

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

NEWS

May & Annual General Meeting 2022



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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Please join me in welcoming our newest members Peter Blackman (R18 Classic), Jason Gavin (R1250GSA), Alexander Mikheyev (R1200S), Marcus Skjald (R1250GSA) and David Smith (F800GSA). I look forward to meeting each of you at your first Club event and for our current members make sure you are first to welcome them on their first and your next Club event.

Annual General Meeting

Last weekend was your Club's 2022 Annual General Meeting at which I thanked the Committee for their contribution and support through 2021 and in particular Kim Tito (Public Officer) and Cameron Major (Ride Coordinator) for their service and not renominating for 2022-23. It was pleasing to see quite a few newer members alongside past Presidents and Committee along with members at the Canberra Irish Club enjoying a light lunch and refreshments.

I made the point and reiterate that your Committee are volunteers and that any club is only effective with active member participation, none more so than the position of Ride Coordinator if the Club did not want to slip into a social / online couch based one. You can read some other (shared, but not to share) [BMW Club Magazines](#).

It is not the Ride Coordinator's role to lead or in fact attend each event. All of us are riding by ourselves, with friends or as a group. Club rides are no different and only require some advanced planning to post to the website with a start time & point, description and difficulty. That is 1/2 day, full day, overnight and GS or TS format. See our new Ride Coordinator, any Committee member or me if you would like to know more.

With that, welcome to your new Committee and I look forward to working with them and your support to them for 2022-23:

- President, Garry Smee (returning)
- Vice President, Mike Frawley (returning)
- Treasurer, Bob Eccles (returning)
- Membership Secretary, Mike Kelly (returning)
- Social Secretary, Webmaster, Editor - vacant. See or email me if you are interested.

At the AGM Karen Longstaff nominated for the position as Ride Coordinator and after the meeting Cameron Major volunteered for the position of General Secretary. Please give Karen and Cameron your full support as they take up or transition in to their new roles.

Club Facebook Page

Your Club is an Official BMW Club with a constitution, structure and responsibilities and presence online with member and public pages including events and information. Virtual Clubs are typified by only existing in the social media space with no formal underpinning structure.

So what? Your Club has 115 financial members that enjoy the benefits of the Club including events posted to [What's On](#). The Club's Facebook group has some 322 'members'; the majority are not financial members. Currently this page has no active moderators but intended to share stories to those interested in or related to BMW and the Club. An official Club event posted to What's On will always take precedence to another ride or event irrespective of whether it is another Club or personal post. The societal rules of respect and good behaviour apply with transgressors likely to find themselves barred without recourse by the Club Facebook Admins.

Tech Stuff

I had new tyres fitted to the R1200ST in preparation for the BMWOCSA *Hummertoph Rally* and noticed today a flat rear :(On investigation I found the flex tyre valve had split, an easy replacement at Canberra BMW, less so on the side of the road. This made me question their replacement lifecycle. It used to be they were changed with the tyre, but with the advent of RDC sensors or cast-in-rim style valves, no more. Interestingly on cars the tyre valve IS replaced with the tyre - motorcycles at the owners request. So next time you are changing tyres inspect and maybe replace the cheap flex valve, much easier than on the side of the road. Not yet another spare part to carry...

Own an older BMW, like my R1200ST (K28) with intermittent heated handgrips, like when you want them but work in the cold or rain but only again after being off for some time or cycling the ignition. Then it may be software related and fixed with an update to your bikes program and requiring ~30 minute of workshop time @ \$15 for financial club members. Or your heated grips may be faulty and require replacement. There is a BMW Tech Bulletin on the cause and rectification.

That's it for this month. I'll be riding to the *Hummertoph Rally* in South Australia this weekend, followed by the *National Motorrad Rally* in June at Kooralbyn Valley in South East Queensland along with other Club members all taking different roads, but you can keep up to date with these and future rides on [What's On](#).

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

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