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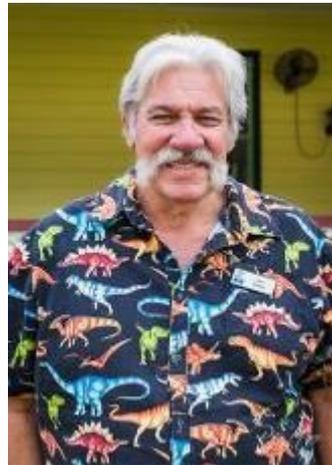
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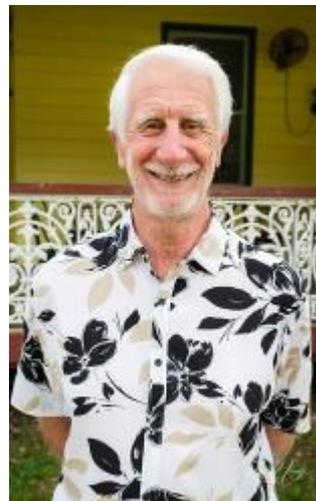
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# CLUB CALENDAR



- 2 Feb** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 7 Feb** 7.00am **Karuah Rally 2025**, Meet at Hungry Jacks Nerang– See Facebook for additional details
- 16 Feb** 8.00am **Club Ride-Check Facebook for details**
- 2 Mar** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.

For Further events visit the club Facebook Page.

The club normally has two organised rides each month: on the 1st 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.



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year everyone,

We usually don't have a planned meeting in January, however this year we had 10 members itching to go for a ride. I believe we had too much Christmas Cheer and needed motorcycle meditation time.

It was a great ride to Tyalgum and back over Tomewin with riders going back to Brisbane and peeling off at Murwillumbah.

Coming events like The Karuah River Rally on Friday 7th Feb and the motorcycle Bike Service day at Jimboomba on Saturday 15th February Should be a great start to the years events.

Julie organised a great Australia Day BBQ with a sausage sizzle and Hamburgers at Crams Farm with John organising the ride with funds raised going to our Charity Blood Bikes.

Cherie and I will be representing our Club in Melbourne for the Annual Club's Australia meeting on 15th Feb as John Eacott cannot make it this year. I look forward to reporting back to our club with the content of the meetings.

Great riding folks and keep the shiny side up

Regards

Adrian Headon

Member #344



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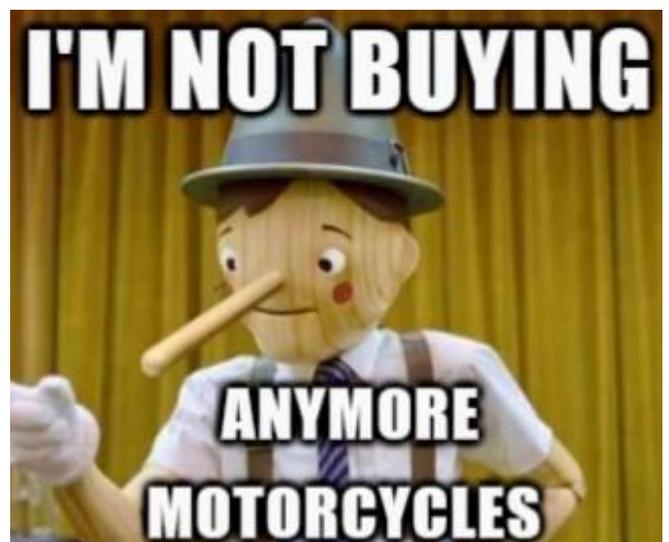
Welcome to 2025, I hope you all had time for family and a few rides over the Christmas period. Adrian (assume Cherie was more involved) and Julie planned a great ride to Crams Farm on The Clarrie Hall Dam to celebrate Australia Day. A few of us met at Hinze Dam for breakfast first, then as per the strict schedule set by Julie, it was off to meet others at Flutterbys at Tyalgum for a quick stop. Well that's where the planning wheels got a wobble. Apparently having ridden a whole 1 hour, some needed a second breakfast when lunch was only 30 minutes away.

It was at Crams Farm that it became obvious that very little male involvement had gone into the planning, as the food and setup was perfect. We even had an extra burner and pan to do the onions. It was great to see Erik back on the bike and then Steve Bryant surprised us by riding in after his recent fall. Admittedly, he looked more damaged from the marks left by the neighbours dog, than the fall.

Crams Farm was a hidden gem, I have never been there and have told a few of my Brisbane based friends, who are equally in the dark.

Now that the Christmas slumber is over, I expect work to commence in earnest and to make sure there is an urgency in my attitude, I have booked 3 BMW Safaris/tours for February, March and May, so I need the help of members in submitting or jokes, it makes my job easier (read that as Carla's job). It would be good to have some other content instead of me just rabbiting on about these rides.

Ken



# CLUB FINANCIALS



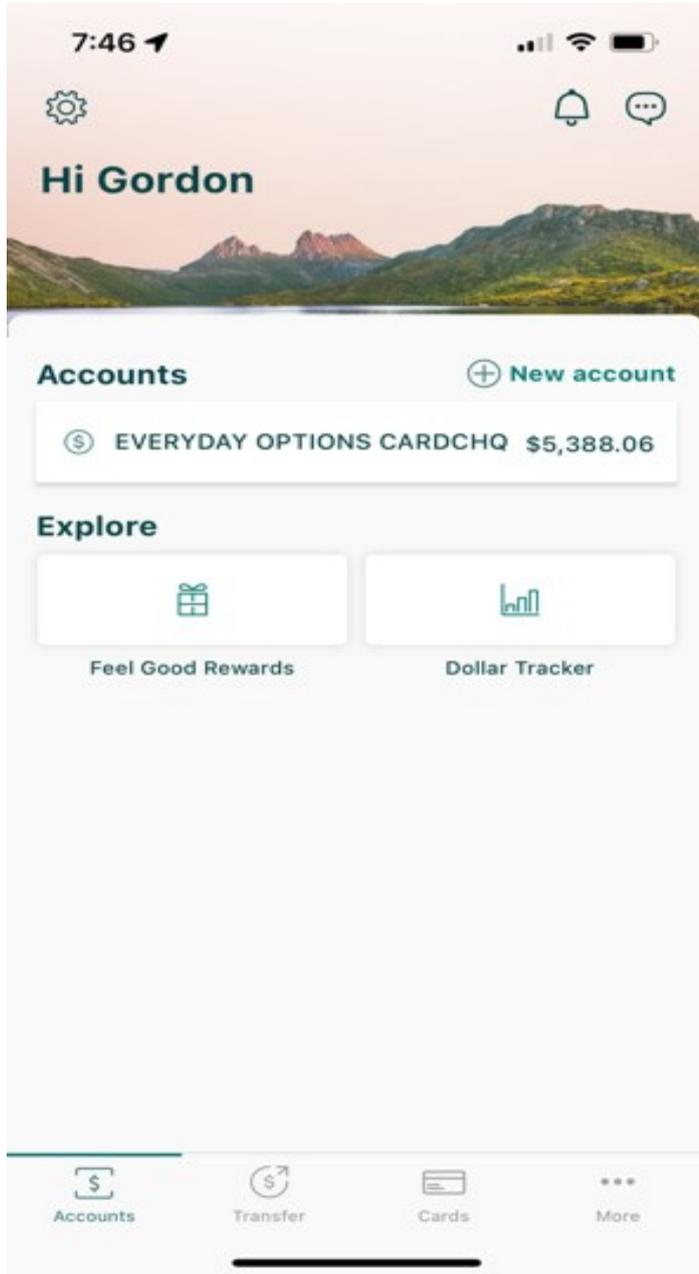
## Club Events

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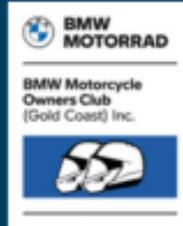
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Suncorp Current Closing Balance	5,388.06		
Suncorp Bank Movement from July 1st to now	<b>410.38</b>		
<i>Movement created by -</i>			
Membership Fees	1,399.05		
<b>Advertising</b>	150.00	(Team Moto)	
AGM Lunch	-8.30	CC Processing Fees	
Square	0.00		
Christmas Ballina	-47.20		
Have a Feed donation money	0.00		
Donations/Memberships	-10.00		
Other	-88.17		
Blood Biker Donations - Raised	240.00		
Blood Biker Donations - Paid Out	-100.00		
Clubs Australia	0.00		
Insurance	-1,125.00		
Pay for AGM	0.00		
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# Balances

Account Type	BSB	Description	Current Balance	Available Balance
112	638-991	Twelve Month Term Account (2 to sign)	\$5,803.09	\$0.00 >



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Karuah River Rally 7 February- 10 February 2025

Meeting at Hungry Jack Nerang from 7am and Stands up at 8am sharp.

You need to book and pay for your own accommodation at the Pub and mention you are part of BMW Club.

Keep an eye on the Events page for any updates.

Friday

From Gold Coast to

Uralla via Tenterfield 500 ks

Accommodation held at Top Pub and room rates are \$40-\$70 pp - share rooms

Saturday arrive at Rally

Uralla to Dungog 270-340 ks via Thunderbolts Way

Rally site \$30 pp bring cash. Food & drinks at Dungog. Byo everything.

Sunday

Dungog to Gingers Creek via Nabic motorcycle museum 400 ks \$130 pp incl dinner & breakfast at the Bunk House.

Monday

Gingers Creek to home 600 km via Oxley Hwy, Armidale, Waterfall Way & Grafton.

See Facebook for more details

<  **BMW Motorcycle Owners Club (Gold Coast) Inc** ...  
Cindy Bennett · 2h · 

A welcome is extended to any GC members who are able to make the trek to Jimboomba! A sausage sizzle is provided with a donation to RFDS (bring cash!) cheers Cindy.

 **Ben Rustic** created a private event for **BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland Brisbane Ride Group**.  
6h · 



Sat, 15 Feb at 09:30  
**Club Service Day**



# Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 21st February

12noon

Currumbin Eco Village

RSVP: Jill



## Exciting Christmas.....

From Steve Bryant

Christmas is always my favourite time of year, I really enjoy the break from normal and seeing family and friends. Happy times.

This year was a little different. Our son is in Japan for a few months with his girlfriend. Our daughter heavily pregnant with twin girls spent Christmas in hospital after her water broke. She gave birth to premature babies on the 29th - absolutely perfect angelic babies and all doing well now. We now have Lara Sydney and Isabella Eve to Luke and Lauren.

Born at 1.9 & 2.1 kilos.

I had a silly fall on Friday the 13th at low speed causing a Moral Lavalee on my right hip (think internal thigh deglove or google it) and breaking seven ribs. My thanks for the visits in hospital and at home from those who were aware. It always makes recovery easier.

I've damaged my R90s but it appears better than I thought it would - quite fixable.

Should I put it back to original Daytona orange now or re-do in silver smoke?

Pat and I are grandparents for the first time and did manage to hold babies yesterday one just out of a humidicrib.

One very special Christmas for us which we won't forget. Bring on the new year! I wish our members a very special 2025.

Steve Bryant #318





# Australia Day BBQ

What a fantastic day was had on Australia Day. The riding weather was perfect.

11 of us met at Hinze Dam and rode over Numinbah to Tyalgum for coffee. We were due to meet at Crams Farm at 1 pm but the usual confusion over time zones made our departure a little longer than planned for those having cake at Flutterbies and in case you are wondering it was not Ken Madsen that caused the chaos this time...

We arrived at Crams Farm and met up with Greyden and Lyn and great to see Steve Bryant doing well as he rolled up on his bike.

The BBQ area was surprising deserted so we took over the seating area and fired up the BBQ.

Everyone was in great spirits we were all well fed and watered and made our separate ways home.

Money was raised towards our blood bike donations so thank you to everyone who came along and supported this great cause.

Julie









A sign used in Australia to advise that slow drivers are about to temporarily increase their speed

# Ken's Christmas Ride

I actually made a smart decision over Christmas, I decided that the new R1300 GSA, needed to visit some of my favourite areas, this meant I missed the hot and raining conditions that most of you had up here. Prior to the ride, I was still a bit daunted by the imposing hulk of the bike, it just looks big, bulky and stubborn, a bit like its owner I guess. Well, the 4800 (approx.) km that I got to enjoy, really made me feel at ease with it. You certainly know its top heavy when it comes time to get it off the centre stand, but other than that, it's a dream and super comfortable. The 1300GS is very nimble and nice, this one is just more comfortable and handles in a more refined/dignified way, whereas I feel the 1300GS drives closer to a sports bike.

As much as I love the organised BMW safaris that I get to do, there is a different type of mental freedom in having no set destination for the day and each T intersection is another route variable. Over the Christmas period, I had the opportunity to take the new R1300 GS Adventure down south and visit some of my favourite haunts and scenic roads.

In 1974 I had a fantastic geography teacher that helped pique my interest in the original Snowy Mountain scheme. They certainly worked in very challenging conditions and some of the accommodation areas are now remote camp grounds, very popular with fishermen and caravanners. I can always remember him mentioning the Wee Jasper base camp and have ridden there a number of times. Nearly everywhere in the Snowy Scheme offers stunning scenery and a quite place for reflection or riding the twisting roads. The intake pipes below feed one of the three Tumut power stations and the fenced off items are the water turbines.



Spent the day mooching around the snowy mountains area in 17 degrees and fast gripping bitumen. On this ride, I jagged a room at the Mitta Mitta pub (Victoria), reserved seat for dinner (in a booked out meal service) and got to park the bike on the footpath outside my door. That's typical of how this ride has unfolded so far. I could have easily stayed longer as the creek running behind the pub was just magnificent



I often stay at the Blue Duck Inn, about 20km north of Omeo between Mt Hotham and Falls Creek. Unfortunately it has been sold and the new owner is still to do his planned upgrades so it was shut. The attraction of the place is the absolute stillness that comes once the day visitors leave. I am yet to see the family of platypus that are said to be in the stream. Originally the area was a camp for the road builders pushing through the mountains and forests, today it's called Anglers Rest and many campers stay at the camp ground over the wooden bridge



Our own John Eacott used to live at Dinner Plains below Mt Hotham and ran a helicopter charter service. He just used to land the helicopter behind his house....as one does. It didn't look like this when I rode through, but was definitely cooler than Brisbane



Great Alpine Road heading from Mt Hotham to Bright



The intake shaft worksite at Tantangara Dam. Water will then be pumped up and stored for eventual release through hydro power stations. I believe this is the site where the tunnel boring machine Florence was paused, they never refer to it getting stuck or stopped, just paused for a number of months.



Of course always a good opportunity to discuss property trends with some trusted agent friends scattered around the country. I did try and convert him to the cause.



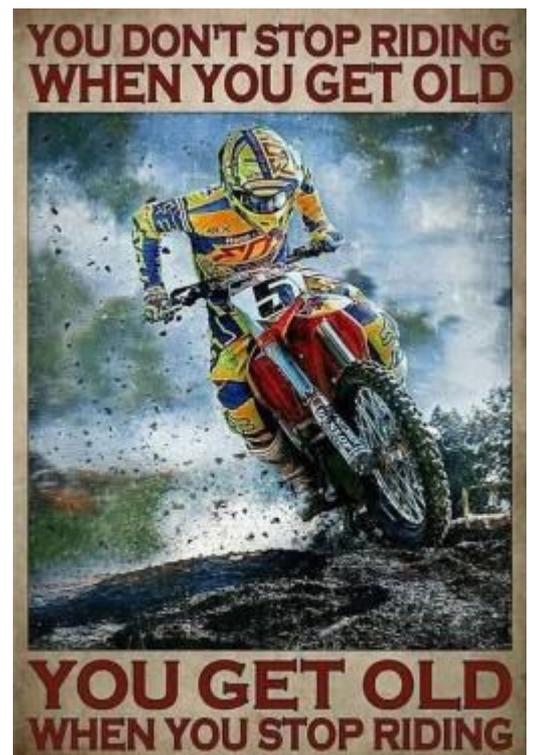
So much of rural NSW was touched by historical gold mining. I had always heard of the “bridle track”. Gold came out of Hill End and down toward Bathurst on horse back led by men and boys. Very picturesque, roads not suited to non 4WD’s and definitely no caravans, my type of motorbike was fine.



The southern end of the Bylong Valley route before crossing Bylong and entering the Hunter Valley coal region.



Part of my belief system, but applies also to whatever your equivalent of "Motorbike riding" is. I never imagined riding a motorbike 10 years ago, but am very glad for where it has taken me and how it has opened my mind to the possibilities. Don't yet have any clue on what might replace it when the time comes that I don't ride, but I have confidence that it will just appear one day, just like motorbikes did.



Of course I can never go past Maclean without a coffee from Botero's. For those that haven't been there, do yourself a favour and drop in. There is also a very nice drive along the Clarence River toward Bluff Point ferry (free and 24/7), this takes you to Lawrence and then follow the scenic route markers along the Clarence River to Grafton. The extra 20 minutes or so will add enjoyment to your day.



Of course, some days "my office view" is nicer than others, I enjoy the chance to drop in on clients and have a chat. Once that is done a nice wine or beer overlooking the beach is hard to beat.



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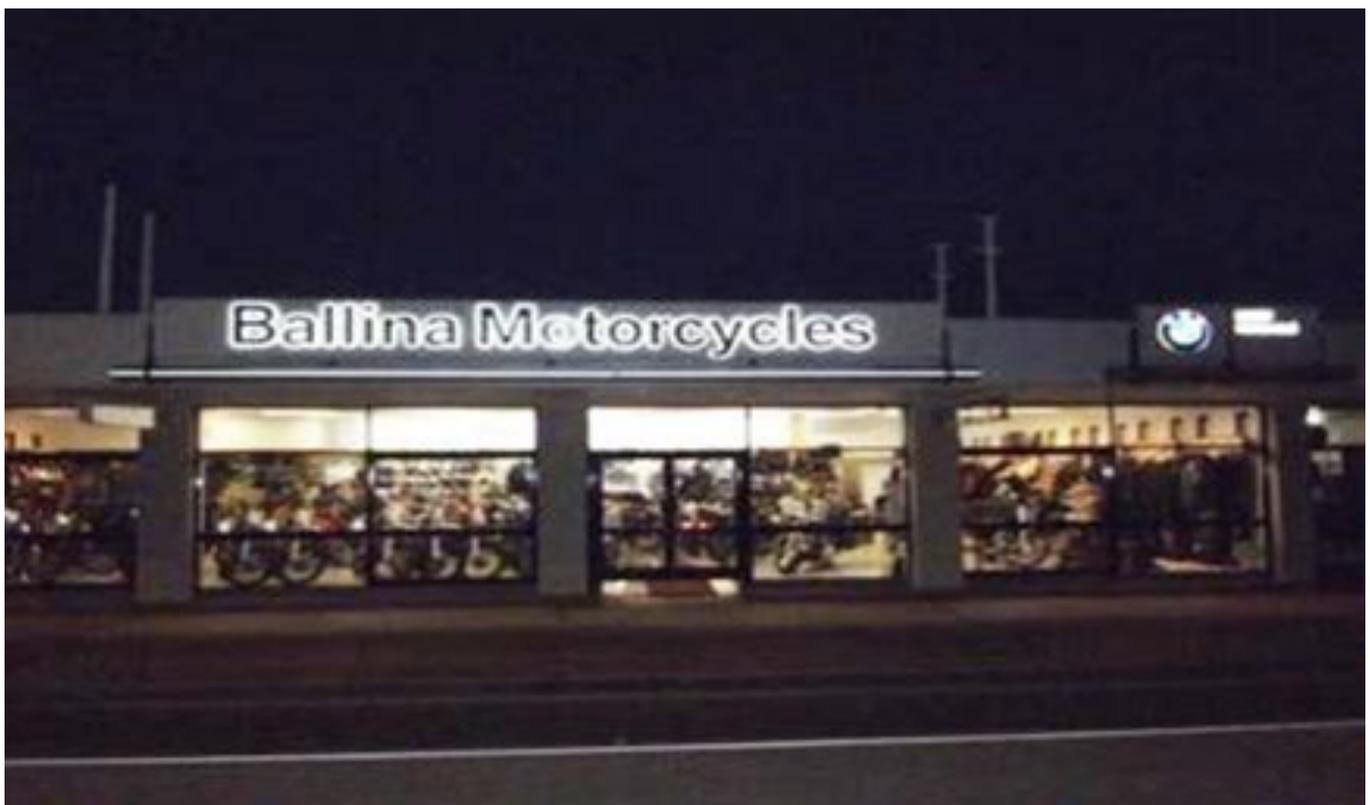


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## BMW Motorrad

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

#### **Munich.**

BMW Motorrad was able to achieve the strongest sales result in company history after selling 210,408 bikes in 2024.

Germany shares the record with the regions Europe, USA, Asia and Latin America. Europe claims to be the strongest sales region after having sold 118,727 motorcycles.

Over 68,000 customers worldwide decided on the three GS icons - BMW R 1300 GS and R 1250 GS Adventure with the successfully introduced BMW R 1300 Adventure, as well as the BMW R 1250 GS.

There was a top performance in the middle-class as well as the segment up to 500cc. With a total of 40,890 units sold, the F series models including the F800 GS, F 900 GS, F 900 GS Adventure and the F 900 R and the F 900 XR contributed significantly.

Up until the end of the year, 22,339 units of the BMW G 310 GS, G 310 R and G 310 RR were sold.

**BMWMOCGC Newsletters** - Members can look up previous electronic Club Newsletters from *February 2016 onwards* at the State Library site at:  
<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.

**15-17th February-** The BMWCA AGM is taking place in Melbourne on 15-17th February 2025 where the Delegates from each Motorcycle and Car club attend.

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

**16-18th May** - Ruptured Budgie Rally by Moto Guzzi Club Qld at Mingoola 60km west of Tenterfield.

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w. <https://motoguzziclubqld.org/ruptured-budgie-rally/>

**25/26th October** - The *BMW Touring Club of New South Wales* are celebrating their 60th Anniversary with a dinner at Wallerawang NSW.

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

26th January - The day was celebrated with thirteen of our members enjoying a BBQ at Crams Farm Reserve, Doon Doon which is in the main recreational area for the Clarrie Hall Dam. There are undercover picnic tables plus gas BBQ's available which were put to good use with the site being decorated with Australian flags.

Thanks to Julie for organising the day. She and John cooked the burgers and snags with other helpers preparing the salads etc.

It was a good to see Steve back on the bike after his incident on Black Friday. Meanwhile I am only doing short runs at this stage after shoulder surgery.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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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:
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**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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#### Ordinary Member:

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#### Associate Member:

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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.

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> July each year  
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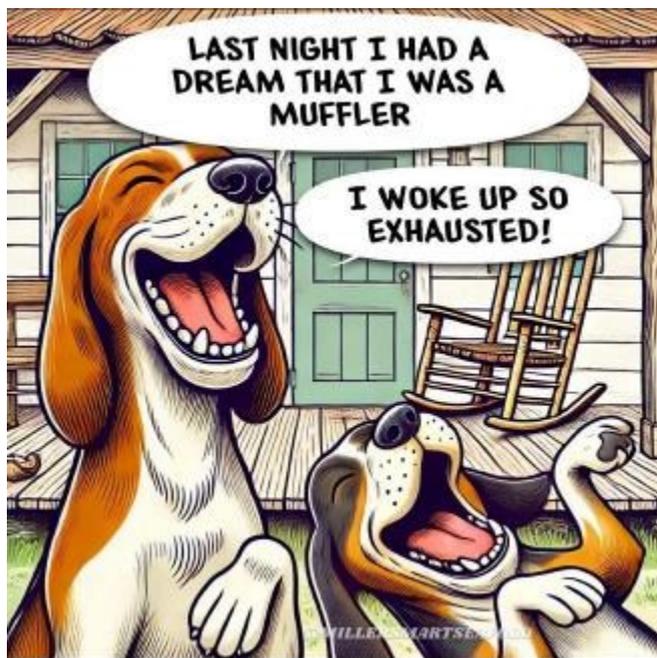
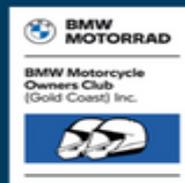
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