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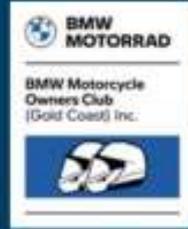


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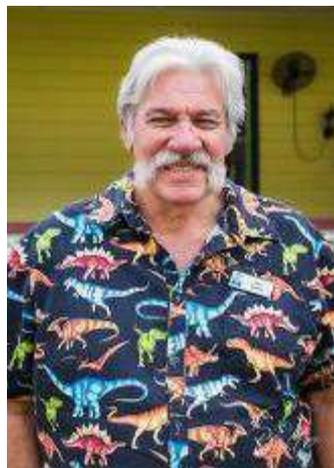
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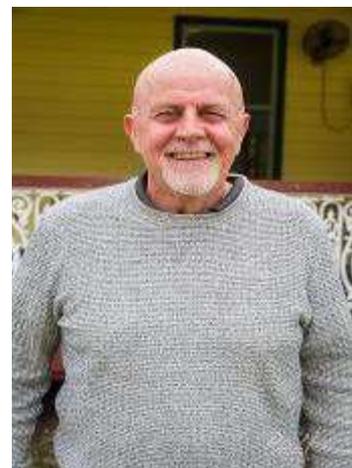
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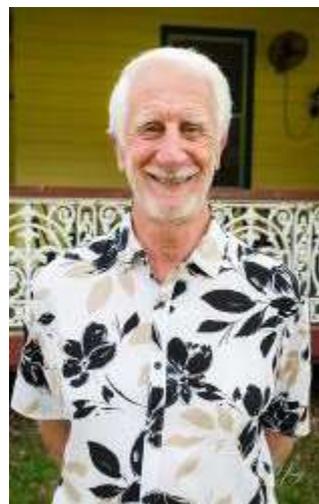
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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB
(GOLD COAST) INC

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CLUB CALENDAR



- 1 Dec** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 15 Dec** 8.00am **Club Ride-Check Facebook for details**
- 20 Dec** 12noon **Ladies Lunch**, **Mad Asian**, Robina Town Centre , RSVP via Messenger
- 2 Feb** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 16 Feb** 8.00am **Club Ride-Check Facebook for details**

Please check Facebook for the January meeting and rides.

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.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



November has been busy for Cherie and myself . I am glad because we didn't suffer any post Safari blues.

We didn't have any time to !!!

On Safari a friend from Launceston wanted to sell his K1600GTL 719, because they prefer adventure bike riding. I was able to sell mine to a mate (yes I do have them) from Kingscliff so we purchased Dean's bike. He was happy, Cherie and I were happy and Greg was happy .

After our November meeting and breakfast John Vassallo led a great ride out among the Scenic rim with a nice sized group.

Gordon led a pie raid to Binna Burra

Stan led a picturesque ride through northern NSW to Ballina for our Christmas Party. Julie organised a fantastic Christmas Party and the food was superb. What a great lead up to Christmas

We even had a Committee meeting at Camelot Pizza at Bundall (thanks for the referral Gordon)

2 great ride suggestions came out of the meeting.

John Eacott is coordinating a ride to Jimboomba for a service day hopefully in February.

Also, Joey from Ballina Motorcycles has offered to have a Demo day on their bikes. We might look at having that in March.

Due to my experience that a significant number of members are away in January. Have a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas everyone and time for plenty of rides.

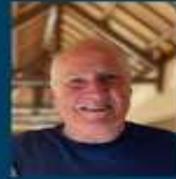
Keep the shiny side up folks

Adrian Headon

Member #344



EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Thank you everyone for a wonderful weekend away for the Christmas Party. It was a fantastic weekend.

Ken is on a short ride so I have taken the opportunity to pop a little note in.

Thankyou to everyone for your contributions to the newsletter. Keep on sending everything through. To keep our newsletter growing.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year.

Merry Christmas

Carla



CLUB FINANCIALS



Club Events

If you prepay for a meal / event and, at the last minute, cannot make it - if the club has to pay for your meal / event fee, you do **not** get a refund. If the club **does not pay**, you get a refund.

Tasmania

The Eaglehawk Neck Club rooms are ready, we have a spare bedroom (king bed) with ensuite, also plenty of stretcher / hammock space.

Please plan to come down and stay for a week - most likely 3-4 days with us, day trips, and then take off for either a 3 day or 6/7-day tour of Tassie. I have details on these 3/6 day trips and as people do them build up more detail to maximise fun.

We will be down there to at least late March so like to see you have a look at the Apple State.

Fixed Deposit

Yesterday we spent an hour at Suncorp, excellent service, however regulations now are very strict and will only get worse. We have a \$5,800 fixed deposit with Heritage and Adrian will be seeking the clubs approval to move this to Suncorp, not only are Suncorp very competitive in their interest rates and conditions, it just makes club life easier.

YTD Financial Statement			
Suncorp			
Opening Balance July 1st 2023	4,977.68		
Current Closing Balance	4,998.06		
Bank Movement from July 1st to now	20.38		
<i>Movement created by -</i>			
Membership Fees	1,399.05		
Advertising	0.00		
AGM Lunch	-8.30	CC Processing Fees	
Square	0.00		
Christmas Ballina	-47.20		
Have a Feed donation money	0.00		
Donations/Memberships	-10.00		
Other	-88.17		
Blood Biker Donations	-100.00		
Clubs Australia	0.00		
Insurance	-1,125.00		
Pay for AGM	0.00		
	20.38		
Heritage	5,803.09		

Date	Transaction Details	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
21/11/2024	<u>INTERNET EXTERNAL TRANSFER</u> TO 014596 248487836 REF NO 96371190 BLOOD BIKES	\$100.00		\$4,998.06

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

 **BMW
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Our next Club Dinner will be at:

Barrow Cafe

463 Beaudesert Nerang Road

Mt Nathan

07-55146022

Date: Friday 6 December

Time: 6.30pm

Please let me know if you would like to attend as I will need to confirm numbers.

Look forward to seeing as many of you there.

Julie





Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 20th December

12noon

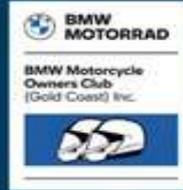
Mad Asian

Robina Town Centre

RSVP: Jill



RIDES, RALLIES & EVENTS

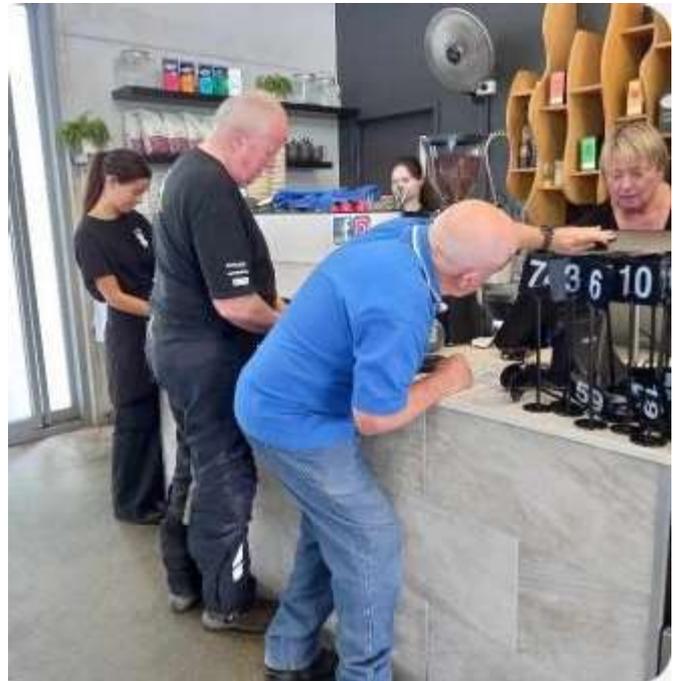


Breakfast Sunday 4th November

Our November monthly meeting at Hinze Dam was the usual well oiled machine to which our club is so well accustomed.

Everyone seemed to be able to order their breakfast and coffees without incident until Gordon and Ken presented themselves at the counter and then all hell broke loose.

Sophie could not open the till so they offered their assistance. The hunt was on for tools and out came the trusty screwdriver, the till tipped upside down and minor repairs were attempted.



Bet Sophie was glad they were there to save the day!



TS Rally Secrets

Possibly Shared by Julie

Apparently, what happens on the TS Rally stays on the TS Rally.... Unless I get hold of the photo on their return. It's a good look on you ! I hope your shoes matched your bag? If not, you would just look plain stupid....



Neverland Classic Bike Rally - Hat Head

Steve Bryant



The first weekend in November is the set date for this event, I had not been for ten years. (I spent a lot of brownie points on this as our wedding anniversary falls on 2nd November).

Leaving on Friday morning I had an excellent ride via Uki, Kyogle, Casino, Lawrence & Grafton. From there I took Orara Way to Coffs Harbour and stopped for fuel and coffee.

It is difficult to avoid the highway south from there, luckily only around 100 ks to my turn off and arrived at Hat Head about 4pm DST.

The caravan park is quite large, the amenities good, next door to the bowls club and surf club so I set up my tent in the last spot available and headed for the bowls club to register.

Saturday morning the main ride was a bit over 200ks. More than 100 classic bikes plus another 20 Marshall's and a couple of pick up trailers paraded out via the Main Street lined with spectators. A very round about route on all sorts of country roads took us to a fuel stop with bikes parked as far as I could see. Soon followed by the judging area at Missabotti Hall, a parking paddock was set out in production decades for inspection while we were to enjoy smoko put on by the CWA. The ladies supplied scones and cakes of every description with tea and coffee, it was very well organised and appreciated.

The standard of machines presented was very impressive and difficult to pick a winner in each trophy category.

Our ride back seemed to go quickly as every turn all day was manned by a Marshall showing the direction to go.

Lunch barbecue and drinks were under cover at the van park rotunda. Raffles were drawn and trophies awarded there also.

We were lucky enough to have good weather all weekend and the Friday and Sunday rides were around 100ks each.



Travelling home I decided to take Waterfall Way via Bellingen, Dorrigo etc to Grafton then Casino and home.

Just a very pleasant weekend away with a bonus longest distance ridden trophy in my pannier.

Steve Bryant #318

R1200RT Test Ride

Steve Bryant

My RT has just ticked over 100,000 ks. When I first started to ride it I was always conscious of the technology distracting me, I had to concentrate on just riding the bike and learning the many menus one at a time (ha ha - always the laggard)

It has always been a pleasure to ride and own. Apart from regular services, tyres and cleaning it has never let me down.

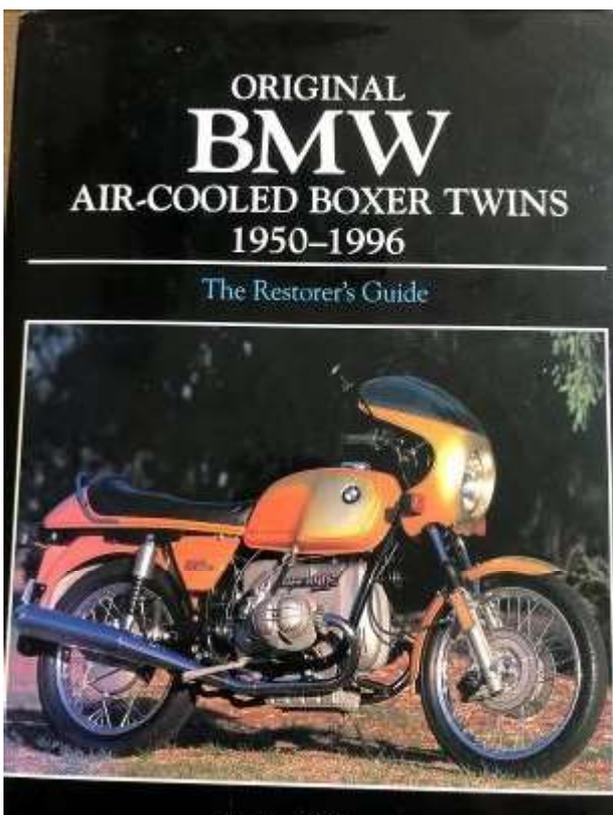
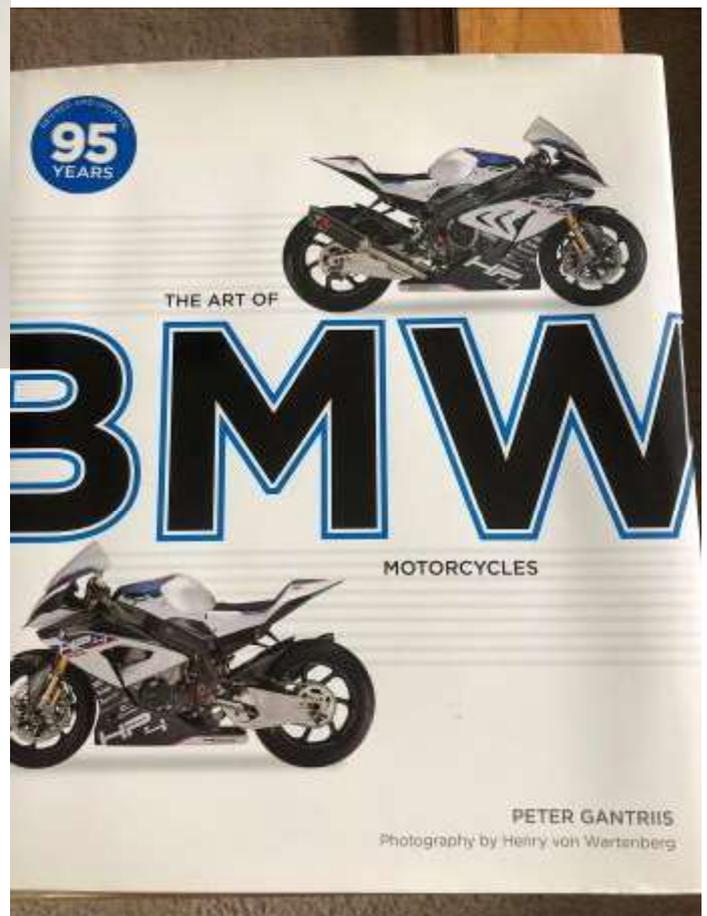
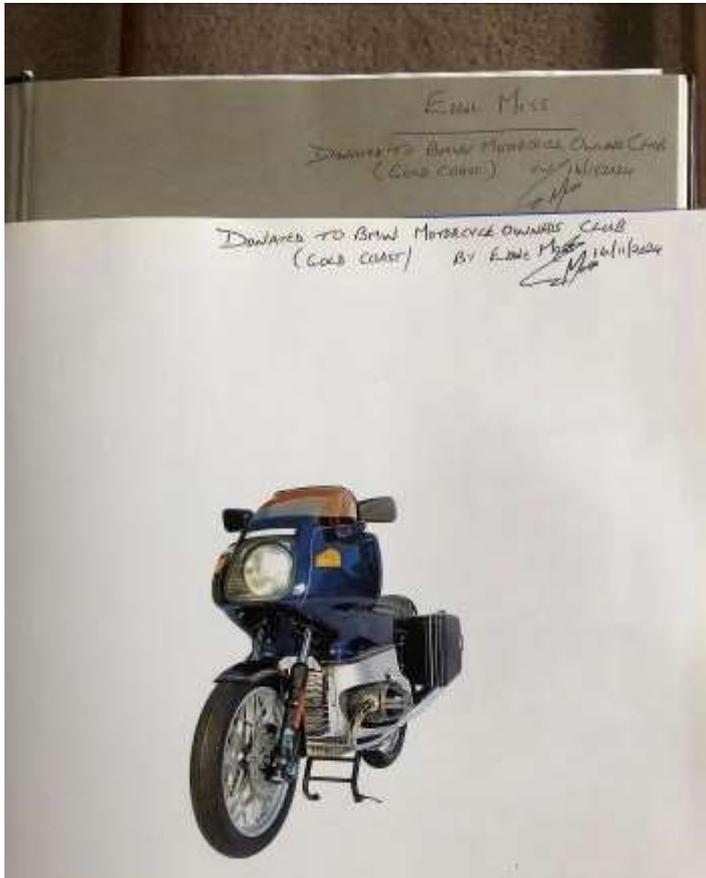
I have replaced fork seals, battery and drive shaft. Nothing else comes to mind at the moment.

Some members may be aware that my wife presented this to me for my sixtieth birthday. Thanks again sweetheart for the gift 🎁.



Books Kindly Donated by Eddy Moss

If you would like to read the books that Eddy Moss has kindly donated to the club, Please see contact Steve.





Christmas Party

At Ballina Byron Resort

From Julie

Well, what an interesting Christmas Party was had at the Ballina Byron Resort this year.

There was a mix of transport some went by car directly to Ballina and 7 bikes met at Hinze Dam. Stan led us on a very pleasant ride over Numinbah making a coffee stop at the Antique Cafe on Baringbar Range. Then it was onto Ballina.

This is where we apparently had to make a stop at Ballina Motorcycles to only ogle at the bikes through the window as the shop closed 2 hours prior to our arrival. If you were quiet I think you could hear men sobbing and tears hitting the footpath not to mention the nose prints left behind on the window. Quite a few dollars were saved.

Here we said goodbye to our ride leader, Stan and Greg who made their way back to the coast while the rest of us travelled onto the Resort.



At the Resort it was time for the obligatory post ride drinks compounded by the usual tall stories, occasional blatant lie and believe it or not, some even had an ounce of truth.

It was here some learnt about the unusual nickname John V actually gave himself and I am quite sure this is something that won't be forgotten for some time. He is claiming bragging rights...check with wife for truth...



On to the bar for some amazing canapés and a complimentary drink. An hour later we were led into the conference room for a fabulous two course dinner of pork or salmon and dessert of pudding or pavlova.





This was followed by an our annual “Secret Ladies Business” and the men soon discovered why this event had been shrouded in secrecy all this time!! I would post photos but it’s a secret.. only to say the laughter was raucous and apparently the men will be doing something else, anywhere else during our session next year! They are very precious humans.





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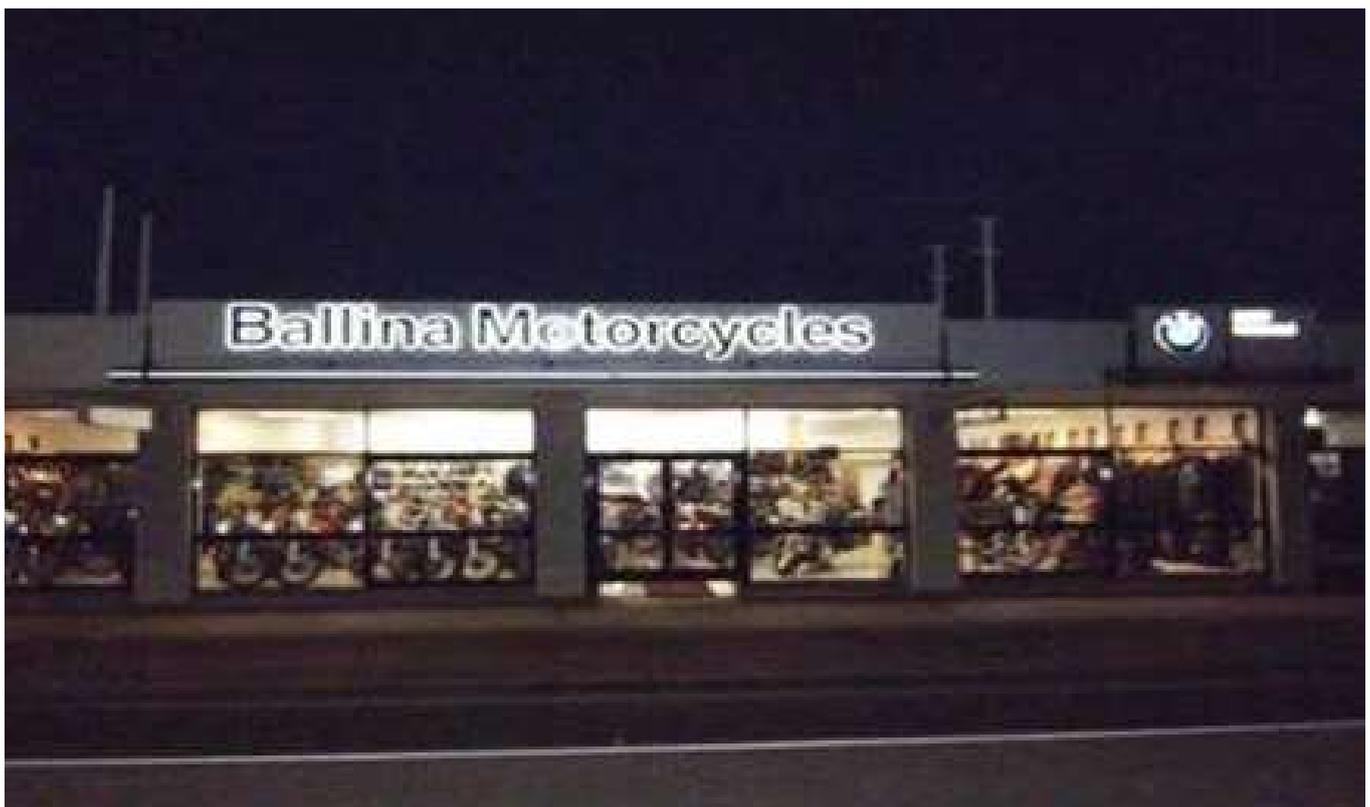
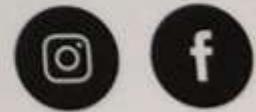


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BMW Motorrad plans to present the BMW Concept F 450 GS in 2025

The twin-cylinder engine has been developed from scratch delivering the full 48 hp providing superior torque even at low revs. The 450 GS is equipped with a fully adjustable upside-down fork and a shock absorber with load-dependent damping, drawing on technology from rally and enduro sport.

The low weight of 175 kg is the result of innovative solutions and the use of lightweight materials such as magnesium.

As with the BMW R 1300 GS, the relevant features range from BMW Motorrad ABS Pro (dependent on lean angle),

to a performance brake, to freely configurable riding modes plus BMW Connectivity on board and the 6.5-inch TFT display.

As an alternative to cross-spoke wheels (19 inches front, 17 inches rear), lightweight but high-strength cast aluminium wheels in the same dimensions 'are also conceivable'.

BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy 2024 Namibia.

6 days, 22 teams from around the world - 16 men's & 6 women's teams, 1,350 kms through some of Namibia's most challenging and diverse terrains, with nearly 190 participants - including riders, marshalls, machines, medical teams and media representatives from 34 countries (120 motorcycles + 32 support vehicles)

[The marshalls were riding specially equipped F900 GS Trophy machines].

The official bike for the competitors, engineered especially for the rigors of the GS Trophy - R 1300 GS Trophy Competition Bike

1300 cc air/liquid-cooled boxer engine, 143 hp @ 7750 rpm and 145 Nm of torque@ 6500 rpm. This model featured significant weight reductions and redesigned frame equipped with a range of off-road enhancements:-

Handlebar Risers, Enduro Foot Pegs, Engine Protection Bars & Skid Plate, Cross-spoke Wheels & Off-road tyres, Adjustable Gear & Brake Levers + Advanced electrics.

Male Teams:

Germany, South Africa, Brazil, France, UK, Latin America, Italy, International Team, China, India, Benelux, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, USA, Middle East.

Female Teams:

International Team, Japan, France, Germany, South Korea

Winners year-by-year:

2024 Male: Germany, Female: International Team

2022 Male: South Africa, Female: South Africa

2020 / 2018 / 2016: South Africa

2014 CEEU (Central Eastern European Union)

2012 Germany

2010 UK

2008 USA

Host Countries:

Namibia, Albania, NZ, Mongolia, Thailand, Canada, Patagonia (Chile, Argentina), Southern Africa (South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique) Tunisia

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<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-3079126033>

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:

2025

7/8/9th February - Karuah River Rally at Frying Pan Creek Campsite in the Chichester State Forest by the *BMW Touring Club of New South Wales*.

Back to basics rally. No catering available. Firewood/Toilets on site.

Supplies at Dungog.

9,10,11 May - The *BMW Motorcycle Club Vic* will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in Heathcote. Planned are special events including a rally.

NOTE: The NATIONAL BMW MOTORRAD RALLY will be held at Mudgee 25-27th March **2026** by the *BMW Touring Club of NSW*.

VALE Ep Lammers

16.02.1935 - 09.11.2024



Ep joined the Club around the time that the meetings were moved from the German Club in Brisbane to the Gem Hotel at Alberton in 1994 which was a more centralised venue as more members were joining from the regional areas.

Because of other commitments and ill health during the latter part of this year, Ep had not been able to attend our functions. It would be fair to say that Ep befriended me after Ken passed away over five years ago. He and Ken worked at Neumanns at Currumbin at a time when he was in charge of transport which occupation he followed over many years for various companies in Sydney and Brisbane. Now and again we would meet at Beenleigh or on the Coast to have lunch and kept in touch by phone.

His love of motorcycles saw him owning many machines over the years including various BMW's. Later in life he bought a Spyder which he claimed he bought cheap because of its multi-colours. His last bike, a G310R which he enjoyed for a year or so before giving it to his grandson who needed transport for his studies.

Ep was born in Holland and brought up on a dairy farm. At the age of 16 he became a submariner in the Dutch Navy which took him to see places such as America and Australia. In 1960 he migrated to Australia, married and raised a family.

Ep was very community minded. In earlier times he volunteered at a nursing home and whilst helping to care for his wife in a Nursing Home, he also drove the community bus to take residents out for a day's outing.

During his time living in Beenleigh, under the auspices of the PCYC organisation, "Braking the Cycle" Programme, he took on the task of teaching disadvantaged and vulnerable youth as well as being a mentor to them.*

By 2021 he had clocked up 7,000 hours.

In 2018 he was nominated to carry the torch at the Commonwealth Games.

Ep was a dedicated member of the Beenleigh & District RSL and a past president of the Beenleigh Sub-Branch Navy. As a fund raiser for this organisation he would often be seen at the BBQ at Bunnings.

This year he was instrumental in having a naval memorial placed at the entrance to the RSL.

Another volunteering occupation was at 'Old Beenleigh Town' being a village of a collection of historic buildings and machinery where he enjoyed the visits from the school children and the public.

As a testament to his character were the number of people who attended his 'Celebration of Life' on Wednesday 20th November 2024 which finished with a minutes silence and the reading of the 'Ode'.

He leaves behind his three children, grand children and eight grand children.

Ep was a dear friend who will be dearly missed.

Rest in Peace

Lynette Dyne

* The programme began in 2012 and now run in 46 PCYC's around the State.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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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.

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Signature:

Date:

Membership No.

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My house before I win lotto



My house after I win lotto



Summer is the time when a pillion leaves their mark! 😊 😊

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