

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

I start this month's news welcoming Graham Grayson (R1250RS) to the Club and look forward to meeting him on a Club ride or at an event. For our current members please be the first to make Graham welcome to the Club on your next ride.

Your Club hosted the *40th Anniversary of BMW K Bike* at Woodstock over the weekend 30 Sep - 2 Oct and *42nd Kosciuszko Rally* at Geehi the following weekend.

Both rallies were a success with enthusiastic participants from our Club and ACT, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland. We owe thanks for this success to the active support of club members Karen & Pete Longstaff (logistics), Cam Major and Bruce Barter (tong duties) with contributions by barista miesters Martin Robertson and Glyn Avery over the weekends. Other members pitched in to assist setting up, during the rally and after cleaning and packing up to ensure rallyists had an enjoyable weekend.

The Woodstock Progress Association and Show Society members turned out to ensure the Showground was spick and span before our arrival and cooking our Saturday night feast with table service and returned Sunday morning for breakfast duties. Outstanding hospitality and service!

This year's Kosciuszko Rally recorded a loss of \$328 and K40 accounts to be finalised noting some additional mouths were fed having not paid for the meal. A cautionary note on the need to manage registrations and event tickets like meals.





On behalf of the Club and members I thank Canberra BMW Motorrad for their continuing support to the Club and providing raffle and lucky door prizes to both rallies.

I encourage each of you to give the Dealership the opportunity to price that new motorcycle, accessory or part when next shopping.

Visit BMW Canberra Motorrad <https://www.bmw-motorrad.com.au/canberra-bmw-motorrad/en/home.html>. Don't forget to show your membership card (under your online profile) and ask for the 10% discount on accessories, parts and service before they make up the invoice and do not forget to thank them.

What's On has the most up to date Club ride and event information. Ride Coordinator Karen's stewardship has seen participation numbers swell into the teens. To that end you are encouraged to consider *registering*, then letting Karen know by email/text and making your own way or with another member to the meeting venue. This is intended to reduce grade group numbers to a manageable 5-10. Please use the Club meeting point if you are new to the Club or unsure of the route or locations. A more seasoned member, then why not offer to coordinate a second group. Large group rides can lead to confusion, increased risk to riders or alienate other road users.

YOUR registration to any Club activity is invaluable in assisting the ride lead know how many to expect, let us contact venues with how many to expect and provides the Club a fast way to contact you by email or text with late changes. If you plan on leaving any ride after departure, let the ride lead know. No one wants to wait for someone who isn't there or wonder what happened to him or her. Start each ride with a full tank of fuel.

Members and their partner or guest are invited to celebrate the Club Person of the Year and Upside Down award recipients on Saturday 2 December at the [BMWCC 2023 Awards & Christmas Lunch \(Club Event\)](#). We return again to the Queanbeyan Hotel and a 3-course alternate serve lunch (+ options) for only \$50pp and purchase your own drinks at the bar. YOU must register and pay before 27 November 2023 to confirm your seat. There is no opportunity for walk-ins on the day.

Having closed out my 'bucket-list' Isle of Man, UK/Scotland, Austrian Passes and BMW Munich/Berlin and Goodwood Festival of Speed earlier this year my 2024 plan is a motorcycle tour of the Indian Himalayas. Another held over wish pre-Covid19. I appreciate not everyone has the time, money or enthusiasm but if you are interested then register here [BMWCC Motorcycle Tour to the Himalayas](#). I'm working to having an interested person meeting to plan and pre-bookings early in 2024.

Are You a New Member? Club membership is what you make of it and encouraged to contact a Committee member or me if you are not seeing an event or activity of interest. Remember your Committee are volunteers and have personal lives to balance as well Club duties.

The Club also offers subsidised advanced rider training and first aid course participation to members in their second year. You can pay a year's membership in advance.



Club members Glyn Avery, Stuart Burrows, Cam Major and Garry Smee enjoying the view at Scammels Spur. Picture Stephen Murray.

The President awards the Club Person of the Year and members invited to submit their own or another member for consideration for the Upside Down Award. The Upside Down award is given with good grace and humour to that member who left their motorcycle 'sans parking' in the conventional sense.

If you wish to nominate yourself or another member email me President@bwmcc.au with their name and short story. If you intend nominating someone else, then it is courtesy to check with her or him first.

Whilst the majority of members interaction with the Club is through the [What's On](#) website page, other pages include copies of shared BMW Club magazines and technical information and stories. Why not check them out when you are next online.

The Club also has a Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bwmcc> and Page <https://www.facebook.com/BMWMCCACT>.



Pete & Karen Longstaff and Martin Robertson checking the layout for the Club's 40 Anniversary BMW K Bike Rally, Woodstock NSW. Picture Garry Smee.

Riding your motorcycle is not only an enjoyable past time (so don't tell everyone) but also a great way to meet other Club members. If nothing else your opening remarks will not have to be about the weather. So get on your bike and get along to an event.

The Club aims to offer members a mix of day, overnight and on occasion multi-day rides and events of interest to members.

Share your idea to the Committee.



[BMWCC Club Person of the Year & Upside Down Award](#)

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

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(Right) the 42nd Kosciuszko Rally enjoyed fantastic sunny spring weather. Dead Horse Gap, Kosciuszko National Park.



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