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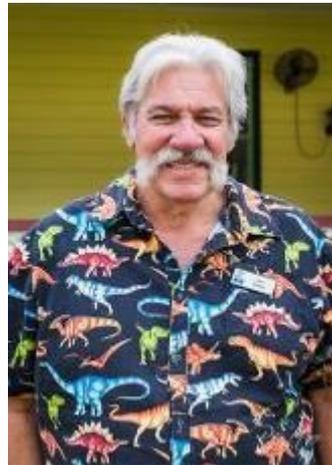
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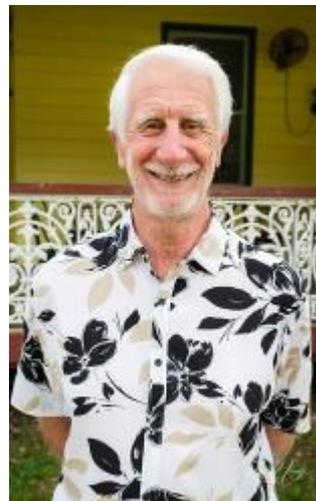
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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB
(GOLD COAST) INC

MEMBER OF THE BMW CLUBS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

<https://www.bmwocgc.org.au/>

CLUB CALENDAR



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

16 Mar 8.00am **Club Ride-Check Facebook for details**

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

20 Apr 8.00am **Club Ride-Check Facebook for details**

For Further events visit the club Facebook Page.

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



BMWCA AGM NOTES

Cherie and I arrived Saturday 15th February, unfortunately the Drivers Club dinner was cancelled, we stayed at the Rendezvous Hotel with all the other delegates.

We met them at breakfast on Sunday morning.

The meeting started at 10am. Car club 50th Anniversary Nationals Rally will be held in May this year in Melbourne.

The Bikes National Rally will be run by the NSW club being held in Mudgee 25th to 27th March 2026. This should be a good ride for our club. A lot of the clubs utilised Adobe, In Design software to produce their newsletters. It was common for them to send out electronic newsletter only the large clubs with a lot of sponsorship produced colour printed newsletters. Mainly to give to centres of influence (dealers) and sponsors.

I noticed a majority of clubs used Wild Apricot software to manage and run the club. Apparently BMW have their own FONT (similar to Arial). The clubs had mixed views about this. However BMW noticed those who did comply and appreciated compliance with their standards. Clubs International website (BMWCIIC.ORG) has all of the guidelines for running a club. BMW AUSTRALIA has available funds of up to \$5,000. For a public event promoting BMW cars and motorcycles.

The BMW Drivers Club's were growing rapidly due to a younger demographic. The motorcycle groups were static or growing slowly. BMWCMCOGC were the only club with reduced numbers. Hopefully we can turn that around this year.

The group overwhelmingly supported no increase in club fees.

Wolfgang Buechel CEO BMW GROUP AUSTRALIA addressed us on Monday morning at their head office. He explained that all the car brands were experiencing a difficult time with the huge increase in sales from Chinese manufacturers however, BMW is weathering the storm far better than a lot of others due to being early adopters of electric and hybrid cars. He felt some manufacturers will not survive.

He spoke about BMW CLASSIC IN MUNICH, a brilliant facility restoring old vehicles and making parts available for cars and bikes.

There is great opportunity for renting bikes and travel with BMW throughout Europe.

In summary, no matter what size of the club, getting volunteers was a problem. It was noted that across all the clubs it was usually the same 10 to 20 members that shouldered most of the work.

They were all very impressed that a club of 45 members had very active 15 members (over 30%) and congratulated us with the planning of the Kooralbyn Nationals stating that having 5 different rides while they were there was a tremendous idea and NSW CLUB aim to replicate it at Mudgee .

All in all it was a worthwhile trip meeting other members and getting an understanding of the benefits. Particularly the BCCP and opportunities for public events promoting BMW and issues of running a club, for example personal liability of office holders and the gaining of assistance from members .

Great riding folks and keep the shiny side up

Regards

Adrian Headon

Member #344



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MY MODEL 24 RUNOUT

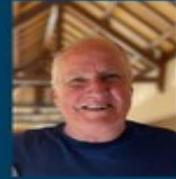
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Well once a again a month has passed in a blur. Being away for a fair chunk of the month seeking out content has meant very little direct content with the club. I do know that John Vassallo attended the Karuah Rally, but is yet to do a ride report. The last time he was seen he was getting some intensive mud treatment in Fiji.

I will try to do better next month, but it may be necessary to have a back up seeker of club gossip when I am away. It doesn't need to be true to be worthy of the magazine.



CLUB FINANCIALS



Suncorp			
Suncorp Opening Balance July 1st 2023	4,977.68		
Suncorp Current Closing Balance	5,283.06		
Suncorp Bank Movement from July 1st to now	305.38		
<i>Movement created by -</i>			
Membership Fees	1,439.05		
Advertising	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	-200.00		
Clubs Australia	-45.00		
Insurance	-1,125.00		
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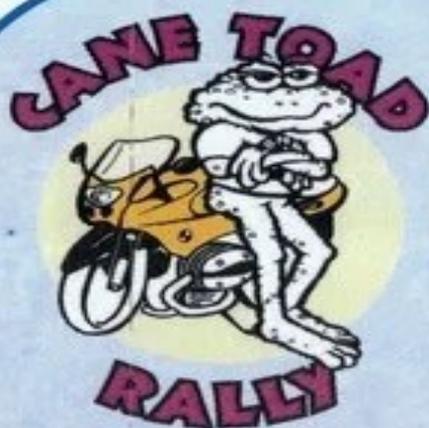
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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BMW Motorcycle
Owners Club
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The BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld.
invites all motorcyclists to attend

The 31st

CANE TOAD RALLY

Since 1978

WHEN: 25th - 27th April 2025

WHERE: Mount Perry Showgrounds, Qld. – for this year only.

COST: \$30 Entry (includes Rally Badge)
pre-registration can be made on website before April 20,
saves time when arriving, just sign in and pay entry fee.

Camping on large campground with hot showers, flushing toilets and campfires.
Catering for all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday breakfast.
Bar onsite, Friday and Saturday which **closes at 9:30pm.**

Self-guided Bike Tours of the local area or Summit Climb on Saturday.
Light Entertainment (no live music) on Fri. & Sat. night around campfires.

There will be the traditional **Rum Hunt and Gymkhana** held at 2:30pm
Saturday, followed by **presentation of awards** at 4:30pm for:

Longest Distance Female Rider (distance straight from home)

Longest Distance Male Rider (distance straight from home)

Longest Distance Pillion (distance straight from home)

Largest Club/Forum Attendance

Hard Luck Award

Oldest BMW

Cars, Caravans etc. only permitted by prior arrangement with organisers.

email: caneoadrally@gmail.com

Proceeds donated to:



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Local Mt. Perry
Community



Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 11th April

12noon

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(To be Confirmed)

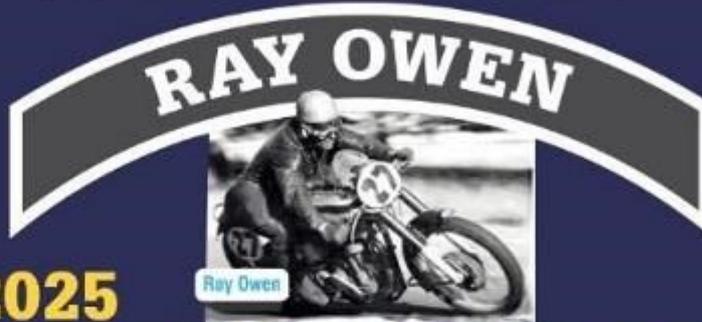
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The Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld - Tamborine Mountain Area



2025



CLASSIC BIKE SHOW & SWAP MEET

OPENS
7:00am
to
2:00pm

Saturday 24th May - Canungra Showgrounds

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RIDES, RALLIES & EVENTS



Visit to BMWMOCGC unofficial club house and other places....

Ken Madsen

Well the 2025 BMW Safari team are back on the road and Tassie was too good a ride to miss out on. This meant trailering the bike to Geelong and an overnight crossing.

There had to be at least 100 Harleys on that crossing and the noise when they started up in the morning made me glad for the noise reducing plugs.



To ensure I got over the time zone difference before the GS Tour started, I spent a few days acclimatising. It was very hot (35degrees) on the west coast and fires were affecting the areas around Pieman River and Tullah, places that we should have been riding if allowed. The roads in Tassie are fantastic for the amount of grip and the number of corners, so I was smiling well before I met the Safari team.





Sometimes one must stop and smell the roses, it can't be work all the time. The next day I was in desperate need of a grilled Crayfish. This idea had been planted by a Brisbane friend and was impossible to resist.

Having left Eagle Hawk Neck, I came across the Cannery at nearby Dunalley, Facebook had been spying on me and said it was a good place to eat. All of a sudden, I was outside waiting for them to open. To get out of the breeze, I walked around the back toward the water view and was spotted by the owner as she prepared to open. A coffee was offered and not just any coffee, a Botero's coffee. Botero's is our preferred coffee when near Maclean. I asked if there was a family connection, she simply said it was good coffee and no other ties.



Once the kitchen opened, I had the place to myself and of course ordered the grilled crayfish with a garlic butter sauce. The view and vibe were excellent
The owner (originally from Cairns) and her great assistant had a fantastic sense of humour.



The GS Tour started in Launceston (Lonnie to the locals) and on the Monday 31 plus Safari team headed out on twisting back roads that had us sleeping in Burnie that night.

With the West coast routes closed to fire, they had to improvise and we did a ride over the Great Lakes region and into Waddamana Power station.

The Waddamana Power Station was Tasmania's first large Hydro Power Station, originally privately built and privately funded to power the Zinc works at Risdon, north of Hobart about 160km away. Decommissioned and then turned into a museum. Well worth a visit and if you like following the road less travelled, don't take the bitumen, use the gravel roads that follow the power lines and original construction route towards Bronte and Tarraleah. There are 30 hydro power stations and one day I plan to ride to each of them as they are always in the bottom of steep and usually remote locations and the roads have to be capable of handling heavy 24/7 traffic, ideal for offroad bike touring.



Back then they didn't factor in the loss of energy from directing the water through two 90 degree turns, rather the easiest way to build the turbine hall. Today the water goes straight through with as little loss of energy as possible.



The weather on Day one was hot and fantastic, I just can't remember which mountain this was, but it was important as we went up and back down the same way.



Of course, a visit to Tassie, is almost impossible to do without a visit to Strahan. This time we had to miss out on riding the Western Explorer through the Pieman River region due to the bush fires. The hot temperatures also required a beer to help quench the thirst.



Oatland on the way to Launceston (or Lonnie as the locals like to call it) is a tourist hub, the refurbished windmill and new Gin distillery are a drawcard, but so too are the pancakes in the main street. Don't worry I didn't finish it, it was too much.



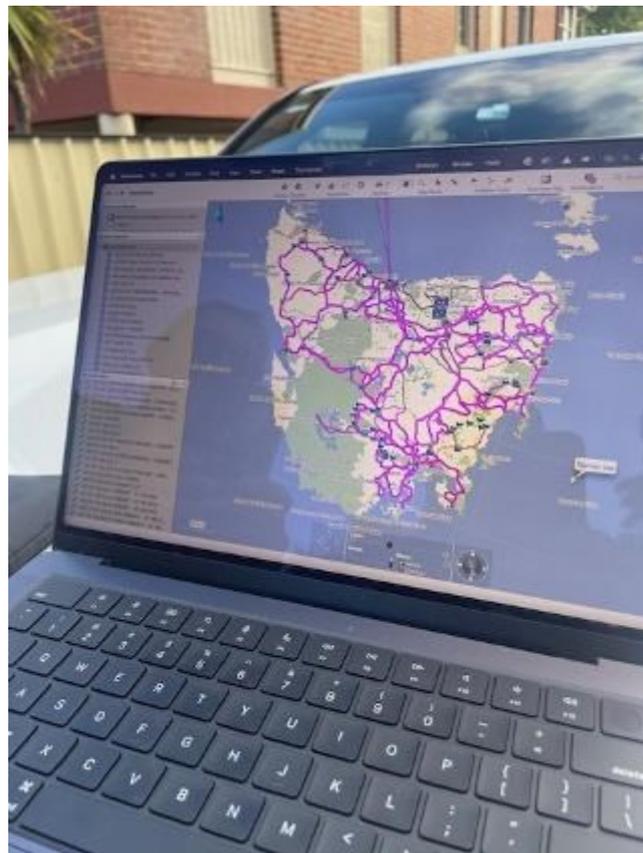
The road up Jacob's ladder is well known, probably because it stands out so clearly from a distance. Correct gear selection, clutch and throttle control are vital, as is watching out for oncoming vehicles. On this trip I was up the on 2 different days, having blue skies is a rarity, the last trip in 22, we saw nothing, and it was minus 1.



The Safari team include mechanics, lead and sweep riders and at least one doctor. The one with me in the photo below is “Smithy”, John Smith. A joke telling “sort of re-tired ICU doctor” that also likes to race trucks off road. We couldn’t decide which one of us could be grumpy on a ride like this.



One of the Safari organisers, "Boothy", Shane Booth is in charge of route planning, this was a screen shot of some of the previous routes he could draw from to get us around the fires without losing out on some great off road riding



Even when away, I receive and make calls to keep deals moving. It was that windy up at Miena, that getting into the shelter of a Telstra box helped. The comments from the other riders didn't.



We never know what the roads and environment will be like, so the sweep vehicle has a big chainsaw, we opened the road for the community .



Probably the most moving tribute to fallen soldiers in Australia, the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees was done to trees planted shortly after the end of WW1. By coincidence, one of the riders on the ride mentioned that he had passed through here some years ago and also found it very moving. The stories were printed on covered paper, but were faded. He tracked down the memorial's trustee and offered to do etched signs for each of the monuments in honour of the fallen and the memorial. The signs are all still in good order. The world is full of amazing coincidences.



Now, this one is not on the usual tourist list, Mt Barrow, near Launceston. A car can get up it, but its steeper than Jacobs ladder and much longer and many more switch backs. After a week's riding and nightly solving of the world's problems, I was a bit tired and this was the last thing I had expected to do. By half way, my mind was not helping me and I was riding like a novice, stiff, nervous and twitchy. I got up without falling, but it was not pretty and a good example to all the others watching, what not to do.



Now I mentioned before how small a world it can be, the Safari organisers run their operations out of the Gold Coast, Anthea, Chris's wife, is a gun at organising the crazy ideas that Chris ,AKA Urk, and Boothy come up with. Until recently Anthea was ably assisted by Remi, who had just resigned to go travelling. My plumber son, Cameron was working on a job before I met the Safari guys and rings all excited. He knew who the new "Remi" would be. He had been talking with the resident at the house and motorbikes came up in conversation, she mentioned that she was starting a new job with a crowd called BMW Safari. Cameron said, I think my dad is riding with your new bosses. By the time I could tell Chris that I had inside information on the new member Dani, he had heard from her about the coincidental meeting.

It never hurts to remain in the good books, so flowers were delivered to Anthea because its rare she's not on a Safari and also to Dani welcoming her to the strange tribe that is Safari attendees. The safari team said that I was brown nosing, I just knew they were sorry they didn't think of it. Not sure how I got the #1 rider sticker for all 3 Safaris last year, must have just been luck. Donna from Blossoms made sure of the quality.



The task for the next few days is to clean my gear, repack and get ready to head to NZ for the very first NZ BMW Safari GS. Should be about 60 riders and of course a lot of fun. Don, my KTM brainwashed mate is coming along for what must be the most expensive and long BMW 1300 GS test drive ever. If that doesn't convince him to buy a BMW, I don't know what will. My kids are starting to wonder why I have a house as I am only home 13 days this time before leaving.

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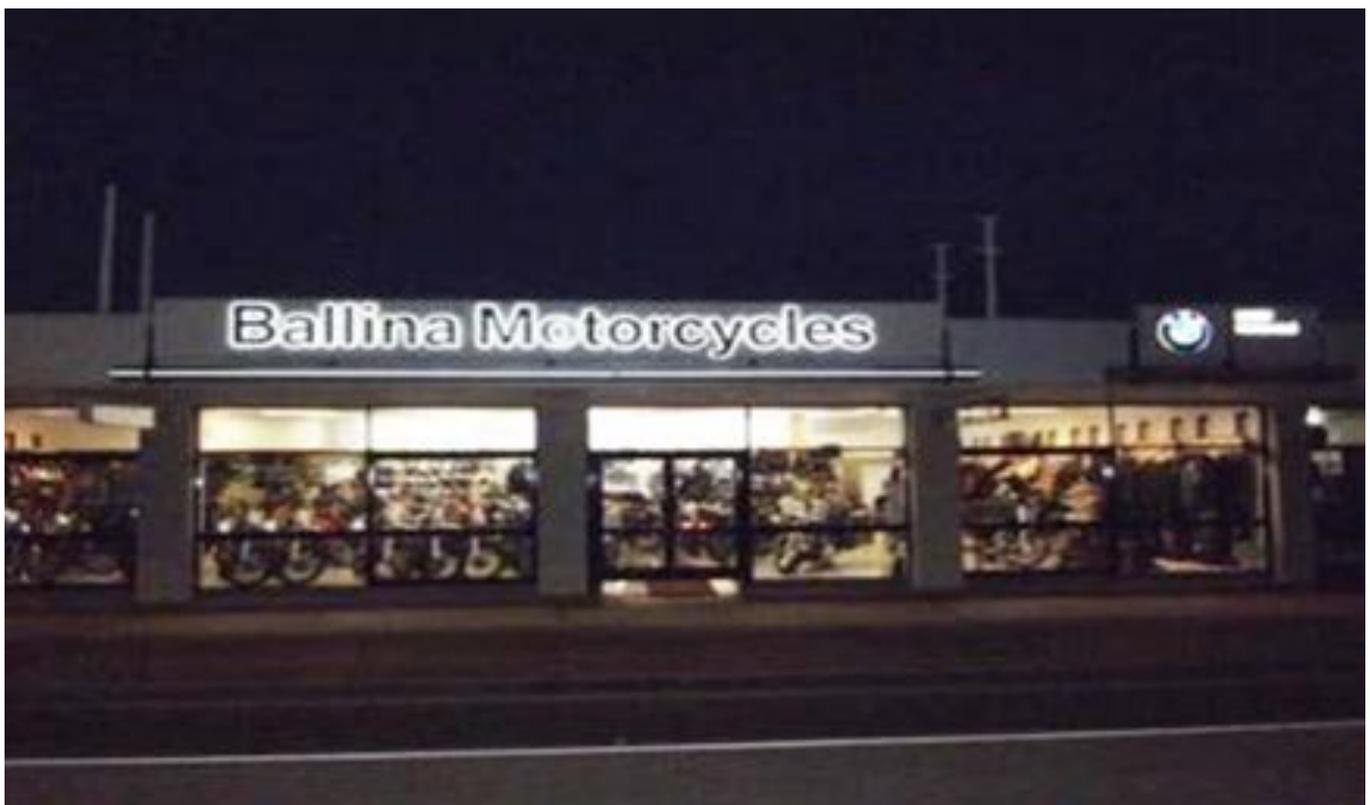


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The exclusive edition of the **BMW M4 CS Edition VR46** marks BMW M works driver and nine-time motorcycle world champion Valentino Rossi's birthday.

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The famous number will feature prominently on the inside the VR46 as well on the doors and roof which is made of carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic.

For those purchasing the VR46 will experience a personal meeting with Valentino at his home (the VR46 Motor Ranch in Tavullia, Italy). In his honour the town has reduced its speed from 50 km/h to 46 km/h.

The top speed of the Edition model, which comes with the M Driver's Package as standard, is electronically limited to 302 km/h.

At the start of the February 2025, Valentino finished runner-up in a BMW M4 GT3 at the Bathurst 12 hour, the opening round of this season's Intercontinental GT Challenge.

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>

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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

25-27th April - Cane Toad Rally at Mount Perry Showground by *BMW Motorcycle Club Qld*

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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27 Sept-7th Oct - Postie Bike Challenge: Brisbane - Tibooburra - Canberra - 3,000 kms

www.posstiebikechallenge.org Ph. 0411 090 891

6-9th October - Alpine Rally - now run by the *BMW Touring Club of New South Wales*
secretary@bmwtcnsw.org.au

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*.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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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:

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.

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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.

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

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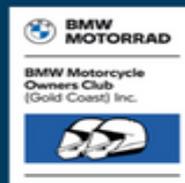
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Her Age



A Man,
His Salary



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