

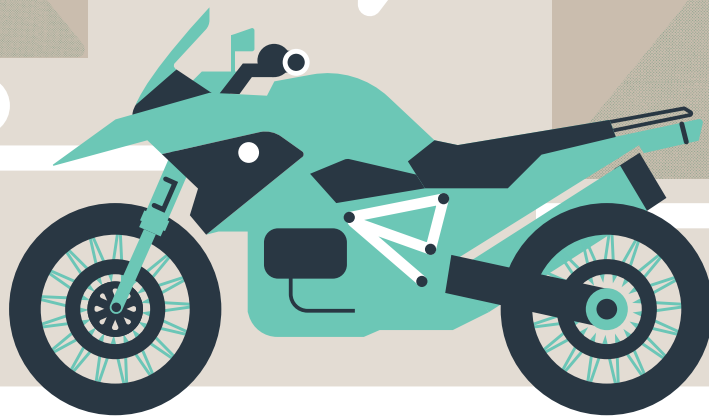
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Welcome to our New Members

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.

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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October 2023

Wow, it doesn't seem like it's been a month since I was sitting down to pen the podium for last month's magazine. They do say that time seems to speed up the closer you get to the end of the year and that's very much the case for me.

As we enter the warmer months the Met Service advises that we are moving from La Nina to El Nino and they are predicting above-average temperatures for the whole of the country which is great news for us venturing out on our bikes. I recently upgraded mine and am really looking forward to getting out, attending the club events and clocking up some K's around the country. My timing could have been a little better since the new 1300GS has just been launched but I can't be too worried about that. Speaking of the new 1300, there have been some great images of the new bike circulating around the web and on our club's Facebook page with very positive comments about it. From what I can see, there have been some quite major engineering and style changes so I can't wait to have the opportunity to see and ride one. I know of a few members who have already popped their names down on pre-purchase lists with the Dealers, so the interest is really starting to ramp up. I'm sure it will be a great addition to the current BMW range.

Registrations have closed early for the GS Rally happening at the end of this month in Rotorua as they were over-subscribed. Not unexpected based on the success of last year's event. Unfortunately, I'm unable to make it again this year but if you are one of the fortunate ones with your name on the list, I'm sure you will have a fantastic time.

Spaces are filling up fast for the South Island Rag Rally so if you are thinking of attending, register as soon as you can. I can't wait to get down to Akaroa to enjoy the scenery, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. The riding on the Banks Peninsular is fantastic both on and off road so it would be wonderful to see you there if you can make it.

Those who are registering for the National Rally, remember, the event is running over four days as normal. Arrival on Friday afternoon and departure on Monday morning. Typically, we have the awards night on Sunday night so if your schedule allows make sure you stay that final night. If you are trying to book accommodation at the Hotel the best and easiest way to receive a

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



BMW Motorcycle Club
Aotearoa New Zealand



October 2023

response is via email. The Hotel is not manned all the time so if you call, you may not get through to anyone at the time.

Garry and the team have advised that the Rally planning is just about completed with some excellent entertainment booked for Saturday night, great sealed and gravel rides as well as the traditional Concourse de Elegance and Gymkhana. The Gymkhana course is being set by a couple of police friends of Garry's so no doubt it will be a real challenge and great fun to watch if you are not able to compete. The whole weekend is shaping up to be a real cracker so don't forget to get your registration in early.

As always, have a wonderful month and enjoy the ride!

All the best.



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Area Report: Auckland

by Stephen Parkinson



September 2023

The Café of choice for our more social monthly event was Swanson Station. The usual riding crew were joined by two life members and some previously active members who are currently bike-less. The café meet bounces around all 4 points of the Auckland compass and this tends to give folk a handy opportunity to catch up if travelling distance doesn't suit them.

Following an initial weather-related postponement our September ride took place 1st October. 9 riders gathered at Autobahn Papakura with great riding conditions ahead of them. There was a police car parked near the Service Centre exit and I made tentative arrangements for our group to be escorted, under lights, onto the motorway. Unfortunately, our friendly officer got called away before the riding group could assemble. Anyhow, our riders departed Papakura and headed down through the Waikato to Rhubarb Café in Arapuni with a Morrinsville rest stop thrown in. Great riding weather and our last-minute stand-in ride leader only made one wrong turn following my GPX track.

There were two or three other groups of riders at Rhubarb, proving to be a great meeting place. Richard

and Janine joined us here and for the ride home, replacing 2 or 3 who made a beeline home after lunch.

The return trip was up the western side of the Waikato River, then cutting over to Pukekawa and up SH22. After receiving a phone call from Greg, reporting traffic gridlock on the motorway north of Bombay, several riders decided to alter course and carry on as far north as possible, through Pukekohe / Paerata, before hitting the motorway. The revised plan worked out well, with no more filtering than usual required.

Another top day out

Stephen #3201

Area Report: Waikato

by Paul Quilter



Ride through the Waikato twisties to Te Kuiti - 9th September

A group of riders on an assortment of bikes assembled at the Waitomo service station on Ohaupo Rd at 10am (so that those who wanted to watch the rugby could do so and still meet the departure time).



We had a relaxed lunch and then split into two groups – some chose to go back to their respective homes via the main road and the rest of us decided to accompany Graeme to Tokoroa via

Benneydale and then to Old Taupo Rd, Arapuni and the western side of the Waikato river back to our place at Hamilton airport.

A great day out after being confined inside for months, due to all the wet weather.

Paul #3711

The plan was to ride to the Arapuni dam where we would meet with Graeme Sutherland and then ride a convoluted path or backroads to arrive in TeKuiti for lunch at Boscós café.

We even had the Club Banner up for the first time as shown here:



Area Report: East Coast

By John Wuts



Evan, Walter, Stella, Les, Pam, Carole, Robert, Bronwen, Peter, John and Leonie.

To support the heavily damaged Puketapu area we decided to support the Puketapu Hotel with our monthly get together on Wednesday 27 September. The restaurant and bar have all been very nicely restored and

the meal was yummy. We also welcomed Evan Groundwater, a new Hawke's Bay member of the BMWMC. In the picture, from left:

The picture in the background is the Puketapu Hotel in 1902. John #1867

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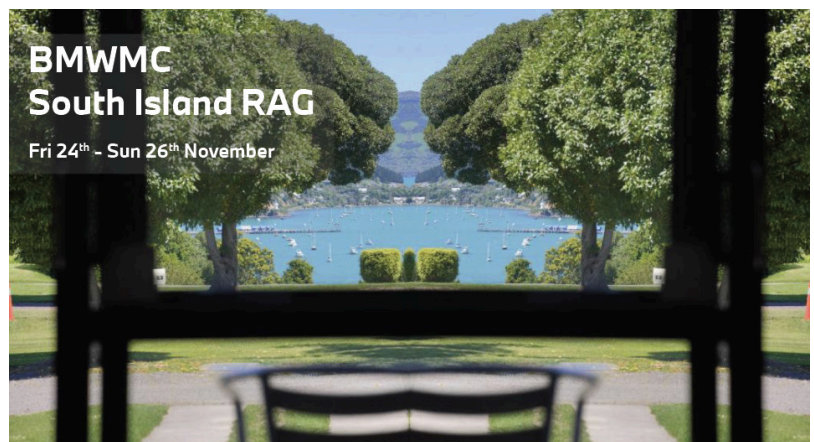
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Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



Sunday 10th of September -

This monthly ride was a semi-organised event that turned out to be a good day out, helped by having good company and fine and reasonably mild weather.

I had decided it was about time we headed back over to the eastern side of the Ranges so planned a trip that would take us up to Norsewood, or somewhere nearby, for lunch and then a visit to the clothing factory in Norsewood on the way home. Pre-selection of a suitable lunch spot turned out to be a bit complicated when Mr Google showed the Black Dog Pub at Ormandville was closed and he couldn't even find the café at Norsewood (where we had previously enjoyed a coffee) so I was left to assume it was also closed. Settled on a proposal to have lunch at the Country Café at Matamau on SH2 only to find when we got there that it was closed also; anyway more on that later.

The gathering spot was the Backyard Café in Ashhurst where Robin also joined the riding group for a coffee and a chat. Robin is going through a frustrating recovery period following recent surgery which is preventing him from riding



NZ Natural Clothing store in Norsewood

although he loyally turns up at the places and gatherings where he can come in the tin-top instead of on the GS. Following the coffee and chat 10 bods on 7 bikes headed off over the Saddle Road and then Alan led us through Topgrass Road to re-join SH2 at the top end of Dannevirke. We soon found the Country Café was closed and after discussion, we decided to head on up to Waipukurau. Two reasons for this (apart from not many other options for lunch stops). Firstly, Alan said the Hatuma Cafe at the southern entrance to the town was a good one and, secondly, he wanted to go to Waipuk to pick up a top box he had recently purchased. No argument from the rest of the group so off we went, only to arrive at the café and find it very busy with a wait time of about an hour for food and drinks! On arrival at the café Alan had

arranged a pick up there for the top box so we left Alan and Judith to make the pick up and the rest of us headed into Waipuk where we lunched at the 'Angkor Wat Kiwi Café'. When we arrived at the café we found a couple of young lasses busking (quite noisily and not too tunefully) just along the pavement from us. Good on them, we thought, but were amused to find later that after they had finished entertaining, they apparently went along the street to a games room where they no doubt spent their 'earnings'! I guess that is enterprise at work.

Heading back out of town we timed it right to pick up Alan and Judith who had the 'new' top box and frame taped across the back of their bike, and had finally got a snack and a coffee at the Hatuma Café. We called in at the NZ Natural clothing shop in Norsewood, where some of

Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

By Murray Petherick



us bought a few bargain-priced socks, and were a bit intrigued to find, while chatting with staff, that the Norsewood café was 'open and going strong'. So much for what Mr Google doesn't appear to know!

From Norsewood Peter T. led us down through Dannevirke and then to Mangatainoka via Oringhi Road, and from there over the Pahiatua Track back to Palmerston North. One frustrating and dangerous piece of driving, that really annoyed me, was by a ute that forced its way past me (TEC) going up the hill on the Track and proceeded to tailgate Alan for the rest of the trip over the hill. We were travelling at 'a good pace' on the windy, 80kph road and it must have been clear to the ute driver that the combination of travelling speed and road conditions would not allow him to overtake further along the string of bikes and other traffic, yet he continued to



Lunch at the Angkor Wat Kiwi Bakery.

sit within a couple of car lengths of Alan's bike. One of those times I didn't have the GoPro in place on the bike but wish I had!

Aside from that incident it was a good day, specially for an event that was only partially organised beforehand. Thanks to those who were able to join us for the ride (and the coffee), for your company.

Brunch Gathering on the 24th.

We returned to The Woolshed Café for our brunch gathering on Sunday the 24th. Not sure whether it was the start of daylight saving or the school holidays that affected the numbers but we had a relatively small (but select) group in attendance; a total of eleven, before one or two left early to attend to other matters. We may have solved a few minor problems but there are still plenty to come, specially in light of the pending elections. Maybe we'll do better next month! Notwithstanding the above it is always good to get together in a relaxed and social environment for a bit of chat and banter.

Murray #2690



Some of the stalwarts at the Brunch

Preliminary Notice of AGM 2024

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc.) will be held at **5:00 pm on Saturday 20th January 2024** at the Methven Resort, situated at 51 Main Street, Methven

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 5.00pm on Monday 1st January 2024. 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 Monday the 1st of January 2024 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 Vice President, Treasurer, Membership and Area Rep Liaison were re-elected for a two-year period at the 2023 AGM.

The following positions are open for election at this AGM

- President - incumbent Chris Souness, who is willing to serve another term
- Secretary - incumbent David Fish, who is willing to serve another term

These positions are open for any other member to be nominated if they so wish.

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

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

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 5:00pm on 15th December 2023.

Preliminary Notice of AGM 2024

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

Final Notice of our AGM will be sent out on Saturday 6th January and will include details of the business at hand that includes:

- o Minutes of the previous meeting,
- o Annual report from the Board,
- o 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,
- o Election of Officers
- o Any remits, notice of motion or anything to be included as business beyond that prescribed above that the Secretary has received prior to the 20th day before the AGM (which is Sunday 31st December 2023)

Important Dates:

Nominations for Board Members	Friday 15th December 2023
Final Date for Newsletter publication	Thursday 22nd December 2023
Subject for Discussion / Remit	5.00pm Sunday 31st December 2023
Final Agenda for AGM	Saturday 6th January 2024
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AGM 2024 - 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

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- **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 **Friday 15 December 2023** so that all candidate details can be sent out to all members with the formal notification of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations made after 15th December 2023 can only be presented prior to the start of the AGM and will NOT be published.

Area Report: Wellington

By Denis Hulston



Club Social Meet & Eat 4th September

Another good turnout for our monthly meet and meal at the Petone Club – good food and company.

Club Rides September 2023

Ride to Lake Ferry - Sunday 10th September

Five riders, Peter N, Michael M, Martyn W, Chester C and Keith T escaped the weather to ride for lunch at Lake Ferry. This is always a memorable ride – over the Remutaka Hill. wandering down to

Lake Ferry through a stunning Wairarapa landscape, and then being rewarded with an always reliable Lake Ferry special fish dish and a great view over Lake Wairarapa. We never tire of this ride.

Ride Cancellations - September

This was a month plagued by ride cancellations, and while there are usually opportunities for last minute

impromptu rides the weather was appalling and both Denis and Keith were travelling.

Riding plans - October / November / December 2023

I sneaked into Wellington on my return from my travels, on what was one of the last flights of the day due to the strong winds.

The Met man tells us that we are going to have El Nino conditions for the next couple of months. So, extremely changeable weather and wind ahead.

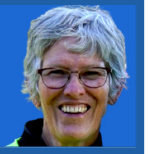
With that in mind, our plans for activities for the last quarter of this year are a bold attempt to influence the weather and enjoy our summer riding –

ever optimistic.

My intent is to share leadership of the rides in the hope of taking full advantage of fine weather and offering a variety of riding when opportunity knocks. We have eighty-plus Wellington members, some more active than others, with different motivations and expectations for belonging to the club. We're hoping to meet the needs of all those members in our area over the summer period.

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Taiuhu

by Gretchen Holland



Whataroa Overnighter – Friday & Saturday 8th & 9th September

Back road to Kumara



The plan had been for a weekend ride but the forecast wasn't good for the Sunday and the owner of the Whataroa backpackers was flexible so we decided to go a day earlier and dodge the deluge. That suited everyone who had booked in and what a great idea it turned out to be! We had two glorious days of weather and riding.

The first stop on Friday was Reefton to fill up with petrol and food before turning off to Nelson Creek and going

round the back of Lake Brunner to Kumara on easy gravel roads which seem to be getting more and more sealed every time we go that way. The lakes were like mill ponds, the bush was beautiful and the traffic was light.

We arrived at Whataroa and settled in on the veranda right next to SH6, in the sun with our teas/coffees, debriefed and watched the Friday night traffic trickle past. Then it was off to the Lonely Stag

Cafe & Store, virtually next door, for takeaways for tea. The backpackers was the former pub and was a work in progress and owner, Madeline, duly arrived to check on us. She unlocked the old bar and we played pool and had a lot of laughs before an early night. It's easy to see who had misspent youths and Peter and Rick were kings of the table.

Sunday was crisp and beautiful with a great ride up to 12km north of Hokitika

Group at Awatuna Sunset Lodge



Area Report: Top of the South/Te Tauihu

by Gretchen Holland



In search of the gravel roads

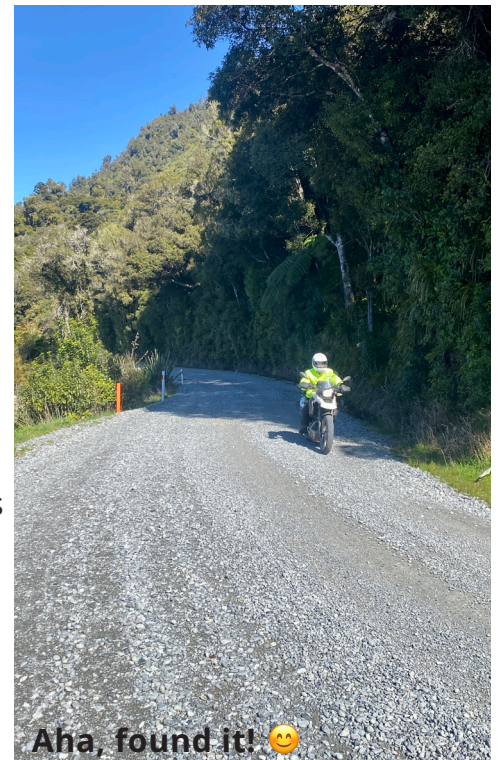
where we had a morning tea date with fellow members Selwyn and Elizabeth who run Awatuna Sunset Lodge. What wonderful hospitality - a choice of homemade scones, professional coffee and great conversation on their home's deck a few metres from the Tasman Sea. After a look at Selwyn's bike in the shed it was more great riding north up the coast through Punakaiki, lunch at Berlins (luckily he was open that weekend), Murchison and home although Tony and Peter couldn't resist adding

the Braeburn Track to cap the trip off.

Tony says we did 978kms in total and I say there were about that many corners - too many of both to leap up on a not-so-good-looking Sunday and ride to Murchison on the other monthly club ride! Seems like all the other Nelsonians thought the same - and that's another story.

Thanks for the great riding and company Peter W, Rick, Lew, Murray and Tony.

Gretchen #949



Lake Brunner

Area Report: Top of the South/Te Taiuhu

by Peter Brandon



Murchison Day Ride - Sunday 10th September



All from Marlborough

Something I never experienced before today happened. It's never happened before while I've been on the Top of the South rides. Five of us arrived at Z Springlands Blenheim for our usual monthly ride. Today it was simply a ride to Murchison Rivers Cafe.

Admittedly, the weather looked a bit dodgy. The forecast said the rain was for later. Through St Arnaud, it was cold with a hint of rain and the road was wet. Our arrival into Murchison yielded blue sky and a very pleasant 18°C.

So, we're waiting for the Nelson riders

to arrive, unusually late I thought. Or did we have the location wrong? Curiosity got the better of me, so a phone call to Tony. They were still at home (having just returned from the Whataroa overnigher) and couldn't say whether to expect any Nelson riders. AND none arrived!

It was certainly just a Blenheim affair today.

A superb ride home, with a much better sky all the way!

Peter #3055

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Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Spring is here - Let's ride! 2nd September. Lees Valley

On a sunny Saturday morning, seven riders assembled at the Peg Hotel carpark.

Our focus for the day was Lees Valley. To get there we decided to ride along the north bank of the Waimak River for almost 50kms to reach Oxford.



Terry Reilly making a splash

It was very pleasant riding along the river bank road with several flooded sections to negotiate, and bring smiles to everyone. We stopped in Oxford at the Sheffield Pie Shop for a pie and coffee, We left Oxford and climbed onto Lees Valley Road ignoring a Road Closed sign at the start of the road. Turned out that there was one minor washout on the road making it One Way for ten metres.



Rodney Faulkner in the next waterhole

We dropped into Lees Valley and cruised along the Valley floor on smooth gravel, then over the Okuku Saddle and down to the Okuku River Ford. The unknown bit of the day.... As hoped, the river was running at normal height and the ford was in good condition, so there were no dramas crossing the main course of the river.



Garth Brookland above Ashley Gorge

Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



KESTA McLAUGHLAN
CROSSING THE OKUKU
(on 800GS)

HANS SHUHMACHER
CROSSING THE OKUKU
(on a 650GS)



After the river, we climbed over Lees Pass and Blue Mountain and wound our way through the hills to eventually drop onto flat farmland at Whiterock. At this point, while still on the narrow gravel road, we were surprised to see a mufti cop in a Skoda wagon. We headed out to Rangiora for coffee and a chat before heading home.

Ralph #3082

Left: Coffee at Rangiora

Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Cape Campbell and Molesworth - September

We left Christchurch mid afternoon on Friday heading for a night in Kaikoura. As we got away fairly early we decided to throw a few interesting roads into our journey. So we turned off SH1 after crossing the Hurunui River, and checked out the Kaiwara Road through to Culverden.



Tu Maaka and Mark Middleton at top of Lowry Peaks, looking over Amuri Plain

Once through the hills, we turned north on more gravel to take a short cut through to Waiau and a snack break. Then we took the Inland Kaikoura Road through to Kaikoura and our stop for the night at the Dive Club Lodge. We visited the Pier Hotel for dinner, and most of us enjoyed the local fish on the menu.



Dining at the Pier.

Hans, Gary, Tu, Mark, Ralph, George

We had heavy rain overnight, finally easing around 7am. So we headed north hoping for the weather to improve. We decided not to ride into Waipapa Station as previously planned, because of the wet ground conditions. Mark had arranged for us to ride some tracks on Waipapa which is owned by his cousins. So we ventured into Kekerengu Valley and rode to the end of the road. Then back out to the SH1 and a compulsory stop at the Kekerengu Store Cafe for latte. We continued up SH1 to Ward, where we turned off and rode out to Ward Beach, and got a pounding from the South wester. Next we turned off SH1 and headed out to Cape Campbell. Access is through a farm owned by Justin Ryan's cousins. So Justin had arranged access for us. We follow a winding gravel road out through the coastal hills, and then turned onto the farm tracks. The wind continued to try and blow us off the track which had many greasy clay patches to add to our adventure. A few Kilometres, and we reached the coast.



Taking in the sea views

We rode beside the beach for several kilometres to reach our destination at the Cape and scale one last hill to reach the lighthouse.

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Area Report: Canterbury

by Ralph Moore



Cape Campbell Lighthouse

The first lighthouse was built in 1870 using hardwoods, but started showing signs of decay by 1898, so the current lighthouse was completed in 1905, it is made of cast iron. The wind continued to blast us as we returned along the beach past the air strip and stopping at the.

“Leaning Hut” A cute replica of a pioneers hut built on a lean to match the prevailing wind.



The team luxuriating on the verandah of the Leaning Hut

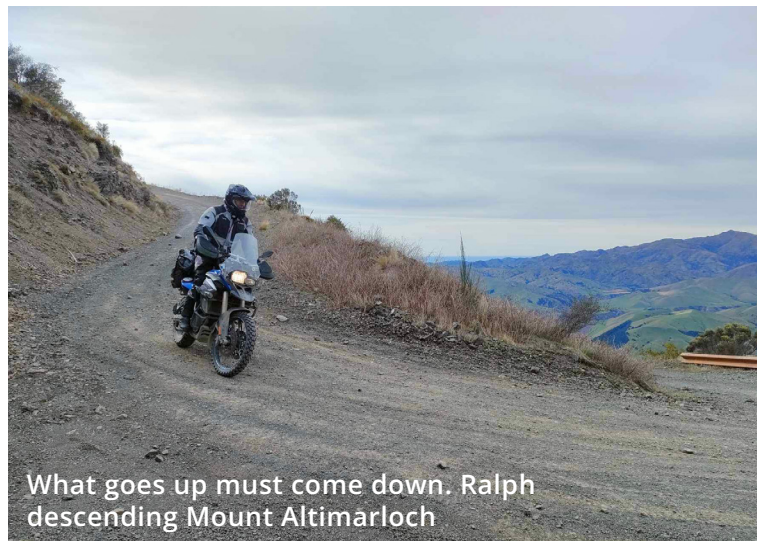
After lunch in Seddon, we did a loop around Port Underwood and Picton to Blenheim for the night.

Sunday morning, we were mobile at 8am

heading over Taylor Pass in 5 degrees of sunshine. Up the Awatere Valley and then up to Mount Altimarloch for a cold breezy stop to take in the awesome views.



The summit of Mount Altimarloch 1693m



What goes up must come down. Ralph descending Mount Altimarloch

We wound our way up the Awatere into the Molesworth, and stop for a brew up at Molesworth. Today was the first day open for the season for the Molesworth Road, and we expected to encounter plenty of traffic, but were pleasantly surprised to see only 3 other bikes, and no cars. We had a pleasant ride through to Hanmer Springs and afternoon tea, before hitting the main highway back to Christchurch. My thanks to Justin Ryan, and Mark Middleton for securing access to family farms for us. And thanks to a great bunch of riders. **Ralph #3082**

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"With the new BMW R 1300 GS we will once again take the competition by surprise. It is defined by an even broader spread of product substance, while the reduction in complexity and vehicle weight, combined with focused equipment, enable the essence of the boxer GS to be showcased even more strikingly. With a new engine, outstanding handling and impressive ride qualities, it will set the pace both on and off the road."

Thilo Fuchs, Head of Water-cooled Boxer Models.



The new BMW R 1300 GS: "Next level GS" featuring new boxer engine and new suspension, with significantly reduced weight and increased GS competence all round.

BMW Motorrad established the new segment of touring enduros more than four decades ago with the R 80 G/S. The BMW GS with boxer engine has been the undisputed leader of the competitive field ever since. To ensure this remains the case in the future, BMW Motorrad has opted for an almost completely new design for the new R 1300 GS, with an impressive weight saving of 12 kg compared to the previous model.

The centrepiece is once again the legendary two-cylinder boxer engine. Its new design is more compact than ever before thanks to a gearbox located under the engine and a new camshaft drive arrangement. From exactly 1 300 cc it produces an output of 107 kW (145 hp) at 7 750 rpm, developing a maximum torque of 149 Nm at 6 500 rpm. This makes it by far the most powerful BMW boxer engine ever to be produced in series.

At the centre of the new suspension is the sheet metal shell main frame made of steel, which in addition to being significantly optimised in terms of installation space also offers higher levels of stiffness than the predecessor model. For the rear frame,



the previous tubular steel structure has now been replaced with a die-cast aluminium construction. The new EVO Telelever front wheel guide with flex element and the revised EVO Paralever rear wheel guide also provide even greater steering precision and ride stability.

New electronic Dynamic Suspension Adjustment (DSA) as optional equipment ex works, with dynamic adaptation of the damping and spring rate, and also load compensation.

The previous Dynamic ESA Next Generation electronic suspension itself provided a high level of ride safety and riding fun on a wide variety of terrains with its dynamic adjustment of the damping and adjustable spring rest at the rear. The new electronic

Dynamic Suspension Adjustment (DSA) now goes one step further, combining the dynamic adjustment of the front and rear damping with a corresponding adjustment of the spring rate

("spring stiffness") – depending on the selected riding mode, riding condition and manoeuvres. The automatic adjustment of the spring rest ensures load compensation. This makes for an even more thrilling riding experience on all surfaces. Whether solo, in pairs or with bulky luggage – DSA ensures an even higher level of ride safety, performance and comfort.

Adaptive vehicle height control and sports suspension as optional equipment ex works.

Exclusively in conjunction with DSA as optional equipment ex works, two further items of optional equipment are available for the suspension of the new R 1300 GS: the new adaptive vehicle height control and the sports suspension.

With adaptive vehicle height control, the new R 1300 GS offers fully automatic adjustment of the vehicle height depending on the operating condition, thereby ensuring the greatest possible comfort without having to compromise on riding dynamics and banking freedom.

With 20 mm more spring travel at the front and rear and an optional athletically firm sports suspension specially developed for the GS, off-road riders are well catered for here.

Matrix LED headlamps with innovative design as standard, state-of-the-art LED light units all round with turn indicators integrated in the hand protectors and Headlight Pro as optional equipment ex works.

BMW Motorrad is regarded as the pioneer par excellence when it comes to motorcycling safety and related innovations. Accordingly, the new R 1300 GS offers a new, very small full LED headlamp with a novel, distinctive light icon as standard. This illuminates the road with a hitherto unrivalled clarity, thereby ensuring even better perception in traffic. The light unit consists of two LED units for low and high beam along with four additional LED units for the daytime running light and the side light. State-of-the-art



LED light units with newly designed LED turn indicators

– integrated in the hand protectors at the front, function-integrated at the rear – round off the lighting concept of the new R 1300 GS. With the optional equipment item “Headlight Pro”, the beam of the standard full LED headlamp turns into the bend according to the banking position. In this way, the bend is almost fully illuminated because the light moves to where the motorcycle is heading.

Riding Assistant with Active Cruise Control (ACC), Front Collision Warning (FCW) and Lane Change Warning (SWW) for safe and convenient motorcycling.

The new BMW R 1300 GS features the new Riding Assistant option, consisting of the components Active Cruise Control (ACC), Front Collision Warning (FCW) and Lane Change Warning (SWW). Active Cruise Control (ACC) with integrated distance control can be used to set the desired riding speed as well as the distance to the vehicle in front. Front Collision Warning (FCW) with brake intervention is designed to prevent collisions and help reduce the severity of accidents, while Lane Change Warning monitors the lanes to the left and right and can help ensure a safe lane change while supporting use of the rear mirror.

The highlights of the new BMW R 1300 GS:

- Completely newly designed boxer engine with bottom-mounted gearbox and BMW ShiftCam technology for varying the valve timing and valve stroke on the intake side.
- Most powerful BMW boxer engine ever.
- Powerful response across the entire engine speed range, exemplary fuel consumption, emission levels, running smoothness and refinement.
- Output and torque: 107 kW (145 hp) at 7 750 rpm and 149 Nm at 6,500 rpm.
- Knock sensor system for optimised travel suitability.
- Completely redesigned suspension with sheet metal shell main frame and die-cast aluminium rear frame. Even greater steering precision and ride stability thanks to new EVO Telelever with flex element and revised rear wheel guide EVO Paralever.
- Weight reduction of 12 kg compared to the previous model.
- BMW Motorrad Full Integral ABS Pro as standard.
- Four riding modes as standard.
- Engine Drag Torque Control (MSR), Dynamic Brake Assist (DBC) and Hill Start Control (HSC) as standard.
- Riding Modes Pro with additional riding modes as optional equipment ex works.
- Dynamic Traction Control DTC as standard.
- Electronic Dynamic Suspension Adjustment (DSA) as optional equipment ex works, with dynamic adjustment of the damping and spring rate, and also load compensation.
- Adaptive vehicle height control and sports suspension as optional equipment ex works.



- New matrix LED headlamp as standard.
- Headlight Pro with adaptive turning light as optional equipment ex works.
- Hand protectors with integrated turn indicators as standard.
- Lithium-ion battery with Battery Guard (service function via BMW Motorrad APP) as standard.
- Dynamic Cruise Control (DCC) with brake function as standard.
- Riding Assistant with Active Cruise Control (ACC), Front Collision Warning (FCW) and Lane Change Warning (SWW) for safe and convenient motorcycling as optional equipment.
- Smartphone charging compartment with integrated USB socket and additional 12 V on-board power socket as standard.
- Seat heating for rider and passenger for enhanced touring suitability as optional equipment ex works.
- Handlebar riser by up to 30 mm as optional equipment ex works.
- Wide range of seat height variants as optional equipment ex works.
- Connectivity: multifunctional instrument cluster with 6.5-inch full-colour TFT screen and numerous features as standard.
- RDC, Keyless Ride, heated grips as standard.
- Intelligent Emergency Call as optional equipment ex works.
- Extensive range of optional equipment, Original BMW Motorrad Accessories.



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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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