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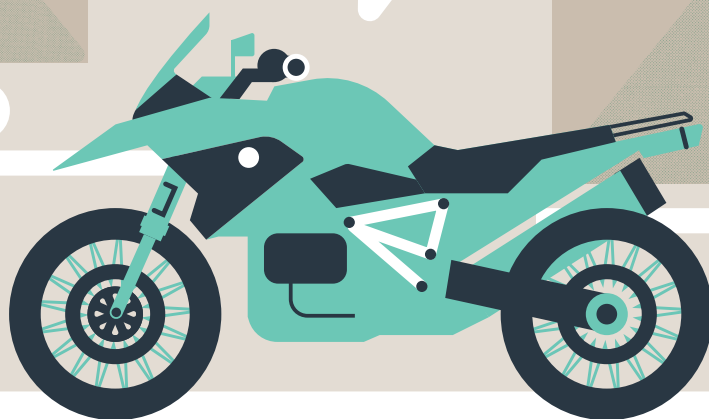
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Welcome to our New Members

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.

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President's Podium

Chris Souness



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December 2024

Well, it's been a whirlwind couple of months for me. I had a personal trip around Europe, which lasted five weeks. And most recently I had the privilege to represent our club at the BMW International Council meeting held in Dubai a couple of weeks ago. I have to say, my carbon footprint probably wasn't the best over that time.

The Council meeting was a great success with us having the opportunity to interact with clubs across the globe and discuss the common issues we are all facing. Things like ageing memberships, delivering additional value back to our membership bases and better integrating, social media channels, and apps into the way that we operate to help improve communication and member interaction.

We are still working through the final details of creating a New Zealand umbrella, which is an overarching entity that will represent both the car club and motorcycle club at these meetings. I'll provide further updates as things progress in the space.

It is great that riding activity has increased as expected due to the warmer weather. Many of the regions are having their club Christmas function in the next couple of weeks, and no doubt you will have received details from your local Area Representative relating to your local get-together. If you have the opportunity to attend, please do so as these events are a great opportunity for members to catch up ahead of the holiday season.

It's our 50th anniversary next year and the next big event on the calendar for us is our National Rally and AGM, which is being held in Masterton over the second week of February 2025. I've been fortunate to work closely with the organizing committee, and the weekend is shaping up to be a real cracker with excellent riding and activities planned. If you plan to attend but haven't already registered, please do so via our club website and also make sure you read the regular monthly updates from the committee included in our monthly newsletters.

All the best for the festive season and have fun with family friends and whomever you choose to spend holiday time and celebrations with. And above all, ride safe!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris



Area Report: Waikato

Paul Quilter



Waikato rides in November



We had a couple of rides in November, the first of which was organized by Graeme and Sue Duncan for Saturday the 9th of November. It was a ride to Waihi Beach for lunch via some backroads.

Unfortunately, Graeme had a problem with his eye and needed to cancel out at the last minute. We only found this out when we stopped at the meet-up point in Morrinsville.

Chris Townson had good knowledge of the backroads in that area, so he kindly offered to lead the ride, and 5 riders, Chris, myself, Joy, Mimi and Phil, followed.

The route took us via Matamata where we were able to refuel and then out along Old Te Aroha Rd through the town of the same name, Paeroa and the gorge to the Flat White café at Waihi Beach.

After Pizzas for lunch, we returned via some more backroads that brought us out midway through the Karangahake gorge. At Paeroa we split into 2 groups for the run home.

All the pictures were taken at Waihi Beach.

The second run this month was on Saturday 23rd and was organized by Phil. It was originally intended to be a gravel ride. Unfortunately, Joys GS had a battery that was not playing ball, so we had to change to road bikes. Phil decided that due to the change of bikes and the weather he would reduce the gravel to a gentler type that we could handle on our road bikes, so we set off and followed as we did a loop out via Te Pahu and around Pirongia to Raglan, where we had lunch at the wharf before coming back via SH 22 and





Hetherington Road to Huntly where some road closures required us to detour back through Nagruawahia.

Unfortunately, I omitted to take any photos, so my apologies!

Thanks to those who stepped up and organized these rides, it certainly takes

the strain off of the Area Rep as it can be quite difficult to come up with new ideas for routes. I am sure that I speak for many Area Reps when I say that help with ride routes suggestions and organization is always welcome.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Paul #3711



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Area Report: East Coast

John Wuts



From left: Carole, Robert, Bronwen, Leonie, Robyn, John, Ann, Warren, Danny, Rosemary, Peter, Les and Pam

On Sunday 24 November we had our last gathering for the year at Crab Farm Winery. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, having watched the All Blacks beat Italy that morning!

Alan is taking over the dinner organising from me in 2025 - all we need now is a rides organiser.

We are also looking at our Christmas function - this year we're looking at a commercial venue, probably on a Saturday or Sunday.

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe riding in the New Year!

John #1867



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Area Report: Taranaki Tales

Wayne Higgins



November's ride was once again postponed to the following week due to bad weather. This provided us with the opportunity to link up with the Taranaki Ulysses group who were heading out to Whangamomona.

We all met at a local petrol station in Inglewood. There was a great turnout which included four from the BMW team.

We convoyed to Midhurst, turning off the main road bypassing Stratford and onto the Forgotten World Highway. It was a perfect day weather-wise, warm, sunny and with little to no wind. Just the type of day you want when heading to Whanga.

Lunch and a lot of chat was had at Whangamomona. It was extremely busy

out there with different motorbike clubs turning up.

On the way back Gordon and I turned off at Strathmore and headed through some great backcountry to Makahu and Puniwhakau. Gordon and I came across a majestic old bridge that led to someone's house. Gordon couldn't help himself and rode over the bridge, it made for a great photo. We ended by coming out at Douglas and then on to Stratford.

All had a great day.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Wayne #4097



Area Report: Rangitikei Roundup

Murray Petherick



Brief summary of activities



Things have been a bit busy for some of the Rangitikei contingent since the last newsletter issue. The following is a brief summary of activities.

SI RAG Trip: A brief review.

A group of nine Rangitikei riders headed south to attend the SI RAG at Reefton, crossing over on Thursday 31st October and spending the night at Tophouse Historic Inn near St Arnaud prior to heading for Reefton on Friday. Our Reefton accommodation was at the Old Nurses Home, where we had stayed on previous trips, and which is now a well-appointed hostel. We enjoyed the BBQ dinner on Friday and on Saturday most of us took advantage of a bit of fine weather on the coast and headed up to Denniston, which has an amazing history and was a new destination for some of the group. Early afternoon the coastal weather changed and we got a bit wet but the rain eased as we headed back

inland to Reefton. Many thanks to the rally organising team for their efforts in bringing the event together.

From Reefton we headed off on a jaunt around the south, taking in Arthur's Pass, Geraldine, Cromwell, Franz, Hokitika, Hanmer Springs and Kaikoura, and many places along the way. We managed to dodge the weather bomb that hit the Coast a day or two after we left it, and we crossed back to Wellington on Saturday 9th Dec. All-in-all a great trip without even as much as a single puncture!



December Monthly Ride

Our normal ride day was to be Sunday 10th but the ride was put on hold due to most of 'the usual suspects' having just returned from the SI RAG trip the evening before. As an alternative those wanting a bit of a ride arranged to meet at the Mint Café in Bulls on Sunday 17th for a coffee and to hatch a plan for a ride from there, for that same day. Five riders and one pillion turned up and after discussion, it was duly agreed we would go up Vinegar Hill Road, SH 54, and briefly explore a side road from Waituna West (mainly for the views but also to see a section of road that was new to most of us) and then return via Cheltenham to Kimbolton for lunch. The ride was uneventful, although interesting, with some good views over the rolling Rangitikei landscape, and we enjoyed a pleasant lunch break at Hansens Café in Kimbolton. After lunch most of the crew headed towards Apiti, then down the Pohangina Valley East Road and then homewards.

End of Year Function.

To avoid clashes with other pre-Christmas events we decided to hold our gathering on our 'normal' November brunch day, Nov. 24th. The day was planned around a 'pot luck' lunch at some bloke's place in Ohau and the day was enjoyed by a group of 26 members and partners. Met. Service came to the party with a fine, mainly sunny day and afternoon entertainment was provided by Peter T and Barry P. They both screened their well compiled videos of the SI RAG trip and for a bit of variety Barry added a short video of a hot air balloon ride he and Barbara enjoyed while on a safari trip in East Africa earlier this year. Thanks to all those who joined us and who helped to make it such an enjoyable occasion, and to BMWMCNZ for assistance with the catering.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Murray #2690



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Area Report: Wellington

Denis Hulston



November

Social Meet & Eat - 4th November

Our get together numbers were down this month as quite a few Wellington members were riding in the South Island for the SI RAG in Reefton.

Club Rides November

Tuesday 12th - Impromptu Pongaroa

Thanks, Peter Nash for organising this Impromptu ride. Five riders, Peter N, Ian M, Ian H, Keith T, and Denis H met at BP Mana for an open-ended ride destination. Should we do a long ride, should we do a short ride – and where to? We agreed to a long ride to Pongaroa, with a first stop for coffee at The Horseman Cafe in Shannon. We continued over the Pahiatua Track to Pahiatua and north the Pahiatua - Pongaroa road through the Makuri Gorge. This is always a great ride – the Gorge is beautiful, the twisties focussing with sufficient climbs and descents to add interest. We arrived at Pongaroa charged

up and ready for lunch. Pongaroa was closed! Is anyone hungry? The ride back to Alfredton and Masterton on Route 52 continued the twisties that celebrates our riding. We rode to Clareville south of Masterton as the bakery there does great food. But the bakery was also closed! Three of us continued to Featherston with the possibility of coffee and food, again without success. Peter and Ian had chosen to stop at the Gallery in Masterton where they scored food. The rest of us continued home for a late snack. Despite the forced fasting, this was a great day's 400km ride.

Saturday 23rd Whanganui

This ride was a planned ride to Whanganui to visit the restored and recently reopened Sarjeant Gallery. Six riders including two pillions (Denis, Annie, Peter, Ian, Lynn, Keith) left BP Mana for the straight road routine (Foxton) to Sanson, where we stopped for coffee and scones at The Woolshed. The routine was relieved by the increased speed limit on the Kapiti Expressway, now 110k per hour.

We continued our ride to Whanganui and the Sarjeant Gallery. The rebuild and extension of this iconic Whanganui building has been recently completed

and the gallery reopened. It houses an eclectic collection of art, a collection begun by Henry Sarjeant and his wife Ellen (twenty-four years younger than Henry). They travelled extensively collecting art in Europe, and Henry when he died in 1912, aged 82, left a trust for the building of the Gallery. Ellen and her second husband, John Neame continued the collection and the gallery was built and opened in 1919. The history is intriguing – including a dubious competition for a design, a scandal and shooting death, WW1, and a dispute

about who actually designed the building
See www.sarjeant.org.nz/history/ Now
this building and gallery are regarded as
possibly the finest provincial gallery.

And then there's the art. This is a
stimulating and varied collection. The
collection includes paintings, historical
photographs, works of Edith Collier,

sculpture, weaving, and art new to the
collection.

The display area is inspiring, and the
explanations of the art are encouraging,
without the usual art-wank language.
They're helpful to contemplating
the works rather than obtrusive and
distancing.



Sarjeant Gallery - Edith Collier exhibition

Sargeant Gallery – Hinaki fishing nets exhibition

We moved on after a couple of hours in the
gallery to late lunch at the Yellow House, a
table out in the sun, and then rode home via
Fordell and Marton, another 400km ride.



Ian and Lynn, Denis and Annie – Yellow House, Whanganui (photo Keith)



Tuesday 26th White Rock, Wairarapa

Six riders met in Martinborough for coffee and a ride plan – Denis, Martyn, Ray, Bob, John, and Terry from Christchurch. Martyn was the sole bitumen rider so had his own ride plan to Greytown and back to Wellington.

Five of us continued to White Rock with gravel on Dry River Road and to White Rock, about sixty kms of gravel return. It was a good ride, the road in good condition.

Terry had contemplated camping at White Rock, but despite the stunning

seascape there was a brisk south-easterly wind and an unsheltered coast, so changed his mind with a generous offer of a stay with Bob & Lyn in Martinborough.

We had intended to include another 30km of gravel to Tora and Te Awaiti, but decided to save that detour up for another ride. All up our ride was about 265km – a day of good company and fun riding.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year All

Denis #3184



White Rock Ride Plan – Terry, Bob, John, Martyn & Ray

Cont...



White Rock – a brisk breeze



White Rock – Bob, Terry, Ray, (John & Denis)



BMW Motorcycle Club, New Zealand
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Saturday: Martinborough wineries minibus tour(10:30 -15:30)	\$20.00		
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Rally 2025

December's Update



*Deadline Extended!:

Shirts - to be ordered by the 12th of December 2024

Minibus tours - to be confirmed by 31st of December 2024

Registrations continue to flow in but we know there are many more who are planning to attend so please don't delay. January 20th, 2025, has been set as the closing date for registrations.

During the Rally the Registration Desk will be manned from 2 pm on Friday and then for morning and late afternoon periods on Saturday and Sunday. The desk will not be manned through the mid part of Saturday and Sunday as most of the volunteers will be involved in other rally activities during those periods.

Following recent discussions with the supplier, the deadline for shirt orders has now been extended to December 12th. As a contingency plan, the Club will order a small number of 'spares', which will be made available at the Rally, and afterwards, on a 'first come first served' basis. Having said that, if you think you want a shirt order it now to avoid possibly missing out.

Participation in any of the Rally activities is, of course, voluntary and a matter of personal choice. As noted in previous newsletters there will be a choice of rides on both Saturday and Sunday, minibus rides for those wanting some variety or a break from

riding, plus the Concourse D'Elegance and the Gymkhana. A number of volunteers will be required to help run these activities so if you feel inclined to provide assistance in any particular area or activity please send us a note to 'agmrally@bmwmc.nz', outlining where you would like to be involved. In particular, Peter Nash will require some eagle eyed 'observers' to help him run the gymkhana.

During the Rally, and particularly the evening social sessions, there will be opportunities to participate in a variety of raffles so make sure you bring plenty of coins and small notes. Don't count on us being able to change larger notes for you. No EFTPOS! There are some great prizes available, including riding gear, a set of bike tyres, a BMW battery charger, several gift vouchers, a selection of Tee shirts and other items. We will also throw in some lucky spot and lucky number prize opportunities, for which you will need to be present.

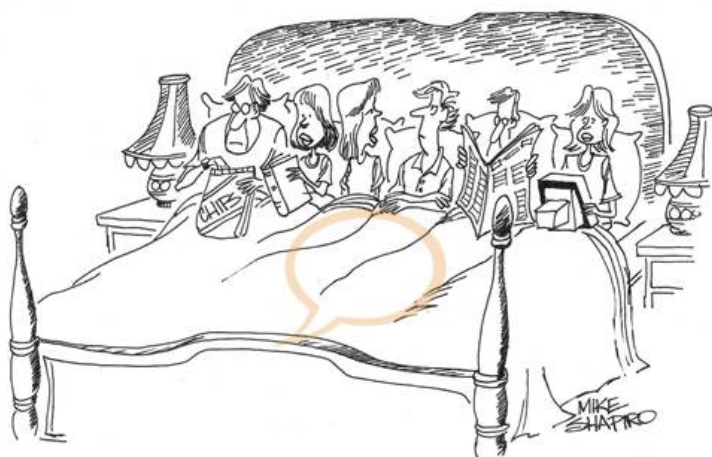
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20th January there is a lot of downtime and holiday period leading up to that time, tending to make deadlines easy to overlook. Make sure you don't miss out; register now!

We will post a few final comments in the next newsletter but in the meantime you may direct any enquiries you have to Peter Tibbs (aka Tibsy), Area Rep Wairarapa, wairarapa@bmwmc.nz or the team on agmrally@bmwmc.nz



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The Rally Team is looking forward to having you join us for this significant 50th Anniversary event. Although we have set the registration closing date as

The Rally Team

Peter, Denis and Murray



Area Report: Top of the South

Gretchen Holland



Anakiwa - 10th November



Eleven bikes from Nelson met up with Dion in Rai Valley and three from Marlborough in Havelock for coffee and catch-up before heading to Anakiwa for our picnic lunch.

The lead bunch turned too soon and seven of them were nearly at Portage before they decided they were going the wrong way. I think their 'leader' was still working in Italy/Spain-tour-group-riding mode and hadn't gotten back into the NZ navigating mindset...

By the time this group arrived, we had had our lunch and Gretchen had been for a swim off the long jetty on an incoming tide. The highlight was a shag that flapped past very close at eye height.

Four of the latecomers (Anja, Dale, Greg, Dion) also went for a swim with varying degrees of coldness reported.

We dispersed to come home but the main group stopped at Rai for an ice cream

and a photo – to send to Peter W (seeing he's still laid up with a broken leg from last month and he always suggests stopping there on the way home).

It was great to see Greg's daughter Sophie out today as our sole pillion.

On the trip were: Dale, Gretchen, Tony, Trevor, Andy, Ross, Anja, Greg and Sophie.

Visitors: Annette, Chris S, Dion, Chris ?, Wayne, Roy, John.





SOUTH ISLAND RAG BBQ 2024

Thank you - Lisa Morris



Thank you so much for giving us the fundraising opportunity, the money that we made will enable us to give the students a wonderful trip to Hanmer in early December.

We had a great time meeting with you and hope that you enjoyed your time in Reefton (despite the hideous weather).

I hope that you come back to visit us again in the future - I already have new ideas for what to serve you for dinner. Below is a wee blurb from one of our students and I have attached a copy of photos as well.

Cheers, Lisa

Lisa Morris
Reefton Area School

Thank you to everyone for coming down and making this possible for us. We all enjoyed having you, cooking for you, and ensuring you had a good time. It was a pleasure speaking with you and answering any questions you may have about our upcoming trip to Hanmer, and because of your generous donations, we will be able to provide the trip free of charge to our students at Reefton Area School.

By Lucy





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SOUTH ISLAND RAG 2024

Big River Ride - RL: Ben Wilkins / TEC: Dale Grover



Three of us Nelson riders decided to have an adventurous ride down to the RAG, so we took our little bikes (450MT, CRF250 & DRZ400). We were accompanied up to St Arnaud by Revti who joined us for morning tea at the Alpine Lodge. From there he went on the road to Reefton & we went over the Porika, Braeburn, and Maruia Saddle. We emerged at the other end wet, muddy, and tired but having had lots of laughs on the way, mostly due to me trying to stop Hilary on a particularly muddy section, she proceeded to fall onto me & we both ended up rolling around in the mud like a couple of 3yr olds. Trevor wisely kept out of it.

Despite having never ridden to Big River before I volunteered to be Tail End Charlie for that ride - well I suppose I did leave myself no choice as it was my idea to hold a harder option.

Risking being thrown out of the BMW club I decided to ride down on my CF Moto 450MT. I must say I was very happy to have done so as my 1200GS would have been a completely different beast on the Porika.

17 of us left Reefton Area School led by Ben, who I had shoulder tapped to help as he lives in Reefton - sorry Ben. Approximately 5 minutes out of town & we were onto the gravel... Awesome!

From there on we encountered grapefruit-sized rocks, puddles, mud, rock slabs, puddles, water crossings, sharp climbs, descents, & oh did I mention the puddles, some of which were deceptively deep.

We finally got to the river crossing & 4 of us decided that considering we were almost at the end it was a good idea to not cross, though I did get pretty wet helping Grant to walk another rider's bike back over to where we stood. Mind you the thank-you beer that evening more than made up for it, cheers Geoff.

Then we all turned & rode back the way we came, approximately 60km in 5hrs, a lot of fun in a relatively short distance.

Somehow, we ended up at the pub for a debrief, funny that. 😊

Dale # 3170





OPONONI PAPER PLATE RIDE - AND MORE ! September 2024



*Neil wrote this primarily for the Vincent Owners' Club, and kindly shared it with us.
Neil, Trevor and Rick Hackett also own BMW's, and Unquestionable brand allegiance!
Thanks Neil - Ed.*

The option to ride to "the wintevrless north" is always tempting and the NZ Vincent Owners' Club Opononi "Paper Plate" ride proved just the incentive needed.

Whakatane to Auckland - Friday 20th September

Although the dreaded weather forecast was for heavy rain developing with thunderstorms I managed to sneak out of Whakatane under threatening skies with only damp roads. The wind was gusty from the west, so elected to head up the east coast, hoping for some degree of shelter from the Kaimai Ranges. This seemed to work until at the halfway point in Waihi the rain really set in.

The next 100 miles was certainly less than pleasant. For a country bumkin like myself, heading down Auckland's Southern Motorway surrounded by heavy traffic in steady rain and gusty winds is

not really my idea of fun. With the poor visibility from spray, especially from the many large trucks, one tends to feel rather vulnerable.

Was certainly relieved to get off SH1 at Mt Wellington and into Ken McIntosh's workshop to pick up parts for the Norton CS1 restoration. Arrived there utterly drenched, much to Ken's amusement. Left there still in heavy rain to battle Friday afternoon Auckland traffic to finally get to KZ Marine. Trevor Hackett already had the doors open and heater set up ready for the usual gear drying procedure. Good lad !

Auckland to Opononi

Saturday 21st September

Team Hackett (Trevor and son Rick) both on their Rapides in convoy with your scribe on the Comet headed northwest out of Auckland under showery but clearing conditions. The Old North Road bypasses Helensville onto SH16 skirting the Kaipara Harbour. Was certainly great to finally leave the traffic congestion of Auckland behind and enjoy some relaxed touring. Also fortunately managed to leave the bulk of the wet behind as well!

Not far out of Maungaturoto we spied a couple of older motorcyclists stopped at the side of the road. They must have been somewhat religious as both appeared to be kneeling in a praying

position in reverence to one of their black and gold steeds. Oh heck, they are both not only Vincents, but Comets as well. Turned out to be Bill Buckley and Gavin Stone, both hopefully also heading for Opononi. Bill's recently acquired Comet had suddenly stopped and investigations were underway. Valves were opening and closing, and magneto was turning and producing a spark, but still "no go". Being on a relatively steep section of road, Bill attempted a bump start. Rather than being greeted by a healthy burble all that was heard was a series of loud backfires. Definitely had both fuel and spark, just not at the right times. Instead of an "internal"

combustion engine, we had a very "infernal" external combustion engine. Certainly, the requirements for running were not occurring in the right sequence. Turns out the magneto drive gear was loose and the ignition timing had slipped. Ultimately an easy fix.

Rest stop made in Dargaville to fill the bikes and riders in preparation for the

challenge of the Waipoua Forest, always a good ride. Views out over the massive Omapere sand dunes remain impressive. Safely arrived in Opononi and booked in to the Lighthouse Motel, just a short walk from the Hotel. We were able to park the bikes out of sight around the back of the unit. Good place to stop.



Great to see an equal number of single and twin Vincents attending.

Comets:

Bill Buckley, Gavin Stone, Neil "Barney" Barnard

Rapides:

Trevor Hackett, Rick Hackett, Tim Stelzer



The Vincenteers –
Opononi Hotel –
Paper Plate Run –
September 2024

It was also good to see Beate Stelzer (Suzuki) and Kate and John Grinter (car) also enjoying themselves.

It turned out that the waitress in the hotel bar was a speedway fan, and was well aware of Bill Buckley's long standing involvement and support of this sport. We were consequently given a special

table and preferential service. Turns out that NZ were playing a rugby test match against England that night, and the place became packed with enthusiastic locals cheering on the Kiwis on the big screen. The All Blacks win was widely celebrated.

Opononi to Tokerau Beach

Sunday 22nd September

The Hacketts had an old family friend of long standing up at Tokerau Beach in Doubtless Bay. The last time Trev and I were up that way the weather turned quite nasty and we hastily turned tail back to Auckland.

We arrived in Rawene to find the Hokianga Harbour filled with very thick fog. The ferry was still operating but we decided to have a leisurely breakfast at the picturesque old café perched on piles over the water. By chance, John and Kate also arrived as we saw the fog lift quite quickly to reveal another fine day.

As we headed up through Awaroa and the Herekino Forest Trev became a little concerned about lack of fuel. His Rapide appeared to be significantly thirstier than Rick's similar machine, and way more than my Comet. Sure enough, only about 3 miles from Kaitaia Trev was seen to be shaking the bike from side to side and appeared to be squeezing the tank between his knees in the vain attempt to get some more fuel to the engine. I produced a siphon tube from my top box and proceeded to fill a zip-lock bag with fuel. I had learnt that these bags are ideal for this purpose. Unfortunately, my bag had travelled many miles in contact with all sorts of gear, and with multiple holes, it was now reminiscent of a watering can. Rick produced a much better example of a plastic bag, which made transferring this now extremely desirable fluid quite easy.



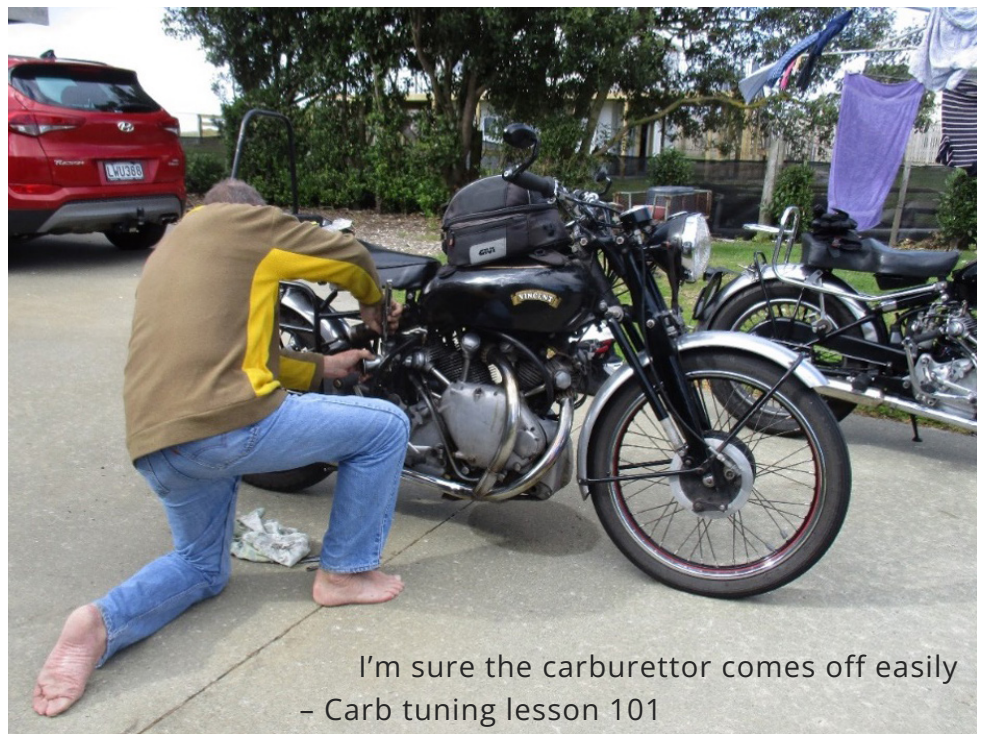
The nautical component – Ferry across the Hokianga Harbour



Hackett Jnr assists Hackett Snr with the petrol transfusion. Zip-lock bag to the rescue!

Once fully refuelled in Kaitaia we headed for Doubtless Bay. Always one for a bit of an extended tour, Trev took us for a loop to Rangiputa, a truly beautiful bay on the western side of the Karikari Peninsula at the narrow entrance to the Rangaunu Harbour. Certainly a relatively isolated and very idyllic part of the far North.

Once established at Tokerau Beach a little bike fettling was in order. We dropped the throttle needles in both Trev's carbs in order to reduce fuel consumption, and did a quick check for any loose bolts etc. Just normal Vincent procedure, with no real issues detected.



I'm sure the carburettor comes off easily
- Carb tuning lesson 101

Tokerau Beach to Cape Reinga and return

Monday 23rd September

The day dawned with fine weather and only a little wind. Cape Reinga beckoned! The ride up the Aupori Peninsula to the Cape was another enjoyable ride. Good roads, little traffic, and great panoramic views out either side. The extended walk down to the lighthouse from the car park at the Cape is designed to help generate the aura of the place. It gives visitors a chance

to appreciate the natural beauty of this idyllic area, with panoramic views of the Tasman Sea clashing against the Pacific Ocean, while standing on the top of the narrow isthmus between the two. A special spot indeed.

The return ride back down to Tokerau Beach was extended slightly due to Trev's desire to "explore". We turned west towards Ninety Mile Beach down

the Te Paki Stream Road leading to the renowned sand dunes. The rough road and the dust were not too welcoming, but we got to the end without incident apart from several times checking the total limit of suspension movement.



Vincent trio at "the top" - Cape Reinga



The 3 happy men "on the top of NZ"
at Cape Reinga lighthouse

Tokerau Beach to Tutukaka

Tuesday 24th September

Still, with great weather, it was time to head homewards. Brunch on the waterfront in picturesque Mangonui is always pleasant. Rick's work commitments meant he needed to return directly back to Auckland. For the old retired buffers, the option for a leisurely return south was more appealing.

After leaving Whakapara Trev's urge to explore returned and we turned east off the main road at Otonga towards Whananaki. A very interesting sealed secondary road which was obviously attractive to numerous walkers. The relatively isolated settlement of Whananaki was another beautiful quiet (well, until we arrived) spot on a coastal estuary. Ideal time for a Whittaker's peanut slab. The back road down to Whananaki South looked very rough, and dusty, and certainly wasn't appealing to my mind. Headed back to the main road and then off east again from Hikurangi towards Tutukaka where Trev had

booked ahead at the rather luxurious Tutukaka Quality Hotel, right on the waterfront. They supplied a very secure undercover bike storage with access through a coded roller door. After an evening meal overlooking the boat marina, it was into bed with the lullaby supplied by a couple of Moreporks in the nearby bush.



Tutukaka to Auckland

Wednesday 25th September

I was personally quite astounded next morning with the traffic congestion getting through Whangarei. I would have thought that with the loop road basically bypassing the city centre it would have been plain sailing. Long queues needing multiple changes of lights seemed the norm. Roads were rather too narrow to allow lane splitting, especially with quite wide rear vision mirrors and pannier bags fitted on the Comet. Although rather boring the new motorway bypassing Warkworth makes the ride rather less stressful.

Basically an uneventful tour back down the main SH1 to Auckland.



Auckland to Whakatane - Thursday 26th September

Good ride on the last lap home to Whakatane.

The Comet had successfully covered 1,175 miles (1,880 k's) in one week of very enjoyable touring.

The original Vincent handbook states an expected Comet oil consumption of 1 gallon per 2,000 miles.

On this ride the Comet used less than 1 pint (1/2 litre) of oil, less than a quarter the quoted consumption.

The added bonus of not needing to have to put a spanner on it was also very pleasing.

Thanks to Tim and Beate Stelzer for putting "the stake in the ground" and organising the Opononi meeting point.

Great to keep our grand steeds out and about, being enjoyed and used as they were intended to be.

Neil "Barney" Barnard #19
Whakatane NZ



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Notice Annual General Meeting 2025

17:45 Saturday 8th February 2025
Copthorne Hotel & Resort,
High Street, Masterton



BMW Motorcycle Club
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The 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand (Inc.) will be held at **5:45 pm on Saturday 8th February 2025** at the Copthorne Hotel & Resort, situated at High Street, Masterton

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 before 17:00 on Sunday 19th January 2025. 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 current members of BMWMC. Any subject of discussion or notice of resolution submitted after Sunday 19th January 2025 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 to all members at their last known email address and published on our website, www.bmwmc.nz fourteen days before the AGM.

President and Secretary positions were re-elected for two years at the 2024 AGM.

The following positions are open for election at this AGM

- **Vice President** – incumbent Steve Parkinson, who is willing to serve another term
- **Treasurer** - incumbent Colin Gates, who is willing to serve another term
- **Area Rep Liaison** – incumbent Ian Macartney, who is willing to serve another term
- **Membership Secretary** – incumbent Barry Petherick. **Barry is not standing again, so we are currently looking for nominations.**

The Board acknowledges and thanks Barry for his excellent work in this role and his valuable input overall on the board.

These positions are open for any 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 Annual General Meeting 2025



BMW Motorcycle Club
New Zealand



Note:
**Check our website for the
latest AGM details.**

In accordance with our Constitution, each elected position is for a two-year term. The Nomination Form is available on our website.

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 3rd January 2025.

Nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting, provided that the nominated member has consented to be nominated.

A final Notice of the AGM will be sent out on Saturday 25th January 2025 and will include, not least:

- 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 by Sunday 19th January 2025 (20 days before the AGM)
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Important Dates:

*Nominations for Board Members	Friday 3rd January 2025 (*to be published)
Subject for Discussion/Remit	17:00 Sunday 19th January 2025
Final Agenda for AGM	Saturday 25th January 2025
Annual General Meeting	17:45 Saturday 8th February 2025



NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO OFFICE

Annual General Meeting 2025

1. Details of the Member making the nomination

Name: Membership Number:
Address:
Signature Date:

2. Details of person nominated

Name: Membership Number:
Address:

I nominate the above Nominee for the Board Position of:

(Write the Board Position in the box above)

3. Nominee Acceptance (Nominee must sign to be accepted)

I acknowledge and accept the nomination shown above.

Signature Date:

4. Constitutional Requirement

- 7.2.1 At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), subject to the position being up for election, Life and Financial Members of the Club are eligible to vote, by ballot, to elect the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary and the Members' Representative. Note: each position is elected for a two-year term. Nominations shall be a completed Nomination Form, signed by the current Life/Financial Member making the nomination and the Nominee. All nominees must sign their approval of the nomination.
- The Secretary must receive all Nominations by the date stated below and in the Notice to ensure all members are notified of each Nomination; their details will be included in the last Newsletter (usually the month before) and the Final Agenda before the date of the AGM. Nominations can be received, subject to the terms above, any time before the day of the AGM but the Nominee's details will have missed the deadline and only be made available at the Annual General Meeting.

5. Nomination Delivery and Deadlines

For many reasons not least the delays, the postal option is impractical.

- Please scan and email the completed form to secretary@bmwmc.nz

Deadline: Friday 3rd January 2025

Nomination forms received **before** the deadline will have the details of the Nominee included in the last Newsletter and the Final Agenda notification before the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination forms received **after** the deadline can only be presented on the day, before the start of the AGM. Therefore, the details of the nominee will NOT be published.



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Motorcycle Rego Cashback programme

Great news! We have extended the programme until 30 June 2025. We offer experienced riders, who are eligible, \$200 Cashback on their motorcycle rego.

My journey with cancer

Dave Oldershaw

This is my journey with prostate cancer and my first ride post-surgery.

My journey began in January 2023 while celebrating my 65th birthday and my retirement. My friend Ron, whom I have known since primary school gave me a present of a pack of men's disposable underwear, he thought I might use these now that I was 65. Embarrassed I put them away and forgot about them. Little did I know that I would use them sooner rather than later!

Late 2023 I went for a routine blood test which included testing my PSA levels. Upon receipt of the blood test results my doctor phoned and asked me to make an appointment. When I saw the Doctor, he administered the finger test and confirmed that I had an enlarged prostate. The Doctor subsequently referred me to the Urology Department at Wellington Hospital.

In December 2023 I received a letter from the Hospital advising that I was booked in for a biopsy. Clearly someone thought it was a joke to schedule the biopsy on my birthday! The biopsy was an invasive

procedure due to the location of the prostate. Any embarrassment that I felt after the procedure was quickly shattered when I was handed an incontinence pad, at which point I very quickly realised that you have to do what you have to do to get through a medical procedure like that and I subsequently found a use for Ron's disposable pants!

The next three months were spent navigating the health system. My first appointment was with the surgeon, who thanked me for coming in, asked me how I found the biopsy procedure and proceeded to tell me, that yes, you do have prostate cancer. After finding out that I didn't have health insurance, he put me on the public waiting list. While taking in this news, the surgeon advised that:

- If I had surgery first then I could have radiation treatment in the future should I need it, however if I had radiation first, I could not have surgery,
- The surgery would require two nights in hospital, and
- I would require a catheter for 2-3 weeks post-surgery.

My next appointment was with the anaesthetist who

assessed me as suitable for the operation to be carried out in a private hospital under contract to the DHB. My operation went ahead in early May at the Southern Cross Hospital in Newtown.

Before leaving hospital, I had to learn the basics of night and day catheter bags that was strapped to my leg. Not long after being discharged from the hospital I had a timely visit from the district nurse, who brought me more supplies of bags and I later received an order of men's disposable pants and incontinence pads for the next three months.

I had been recovering from my operation for two months when David Morris asked me if I would be interested in attending the South Island RAG Rally in early November. I was a little hesitant at first because there was the very real fear of "How am I going to cope?" when you are constantly going to the bathroom and wanting not to stray too far from one! I decided to go for it.

There were other milestones in my recovery such as:

- Attending the Wellington BMW Club monthly meeting in June
- Driving my car again

- Purchasing swim mates underwear so I could get back into aqua jogging.

David Morris and I planned a seven-day trip around the South Island, starting with the South Island RAG Rally and then continuing to Haast, Mossburn, Stewart Island, Oamaru, Springfield, Picton and then home. My first ride was ambitious but not quite work out as we had planned.

David and I departed Wellington on the Bluebridge on Friday 1st November, meeting other Wellington riders riding to the South Island RAG Rally. Our route took us down SH1, bypassing Blenheim and down the Wairau Valley to St Arnaud.

We stopped at St Arnaud for a coffee and the weather packed in and it rained all the way to Reefton. We arrived at the BBQ fundraiser held at Reefton Area School wet and tired after our journey. I enjoyed the BBQ and catching up with friends. Later in the evening we made our way to our accommodation at the Reefton Motor Camp.

I learnt a valuable lesson, this being my first ever keyless motorcycle. A key symbol appeared on my screen and the bike was very difficult to start. It turned out that the battery in my key needed replacing. A very kind member at the rally gave me a replacement battery

enabling me to start the bike. I now carry spare batteries. On the Saturday I looked up the bike manual and located the emergency start under the seat.

On the Sunday morning Dave and I left Reefton and rode to Haast. We struck some fog leaving Reefton and from Greymouth to Haast we had a sunny day. We stopped in Hokitika for a coffee and rode to Fox Glacier for lunch, followed by a stop at the South Westland Salmon Farm enroute to Haast staying at the Wilderness Backpackers.

On the Monday, Dave woke up feeling unwell so we had a very slow ride over the Haast Pass heading for Wanaka. We decided to cut short our trip and stayed at Haka House backpackers in Wanaka overnight. The next day, given Dave still wasn't feeling well, we decided not to continue with our planned itinerary and instead headed to Lake Tekapo.

On Wednesday we rode to Springfield. Later in the day, we decided to go to the Springfield pub only to find that the pub was closed. We were then advised that we could get pizzas from the local garage. We headed to the garage only to find out that pizzas are only available on Thursdays and Sundays and the nearest pub was either in Colgate or Darfield as the pub at Sheffield had

burnt down!! So, we settled on petrol station food for dinner!

On Thursday we left Springfield and rode to Sheffield and had breakfast at the Sheffield Pie Shop. We then rode to Kaikoura stopping at Waiuku for a coffee. We stayed at the Dusky Lodge Backpackers in Kaikoura. Later in the day we walked into Kaikoura township for dinner.

On Friday it was a very quick ride from Kaikoura to the Bluebridge ferry terminal in Picton. We arrived at the Bluebridge terminal early so we were able to rest up in the new bike shelter before boarding the ship and sailing back to Wellington.

As I write this I have just in the last week had my 6-month post-op check-up at the hospital and received a gold star pass! The following day my friend, Ron, visited and as he was leaving, I gave him a pack of men's pull-up pants and some incontinence pads to put under his Christmas tree!!!

Dave Oldershaw -#2052

BMW Motorrad presents the BMW R 12 S. Exclusive special model as a tribute to the BMW R 90 S.



Munich. With the BMW R 12 S, BMW Motorrad is expanding its Heritage range with a fitting tribute to the iconic R 90 S, which in 1973 not only set a sporty exclamation mark for BMW Motorrad with 67 hp and a top speed of 200 km/h in terms of riding dynamics.

Moreover, the then Chief Designer Hans A. Muth skillfully expressed the sporty ambitions in the design language and sent the BMW R 90 S, as the world's first production motorcycle, with a handlebar fairing designed according to aerodynamic aspects and a red-laid "90" in the R 90 S emblem of the engine, successfully into the race for the buyers' favor.

Racing successes helped the BMW R 90 S to achieve an iconic image.

It did not take long for the image of the R 90 S to also benefit from racing successes. For example, at the Production TT on the Isle of Man, where Hans-Otto Butenuth and Helmut Dähne celebrated a class victory in 1976. In the same year, Steve McLaughlin also won the prestigious 200 Miles of Daytona, and his teammate Reg Pridmore became the first AMA Superbike Champion in history. Also for this reason, an R 90 S is today, as it was then, one of the particularly sought-after BMW motorcycles.

The BMW R 12 S transfers the spirit of the R 90 S into the here and now.

More than the Concept Ninety study presented by BMW Motorrad in May 2013, the new BMW R 12 S takes up the spirit of the R 90 S in its overall concept as well as in many details and transfers it skillfully into the present day. Based on the R 12 nineT, it embodies an authentic and sporty retro bike and utilizes several ingredients that make up a skillful homage to the R 90 S.

"The defining design elements of our R 12 S include the handlebar-mounted cockpit fairing with the tinted windshield, the seat with contrast stitching, and the Lavaorange metallic paint finish as a nod to the legendary R 90 S Daytona Orange from 1975. The design is perfectly complemented by details such as the red-laid 'S' on the side covers, the red double line, and the brushed and clear-lacquered aluminum surfaces of the tank and seat hump," explains Alexander Buckan, Head of BMW Motorrad Design.



Generous standard equipment with Option 719 Wheel Classic II, Billet packs Shadow and Shadow II, Headlight Pro, Shift Assistant Pro, and much more.

The claim to a sporty retro bike is underlined by the R 12 S with numerous standard product features such as the Option 719 Classic II wheels with wire spokes and shiny, naturally anodized aluminum rims, as well as other high-quality components. The handlebars and fork tubes are in black, and the components of the Billet packs Shadow and Shadow II set particularly high-quality technical accents. Components of the Billet pack Shadow are the left and right ignition coil covers, the oil filler screw, and the cylinder head covers coated in Avus black metallic matt. The Billet pack Shadow II includes the footrest system including foot brake and gear shift levers, the pillion footrests, the hand brake and clutch levers, the expansion tank covers for the front brake and clutch, as well as the handlebar end mirrors.

Further standard features include the Comfort Package, which includes Hill Start Control, Shift Assistant Pro, Heated Grips, and Cruise Control. For even more safety during night rides, the adaptive cornering light Headlight Pro ensures better illumination of the road in corners.

Comprehensive program of optional equipment from the factory and Original BMW Motorrad Accessories for customization.

The BMW R 12 S is based on the BMW R 12 nineT, and therefore all accessory products such as titanium exhaust systems, soft bags, or the navigation preparation can also be used for this motorcycle. For example, the already expressive dynamism of the lines can be further enhanced with the short rear end, which is available as an Original BMW Motorrad Accessory, and the black license plate holder attached to the swingarm. Additional factory-installed options are also available, such as Tire Pressure Control (RDC), Anti-Theft Alarm System (DWA), Intelligent Emergency Call, Connected Ride Control, and the digital display with micro-TFT display as an alternative to the classic round instruments.



Coming Events - Details on our Website

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2025 National AGM/Rally, North Island - Fri 7th - Monday 10th February 2025

Updated: 01/07/2024 BMWMC AGM Rally 2025 - Friday 7th - Monday 10th February 2025: This will be the 50th Anniversary of our club and not to be missed! Save the dates - more details and registration to follow nearer the event: The location is TBC but will be South of the North Island. Email any [...]

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NIRAG 2025

North Island RAG: Subject to confirmation but most likely this event will be:
Venue: Taylor Lodge, Tongariro National Park, 20 Pokaka Road, Erua 3990.
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Registration: Available nearer the time Most of you will know the format but here's a guide: Accommodation options: Bunkrooms, tent [...]

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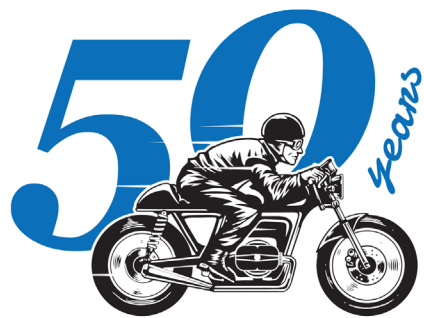


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Making Life a Ride!

As part of the 50th celebrations at the 2025 AGM and Annual Rally, we would like to compile an audio-visual presentation of rides and events over our Club's history.

Please share with us any photos or videos you might have over the period, preferably with some explanatory notes that we could include in any presentation.

There is a link in the covering email to upload any files. Any problems or if you require the link again, please email treasurer@bmwmc.nz

Thank you

BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand - Risk Management Plan

The BMW Motorcycle Club of Aotearoa New Zealand is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All Club members on Club rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Club members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, Pillion and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum standard New Zealand Approved Motorcycle Helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.

4. Club Members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Rider organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for the other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

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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