## BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra NEWS

## September 2021





Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

I write this as the ACT starts lockdown week 3, Sydney starts week 10 of ground hog day and regional NSW Club members are under a mix of restrictions.

Whilst ALL Club events have currently been paused and respecting each of us has the choice to be vaccinated it is increasingly looking like those that have been 'jabbed' will have different rights to those who haven't and this will impact your opportunity to participate in future Club events.

Please join me in virtually welcoming our newest member Greg Roberts (F800GS). Whilst in-person and group rides and Club events are restricted, it does give you the opportunity to explore other pages of the Club website and take advantage of the member only access to other <u>BMW Club Magazines</u>.

A major Club casualty of the COVID-19 lockdown is the cancellation of our *40th Anniversary Kosciuszko Rally* planned for October. The Committee has endorsed my proposal for a Mk II low-key event at Geehi 3-5 December 2021, subject to an easing in COVID-19 restrictions of cause. Details are on <a href="What's On">What's On</a>. My proposal last month for a regional Club Award & Christmas event didn't garner any member response so it may also slip off the calendar for 2021 and one for discussion at a future Committee meeting.

The remainder 2021 Club calendar is likely to be a mix of short notice events and even shorter notice cancellations or variations so it is more important than ever to register yourself and guest(s) to Club events. COVID-19 Health requirements require the Club to keep a list of event participants, as are venues using QR codes along with the now standard if wearisome mask wearing, hand sanitising and social distancing rules.

That brings me to 2022 and hopefully the new 'normal' and return to Club day+ rides

and events and opening of interstate borders. I'm in the ACT is part of NSW for COVID-19 group, so access to NSW would be a start. Having been released from paid servitude and whilst still able too, I am planning on the <a href="Hummertopf">Hummertopf</a> (Lobster Pot) Rally, BMWOCSA (Club Event) followed before or after with a regional ride through those parts of SA short cut by past Off Centre Rally timelines. Mid-year the <a href="National Motorrad Rally 2022">National Motorrad Rally 2022</a>, BMW Motorcycle Owners Club Gold Coast (TS3) is booked for the ACT/NSW/Vic June long weekend. Plenty of notice to book some time off of save up the pennies for a short sprint if your time limited or ~1 week ride for the rest.

If you are locked down but not in, then why not use the opportunity to get your bike serviced - and take advantage of BMW Canberra Motorrad 10% member discount (download or print your membership card and show them before being invoiced) or buy some parts/accessories over the phone for non-contact delivery. The Club also has some specialist tools to assist the DIY enthusiast in which case you can't look past Munich Motorcycles for online parts, service & delivery.

Have a suggestion or want to contribute to YOUR Club; then we will only be as successful as you choose to make it. Have an idea for a ride then email Cameron at rides@bmwmcc.org.au or want to host a social event...one day, then the Club is still looking for a Social Secretary so email me president@bmwmcc.org.au with the details. Are you a Joint (single email) member and your partner would like their own access to the website and event emails as a Joint+ member then email Mike at members@bmwmcc.org.au.

Enjoy your ride - soon but not today :(

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