

BMWCCACT News



September 2020

Dear President,

Spring has sprung so now is the time to get your motorbike out and on to the road if winter was your excuse not to ride :) Even during a pandemic, I invite you to join me in welcoming Steve Retallack (K1100RT, F800GS & returning member) and Paul McMahon (F850GSA) to our Club and be the first to welcome them on their first and your next ride or event.

As Chair BMW Clubs Australia and interacting with other Motorrad and Car Clubs there is strong anecdotal evidence that Australians confined first to the country and then their State have been spending their overseas holiday or other money on new motorbikes (and cars). I hope this trend will continue and support local BMW Dealers and Independent workshops along with motorcycling and motorcyclists in to the future.

Without an Editor the Club magazine Shaft Drive Lines was suspended, however the Club does get electronic journals from BMWMCQ, BMWCCVIC and BMWOCSA. You can read their stories on the website page [BMW Club Magazines](#). Alternatively, join and contribute to the Club Facebook group <https://m.facebook.com/actmotorclubs/>.

Your Club Committee works hard on having a variety of TS (road) and GS (off road) rides. Road rides typically follow secondary roads with the occasional motorway transport stage(s) and the GS brigade looking for formed gravel roads. There is not a strong call for 'single track' or soft, wet and other more challenging terrain types. Riders should expect a variety of surfaces and weather on any Club ride and Club offers cash subsidies for advanced rider and first aid training to members in their second year. The Committee plans rides on everyone wanting to attend, who might attend, probable to attend or have attended in the past. Club members are encouraged to nominate ride locations and offer to coordinate or with support lead rides and events. See this as encouragement to nominate for election to the committee. For those looking for social activities, the Club is without a social secretary, so these will be limited.

COVID-19 Health Directions continue to limit the number of Club Members on rides, currently 10 and the venue's 'group capacity' and publicly available to [What's On](#). You will need to login and make sure that you register for a ride or event and cancel your registration if you cannot go so that someone on the Wait List can go.

The upcoming [2020 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride \(Club Event\)](#) is based on a ride and outdoor BBQ so has an increase in numbers. Do not forget to register to ride with the Club DGR (Distinguished Gentleman's Ride) team, sponsor the team or rider or simply donate and come along to the BBQ \$5pp on the day. Your Club's *39th Kosciuszko Rally* has almost reached the 60-registrant maximum and *Adventure Riding Course* booked out at 10 persons. If you have missed out then register on the event wait list. All Club rides and events are on a first booked first gets to go basis.

If you have not registered to an event, please do not turn up at the start point or venue as this embarrasses the ride/event coordinator and exposes the venue to potential fines. If you are unwell, have or suspect you have COVID-19, then stay at home and be tested.

Lastly, one for the CRS (Concessional Registration System) owner of that 30+ year old BMW. After some years consideration the ACT Government has agreed to implement a 60-day logbook (any ride day) + Club events registration system. As an affiliate Club with the Council of ACT Motor Clubs, they are working with the ACT Roads and Traffic Authority on implementation. Council's ambition is for an implementation date of 1 July 2021.

As an aside and in case you are at a Dealer asking about carburettor maintenance and getting that blank look. BMW no longer recognises 'air head' for BMW's manufactured between 1923 and ~1995 and use this term for Oil/Hex head models that are technically air cooled to differentiate them from the current LC (liquid cooled) models. What's more, BMW Ag encourages you to update your BMW every 3-5 years.

Enjoy your ride,

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*Dave Morgan, Garry Smee
Not the OCR 2020*



*Dave Morgan's rest day
Winton, Queensland*



*Ian Noble,
Wombat Hotel Club Ride*

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