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Welcome to our 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 a story and/or 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 please email/phone the Editor no later than the 28th day of the month preceding publication.

We welcome all contributions.

Welcome to:

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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November 2022

I trust you are all keeping well and gearing up for the festive season.

My wet weather gear is hanging up in the garage still drying after attending the South Island RAG Rally in Geraldine last month. Apart from the weather, the weekend was a great success and wonderful to have the opportunity to catch up with friends and other members attending the event. Hats off to those that chose to camp. The heavy rain overnight wouldn't have been a welcome experience and then having to pack up a wet tent in the morning. Not fun and respect to all.

Unfortunately, Saturday's weather curtailed the organised rides up into the hills. Water crossings were involved, and it would have been more like trying to cross a fast-flowing river than a stream or creek. A big thank you to our Canterbury member Garth Brookland for managing the main ride on the day and for accommodating the necessary route changes on the fly.

These rallies are always well attended and this one was no exception. In fact it was one of the best attended with of 65 us there and 62 for Saturday's dinner at Barkers.

Star Insurance our club motorcycle insurance sponsor generously provided petrol vouchers and policy discount offers for the Area Reps in attendance. Star asked how they could help, and we suggested this would be a great way and show our appreciation to the Area Reps. Our team in the field do a wonderful job devising, coordinating, and managing club rides, work that often goes unrecognised. This is a much-appreciated show of appreciation to those members who have stepped up and given their own personal time and effort to help make the membership experience for all, a good one. Our thanks again to Star for their support. The next major event on the calendar is our combined National Rally and AGM in Tauranga, Bay of Plenty. This is scheduled for the weekend of 20th to 22nd January 2023. The organising team have been working hard to put together a great weekend for us with more activities and events being added all the time.

If you are planning to go and haven't registered yet, there is a link to the registration form and the revised agenda included in the newsletter. The registration form has been updated to just one page and easier to navigate. And, I'm delighted to report, that the Concours and Gymkhana is now happening.

On behalf of the club and the Board, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are fortunate enough to be able to get away on your bike, remember there is a reason why it's called the silly season. The roads will be busy so, please, be vigilant, stay safe and have a cracker!

Best wishes for the season.





Area Report: Northland

by Ian Macartney



Excellent turnout today for the Northland Xmas Club lunch with an excellent selection of food brought by members and an eclectic group of people made it a top afternoon at Whananaki 40 min northeast of Whangarei.

Good effort from the Far North crew Peter , Leigh , Eddie & Campbell plus Mike travelling from south of Wellsford.

Unbelievably, the rain dump held off until we just got home and then let rip!

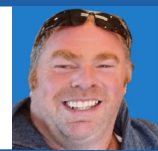


Seasons Greetings
to Club members from
Northland.

Ian Macartney #3190

Area Report: Waikato Wanderings

by Chris Townson



SI RAG Rally

Wednesday the 16th of November, members, Chris Townson, Martin Hamman, Dean Wickham and Matthew Blann met in Cambridge in the cool clear early hours of the morning to start their journey south to the RAG Rally.

We travelled south from Cambridge to Wellington via SH32, stopping in Turangi for breakfast and Sanson for lunch before getting on the ferry across the Strait to stay in Picton for the night.

Thursday was an easy day on the bike, riding to Saint Arnaud with a photo stop at Lake Rotoroa. From here we carried on down to Murchison, through Springs Junction and Lewis Pass and on to Hamner Springs for the night and a well-deserved soak in the hot pools.

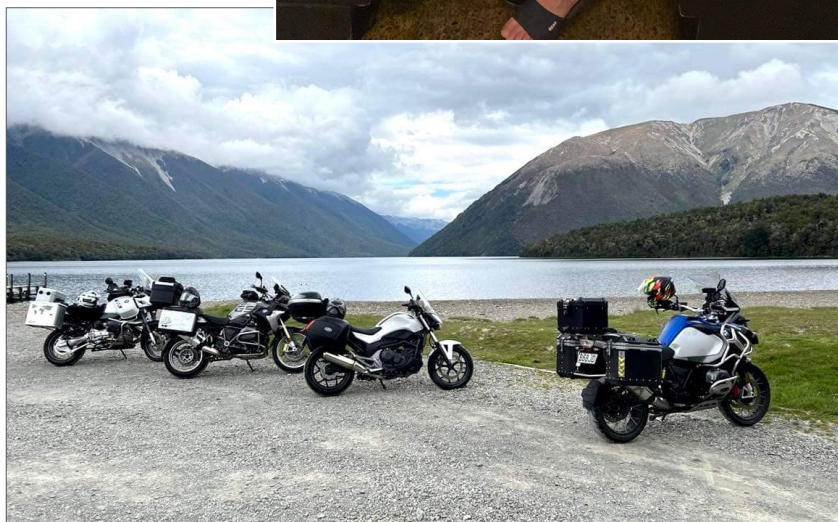
Friday our destination was the Top 10, Geraldine, via Christchurch where we stopped on the route and met up with Kesta McLaughlan, a BMWMC member from Canterbury. As the weather was a bit sketchy, we took the inland route to Geraldine to the RAG Rally. We arrived in good time and caught up with several other members that evening.

Saturday was wet. Very wet! Sadly, a write-off for most due to the weather. It became an enforced day of R&R for most of the day. However, the evening dinner at Barkers was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone and have fun.

Sunday morning was thankfully a big improvement weatherwise and we packed up early to start our journey home. We headed north on SH1 to the ferry, stopping briefly to put on our wet weather gear and again later to enjoy breakfast in Christchurch. Arriving in plenty of time at the ferry, we crossed the puddle and continued our ride to Bulls where we stopped for the night.

Monday, an early start and ride back home to the Waikato.

Over all, we were very lucky with the weather and managed to avoid most of the deluge. The roads and the scenery down south never disappoints!



Chris Townson # 3983

20th - 22nd January 2023



It's time to get your early 2023 plans in place. The BMWMC National Rally and AGM is scheduled for 20-22 January 2023. Dig out your speedos and get your string bikini's ironed as the sun will be shining and the water at our magnificent beaches will be warm.

The event hub is the truly superb Trinity Wharf hotel wonderfully located in the Bay of Plenty. A short walk to downtown Tauranga with its many, many excellent cafés, bars and restaurants. On-site, the motorcycle parking is secure and undercover (first in first served) and we have buses at the door for those that want

to venture around the city sights and do a little shopping...

Accommodation is available for a range of tastes, from rooms of more modest proportions to water-view suites at a discount to the normal rack rate – using the code BMWMC2023.

Should we sell out there is other accommodation a short distance away (Durham Court Motor Inn, Hotel on Devonport and Harbour City Motor Inn – all great places to stay but too small for a group such as ours. – But remember this is summer peak season and Bay of Plenty is full at this time of year and not cheap!

Friday afternoon we encourage you to visit our outstanding local BMW dealer - Mount Motorcycles on Totara St at the Mount and chat to Ray and the team there – there could be a BBQ 'snag n bread' to keep you going while spending a few dollars or even updating the collection – they are always ready with a great deal as many of you know.

Later Friday we will officially meet with tapas and drinks (drinks pyo) in the lobby lounge overlooking the beautiful Tauranga inner harbour.

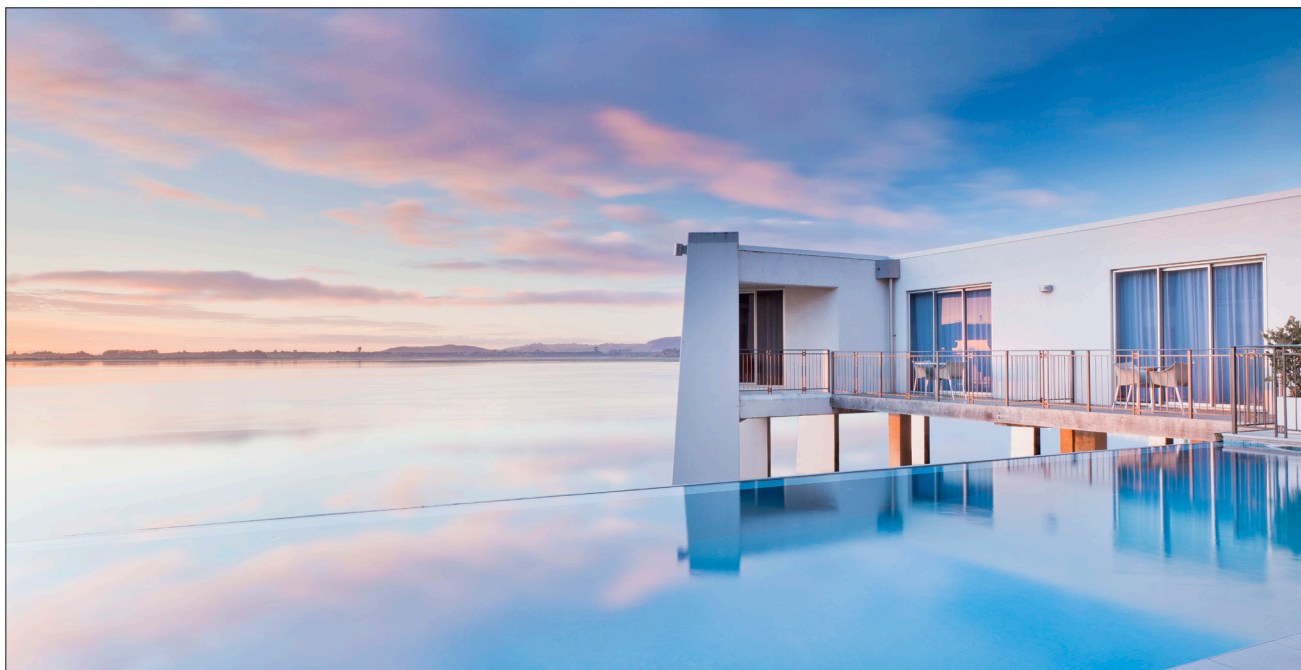
There's a ride program option to suit most riders and motorcycles. The



BM Rally 2023

BOP team are really keen to see some of those older BMWs and road-orientated motorcycles out in force for the weekend.

- Gymkhana
- Concours d'Elegance
- Choice of rides over the weekend - Dusty/fuller pace and/or a gentler ride.



- One of the Saturday TS rides will be managed by Ian Sowden – and for this you will need to bring your GPS skills (and have a clear head Friday night to plan your route).. details next page.
- Another will be led by Grant Aislabie and requires only a full tank of fuel and then the ability to follow the leader.
- Concours judging to take place Saturday morning, winner(s) announced before dinner.
- The GS dusty rides will be capably led by both Alan Belworthy and John Rutherford – so expect some 'interesting' tracks...

In any event, you will all be back at 4.00 pm in time to scrub up and have a beer before the AGM. Concours announcement and dinner will follow.

Sunday will see an easier start and planned gymkhana along with a scenic TS ride with a few extras thrown in...

Get those bookings made! Check the website for updates...

We're looking forward to seeing you there

The BOP 2023 Rally team

BMWMC AGM Rally 2023



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Announcing the BMW300

For those people who may be interested in "something a little different". We invite you to participate in the "BMW300" on Saturday.

For those of you who have undertaken a TT2000 there are similarities but with only a few checkpoints, all of which have to be visited. And, if you've never done a TT2K, then all the better and something new.

I recently did a course pre-run to ensure all is well and it is, time elapsed was approximately 6 hours which included a lunch stop plus stopping at all the locations to actually take a photo. You will need to put a bit of time aside prior to the ride to enter the Checkpoints and try and memorise the Mystery checkpoints.

The time taken to complete is not important.

The 'winner' is the rider that gains the most points riding the lowest number of K's, ensuring that all the photos are taken and taken correctly.

In line with Club policy, all participants ride their own ride at their own risk.

Looking forward to catching up with you all.

Regards

Ian Sowden

BOP2023 Rally team



BMWMC AGM Rally 2023



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BMW300 RULES

This ride has neither Leader nor Tail End Charlie, each entrant will receive a package with a number of pages and a map.

The pages detailing the Checkpoints will have a photo of the required stop, a small portion of an NZ Topo map along with an approximate Latitude and Longitude, photo requirements and the type of road surface.

The pages for the Mystery points will only contain a photo with no location information, along with photo requirements and the type of road surface. All the Mystery photo locations are on the route and will (should) be driven past, just keep your eyes open

The idea is to string the locations together in an orderly fashion, enter the coordinates into your GPS, drive to each of them and take a photo, ensuring yours and others safety, of your bike with the supplied hi-viz tape to closely match the image supplied, note that some photos are taken from across the road rather than having to actually cross the road..

The first and last photos should be of your bike's odometer at the beginning and end of the ride.

It is my intention that the ride proceeds in an anti-clockwise direction.

This ride is not a race, the winner(s) will be the person(s) who take the odometer start and finish photos and get the highest number of points by taking photos of the Checkpoints and Mystery locations with the lowest accumulated kilometre total.

Be mindful of the Toll roads in our area. These can be used at your cost or avoided if preferred.

The BOP 2023 Rally team

Area Report: East Coast

by John Wuts



Pam, Robyn, Warren, Carol, Robert, Peter, Bronwen, Les, Walter and Stella + John W (photographer).

A most enjoyable dinner was shared on the last Tuesday of November at the Drift restaurant on the Marine Parade.

You'll notice Les still waiting for his food, as there was a mix-up in the kitchen but at least he got his dessert for free! (a just dessert??).

John Wuts #1867

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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

by Scott Mills



Mokau for a short ride... - November



Howdy team.

Ray, Ian, and I went for a lunch ride to Mokau for our Monthly 'second Sunday' ride.

We had an uneventful ride to Mokau stopping at the Mokau Butchery Food Caravan for a surf and turf burger.

Bloody good burger with minced steak and whitebait patties in them. Super blimmin yummy tucker. Well worth a stop if you're passing through. Open Thurs-Sun I believe.

After our feed we set off over Mount Damper to Whangamomona for afternoon tea. It's a great ride through Mount Damper, very scenic. It started to rain just as we arrived at the pub, so we had to stay for an extra drink while we waited for the rain to pass before riding home.

This month's ride was a short one as a group of us are heading off to Geraldine later in the week to attend the RAG Rally. Can't wait to catch up with everyone and enjoy riding in the South Island.

Cheers,

Scott #3542

Keep the shiny side up and make life a ride.



Previous months photo

Area Report: Taranaki Tales

by Scott Mills



Christmas Lunch - December



We had a great turnout for our Christmas Lunch Ride. The weather building up to the day was appalling, but we were very lucky to have a perfect riding day for our ride.

The food at the Toko Pub is always good, especially the pizzas.

Our ride was back roads via Ratapiko to Toko, Lunch, Backroads via Pukeiti Gardens to Butlers at Oakura for a cuppa, then home.

We were lucky to have Gordon come along

on his R18. What a machine! They are quite literally a work of art. Gordon has promised me a test ride. I'm not sure how well it will go on the gravel, but I guess I'll find out! Nah, just joking Gordon (or am I...)

From all our team here to all of the others around the country, I hope you have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to catching up at the AGM Rally in January 2023.

Best wishes,

Scott Mills # 3542



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

by Murray Petherick



November provided a bit of a mixed bag for the Rangitikei group.



The Church at Tekapo

Our first scheduled event for November was the monthly ride, set down for Sunday 13th, which was only 2 days before a group of eight were scheduled to head south for the SI RAG.

The weather looked pretty marginal but in the interests of being fair and providing a (short) ride opportunity for the group, I decided to try and go ahead with the ride. The plan was to meet for coffee at the Ginger Bird Café in Colyton then do a loop over Saddle Road and back via Pahiatua Track for lunch at Fielding.

As it turned out only four bikes arrived, being ridden by Neville and Barry H from Whanganui,

and John and yours truly from Levin. Barry was on his new Honda 500 which he recently purchased after selling his other two bikes, one of which was the 1200RS. Robin and Joy and then Robert J arrived in cars to join us for coffee.

We sat and enjoyed a protracted coffee session and, after due consideration, decided the weather along the proposed route 'over the hill' was probably not going to be very pleasant and so we mutually agreed to head homewards rather than tackle a longer ride. Neville led Barry home via some back roads and John and I took different routes back to Horowhenua.

South Island RAG

A group of eight riders headed south to attend the SI RAG, with the last to join the group being Peter who insisted he had permission from both his wife and his boss (to bunk his teaching job) and join us for the trip.

We crossed the Strait on Bluebridge for a night's stay in Blenheim on Tuesday 15th, then on Wednesday headed up the Wairau Valley and the Buller Gorge. Whilst stopped for the compulsory viewing of Hawkes Crag we saw a car that had slowed in the middle of the road nearly get shunted by a following logging truck. Fortunately no contact and we duly headed to Charleston for lunch and then on down the coast road to our night's stay at the Hokitika Holiday Park.

Thursday saw us heading down the Coast and after lunch at Haast went on to Wanaka for the night. No rain en-route so far, although there were a few showers that night.

On Friday the inimitable Martin McC. joined us for the ride through to Geraldine. Rain was threatening so I made a pre-emptive strike by putting on my wet weather gear thus ensuring we had a dry ride through to Geraldine! A brief delay in the Lindis where a truck tried bouncing off the guardrail to help make it around a 45kph hairpin bend, and then lunch at the Wrinkly Ram in Omarama and a photo stop at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tekapo, saw us in Geraldine early in the afternoon.

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

by Murray Petherick



Rest stop at Hawks Crag

Unfortunately, rain set in and on Saturday so most of us stayed around the camp although some others took to the roads, including Peer who headed towards Peel Forest but turned back when he encountered a high-flowing ford. The evening's dinner, provided a good get-together for everyone that attended the RAG. Although, the biggest challenge for our group and others returning to the North Island arose when our phones sounded to be notified by Bluebridge that many return sailings were cancelled. Ordinarily, that would not have been too critical but on this occasion, four of us were committed to marshalling duties at the California Superbike School at Manfield the day after we were booked to return home. After a bit of scrambling around, and some skilful use of phones by some more skilled than me, we all managed to re-book on Interislander for the same afternoon as our cancelled sailing. I suspect Bluebridge has lost quite a bit of credibility from that affair.

From Geraldine, we headed to Reefton, for a night's stay at the old Nurses Home, via Arthurs Pass and Moana. The rain forecast for the Reefton area was held at bay by another pre-emptive strike from my wet gear and

we enjoyed a comfortable stay at the Home, though didn't encounter any nurses, young or old!

The next leg of our 'direct' trip from Geraldine to Picton took us through the Lewis Pass and the Inland Route to Kaikoura with a coffee stop at Hanmer Springs. Again, a wet gear pre-emptive strike kept the rain at bay and we enjoyed another good day's ride despite wet roads through much of the early part of the ride.

Our last night away was spent at the Kaikoura Top 10 and the next morning saw us heading to Picton for lunch and the early afternoon sailing. Although rain was forecast from Horowhenua through to Whanganui I decided I was so close to home I wouldn't bother with wet gear for the ride home from the ferry: bad mistake! By the time I got home, wearing only my ageing riding gear with not even any wet liners etc, I was soaked!

All-in-all a great trip with good company. Thanks to the rally organisers for yet another excuse for a week away on the bikes and a chance to catch up with other like-minded people from around the country.

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

by Murray Petherick



California Superbike School



As touched on briefly above, four of our Rangitikei members took on the duties of flag marshals at the recent School held at the Manfield race track. The name is a bit of a misnomer as the school provides rider training for all grades of riders (including wannabe racers) and all types of bikes. Skilled coaches are allocated to groups of 'students' and instruction is given both on and off course. The Schools are not intended to provide specific race training, but rather to improve rider skills primarily related to cornering including the use of gears, braking, and selection of lines. Coaches mix with the student riders on the course and will variously follow and lead students to demonstrate and provide specific instruction to each student.

Exercises applied to various training sessions include combinations and variations such as riders being permitted to use only two gears and no brakes, two gears and light brakes, three gears and light brakes, etc through to all gears and all braking.

Improvement of most students through the duration of the School was quite noticeable. The best entertainment comes on the last session of the School when the coaches decide to take their 600 Ninjas for a blast. Apart from the fun they have it also shows the students what riding skills they could possibly aspire to.

Any members interested in the School can check out their website for further information.

Murray #2690



Area Repot: Wairarapa

by Peter Tibbs



October - Photographed missed last month



WWeather Forecast stated Strong Winds and Heavy Rain - this no doubt put plenty of people off riding.

However, the weather was not too bad and I arrived at the Farriers Carpark, Masterton bathed in bright sunshine and no wind. So much for the weather Forecast!

It wasn't long before other riders and bikes started to arrive, Amongst these bikes were two restored Airheads which was really good to see them out and about.

Seven bikes made their way to



Mangatainoka Brewery Motorcycle Show.

After walking around the bikes on show I reckon that an Airhead which I know of here in the Wairarapa would have won the top bike in the show - but unfortunately, the owner had chosen not to come.

That aside, it was good to catch up with Folker who was there on his Airhead.

Good company, good ride and a Free Show.

Until next time - Wheels down & Feet up.

Tibsy #2806

Stay informed

Main article by Waka Kotahi

Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan

“We all deserve a transport system that puts people at the centre – that protects and helps us to get to the places and people important to us, so we can live life to the full.

Speed limits were first set before we knew what was safe and appropriate for our roads. We know this harms people we care about and have a responsibility for.

It’s our responsibility to do better.

We’re taking practical steps to ensure we’re protecting the people and communities we care about. We welcome you to be part of that journey.

A new approach to managing speeds

To put people, and the diverse ways we use our roads and streets at the heart of how we plan and maintain our transport system, the way we manage speeds has changed.

A new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022 came into effect in May 2022, requiring road controlling authorities to develop speed management plans with a whole-of-network approach every three years, aligning with the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) cycle.

As this legislation took effect during the current 2021-24 NLTP period, we’re taking a step towards the new approach by developing an Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan which includes remaining speed-related activities within the current NLTP. Next year we’ll share the State Highway Speed Management Plan for 2024-27 under the new legislation for feedback.

We’ll consider feedback from this consultation alongside existing information to finalise the interim plan. Once the plan has been certified, we’ll publish it online, and implement speed limits during the time periods proposed in the plan.

Full article [HERE](#)

[Draft Interim State Highway Speed Management Plan \[PDF, 24 MB\]](#)

[Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022](#)

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Gretchen Holland



Tata Beach ride - Bird Watching

I set the meeting and departure time a wee bit early for some, so we filled in a bit of time stopping at Hawkes Lookout (half way up the Takaka Hill) and went for a nice walk and lovely sight see. We arrived at the Woolshed Cafe on top of the Hill just after it opened. Andy and Victoria turned up at the Lookout in their convertible 'tin top' (Andy's bike is still in bits) and Revti and Sue turned up at the Cafe and went back home again from there.

Most bikes went on the gravel road through East Takaka while two bikes and one car went via Takaka township. The girls braved the water and had a very nice swim and lunch on the beach while the boys sat at the picnic table in the car park!

Most bikes and the car headed round the coast to Tataranui (gravel) and stopped at Pohara for an ice cream on the way home. Trudi and I came straight back via Toad Hall and their ice cream department.

Riders were – Gretchen, Tony H, Rick, Trudi, Peter W, Richard, Sue & Revti, Andy & Victoria and visitors Gary and Dave.

Gretchen #949



At Tata Beach



Trudi and Rick



Woolshed Cafe



Victoria and Revti

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu

by Gretchen Holland



This year's end-of-year ride and lunch had to be somewhere south so that Marlborough and Nelson riders could meet up easily as SH6 between Blenheim and Nelson is still closed (five weeks down, one week to go). So, after meeting

the three Marlborough bikes at Kawatiri Junction, we headed to Murchison and sat outside at two big tables at River Cafe and had good food and a long catch-up. Our thanks to BMWMC for the member subsidy.



Faces: Trudi, Rick, Richard C, Gretchen, Gary, Anja, Lew.



Riders were – Gretchen, Rick, Trudi, Peter W, Peter B, Richard C, Matthias, Ant, Murray, Ross, Lew, Gary, Anja and visitors Peter F and Richard C2. -

Some of us headed our separate ways as the black clouds gathered and some went home through the Braeburn and Lake Rotoroa. Some attempted a different wee side trip explore and

discovered they couldn't get through.

All in all, a successful day to complete a successful year of Top of the South riding.

Gretchen #949

South Island RAG: Geraldine

by Garry Williams



Jo and I haven't attended a club rally since the 2021 Annual Rally in New Plymouth and were very much looking forward to the SI Rag Rally in Geraldine. We'd managed to score a two-bedroom unit at the Geraldine Top 10 so let Scott Mills know we had a spare room should any of the guys coming down from Taranaki need it. I didn't have much of an idea what the plan was for the weekend and, to be fair, was just happy with the notion of being a participant at an event for once.

Unfortunately, Jo managed to injure a foot during the week, which meant she was triling her KTM down. Bit of a bonus as my luggage ended up in the back of the Ranger along with the club flags we needed to get down there. I was enjoying the posts of many North Island members making their way south. All was shaping up pretty well, my plan for Friday was to catch up with Ben and Doug who were already on their annual South Island tiki tour.

Bit disappointing then, after a relatively settled spring week, to wake up Friday morning to rain. Ben and Doug turned up at



Ben & Doug Mt Lawry Station

home mid-morning replete with pastries, and ready for coffee! The last of the gear got packed in the Ranger and Jo was on her way, the first order of the day being to get a warrant on the trailer.

Lo and behold, the rain stopped as I backed the bike out of the garage and the three of us set off up the Okuku Pass. It got surprisingly warm very quickly, but the Pass was super slippery and the track through Mt Lawry Station rutted enough to cause quite a few giggles. The Okuku River was up a bit but easy crossing. After a stop in Sheffield for the obligatory pie, more gravel was in order, so we headed over the Malvern Hills coming out on SH72 just south of Glen Tunnel, taking a quick

detour along Wash Pen Road, and then down Zig Zag Road to the Rakia Gorge.

Just as I was thinking we were making pretty good time and looking forward to a stop in Mayfield for coffee, things came to a grinding halt just south of the Rakaia Gorge. We struck a very long line of traffic going nowhere fronted by many motorcycles heading either to the RAG Rally or the Magpie Rally that was also on over the weekend. Tragically, a person died following a crash at the corner of Mt Hutt Station Rd and the intersection with Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd at about 2:00 pm. With NZ Police letting us know it was unlikely the road would re-open until about 5.30 pm, the only course of action was to back-track to SH 1, a

decent 40-minute detour.

We got to Geraldine much later than expected, Jo was already in situ after

shopping, I had a good book so stayed inside reading. A few hardy souls did venture out on the ride Garth had

not having seen some people for quite some time. A really good night out.

Sunday morning dawned a little more favourably, at least it has stopped raining. Jo and I had arranged to catch up with some friends for brunch in Woodbury so had plenty of time to hang around and say goodbye to those departing for home or on the next leg of whatever journey they had planned.

I made the most of the 170km back home retracing the way we'd come down and got home warm and dry, lots of fun.

Too bad it was so wet Saturday; this year's SI RAG Rally was a good one though. Caught up with loads of people we haven't seen for quite a while. Looking forward to the Annual Rally in Tauranga next.

Garry #1510



Wet Top 10 Geraldine

an uneventful trip down SH1 and the Top 10 was buzzing with a hefty number of riders from across the country. We got settled in, Jo did the fish and chip run for the four of us as Ben and Doug got busy setting up their tents. Our roommates, Scott and Bill, turned up with the rest of the Taranaki crew, beers were had, and plans were hatched for an excursion over Black Forest Station the next day.

Sometime during the night, it started raining. Bearing in mind that in Geraldine in November, there's a 25% chance of rain on an average day and the monthly average rainfall is 49 mm but on Saturday, 84.5 mm fell in the course of the day. Suffice it to say I wasn't going anywhere. Jo took the truck to Timaru to do a bit of

planned. Most I think got to Fairlie, had a pie, and came straight back. It was certainly a bonus day for the cafes and hotels in town.

Dinner on Saturday night though was fabulous! Around 68 members turned up at Barker's Foodstore & Eatery located on the former grounds of St Mary's Vicarage.

Great to see a few of the Board members and a decent number of our Area Reps too. The buffet was brilliant, there was a decent range of beers, and the conversation flowed despite



**Homeward bound,
Malvern Hills**

Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



Casting an eye across (many) recent BMWMC newsletters, one could reasonably wonder if Auckland had disappeared from the landscape and a quick glance at the Club Facebook events page might add weight to your contemplation. The reality is somewhat different, Auckland is increasing membership and there's plenty going on. As a region we need to embrace the foundational communications structure whilst necessarily integrating more current communication structures, it is not an either/or question but rather a blending of the established with the new.

So how this looks is that the forward planning needs to take place and then be communicated in a timely manner via established means and then distributed by

any and all other means. The established means are (1) timely email notification to regional members of the near-term events calendar, (2) next and forward events need to populate the Club Facebook events page, then and only then this information should be dispersed by any and all other means. The transition from the old to the new is currently in process with respect to Auckland. The "new" is fantastic, absolutely the way forward and laden with potential however I'm reminded of the adage around the monkey swinging from one tree to the next, "make sure you have a good grasp on the other tree before letting go of the one you are in".

The only reason I'm publicly airing the Auckland transitional process (incidentally I think it's very positive going forward) is

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Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



that there may be other regions (mostly Auckland neighbours) currently at various stages of realization and (hopefully) action. Any opportunity for neighbouring regions and particularly Area Reps to interact needs to be encouraged as this leads to the sharing of experience and the creation of growth initiatives.

Added to the mix is the need to present a

“younger face” to the Club but we need to be mindful that those essential “younger” faces have a more demanding relationship and family logistics than those of us with a few more years on board. These younger faces are the future of the Club and need to be treasured, their needs assimilated into regional management and program maintenance.



And now to take a massive shift of focus, it was an absolute pleasure to host the Auckland Christmas function Sunday 11th December.

19 of our BMWMC family enjoyed a very relaxed evening, even nature added to the experience by turning on some great weather. The accompanying image could be called a “before” or “after” photo.

The atmosphere was so relaxed that the thought of assembling a group photo never emerged.

Next time, I promise to take a “during” photo which includes all attending.

Stay safe as you holiday and travel.

Cheers

Stephen #3201

NOTICE of AGM 2023

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc.) will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday 21st January 2023 at the Trinity Wharf Hotel, situated at 51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

Any Member of BMWMC 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 5.00 pm on Sunday 1st January 2023. The Secretary will accept notices as a document attached to email at secretary@bmwmc.nz

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 members of BMWMC. Any subject of discussion or notice of resolution submitted after Sunday 1 January 2023 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.

The positions of President, Vice President and Secretary were re-elected for a two-year period at the 2022 AGM.

The following positions are open for election at this AGM

- Treasurer – incumbent Colin Gates, who is willing to serve another term
- Membership - incumbent Barry Petherick, who is willing to serve another term
- Area Rep Liaison – incumbent (pro-tem) Ian Macartney, who is willing to stand for a full term.

We also have a situation where the Positions of President and Vice President have become synchronised in terms, whilst the Constitution requires that these positions rotate in alternate years, to ensure continuity of leadership. In order to correct this, the Vice President will stand down at this AGM, and Steve Parkinson has agreed to stand for another two-year term. The position is open for any other member to be nominated if they so wish

The Board encourages anyone who wishes to be involved, to have themselves submitted for nomination to any of the available positions.

NOTICE of AGM 2023

In accordance with the BMWMC Constitution, each elected position is for a two-year period. The Nomination Form is available by clicking [HERE](#) and the next page.

Nominations must be by a current financial member and endorsed by the nominee. Nominations must be published in the final Newsletter before the AGM, and as such must be received by the Secretary no later than 5:00 pm on 22nd December 2022.

Nominations may be received at the annual general meeting provided that no member can be elected who has not consented to be nominated.

A final Notice of the AGM will be sent out on Saturday 7th January and will include details of the business at hand that includes:

- Minutes of the previous meeting,
- Annual report from the Board,
- Financial statements for the financial year, including income and expenditure, balance sheet for the past year and the estimate of income and expenditure for the current year,
- Election of Officers
- any remits, notice of motion or anything to be included as business beyond that prescribed above, that the Secretary has received prior to Sunday 1st January 2023.

Important Dates:

Nominations for Board Members	Thursday 22 December 2022
Final Date for Newsletter publication	Thursday 22 December 2022
Subject for Discussion / Remit	5.00 pm Sunday 1 January 2023
Final Agenda for AGM	Saturday 7 January 2023
Annual General Meeting:	Saturday 21 January 2023

AGM 2023 – NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

1. Details of the Member making the nomination

Name: Membership Number:

Address:

Signature Date:

2. Details of persons nominated

Name: Membership Number:

Address:

I nominate the above Nominee for the Board Position of:

(Write the Board Position in the box below)

3. Nominee Acceptance

I acknowledge and accept the nomination shown above.

Signature Date:

4. Constitutional Requirement

7.2.1 Each year the members of the Club eligible to vote shall, by ballot, elect the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary and the Members' Representative. Nominations shall be by way of written nomination signed by a current financial member and endorsed with the consent of the nominee. Nominations must be received by the secretary to enable publication in the last newsletter distributed before the day fixed for the annual general meeting. Nominations may be received at the annual general meeting provided that no member can be elected who has not consented to be nominated.

5. Nomination Delivery Options

Either

- **Post the physical form** to The Secretary, BMWMC, Post Box 109-245, Newmarket, AUCKLAND 1149, (Allow 10 working days from posting for mail to be received by the Secretary). **Or, preferably**
- **Scan and email** the completed form to secretary@bmwmc.nz

Nomination forms **MUST** be received by **Thursday 22 December 2022** so that all candidate details can be sent out to all members with the formal notification of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations made after 22nd December 2022 can only be presented prior to the start of the AGM and will NOT be published.



**BMWMC
2023 AGM Rally**

North Island

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd January 2023

Accommodation Link

Registration Link




**BMWMC
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North Island

Friday 31st March - Sunday 2nd April 2023



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Two Wheels To Mesopotamia

by Dave Morris



(Or, less romantic, - more honest: The South Island Rally)

Planning the trip to the South Island Rally at Geraldine, I thought I would incorporate a ride up the Rangitata Valley to a high country station, in Mesopotamia.

I had rung a mate to see if he wanted to come on the trip; yes! came the response. So I planned a seven-day trip with accommodation at Rotherham, Oamaru, Geraldine and Kaikoura. Two days to Oamaru and Roy went his own way for the weekend. Oms to Geraldine was a short ride of around two hours. I was an early-bird arrival at the Top 10 Motor Camp and had time to familiarise myself with the local town. I had been here before, but some time back. One destination was The Cheese Shop.



Rangitata River valley

(I went back on the morning of my departure to purchase some cheese. (No ice box or the like on board so wrapped them in a towel and placed them at the coolest part of the saddle bag [bottom middle]. Then a fridge at lodging o'ernight.) Cheese arrived home in good order.

I came back to the Top 10 and checked in. Over the course of the afternoon the riders dribbled in: Small groups and solo riders. Catching up on friendships and talking small stuff took up the rest of the afternoon. Some members were under canvas: (Been there – done that.)

Early that evening (Friday), an informal meeting was called and the plan for events was announced. Essentially there was a ride for the off-road group as the majority of bikes

were that. The road bike riders were free to do their own ride. I planned to go to Peel Forest and on through to Mesopotamia. For Saturday evening, dining at Barker's was booked for a buffet meal.

However, come Saturday the weather forecast proved to be accurate. Did it rain! It started in the night and never stopped until the following night. Rained getting to Barkers; rained when we returned. – With hints of easing. Some (of our) campers were wet through. One English cyclist had to seek refuge in the TV room. Everything was wet. And, needless to say I did not get out to Meso. The Gs'es went out. Hardy lot, them!

The Barker's meal was a welcome break from the weather once we were inside and out of



25Km short of Meso

the rain. It was close to the camp and took no more than 5 minutes to walk there. President Chris gave a thank-you to pers involved and bought us up to date with things club and the event was officially over.

In the natural course of events, Sunday morning was fine. Now was the time to ride out to Mesopotamia. I went to the Camp Mother and booked out a day early and off-chanced my Kaikoura accommodation was available before the reserved date. I was to meet Roy on Monday.

I enjoyed the ride out to Peel Forest and Rangitata Valley. No sooner had I come into sight of the river than I was stopped by an eroded ford at Coal Creek. The stream was jumpable in width but a combination of the depth and speed of the water, the steepness of the ride off and the dimensions of my bike, I was not going to risk it. A GS would wallow in it. My destination was another 25 kilometres up the valley. Touched with despondency I turned around and carried on to Kaikoura.

There was a room for that night at Kaikoura. I even upgraded. We were booked in at Dusky Lodge and this was a return visit. And there is sheltered parking for the bikes! Roy arrived on the morrow as planned and we wandered down the shopping/eating street and choose a

pub meal.

On the last day and heading north to the Ferry, we encountered strong buffeting headwinds from Nin's Crayfish right through to Picton.

I have a loyalty to the Bluebridge ferry and there's a small tale to tack onto this report.

While we (rally attendees) were sheltering from the rain on Saturday, some of us got a text message from Bluebridge saying the 2:15 pm ferry had been cancelled due to a shortage of staff. Which I later discovered was due to a Covid outbreak. Many were the number that rang and re-arranged alternative bookings.

I crawled into my bed at 00:15 hours that night. Ahhh. A great trip.

Dave Morris - #1774

Links to places mentioned:

www.mesopotamia.co.nz/history

<https://barkers.co.nz>

www.cheeseshop.co.nz

Events Page - [Click HERE](#) for latest details

January 2023 - [Click here to book Accomodation](#)

20th-22nd January: AGM and Annual Rally - Tauranga

Registration form [HERE](#) and on our website under "Events"

April 2023

Friday 31st March - Sunday 2nd April: North Island RAG

Registration form coming January.

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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.
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