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The quintessential common factor Nation-wide. (Top:) Rangitikei and (Below:) Nelson assemble for the monthly rides. Stories on page 8.



Cover:

BMW R nine T in special paint finish Blueplanet metallic/Aluminium with Option 719 milled parts package Club Sport.

Available through your local BMW Motorrad Dealer from August 2017.

See story on page 17 and links to BMW to place an order.

Please Note

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BMWOR 2016 Motorcycle Insurance Scheme

Aon has a new Policy Wording with a new Underwriter

In collaboration with NZI, Aon has a new improved policy wording for Motorcycles. This Prestige Motorcycle Policy gives you the best of the best in cover for all types of On-Road Motorcycles including 3 wheelers, Off-Road Motorcycles including Quad Bikes, Competition Motorcycles (not covered whilst racing), Motorcycle Collections and Classic/Vintage Motorcycles.

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Discounts Discounts Discounts

Age Discounts, Multiple Bike Discount (conditions apply), Loyalty Discounts, Trike Discounts, Named Rider Discounts and the Restricted Usage Discount – this is now based on riding less than 7,500km per year, per bike! (was 5,000km).

Lower Excesses

The standard policy excess is now \$250 (plus underage excesses applying), \$500 theft excess and on approved track days a \$750 excess only will apply.

Ride Forever

If you complete a Ride Forever training course, provide us with your certificate and we will apply a NIL excess for one claim within 12 months of completing this course.

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if you have any queries

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President's Podium August 2017

Winter has finally hit here in the south – plenty of roads are closed and travel is as treacherous as it is spectacular. Jo and I woke to snow at home this morning and it has been snowing in Christchurch city briefly during the day. Fortunately the sun has come out for the America's Cup parade and I have a spectacular view of the route from my office window, which is where I'll stay. Everyone down on the street looks so cold!

I was very sad to hear that our friend Doug Kerr passed away Saturday 8 July after a short illness. Our thoughts are with Doug's family and all his friends and riding buddies in the Bay of Plenty.

At its meeting in May, the Board made a decision to adjust Membership categories and associated fees, as we are able to do within the Constitution. This came about following a decision to invest in a new membership data base where everyone gets a unique membership number, payment of fees is based on the anniversary of an individual joining, and an agreement that all club members are treated as individuals. One of the factors in the Board's decision making around categories and fees was a need to address inequity in the level of membership fees paid by "couples" where both parties are actively engaged in club matters, both own/ride bikes (BMW's or not), and both turn up to many of the area and national events as opposed to "couples" where only one party is really an active member and/or where the 'partners' change from time to time. In making the decision around categories and fees the Board was clear about giving choice to individuals in a partnership in respect to their membership status in the club. For example, if we weren't already Life Members, Jo and I would both want to be recognised as full, participating 'rider' members and would both happily pay our \$60 fee each year for that privilege. Some "couples" may not choose to do that, and it will be up to them to work out whether there is any benefit to them entertaining two 'rider' memberships if they are in the same position. We've had some feedback on this change, some of which has been positive. If you have any thoughts about the categories and fees and conditions associated with each, please let Secretary Dave know and we'll set aside time at our next Board meeting to work through these. If you don't already know about the changes and want further information go to <https://www.bmwor.org.nz/changes-membership-categories/>

As we expected, we've experienced a bit of a financial drain on the club's cash reserves over the last year - mostly due to the development and release of our cloud based Membership Database, the redevelopment of our club website, and to a lesser factor, the impact that a change in the annual membership payments to the anniversary of joining dates has had on our cash flow.

While our reserves are stretched, I have promised to bring Area Reps together again this year. Unfortunately, it won't be in Wellington as we have done the last couple of times. With an increase in NZ Police training and graduations, we don't have access to the NZ Police College this year (and possibly next) and other suitable venues we've looked at simply cost too much.

We've put some alternative options out to Area Reps to consider, including North and South Island Area Rep meetings or smaller cluster meetings attended by a member or members of the Board.

Whatever the arrangement, Area Reps will get a chance to come together with their peers and members of the Board to discuss what matters to them and the members they represent.

If you have any questions or issues that you want on the table at those discussions let your Area Rep know or send directly to Secretary Dave who will collate appropriately.

Wherever your travels take you in July; stay warm, be safe and have fun!

Garry

Seeking Expressions of Interest – Media Manager

Are you versed in the ways of the social media universe and have accounts on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+ and every other site known to man? Are you a highly motivated and creative individual with excellent communication skills?

If so, you could be the club's Media Manager taking responsibility for internal and external communication, including managing and maintaining web content and functionality, social media platforms and the sourcing of content, to ensure quality and consistency of publication across all media channels.

Through team work and collaboration with the Board, members and our external partners, you'll be working toward ensuring the club's media and communication activity is relevant to the 21st Century and, ultimately, results in growth.

Duties will predominately include:

- Working with our web developers to optimise the interactive nature of our member website
- Administering the creation and publishing of relevant, original, high-quality content in the club's newsletter
- Implement a content editorial calendar to manage content and plan specific, timely marketing campaigns
- Develop a national social media presence
- Promote the club through social media

We can't pay much (nothing actually) but the time and effort put into the role will reflect the voluntary nature of the role. The Board will consider covering any reasonable costs relating to the role (travel, accommodation, etc).

If this sounds like you, or you know someone who'd be interested, please get in touch with David Ross at secretary@bmwor.org.nz before 31 August 2017.

BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All register members on register rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Register members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, pillion, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards New Zealand approved motorcycle helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.
4. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions, and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Organiser and or the Register are not responsible for participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all Road Rules and Laws.

Events Calendar

National Events

January 2018. BMWOR AGM & Annual Rally. (See page 6.)

Area Events

Northland

Contact Area rep

Auckland

August

6th August Sunday: Café run. Red Shed Palazzo 64 Jesmond Road Karaka 2578. Make your own way there for 10am.

14th August Monday: Monthly meeting 7.30pm Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave. Penrose.

16th August Wednesday. Mid-week ride: Cancelled.

20th August Sunday. Monthly ride: Waipu Cove. Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

September

3rd September Sunday. Café run: Blossoms Café 1404 Coatesville, Riverhead Highway, Kumeu 0892. Make your own way there for 10am.

11th September Monday. Monthly meeting: 7.30pm venue TBA.

17th September Sunday. Monthly ride: Awhitu (Manukau Peninsular) meet 9.00am for 9.30 departure BP Service Centre M/way south between Papakura and Drury off-ramps.

BOP

August

6th August Sunday. 9 a.m: Ride to the Coromandel Peninsula. Depart Bethlehem Hot Bread Shop, ride to Hot Water Beach for lunch, via Whangamata Return via Whangamata, or Kopu - as you wish.

Other local social events and rides may be arranged during the month.

Details of these would be advised via Area email.

Rangitikei

August

13 August Sunday: Ride to Mt Bruce. Depart Summer Hill Shopping centre 10.00 am Led by Barry Pethrick

27 August Sunday Brunch meeting at the Woolshed Cafe Sanson 11.00 am.

September

10 September Sunday: Ride to Toko Tavern. Depart Caltex service station Westmere Wanganui 10.00am. Led by Lance Nixon.

24 September Sunday: Brunch meeting Woolshed Cafe Sanson 11.00am.

continued ...

Waikato

Contact Area Rep

Taranaki

Contact Area Rep

East Coast

Contact Area Rep

Wellington

Note – In addition to the events noted here we also undertake 'Impromptu Rides' these are offered via email to the membership with a couple of days notice when the weather looks like being favourable.

Sunday – 13 August - Destination Ride – Lake Ferry Pub.

Monday – 14 August - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm.

Sunday – 20 August – Monthly Club ride to Riversdale Beach – Lunch.

Sunday – 10 September - Destination Ride – TBA.

Monday – 11 September - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm.

Sunday – 17 September - Monthly Club ride to the Woolshed Cafe Sanson – Lunch.

Marlborough

Contact Area Rep

Nelson

Contact Area Rep

Canterbury

Forward dates - 2nd Wednesday of every month: 12 July; 9 August; 13 September; 11 October; 8 November; 13 December.

Canterbury Club Night – note change of dates and venue for the rest of the year.

- 6.30 pm onwards at the Papanui Club, 310 Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui. (Carvery/Club Bar – choice of carvery or menu.)
- You need to either be a member or one of 5 guests of a member of the Papanui Club (or similar club elsewhere) to dine and have a drink – check with those there on the night or take out membership yourself – it is only \$30 per year so well worth it. Membership will give you access to other facilities – with pool tables and darts boards we might have to get a competition going! More information at <http://www.papanuiclub.co.nz/>

Saturday Morning Coffee – Avon City Motorcycles. You're always welcome to drop in and have a coffee and a natter at Avon City Motorcycles – especially on Saturday mornings. Rob Newton and other stalwarts will see you there – remember to take some chocolate biccies to share with Eliot and the Avon City team.

Mid-Week Get-Togethers.

Not bound by the 9 to 5 workaday grind and looking for something motorcycle inclined to do during the week? Let me know your ideas for a regular mid-week get-together and I'll get it advertised.

Jo Buckner. Canterbury Area Coordinator.

Otago & Southland

Contact Area Rep

Members of other Areas should contact their Area Rep or listed Area Reps for above events.

Most members of Rangitikei, Taranaki, Wellington and East Coast Branches will have fond memories of this bridge over the Rangitikei River at the north end of Mangaweka. Perhaps the North Island's answer to the numerous West Coast bridges found in the South Island. See story in Area Reports on page 8.



Area Reports

Auckland

I'm of the belief that there are two kinds of month, one is a month in your youth which just takes forever and the other is a month which, shall we say, is not in your youth. Those "non-youth" months go by at a frightening pace and so much of what is done simply isn't memorable. On the other hand I don't think I've ever been on a ride which wasn't memorable for some reason or other. Auckland's June ride to Ruakaka was definitely memorable. Our meeting place for northbound rides is Starbucks Westgate and I recall doing a bit of maths in my head as the carpark became more and more populated with bikes. Between the carpark and those looking to meet up along the way, it was starting to look like over 20 bikes on the ride, plus the odd pillion. The threat of some inclement weather along the way caused a few to reconsider joining the ride and a mechanical issue created a couple of other early retirements. The reduction in potential numbers worked in our favour a bit as Ian McCartney had kindly offered to host up to about 18 of us for lunch at his place. The ride north was interspersed with showers and a tad cold until we got beyond Matakana and rode into some "winterless north" conditions. Things were near perfect by the time we inundated the McCartney driveway with bikes and filled available outdoor entertaining space with people and gear. Ian and Christine were amazing and generous hosts. Other Northland riders joined us for lunch so it was great to renew those acquaintances. It would have been easy to lose track of time in that environment but our ever responsible lead rider managed to herd us back onto the road in the early afternoon, some opting to take the direct route home while others took a more indirect route.

Joe Booyens has organised our monthly café runs since forever but has made a lifestyle choice and is making a move away from Auckland. Thanks Joe you've done a great job, mixing up different cafes from all points of the compass and providing a casual outing for us each month. Any Auckland members looking for an interesting and fairly laid back way to contribute should feel free to contact me. Most of the work is already done courtesy of Joe and I'll assist if needed.

Our Wednesday ride has typically been put on hold during winter and even though we've tried to continue it into the season this year, we have to again give in to the vagaries of weather and put the ride on ice (no pun intended). The short version is that Wednesday rides are cancelled till we see some more stable weather.

In other news, we may need to consider acquiring an ebike so members who's licences may be about to go on holiday for a bit have something to ride.

Anyway that's all for now,
Stephen

Bay Of Plenty

We had another most enjoyable social evening, Pot luck style, at Carol and Ian Sowdens Home at KatiKati, The bonus was being able to watch the Rugby on a decent sized Telly!

We had organised only one other activity for July, the annual run for fish and chips at Kawhia, as was advertised in the last newsletter. However some of our riders were able to take advantage of the chance to join the Mount Motorcycles Weekend to Napier rides on the 1st and 2nd of July.

Choices were a ride on seal via Tiniroto and Gisborne, with Ray Holmes, or another Darryl-Pete organised Gravel ride via who-really-knows-where.

Accommodation, as usual at the Art Deco Masonic on Marine Parade.

Watching the Lions beat the all blacks for the first time in yonks, wasn't the highlight of the weekend.

The terrible weather did not eventuate fortunately, although some did get a little damp at times. Those who rode Home over the Gentle Annie, got home dry on Sunday.

Some of those who rode home through the forest evidently got much, much wetter than they had planned!

Thanks must go to Mount Motorcycles for another great weekend.

Melvyn Hollands

East Coast

Our planned ride was regretfully scrapped because the weather gods were not smiling at us. Instead, an enjoyable midwinter Christmas themed dinner was held at the training restaurant attached to the Eastern Institute of Technology, Scholars. As you had to book quite early for this we could only accommodate 12 members, so to make up for the rest we decided to have another last Tuesday of the Month dinner on 27 June at the Puketapu Hotel which was attended by a good number.

Whilst writing this report I just realised that if you take the 's' out of East, of East Coast, you get what appears to be our main activity lately. Hopefully spring will bring some change to this, otherwise we'll all be joining Jenny Craig!

Good sign: around the corner from our house; the apricot trees are already in full blossom!

John, East Coast.

(Picture, page 14 - Ed)

Rangitikei

Our ride for Sunday 9 July was almost cancelled based on the weather forecast. However the day started out cold and showery but it just got better as the day progressed.

We met at the Robert Harris cafe in Feilding for coffee before our scheduled departure at 10.30 am.

Gathered for our ride to Mangaweka were Barry and Barbara Pethrick (1200 GS) Murray Pethrick (1200 GS) Robin and Joy Wood (1200 GS) John Christie (V-Strom 650) and Myself (1100 RT)

Our route would be Up to Cheltenham and on to Kimbolton. From Kimbolton the road follows a high ridge with views on the right of

the upper Pohangina valley and on the left the Ruahine Valley. As we got closer to Mangaweka the road follows a river valley with Papa cliffs that are constantly causing slips across the road. This results in a slippery surface and our bikes were soon covered with papa mud.

I stopped for a photo opportunity as our bikes went over a bridge that crossed the Moawhango river.

We now headed south on SH1 to our lunch destination at Flat Hills. This place is set up to cater for tour buses and there was no delay in getting the food we ordered. While we were there two buses arrived. We found a table adjacent to the log fire that gave us a chance to warm up.

Over lunch Barry told us of watching motor bikes on a timed run that used the main highway just before Cheltenham. There is a steep down hill section of the road that was used to get speed up before the timed section on the flats.

After a leisurely break for lunch we rejoined SH1 and headed back to Feilding via Vinegar hill. At the big down hill before Cheltenham I remembered what Barry had told me at lunch time. The road was deserted and I gave the RT full throttle. I won't say how fast I went but the bike was almost at the red line in top gear.

We were soon back in Feilding so it was back to Robert Harris for more coffee. As it was late afternoon it was time to head home and spend some time cleaning the bike.

My thanks to those who came out for a ride on a cold mid winter day. I'm sure we all had a blast.

Regards, Don Cross.

Wellington

Both the Mid-Winter Buffet and the monthly ride were cancelled due to the adverse weather situation impacting on both activities.

Peter N.

Nelson

It was a not too cold mid winter morning. A few of us Nelson region folk gathered for a short ride over the Whangamoas to Pelorous Cafe for a catch up and refreshments. It was dry and overcast as we left Nelson, but we found the rain as we neared our destination. I was joined on this ride by Revti, Nigel, Matthew, Skip and Gretchen.

We were also joined by Barry, Tim and Derek from the Nelson IAM group (Institute of Advanced Motorists). If you are interested in finding out more about IAM check out the website <http://iam.org.nz/motorcycles/>

Tony met us in Pelorous via the Maungatapu track, and Peter came over and joined us from the Sounds.

We had a good catch up and by the time we left the sun was coming out. Tony, Skip, Matthew and Nigel headed back over the Maungatapu, Peter made tracks home, the IAM group continued for another destination, Gretchen, Revti and I headed back over the Whangamoas for a very pleasant ride and a much dryer road to take advantage of. We were greeted with 16C and Sunshine back in Nelson!

Kevin.

Canterbury

Our club ride on 18 June was a joint event with the Patriots Motorcycle Club, a group of guys and girls who are either currently or ex-serving Navy, Army or Air Force (including reserve services) who simply enjoy riding and having fun with friends and family. David Golightly, Vice President of the Patriots (pictured), and I work together on the Motorcycle Safety and Advisory Council, and we saw the opportunity for a joint club ride ending up at Mike Pero's Motorcycle Gallery.

The Patriots' Tar Baby focus was evident on the day – 8 or so members arrived at the Tannery resplendent in predominantly black leather on shiny Harleys, Indians, etc. Quite the contrast to our GS members: in particular Garry's colourful Cordura gear and filthy HP2, Mark well kitted out for all eventualities (camouflage back pack included) and Chris with the glint of the wild in his eye ... A few of our new friends looked a bit worried when Garry, eyeing up the bridal path on the Port Hills, said, "You'll be right - we should give that a go".

After a leisurely breakfast getting to know each other and our respective group riding styles, there was a slight route change to add in an extra stop for our new caffeine-fuelled friends. Garry then led 16 of us on an adventurous urban route (not sure if that was by design or not) out through the Lyttelton tunnel and around the harbour over Gebbies Pass to Tai Tapu where we regrouped. It was a glorious winter's day and we sat in the sun chatting for longer than expected but still with plenty of time to get across to Mike Pero's motorcycle gallery in Avonhead.

Mike has recently opened what is believed to be New Zealand's first permanent public display of classic Japanese motorcycles, displaying more than 60 motorcycles from the 70s, 80s and 90s – loaned from owners and collectors nationwide. While it's by no means the biggest collection of bikes it is an interesting line up and a place that all of us found really interesting. To top it off, Mike's BBQ was put to good use and we enjoyed the rest of the afternoon with the place pretty much to ourselves.

If you're in Christchurch and find yourself with an hour or two to spare I recommend a visit. You'll find the gallery at 1 Hawthornden Road, Avonhead and it's open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 am until 5:00pm, adults \$15, children \$8, under 5s free (concessions, group and family passes available).

A number of our members joined the recent Avon City Motorcycle's Sunday ride to Kaikoura. Apparently it was a very cold start – 2 degrees – with heavy mist on the way up to Waiau. Geoffrey said there was lots of grit on Inland Road which caused a "few seconds of puckering" but happily no incidents. It was worth the trip with warm sun and no wind in Kaikoura – lunch at the Pier Hotel and then home via SH1. Sorry I couldn't join you – I'm still catching up on life after jumping into earthquake recovery work and we've now

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started chipping away at house renovations. A bit of effort now should see more time for summer riding.

Looking forward, there have been a couple of offers to organise rides in August and September – I'll follow up and be in touch. We've also been offered space at an upcoming motorcycle public event in October – I would love to get some of our local classic and special BMW beauties on show again so please contact me if you are keen to be involved.

Finally, I'm pleased to report we are very happy with the Papanui Club as our new Club Night venue – on every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6.30 pm onwards. Great food, good prices, always a warm welcome from the staff and plenty of space to mix and mingle. All welcome – forward dates are 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November and 13 December.

Keep it shiny side up everyone,
Jo Buckner

Otago/Southland
In hibernation.

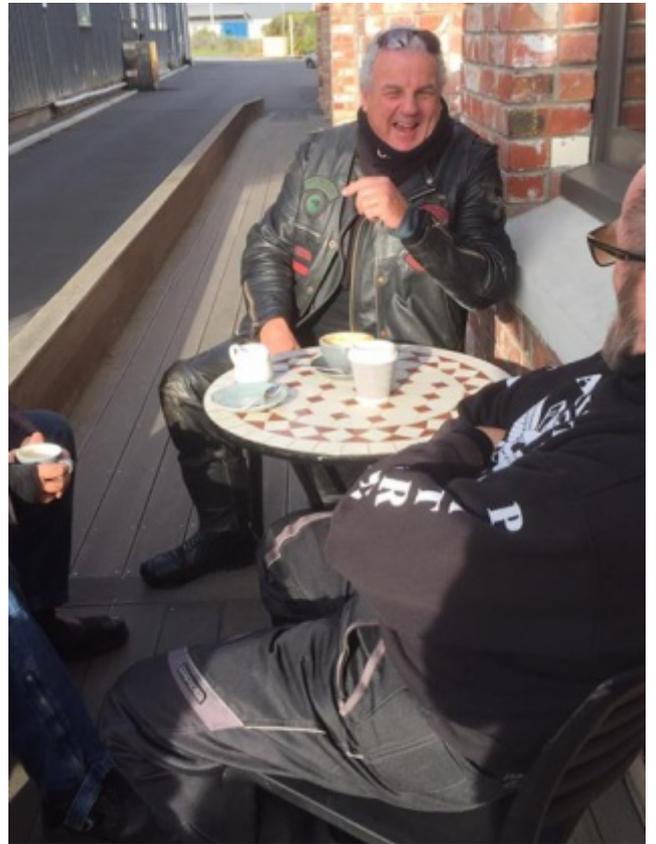
Right: Justin and Geoffrey of Canterbury enjoying some winter sun.



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Above right: David Golightly, Vice President of the Patriots with Canterbury Branch ride.

See story from page 8.

Left: Canterbury; Gaz & Patriots.



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“Gateway to Paradise”

2018 Rally and AGM

The 2018 Annual Rally and AGM are going to be held in Cromwell in the heart of Central Otago, commencing on Friday afternoon January 5 and concluding on Monday morning January 8. Put these dates in your diary now!

The venue is “The Gate” which is booked out to us for that period. It is a terrific venue which has just been refurbished and developed, as has much of the Cromwell town centre across the road, and you will be able to be as busy or as lazy as you like in this fantastic location! The Gate is an upmarket motor lodge with very comfortable, quiet rooms, all with great views of the surrounding mountains and vineyards, and of course there is plenty of safe parking for our BMWs. It is also close to Lake Dunstan and there are great walks in all directions for those whose bottoms are sore from lots of riding!

The Gate has its own cafe, “Forage”, which is open from early morning until late in the day, and which caters for all tastes and wallets. If you want to stretch your legs a bit, cross the road and check out the cafes, bars and eateries of the Cromwell.

Over the Rally weekend there will be organised road rides and adventure rides—we can even organise for you to hire a trail bike if you come on your road bike. There will also be a wine tour for those wine lovers amongst you. If you want to do your own thing, the choices are huge, from Highlands Park to the many cafes and historical townships and sites that abound in Central Otago.

Once you have registered, we will send you a Rally Pack which will give you advance notice of what you can expect in Paradise---and yes, we can even take you there!

Please do not contact The Gate yourself because all room bookings will be done as part of registration which will open in the July Newsletter.

So, watch for developments—January is not far away!

REGISTER NOW - SEE NEXT PAGE

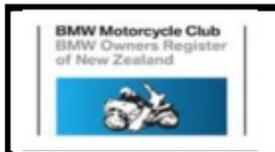
‘OVERDRIVE’

The editor for the BMWOR newsletter is on the mailing list of BMW Group news press club. A high percentage is car related. One recent item was exciting.

There is a movie out called ‘Overdrive’ and features actor, Scott Eastwood. The story is based around high-end car theft and BMW have provided autos for the movie. There is an R9T in the movie and can be seen briefly in the trailer in the link. If you loved ‘Fast & Furious’ movies, this movie is a must.

Links: <https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0271967EN/scott-eastwood-and-bmw-in-overdrive-exclusive-fan-screenings-in-paris-and-berlin>

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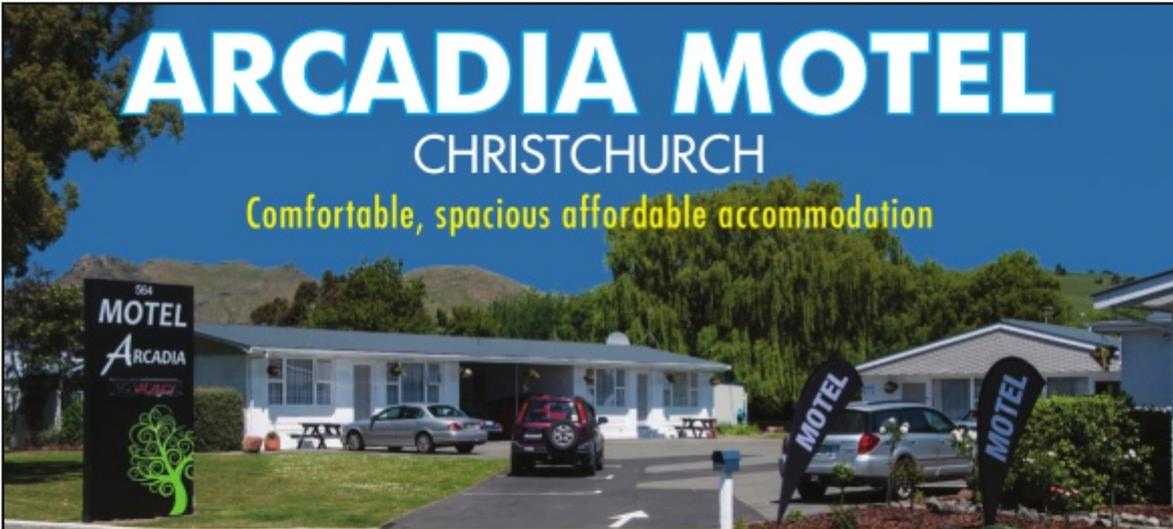
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The Gathering 2017

The Gathering is an informal destination ride over Queens Birthday weekend each year. The destination is selected Motorbikescape (<http://www.motorbikescape.co.nz/>) whose philosophy is work to ride. The weekend includes two days with a group ride along less frequented sealed routes, all at a leisurely pace. The rules for attending The Gathering are simple, if you want to join in, book your accommodation, email Motorbikescape to say you will be there and turn up. There is no entry fee so you are there on your own account and responsible for yourself and considerate of others. Check out their web site.

The 2017 event was in Bennydale based at the Wooden Heart Café. The cafe and accommodation are in the old Bennydale Pub. The recently reopened establishment is unlicensed but responsible BYO is respected. It caters mainly for the local trade and cyclists on the Pureora Forest cycle trail. The food and coffee is great, the accommodation warm and tidy and the hospitality is excellent. There is off-street parking for the bikes out the back. This would be a great location for an overnight club ride.

I headed off Friday morning on the R75/6, surprisingly lightly packed in two Krauser panniers, stocked with clothing, bike spares and beverages. The infrared heated jacket was plugged in. Some will say "toughen up Al", but in my view this is a safety device for winter riding conditions. Who can remember making dumb riding decisions when cold and struggling to keep warm on winter rides? I can always carry extra layers. As it turned out the battery in the heat controller was flat so I did have to rug up.

I rode up SH1 on Friday morning for a work meeting in Turangi. After that I was a free agent and planned to arrive at Bennydale by 4pm. So I took the long way round along SH41 to Taumarunui, and then up SH4 to Kopaki Road linking to SH30 and Bennydale. It's a route with lots of nice twisty bits but potentially greasy in the cold and wet. I was first to arrive at 4pm. Four other bikes turned up shortly afterwards from Morrinsville, Stratford and other places. Two other riders join us for the day on Saturday and Sunday. So the group was a good size.

Friday evening started with nuts, exotic cheese and crackers I'd picked up in Taumarunui and an assortment of drinks. We sat down to gourmet hamburgers for dinner in the café followed by a chocolate brownie for dessert.

As is usual that was followed by lots of half-truth stories, deep intellectual insights and otherwise biking stories until everyone retired quite early. Tomorrow was sure to be an interesting ride.

Saturday morning we had a relaxed café breakfast and assembled at 10am for the day ride. The day was clear and bright with little prospect of fog or icy roads – excellent. We lined up with our bikes out front of the café for a promo photo shoot at the insistence of the café owner.

And so we headed out in convoy, winding down Waimiha Road to Ongarue and onto SH41. We turned off early, across the road-rail bridge and along Ongarue Backroad into Taumarunui. After fuelling up we headed down the Forgotten Highway and turned off to Ohura and Mateire and back onto SH41. We tuned off to Aria, riding all the way to Totoro Bridge and back to Piopio for a café break. After a large flat white it was back to Te Kuiti to fuel up and Bennydale. Saturday night was roast lamb in the dining lounge and a crumble for dessert. More stories, more beverage and an early night.

Sunday dawned cold and icy. Another cooked breakfast, bacon and eggs and a large flat white.

Off again at 10am for another day ride. This time we headed toward Mangakino (last year's destination) and wound our way to Waipapa Dam, via Rotongata Road toward Arapuni and Horohoro. We turned down Maungatautari Road to Lake Karapiro which really is a jewel as far as Waikato hydro lakes are concerned. At Leamington we fuelled up at the gas station where I pumped gas for Europa as a school boy; when there were "careless days" and all kinds of methods to get the maximum into a petrol tank. This was home territory in my youth, "educated" at Cambridge High School, my river is the Waikato, my mountain Maungatautari. The roads out this way have been sealed and widened since I was a lad at Pukekura, the site of New Zealand's first Anchor cheese factory.

From Leamington we headed to Rotorangi winding our way to SH 3 near Waikeria for a welcome coffee stop. Along Te Kawa Road you get a view of the alignment of mountains Te Kawa, Kakapuku and Pirongia. These volcanoes (along with Tokanui and Karioi) are long extinct but sit on a dead straight alignment, probably on an ancient fault line. We wound our way to Waitomo, then Otorohanga and took the old Te Kuiti Road to refuel again at Te Kuiti and back to Bennydale.

Another hot shower followed by more cheese and crackers and a good curry for dinner followed by apple and berry tart with whipped cream for dessert. Once again we were doing it tough.

Up bright and early on Monday morning, the bike was packed before breakfast, steak and eggs and a flat white. I mounted the bike and headed to SH4 via Kopaki Road. I was joined by "the other Alastair", on his Honda Shadow and bound for Stratford via Mt Messenger. I concluded Alastair must have turned off before I had expected because he was no longer in my rear vision mirror as I approached SH4. I back-tracked some kilometres to where I last recalled seeing him in the mirrors, just in case he was scratched up on the road side. No sign of disaster so I returned happy on my route to Taumarunui. I called in to see Cath and David Thomson in Raurimu and then headed down the Paraparas to Whanganui and Palmerston North to meet up with my daughter. At dusk I headed for home over the Pahiatua Track and the Rimutakas to avoid the inevitable log jam that is traffic down the Kapiti Coast at the end of a long weekend.

Will I do this ride again? – you bet, unless I'm at Kaikoura for trials or the Brass Monkey or another bespoke winter ride of course.

Al Keane.

Upper Hutt.

Cover Story: BMW Customises.

With the launch of the R nineT, BMW Motorrad recognised the trend towards individualisation early on and has taken significant steps into this segment by enlarging the R nineT family to include five models in 2017. BMW Motorrad is now expanding its individualisation range with BMW Motorrad Spezial and is offering distinctive-design, performance-enhancing and exclusive customisation options ex works. Highest-grade materials, genuine surfaces, skilled craftsmanship and the love of detail are what define BMW Motorrad Spezial as well as the harmonious integration of all parts into the overall design of the motorcycle. Starting with the Touring and Heritage models, the Spezial range will be continuously expanded.

From the design and development to the testing stages, the parts from the Spezial program meet the high BMW Motorrad standards thereby supplementing the current product portfolio at the highest level of quality. This is achieved through the interplay of years of BMW Motorrad development expertise and the interaction of complex production processes in combination with the very finest craftsmanship. From August 2017, the Spezial product range will not only include exclusive optional equipment ex works, but also products from the current Original BMW Motorrad Accessories range, which fulfil the high requirements of BMW Motorrad Spezial.

When customising his motorcycle, the customer can proceed in two different ways. On the one hand he can equip his motorcycle directly ex works with all the visual upgrading by ordering it with the Spezial equipment already installed. On the other hand he will be able to choose special accessories from a “Spezial World” in the future where all his high customisation demands will be met. This means that the customer will still be able to customise his motorcycle via the dealer in the traditional way.

While many manufacturers offer their accessories almost exclusively on a retrofit basis, ordering special equipment ex-works is a decades-old tradition at BMW Motorrad. The equipment and accessories are listed on the vehicle invoice and thus are fully covered by the warranty, can be financed together with the new motorcycle thus also saving the customer additional costs and time. In addition the customer can still continue to customise his motorcycle further with the wide range of special accessories from the BMW Motorrad Spezial range.

With the launch of BMW Motorrad Spezial, a new generation of the BMW Motorrad Configurator will also be introduced. For the first time a large section of the special accessories range will be fully included in the digital presentation for the R nineT models – in addition to the full range of ex works special equipment. In this way the customer can configure his personalised BMW motorcycle with all the special equipment/Spezial parts before it is manufactured and also look at his bike with one or more Original BMW Motorrad Accessories installed. The new BMW Motorrad Spezial program starts from August 2017.

Learn more here:

<https://www.press.bmwgroup.com/global/article/detail/T0272406EN/bmw-motorrad-presents-bmw-motorrad-spezial-the-bmw-motorrad-individualisation-drive>



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June was a sad month for our Canterbury area with the passing of Alexis (Lex) Taylor, wife of Warren Taylor – both Life Members of the club. Lex and Warren ran the Canterbury Branch for a number of years and remained as stalwart members. Lex's love for people and life was infectious – just talking to her made the world a bit brighter. Lex was a keen motorcyclist – both on her own machine and riding pillion with Warren. Our thoughts are with Warren and the family. We remember Lex with affection as a key person in the life of our club.

Douglas "Duggy" Kerr
3 Nov 1950 - 8 July 2017

Duggy was a real good guy eh!

A Farmer, Builder, traveller, Bug man and storyteller.

Loved his wife Mary, doted on his kids and grandkids- taught them how to catch fish, and what to do with them afterwards, how to ride motorbikes; both hacking around the farm and scrambling across the Rangataiki scrub.

Duggy didn't mind too much about how he did his own riding.

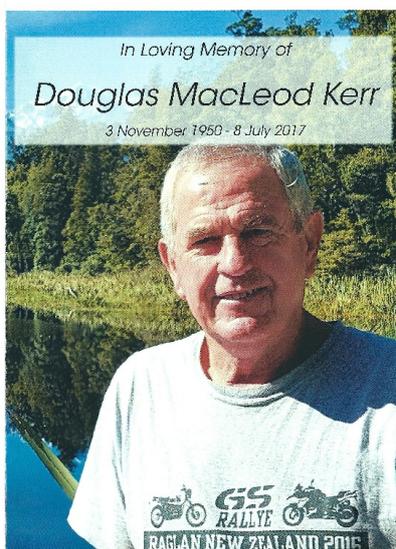
He had a crack at Track Day riding, mainly to scare himself.

He really enjoyed his GS on the gravel, mostly to scare us!

He was a 'Naki boy, and loved to take his riding mates down home and show them around.

The Girls, (as Duggy most affectionately called non riding partners) were encouraged to drive and enjoy the evening fun on our weekends away.

Duggy, with his cheeky grin and his tall stories, will be especially missed by all of his riding mates in the B.O.P. area.



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