

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Last year's weather forecast of long hot summer has not eventuated but in between the cooler days, rain shows and thunderstorms there has still been plenty of opportunity to be out riding your bike and come along to the Club [What's On](#) events.

Please join me in welcoming at their first and your next ride our newest members, Graham Ball (R1150R) and John & Virginia Keighley (R100RS). Proving very popular the venerable R100RS with the Club boasting 5 now and catching up to the R1100/1150/1200/1250/1300 GS/A cohort soon.

Thank you to all those members that have renewed their 2024-25 membership and a request to those yet to pay to not leave it until the end of February. Joined in the last 3 months? Then your membership is rolled over to 28 Feb 25 automatically. And don't forget there is a Joint and Joint+ member option. Check the website for the difference.

The Club website sits on the Wild Apricot platform that provides automated reminder emails and suspension for lapsed members. If your membership rolls over or you have given that \$40 cash to someone who doesn't pass it on then you will find your membership suspended. Not the end of the world but this DOES MAKE the Membership Secretary and Treasurer lives more difficult than needs be.

Club Australia Day BBQ

Club members enjoyed a gold coin donation BBQ and \$100 in store voucher sponsored by Canberra BMW Motorrad.

The raffle raised \$110 for the Club charity Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Raffle winner Alex Leitch (L) looking forward to that next BMW farkle.

Left. Members Eat and Ran before the photo.

Pictures: Cam Major

BMW R1300GS Launch

The Covid19 delayed BMW R1300GS has made it to Australia and members went along to Canberra BMW local launch, including one who has a pre-order on its way. The new model has a lot of changes over previous models, like the gearbox sits below the engine and as you might expect is lighter, more powerful and more gadgets over the R1250GS.

Call the showroom to book your test ride and order for that mid-year delivery.

Picture: Sales manager Mike Andrews explaining the R1300GS features. BMW.



Chai Sambrani (R1250GS) with Stuart Burrows (R1200GS) crosses the Telegraphy River on his way to the rally Frying Pan Creek in Barrington Tops.

The BMW Touring Club NSW host the **Karuah River Rally** in the Barrington Tops 30km from Dungog NSW. The rally can alternate on hot or warm and wet.

This year's was a wet one. 3 members made the ride to Dungog and stayed in the Bank Hotel Friday and Saturday's break in the drizzle before heading out to the rally. The rain restarted on the way only to get heavier by the time we made the site. At the rally the decision was taken to return to town for the Saturday night and we weren't alone.

Later that afternoon a tree fell across the only access road in but was cleared by Forestry NSW Sunday morning. We returned to Canberra Sunday with other commitments leaving the Sunday Hill End and Monday Bridle Track for another time.

[What's On](#). Ride Coordinator Karen has planned some cracking rides and you are encouraged to register on the website to help with planning numbers, route options and venues. Given their popularity, members and friends have the option of joining the group or making their own way to the venue. If you make you own way, leave the group or have a change in mind make sure to tell Karen or the ride contact (on the event page) so that we are not looking for you. General Club meetings are planned for the 1st weekend of the month other than public holiday long weekends or the Presidents work schedule and VP called on to help out.

Do you have an idea for a ride or event? Then email the committee and we will look into it, but you will get a better reception if you offer to assist in the planning and leading your suggestion. Full support is given to those who help out your volunteer committee.

[BMWCA National Motorrad Rally 2024, BMWOCSA](#).

The President BMWOCSA asked me in Dungog "how many were coming to NMR24". Currently we have 10 registered on our website and this was followed by the request for those planning on going to register with the BMWOCSA (link on our page). Nuriootpa has limited accomodation options so you need to book or camp and for those interested in a Club ride there and back options will be included on our event page.



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Enjoy your ride

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