

# BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

## NEWS

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BMW Motorcycle Club  
Canberra



Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Welcome to Tarik Bouhafs (F800GSA) our newest member and on behalf of members I look forward to meeting you on your first and their next ride.

Ride Coordinator Karen is leading from the back well-attended rides, including pre-riding most routes to confirm real time conditions. Sec. Cameron has rides for the GS members and even the Club Meeting Rides to Lunch are attracting good numbers. There is no reason not to register to a ride, suggest or even lead a ride so keep up to date by visiting [What's On](#). Clubs are only as successful as members are active.

October 7- 9, 2022

# KOSCIUSZKO RALLY

41 YEARS Anniversary

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Geehi Campground - Alpine Way - Kosciuszko National Park.

The banner features a scenic background of snow-capped mountains under a blue sky with white clouds. On the left, there is a circular logo for the 41st anniversary. On the right, there is a small white box with the BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra logo and a small version of the club's mountain logo.

YOUR Club's [41st Kosciuszko Rally, BMW MCCA ACT \(Club Event\)](#) is next month and it would be great to see members there camping in one of the most picturesque places in Australia. Camping not your thing? Then why not make it a day ride from home, the Alpine Way is sealed but stay alert to changing road conditions and park residents.

I have convinced some members to support me in offering rallyists a Saturday BBQ dinner and Sunday breakfast along with our Club and Rally famous espresso coffee.

**Off Centre Rally 2022, Adels Grove.** Early August saw Graeme Jones (F650GS), David Morgan (DRZ400e) and me (F800GS) leave Canberra for OCR22. Dave's

DRZ is suspected of eating a carburettor part and the 800 blew a rear shock at Bourke NSW necessitating our early return to Canberra. Graeme pressed on until snapping a chain outside Roma. Whilst the local motorcycle shop picked him & bike up, replaced the chain and sprockets at the expense of booked bikes in <3 hours, Graeme turned east to Brisbane to visit family.

One plus of having more than one bike in the garage is after 4 days at home sorting out the first bikes, Dave (R1200GS) and I (R1200ST), having missed or passed up on a spirited ride to make Adels Grove, left for a similar route through western NSW and Queensland and Karumba. Before returning via Cairns and central Queensland, NSW and back to Canberra over 3.5 weeks.



*Dave Morgan (L) and me in Karumba, no crocs sighted, before turning east.*

The country is looking fantastic with plenty of feed & crops, lots of coal trains (~\$4.5M each), scenery and riding to be had. At least we weren't held up by congvans driving at 80kph, unlike the Semi's with up to 4 trailers in tow. First day was in rain and our last day under cloud, otherwise clear with temperatures in the mid-high 20oC all the way. Queensland roads were in good order as well.

Ride Trivia. 26 days, 7,300km at an avg. 86kph. Fuel; unlimited diesel, plenty of 91, often 95 and occasionally 98 in remote areas. Dave kept accurate records, but I recorded \$2.39L for ULP91 at Burke & Wills Roadhouse. I spent \$149/day on pub/motel, food, fuel and visitor entries and had a great time. Cheapest accommodation was \$60 twin share at the Queens Arms Hotel, Roma and best value \$115pp at the Nebo Hotel, Nebo that included single donga style room, shared facilities, full pub dinner, cooked breakfast and takeaway lunch including snacks.

Special mention the 'Big Pub' at Malanda. Least favourite, the Rix Hotel Charters Towers.

Check your diary for OCR24 in Arkaroola SA and the week after the Border Run at Eucla held on the first weekend in September. Details on What's On.

## BMW Service, Campaigns & Recalls

BMW currently specify annual or 10 000km service intervals for your motorcycle. Ride track, hard, off-road or through water then these intervals should be shortened. To complicate matters, brake/clutch fluid replacement is based on your bike's build date.

The terms minor and major service have evolved over time to reflect BMW engineering and experience (based on plugging your bike in at a Dealer) and anecdotally to smooth out service costs.

Talk to your Dealer or workshop to make sure your bike is being serviced correctly.

YOUR owner's manual will include the basic service details and available online <https://www.bmw-motorrad.com.au/en/service/handbooks/ri-der-manual.html>

**Club Facebook Group.** For those on social media the Club has a Facebook Group and Page. Search for BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra. The Group is open to members and anyone with an interest in our Canberra ACT based Club. You do not have to own a BMW to be a financial club member or join the group.

Club Member Admins approve new 'virtual' members and lightly moderate the group and page posts and action any complaints received. As an Official BMW Club, foundation club to BMW Clubs Australia and one of the 750+ BMW Clubs with 250,000+ members worldwide we should expect and display a respectful standard of behaviour from your and our posts. Please keep this in mind when you post as it will be read by everyone, who may not read your 'joke' in the same context.

The Club including Facebook group and page is not the forum to disparage individuals, businesses or brands. If you have an issue, talk to the person / business(es) concerned or find another forum.

That's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you at your next ride or Club event and if you have any questions or suggestions contact any committee member or me.

Enjoy your ride

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# BMW MOTORRAD

BMW Campaigns cover non-safety related issues, the current R1200/1250 GS cardan (drive) shaft is one example.

You can check your motorcycle recall status using your VIN here <https://content.bmw.com.au/motorradRecall#/>

BMW will call/write/email owners for more issues subject to a Recall and posted to the Commonwealth website <https://www.vehicle recalls.gov.au>

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