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# CHRISTMAS PARTY!

*We are off to the Big Prawn town – Ballina!*

Sat. 19th November, Sun. 20th and Mon. 21st.

**Saturday** – meeting at Hinze Dam at 8 am for breakfast.

There is a GS ride led by Steve & Ken. For non-GS there is a choice of two rides

1. Stan's Tweed Valley Way, Federal, arriving in Ballina 2pm.
2. Gordon's 320k ride via Bonalbo to Ballina, arriving 2:30.

**Saturday night** is the Club Christmas dinner – there has been a change to the menu. To keep the price down, it will be an alternate drop of Chicken meal and a Barramundi meal – just swap with someone if you have a strong preference. The dessert is an alternate drop of Stickle Date or Cream Brulé.

**Sunday, 8:30 am** meet, away 9:00. It is a 200k ride by Gordon and Jenny – South West of Ballina, a ferry ride, some great countryside, coffee at Woodburn, lunch at Alstonville, off to the falls after that, home at 2:30pm

**Sunday evening** Free Format – some are eating at the Ramada, some will frequent the local restaurants / hotels.

**Monday 8:30 am** meet, away 9:00 ride home via Numinbah, coffee at Tyalgum.

Christmas Dinner is \$55 per head – please pay BMW Club ASAP

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# Club Calendar

## 2022

**6 Nov** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

**19-21 Nov** **Christmas Party** - Further details in Newsletter

**2 Dec** 12noon **Ladies Who Lunch** The Thai, Worongary

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. The rides on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month may change according to the ride destination. Changes from the above will be notified to members via email.



**All Newsletter Submissions  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2022

This months long ride to Cambooya was an excellent experience for the dozen who attended, credits to Tony who led and Peter / Heather combination who kept the tail end tidy all day.

Some lucky members have been away at Phillip Island for the Moto GP followed up with a lap of Tassie. On top of this I believe a TS Safari and a GS Safari as well for the extremely fortunate.

It has been damp, but spirits have remained high it seems. All smiles in the photos I've seen.

I am looking forward to a Sydney ride, and attending a wedding on Remembrance Day. My son Paul upgraded his licence last Saturday in the pouring rain and will ride with me for a week of great roads. My thanks to Tom McCutchen for looking after him. Tom is also keen to join our club.

Jamie Sho has an off road course next weekend at Mt Cotton and I can recommend this one to aspiring off road riders, it is well worth while in a safe environment, be quick or miss out.

Also next month is our Christmas party at Ballina. If you haven't booked don't delay, it's coming up quickly. If it stops raining for a bit I shall organise an off road ride there, if it keeps pouring I will join the road ride myself.

See you all at Hinze Dam

Steve Bryant #318





# 100 YEARS of BMW Motorcycles



## *Concours - Saturday 23rd September 2023*

This event will be run by the BMWMCQ at the central location of **Reddacliff Place** in Brisbane. We are looking for suitable bikes from all years and all models to display at this special event to celebrate this enormous achievement of the BMW brand that we all love to ride.

Do you have a bike that is suitable? If it is an older BMW (60's or earlier) and it is completely assembled, presentable, registered or not, we want to hear from you.

If your BMW bike is from the '70's up to latest models and is in good visual condition, special or a rare model, we want to hear from you as well.

We have a target of one hundred bikes, to display an example of as many different models as possible. A selection process will be undertaken from the applications and consideration will be given to bikes that fit the above criteria as well as bikes with high kilometres or extraordinary travel achievements.

To nominate your bike, send the following details to [bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au)

What Model it is.

Year of Manufacture.

Total Km's Travelled.

Longest Journey Travelled.

A Photo.

*A celebratory dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – more details to follow...*

# Revisiting Memories

In the lead up to the BMW TS Safari, it was important to sample the various fine foods on offer. Adrian is a man of simple tastes and only asked for Oysters and Lobster. The oysters were enjoyed at the Kerman-die Hotel opposite Huon Port, nice place to overnight or stay for longer and explore further south.

The lobster was to be had at The Lobster Shack at Bicheno at lunchtime. Suffice to say, dinner did not need to be much....thank goodness.



Over dinner Adrian reminisced (regaled the table more accurately) with the first time we met and the trouble I had in opening the 1200 fuel tank for the first time, I hadn't heard the instruction to turn the ignition on off at the time of receiving the bike. At the time the club members along on the ride had various suggestions ranging from, picking me up the day after to using a big screw driver to lever the filler cap open on a brand new bike. These suggestions were greatly appreciated and I never forgot to turn the ignition off at every fueling.



If you are reading this and wondering why I would be writing about something that happened nearly 7 years ago.....you guessed it, the very next day Adrian's fuel cap would not open and still won't.

This was an opportunity for me to test out Adrian's ever expanding onboard recovery kit. On the last TS Safari he learnt how to plug a rear tyre, not to run the compressor off the bike without it running and the wisdom to carry a jump starter. Suffice to say he bought a jump started after the Safari and proudly carries all the gear to-day.....except for a tool roll.

Keyless fuel cap won't open



Happy Adrian invest in tool roll he shall.

Every day you learn something new is a good day and Adrian now knows what he needs to buy after this Safari.

The people lined up behind us at the servo had a front row seat as we unscrewed the cover around the fuel cap (T20 bit FYI). Once full we re-screwed the cover and also applied duct tape as it and WD40 can fix any problem, usually.

The winding ride into Launceston via St Helens meant some fuel vapours escaped, which Adrian commented on repeatedly, good thing he doesn't smoke.

At Safari HQ, the wonderful Peppers Silo in Launceston, the repair attempted escalated up from Craig Bernard and Adrian applying liberal amounts of WD40 to the small lock pin to more qualified people in BMW tech support suggesting a part may be needed or the software checked. At the time of writing, the plan is to visit the dealership before heading off today and have them run some diagnostics..

Definitely an advantage to have the dealership principal and national general manager along to help navigate waiting times



## CORNER MARKING

### MANY RIDES WILL UTILISE CORNER MARKING.

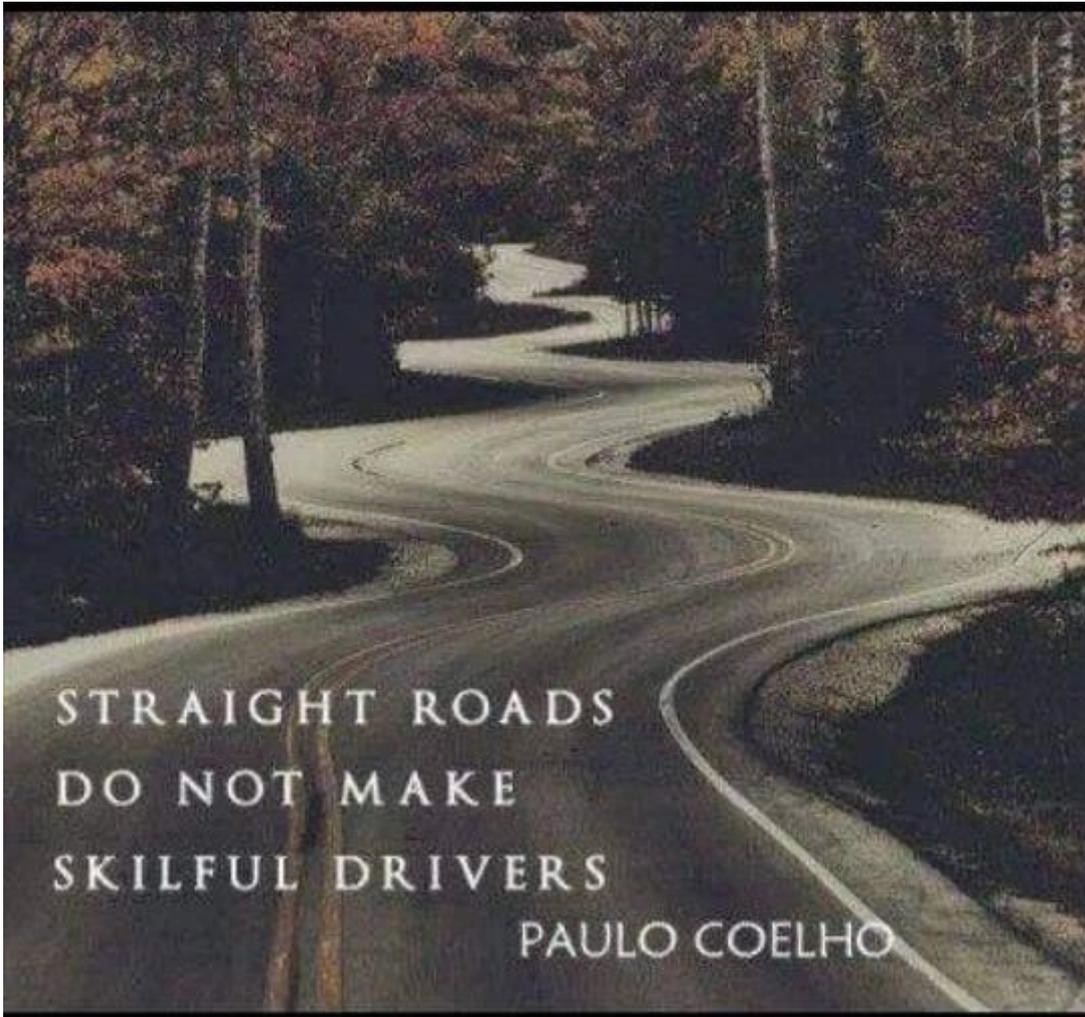
- The Ride Leader will indicate, by pointing, a safe location where he/she would like the rider directly behind him/her to mark a corner.
- The corner marker should stop in a safe place that is visible to following riders, indicate with the turn signal to following riders the route and remain in position until Tail End Charlie indicates to re-join the ride. Re-join the ride safely.
- If there are inexperienced riders the corner marker may need to wait for a while but remember other riders' enjoyment is dependent on your effort.
- Corner marking is utilised to allow a ride to progress in an orderly and systematic way regardless of factors that could cause a disrupted ride.
- Some of these factors include the following.
- A wide range of rider experience that would cause frustration to more experienced riders by frequently stopping to allow slower riders to catch up.
- Traffic conditions, e.g. frequent traffic lights, or congestion, that cause the ride to break up into groups that lose touch with one another.
- Some riders who just want to "amble" along having a leisurely ride while others go ahead.
- More often than not, especially on mid-week rides, the ride leader will decide that ride members have similar experience and ability and so corner marking can be dispensed with. This means that the ride leader needs to be able to see following riders in his/her mirrors and may prevent the ride breaking up by introducing occasional stops.

## THE RIDE GUIDE

Our branch rides are all about the journey and sharing experiences and fellowship with branch riders and visitors. We should be aware of the varying experience of riders on the day and make allowances for that. In appreciation of the range of bikes and the range of rider experience we ask that each rider to do the following.

- Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder.
- Complete the Ride Register, it is for your own safety
- Listen to the briefing by the Ride Leader.
- Know who Tail End Charlie is and what bike they are riding.
- Keep a safe distance at all times - the 3 second rule is a good guide.
- Ride responsibly, obey road rules and ride at the pace that matches your own ability and skill level.
- Do not pass the Ride Leader unless the ride leader has indicated that this is acceptable. If you do pass without approval you are on your own.
- Overtake only in a different lane.
- if you leave the ride notify the Tail End Charlie and/or The Ride Leader (preferably both); and

If a visitor or new member make sure that the Ride Leader and Tail End Charlie are aware of the bike you are riding and your riding experience and ability.



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Sky-Blue trim

Ladies: White with a pale blue trim

**Contact John Vanzino 0414 988 619**



# EDITORS NOTE

October seems to have gone very quickly. As usual Carla has been left to piece together the magazine as I work remotely to bring content to the magazine. Earlier in the month my son Cameron and I were able to attend the BMW GS tour from Canberra to Healesville with 30 others.



The first 3 days had us enjoying dusty dirt roads and wonderful scenery as we traversed the area around Thredbo and Barry Way. By the time we got to Bright the weather gods decided we were having too much fun and added serious rain to the mix.



With creeks cutting the planned off road routes, we instead did the regional roads with plenty of twisties. This in itself was adventurous as many of the roads had trees down, landslides and water across the road. Several times the support vehicle needed to come forward and the group doctor, Smithy, has to get out his chainsaw and cut up large trees so we and others could get through. Rumour has it that he also uses the chainsaw for ingrown toenail operations.

Adrian, Cherie, Stan and Tina were in the same area, but using different roads and a day behind as they were going to the Motor GP. We got over Mt Hotham, they had to turn around due to ice on the roads.

As always, the organisers made the most of everything and we had a ball. The Healesville RACV resort would be a good base for a couple of loop days if anyone is heading that way.

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Tuesday had Adrian Cherie and I on the ferry to Tasmania as we needed to acclimatise to the time zone difference and adjust to Tassie Pinots in preparation for the BMW TS Safari.



I write this as I await our departures pout of Wrest Point to Scamander and will do an article on that for next month.

Some of the GS riders say the TS stands for Tea and Scones, this is not true as we also do carrot cake.

As always stay safe and keep the shinny side up.



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# BMW MATTERS

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From Lyn Dyne

## The Great R 18 Ride Experience

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For Queensland they have suggested the Sunshine Coast hinterland taking in Maleny in the Blackall Range, 30 kms S/W of Caloundra.

Also recommended is Mt Glorious in the Aguilar Range N/W of Brisbane.

Contact your BMW Dealer.

## Club Name Badges

Available to all financial members. See the 'Vice' as they will be available for collection at each Club Breakfast Meeting held at the *View Cafe* Hinze Dam on the 1st Sunday of each month from 8 am.

## Ladies Who Lunch

On Friday, 30th September, six ladies enjoyed themselves at the Thai Restaurant in the Worongary Shopping Complex just off the M1. We had initially arranged to lunch at the View Cafe, Hinze Dam but due to its closure for filming a movie we had to change the plan. This month we were joined by Cindy the co-editor of the BMWMCQ Club's newsletter.

To our surprise, we were served our meals via a robotic waiter and much laughter ensued. After our plates were taken from the tiered shelves, it took itself back to the kitchen!

## EVENTS:

### 23/24th October

The Gold Coast Bike Show at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds **has been cancelled due to weather.**

### 19-21st November

Club Christmas Party at Ramada Resort Ballina.  
Dinner Saturday night - Sunday ride (200k) - Monday- Ride home via Numinbah with coffee at Tyalgum.

### 2023 - 1st - 7th July

100 Years Celebration - BMW Motorrad Days, Berlin Germany.  
Expression of interest required - Steve Treloar (BMWTCNSW) 0439 739 876

### BMW Safari - Tasmania - 23-28th October

A few of our members will be taking part in this year's Safari which brings back memories of our experience back in 1998. Having participated in the Safari to

Cairns in 1996, we decided it would be a great opportunity to ride around the Apple Isle.

(The very first Safari was held in 1994 from Sydney to Frazer Island).

With our bikes, R60US and R90S loaded on the Mitsubishi truck we drove to Melbourne where we were able to leave it with my cousin. On the 16th March at Port Melbourne, BMW's of varying description cruised up and down the waterfront whilst waiting their time to join the queue to board the Spirit of Tasmania.

After checking in and waiting for what seemed an eternity, we finally rode onto H Deck which was the lowest of the cargo decks and secured our bikes with tie-downs that we had taken for the task. There were three such decks, all full to capacity with semi trailers, cars, trucks and hundreds of BMWs. The crossing was quite calm and we enjoyed the comforts of the suite with ocean views from the windows on C Deck.

The next morning we disembarked at Devonport for the start of the seven days of touring throughout the island. Except for one wet day the weather was fine and the scenery magnificent. No doubt a wonderful part of the world for riding motorcycles.

Stats: 600 participants on 450 BMW motorcycles -  
4 from the US and 1 from UK  
21 Lady Riders



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## STAND UP

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Next, standing gives you a much better perspective of what's ahead. The farther ahead you can see, the more time you have to plan, prepare, and react.

Be sure to keep a slight bend in your legs while standing so your legs can soak up jolts that make it past your suspension. Place the balls of your feet on the pegs – that's where your balance is – and remember to stay loose so your arms and legs can act as secondary suspension.

You know you're failing at this when you start to have a death grip on the bars. Or worse yet, you start to develop arm pump. Remind yourself to relax (say it out loud if you have to), and if you need to, slow down.

Keeping your upper body loose can be hard when you're muscling a big bike around, so a good trick to give yourself a break is to squeeze the gas tank with your knees. While you're at it, practice deep breathing exercises by inhaling fully through your nose, pausing a moment, and exhaling through the mouth.

Standing may feel awkward at first, but keep practicing and eventually, you'll commit it to muscle memory.

<https://www.lonerider-motorcycle.com/blogs/loneriderblog/top-10-adventure-off-road-motorcycle-riding-tips>

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When your mad but you still have to ride home with him...



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