

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

NEWS

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Your Club is one of the most active Official BMW Clubs in Australia so join me in welcoming our new members David Yen (R1200GS), Steve Sant (K1300S), Peter Lockwood (R1200GS), Jackson Jones ((K1600B), Phillip Henderson (R1200GS), Anup Chowdhry (K1300R) and Pippa Carron (F750GS).

I look forward to meeting you and them at a Club event and encourage our current members to be the first to say hello and welcome them to the Club.

Wondering where your **Club News** has been for the past 3 months? I used BMW Motorrad Days 100 Year celebrations in Berlin as a prompt for 8 weeks in the UK and Europe visiting the Isle of Man TT, Assen TT, Austrian Stelvio/Timelsjoch (+museum) and other passes, KTM Motohall, BMW Classic, Welt, Museum and Car Plant in Munich, BMW Motorrad Days and Motorcycle Plant in Berlin finishing with 4 days at the Goodwood Festival of Speed near Chichester UK.

I even managed some art galleries, assorted museums and city highlights as well as a quick lap of Scotland to catch up with my 1/2 brother and partner living on the Orkney Is. before flying to a 1/2 sister and family in Amsterdam.

Returning to Australia Dave Morgan, Jim Kalma, Mark Rule and I made the 5000km round trip to the *Border Run* at Border Village Nullarbor to meet up with

I'd like to thank VP Cam Major for overseeing the Club's running in my absence and Ride Coordinator Karen Longstaff who continues to attract 15+ members on her well organised and led Club Rides.

Treasurer Bob and Membership Mike have also been playing their parts behind the scenes keeping the Club running.

Your committee are all volunteers and deserve our respect, so it was disappointing to hear that some members have complained about Club events and organisation to members but not to me or a committee member directly. Please contact me or another committee member in person or by email if you have any concerns about how the Club is being run or member actions.

We are all members for our shared interest in motorcycles and BMW.

the West Australians and the *Pudding*.

I had a great time and missed most of Canberra's winter and a few rallies.



David Morgan, Mark Rule & I inspect the 'Big Tree' Orroroo SA a swamp gum & big by SA standards at least on our way back from the Border'.



With so many members finding their keys and to assist Karen we have introduced the option for members to meet at the destination outside the group ride to reduce the pressure of large group rides.

You can register a 'make on way option' for rides or feel free to join the group at the departure point with a full tank of fuel.



August Club meeting at Sutton Bakery

K40
The Flying Brick
40th Anniversary

October 2023
WOODSTOCK NSW

BMW K40th Anniversary Rally 30 Sep - 2 Oct 23

Your Club is celebrating the 40th anniversary of BMW's iconic K series motorcycle with a rally at Woodstock Memorial Showground, in Woodstock 25km from Cowra NSW.

Woodstock is an easy day ride from Canberra if camping isn't your thing and with 50+ motorcyclists from our Club, NSW, SA, QLD and Vic registered to attend check it out here [BMW 40th Anniversary K Series Motorcycle Rally](#). If you are going then Martin Robertson will appreciate some help over the weekend, so send him an email K40@bmwmcc.au.

42nd Kosciuszko Rally 6 - 8 Oct 23.

The following weekend is YOUR Club's [42nd Kosciuszko Rally & 100 Years of BMW Motorcycle Production, BMW MCC \(Club Event\)](#) at Geehi Flats (Hut) Campground in Kosciuszko National Park.

This is one of the most picturesque spots in Australia and offers great mountain riding with a weekend of social camping.



This is a longer day ride from Canberra, but it would be great to see members and friends turnout for one of the longest running rallies in Australia. You do not have to be a member or own a BMW to attend the rally. So why not invite a friend.

Are You a New or Current Member?

The Club relies on email to contact members for news, rides, other events and provide general information of interest to members and has more page tabs than just [What's On](#). If you are not receiving emails then they may be in your Junk/Spam folder and you will need to add www.bmwccc.au as a safe sender.

You have control over the email you receive and can login and change your profile, email or password at anytime. The Club Admins cannot see any passwords but can reset them on request with instructions emailed to your noted email. As an Incorporated Association we are required to keep member details and have a [Privacy Policy](#).

In your second year of membership? Then check out your opportunity for subsidised [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#).

Does your partner want to receive his or her own emails, then the Member+ option may be of interest to you and it's free. If so email Mike Kelly at Membership@bmwmcc.au who will help you and your partner out, provided you maintain current membership.

Canberra BMW offers 10% discount on services, accessories and BMW products. You need to show your membership card (electronic under your profile when logged in) and tell the Service Advisor when you are booking that service and before finalising any purchases. Spring is around the corner, so if your bike has been parked up for winter, give them a call. Or order that runout R1250 before the R1300s arrive in 2024.

The Committee meet regularly and plan upcoming events of interest to members. Ordinary members are encouraged to submit their own ideas to the committee and consider leading a ride or event. None more so than those members who are now free of the Monday - Friday grind. [What's On](#) events need 4+ weeks notice to see them published, to email members and notify venues. If you are on Facebook then the Club Page allows you to post that short notice ride invitation to members and friends of the Club.

Make the most of your membership and motorcycle(s) and I look forward to seeing you at your next Club event.

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

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(Right) If you visit Austria include the TOP Motorcycle Museum <https://www.crosspoint.tirol/en-home> on your mountain pass ride itinerary.



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