hansens Café in Kimbolton was good.

Our plan was to split our group and ride bitumen for 60km up the East Pohangina Valley, a beautiful scenic route, or gravel for 40km along Ridge Road, to Apiti and to meet up for lunch at Kimbolton. I had thought the routes would take much the same time, but the bitumen riders, Peter and Ian, arrived

We returned to Wellington via a fuel stop in Feilding and back routes to Shannon and Ohau before the SH1 ride south through Transmission Gully. This was a 400km ride for me, and all great fun.

Denis #3184

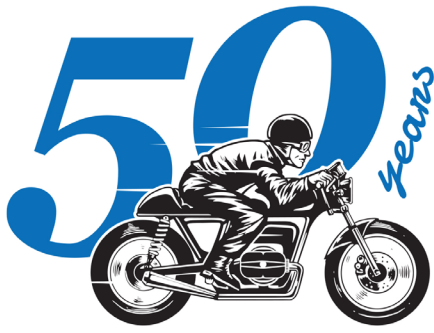


Scott Ford - Ridge Road



Keith Thomson - Ridge Road





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Annual Rally 7th-10th of February 2025 - November's Update

After initially seeming to be a long way away the Rally dates are now sneaking up quite quickly. To date we have received a good number of registrations but we know there are many more to come so keep them coming. Please don't leave it to the last minute.

***Deadlines:**

Shirts - confirmed by the 28th of November 2024

Minibus tours - confirmed by 31st of December 2024

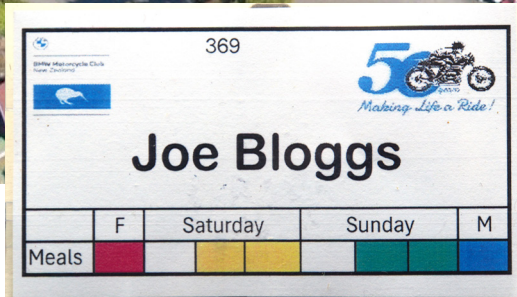
At this stage we are looking at probably closing registrations sometime in mid January 2025, to allow the Team to complete all the final planning, but we will confirm an actual cut-off date in the December Newsletter. Meantime be aware that the cut-off date for shirt orders and payments remains at November 28th to allow production and delivery of the shirts prior in time for the rally.

Obviously we would like registrants to participate fully in the various Rally activities but on this occasion we want to strongly encourage participation in the Concourse D'Elegance, even if you don't think your bike is particularly special or different. Yours truly won it at the last Masterton Rally in 2011 with my 2001 R1150RT. Henry Plowright appreciates the uniqueness of all bikes and has 'hosted' the Concourse for many years. This year Henry has donated a special prize which he will present to the winner, along with the trophy, so bring your polishing rags and enter your pride and joy!

When you arrive at the Rally you will receive your usual registration pack (goody bag) in which you will find a number of items, including information sheets, some hand-out 'goodies', and your Rally name badge. On the name badge you will find your name.... surprise!, surprise! together with a random 'lucky' number and a coloured meal entitlement bar. Apart from the basic identification aspect it will be important to wear your name badge when attending meals and other social activities so that it is easily seen what



***Henry has kindly donated this special prize**



your meal entitlements are and so that you have your 'lucky' number on hand in case of any random prize draws.

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 and a selection of other items. We will probably also throw in some lucky spot prize opportunities, for which you will need to be present.

As part of their support package Continental Motorrad will bring a selection of 'demo' bikes which will be available for test rides. One of their offers, which will probably become a raffle or lucky draw prize, will be the use of a demo GS1300 for a weekend, out of either Wellington or Auckland.

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for room accommodation directly (not website). Please call them on 06 370 0500 or email reservations@solway.co.nz quoting our code 72266 to get our special Rally room rate of \$199/night. Please indicate willingness to room share, if appropriate (room choice subject to availability).

The Rally Team is keen to have you join us for this significant 50th Anniversary event, and to have you join in the socialising, enjoy some great riding, and the other traditional rally activities. Register now!

More detailed information will be made available in due course but in the meantime you may direct any enquiries you have to Peter Tibbs (aka Tibsy), Area Rep Wairarapa, email 'wairarapa@bmwmc.nz'.

The Rally Team

Peter, Denis and Murray.



Our email: agmrally@bmwmc.nz

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Area Report: Top of the South

Tony Haddon



Lake Brunner 5-6th October



The weather forecast leading up to the weekend being a little inauspicious led to a couple of pikers reducing the start lineup to 10 of us, most of whom had BMWs. The rest rode Ducati, Triumph, Royal Enfield, CFMoto...at least there was no KTM.

Tearooms & Bakery where Dale and Ben joined the team for lunch after having spent Friday in Reefton along with Gretchen on SIRAG admin.

It turned out the SSR beat the rest to Lake Brunner too, having turned down the opportunity to surf along the Pike River Rd on the 100mm of ping pong balls, and also missing out on the 90km/h screamer along the hardpack gravel of Bell Hill.

After settling into our respective nicely appointed cabins at the motor camp and doing what you do after a day of sitting on your chuff, that is, stand around



As usual, when heading south we graced the Rivers Cafe in Murchison for morning coffee where Gretchen joined us, before splitting into Maruia Saddle Riders (MSR) and Shenandoa Saddle Riders (SSR). The latter group beat the former to the Broadway



nattering with a cup in one hand, we headed to the pub for dinner where I for one had a very nice steak.

SSR set off on Sunday morning for Inchbonnie, (strangely two of the party had never done SH72 between Jacksons and Kumara Junction) and SH6, expecting to meet the MSR at Charleston for lunch. The MSR meanwhile were intent on finding a way from Lake Brunner to Kumara via gravel back roads which the (idiot) leader expected to be in the same condition they were in 20 years previously. They failed so miserably one of the party is now laid up with a leg in plaster. This incident caused a certain amount of consternation and considerable delay which had the reduced by one MSR having a late lunch at Reefton and even later coffee at Murchison where the SSR team had been plotting the other's progress on Google.

That's about where the rain started, and no one was dry by the time they got home. Oddly enough everyone seemed to have enjoyed the weekend, even the Laid Up One seemed to be quite cheerful in the back of the ambulance.

On the trip were: Dale, Gretchen, Peter W, Rick, Tony, Trevor, & visitors, Annette & Chris. Andy & Hilary kept us company to Murchison before returning home.

Tony #3596



Area Report: Southern

by Tharon Knoetze



Catch Up

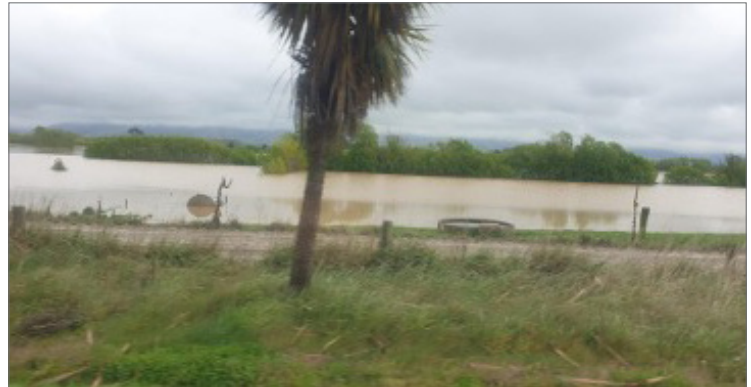
As many of you will know, the weather gods seem to be a bit upset with us down South.

Around the globe, people seem to be perplexed and severely affected by abnormal weather events so far in 2024.

Probably one of the wettest winters/autumns in a long time for us, late snow, icy roads and the winds have been just terrifying some days and then came the devastating floods.

Spring brought no relief from the anger of Mother Nature and what was most disheartening was that during the week she'd put on a show and tease us with balmy weather, me looking at dates to put out a ride that fit in with the work schedule, just for the low blow to blast us with gale winds, floods and a late dump of snow closer to weekend and for the safety of our members during rides, no dates or invites goes out. With only 7 weekends and hopefully, 2 rides to fit in before Christmas, fingers crossed...

Tharon #2595



SOUTH ISLAND RAG 2024

Road Ride - RL: Ross Williams



After arriving in Reefton in the rain on Friday afternoon I woke several times that night to hear the rain still coming down and thought 'Hell, I'm leading the around the block Road ride in the morning'.

headed to the Lower Buller Gorge and stopped at Hawks Crag for a photo shoot, the sun was out, what could go



Gathering be4 the rides

But the rain eased, and we gathered at the assembly point. Ours was the smallest group consisting of Teresa and me as Lead, Sahaab, who had ridden the day before from Invercargill on his G310 (the man's a hero), Rod from Nelson on his R100RS and Peter and Irene acting as Tail End Charlie. We headed up the Grey Valley to Inangahua on a drying road. We turned off the highway at Inangahua Landing onto the scenic Brown Creek Rd which brought us out at Inangahua. We then

stopped at Punakaiki Rocks for a scenic tour and coffee in the amazing new DOC centre. Approaching Barrytown the heavens opened in typical Coast style and we were wet before we could break out the wets. We resumed south in torrential rain and headed for Blackball and after some purchases at the famous



Rod & his flag

wrong? After the "Gorge" we turned south for Greymouth, one of the great motorcycle roads. We

Blackball Butcher & Salami shop, we had great coffee and awesome snacks at Blackball's Inn and 08 Cafe (highly recommend). The rain had stopped by the time we resumed and headed on Atarau Rd to Ikamatua and back up Highway 7 to Reefton. We all enjoyed our 240km day. Bring on the SIRAG Rally 2025!

Ross Williams #4059



Teresa & Sahaab

SOUTH ISLAND RAG 2024

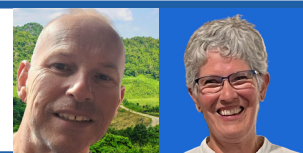
Road n Gravel Ride (80/20) - RL: Tony Holland / TEC:



1. Tony – Ride Leader in pink Hi-Viz and wets
2. Calves at the Pike River Memorial
3. Regrouping at Mitchells
4. Quick snack break
5. A spot in the shade in a scarce moment of sun
- 6-7. Waiuta look around
8. Airhead section at the start
9. Pike River memorial

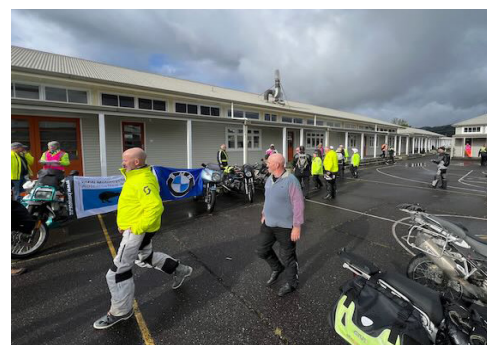
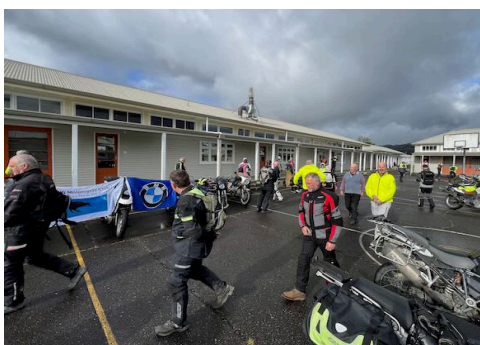
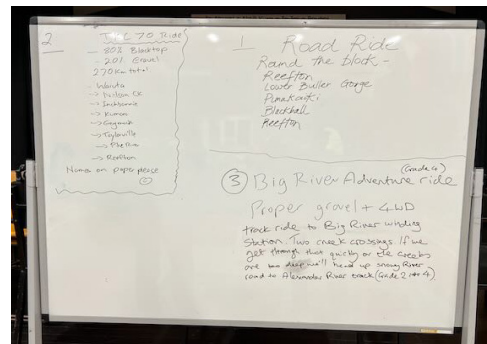
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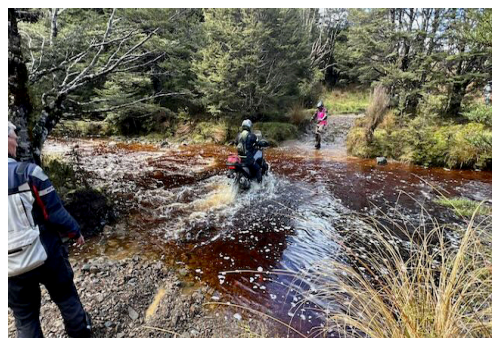
Big River Ride - RL: Ben Wilkins / TEC: Dale Grover

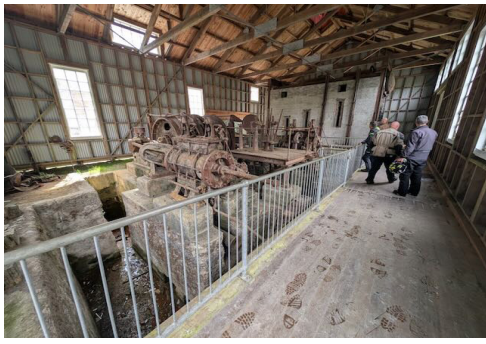


Random images with some before and after the ride...

Video footage of most bikes leaving can be seen on the front page of our website







Please share with or email us any quality images from that weekend. We put together a gallery to share with the attendees.

Huge thanks to all involved. It was indeed a great weekend!

editor@bmwmc.nz

Alexander Breig
 Top contributor · 3 days ago · 🌐

Home again from the RAG. It was a well organised event. Dale and his crew had it all covered.

I really enjoyed seeing people I hadn't see in ages and also meeting new people. The Big River ride was the most popular.

To be honest I had been a bit sceptical, seeing so may big bikes on the ride. But everyone got their share of excitement. The track was a lot harder than the last time I'd been in there. The river was deeper and felt a lot wetter. ... [See more](#)

BMW Motorcycle Club Aotearoa New Zealand
 Admin · a day ago · 🌐

BMW Motorcycle Club Aotearoa New Zealand
 a day ago · 🌐

It's been a pleasure reading the many posts with photos and feedback from members who came from near and far to attended our South Island Rough as Cuts (RAG) ral... [See more](#)

And plenty more SIRAG chat and images on

Ian Gibbon
 a day ago · 🌐

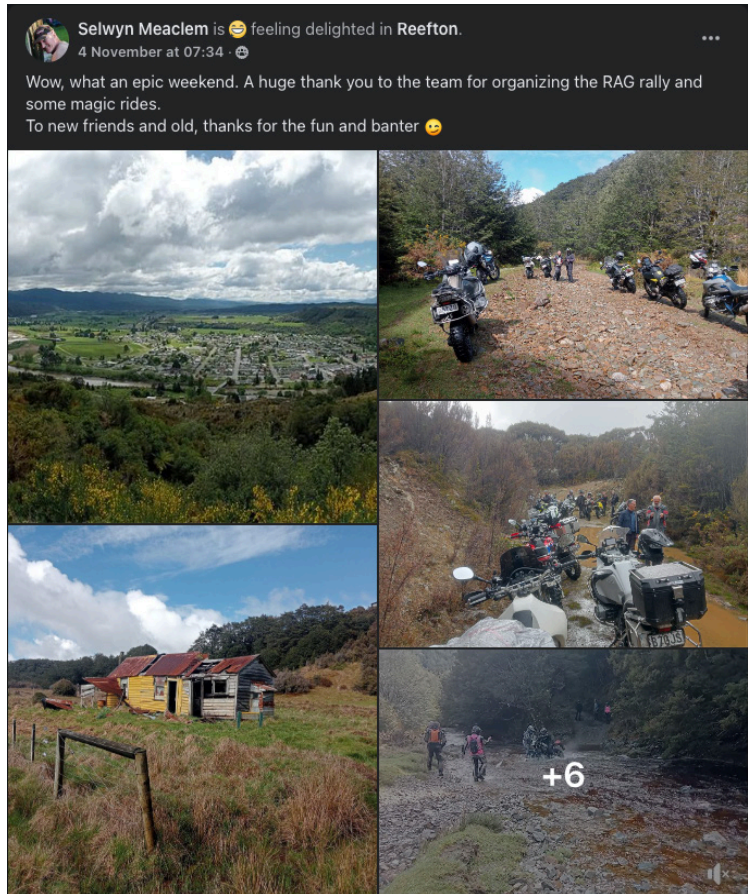
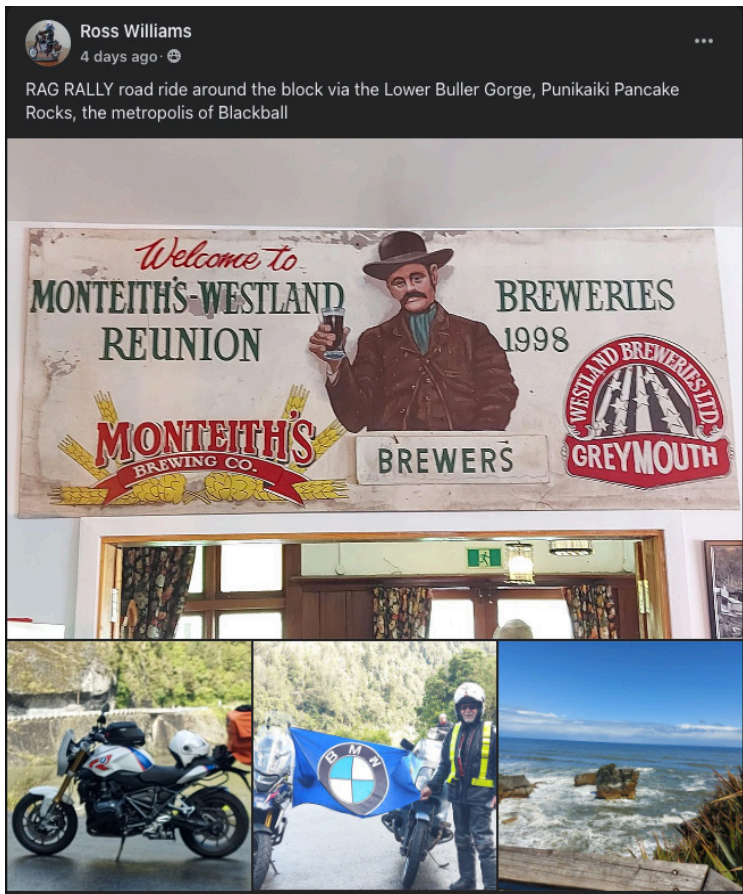
...great weekend, Picton to Reefton, through the beautiful Wairau valley... meeting up with the Beemer boys for the South Island RAG Rally. Great weekend with awesome mates... thanks guys 😊

Martin McCarron
 All-star contributor · 4 days ago · 🌐

SI Rag , 60 plus beautiful people 60 plus magnificent machines , 260 km loop of rain ☁️ and hail 🌧️🌧️🌧️🌧️



Facebook... Everyone looking good!



Preliminary Notice Annual General Meeting 2025

17:00 Saturday 8th February 2025
Copthorne Hotel & Resort,
High Street, Masterton



BMW Motorcycle Club
New Zealand



The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc.) will be held at **5:00 pm on Saturday 8th February 2025** at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort, situated at High Street, Masterton

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 19th January 2025. The Secretary will accept notices as a document attached to email at 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 19th 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 fourteen days before the AGM.

President and Secretary positions were re-elected for two years 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.

Preliminary Notice Annual General Meeting 2025



BMW Motorcycle Club
New Zealand



Note:
Check our website for the
latest AGM details.

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

Nominations must be by a current financial member and endorsed by the nominee. Nominations must be published in the final Newsletter before the AGM, and as such must be received by the Secretary no later than 5:00pm on 3rd January 2025.

Nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the nominated member has consented to be nominated.

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 19th January 2025 (20 days before the AGM)
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Important Dates:

*Nominations for Board Members	Friday 3rd January 2025 (*to be published)
Subject for Discussion/Remit	5.00pm Sunday 19th January 2025
Final Agenda for AGM	Saturday 25th January 2025
Annual General Meeting	Saturday 8th February 2025



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

Deadline: Friday 3rd 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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My Bikes

Dave Morris



A concatenation of things happened with my bike that led to this. What started it off, was discovering a bolt that had broken. This bolt is one of four that keep the pillion seat, the associated handgrip, the Ventura rack and the luggage bag frame together on the bike. (Too many things!) I had been to the Methven AGM, and believe the break happened on that trip: But I can't be sure. There was an approach on a country bridge somewhere that was a gentle down slope and where the road and the bridge meet is the bike 'bottomed-out'. That's the one that the backbone talks to you! ("Should have gone slower, Dave!") I only found this broken bolt recently when I went to put the bike on my recently acquired, BMW branded, lever-stand. (The stand on the Cruiser is a side stand only.) I knew how to fit a new bolt and all that was involved. It had happened before some time back.

So I started to dismantle the bike to extract the offending thread, laying out the items and parts in sequential order, - as best I could in the limited garage room - A habit I learnt when learning to strip weapons in the army to assist in the dark and speed up the task. (Funny thou, I notice the professionals don't do that: Parts are just put in a 'heap'. Watch 'The Repair Shop'. But, - each to his



own.) Then I find there is no purchase on the remaining bolt for the easy-out and additionally, the piece is stuck in there: - Totally stuck. So, I ring my workshop, explain the position and they take a look at it. - And fix the problem, along with a replacement throttle cable I had on order.

Now I'm a happy Chappy.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS



World champion-worthy WorldSBK season finale.

- **FIM Superbike World Championship at Jerez de la Frontera: World Championship title on Saturday and race win on Sunday for Toprak Razgatlioglu.**
- **Michael van der Mark makes the dream of a double podium for the ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team come true on Sunday.**
- **Sven Blusch: "Toprak and the entire team have truly made history, not just for BMW Motorrad, but for BMW as a whole."**

Jerez de la Frontera. A dream weekend with a fairytale ending – that is how BMW Motorrad Motorsport can describe the season finale of the 2024 FIM Superbike World Championship (WorldSBK) at Jerez de la Frontera (ESP). On Saturday, Toprak Razgatlioglu (TUR) from the ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team was crowned World Champion early with his BMW M 1000 RR. In the second main race on Sunday, he celebrated his 18th win of the season, and teammate Michael van der Mark (NED) made the dream of a shared podium come true with a third-place finish.

Razgatlioglu arrived at Jerez de la Frontera with such a large points lead that second place in Saturday's first race was enough to secure the World Championship title. But he wanted another win. In Sunday's Superpole race, he finished second again, but in the second main race, he stood on the top step of the podium one more time. After two sixth-place finishes, van der Mark reached the podium in the final race, his second after his victory at Magny-Cours (FRA).

The Bonovo action BMW Racing Team had their final race weekend with the BMW M 1000 RR at Jerez de la Frontera, as the partnership came to an end after four years. Garrett Gerloff (USA) finished the season with two seventh-place finishes on Sunday, while Scott Redding (GBR) took twelfth place twice.

In the 2024 season, BMW M 1000 RR riders secured a total of 19 victories and 12 additional podium finishes. In the manufacturers' championship, BMW finished second.

Comments after the season finale at Jerez de la Frontera.

Sven Blusch, Head of BMW Motorrad Motorsport: "To be honest, I'm speechless. This is a moment where Toprak and all of us together have made history. He and the entire team have truly achieved something historic, not only for BMW Motorrad but also for BMW as a whole. The World Championship title means an incredible amount to everyone in the company. We are very grateful to Toprak and all those who contributed to this success. A big thank you goes out to all our people on site, to the ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team, and to the staff in Munich, at the Berlin plant, and in Landshut. I think it will take us a few weeks to fully realise it. But as early as Tuesday, we will begin testing for the new season, with the clear goal of defending the title. This Sunday was another special day for the entire team. The joy of Mickey securing third place and both ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team riders standing together on the podium was immense. It was a fitting season finale for the team.

The Bonovo action BMW Racing Team also gave a very strong performance this weekend. We want to thank them for everything, it was a great partnership, and we wish them all the best for the future.

For us, it's now time to take a short breather and then dive straight into preparations for the new season. But tonight, we will celebrate first!"



Toprak Razgatlioglu, ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team (SP: 2 / R01: 2 / SP Race: 2 / R02: 1): "I want to say thank you to the entire BMW family because we had an incredible year. The season finale was an amazing event. We are World Champions – this was the end to a very long season and a very successful year in which we also had 13 wins in a row. We never gave up, and also today after the sprint race, we were working hard with the team. We changed the set-up of the bike and we tried something to get the win. In the race, I had a very good package and we did it – we won again. And I wanted to win the last race of the season. Usually Ducati is very strong here but we beat them again so everybody understood that BMW is really strong at all race weekends. It was incredible to be on the podium together with Mickey. It was dream, together with the team, to share the podium and it finally came true. He is a very great guy and he is pushing so hard at every race weekend. After his big injury, he is trying to come back and he has shown everyone what a strong rider he is. We are working together very well and I hope that we can race for the podium together again next year."



Michael van der Mark, ROKiT BMW Motorrad WorldSBK Team (SP: 8 / R01: 6 / SP Race: 6 / R02: 3): "This year has been a dream for BMW and the entire team to take the world title and it has also been fantastic for me. I've been putting a lot of work in developing the bike together with BMW. They were always pushing. Even if the last two years have been unlucky they still trusted in me. I was building my pace, it was getting better and better, working together with Toprak. At a certain point we knew that the podium was coming and our goal was to be on the podium together. Unfortunately he wasn't there at Magny-Cours but to finish the season this way, with the world title, his victory in the last race and me on the podium, it was fantastic for everyone in BMW."



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North Island RAG 2025
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Coming Events - Details on our Website

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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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 [...]

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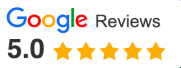
North Island RAG: Subject to confirmation but most likely this event will be:
Venue: Taylor Lodge, Tongariro National Park, 20 Pokaka Road, Erua 3990.
Arrive Friday, April 4th (afternoon) to departure Sunday morning April 6th.
Registration: Available nearer the time Most of you will know the format but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

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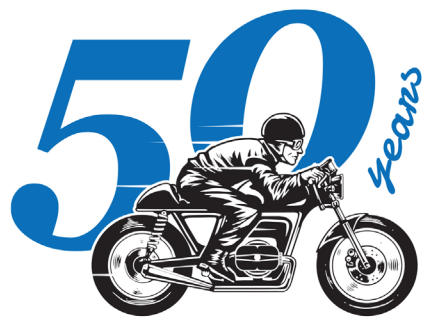
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Making Life a Ride!

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Please share with us any photos or videos you might have over the period, preferably with some explanatory notes that could be incorporated into this 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, 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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