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## NEW MEMBERS

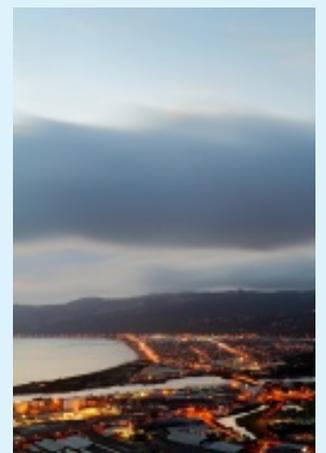
We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area.

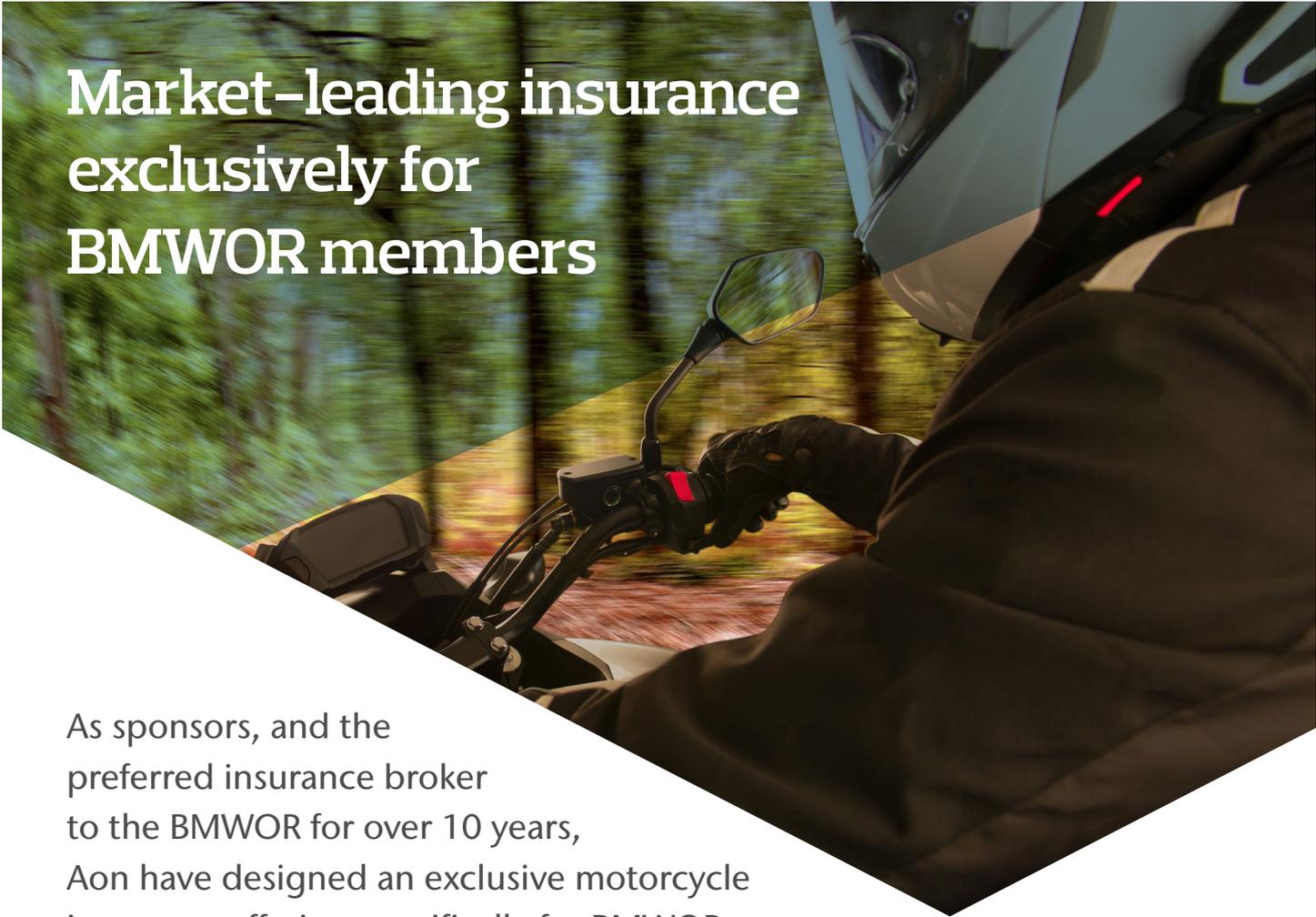
Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch with the Editor no later than the 15th day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

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Another photo from the Kyle Bland Collection. From the top of the Wainuiomata Hill lookout, a twilight photo of Seaview and Petone. The Hutt River prominent in the foreground.





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### President's Podium

I missed our annual Canterbury Kickstart event in September due to clash with the club's quarterly Board meeting. By all accounts it was a great event at its new venue, Mike Pero Motorsport Park, Ruapuna.

On that same Saturday, five of our Nelson members provided moto-marshalling services at the penultimate round of Calder Stewart Elite Cycling Series. Feedback from the organisers has been that they did a great job. My thanks indeed to Kevin, Hans, Tony, Fran and Greg for being excellent ambassadors for our club.

I've been out on the bike a bit more over this last month, and am very happy with a switch to Goldentyre. Our local dealer, Avon City Motorcycles, put on a great day with a bbq lunch at Lake Coleridge after a morning ride out via Lake Lyndon. Great to see a few Canterbury members get out for that one.

The South Island RAG Rally is an event I'm looking forward to, and I know of a few North Islanders making the trip down. You're in for a treat, and I'm sure there will be some challenge or other that will further test the grip and stability of the latest tyre choice.

Have a great time if you're planning on attending the NZ Motorcycle Show at the ASB Showgrounds, Auckland on the weekend of 24/25 November. Unfortunately, given everything else going on, it's not likely I'll be able to make it this year. Ride Forever is again the Naming Rights Partner of the show, so take advantage of the great tips and giveaways on offer to improve your riding.

There are plenty of other local area events going on as well. Do yourself a favour and look out for details from your Area Rep, the club website or our Facebook page.

Jo and I are booked for the Annual Rally in January and we're very much looking forward to the journey north. Steve tells me registrations currently number around 45 and, based on past booking trends, would suggest attendance of 100 plus for the weekend. There are some unique factors in play with this venue, we don't run out of attendee capacity until we nudge 150 participants and, in terms of accommodation and food, we just need to keep our hosts informed of minor adjustments up to 9 January 2019, which is when the kitchen needs to finalise purchasing. To this end there isn't really a cut-off date for registrations but you can be sure the organising team will sleep much better if you get your Rally registration to them sooner rather than later.

Of course our Rally also encompasses the club's Annual General Meeting. It is election time again and, as per our constitution, all positions for elected officers become available as it's the end of our two year term. I'm delighted that the current Board has decided to stand together for a further term but that does not preclude any member who wishes to do so from submitting a nomination to any position of interest. Ideally, nominations will be made in writing, signed by a current financial member and endorsed with the consent of the nominee before being sent to the Secretary for the record and published in the December newsletter. Nominations may be received at the AGM as long as the member being nominated has consented to that.

At the very least, come along and have your say in who will be running the club for the next two years. I have enjoyed my past term as President immensely and thank our wonderful and hardworking officers and all our other volunteers who have done an unbelievable amount of work over the last year.

Wherever your travels take you in November; have fun and make good decisions!

Garry

### Obituary - David Boyes

2 February 1931 – 21 October 2018

Member 776 Joined BMWOR on 1st July, 1988.

Editor November 1998 – October 2000.

Host, with Elisabeth, for folding group from 1998 to 2018. i.e. Until the introduction of digital newsletters.

It is with saddened heart we report the passing away of David Boyes recently.

He was born in Scotland and went to sea at the age of 16. He stayed in the Maritime career for all of his working life. He immigrated to New Zealand in the late 1950's and joined the Union Steamship Company working ships around the coast of New Zealand. He rose to the rank of Captain. Other positions he later held included the NZ Marine Department in training and inspection and the Straitsman shipping (now Bluebridge). David was well respected in the industry.

He led an active life and his passions included dogs, gardening, golf, computers and motorbikes. His last BMW was a 1993 R100R (no record of other bikes).

The folding group were always given flowers or vegetables out of his extensive garden, which he loved.

David will be sadly missed.



# 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

Link for country-wide events: <https://www.mnz.co.nz/events>

### National BMWOR Events

Jan. 2019 Annual Rally/AGM. Auckland. See page 10.

March/April (around): RAG Rally National Park. North Island.

Northland See area Rep.

### Auckland

Sunday 4th November. Café run. Destination Café Sole 10 Seaway Road Clarks Beach 2122. Make your own way there for 10am.

Monday 12th November. Monthly meeting. Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose 7.30pm.

Thursday 15th November. A return of the mid-week ride. Meet at The Garage 57 Barrys Point Road Takapuna for a 10am start.

Sunday 18th November. Monthly ride, destination Tutukaka. Meet Starbucks Westgate 9.00am for a 9.30 departure. The Westgate shopping centre is obvious on your left as you take exit 19A off the north Western Motorway heading away from Auckland Central. Starbucks is hard to miss once you have entered the complex.

Sunday 2nd December. Café run. Destination Café Miko 100 Hill Road Manurewa 2105 (Botanic Gardens). Make your own way there for 10.00am.

Monday 10th December. Monthly meeting. Bound to turn into a bit of a Christmas do, venue to be advised.

Sunday 16th December. Monthly Ride, destination Whatawhata. Meet BP Service Centre Southern Motorway between Papakura and Drury off ramps. 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

Thursday 20th December. Mid-week ride. Meet at The Garage 57 Barrys Point Road Takapuna for a 10am start.

Waikato See Area Rep.

Bay of Plenty See Area Rep.

Taranaki See Area Rep.

Rangitikei See Area Rep.

East Coast See Area Rep.

### Wairarapa/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.

Monday – 12 November - Club Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm

Sunday – 18 November - Monthly Club Ride to Kimbolton Pub – Lunch

Monday – 10 December - Social get together - Petone Working men's Club from 6:00pm

Sunday – 16 December - TBA

Nelson See Area Rep.

Canterbury See Area Rep.

Otago/Southland See Area Rep.

## Area Reports

### Auckland

Sunday September 16 saw us heading north in the general direction of Dargaville. Dargaville is always a great ride destination for 4 very good reasons; (1) There's some great sealed roads between here and there, (2) There's some even better gravel roads, (3) We don't have to agonise over which venue to choose for lunch because it's pretty much a choice of one, fortunately it's a good one and (4) We get to link up with our Northland counterparts. The fact that we got to ride in great weather conditions was a bonus. An important lesson was learnt by somebody as they enjoyed the hard packed and therefore fast off seal roads. The colour change in the road surface prior to the next corner is not necessarily another short sealed section leading up to a bridge or a farm drive way, it could just be deeper different coloured gravel. Accelerating on the assumption that it is seal will introduce stress into your day. Ironically our October Café Run destination "Plain Sailing" turned out to be anything but. Firstly we needed to change the date from our usual Sunday to Saturday; this allowed riders to support the Pink Ribbon ride on Sunday. Secondly and probably most importantly, Plain Sailing had closed down. Fortunately the bit where Plain Sailing didn't exist was discovered prior to the event reminder emails going out. Fabric Bistro and Café in the same general locale looked like a perfect substitute and it was, for those that actually managed to find it. Unbelievable as this may seem, not everything you read on the internet is actually true, the address Uncle Google served up was complete rubbish. Those that made it chilled out waterfront on the expansive deck area enjoying good coffee and tasty food. A couple of us seized on perfect riding conditions and managed to turn a 50km (more or less) round trip into a 200km one.

Our monthly meeting had as its focus the relationship and interaction between BMW dealerships and our greater Auckland and North membership. There are quite a few moving parts to this particularly when you add to the mix numerous non BMW authorised service providers in Auckland and the ability for every man and his dog to procure genuine parts from international sources online. Most of our discussion was relevant only to the local environment so this is not the forum to present that detail. One point which many of us were unaware of centres around diagnostics. There's probably a number of "plug and play" computer thingies out there which somebody a wee bit savvy can read some error codes off but there's one big problem; these devices do not download any campaign information relevant to your bike, particularly for bikes from 2013 on. Campaigns are tweaks, modifications and fixes which BMW have identified and expect to have implemented by your dealership, only a licensed dealer/workshop has access to this information. To make an informed decision around where you get service work done, this is definitely a "need to know" piece of information.

That's pretty much all the news that is news from around here and I've deliberately kept it brief so that you have time to rush off right now and do something really helpful; get your Rally 2019 registration in. One of the admin types is Suzanne, I am married to Suzanne, Suzanne is a much happier person when she's not under last minute pressure, my life is better when Suzanne is happy.  
Stephen

### Rangitikei

Our October ride had been planned as a trip to the Cross Hills gardens to enjoy the wonderful plants there at their spring best. Cross Hills is a few km north of Kimbolton so we took a bit of a ride to get there.

Assembling at Bulls BP we headed off around 10.15am with seven bikes in tow. Firstly to Sanson then turning north through to Halcombe and Waituna West. As often, we had a brief stop at Stormy Point to enjoy the view out over the Rangitikei. The weather wasn't obeying the forecast and big dark clouds were apparent around the area. We only struck a couple of showers but the temperatures were rather low. After completing the Vinegar Hill ride it was north on SH1 to Papa Cliffs cafe at Mangaweka. We enjoyed a coffee outside in the warm sunlight but retreated indoors as ominous black rain clouds arrived and a deluge commenced. We waited this out before getting back on the bikes and heading into the hinterland on the route to Rangiwahia. By the time we got to Rangiwahia the temperature had plummeted to 6 degrees and it was decidedly cold.

Onwards to Cross Hills and it was around 1pm by the time we got there. Something hot for lunch was what was needed and this slowly warmed us all up. Given the cool conditions there was little enthusiasm to tour the gardens so lunch dragged out into an extended session and lots of chat.

Riders and pillions drifted off to make their own way home after a day that had as always been very enjoyable.

### Nelson

Fantastic ride today (14th October). We met up at 3 Brothers Corner and finalised plans. It was good to see some faces we haven't seen for a while.

We set off in the direction of Murchison and regrouped at Kawatiri Junction.

A couple of riders continued on the seal to Murchison and the rest of us turned off and headed down to Lake Rotoroa before continuing on the gravel via the Braeburn to Murchison where we all met up for refreshments and conversation.

It was a similar affair going back via Braeburn and seal. A couple of riders opted for even more gravel and went home along Dry Weather Road.

We had a sobering sight at the top of the Hope Saddle where Tony had stopped to assist at the scene of a motorcycle crash, with a rider laying motionless next to his bike which was pinned under the crash barrier. What was even more sobering was some 30 minutes later going through Wakefield we finally saw the ambulance heading to the scene!

Stay safe out there, Kevin



Nelson Ride

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Above: Ian's ride in Alaska. The oil pipeline can be seen in the top left corner.



## 2018 1KC Rides

Put Saturday 10 November 2018 in your calendars, with a choice of two 1,000km Cruise rides on the same day.

One ride will start and finish in Wellington, the second will start and finish in the Hamilton area. The routes for each will be different, with briefing, instructions and checkpoint information sent to registered riders one week prior to the event.

Pillion riders are allowed on the 1KC. There is no formal scrutineering of machines. Riders are expected to ensure that they and their bikes are legally roadworthy.

These are social rides, with plenty of opportunities for riders to stop and yack with each other. After-ride hospitality will be available at a pre-arranged venue. There will be commemorative badges and certificates awarded. Proceeds raised will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy New Zealand.

1KC rides start and finish on the same day. Riders usually start from 6:30am until 7:00am. Most are generally home by 8:00pm, with stragglers returning at up to 10:00pm.

More details about these two rides and a registration form can be found here:  
<http://www.distanceriders.org.nz/the-1000km-cruise-the-1kc.html>

## Area Report Photos

Right: Nelson members enjoy a meal.

Below: Rangitikei members enjoy a meal (too).



In the 50 odd years I have been riding motorcycles I have had numerous worrying moments. Fortunately most have been just that, "moments" without long term repercussions. By recounting these incidents I would like to think that it may help others to ride in a safer manner. Good Luck.

Sometimes it does indeed pay to follow too close to the vehicle in front. As a youngster I was proudly riding my 250cc C11G BSA down the quite steep Ridge Road in Mount Roskill. The car in front was towing a large cabin day boat. It had a dingy standing up on its transom in the back of the boat with its bow protruding above the cabin roof. I suddenly realised that the dingy was moving independently to the boat, and as the wind caught it, it launched itself upwards. I vividly remember seeing the dinghy pass over my head, and then be shattered into a thousand pieces as it hit the road behind me and disintegrated. Had I been a little further back it would have landed on top of me. Phew!

While on the subject of dinghies, I had another close encounter with one just south of Taupo. This small boat was being towed on its own trailer, and was only a few car lengths ahead when it quietly drifted off the road onto the grass heading for the pine trees. The grass verge was fortunately quite wide, but was decidedly bumpy. An outboard motor inside the boat lived up to its name, bounced out and cartwheeled end over end. The boat was partially dislodged off the trailer just as the driver appeared to wake up and attempt to take control. He swerved back towards me and the road, by now well out of control. Fortunately he managed to stop before careering back into the oncoming traffic. Phew again!

The road over the Paraparas between Raetahi and Wanganui has always been a favourite ride, especially in the days before they embarked on a vigorous corner elimination programme. I was following closely behind a tin top, eagerly looking for a place to pass in a particularly twisty section. A young kid's head appeared out the rear driver's side window and looked towards me. The face looked decidedly green, and as its mouth opened, a plume of spew was ejected. It just seemed to hang in the air, directly in front of me. With horror I swerved to the left, and managed to only contact the pungent aroma so characteristic of this material. Not pleasant.

In Northland on the way to Cape Reinga there are passing lanes on a twisty uphill section of SH1. As is usual on this type of road I was able to travel significantly quicker than the car I was about to overtake. To my horror, as I got adjacent to his back wheel, he decided to cut the right hand corner completely and come into my lane. With nowhere else to go I had no alternative but to swerve onto the wrong side of the road. Very fortunately there was nothing coming the other way, otherwise the outcome could have been very different. Understandably my displeasure of the car driver's actions was displayed in a very non-PC manner!

In the same area of Northland I was riding the old R75/5 BMW carefully through some freshly tarred road works. A lot of loose stones were being flicked up, and I was glad I did not have to worry about damage to a belt rear drive. Once clear I accelerated towards the next corner, and then rolled off the throttle. Unfortunately only one cylinder responded to the command, while the other cylinder remained flat out. Decisions had to be made to try to make the corner at excessive speed. The option to kill the engine was considered, but this entailed letting go of the handlebars in order to get to the ignition switch in the headlight shell. Somehow I managed to come to a halt without falling off. Investigation showed a stone had conveniently lodged itself quite tightly under the throttle stop screw on the righthand carburettor, jamming it on full throttle. Surely a rare occurrence.

As a schoolboy I proudly owned a rather special Norton ES2 which had all sorts of nice extras like a TT carb and a remarkably powerful racing Norton Manx twin leading shoe front brake. Riding at a reasonable clip in the rain down White Swan Road, the front of the bike suddenly dipped drastically. I remember looking down and seeing the front wheel locked solid and completely stationary. Not a good look at speed on a wet road!

As I struggled to keep the bike upright I shot right across the road and onto the front lawn of a house before dropping the bike on its side. Unfortunately as the bike was naturally slowing rather quickly, a following car tried to overtake me as I swept across in front of him. The driver was initially rather abusive. I thought that having just survived a possible crash I was about to be beaten up for my troubles. Investigation revealed that a piece of rivetted brake lining had broken off, and absolutely jammed the wheel solid. Certainly a case for bonded brake linings!

While riding North from Auckland on my beloved Vincent, a car pulled over to the side of the road a fair way ahead. As I got closer the driver started to pull out without any indication. I moved towards the centre of the road to overtake when, to my horror, he suddenly did a U turn directly in front of me, again with no indication. Rather than go right and get run over I elected to swerve left, but unfortunately without sufficient room. I hit the Cortina car between the rear driver's side door and the rear wheel.

After flying right over the top of the car I found myself lying on the road. As I regained consciousness I detected the now rather bent motorcycle lying beside me. I contemplated 2 possibilities. Either I was still alive, or alternatively I had been killed. If I was indeed in heaven, then there were Vincents there, so things weren't too bad!

In spite of the fact that the bike front wheel was now imbedded in the engine, the bike proved to be quite repairable, and after an ambulance trip to Hospital so was I. Not so for the car which was subsequently written off: Karma!

On the last Southern Cross Rally (Cape Reinga / Cape Egmont / East Cape / Bluff) run by the Rusty Nuts I was in convoy with several other riders through Rotorua. I approached the Fenton Street roundabout to turn right with headlight and daylight riding lights on, and the turn indicators flashing. Even though I was also wearing a HiViz jacket, I suddenly realised that a car approaching on my left was not showing any indication of giving way. It became obvious that he had not seen me, and the reason was he was looking the wrong way! Already cranked over in the turn, there was no alternative but to grab a handful of front brake. The bike unavoidably high-sided me onto the road, a mere metre from the side of the errant car.

The driver jumped out very apologetic, vigorously waving rental car documentation and jibbering in German. Once I got him to realise that I was not going to punch him in the nose, and we had cleared the bike from the intersection, he calmed down a little.

It was indeed fortunate that I had stopped when I did or I would have ended up underneath the car, possibly with quite drastic consequences.

In the early days of the BMW Register I enjoyed the benefits of the much improved 12 volt lights on these German machines. I would regularly ride at night from Auckland down to Wanganui to arrive in time for breakfast. One night on the Parapara road I detected something to my right, but before I could react something solid hit me far in the chest. Looking down to my lap there lay a rather startled Morepork. I don't know who was more shocked, the bird or me. As I slowed down to a stop, this plucky bird stood up, ruffled his feathers, and flew off into the gloom.

On a similar winter ride on the Napier/Taupo road I encountered quite thick fog at night. This reduced visibility to the extent that speed was kept quite low. This proved to be more than slightly fortuitous as in the twinkling of an eye the fog on the visor froze eliminating all vision. It's amazing how quickly you can open your visor, even with very cold hands!

My 90S BMW proved to be an exciting bike to ride. Sometimes a little too exciting: Barrelling along the open road at a good clip, I changed down to power around a slight curve. Suddenly there was a crunching sound followed by the screech from the rear tyre. The back wheel had seized completely. Instinctively, thinking that the motor had blown, I pulled in the clutch without any effect. Decision time: - Try to stay on the road and lay the bike down, or preferably keep it upright and head wherever. This second option seemed more attractive. After a seemingly long struggle and some quite wild slides I finally managed to come to a halt sideways just off the road. The gear lever was jammed solid, and the whole transmission locked. Once the heart rate had reduced somewhat, it was out with the tool kit and the drive shaft universal joint bolts at the back of the gearbox were removed. At least now the bike was moveable. I pushed it into the nearest farmhouse, and hitched a ride north towards Auckland.

Subsequent investigation into the gearbox internals revealed that a dog had come off one gear. Purely by chance this had wedged itself between the 2 gear selector plates, forcing them out of mesh. With 2 gears engaged at once it is no wonder the unit locked solid.

Highway 27 is a common route from the Bay of Plenty north. I was riding close up behind a low-loader transporter carrying a large digger, eagerly looking for a passing opportunity. Suddenly with a resounding bang a right rear tyre in the transporter blew apart, firing great chunks of tyre tread directly in my path. The speed at which this debris was approaching ruled out any possibility of stopping in time. Oncoming cars prevented any swerving out to the right, so drastic counter-steering to the left was required. I ended up on the wrong side of the marker posts, but managed to stay on board, although a little shaken.

All these incidents reinforce the very real need to remain relaxed but constantly alert while riding. I have been fortunate to have enjoyed more than 35 years of classic racing, and this activity requires complete and intense concentration to stay out of trouble: - Good training.

I'm not a great fan for bill-boards, but I do like the one showing a motorcycle with the caption;  
"Expect the unexpected"

In all these cases above, the impending danger was not fully realised until it appeared, usually quite suddenly. Stay alert. Stay safe. Stay alive.



Keith bought a brand new Holden Monaro. He took off down the road, pushed it up to 150 km/hr, and was enjoying the wind blowing through (thinning) hair. "This is great," he thought and accelerated to an even higher speed. Then, he looked in his rear-view mirror, and there was a Police Car.

Problem - thought Keith, and he floored it some more, and flew down the road at over 210 km/hr to escape being stopped. He then thought, "What the hell am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing" and pulled over to the side of the road, and waited for the Police car to catch up with him.

The Policeman pulled in behind the Monaro and walked up on the driver's side. "Sir my Shift ends in five minutes and today is Friday the 13th. If you can give me a good reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

The man looked back at the Policeman and said, "Last week my wife ran off with a Policeman, and I thought you were bringing her back."

The Policeman said, "Have a nice day"

There was a man who had worked all of his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me."

And so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would put all of the money in the casket with him.

Well, he died.

He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there in black, and her friend was sitting next to her.

When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a minute!"

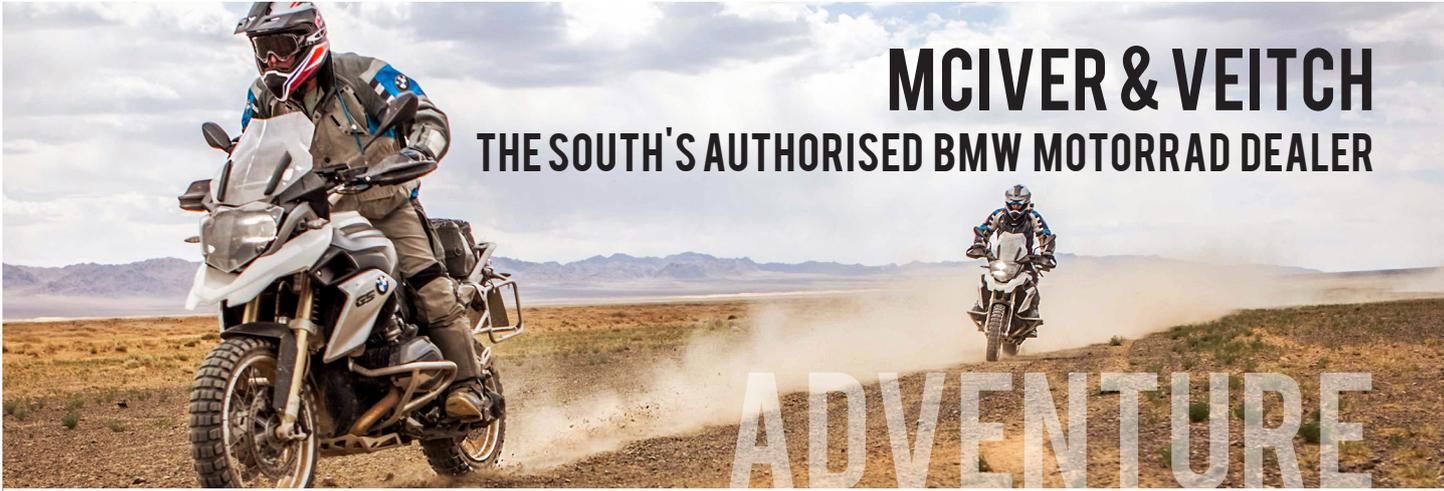
She had a box with her, she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down, and they rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I know you weren't fool enough to put all that money in there with your husband."

The loyal wife replied "Listen, I can't go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money in that casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him?"

"I sure did" said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account and wrote him a cheque. If he can cash it, he can spend it."



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## You Know You're Old When...

... Your baby photos are black and white,  
And sometimes you muse 'Have I lost height?'  
You remember colourful braided 'lectric cords,  
And scoff at vinyl, they are called records!

Back in the day of split wind-screens.  
Fitted as standard on autos and machines.  
Batteries running flat, just trying to start,  
Elvis, " 'Got Stung", hits One on the Chart.

.... You treat yourself to a mobile home.  
"I'll see the world' self-contained I'll roam!  
'Lectronic softwares in-cluding Chrome,  
In touch with family, via mobile phone!"

You know you're old when, you know where you've been,  
Done this and done that; seen this - heard dat.  
Got a mental library that's full of stories,  
A tot-to-Pop span of inventories.

## The Pensioner's Dilemma

I now have reached age 74,  
Oft I wonder, how many more?  
Does a pensioner plan life ahead,  
Every day until a day of dread?  
I should think not he lives day to day,  
A member now to brigade of grey.

How many days, how many eves,  
How much time before one leaves?  
What to do that's more than a crossword,  
Build a boat? That's just absurd!  
How many days, how many nights,  
How much time before off turns the lights?

My cupboard is tidy without any clutter,  
Gives rellies no reason to grumble and mutter.  
Once you're dead – and, surrounded with mud,  
(You're ancestor now: Not re-lation blood.)  
They move on in to grab their claim,  
Now you've lost, any claim to fame.

## You Know You're Old When... (2)

Your right foot habitually leads down the stairs,  
And your socks have colour to maintain their pairs.  
And while you can't remember all of your friends,  
You constantly discuss that '55 Benz.

And, 'What's that you say, Dear?  
Speak up I can't hear!  
"No wonder my love, the 'aid's on the chair.  
Sometimes you do, really make me despair!"

But gradually facilities wear out and/or fade,  
Eventually you give up and stop the charade.  
'I am what I am and I don't give a hoot!  
Take as you find me - a silly old coot!

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# BMWOR Annual Rally and AGM

## Paerata 2019

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### **Wesley College Paerata (It's like nature and green and stuff with cows and butterflies.)**

The venue, Wesley College, provides a practical, fully catered location with ready access to sealed and unsealed roads and recreational options a plenty without having to negotiate the JAFFA madness.

Organised rides will include seal and off –seal riding on some of the wonderful coastal rides and scenic vistas that the west coast, Manukau Peninsular, Cc omandel and the Waikato has to offer. There's a smorgasbord of stuff that you can select to join in wi or head off and explore on your own.

The accommodation is a school with residential facilities, so accommodation is practical, with single twin and cubicles in larger rooms; all linen and catering is provided. There are great socialising areas with tea, coffee and kitchen facilities, lounges, decks, and a pool along with great on-site areas for planned activities over the weekend.

Pukekohe township is 10 minutes drive and has much to offer those looking for shops, markets and galleries. It is about 15 minutes drive to the train station to journey into Auckland and explore the city or catch the Ferry to Waiheke. There will be opportunities for non riders and partners to visit local gardens, cafes, winery tours, Waiheke Island, hiking tracks and walks etc. Look for updates as we get close to the event. **Registrations are open, with options for live in and locals to attend daily.**





**Registration Form: 2019 Annual BMWOR Rally**

**Wesley College: 801 State Highway 22, Paerata, Auckland, New Zealand 2676**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

<b>Name of registered member</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
		<b>Postcode:</b>
<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Email</b>		

<b>BMWOR number</b>		<b>Area</b>	
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<b>Name 1:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost PP</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Name 2:</b>			
<b>Registration:</b> Participation in events over the weekend (Excludes Meals/Accom.) This provides access to tea and coffee in registration area over the weekend.		<b>\$40</b>	
<b>Registration with dinners:</b> Saturday and Sunday. (Excludes accommodation) This includes access to tea and coffee in the dining area.		<b>\$80</b>	
<b>Registration with all meals and accommodation.</b>		<b>\$300</b>	
<b>Single Supplement;</b> This is a single or a twin room to yourself with shared Facilities		<b>\$50</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Memorabilia: BMWOR Annual Rally Paerata 2019**

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2019 Rally Badge		@ \$15
Shirt – Circle Size S            M            L            XL            2XL            3XL		@ \$40
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Registration forms:** Email to [bmwannualrally2019@gmail.com](mailto:bmwannualrally2019@gmail.com) (All entries will be acknowledged)

**OR** Post to: S Parkinson PO Box 109 204 Newmarket Auckland 1149

**Payment** by internet banking to BMWOR Event Account **03 – 1519- 0034447- 001**

**Reference with** Name - \_\_\_\_\_ BMWOR member number \_\_\_\_\_ Rally2019

**Shared Accommodation:** If you have registered as a couple you will be allocated a twin room.  
**Shared spaces are private cubicles within a larger room space or twin rooms.**

<b>I am happy to share a room/be allocated a cubicle in a room with Name :</b>	<b>OR</b> Please allocate me a space in a shared room ; I like meeting new people.
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**Health/ dietary concerns that are pertinent to this event.**

<p>It is important if you are travelling /participating as an <b>individual</b> that the organisers are aware of these.  <b>Please communicate these with the appropriate staff member at registration.</b> (Being old doesn't count.)  <b>Meals are all buffet style:</b> the kitchen is experienced at providing meals for all special requests.  <b>Please circle below if you have specific requirements.</b></p>					
<b>Meal requirements</b>	Dairy Free	Vegetarian	Gluten Free	Gluten Intolerant	Other:
<b>Packed lunch for</b>	<b>MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> (for your journey home)</b>				<b>YES / NO</b>

**Disclaimer:** This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the register's official newsletter. By registering for this event, participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan.

**What does the Annual Rally and the AGM hold for you?**



Concours



'We will,  
we will,  
Rock you!'



The Annual Rally always has a sumptuous feast on this occasion. Have you booked your place?

**Reunions.**

**Photo Ops.**

**Fellowship**

**Rides!**



## Preliminary Notice of AGM

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of BMW Owner's Register Inc. will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday 12 January 2019 at Wesley College, 801 State Highway 22, Paerata, Auckland 2676.

Any member of the BMWOR intending to bring forward a subject for discussion or to move a resolution at the AGM must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or prior to Sunday 23 December 2018. Notices must specify the subject or set out the resolution to be moved in accordance with clause 9.1.5 of the club's constitution and must be dated and signed by the mover and seconder, both of whom must be current financial members of BMWOR. Any notices of resolution submitted after Sunday 23 December 2018 will not be accepted.

The final agenda for the Annual General Meeting, including any notices of motion received from any Members, will be sent electronically or by post to all members at their last known place of address and posted on the Club website fourteen days prior to the meeting.

All elected Board Members' two year terms expire at the AGM in January 2019, therefore an election is required for each Board position for the next two year term. This is in accordance with BMWOR's constitution, which is available on the club website at [www.bmwor.org.nz](http://www.bmwor.org.nz).



Above: A cheeky squirrel raids Ian's saddlebag while he is in the motel room.

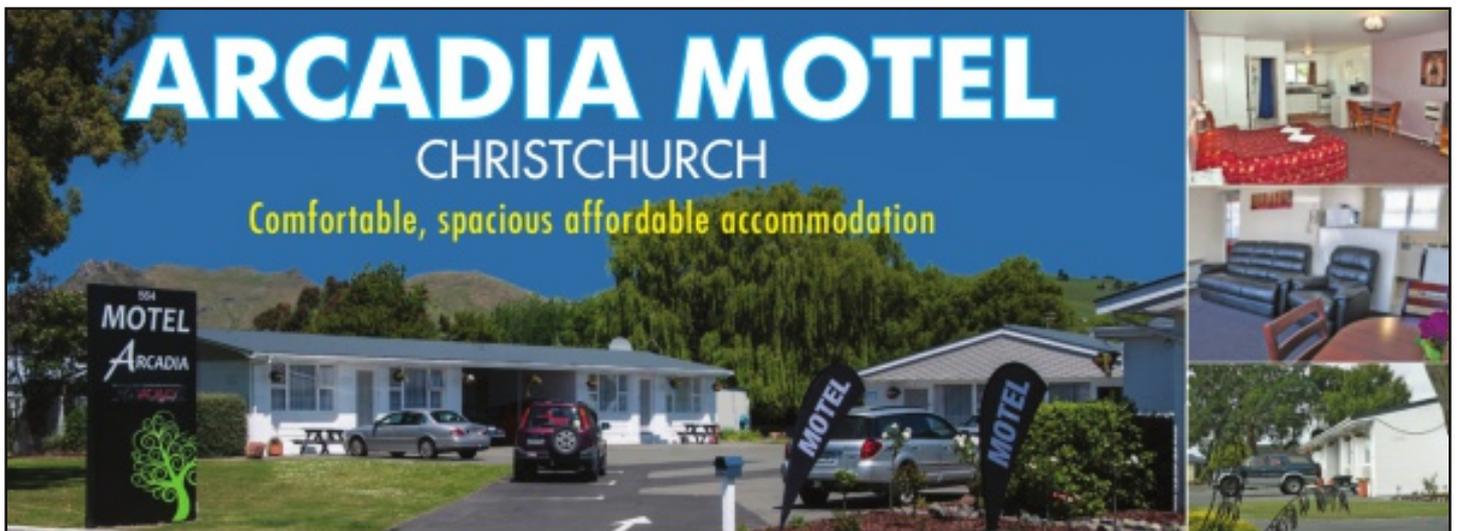
Below: Ian's Alaska trip. One of the hazards of riding in North America is the presence of large wildlife. Here one of Ian's fellow travellers encounters a Buffalo confused with the wildfire burning close by.



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