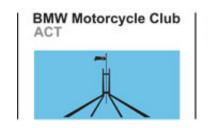
## BMWMCCACT News





## January 2020

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Welcome to 2020 and new members Michael Glasswell (F750GS), Jeff King (F800GS) and Peter Hutchings (R1200GS). Please join me in making them welcome by steeping forward first and saying hello on their first and your next ride or event.

**Bush Fires**. Spare a thought for our regional members, their families and community impacted by the recent and ongoing bush fires. Whilst entire communities have been affected, some severely I am confident that Club members will offer support to those members impacted and choose to reach out for assistance.

Some members and their families also worked through the holiday period by choice or requirement along with those who volunteered for the RFS, SES or groups to support our community and keep us safe. Thanks to them and if you can spare a donation - do so, who knows you might need some help yourself one day.



**Membership Renewal** falls due 28 February 2020. I mention this here as you will be getting <u>your</u> invitation to renew in early February and before the next 'News'. I invite and encourage each of us to renew and continue your membership, in what I believe to be one of the most active BMW Clubs.

Are you a new member and joined in the last 3 months? Then your membership is automatically rolled over free to 28 February 2021, what a great Club! So no further action required by you other than getting along to some of <u>your</u> Clubs events.

A Joint+ member - those that both members get Club emails? Then the primary member must remain a financial member of the Club. Yes, the Membership Sec and Treasurer check when we validate the 2020 club membership. Want to be a Joint+ member? Then send an email with your partners name and email address to <a href="membership@bmwmccact.org.au">membership@bmwmccact.org.au</a> (this is an Admin function so that you do not get charged twice for the same membership).

Finally, you will get a number of emails - including one notifying you that your membership has been cancelled in early March. The sooner you renew the sooner they stop :). If paying by EFT do not forget to put some details like the invoice number and/or your surname (or as much as will fit) in the comment box to help the Treasurer work out who has paid what.

A note on payments. The Club prefers EFT, gets charged \$3 to bank a cheque (but if that's your thing, okay) and don't ever send cash through the mail. As for the mate you gave cash to pass on to the Treasurer at their next Club event, your mate usually forgets and paying after the f/y at the AGM doesn't do the Treasurer or Membership Secretary any favours because your membership will have been automatically suspended by then.

The Club 2020 AGM follows the end of Club financial year. The Committee stands down and AGM provides you the opportunity to nominate and if lucky (oops) be democratically elected to the Committee and take the Club forward through 2020. Have some ideas, don't like what or where the Club has been or going, then here's your chance to contribute and ride the Club agenda and organisation. Look out for the AGM notice, ask a committee member whats involved and have a go.

<u>What's On</u> has the most up to date information. Register and you will get automated email reminders and if made, changes to the event. The January Club Meeting and Ride to Bowning had a change in location following real time review of conditions preceding and on the day. Some registrants cancelled before or on the day, others came from afar to show off their new R1250GS and a cadre rode as it was a Club meeting. The smoke wasn't that bad and better than Canberra later in the day. Whilst the Club What's On calendar runs out through to 2022 - take a look at the <u>BMWMCCACT Club ride to the National Motorrad Rally (Club Event)</u> in Stanthorpe QLD.



As a proposed group ride, registration and confirmation of interest is required to book accommodation there and back over the planned 4 day ride (3 nights). You can choose to go earlier or stay later or for our Iron Butt Ride affiliates just for the Saturday. Your Club's 39th Kosciuszko Rally, BMWMCCACT (Club Event) is the following weekend and closer to Canberra.

Wild Apricot has changed its newsletter and email templates (IMO, not all for the best), so I apologise for the odd formatting during the learning curve.

All the best for 2020, renew your membership, get along to a Club event and enjoy your ride.

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