

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

The new Club year started on 1 March 2024 and as we farewell those moving on to new adventures and look forward to seeing you and continuing members on a future Club ride or social event, invite you to join me in welcoming our newest members John & Virginia Keighley (R100RS) and Steve Pereira (R1200RT).

The Club's R100RS contingent is chasing down its newer cousins and membership is stable ~120. So much so that I'll have to post an 'airhead' ride - other models will be welcome as well. Treasurer Bob has done the calculations for our (unaudited) Financial Statement and advised me that the Club is in a "sound financial position" with profit of \$611 over 2023. A full financial statement will be available before and at the AGM.

The [BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra Inc. 2024 AGM \(Club Event\)](#) is on Saturday 22 June 2024 largely due to your current committee work/travel/family commitments.

This early notice is to assist those of you keen to start work on your campaign(s), nominate for and potentially be voted onto the committee. Or at the least mark your calendar and come along for a supplied light lunch and chance to win the mystery attendance 'on-the-day' raffle prize.

If you are keen to take on any role or one of the current vacant ones, get in touch with the incumbent or me on a ride at an event or by email. Supported training is available, the various roles don't take too much time and volunteering in itself rewarding. Or maybe you would just like to be an ordinary member supporting the committee in the Club operations. Your Club not only needs financial and engaged members but an active and enthusiastic committee. See or email me if you would like more information on the committee or roles.

[What's On](#) is the first go too or landing page on the Club website for most members. Our Ride Coordinator Karen does a great job in planning, test riding, posting club and leading rides but her role includes coordinating member suggested and lead rides.

I encourage any of you to email Karen Rides@bmwmcc.au with your suggested ride or event(s) of interest to members.

Planning can be as simple as a start time, date and destination. Location, routes and meet points and myriad of other details are optional and the ride to be attractive needs to have a minimum 2 weeks of notice.



*Ride coordinator Karen Longstaff
new ride a BMW R1250RS.*

The President (RnineT Urban) and Dave Morgan (R1200R) mid-week lunch ride to the Friendly Inn Kangaroo Valley included 1115 coffee at Nerriga Hotel.



Missed a Club Meeting? The combined Club Ride to Lunch and General Meeting filled the Ride Coordinator vacancy.

There was never great member interest in the routine aspects of the Club's operation, however if you do have a question please see or email the relevant committee member or me.

For those that do not know I have taken on a weekend job and up mid-week riding. These are posted to What's On and open to any member that has the time or inclination and run on alternate weeks to the Club's social coffee mornings.

Their regularity will be subject to all those other things that get in the way of riding or to me have a more attractive riding aspect. Why not lead your own ride?

With the new Club year it is an opportune time to introduce, remind or refresh members that:

- Canberra BMW Motorrad offers current members 10% discount on service, parts and accessories. You MUST show your (digital) membership card and ask for the discount before the invoice is made up.
- Some insurance companies offer a discount to customers that are members of a recognised Club.
- Members in their second year can access the Club \$100 subsidy for advanced rider training or \$50 first aid training. See [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#).
- There are more pages on the website than What's On and the Club has a Facebook page and group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bmwmcc>.
- Some other Official BMW Clubs share their magazines and journals with us here [BMW Club Magazines](#).

[What's On](#) events will on occasion ask members, friends of the Club or public to register their interest in the ride. Please use this option as your registration helps planners know who to expect and in-turn tell venues how many to cater for. YOU can cancel at anytime online unless a pre-payment or confirmed booking is required and will then need to email the listed ride or event contact.

Whilst rides will have a start point and venue listed, members also have the option to meet directly at the venue, join or leave the ride at a mid-point or return separately.

These are some of the options available for the currently very popular Club rides and if you are taking up any of these make sure you tell, email or text the ride contact. No one wants to have to wait or re-count a group for a missing rider.

I look forward to seeing you on a Club ride or event and encourage you to make the most of your Club and membership through 2024.

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

President

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Picture - Rob Lovett (silver R1200ST) and my (red R1200ST) recently at Yarrangobilly Homestead, Snowy Mountains Highway.



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