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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 2nd day of the month.

We look forward to your contributions.

A Very Warm Welcome to:

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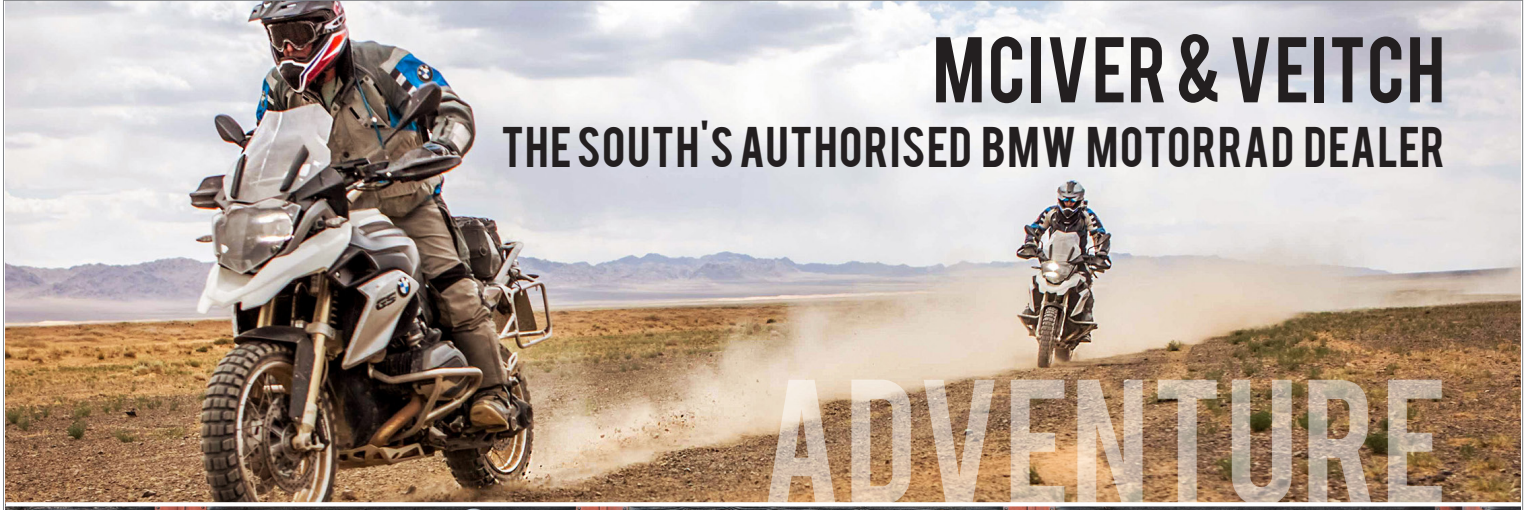
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President's Podium

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June 2023

Well, I've been trying not to mention the weather, but unfortunately over the last few weeks we have started to see the effects of winter across the country. I don't think any region has been spared the heavy rains and stormy weather coming from the Northwest. I'm sure it's put a dampener on some people riding. That said, I have seen several posts on our Facebook page and other sites with people out, getting dirty and playing in wet and muddy conditions. Great fun, but it's the clean-up afterwards that can be a pain.

BMWMCNZ became a member of BMW Clubs International (BCI) 20 years ago. Our membership, whilst costing nothing, provides us with several benefits such as the ability to promote ourselves as an officially endorsed BMW club, the use of the BMW-approved branding as well as the opportunity to collaborate with other clubs. By connecting with other BMW enthusiasts from around the world, we can gain new perspectives and ideas for local events and initiatives. This can also help us to enhance the club's activities and attract new members. The BMW Car Club NZ is also a member, and we are both part of the BMW Clubs International Council (BCIC).

BCIC serves as an interface between the BMW Group and all official in-country BMW clubs, their members, and associates around the world. The BMW Clubs International Council meets annually, and we are jointly represented on this council by the Car Club as they are the NZ-nominated Delegate.

BMW Motorrad celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year. To our delight, they have kindly invited me, to represent our club (at their expense) to attend this year's Council meeting which I have accepted. The timing aligns with the celebrations in Berlin and I am looking forward to meeting the other members of the Council. I will be representing and promoting our club during this very special event and will report back in full.

Our own preparations are well underway for our Club events this year and the AGM/ National Rally in January 2024. The GS Rallye, jointly run with Kiwi Rider Magazine is happening the weekend of the 28th/29th of October. It's back at the same fantastic location as last year, Lakes Ranch Rotorua, so pencil the dates in and details soon.

The South Island Rag Rally is in Akaroa, 24th/26th of November this year. Akaroa is a wonderfully quaint town with a French influence located on the Banks Peninsula. It's a beautiful location with some fantastic riding to be had both on and off-road. The Canterbury team are looking forward to hosting us there and look forward to seeing you there. More details on the website events page soon and in next months newsletter.

All the best and ride safe.



Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



May's Rides

It's probably fair to say that all Club areas could report more content around the events they had to postpone or cancel rather than the ones which could go ahead, and Auckland is certainly no exception. We did however manage to hold two events during May, a café meet-up and a monthly ride.

Red Shed Palazzo located just off the end of the Southern Motorway has been a bit of a cafe destination staple for years,

consistently delivering ambience, service, coffee, and cuisine. Another bonus is that it sits very near to a variety of riding options.

This time around, the setting was all good, service was up to expectation, and the coffee was great, but the kitchen was clearly an issue. Some club members were quite happy with their offerings but anybody ordering the liver and bacon with toasted ciabatta was in for a world of



disappointment. The liver was overcooked and therefore on the dry/grainy side, the gravy had been over-thickened using corn flour making it gluggy and everything had been placed on top of the toast making it soggy. It's probably worth a quick note through to Red Shed and a follow-up "taste and see" because I'm confident they are better than that.

David Fish plotted a path northward for our monthly ride Sunday 21st. The idea was that around 8 to 10 of us would leave Starbucks

Westgate, ride north, collect another two or three riders as we passed through Wellsford, to then meet up with Northland Club members at Land and Sea Café Marsden Cove. Following lunch there would be sealed and gravel options for the homeward leg.

However, the first of the day's glitches cropped up even before we started, with Eric, who had changed the front wheel size on his 1200 GS that morning. It turned out his electronics were less than happy about that whole deal, leaving him a non-

Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



Cont...

starter. The next deviation from the "A" plan involved Richard and his KTM 1290. I was behind Richard around 25kms or so south of Wellsford when his riding suddenly became quite rubbish before he cruised to a halt at the side of the road. A significant foreign object had made a nasty split in his rear tyre, taking Richard plus three good Samaritans out of the ride. The message to David was to continue with the ride as planned and we would cut a direct track to lunch once the tyre thing was sorted. Finally, after about three or possibly 4 plugs plus an eternity waiting for the compressor to do its thing, the tyre pressure finally held. Richard made the right call to head home via the greatest number of service stations and the three Samaritans took a direct line to lunch. Fortunately, pressure held throughout Richard's trip home.

The three Samaritans finally made it to lunch around half an hour late and were met by the balance of Auckland, a bunch of Northland types and two KiwiRider Magazine folk. We had a great time over lunch but by now time frames were not suiting everybody, so some two-rider combos headed off as they needed to. This left the Auckland return reduced to David and Greg heading in the direction of gravel with Michael, Liz and me taking a leisurely cruise south through Mangawhai.

Assuming you are riding, it's amazing how far off the "A" plan you can get and still have a great day!

Stephen #3201

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BMW Update... Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



BMW Motorrad NZ – The change is well underway.



Initially, it was in hushed tones, word of a quantum shift around the presence of BMW Motorrad in New Zealand. Those hushed tones grew steadily louder but still, specifics were shrouded, more in the realm of rumour than substance. Eventually, mystery gave way to revelation, the mantle of BMW Motorrad NZ would be passing to Sime Darby. To suggest that Sime Darby is big is akin to suggesting that Mt Cook is a bit of a hill, they bring sophisticated structure, big-picture thinking, and serious horsepower to the table. An announcement by Cyclespot that they would no longer be BMW dealers was an early signal that significant change was underway. The phrase “Flagship Dealership” cropped up early on as lines of communication opened between BMW Motorrad NZ and BWMCNZ.

So, what does the transfer of BMW Motorrad New Zealand to Sime Darby mean, what does a flagship dealership look like, and how does all this impact my personal BMW experience?

BMW Motorrad NZ falls under the umbrella

of SD Distributors NZ Ltd, many of you will have met Brand Manager Dennis Holland at the BOP Rally and witnessed the presentation he gave at our AGM. Everything BMW arrives in NZ via SD Distributors and all BMW franchised dealerships are answerable to Dennis, including the newly established Auckland dealership Continental Motorrad located on Wairau Rd. Your personal BMW experience will be enhanced by improved parts supply, and greater availability of merchandise or accessories, along with the impact of a business structure which has some serious skin in the game from importation to retail sales.

Continental Motorrad Wairau Rd will be the Flagship Dealership and responsibility falls to Dealer Manager Steve Mottershead. I recently had the opportunity to meet with Steve and look at what was happening. Continental BMW's site on Wairau Road is quite large and I had no idea where I should be heading. On arrival, I noted a trail of bikes which began just inside a set of self-

opening doors, so it seemed reasonable to start there. The trail led past car displays to an open-plan office space and a larger collection of bikes, this is where Steve currently calls home.

As pictured, his real home is still being constructed next door with completion expected in July. We chatted at length about his vision and it's clear that Steve is counting the days to moving next door and making this dealership everything that

it can be. We went for a walk so I could see the workshop facility and get a peek at what was going on undercover with the showroom.

The workshop looked impressive with top of the range, Bike-lifts, technical staff, and state-of-the-art diagnostics, and as a bonus, the national parts facility located virtually next to the service floor.

We continued our walk, ending up beyond



the scaffold and shrouding next door. As Steve spoke it became easy to look beyond the construction in process and start to picture the finished product. He explained that another bike lift was going to be located here so that a technician could go over whatever it was that your bike needed or detail around a new bike could be pointed out. The coffee machine was going

here with a lounge-type feel to the space, merchandising and accessories were going to be a big feature and displayed here and here. The space would have a social feel to it with space for the display of all models. By the time we were done, I even found myself starting to count down to opening day.

Stephen #3201

While we wait for the big reveal, Steve is happy to sell you as many bikes as you want and chat about any servicing you might need. You can track him down on his mobile: 021 406 326 or email: steve.mottershead@continentalmotorrad.co.nz.

Area Report: East Coast

By John Wuts



In spite of cyclone Gabrielle, all is still in good order on the restaurant scene in Hawke's Bay. A most convivial evening was held at the Portofino Italian restaurant in Clive Square on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

In the picture, from the front to the rear are

Alan, Warren, Les, John F, Robert, Tony, Maria, Robyn, Carole, Pam, Leonie, Bronwen, Peter and Ann.

So don't forget to put us on your Baycation list, there are still plenty of good motorcycling roads left!
John #1867

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More details soon...

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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

by Wayne Higgins



Whangōmomona Hotel



This month's ride was out to the famous Whangamōmona. Always a great ride with crossing over three saddles and of course lots of twisties.

A small group of us met in Inglewood and took the main road to Midhurst. After that, we headed inland to Toko and on to Whanga.

Of course, we enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Whangōmomona Hotel.

After which, we headed a bit further north to the Tangarākau Ghost town (always an interesting stop) then on to Mount Damper.

Unfortunately, we didn't have time to check out the Mount Damper falls. But if you're ever in Taranaki, this is always a great destination for a ride, and an easy 15 wal from the road.

Next, we headed home over Mt Messenger.

It was a good ride.

Wayne #4097



Member Contribution:

by David Morris



Club Clerihews

Or: The result of fewer contributions?
President Gary carried the banner high,
Would chat with everyone: - A social guy.
And the AGM was a breeze to him.
Should have had the event, his eponym.

Now President Chris-sis in the chair of
preside,
When not riding the GS with topbox and
bags, each side.
Clocking the kilometres around the country,
Safely and sensibly not carefree and gutsy.

Our Editor man Colin,
Prepares our monthly column.
And his hidden hymn and edict is, the
newsletter will only appear...
By members' contributions: - Or disappear.

David has proven a popular name-key,
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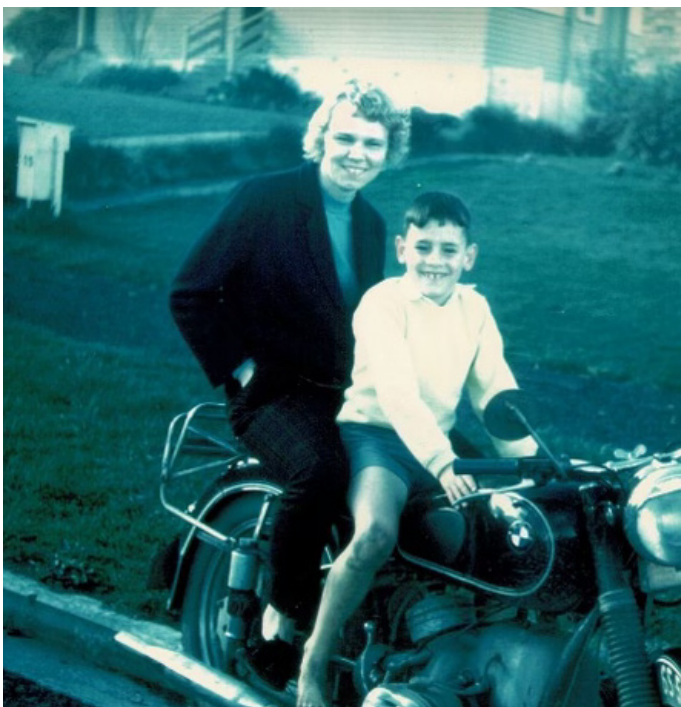
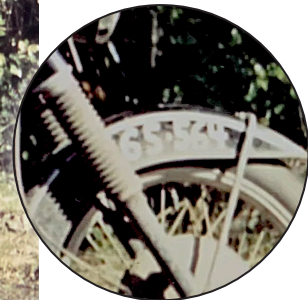
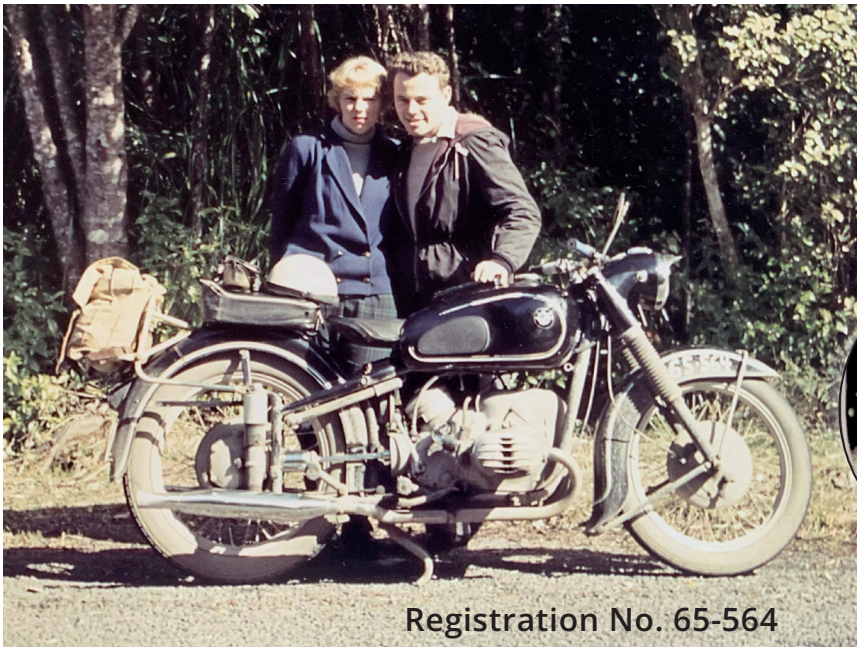
Can You Help?

A grandson of a former BMW R52 owner has asked if we could help to try and locate the whereabouts of the very same motorcycle today.

His grandfather was Ernst Konrad Attenberger and he emigrated to New Zealand from Munich in 1954.

The motorcycle sought and pictured is believed to be a 1956 R52 (purchased in Hanover from an English chap who was in the British Army) and later sold outside the family in 1962.

Please email the editor@bmwmc.nz with any information.



Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Club Social Meet & Eat 1st May 2023

Another good turnout, fourteen, for our monthly meet and meal at the Petone Club with plenty to chat about.

Club Rides May 2023

We'd planned a month of Sunday rides, however, weather and some good competition from Mother's Day meant we only managed one Sunday ride and a midweek impromptu. However, we had some good turnouts and riding for those rides.

Sunday 7th - combo combo ride to Pongaroa

Eight Wellington riders, Denis, Ian H, Ian M, Keith T, Peter N, Richard T, Louie and Chester met three Wairarapa riders, Tibsy, Wayne and Doreen at Masterton for the ride to Alfredton where we split into two groups - gravel riders and sealed road riders for the ride to Pongaroa.

Sealed road riders rode Route 52. Gravel riders rode Pori Road to Makuri Gorge. Return routes varied - SH52; Pahiatua-Pongaroa Rd to Pahiatua

and over the Pahiatua Track. Gravel riders rode gravel from Eketahuna - Mangaoranga Rd, Bowen Rd, North Rd to Mauriceville and return to Wellington via Gladstone, Longbush Rd and Martinborough.

It was good weather, no wind, some great riding on Pori Road, up in patches of mist, but with no road damage despite recent rain and no dust.

Our Multiday west coast trip through Taranaki, Waitomo was cancelled.

Weather forecasts were poor for the riding areas, although they did improve after we cancelled (of course). We were looking forward to riding with Wayne and Taranaki riders for some of the route. However, we'll reschedule for the Springtime.



Pongaroa Ride - Pori Road

Denis Hulston (P) | Chester Caulfield | Louie van der Merwe | Richard Turnhout | Keith Thomson

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Whanganui Ride Thursday 25th May

A good weather impromptu ride to Whanganui saw five Wellington riders (Denis, Annie, Peter N, Jeff, Ian M) ride to Sanson to meet Murray P Barry P and Colin G for the ride to Whanganui. Don also joined us for a coffee at the Woolshed. We stopped for lunch at the Yellow House Café, where we were joined by Mike, also a BMW rider who was on his way to Wellington from Waiheke. We returned via Fordell for a fuel stop in Bulls, where

the group split, Colin, Ian and Mike to return via the Pahiatua Track and Wairarapa and the rest of us to navigate the backroads through to Shannon and Levin. Thanks, Murray and Barry for keeping us on track, and for the coffee hospitality at yours, Murray.

Again, a good day for riding, although a little chilly for starters – hazy views of Mts Ruapehu and Taranaki – good riding and company.



End of the gravel, for the ride to Pongaroa via Makuri Gorge



Eketahuna gravel -
Mangaoranga Rd, Bowen Rd,
North Rd to Mauriceville

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Whanganui ride - Bulls refuel -
Murry, Peter, Denis, Annie, Colin, Ian, Barry, Jeff



Above: North Road stop at the historic Norwegian Church



Left: Inside the historic Norwegian Church with Denis & Richard

Denis #3184

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tauihu

by Peter Wood



Cobb Power Station - Sunday 14th May 2023, Mother's Day ride



Meeting and starting at Jacks Tyres, Richmond we left there at 10am for the Motueka clock tower collecting another 4 riders and making us a group of 17 riders. We continued over the Takaka Hill stopping to regroup at the Cobb Valley turn-off at Upper Takaka. The road narrowed to a single lane as we got closer to the power station with a few rocks, logs, and other debris falling onto the road following the recent heavy rain (again) and grass and moss growing down the middle of the road. Oh, and the occasional hard-to-see slump on the river side of the road!

I had arranged for our group to meet John

Brockway at the power station at 12 noon for a guided tour. As John had been a previous manager he had all the information and answered our many questions. Turns out 2 of the group have shares in Manawa Energy and they wondered why only one of the generators was working yet the dam was full and spilling. Answer - the power spot price was too low that day.

The Cobb power station is 117 km from Nelson, power was first produced in 1944, the 4 original generators are still operating today, and 2 larger generators were added in later years.



Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tauihu

by Peter Wood



About 10 riders rode to the top to look down over the Cobb Dam and Reservoir. The rest made their own way back down the valley and home – the final four stopped at

Mrs Smith's in Riwaka for coffee and a debrief (and watched all the Dam riders trundle past on their way home)



Riders were - Peter W, Rick, Trudi, Anja, William, Ash, Dale, Lew, Hilary, Shep, Murray, Andy, Gretchen, Tony,

Visitors – Annette, Chris, Serge, Royal Enfield bloke from Golden Bay.

And Peter W's family, Tania, Gabriel & Marius who travelled by car.

Peter #3460

Note from Gretchen, Ride co-ordinator –
Huge thanks and much appreciation to Peter W for volunteering to organize this ride and tour. It's such a pleasure when someone rings up, suggests something different, and is prepared to arrange everything. So, a BIG virtual box of chocolates to you Peter. 😊

Photos by Peter W and Dale.



Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Lake Coleridge Ride 21st May 2023

We are certainly slipping into winter, and its getting harder to pick fine days for riding. So after heavy rain in the previous days, most people opted not to ride on our Sunday Club Ride to Lake Coleridge. Under clearing skies, "The Three Wise Men" headed out west, stopping at Springfield for Coffee, before crossing Porters Pass and finding blue skies awaiting us. With rather wet ground conditions, there was no dust.

We soon turned onto Harper Road and cruised past the beautiful Lake Georgina and then turned off at the Ryton River, to get to Lake Coleridge and take a break.

Back on Harper Road, we carried on past Lakes Evelyn and Selfe and soon were at the head of Lake Coleridge. Time for another break and some fun negotiating some deep loose gravel. We then headed for Coleridge Village and power station.

After passing through Coleridge Village, we followed the Rakaia River downstream, before heading back out onto the Plains and weaving our way down a network of gravel roads into West Melton. The day ended with coffee and a debrief. My thanks to Terry and Garth for a very pleasant day's ride.

Ralph #3082



Winner for Best Adventure motorcycle



As part of Dean Jamieson's growing collection (trophies, as he calls them), he has a few odd and rare model motorbikes very rarely seen these days. Luckily for us he decided to take some to this year's Star Insure NZ Motorcycle show for us all to share his love for them. The motorbikes he displayed were a 2006 BMW HP2 Enduro, a 2009 BMW G450X (Dean's last race bike), a 2005 Cannondale E 440, 1979 Honda XR185. Dean was delighted to see the BMW HP2 Enduro take out 1st place in the Adventure category. (He said he knew it was the best Adventure bike anyway 😊).

He was delighted to win and have a chance to catch up with people he knew in the industry.

Congratulations Dean!



**BMW Motorrad presents the new R 12 nineT.
Purist Classic Roadster. Ready to customize.**



Munich. The new R 12 nineT is being presented for the "100 years of BMW Motorrad" anniversary and is thus the successor to the R nineT, which was launched exactly ten years ago on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of BMW Motorrad.

The new BMW R 12 nineT continues 100 years of BMW Motorrad fascination and tradition seamlessly.

Like the BMW R nineT in 2013, the new BMW R 12 nineT is a purist, powerful classic roadster which offers a wealth of conceptual options for almost unlimited customizing and personal individualisation.

Dr. Markus Schramm, Head of BMW Motorrad: "The R nineT and its customising concept established the new Heritage experience for BMW Motorrad's 90th birthday and has become an indispensable cornerstone of our model range. The new R 12 nineT consistently continues the successful heritage story surrounding the legendary BMW boxer engines with an even more classic, reduced design language, even greater degrees of freedom when it comes to customizing and, last but not least, new and innovative technology."

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Original 1200 boxer engine with redesigned airbox and exhaust system delivers classic riding pleasure.

100 years ago, the very first BMW motorcycle - the R 32 - was already based on the flat-twin engine. The boxer's unmistakable design, powerful acceleration, unique power delivery, hallmark sound and smooth running quickly made it a legendary synonym for BMW motorcycles. With its air/oil-cooled boxer engine, the new R 12 nineT continues this great tradition. The number 12 in the model designation refers to the engine capacity as with many models in the history of BMW Motorrad - such as the current R 18.

Even more classic, purist design, great attention to detail and even more customizing options.

Even more than its predecessor, the new R 12 nineT combines the beefy character of the boxer engine and the design language of traditional motorcycle eras with innovative technology and a modular concept that offers the rider a maximum of customisation options. Reduced even more to the essentials, it delivers high emotional appeal. A purist, classic look and the attention to detail were at the top of the agenda when it came to designing the bike.

Edgar Heinrich, Head of Design BMW Motorrad: "The purist design language is dominated by the clear tank/seat/rear line, in the style of the traditional /5 or the legendary R 90 S of the 70s. At first glance, the tank itself is a classic BMW boxer tank, with a typical bend in the lower edge and classic knee contact. The new R 12 NineT also features side covers in the area of the frame triangle in the authentic Roadster look - another reminiscence of BMW motorcycles of the 1970s."

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Particular attention to detail is also evident in the redesigned front mudguard, the LED main headlamp with black-surround light guide element and the two round instruments in the traditional style of days gone by. As is tradition, attractive customization options are offered as part of the the original BMW Motorrad accessory range. With customizing in mind, the new R 12 nineT also features an LED rear light unit integrated into the seat, which now makes it easy to realise a "short tail".





The highlights of the new BMW R 12 nineT:

- Classic, purist design.
- Workmanship with great attention to detail.
- Air/oil-cooled 2-cylinder boxer engine.
- Designed for customizing.
- One-piece tubular space frame with bolted-on rear frame.
- Classic wheel guides with high-quality upside-down telescopic forks at the front and Paralever at the rear.
- Left-side exhaust system with double silencer and conical end pieces.
- Radially mounted 4-piston monobloc calipers, steel braided brake lines.
- Tailor-made, high-quality original BMW Motorrad accessory range.

BMW Motorrad will publish further information on the new BMW R 12 nineT in the second half of 2023.



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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, Pillions 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.
9. The Ride Organiser and or the Club are not responsible for the 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 the Road Rules and Laws.



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