## BMWMCCACT News





## September 2019

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Welcome to spring riding and our newest members John Colbertaldo (R1200GS) and Jeff Thompson (R1200RT). Make sure you welcome them on their first and your next Club event.

The Club has a couple of upcoming events that I would like to draw your attention and support too:

- 2019 <u>Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (Club Event)</u>. This global and local event raises
  money for mental & health related illness. Whilst the actual Canberra event is in a state of
  flux the President will be on a ride somewhere on the 29th. Help the Club reach its
  modest donation goal of \$200 with donations over \$2 tax deductible and easily made from
  the What's On page link.
- 38th Kosciuszko Rally, BMWMCCACT (Club Event). Your Club rally in Kosciuszko
  National Park at Geehi campground with views to Mt Townsend and a vertical height
  differential of almost 2000m (not many of those in Australia). So camping is not your thing
  then why not join members riding down for the day. The Club has raised and donated
  \$1000 to charity (RFDS and Talbingo PS) following each of the last 4 rallies. An amount
  and effort unmatched by other BMW Clubs or motorcycle rallies.
- BMWMCCACT Awards & Christmas Lunch (Club Event). We are booked in to the renovated Hotel Queanbeyan (Top Pub) on 30 November with a 3 course lunch at \$50pp with Club contributing some add-ins. Bookings are now being taken, so why not come along for an afternoon lunch and fun.

These are just some of the Club or motorcycle events on What's On. Know of another event and would like to share it with members? Then send me an email.

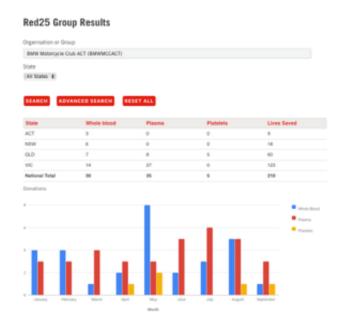
For our newer members the Club has Joint and Joint+ membership options. Joint members have a primary membership that will get emails only. If your partner would also like to get Club emails then send an email and their email address to Membership Mike at <a href="membership@bmwmccact.org.au">membership@bmwmccact.org.au</a> as this requires some back of house adjustments - so you don't get two membership renewals:). In your second+ year of membership? Then check out the Club member subsidy for advanced rider or first aid training here <a href="Member Rider & First Aid Training">Member Rider & First Aid Training</a>.

Polls. These remain a Presidential and Committee learning experience, so thanks to those members that persevered with the GS Owner Poll. The results reflect my anecdotal experience that members are looking for day and occasional longer rides over essentially formed roads. I hadn't expected such an appetite for multi-day rides and camping and acknowledge those members keen for single-track variants in all its forms (sand, mud, steep



hills and creeks etc). The Club is keen to accommodate all member interests and can establish a sub-group for those members. The poll results can be viewed <a href="here">here</a> and look for events in coming months. For your President these often look like and are rallies, but will work on some longer GS rides with a TS option. Or plan your own trip and share it with the Club.

A note on longer rides. As you would expect these require greater planning commitment dependant on members registering their <u>early</u> interest and making a <u>firm</u> commitment when bookings need to be made. Without sufficient registered interest, the event will be cancelled.



## **Red Cross Club Red**

Do you or someone you know donate blood or plasma? An easy way to give back to the community and have lunch out at the same time. Check out the Red Cross and make sure your donation goes to Red25/Club Red and BMW Motorcycle Club ACT.

Club Meetings. Another one for our newer members, the Club historically had meetings at various venues that then closed - not from us - or attracted a small showing. This was followed for several years by park based BBQ breakfast and themed (eg: tyre repair) meetings followed by a ride with attendance numbers also falling to the point not warranting the effort put into them. The Committee wants to engage with members and encourages each

of you to contact us if you have any questions by email or in person on a ride or at an event. The Club is only as successful as members make it, so if you are not seeing an event or activity of interest to you let the committee know. With spring and summer just around the corner, keep your eye on What's On for a ride or event of interest and please remember to register even if you need to last minute cancel.

The Club is on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/BMWMCCACT/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/BMWMCCACT/</a> or there is a Members Blog on the club website for text and pictures for social and real time media.

Last one, looking for a K75S and eligible for historic registration then check out the one on the Club <u>Classifieds</u> page and other 'for sale'.

Enjoy your ride

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