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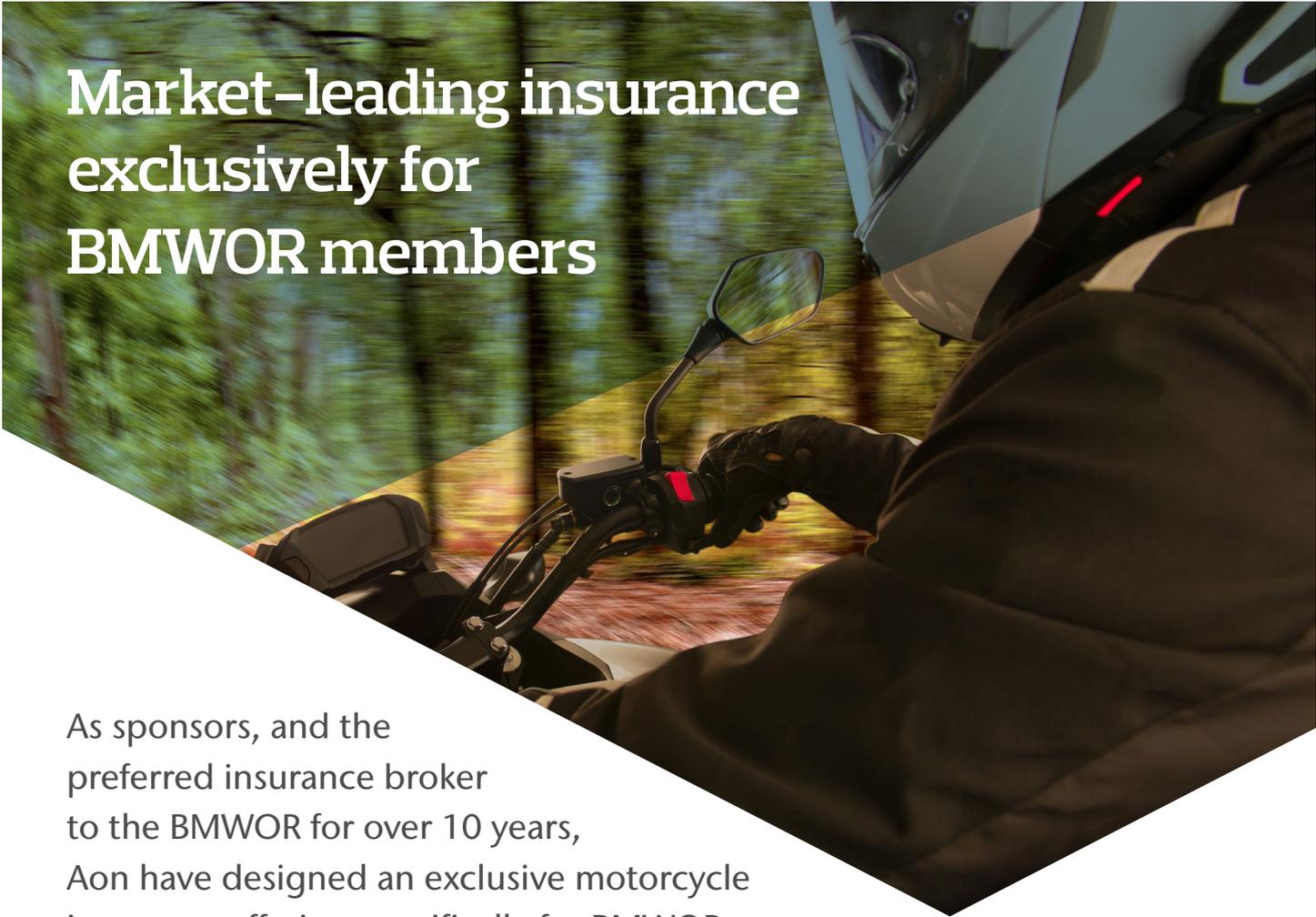
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## President's Podium February 2019

It's a bit of a struggle being back a work. The month off over Christmas and New Year, the adventure north to the Annual Rally at Paerata and a couple of days leave turning Waitangi Day into a five day weekend are but a distant memory. I've not been riding much since we got back, it's so dry here that any gravel feels like it's coated in Teflon, and the dust just annoys the hell out of everyone. I've never seen the Lees Valley so parched! Over the last month, the Okuku River flow at Fox Creek has plummeted from 4.2 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (which is low enough to cross the river with ease) to a measly 0.6 m<sup>3</sup>/sec. The fire risk in North Canterbury is extreme and, unless we get some significant rain soon, it would not surprise me to see the road through the valley closed to recreational vehicles as we've seen recently with the Molesworth and Rainbow roads and the Muzzle Station road up through the Clarence Valley.

It's mid-morning and already 30c and I can't help thinking of our members in the Tasman District, particularly those around the Wakefield area. I heard there was an increase in fire activity last night due to a drop in humidity resulting in a few flare-ups and a breach in the control line around the east of the fire. The fire perimeter is now about 33km, covering around 2,400 hectares. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and all those involved in the huge effort to contain this fire.

Great excitement is evident across social media with a recent announcement that the 2010 International GS Trophy is to be held in New Zealand. The International GS Trophy is an incomparable and challenging adventure over several days for real off-road experts. The event is not a rally or a race; it focuses mainly on team spirit as well as riding skill, which is tested in sometimes brutal ways. BMW Motorrad has been hosting this amazing enduro extravaganza every two years since 2008 in places such as Tunisia, South Africa, Patagonia, Canada, Thailand, and Mongolia so getting it to New Zealand is a real coup. Five teams started at the first GS Trophy, now a total of 18 teams take part with team members selected through a series of national qualifying events where riders must prove themselves through their demonstration of riding skill, fitness, and a large amount of will power!

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that BMW Motorrad will support New Zealand hosting a series of qualifying events to enter a team given the small size of our market. A project team from within BMW Motorrad International take care of all the logistics for the event, including scoping and deciding on the route, and they will keep dates, locations and other key information very closely guarded. Nevertheless, it's going to be an exciting event and in past years parts of course have been opened up to those who want to give it a go at the end of the event so perhaps that will happen here. However, if the only way I'll be participating is as a spectator then so be it, I'll be there.

Our next national event is the inaugural annual National Festival with the BMW Car Club on Saturday 30 March, 2019. Great to hear from the organisers the registration are steady and a fair few of these are from the motorcycle side. It's not too late to join in and there are a few spaces left at the dinner table on the Saturday night. If you're thinking about it, you'll find the registration form in the events section of the club website.

Last year I let you know about the Waimarino Adventure, a new event in the making that is an "Adventure Rallye" (sort of like the 2016 Raglan G/S Rallye) aimed at catering to all levels of rider skill. We deferred this to a March date as the weather was likely be warmer and drier than original December dates planned, Ironically, it's too warm and dry so we now have to postpone this once again due to the extreme fire risk on a couple of properties that are integral to making to route work. The Waimarino Adventure is now likely to be held in the autumn of 2019 and I will let you know the dates as soon as possible so you can plan for it. Preference for entry will still be given to club members riding a GS variant and full details around registration, cost, location, accommodation and meals, etc. will be up on a purpose built website shortly.

Great to hear many of you made it safely to and from the Burt Munro challenge. Jo and I met up with Robin and his band of intrepid travellers from the Rangitikei for coffee in Amberley on their way down.

We still have the Annual RAG Rally at Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka near National Park on the weekend of Saturday 6/Sunday 7 April to look forward to and I'll let you know where and when we'll be hosting the SI RAG Rally later in the year.

While the club doesn't support it directly, the annual Dusty Butt adventure starts today. I know many of our members are participating and will cover approximately 1400km of epic riding from Fairlie to Alexandra & south, and back to Fairlie. It's an amazing adventure renowned for its challenges and surprises along the way, and the high that comes from a well-deserved achievement at the end!

If you're a relatively new member it would be great to see you at club events. There are plenty run at a local area so do yourself a favour by looking out for the details from your Area Rep, the club website or our Facebook page.

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

Garry





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Barkeep: I'm sorry, we never serve time travellers. - A time traveller walks into a bar.

Meanwhile in a parallel universe: "Oh for God's sake! Where are all these extra single socks coming from?!"

## **FINISH START PLANNING NOW!**

### **RAG Rally**

is next on our Calendar.  
See details on page 10 and 11.

'When I turned two I was really anxious, because I'd doubled my age in a year.

I thought, if this keeps up, by the time I'm six, I'll be 90!'

My dog is an awesome fashion adviser. Every time I ask him what I look like in my clothes, he says "WOW!"

## 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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# 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

30-31 March BMW festival Turangi. See page 15 for details.

Fri 5th April Dawn Chorus Pureora Forest Park

Sat 6th - Sun 7th April: RAG Rally. Pokaka, National Park. North Island.

### Regional BMWOR Events

Northland See area Rep.

#### Auckland

Café Run Sunday 3rd March. Make your own way there for 10.00 am. As soon as I figure out a destination I'll let you know by email (if you think you are not on the email schedule then you need to phone 021989092 or email [steve@ctnsider.co.nz](mailto:steve@ctnsider.co.nz)).

Monthly Meeting Monday 11th March 7.30pm. Most likely Vintage and Veteran Clubrooms 39 Fairfax Ave Penrose but I'll confirm in plenty of time.

Monthly Ride Sunday 17th March Destination Kerikeri. Meet Starbucks Westgate (just off exit 19A North Western Motorway) 9.00am for a 9.30 departure.

#### Waikato

Now a regular monthly dinner meeting. 3rd. Thursday every month, 6.30pm. Café Oasis, 35 Duke St. Cambridge.

Bay of Plenty See Area Rep.

Taranaki See Area Rep.

Rangitikei See Area Rep.

East Coast See Area Rep.

Wairarapa/Wellington See area Rep.

Nelson See area Rep.

Canterbury See Area Rep.

Otago/Southland See Area Rep.

## Area Reports

### Auckland

The first non - Rally event for 2019 was our café run to B. Café located on the end of Birkenhead wharf. Strangely, even though the address was 1 Hinemoa Street which you would expect to be at one end or the other of Hinemoa St, there were confused folk being directed by Google to a location some 250 mtrs away from the actual café. The internet is the world's leading source of misleading information and this was just another example. On the upside we all ended up where we should be, sitting outside, perched on the end of the wharf, enjoying great food (well-priced actually), great coffee combining with views across the harbour taking in the Harbour Bridge and Auckland CBD as backdrop. The general idea is that we turn up around 10.00am and disappear around 11.30am, on this day we found ourselves just relaxing in the environment until the staff started vacuuming around our feet and stacking stuff away, the time at this point was 1.30pm.

Our first monthly meeting for 2019 was an opportunity to have a slideshow of Rally 2019 moments presenting in the background as we relaxed and chatted. The slideshow prompted a lot of recollection and discussion also reminding us of the generous support we

were given for this event from BMW Motorrad, Aon Insurance, Continental Tyres, Cyclespot BMW, MSAC, ACC Ride Forever and Auckland Transport. That reminds me, if you were registered for Rally 2019 and you have an insurance renewal due in the next 12 months (actually that's all of you that were registered) you need to talk to Leonie Steadman from Aon about your renewal or switching your insurance, it will be worth your while. We were also reminded of some people and entities that performed way beyond reasonable expectation; Paul Mahoney of Limestone Downs, management of Nikau Caves, Dean Jamieson of Bike Maintenance Shop and the owners of Awhitu Winery. Actually let's not forget Pale Sauni and New Soul Collective who had Saturday night cranking. Chris Parkinson went above and beyond to position himself to take action photos and deliver lunch to the picturesque west coast estuary setting within Limestone Downs. The usual stalwarts were a tower of power before and after; Tony O'Connor, Henry and Trish Plowright, Richard Kuysten / Janine Bennett, Peter and Lynette Zink, Noel Walker, Colleen Jamieson. Some special thanks needs to go out to Suzanne Parkinson who was seriously the magnet drawing all the peripheral components together into a cohesive whole (which is different from the hole she would have enthusiastically dug and buried me in in at times during the build-

up), the rally experience would not have come together in her absence.

So life is now normal with its usual flow, at the time of writing we are heading off tomorrow with Raglan as our destination. The seal ride is always something to look forward to and Tony has a tendency to introduce something new and unexpected at times. This route, like any Northland route spoils us with choice around gravel options. That reminds me, need to clean the bike so it can get dirty tomorrow so that I can clean it next weekend, routines are important.

Stephen Parkinson

### Rangitikei

Two on the same day

There were five bikes at the Gull in Whanganui at the start



time on 17 February. That equated to eight members. In other words we had 3 pillions in the group. Three were on BMWs, and one was a Honda and the other was a Suzuki.



The first challenge was to ride around the Whanganui Cemetery Circuit at road legal speeds. Yes, we almost got that right. After a cruise along Victoria Avenue we stopped at the Pukeko's Nest at Westmere for a coffee break. Nerves settled after our first raceway experience, we set off for the second raceway experience of the day. We flashed past Whenuakura School and turned left into Hukatere Rd. The Patea Racetrack is no longer in

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## REGISTRATION FORM - RAG RALLY (North Island)

Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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This is a BMW Motorcycle Club Qualifying Event	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Registration (non-refundable)			
• BMWOR Member		\$15.00	
• NON BMWOR Member		\$30.00	
• RAG RALLY Badge		\$15-00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

*Cancellations - Registration fee is non-refundable. Special applications may be considered.*

<p>Please mail all <b>Registration Forms</b> -(including cheques made payable to <b>BMWOR</b>) - to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BMWOR - NI RAG RALLY</b> <b>Post Box 109-245</b> <b>Newmarket</b> <b>AUCKLAND 1149;</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or <b>SCAN and EMAIL to:</b> <b><a href="mailto:secretary@bmwor.org.nz">secretary@bmwor.org.nz</a></b></p>	<p><u>Payment by Internet Banking</u></p> <p><b>BMWOR Event Account</b> <b>03-1519-0034447-01</b></p> <p>NB - This is <b>NOT</b> the subscription account</p> <p>Please reference with: <b>SURNAME,</b> <b>BMWOR Member #</b> <b>NI RAG Rally</b></p>	<p><u>General enquiries to:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rally Coordinator</b> <b>Robin Wood</b> <b>06 355 0911</b> <b>021 724 859</b> <b><a href="mailto:treasurer@bmwor.org.nz">treasurer@bmwor.org.nz</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registrations close:</b> <b>Friday 22 March 2019</b></p>
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**DISCLAIMER:** This Rally will be run under the BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan as in the club's official newsletter. By registering for this event participants agree to abide by all the conditions of the said Management Plan

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use, but we all could feel the ghosts of racers past as we ducked and dived around the narrow sealed roads that make up the former track.

So by 11.45am we had ridden around not one but two race tracks. That could be a first.

Patea's renowned waka provided a suitable setting for the photo op. Then it was off to Carlisle beach for a picnic and a catch up. Riders later made their own way home.

The Roll of Honour for riding two race tracks in a day: Barry and Barbara Petherick, Murray and Jeanette Petherick, Peer and Lis Nielsen, Neville Parker, Lance Nixon.

Well done that team.

Barry P

#### East Coast

Our monthly get together on the last Tuesday of the month was held at Pipi's Restaurant in Havelock North.

John

#### Nelson

15 bikes met at QE2 carpark in Nelson on a fine Sunday morning for a ride over to Marlborough, and for some to escape the smoke from the raging fires.

We went to Pelorus for a coffee and a chat before heading to Penzance for a picnic and a swim. The water was most welcoming and crystal clear with the air temperature about 27C.

After swimming and lunch Dion kindly took all who wanted for a boat ride around the bay.

Gretchen went for another swim before we started heading home via Rai for an ice cream.

Yet another great day out and a fantastic turn out.

Kevin

(The turn-off to Pezance Bay is just west of Rai - Ed.)



## Eight Wellington Members Ride to the 2019 National Rally



Thursday 10 January saw our group of eight members assemble at the BP Servo at Mana for the days ride through to Taumarunui we departed at 08:30. The members were Dave & Julie O, Bruce & Virginia F, Dave R, Keith T and Peter & Jenny N we also met up with Neil R, a Rangitikei member, at Kowhai Park in Whanganui.

Our route was SH1 to Bulls with a comfort and coffee stop at the Woolshed Café south of Sanson where Bruce F contacted Neil so he could make his way to the meeting point at Kowhai Park, SH3 from Bulls to Whanganui and then the Parapara Road SH4. There was a mishap on the Parapara Road Dave O had his Top Box fall off which bounced along the road however didn't burst open. The problem was the mounting catch on the Top Box which turned out to be a design fault and a previous owner had glued it back in place which eventually broke. Given the windy nature of the road, as lead rider it was a little while before it became obvious that we were a couple of bikes missing so we stopped and waited and after a while I turned and went back to see what had happened. The ride back seemed like about 20 kms before both Dave R and Dave O (TEC) went past, the whole group all eventually linked back up at the Raukawa Falls.

We rode on to Raetihi to refuel and for lunch before continuing up SH4 to Taumarunui and the overnight stop at Kelly's Motel next to the BP Servo on the north end of town. We had dinner at the local RSA which was excellent both in terms of value and service.

We departed relatively early on Friday morning and continued up SH4 joining SH3 at Eight Mile Junction and rode through Te Kuiti to Otorohanga where we refuelled and had a coffee and a comfort stop before setting out on SH31 for the run through Pirongia and on to the turn off to Raglan (SH23). Many of us had either not been to Raglan before or not been there for many years it has clearly become a thriving tourist town particularly if you are a Surfer, being lunch time, it was busy, and we had lunch and then wandered down to the waterfront. Our ride from Raglan was up a winding hilly back road designated as HWY 22 to Tuakau and then through to Pukekohe and onto Wesley College. It was very hot, and we were all glad to get to Paerata and register for the Rally and consume some cold drinks.

A big thanks goes to Steve and Suzanne Parkinson and their team for the brilliant job of organising this rally and we all certainly enjoyed ourselves.

Peter Nash

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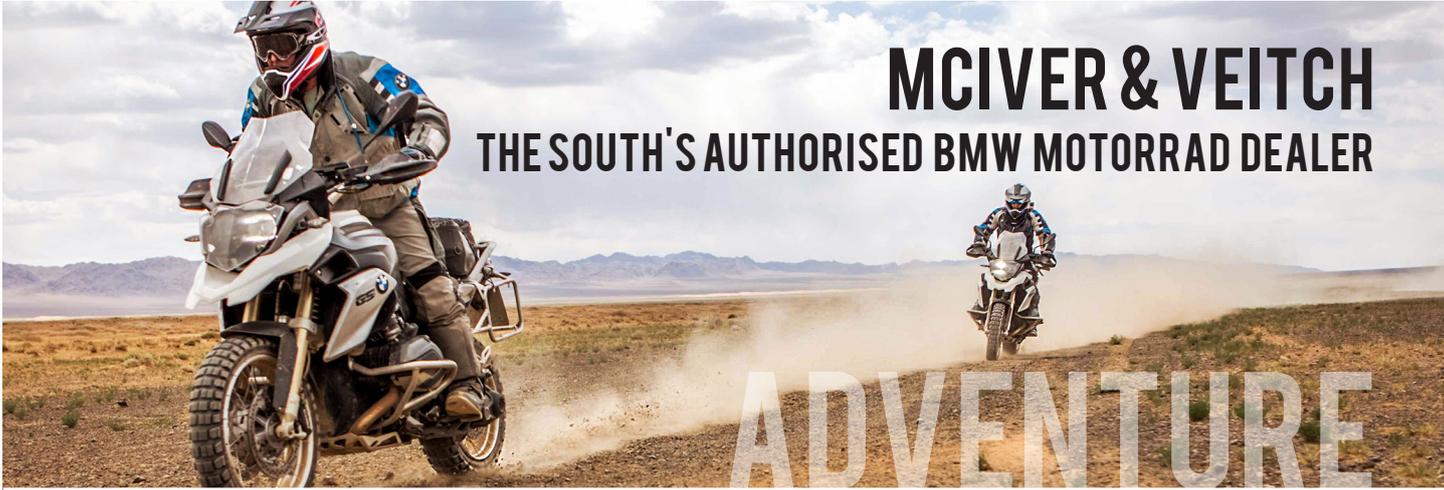
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## **TO ALL BMW CLUB MEMBERS**

You are invited to attend the inaugural annual National Festival to be held at Braxmere Lodge, 88 Waihi Rd, Tokaanu (Turangi) on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

A National Show and Shine will be held right on the edge of Lake Taupo

Cars & bikes will be on display all day on Saturday on the lake edge with the Show and Shine starting at 10am

This is a joint event organised by the BMW Car Club New Zealand & the BMW Owners Register of New Zealand. It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded folk from both sides of the BMW badge.

A dinner at the Lakeland Restaurant (part of Braxmere Lodge) on Saturday night will round out the day's events for everyone involved.

Accommodation is limited to 10 units only at Braxmere – first in first served. \$150 /night for 2 nights (Fri & Sat). (Accommodation at Braxmere is configured as a king bed in one room with double fold out bed in the lounge). Once this is booked there are plenty of motels & accommodation in & around Turangi.

Please contact Braxmere Lodge directly to book accommodation on 07 386 6449 or 027 427 2963, mentioning BMW Clubs. This will be held for Club members until early January.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> a drive/ride will be held around the base of National Park with brunch in Ohakune. From there, participants can make their way home, whether north, south, east or west.

We would love to see as many cars and bikes as possible for this new, exciting event.

Registration details will follow soon.



Why not preempt the Pokaka RAG Rally and join the friendly bunch at the

# DAWN CHORUS

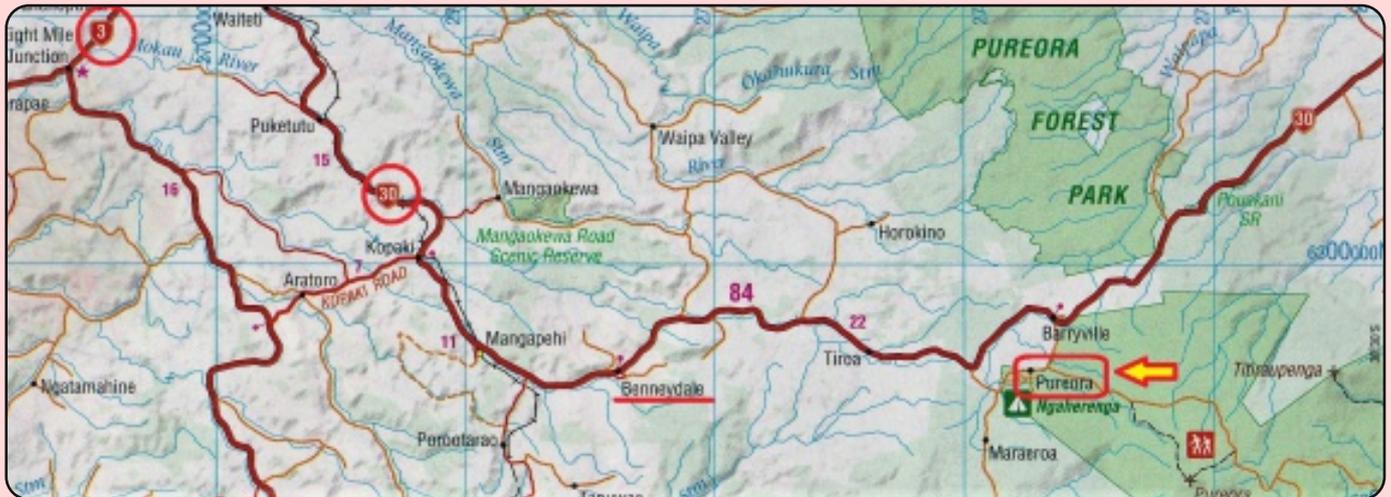
This year's camp out is at the Pureora National Park, west of Lake Taupo and the Western Bay Road.

Be self-sufficient for one night under canvas.

Any inquires to; [editor@bmwor.org.nz](mailto:editor@bmwor.org.nz)

If you plan to attend, email the Editor and we can meet at the Benneydale Service Station (Waitomo fuel) at an appointed time and ride to the site at the Park.

(This will be the final Dawn Chorus)



Sunset at Hokitika

## RIDERS MEET REPS.

Our Wellington BMW Dealership, Motomart hosted an evening for BMWOR Members on Wednesday 13 February from 6:30 at their Premises at 7 Rutherford Street, Lower Hutt. This evening was the official launch of the three new BMW Models, the R 1250 GS, F 850 GS and F 750 GS.

Members that have attended these evenings before will remember what a great enjoyable night this is and, with a few drinks and nibbles the opportunity to meet and talk to members of the Motomart team and to put a face to a name.

Richard, the Dealer Principal and Kent, one of the Sales Executives, Spoke briefly and took us through the features of the new bikes. The shop was open and BMW Merchandise was available.





We of Wellington tend to be negative about the places we can ride. Other areas always look good, (“The grass is greener ...” syndrome) and we have only one direction to go; - north. Granted there are two roads to choose. And we can boast a “Round the block’ ride (Rimutaka-Wairarapa-Palmerston North and Kapiti Coast.) Now, even that has lost the exciting Manawatu Gorge route: Now closed indefinitely because of slips.

But there is a bright positive side.

We can be on the Ferry first sailing out of Wellington and be in Kaikoura for lunch; - or Westport. Or even last sailing on the Blue bridge and take a cabin and be in Christchurch for lunch.

We also have some fantastic hill climbs in the area. The Paekakariki Hill, the Akatarawa Road and the Rimutaka Road. All three of these roads are favourites with the whole of the motorcycle fraternity. These are rides that every

(local) motorcyclist aspires to riding (- before they die). Many a tale is told over a tall one about these rides.

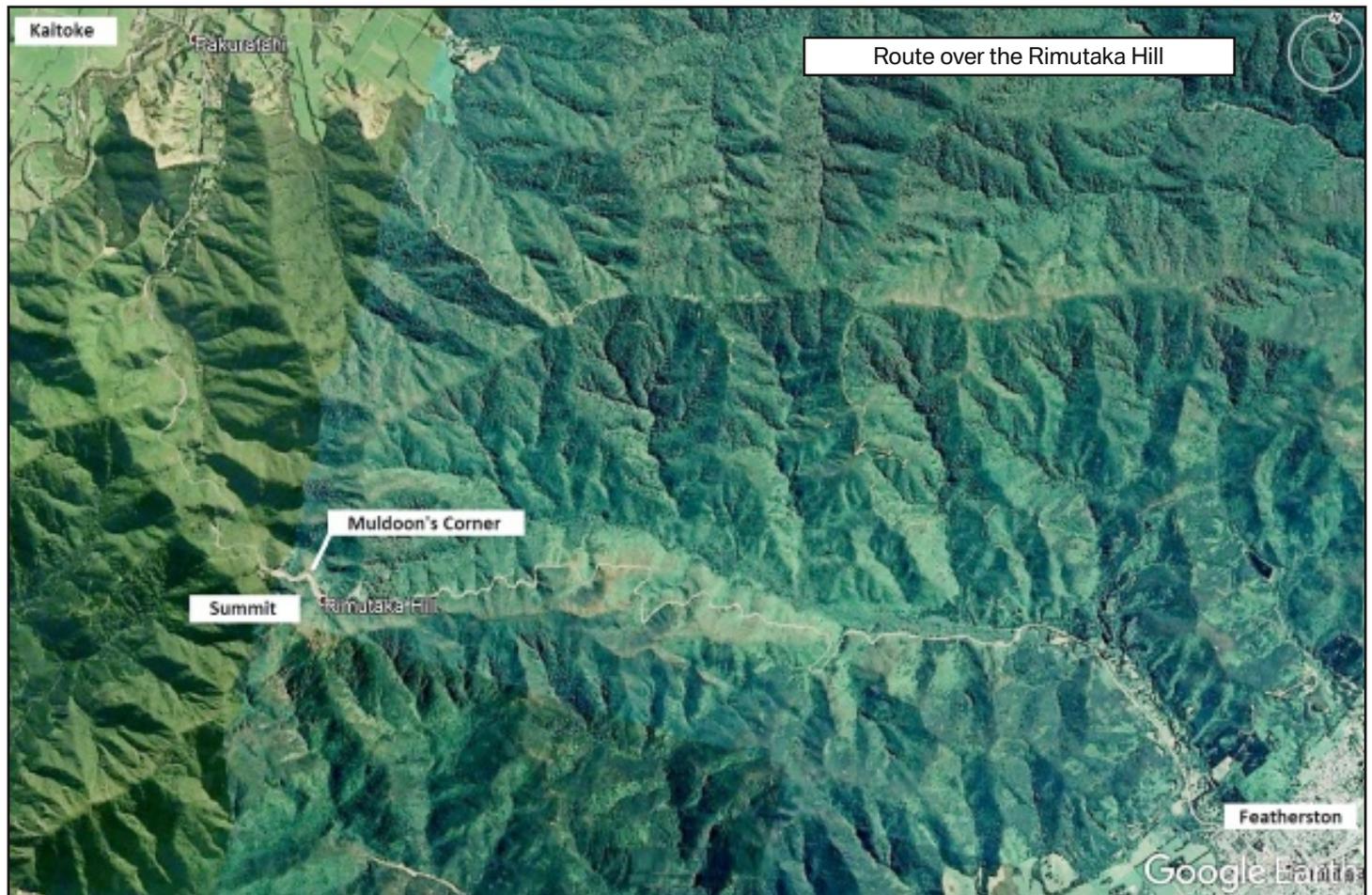
#### Rimutaka\* Road

... Not that I have any tales to tell: Wait. Yes there is one. Near the top and before the road was widened, I was returning from Napier and the forecast included gale force winds. I was of two minds to carry on over the hill or hang back in Featherston for the night. I flipped a mental coin and carried on. Take it as it comes. When I travel in conditions like this, I totally forget the traffic behind me and concentrate on the riding skills. I use the mirrors quite frequently. I had just rounded the bend at the summit and started the downhill descent. I think my incident was at Muldoon’s corner; this is tricky because the wind hits the bank (on your left) and is directed down and across the road, blowing one over the centre line. Over the fence is a sudden drop. You cannot see oncoming traffic until it is next to you. So around I go at this bend and sure enough the wind play’s it’s role – over I go and a white Transit van comes around. We did not touch but the rubber handle bar grip was soo close to the panel of the vehicle.

And that was it.

But I do enjoy the Rimutaka Road.

\*The spelling has been officially changed to Remutaka in 2017; why, I do not know. I stick to the spelling I have been bought up with all my life.



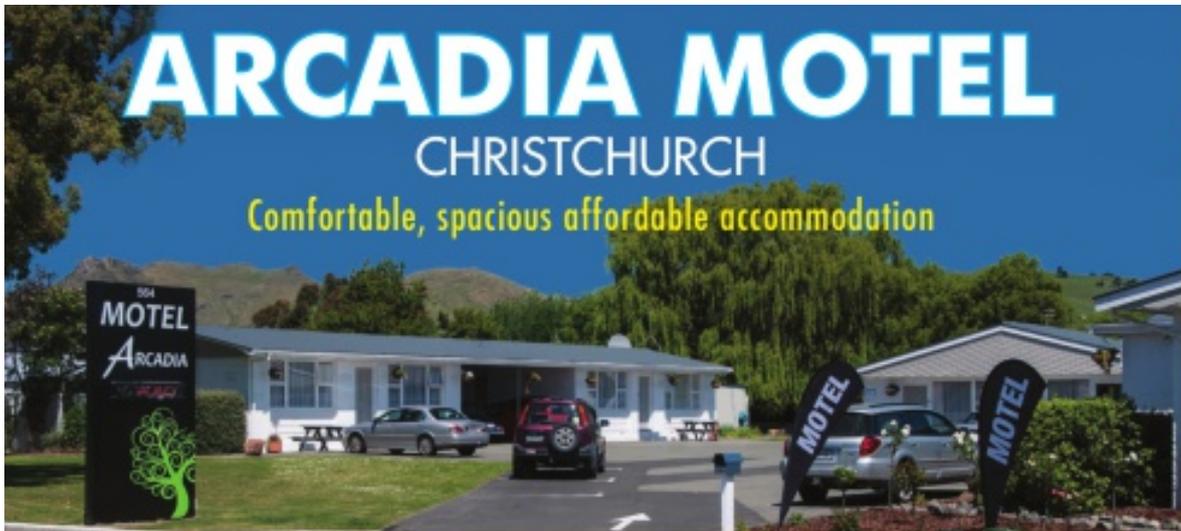
#### Paekakariki Road

15 Kilometres of fun riding. Start at the north end at State Highway 1, at Paekakariki. It’s a winding uphill route and you feel safe as the hill is on the left. The drop on the other side is straight down. There is a signposted look out point that gives a fantastic view from (south the Marlborough Sounds) to the summits of the mighty Tararua east of Levin. Get there at the right time to avoid looking into the sun. As one ascends there is a sensation of taking off in an aircraft as the climb is quite quick. Then all of a sudden, weave through an insignificant cutting and the whole scenery changes. It’s a great body-weight shifting ride. Its rural countryside and the occasional house dotted here and there. The road squiggles and squirms for maybe 10 kilometres and gradually drops in altitude.

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When the area opens up and there is flat farming land, the observant rider will notice the Battle Hill Farm Forest Park. One thing this place is known for is the 1848 battle between British and Ngāti Toa.

The road finishes at the very popular Pauatahanui inlet. Great place for a coffee.

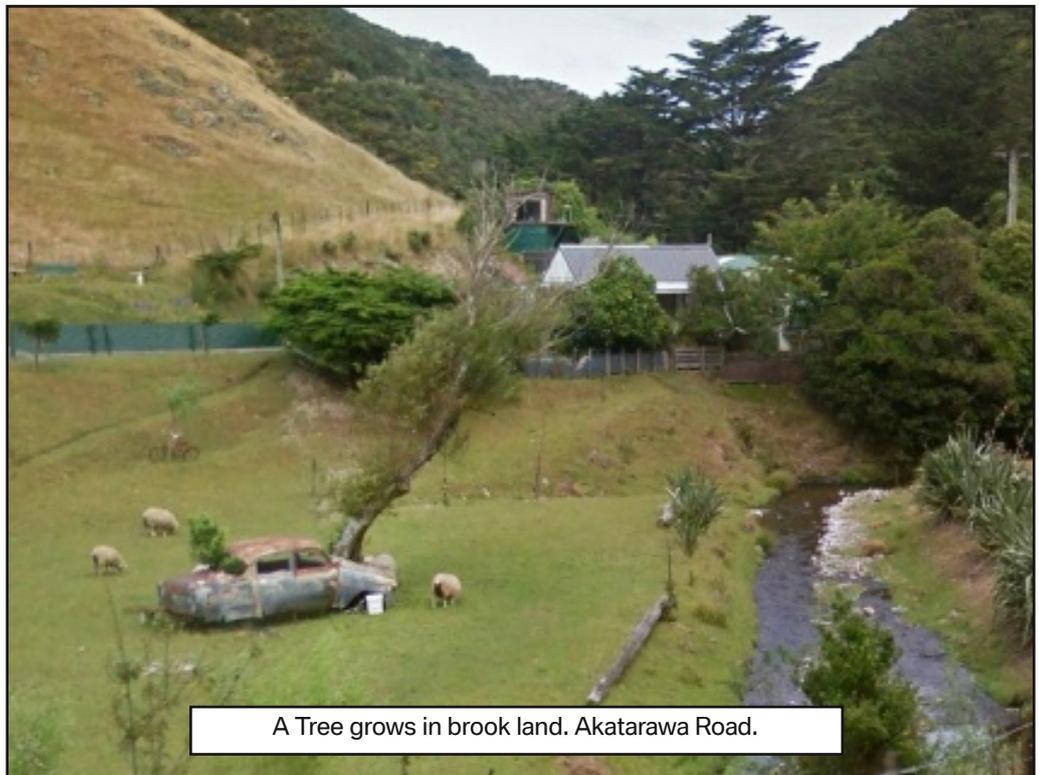
On the Internet this road is even listed on the site, Dangerous Roads - The World's Most Spectacular Roads:

<https://www.dangerousroads.org/australia-and-oceania/new-zealand/3912-paekakariki-hill-road.html>

I do enjoy the Paekakariki Hill Road.

#### Akatarawa Road

South end is Upper Hutt and the north end is Waikanae. 42 kilometres of riding pleasure. In some ways it's a copy of the Paekakariki Road but longer. Again the best way to go is starting at the north end. Even if it is only to have the sun behind you. The light contrasts can change quite a lot



A Tree grows in brook land. Akatarawa Road.

with the continual weaving and going in and out of shade and sunshine. After Waikanae there is the small settlement of Reikorangi. It was put on the map in the 1970's when pottery was the thing. The World famous Staglands is on this road, further south. They sell food here too BTW.. Link: <https://www.staglands.co.nz/>

I do enjoy the Akatarawa Road, too.

So there you have it. Some note that are shared for the three roads:

Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, the speed limit has been reduced. Once upon a time it was LSZ. Limited Speed Zone. Who remembers these? (When you could decide what speed to travel based on your ability.)

Should one decide to explore these roads, remember there are no fuel stops en-route and assume cell phone coverage may fail. (I do not know – just be prepared.) One should have a First Aid kit on board (And, yes I know you all do have them! But ...)

There are other roads. Like around the Bays. Start at Ferry Terminal and follow the road nearest the Harbour all the way around to Owhiro Bay. The Area's Monthly Ride occasionally runs this. Best to do it with few bikes. There are traffic lights, ped crossings and traffic to contend with. An extension on this ride is to ride out through Karori and end up at Makara. (A Wellington secret, really.) Then finish off the ride at Johnsonville. Another ride is to travel through Petone, and over the hill through Wainuiomata and down to the coast. Oh yes, let's not forget the Whitemans Valley ride. North end from Te Marua turn into Maymorn Road and come out at Silverstream. Some hill bits there too.

So there you have it. If you visit our fair Area, don't just pass through; take one our mighty, superb rides and be envious of us!



Dave Morris

## BMW Cruise e-Bike



The BMW Cruise e-Bike, has a bull-neck frame made of hydroformed\* aluminium developed in-house by BMW. Providing optimal pedal support at speeds of up to 15 mph, the removable battery can be charged directly on the bike or separately in approximately 3.5 hours for a 100 percent charge, or 1.5 hours for a 50 percent charge.

BMW's award-winning bicycles are not your average pedal bike. Every bike in the range has been carefully crafted and built using the best components and technology. From the Hydroformed Aluminium Frames to the Carbon Seat Supports, we've worked hard to ensure every BMW journey is a better one.

This bike should be available locally; the Hutt News featured the bike under the regular 'Motoring' feature. The accompanying photograph in the article has the Auckland city skyline in the background. The New Zealand price is quoted as \$5,600.



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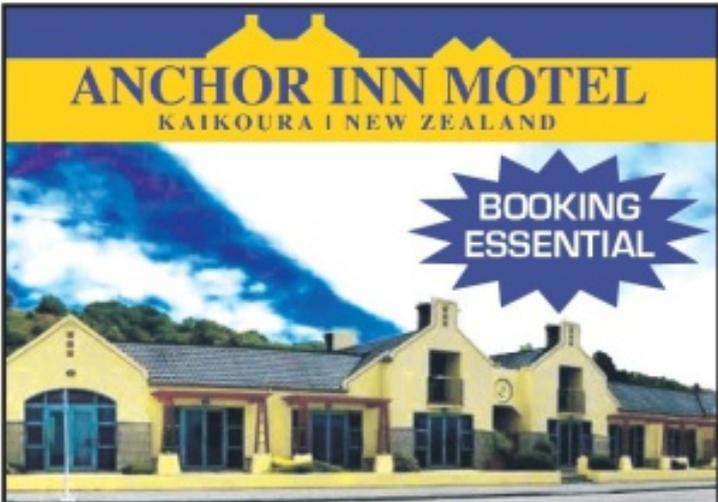
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