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September 2024



BMW Motorcycle
Owners Club
(Gold Coast) Inc.



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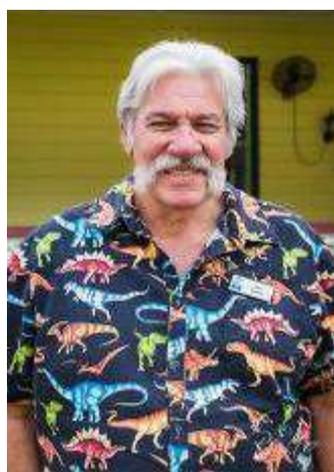
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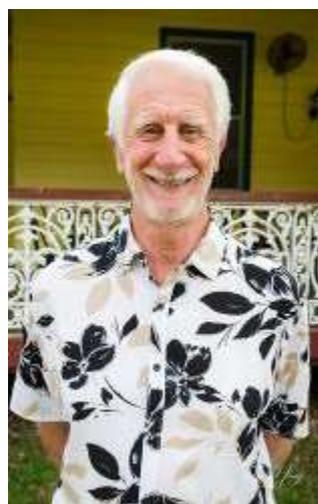
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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB
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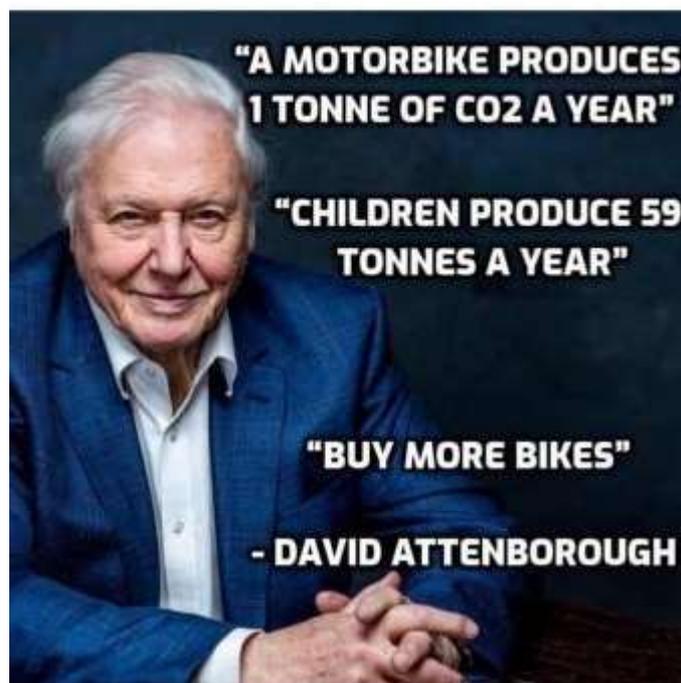
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CLUB CALENDAR



- 8 Sep** **8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 13 Sep** **12noon Ladies Who Lunch** - Ari Thai – The Kitchens, Robina Town Centre
- 15 Sep** **8.00am Club Ride** See Facebook for ride details
- 6 Oct** **8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 20 Oct** **8.00am Club Ride** See Facebook for ride details
- 3 Nov** **8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 16 Nov** **Christmas Party** - **Ballina Byron Islander Resort**– see flyer for details

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The rides on the 3rd Sunday of the month may change according to the ride destination. Changes from the above will be notified to members via email or visit the Facebook page for upcoming rides and events.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



August has been a very busy month for the club. Firstly, having our monthly meeting at The View Cafe at Hinze Dam with 23 in attendance. John Eacott gave an informative report on his attendance to the BMW Clubs Australia (BMWCA) annual meeting. Most noticeable was the increase of fees of \$3 per member to BMWCA. The new Gold Coast committee approved the payment of this fee due to the benefits for the club.

We had our AGM and Presidents Lunch at the View Cafe on the 24th August and the venue was ideal for this meeting. Steve Bryant did not stand for the position of President as he needed to have a break after many years of loyal service to the club. His steady hand and helpful demeanour will be missed in this role. Fortunately he will still be in the club and we can continue to enjoy his great attributes to the club. After a rigorous campaign in which I was the only candidate, I was elected the incoming President, I now understand the feeling that Stephen Bradbury felt on winning in the Olympics after everyone fell down.

The balance of committee members remain the same as last year, this being, Lyn Dyne as Vice President, John Vanzino as Secretary, Gordon McLister as Treasurer, Ken Madsen (Carla Tupicoff) as Editor, John Eacott as Club Delegate to BMWCA. With a notable exception of Julie Vassallo as the incoming Events Coordinator. I worked with Julie when we held the National Rally at Kooralbyn and dare I say she took the reins and completed a brilliant job.



The Committee endorsed our selection of The Ballina Byron Islander Resort as the venue for our Christmas Party to be held on Saturday 16th November for 1 or 2 nights away . Please see the advertisement in the newsletter for details AND PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO GUARANTEE A ROOM AND A MEAL. (Cherie and I have already booked).

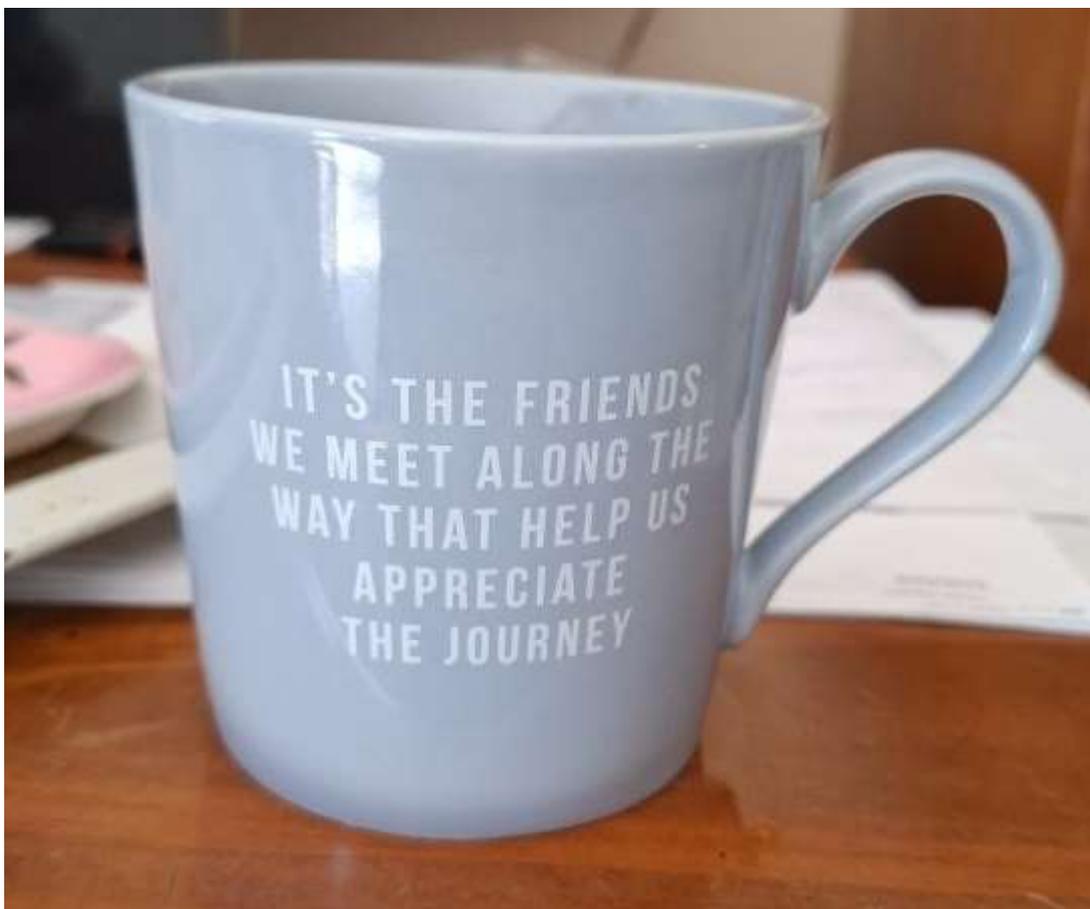
What a fitting end to the month was Steve's ride to Glen Innes 10 People joined us with 4 new members enjoying the fun and favrolity . Steve added to the excitement with a flat tyre and Julie's candid camera exposed some interesting photos.

And finally Ken Madsen survived the BMW GS Enduro from Darwin to Broome. I look forward to his report.

The Committee will be having a meeting on Wednesday 11th September at 6pm at Pagliacci's Restaurant , 106 Alexander Dr Highland Park.

Keep the shiny side up folks

Adrian Headon #Q344





Christmas Party

Saturday 16th November

(Optional book an extra night)

Ballina Byron Islander Resort

1 Ronan Place Ballina NSW 2478

Special Room Rate \$165 per night - Standard Queen room

Contact Resort direct on 02 6686 8866

to book your room.

Christmas Meal \$69.90 pp

Includes Welcome drink on arrival

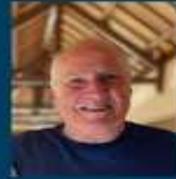
Payable to the club

BSB 484-799 A/c # 000294631

*RSVP: Julie Vassallo with numbers and
dietary requirements*

jvass0103@gmail.com

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



As an essential part of a pre safari routine, I have flown to Darwin a few days early to adjust to the time zone difference and Darwin's winter 39 degrees. The 4WD I have hired, lets me see areas I rode through on last years Cairns to Darwin Safari in much more comfort and time. With no real itinerary, I just stop at places that look interesting, but there is always a story that can unfold that I believe is relevant to this motor-biking life and community.

Me driving past any dirt road



I wonder where that goes



Eating dinner at the Litchfield Tourist resort/petrol station and hotel, I realised after about 45 minutes a fellow seated at the next table was also a Safari tragic and we had met last year in Chilligoe and of course we are both doing this one. We got talking, now Brian had rides up with friends via Birdsville, so a Safari before a Safari, all the bikes are carrying a lot of gear as we also have to camp on this ride.

Unfortunately a fellow rider came off in some sand or bulldust, nothing unusual about that, except the landing wasn't the best and she stayed on the ground for a while to recover.

It's what happens now that I find so fascinating and reassuring about the biker community.

A retired nurse in a passing vehicle stops, assesses her and suggests that she go to Birdsville medical centre. She call ahead to see if the on duty nurse could stay back to receive the injured rider. I am sure the 200km the injured rider had to ride on her bike was memorable. Birdsville nurse checked her over and didn't like some of the reactions to movement, Telehealth call to Mt Isa hospital and the injured rider was getting a RFDS flight out to Mt Isa that night.

What to do with the riders bike, lets leave it at the Birdsville Police Station was the answer and of course small country towns bush telegraph is faster than the internet (and probably more accurate), so the police already knew what to offer.

Brian contacted Ulysses rider friends in Mt Isa, accommodation was offered to him whilst he visited the rider in hospital and she could then stay at the same place whilst she recovered before flying back home.

Mt Isa host then gets down to Birdsville somehow and rides the bike back to Mt Isa, of course he also knows the owner of Bikes Only transport and the bike will be picked up when they are coming through.



Ken



CLUB FINANCIALS



YTD Financial Statement	
Suncorp	
Opening Balance July 1st 2023	4,977.68
Current Closing Balance	7,226.23
Bank Movement from July 1st to now	2,248.55
<i>Movement created by -</i>	
Membership Fees	1,379.05
Advertising	0.00
AGM Lunch	869.00
Square	0.00
Christmas Lunch	0.00
Have a Feed donation money	0.00
Donations	0.00
Other	0.00
Clubs Australia	0.00
Insurance	0.00
Pay for AGM	0.00
	2,248.05
Heritage	5,803.09

My Bank Accounts

Account <small>(click for transaction history)</small>	Account/Card Number <small>(click for account details)</small>	Current Balance	Available Funds/ Available Credit	Balance Alerts <small>(view all)</small>
EVERYDAY OPTIONS CARDCHQ	000294631	\$7,226.23	\$7,226.23	

[Import payees and billers you have stored at other banks](#)

Balances

Account Type	BSB	Description	Current Balance	A
112	638-991	Twelve Month Term Account (2 to sign)	\$5,803.09	

Glen Innes Long Weekend Ride

Steve Bryant

Our overnighter to Glen Innes started on a warm morning, traffic was light so we decided to head for Murwillumbah via the highway.

A car park like situation at West Burleigh saw us divert to plan B and head over Tomewin. A coffee at Clunes via Burringbar and Bangalow, just a cruise ride.

Summerland Way to Lawrence, then my ears were burning all the way to Grafton (thanks Julie)🙏.

After fuel and food we headed up the hill away from 34 degrees heat.

A short stop at the lookout and some photos then the pressure was on to arrive at the pub for happy hour.



Dinner was a bit ordinary this time around but plenty of laughs - no one was spared. Next morning we were away around 8.00 am headed for Tenterfield and breakfast and fuel.

The Bruxner to Drake is always fun and we were lucky to have a clear run. In 36 degree heat we rode to Kyogle and lunch. The pub was a great spot to cool off.

After saying our goodbyes everyone headed for home. I did get a message from Rohan to say home safe. It was good to see him as he rode up from Moonbi to join us.

My knees are swollen and locking up this morning so I have had to pull out of the Tingha ride this week. Too much of a good thing I guess (or getting old?)

Thanks all for your company

Steve Bryant # 318



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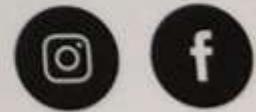


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A Custom bike made in Austria - seen for the first time at the BMW Motorrad Days in Berlin.

BMW Motorrad presents the BMW CE 02 x VAGABUND
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CLUB NAME BADGES

Available to all financial members. They will be available for collection from the VP at each Club Breakfast Meeting at the View Cafe, Hinze Dam on the 1st Sunday of each month from 8am.

EVENTS/RALLIES:

31 Aug - 10 Sept - Postie Bike Challenge -

Brisbane to Adelaide, 3,000+km.

\$5,850 includes use of their bike, accom, meals, mechanics, spares, support vehicles.

Ph. 0411 090 891 www.postiebikechallenge.org

20/22nd September - Far Cairn Rally at Tottenham Race Course by the *BMW Motorcycle Club of NSW*.

Contact: Marie: 0428 393 093

11-13th October - Kosciuszko Rally at Geehi Hut Campground on Alpine Way between Thredbo and Khancoban -

BMW Motorcycle Club ACT. Contact: Gary Smee 0400 264 372

11-13th October - 43rd Thunder Rally at Sheba Dam Campground, Barry Road, Hanging Rock by the Ducati Owners Club NSW

19th October - The **BMW Motorcycle Club of Western Australia** is celebrating 50 years 1974-2024 at JP's Sportsbar at Gloucester Park, East Perth, 6 - 10 pm

Enquiries: Graeme Cook m: 0408 302 377 e: president@bmwmccwa.asn.au

27th October - 1st November 2024

BMW Motorrad TS Safari

Starting at Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW and finishing at Sanctuary Cove Qld. A week of riding, zig zagging over the Great Dividing Range and as far west as Bathurst and the coastal town of Port Macquarie then on to Sanctuary Cove, Gold Coast.
(Apparently it was booked out in a matter of a few hours)

NOTE: The NATIONAL BMW MOTORRAD RALLY will be held in 2026 by the *BMW Touring Club of NSW*. The date will be the last week of March due to Easter in April. Location is yet to be decided.

Christmas in July event at Maleny was well attended at Tranquil Park although there was no 'Christmas Dinner'!

Erik, Robyn and I arrived later than the others as we had done some of the tourist attractions, First stop was at Mary Cairncross Park where we enjoyed lunch whilst taking in the magnificent views of the Glass House Mountains. Next up was the Maleny Botanical Gardens & Bird World, an attraction which draws visitors from all around the world.

With its 23 acres of manicured gardens, it overlooks the 11 Mountains.

The aviary consists of five walk-through aviaries where groups are guided through one at a time. There are now hundreds of birds from around the world and some of them come down to sit on the visitors. The attraction is open 7 days a week, 364 days a year.

Safe Following Distances (Courtesy - Ulysses Road Safety Committee - National Administration Office)

Differences between the recommended safe following distance across jurisdictions. Each state varies distances and these come down to the three key factors that determine what a safe distance is.

Key factors are: Reaction Time & Braking Distance & Situation.

Safe following can be summarised in three simple facts:-

- 1 . Humans need time to react
2. Cars will generally stop quicker than motorcycles
3. Cars can stop instantly if they hit something

To estimate a safe following distance, wait until the vehicle in front passes a fixed point on the road - say a shadow, line or pothole, then start counting, 0001, 0002, 0003. If your front wheel reaches the fix point as you finish saying 0003, then you have a 3-second gap. If not, drop back and try counting again.

Reaction time for braking calculation has been averaged at 2 seconds - equates to 33.3m travelled at 60 km/h; 44.4m at 80 km/h; and 55.6m at 100 km/h.

This reaction time travel distance is purely cognitive processing and is before any braking occurs.



Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 13th September 12noon

Parkway

Robina Quays Shopping Centre

RSVP: Jill



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB (GOLD COAST) INC
 14 Longview Court Merang QLD 4211
 Secretary: John Vanzino
 Mobile: 0414 988 619
 Email: secretary@bmwmocgc.org.au

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name:	Surname:	Class of Membership (see below):
Family member's first name:	Family member's surname:	Relationship to member:
Current Address:		
City:	State:	Post Code:
BH:	AH:	Mobile:
Email:	Motorcycle Type:	Occupation (optional)

I would like my name and contact number to appear on the Membership Grapevine List:

YES / NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:	Phone:
Name:	Phone:

SIGNATURES

I hereby agree to abide by the terms of the constitution of the BMW Motorcycle Owner's Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of family member (if joint membership):	Date:

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CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Ordinary Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is an owner of a BMW Motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association and are eligible to vote on any matter and are eligible for election to the Management Committee.

Associate Member:

This class of membership is available to an applicant who is not an owner of a BMW Motorcycle. They enjoy all the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not eligible for election to the Management Committee.

Family Member:

This class of membership is available to bone fide immediate family members of an ordinary or associate member. Such members enjoy the benefits of the Association but are not eligible to vote on any matter and are not eligible for election to the Management Committee. Only one family member is permitted for each ordinary or associate member.

DISCLAIMER

The BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc. is a social club of individuals voluntarily participating in social rides and social activities of their own free accord, and carries no liability or responsibility for the individual actions of any member of the club. By joining the club each member acknowledges that: motorcycle related activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do, happen; that they have adequate motorcycle insurance cover as required by law; and that they are entirely responsible for their own actions and behaviour whilst riding a motorcycle within the club.

NOTE

The BMWOC(GC) Inc. carries Public liability Insurance in the amount of \$20M.

FEES

New Membership - \$60 (includes current financial year membership). Existing member renewal \$50.

Financial Year starts 1st July each year

BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc.

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COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Proposed By:

Signature:

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Signature:

Date:

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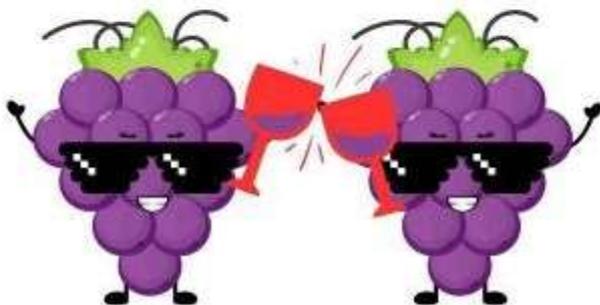
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CONTACT & JOKES



I HEAR YOU LIKE WINE TOO...

GRAPE MINDS THINK ALIKE



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