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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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Presidents Podium

Gary

President's Podium January 2021

Happy New Year. I'm sure for a lot of us, kicking 2020 out the door hasn't come soon enough. I'm looking forward to 2021 being a much better year.

And what a start! If you couldn't make it to the Annual Rally in New Plymouth, you missed a brilliant weekend. Ray Senior and the team did an outstanding job to make sure everything ran like clockwork, the variety of rides and activities was brilliant, the venue and catering was excellent, the band was okay, and everyone I spoke with was having a lot of fun.

Given the torrential rain and cyclone-strength wind in Canterbury the night before we left for the rally, Jo and I made sure to pack our wet weather gear at the top of our respective bags. As it happens, the gear wasn't necessary with glorious conditions up the Awatere Valley to Picton. It got progressively better as we made our way to the rally and turned out very hot as we continued the journey to the Bay of Plenty for a few days before heading east via Lake Waikaremoana and back down the coast. In fact, it wasn't until we got close to Wellington that we needed the wets, with torrential rain and gale force winds making the Remutaka Hill a pretty unpleasant ride.

I got a bit emotional at the AGM with Grant (Vice President), Robin (Treasurer) and Dale (Member Representative) choosing to step down from the Board. We've work incredibly well together since 2016 and it's been a real privilege to be part of such a great team.

Nevertheless, change is a thing and it was great to see at least one position contested at this year's elections. I'm delighted to see Chris Souness elected to the Vice President role with Barry Petherick (Rangitikei) elected to take over the role of Membership Secretary. Colin Gates (Wellington) has been elected as Treasurer, and Philip King (Area Rep for Bay of Plenty) appointed as Membership Secretary. And, we haven't lost Grant altogether as members voted unanimously that the Board would co-opt him as the honorary Legal Counsel/Advisor for the Club.

The first meeting of the incoming Board will be held on Saturday 20 March.

It was a real privilege and one of the highlights of my weekend to present Life Membership to Robin and Joy Wood. Life Membership is the club's most prestigious award and is not given lightly, nor earned as of right. Robin's contribution to the financial stability and sustainability of our club over 8 years as our Treasurer has been significant and he has been supported in that role by Joy. Robin and Joy both represent our club with distinction. Their nomination to Life Membership was well supported, and well deserved.

The North Island RAG Rally at Taylor Memorial Lodge, Pokaka near National Park is happening on the last weekend of March. The two-night format worked well last year so, if you travel some distance to get to the RAG, you can stay over the whole weekend and allow for a recreational ride Saturday if you want.

Plans are afoot for this year's South Island RAG. We'll let you know where and when in due course.

And, as announced in New Plymouth, the 2022 Annual Rally will be in Methven from Friday 21 – Monday 24 January.

If you're a relatively new member it would be great to see you at our club events. There is plenty going on 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 this month; have fun and make good decisions!

Garry

START PLANNING NOW!

RAG Rally is next on our Calendar after the AGM/Annual Rally. More detail to follow next month, but this meeting usually falls on the Weekend of Daylight Savings eve.



BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand - Risk Management Plan

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand 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 Club members on Club 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. Club 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 standard 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. Club Members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.
5. Rider organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for the 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.
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Area Report



Wellington

Riding to and from the 2021 Annual BMWMC Rally

One of the pleasures to be had in attending the BMWMC Annual Rallies are the rides to and from the venue, in the 2021 instance it was New Plymouth.

Four riders Dave R, Dave O, Keith T and Peter N had decided to ride up to New Plymouth together and assembled at the BP Mana Service station, our normal assembly point for rides up the Western side of the Tararua Range. We also had a fifth rider Barry R from Alexandra who was riding Dave Rs BMW Cruiser, joined us. Two of the wives Julie O and Jenny N accompanied us by car.

We departed the BP Mana slightly before 08:00 on Friday 22 January for the ride to New Plymouth following SH1 to the Woolshed Café just South of Sanson for coffee and a cheese and bacon scone. Denis H joined us there for coffee, he was not going to the rally but had decided to come for a ride. After coffee we continued North joining SH3 at Bulls continuing we had a quick refuel top up at the Z Servo adjacent to the Dublin St bridge in Whanganui and managing to skirt around Whanganui re-joining SH3 North of the City.

The ride continued North on SH3 in fine warm weather and at Hawera we branched off onto SH5 for the ride around the coast. The lunch stop was at the Sugar Juice Café in Opunake. The food here was great as was the service in this busy, and only café in Opunake. We exited Opunake following SH45 for the 61km ride to New Plymouth and the Plymouth International Hotel, home for the next 3 nights.

The time spent at the Rally was enjoyable catching up with other members from all over the country. The organisation was excellent thanks go to Ray and Ann Senior and the team that made this a memorable event. The venue was also excellent, great food and service would go back there again.

Monday 25 January saw 4 riders Dave R, Dave O, Keith T and Peter N and two wives Julie O and Jenny N depart North at around 08:30 from the Plymouth International Hotel for the ride via back roads to Rotorua. Barry R headed straight back to Wellington and returned Dave Rs Cruiser before returning to the South Island and home to Alexandra.

The plan was to ride to Awakino SH3 and stop for a coffee break at the Awakino Pub. The scenery on this ride changed as we moved North with the country becoming more rugged and more bush clad with small settlements around river mouths with whitebaiting being a feature of these places. The Awakino Pub was shut, we were too early so it was decided to continue onto Piopio for the coffee stop, by this time the bright sunshine was starting to warm the day up.

The SH3 between Awakino and Piopio was undergoing major road works which involved traffic being brought to a standstill for about 20+ minutes. We finally got to Piopio and were glad of a cold drink to rehydrate. After Piopio we rode on numerous sealed back roads through Aria and ultimately ended up on SH 30 for the ride through to Mangakino for lunch. Again, the scenery was rugged with some stunning vistas particularly inland from Aria, lots of twisties and hills.

Area Report

The lunch break was another opportunity to rehydrate as by now the temperature had gotten a lot warmer. Lunch was at a Bakery in Mangakino Shopping area and this business had a wide range of sandwiches, bread rolls and wraps and hot and cold drinks and was clearly popular with the locals which is always a good sign.

Departure from Mangakino meant re-joining SH3 with a brief ride on SH1 before going back onto SH3 and the ride to the Rotorua Top 10 Holiday Park where we all booked in and were allocated studio units. This was the time that Rotorua was the subject of numerous aftershocks originating from moderately shallow earthquakes in the last few days, several of these shakes were felt. The group decided that we would all go to the Lone Star Restaurant for dinner which was excellent, and we were shuttled to and from by Julie O in her car.

The studio unit allocated to Peter and Jenny N was quite close to a main road which was used by logging trucks and the noise of these passing heavy trucks and shaking of the units caused by the aftershocks plus the trucks meant the light sleeper, Peter N, had about 3 hours sleep. In the interests of safety, he decided that the lack of sleep meant he was in no safe state to lead the planned gravel ride through to Lake Waikaremoana. He had decided to ride over the Napier-Taupo Road with the wives to Bayview for the next night's stop.

This was discussed with the other riders as there was no reason for the rest of them to miss going through Lake Waikaremoana, however, they decided to go over the Napier-Taupo Road as well with Dave R taking over as lead rider.

After refuelling in Rotorua, we rode on SH5 to Taupo in light traffic in warm sunny conditions and had a very pleasant coffee break in a café with a view of the lake. We departed Taupo and rode onto the Napier-Taupo road SH5 this is another scenic road to travel with a mixture of flat country resulting in some generous straights ideal for passing the odd big truck and trailer units.

The road got into more rugged country as we crossed the Ahimanawa Range which is scenic with native bush on each side of the road we stopped at Tarawera for a dehydration and lunch break. We arrived at the Bay View Hotel & Holiday Park early in the afternoon and were able to register and be allocated our respective studio units, another dehydration break was enjoyed in the Hotel Bar. Later a meal was enjoyed in the bar followed by a walk to find the nearest Petrol Station.

The next morning (Wednesday) breakfast was taken individually in each unit and we refuelled for the ride over 'Gentle Annie' on what was going to be another hot clear sunny day. Any ride over Gentle Anne is great with crossings of the Kaweka and Otupae Ranges. The road goes through rugged hilly bush clad country with numerous river and stream crossings. Once through the ranges a clear panoramic view of relatively flat country including magnificent views of Mount Ruapehu were had. A rehydration stop occurred on the road side before continuing to Taihape.

We rode onto Taihape for coffee and food at the BP Taihape. The ride South was on SH1 until we turned off to go through Halcombe and Fielding on our way to the home of Robin and Joy Wood so Dave R could deliver the Woods their richly deserved Life Membership Certificate. Joy had made some nice cheese scones and coffee which was enjoyed by the riders.

The group refuelled at Longburn and continued down SH56 then SH57 back on to SH1 for the final ride home with the usual traffic tailbacks through Otaki and around the major road works at Te Horo and Mckays Crossing.

For the writer it was a 1420km home to home series of rides with a group of mates, through interesting country that makes up the great country we all live in, what could be better?

Peter Nash



Area Report

Impromptu Ride – Hunterville via Fordell Sunday 10 January 2021

Four riders departed the BP Mana up SH1 for a link up with another rider (Dave H) and any Wairarapa riders at Viv's Kitchen in Sanson. Traffic was light but seemed busier due to all the road works currently being undertaken, mainly the continuing work on the northern end of the Transmission Gully project and the Otaki Bypass which tended to slow everyone down. Currently the Otaki shopping centre on SH1 can be a major bottleneck for traffic travelling north and south, looking forward to the completion of the Otaki bypass.

We avoided riding through Levin by turning left onto Mako Mako Rd and then right onto Tiro Tiro Rd, left onto Kawi Rd which takes you back to SH1 well clear of Levin. This may help those travelling to the North in the future.

Good progress was made to Sanson and the car park at Viv's Kitchen was crowded as was the café, however we had a coffee and linked up with Dave H. Then rode up SH3 as far as Warrengate Rd for the ride through to Fordell. The ride from Fordell to Hunterville is on sealed back roads though some quite scenic country that also provide access to both the gravel roads that follow the Turakina and Whangaehu Rivers north. Both gravel roads are through rugged scenic country and in the words of one well known member, are being 'buggered' as they are slowly being sealed.

The lunch stop in Hunterville was at the Hunters Café & Motel and we continued our ride up High Street onto Rangatira Rd turning right onto Putorino Rd and then back on SH1. We turned off onto Halcombe Rd rode through Feilding to the Rongotea – Longburn Rd, No1 Line, SH56, SH57 eventually back onto SH1 and joined the tail back from Otaki for 10 – 15 minutes.

The ride home after Otaki was uneventful and for the most part was in light traffic. For me it was a 398km home to home with my F700GS returning 26kms to the litre of petrol.

Thanks go to Phil P, Geoff H, Denis H and Dave H for their support.

Peter Nash

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History of the Register – Part 9

(Re printed from the February 1993 Newsletter)

PETROL CRISIS!

The Annual General Meeting took place on October 3rd 1979. A decision was made to hold the next National Rally at Greenmeadows, Gordonton followed by discussion re a letter from David Lange on our submissions. Correspondence from Jim Sullivan of Timaru outlined some suggestions on the petrol crises, and the Graduates Motorcycle club invited us to a gymkhana.

The Election of Officers saw President Barry Williams take the chair and Lesley Willmot accept the position of Secretary. With regret it was learnt that the Scott's were leaving Auckland which left a vacancy in the Newsletter/Printer position. Bob Pinker offered to accept this workload. Although the official position of Club Captain had not been re-instated, Rick Kirkman continued to be the Register Social secretary.

Thanks were expressed at the November meeting to Ross Oldfield for supplying Owners Register Calendars for Christmas. Technical tips covered "increasing the life of pipes and mufflers", and "rejuvenating batteries". Rick Kirkman gave suggestions on the holding of spare parts and tyres for the Register. The newsletter quoted a "Two Wheels" Nov. 79 article - "Radical Changes for BMW"- "BMW is believed to be developing in-line 3 and 4 cylinder machines with water cooling for the 1980's...

Superb weather paved the way for the National Rally held at the old Gordonton School. Numbers were down due to the fuel crisis but the gathering grew due to the number of "locals" who came along to view and chat. The Literary Award and presentation of this trophy went to Jean Southern for her article "The Fuel Crisis". The newsletter saw an article on "The Hurt Report" on motorcycle accidents and an article from the Scott's on the Country Gentlemen's Race meeting at Timaru.

30 people attended the final meeting of the year on December 5th. The Pinesong evening on 22nd December was fully booked and there would be a run to Mangawhai Heads on January 6th. Brent Mander sent in his views on Lucas Dayriding Lights - soon to be compulsory - and a further article on "BMW for the 80's". David Cross wrote up "The Mainland Report" and detailed their Register ride to Ashburton, Geraldine and Barkers Wines.

With no official meeting in January the thoroughly enjoyable run to Mangawhai Heads sufficed. An invitation was extended to the Register to the first National Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Rally at Pukekohe on 16/17 February. For South Island riders an invite to the Pioneer Motorcycle Club's ride of approx. 150 miles and a barbeque tea. The Technical article covered "Valve Train clatter" and the "For Sale" column offered Horse Manure at 50c per bag from Dave Blackwell's new property.

The February '80 meeting saw 36 members attending and an exciting "coming events" list printed:

24th Feb – Orua Bay;

23rd March –Whiritoa Beach, Waihi;
Easter – the Rally at Scoutlands;

20 April - Omiru Reserve and
Anzac Weekend – a Road Trial.

Congratulations were extended to Frank Panes, presented with Honorary Membership of the Register "for dedication to motorcycling overall and Register activities."

In March many Register Members rode in the Motorcycle Safety Week cavalcade of bikes. Motorcycling had come in for much media attention over the past month, with the question of increased A.C.C. levies, particularly for 2-wheeled transport. Jerry Latham, of the Western Springs Riding School, had counter-attacked the ever increasing (anti-motorcycle) media publicity and motorcycle clubs in general had given him full support.

Walter de Beurs had carried out intensive research throughout the past year and had kept the Register up to date with facts and figures. He had also instigated a Questionnaire for Register members. We had a group of long distance riding motorcyclists, covering a wide age group, and their answers provided much necessary information. Further to this he had ensured continual correspondence to both the A.C.C. and the Ministry of Transport. The professionalism of the entire exercise made the BMW Owners Register "something to be reckoned with."

The April meeting spoke of the necessary arrangements for those attending the Rally. Barry Williams reported that member Fred Forge had made available some petrol supplies for those passing through. Barry also offered his home and garage for a "Shed Raid" during early winter. Barry's expertise in the workshop had been sampled by many and he was always available to those in need of assistance.

The idea of an Incorporated Society was discussed but the meeting decided that as the Register functioned remarkably smoothly that there was little point in creating more formality. We were merely a collection of enthusiastic individuals with a common interest and we were together to make friends and ride our bikes.

The Newsletter saw the write-up of the Whiritoa Run plus an enthralling article from Ern McBryde on his ride through the Dunstan Road. Although Ern doubted the suitability of his 60/5 for this route created in 1862 for the Gold Rush days, only the effects of a very wet summer defeated him. The road proved 'interesting' to say the least with some sections washed away to expose the characteristic Otago schist. Frost had then broken this into flat flakes which moved treacherously under normal road tyres. Steep hills, teeth-jarring trenches, streams and fords made the Dunstan Road a motorcyclist's challenge. Ernie came away feeling that the real heroes of this route were the horses who traversed the heart-breaking slopes in all weathers just for a feed of oats - and Ernie who did it just for the fun of it.

Norm Graham wrote to tell us that at long last he had a riding companion in Gisborne and Neil Walsh had purchased an R65.

The Easter Rally at Scoutlands was well attended and thanks were expressed to Ross Glenny and Mike Kendrick for their efforts in organising the road trial, gymkhana and barbecue. John Stoll from Canada kept up his contact with the Register with an article for the newsletter. "Stainless" Stephen wrote from his home town of Wigan, and Roger Young sent an article on his Australian Interlude. Graeme Etheridge wrote from Napier of his recent journey to the Classic motorcycle meeting at Pukekohe via the East Cape, and the Coromandel Peninsular.

Part ten of Jean's original writings will be in next month's Newsletter.

Other Stories

New Membership Secretary Bio.

Barry Petherick. Membership Secretary - membership@bmwmc.nz
(Member 3104 – Joined 2011. Current motorcycle 2014 R1200 GS)

Born in Palmerston North, I've been riding motorcycles since I began cruising the (then busy) streets of Waiouru as a 12 year old on a Zundapp moped.

Over the years there have been many makes and models that have enjoyed pride of place in my garage. Like many other long term riders there's a few of them I wish I still had. Among these would be an early 70's Bonneville, a Suzuki GT750, an RD350 to name just three. Off road as a younger man I dabbled in motocross, enduro and trials.

After finishing secondary education at Burnside High School I attended Massey University where I met Barbara, also now a keen BMWMC member. We have two adult daughters and three delightful grandchildren.

Armed with a BSc I set off into the education system to teach Chemistry and Physics. My teaching career involved positions at both Horowhenua College and Waiopahu College in Levin, Tonga High School (Nuku'alofa), Westland High School (Hokitika) then Awatapu College (Palmerston North) before returning to Waiopahu as DP in 1996. In 2015 I retired from teaching having spent the previous 8 years as Principal at Waiopahu.

In mid 2016 I was honoured and humbled to be appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Education.

I enjoy the camaraderie and ethos of our club and hope to be an active member for a long time to come.

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2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of BMW Motorcycle Club Aotearoa New Zealand Inc. held at the Plymouth International situated at 220 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth on Saturday 23 January 2021 from 5:00 pm.

Started at 5.07pm.

Welcome and Apologies.

Present: Garry Williams, Grant Aislabie, Robin Wood, Dave Ross, Dale Grover and 75 others

Apologies received prior: Chris Souness - 3272, Mark Richards - 3878, Lance Nixon - 1550, Peter & Anne Tibbs - 2806, Grant McMillan - 3890, Gail Moore - 3540, Nick Lewis - 3529.

Apologies received at AGM: Jill Barter - 407, Greg Simpson - (?), Richard Kuysten - 1585, Noel Walker - 1282, Trish Plowright - 795, Terry Ellis-Smith - 947.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

Accepted. Moved: Garry Williams. Seconded: John Wuts. Carried.

Presidents 2020 Annual Report from the Board

Tena Koutou katoa. Nau mai harae mai, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Welcome everyone and I'll make a start by thanking Ray and his team who have done such a great job in bringing this weekend together

I want to also acknowledge with a few moments of silence members who can't be with us this weekend due to serious illness or who have passed away during the year. In particular Bill McLellen and Hans Claus.

I'd also like to recognise Leonie Steadman and Jodie McTavish from AON and thank them for being here.

Kicking 2020 out the door hasn't come soon enough. You might recall a sense of excitement of 12 months ago as a new decade beckoned.

2019 was a pretty awful year, book-ended by the gut-wrenching events of the Christchurch mosque attacks and the violent eruption of Whakaari/White Island.

2020 started pretty well with an awesome Rally in Blenheim, and I thought things were looking up.

But my optimism was pretty short-lived, as the spectre of Covid-19 fast unfolded. I certainly never anticipated that some "mystery flu" was going to cripple the world with the unforgiving force of a global pandemic.

By March, Covid's cloud of chaos, confusion and fear swiftly escalated and went on to monster the best part of the year. Terms like "self-isolating", "quarantine", "lockdown" and "key workers" all became part of our daily vocabulary.

We have much to be grateful for though. Our isolated geography and the big blue moat are our saving grace, and our primary sector has saved the economy while the drawbridge has been up.

While we steadily re-connect with the rest of the world, I do hope one of the silver-linings of the Covid age will live on – shop local and support local, especially your dealer network.

Despite the challenges the Club had a pretty good year. Our membership numbers remained steady, which is at odds with what was happening for most clubs around the world, and the overwhelming support from members to change the Club's name and adopt a new logo was a significant milestone for the Board.

The Board made an early decision as the Covid situation escalated to meet more regularly than the constitution says we should. For the best part of eight months we've been holding monthly Zoom meetings to stay in touch.

Robin Wood's Friday Zoom drinks became a bit of a feature over lock-down, and we enjoyed a couple of off the wall events such as Michael Meads' midday "start-ups", where quite a few members rolled their bikes out of the garage and posted videos of starting them up.

We managed to fit our main events in with the Taupo BMW Festival happening the weekend before the lock-down. We had to move the North Island RAG Rally to October, which was a bonus really as quite a few members opted to make the trip down for the South Island RAG Rally the following weekend.

Fortunately, the GS Rallye went ahead in November as well, and KiwiRider certainly turned on a great event in Martinborough.

We were one of the few Clubs in the world that could celebrate the 40th GS Anniversary other than virtually. My thanks go to Ian Macartney for organising the 40th Anniversary relay and to the 80+ members made their way between Bluff and Cape Reinga over two months posting some stunning photos along the way.

Also, as part of the 40 years of GS celebration, we partnered up with KiwiRider Magazine who hosted the HighBeam podcast series. An individual conversation with some of our Club members and owners of GS bikes celebrated a look back at the bike that made the GS badge what it is today.

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Area Reps came together for two days in July to continue a conversation around how we effectively reach prospective members and what we do individually and collectively to retain members through effective communication and positive experiences within the club.

I do want to acknowledge and thank our Area Reps for making their local activities interesting and engaging for new members. Lots of posts on our group page is telling me this is so. I certainly appreciate the work you put in and do not take it for granted.

Sadly, the trip to Austria for the 2020 BMW Clubs International Council Meeting in October was cancelled. The Council meeting still happened though, via a 4-hour on-line meeting at 3:00 am our time! The Council noted with interest that our membership hasn't flat-lined or declined like many other clubs. Others on the Council commented positively on our move to carry out Board meetings virtually and more frequently, and the use of social media and Zoom to keep people in touch. Other motorcycle clubs were particularly interested in our 40th GS Anniversary relay, and many wanted to know what "RAG" meant, and kind of liked the spirit of it.

The last agenda item was the introduction of new guidelines detailing Corporate Identity basics for official BMW Clubs. After more than 20 years of using a very familiar roundel, BMW have changed it and BMW Clubs are now required to adapt their own logos to accommodate new design parameters.

While it doesn't materially affect the current imagery, it does mean a new layout incorporating the new roundel. We have until the end of 2021 to make that change and you'll see it coming on stream over the year as we rebrand our stuff once again.

Thanks to our sponsors, particularly Aon, for their support over the year. At the end of last year, we signed off on a very generous sponsorship package from Aon to be our preferred insurance partner and preferred Insurance provider to members until 31 August 2022.

Thanks also to our Editorial team, our Gear Shop administrator and all the other great people who volunteer to help our club operate in the way it does.

To my colleagues on the Board, thank you for all you've done this year and the way in which each of you has undertaken your Mahi.

We've work incredibly well together and it's a real privilege to be part of such a great team.

Last, but by no means least, my thanks to all members. You are the most important of all, for without you the Club would cease to exist.

Treasurers Financial Statements for the Financial Year, Including:

Report to AGM 12 Months ending 30th September 2020.

It gives me pleasure to present to our members the Treasurers Report and Statement of Financial Position for the twelve months ended 30th September 2020 together with the projected summary of Income & Expenditure for the year to 30th September 2021.

Please note that the accounts have been prepared on a 'Cash' rather than 'Accrual' basis and therefore do not take into account any outstanding debtors or creditors as at balance date. However, apart from normal operational income and expenditure the only abnormal income expected is \$2k from BMW NZ as a sponsorship contribution to the GS 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Operational Income & Expenditure:

Income:	Total operational income for the period was \$31,386 compared to \$33,780 for the previous 15 months. Subscriptions continue at approximately \$2k per month.
Expenditure-Administration-	Total operational costs for the 12 months - \$34,403. Items worth a comment are: Up by \$1,566 to \$1846. Includes \$1,783 for purchase of Membership Card blanks.
Advertising -	\$4,829 includes promotional posters and promotional items for GS 40th Anniversary celebrations. Against the latter the \$2k, as mentioned above, expected from BMW will be applied.
Badges/Trophies - Meeting Costs -	\$5,680. Includes \$2,605 costs associated with Life Member plaques. Travel & \$7,268 down by \$5,883. Reflects the fact that as a result of Covid-19 all our Board meetings have been held via ZOOM as did the 'BMW Clubs International' annual conference.
Surplus/Deficit-	Result for the year is an operating deficit of \$3,017 and after all 'Event' & 'Regalia' Income/Expenditure is taken into account we have an overall deficit of \$5,877 for the 12 months. This has seen our Members Funds decrease to \$33,290. It should be noted that at year end there was substantial funds (\$6,081 net) held in the Event Account relating to the 2021 National Rally registrations with associated expenses still to come.

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Summary of Net Cash Generated by Special Activities:

- 1. Gear Shop –** Deficit \$3,341. Generated after sales of \$515 and stock write-down to zero. The Board made a decision to no longer hold a stock of regalia. Arrangements have now been made that all orders placed by members through the website 'Shop' are attended to directly by the suppliers.
- 2. National Rally/AGM 2020 –** Deficit \$5,442. However, taking into account the \$6,468 net registrations/expenses accounted for in the Sept' 19 accounts the 2020 Rally produced a surplus of \$1,027.
- Capital Expenditure:** The Club purchased a card printer earlier this year at a total cost of \$2,083 which has been depreciated at 30%.
- Cash Reserves:** We continue to hold \$15.2k on Term Deposit along with healthy balances in both the 'Operational' and 'Event' current accounts.
- Subscriptions:** In terms of the Club's Constitution any increase/reduction in subscriptions and/or joining fees can and will, as cash flow dictates, be recommended to the executive at Board meetings and if accepted will be implemented. One could say that this year has been difficult for everyone but despite the financials showing a deficit I see no need to recommend any changes at this point.
- Budget 2020/2021:** In terms of our Constitution I also present for your information an estimate of the operational Income & Expenditure for the current financial year to 30 September 2021. This has been prepared using current membership levels and based on current subscription fees and other income. Expenditure has been assessed after consultation with other Board Members.
- Summary:** After almost 10 years, I feel it is time to stand down from the Treasurers role. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the executive team but now is time to let some new blood take my place.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Stock	0	2,659
Westpac main a/c	1,319	6,541
Westpac Event a/c	15,345	14,799
Term Deposits	15,168	15,168
Total Current Assets:	31,832	39,167
Fixed Assets:		
Computer Equip	2,629	546
Less Accumulated Depression	1,171	546
Total Fixed Assets:	1,458	0
Total Assets:	33,290	39,167

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities:	0	0
Total Liabilities:	0	0
Net Assets:	33,290	39,167

MEMBERS FUNDS as at 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
Net assets 30 Sept 2019	39,167	32,551
Plus Cash Surplus Year to 30 Sept 2020	(5,877)	6,616
Assets 30 September 2019	33,290	39,167

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE for the 12 months to 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Operating Income:		
Subscriptions	23,550	27,408
Advertising	6,264	5,605
Donations/Sponsorship	1,120	0
Badges	19	0
Interest (Gross)	433	767
Total Operating Income	31,386	33,780
Operating Expenses:		
Administration	1,846	280
Advertising	4,829	389
AGM Costs	2,500	2,500
Badges/Trophies	5,680	2,191
Bank/Poli Fees	2	71
Christmas Subsidy	906	535
Depreciation (Card Printer)	625	0
Insurance	1,374	1,334
Postage/Stationery	1,845	1,672
Newsletter production & Printing Costs	5,537	4,483
Travel & Meeting (Inc Area Rep Meeting)	7,268	13,151
Website/Database Costs	1,789	3,784
Miscellaneous	202	379
Total Operating Expenses	34,403	30,767
Surplus from Operations	(3,017)	3,014
Net Cash Contribution This Financial Year from Special Activities		
Shop	(3,341)	(2,198)
National Rally AGM 2019	0	(2,822)
National Rally AGM 2020	(5,442)	6,468
National Rally AGM 2021	6,081	0
North Island RAG Rally	930	(815)
South Island RAG Rally	(1,088)	2,970
Net Surplus / (Deficit) From Club Activities	(2,860)	3,603
Net Surplus/Deficit from all Activities	(5,877)	6,502

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIABILITIES:

SUMMARY OF NET CASH GENERATED BY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES for Year Ended 30 September 2020

Regalia Shop

Sales	515.00
515.00	
Less Cost of Goods Sold	
Opening Stock	2,659.00
Purchases	1,196.51
Less Closing Stock Sept 2020	0
3,855.51	

Cash Surplus/Deficit Generated **(3,340.51)**

National Rally AGM 2020

Income	15,241.10
	15,241.10
Expenses	20,682.73
	20,682.73

Cash Surplus/Deficit Generated **(5,441.63)**

Note: There was a net surplus of \$6,468.25 relating to the 2020 Rally accounted for in the Financial Accounts for the period to Sept 2019. This resulted in an overall Surplus for the event of \$1,026.62.

National Rally AGM 2021

Income	Registrations to date	6,690.00
6,690.00		
Expenses	Outgoings to date Insurance	609.50
609.50		

Cash Surplus/Deficit Generated **6,080.50**

RAG Rally - North Island

Income	2020 - Registrations	1,665.00
	Total income	1,665.00
Expenses		
RAG 2020		600.00
RAG 2021 - Venue Deposit		135.00
Total Expenses		735.00

Note: There was a \$650 venue hire cost reflected in the Sept' 2019 Accounts

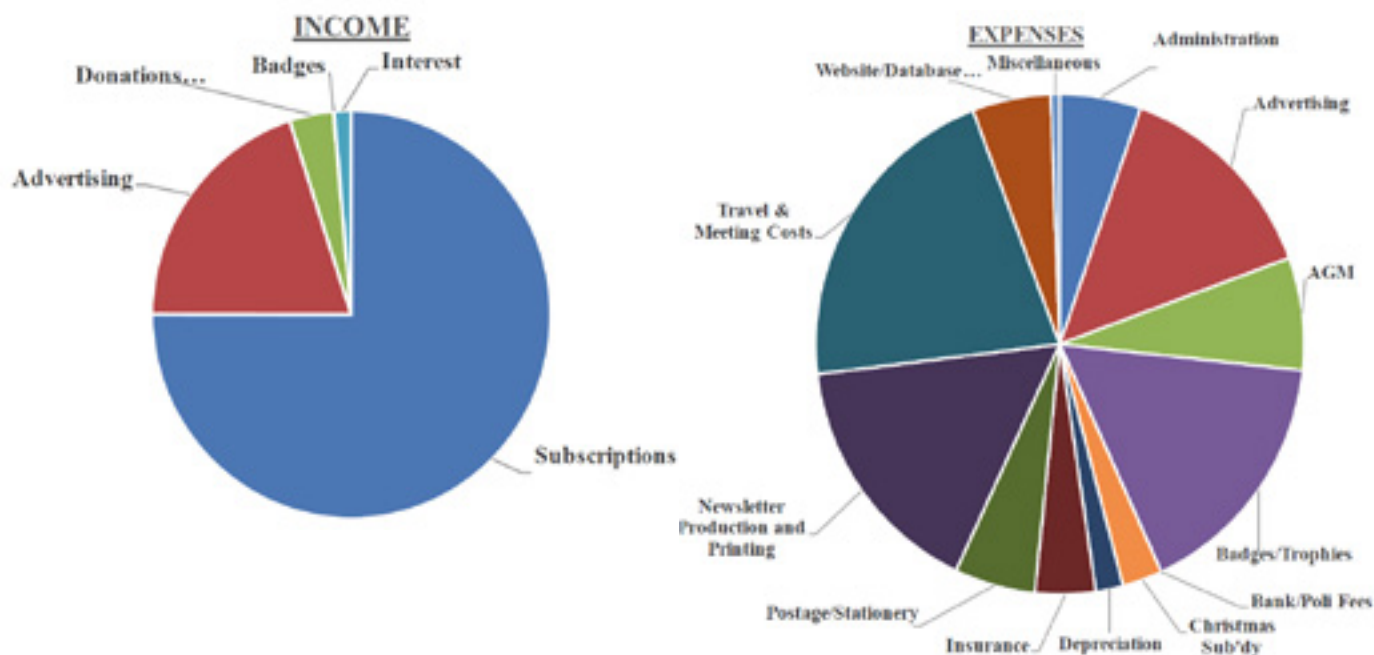
Cash Surplus/Deficit Generated **930.00**

RAG Rally - South Island

Income	2019 - Registrations	1,246.00
2020 - Registrations		3,074.0
Total Income		4,320.0
Expenses		
2019 Rally Expenses		4,408.35
2020 Rally Expenses to date 1,000.00		
Total Expenses		5,408.35

Cash Surplus/Deficit Generated **(1,088.35)**

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



I table this report and move these Financial Reports as at 30th September 2020 & Budget Forecast to 30th September 2021 be accepted.

Question:

Moved: Robin Wood (Treasurer). Seconded: John Wuts. Carried.

Remit/s

No Remits have been received.

Election of Officers

Note: No election required for President or Secretary

-Election required for Vice President:

-Chris Souness - Wellington (prior nomination received)

-No other Nominations. Moved that Chris Souness is appointed as Vice President.

-Moved Garry Williams: Seconded Grant Aislabie

-Election required for Treasurer:

-Colin Gates - Lower Hutt (prior nomination received)

Tharon Knoetze - Dunedin (prior nomination received)

-Vote: Colins Gates - 53, Tharon Knoetze - 5.

Colin Gates appointed as the Treasurer.

Election required for Membership :

Barry Petherick - Levin (prior nomination received)

No other nominations. Moved that Barry Petherick be appointed at Membership Secretary.

Moved Garry Williams: Seconded Grant Aislabie

Election required for Member Representative:

Philip King - Tauranga (prior nomination received)

No other nominations. Moved that Philip Kings be appointed at Membership Secretary.

Moved Garry Williams: Seconded Grant Aislabie

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

General Business.

Philip King:

Motion: That the under Section 5.6 of the Club's Constitution that the Board co-opt and accept Grant Aislabie as the honorary Legal Counsel / Advisor for the Club.

Moved: Philip King. Seconded: Peter Nash. Vote: Unanimous

Gretchen Holland:

Gretchen Holland:

- 1 Concerned with the membership of Clubs International and the cost of that to the club.

Response Garry Williams – President

There is no cost for membership to Clubs International other than the expenses as an observer. The benefit for the club is the use of the BMW Corporate Identity and relationship with other clubs. In the last 20 years there have been 2 trips to International meetings – Palm Springs and Vancouver. These were attended as there were implications for the clubs. Clubs International do not pay for travel to the meeting but pay accommodation and meeting expenses. The club pays the return travel costs.

- 2 Wondered if the membership could be stopped?

Response Garry Williams – President

New Zealand is unique in that there is a BMW Car Club and a BMW Motorcycle Club. There would be major implications for our Club if we withdrew. The incoming Board would consider your question.

- 3 Concern expressed re renaming two of the Districts in that Nelson Marlborough has been renamed as Tasman and Otago Southland has been renamed Southern.

Response and recommendation by Grant Aislabie that the incoming Board consider all options / names as the District agrees on. The Board's requirements are that the District has an Area Representative and Good Structure to suit the needs of the members.

Leonie Steadman of AON Insurance (Invited to speak by the President)

Gave an overview of the sponsorship and the relationship between AON and the BMW Motorcycle Club. With questions, clarified some of the issues re the insurance of Motorcycles, Riding gear and windscreen.

President Garry Williams:

Our constitution allows the Board, by a three quarter majority vote, to bestow Life Member status on any Member considered to have rendered outstanding service to the club.

Life Members have full membership privileges without the payment of a subscription. It is the club's most prestigious award and is not awarded lightly nor earned as of right. Typically, a maximum of one Life Membership per year can be awarded, although it is understood that Life Membership does not have to be awarded each year.

As such, any nomination and consequent award have to be carefully considered. In the history of our BMW Motorcycle Club, nominations for Life Memberships have been considered but only 20 have awarded.

Robin Wood's contribution to the financial stability and sustainability of our club over 9 years as our Treasurer has been significant. He has been supported in that role by Joy. Robin and Joy have demonstrated exceptional loyal and outstanding service. They have represented our club with distinction. It is with pleasure that the 21st Life Membership are presented to them both.



There being no further business, the 2021 Annual General Meeting was closed.

Closed at 6.08pm

AWARDS 2021 NATIONAL RALLY – NEW PLYMOUTH

30 year:	Stuart YOUNG – 1016.	Waitakere
20 year:	David ALLEN - 1987 Snow BUCKTON – 2021 Cedric CHAMBERS – 2017 Peter LYNER – 2045 David OLDERSHAW – 2052 Keith McGOWEN – 2055 Alexander BREIG – 2103	Auckland Kamo North Shore City Tauranga Wellington Feilding Christchurch
10 year:	Bruce MELSOP – 3032 Michael WYLIE – 3051 Peter BRANDON – 3055 Kevin HARRIS – 3070 Sacha BRANDON – 3575	Napier Wellington Blenheim Auckland Blenheim

Concourse

Rob Hargreaves – 3431 BMW R100R



(Runner up)

William Robertson – 2844 BMW R1200GS 2009



Gun Trophy

Peter Nash – 3184 For the SAMA series of articles



AWARDS 2021 NATIONAL RALLY – NEW PLYMOUTH

Gymkhana

1 st . Dale Grover – 3170	2 mins 29 seconds
2 nd Rob George – 3483	2 mins 45 seconds
3 rd Chris Harvey – 3945	2 mins 52 seconds
Graeme Duncan - 3099	Highest time penalty



Filthiest Bike

Ben Wilkins - 3942	BMW R80GS
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Opps Award

David Fish – 3854	Mishap trying to reach the ground when parking.
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Pillion in a Million

Tania Langen – 3590





REGISTRATION FORM - RAG RALLY (North Island)

Taylor Lodge, Pokaka
Fri 26th – Sun 28th March 2021

Name/s	
Address	
Email	

BMWOR Number		Area	
Phone		Mobile	
Bike / Model		Year	

This is a BMW Motorcycle Club Qualifying Event	NUMBER	COST	TOTAL
Registration (non-refundable)			
• BMWMC Member		\$30.00	
• NON BMWMC Member		\$60.00	
• RAG RALLY Badge		\$15-00	
TOTAL			

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

<p>Please mail all Registration Forms –(including cheques made payable to BMWMC) - to:</p> <p>BMWMC - NI RAG RALLY Post Box 109-245 Newmarket AUCKLAND 1149; Or Scan and Email to: ragnorth@bmwmc.nz</p>	<p><u>Payment by Internet Banking</u></p> <p>BMWMC Event Account 03-1519-0034447-01</p> <p>NB – This is NOT the subscription account</p> <p>Please reference with: SURNAME, BMWMC Member # NI RAG</p>	<p><u>General enquiries to:</u></p> <p>Rally Coordinator Robin Wood 06 355 0911 021 724 859 <u>ragnorth@bmwmc.nz</u></p> <p>Registrations close: Friday 12 March 2021</p>
<p>DISCLAIMER: This Rally will be run under the BMW Motorcycle Club's 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 and by any Government Covid-19 restrictions/protocols in place at the time.</p>		



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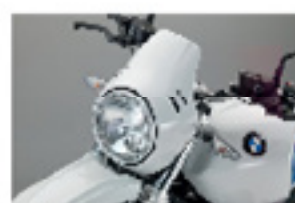


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I am a new member here (#3931) so am still getting to know my way around the club site.

I am interested in buying a damaged fairing to fit an early (1995) R1100 RT or RS to play with a customisation idea which I have. I would actually prefer if it is badly damaged or broken.

I have no wish to destroy an easily repairable fairing and also don't want to be paying top dollar for it.

Also my bike is an RT, I am assuming a RS fairing of the same vintage would just bolt on easily.

Cheers

Leigh Jennings email 258leighj@gmail.com

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FOR SALE

F800ST, 2006 model in good order, new WOF, registered till June 2021.

Only done 56,212Kms. BMW Panniers and Givi Top Box Included.

\$5,500 for quick sale. Owner is moving and will not be able to take the bike.

Tel Bruce Frost on 04 9716654 or email br.vi.frost@gmail.com



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A pair of BMW Vario Panniers to fit a 1200GS 2015 onwards. Contact Ian Jaques on 021 111 6173.

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