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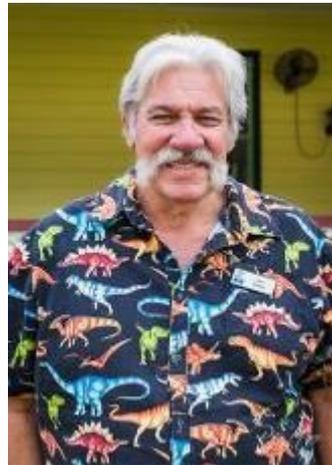
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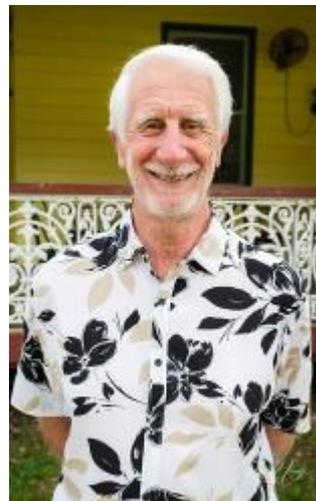
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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB
(GOLD COAST) INC

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

CLUB CALENDAR



- 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**
- 3 May** **8.00am Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 11 May** **12noon Ladies Lunch-Check Facebook & Messenger for details**
- 17 May** **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.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a start to a month, 2 new members John and Jennifer Plate. Welcomed to the club, a vibrant intimate monthly meeting and a great ride into the Hinterland, lead by Michael Enright. Finished off with lunch at the Shed at Rathdowney.

Ken Madsen getting prepared for the initial New Zealand Safari. Stan riding to Melbourne to have time away in the Yarra Valley with Tina.

Then WHAM, CYCLONE FRED hit us all in varying degrees of chaos we were cut off with, no power, no TV, no phone reception (I should have listened to Ken and purchased that generator) Stan stuck in Melbourne, Ken unsure of getting to NZ and everyone in the club with their own story of instant chaos.

It surely teaches us how strong nature can be when it wants to.

Then came a massive amount of rescheduling adjusting checking for damages and pivoting (I learnt that word from COVID) to get jobs done.

What a month!!

The good side of all this was, Ken and Don Gully made it to NZ and he raved about the experience.

Stan had an extended holiday down south and South East Queensland got well watered .

John Vassallo had a great well supported mid month ride.

I think that was enough excitement for me this month.

Remember to keep the shiny side up folks

Regards

Adrian Headon Member #344

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MY MODEL 24 RUNOUT

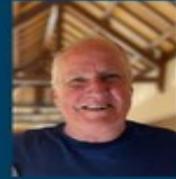
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



The recent rains have very much limited my seat time in Australia this month. Prior to leaving for the first ever International GS Safari in New Zealand, we had the flooding threat of Cyclone Alfred. Of course, some of you on Gold Coast seemed to suffer more due to power outages. My KTM riding mate Don, also suffered power outages and had to make do with a tiny little generator, whilst his large new 45KVA sat unusable as it is still to be integrated with his home renovation. Fortunately, we dodged a bullet in my area and I was able to leave with a clear conscience 36 hours after the water levels started to drop. Unfortunately, my area didn't lose power and I lost the ability to tell my friends "I told you so" as my generator could have provided full power to the house.

Since getting back it's been either work commitments or rain that has interfered with my plans on the mighty wall planner.

It will be good to catch up at the next club meeting to hear what everyone has been doing. By the recent photos, we won't be riding up the Goat Track for a while, so I look forward to John Vassallo, upcoming rides.

Ken



CLUB FINANCIALS



YTD Financial Statement		
Suncorp		
Suncorp Opening Balance July 1st 2023	4,977.68	
Suncorp Current Closing Balance	5,158.06	
Suncorp Bank Movement from July 1st to now	180.38	
<i>Movement created by -</i>		
Membership Fees	1,479.05	
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	-253.17	
Blood Biker Donations - Raised	240.00	
Blood Biker Donations - Paid Out	-200.00	
Clubs Australia	-45.00	
Insurance	-1,125.00	
Pay for AGM	0.00	
	180.38	

Account <small>(click for transaction history)</small>	Account/Card Number <small>(click for account details)</small>	Current Balance
EVERYDAY OPTIONS CARDCHQ	000294631	\$5,158.06

Twelve Month Term Account (2 to sign)

\$5,803.09

UPCOMING EVENTS



Steve Bryant will be attending the above Rally if you would like to attend please let Steve know

Email :bryantsteve55@gmail.com

Mobile: 0411201646

Additional Details for the Rally can be found by clicking on the following link

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



Ladies Who Lunch

Friday 11th April

12noon

Destination to be

Confirmed

RSVP: Jill



The Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld - Tamborine Mountain Area



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Destination
Scenic Rim

Farm Gate Trail

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9AM - 3PM



The Shed Café Run

From Michael Enright

While the March meeting was only my second BMW MOC (GC) Inc meeting, and with only one previous small group ride to Flutterbies Café in Tyalgum, I was keen to experience more of the offerings of this club and it's very welcoming members.

As the meeting concluded, the important topic of today's ride route began to surface. Given the then distant Tropical Cyclone Alfred was already providing gusty conditions on the coast, it was considered wise to head inland to escape the possible weather threat.

Ken made the suggestion that we ride to The Shed Café outside Rathdowney for lunch, which gained solid approval. I mentioned to President Adrian that this was my 'backyard' as I was a resident of the Scenic Rim. Adrian quickly nominated me as the ride leader, which was quite a surprise for me!!

After some reassurance from a few wise heads, and with Ken as Tail-end Charlie, I considered that I'd be up for the role. Joining the ride was Adrian & Cherie, Barry, Peter & Heather and new members John & Jennifer.

We departed Hinze Dam Café and headed north, soon turning left towards Lower Beechmont and up to Beechmont joining a seemingly endless congo line of Sunday drivers. Fortunately the scenery was spectacular and the lure of coffee and views pulled the Sunday drivers to parking spaces rather than road blocks! We then had a clear run down the Beechmont range (which is always great fun) and into Canungra, which was experiencing yet another crazy busy day typical of a fine Sunday.

We continued westbound towards Beaudesert, my home town, through a well-known 'shortcut' of Biddaddaba and Boyland Roads to bring us out at Tabragalba, a few kilometres outside Beaudesert, where we stopped for a quick pitstop at Jubilee Park.

Leaving Beaudesert heading south up the beautiful Kerry Valley, criss-crossing the Albert River, we had an unscheduled stop while Police, Fire & Emergency and Energex workers removed a fallen power line across the road. This was an indicator of what TC Alfred was to bring in the week ahead!

Once safe to continue we headed up to Darlington, and began our range hopping as we crossed the Jinbroken Range, via Widgee Creek and Hillview, into the Christmas Creek valley. Then via Rudd Lane into the Oaky Creek & Running Creek valleys, into the Logan River valley through Rathdowney, onto the Boonah-Rathdowney road and up the final climb to The Shed Café.

It was evident that many in the group were well aware of these popular backroads, however for new members John & Jennifer, who recently moved from Victoria, it was great to show them some of 'my backyard'.

The Shed Café didn't disappoint with a delightful lunch menu in a wonderful rural setting with Mt Maroon as an impressive backdrop. Following lunch we went our separate ways to return to our respective homes.

I'm a returning rider after a break of some 25 years following other life priorities. Now recently retired, I've rekindled my passion for motorcycling and I'm absolutely loving my GS.

One thing that I had forgotten was the camaraderie that exists in a group that shares a common passion, and nothing compares to the love of motorcycling. Thank you to the BMW MOC (GC) for welcoming me to your fold. It's been a great experience!



Recent Rallies in March

From Steve Bryant

Conondale Z owners rally last weekend was well attended in camping perfect weather. As usual they plan & provide for rally goers very well, hot showers, clean toilet blocks, full catering food and drinks, live music and a low key activity competition - all well organised. A good show and shine properly judged followed on the Saturday with raffles drawn and awards late afternoon.

I travelled from the Gold Coast on Friday the scenic route via Boonah & Peaks Crossing to Fernvale for a wagu & mushroom pie. From there to Kilcoy and Conondale via The Postman's track. Coming home via a similar route only 650 ks for the weekend and a good ride.

Entry to the site was easy even after all ex cyclone Alfred's rain, re routed to avoid the sloshy bits. Campsites in perfect condition and lots of big bikes with camp trailers and sidecars present.





Karuah River Rally was in February, John Vassallo and Rohan Bainbridge joined me for this one which was also a great ride in perfect conditions. We travelled south on Summerland Way and Waterfall way to Armidale and stayed at the top pub in Uralla - small rooms good food.

Saturday breakfast at Walcha then Thunderbolts to Gloucester then Dungog for supplies. An easy gravel road to the rally site which was also pristine in condition. We all tried the swimming hole as the day was hot the creek was not. An effort was made by the other two to create an impression of a hot water spa, (I just went along with them, photos still to be seen)

Afternoon raffles and awards late Saturday arvo as usual.

Sunday heading via Stroud to The motorcycle museum at Nabic I found I had led the guys the long way there but again the ride was one not to be missed. A cold beer and an ice water at Long Flat was needed as it was still hot.

John and I stayed at Gingers Creek overnight and what a surprise package that was. A perfect destination for a group ride in their NEXT LEVEL man cave /bunkhouse (they also have two ensuite suites for couples) so accommodation, dinner and breakfast for \$130 pp, I would do that again.

Travel home via a similar route although we took the highway from Grafton, both a bit weary. Rohan left us on Sunday to head for Moonbi and Monday work commitments. Thanks for your company guys. Let's see the spa photos please.



Steve Bryant #318

New Zealand GS Safari

From Ken.

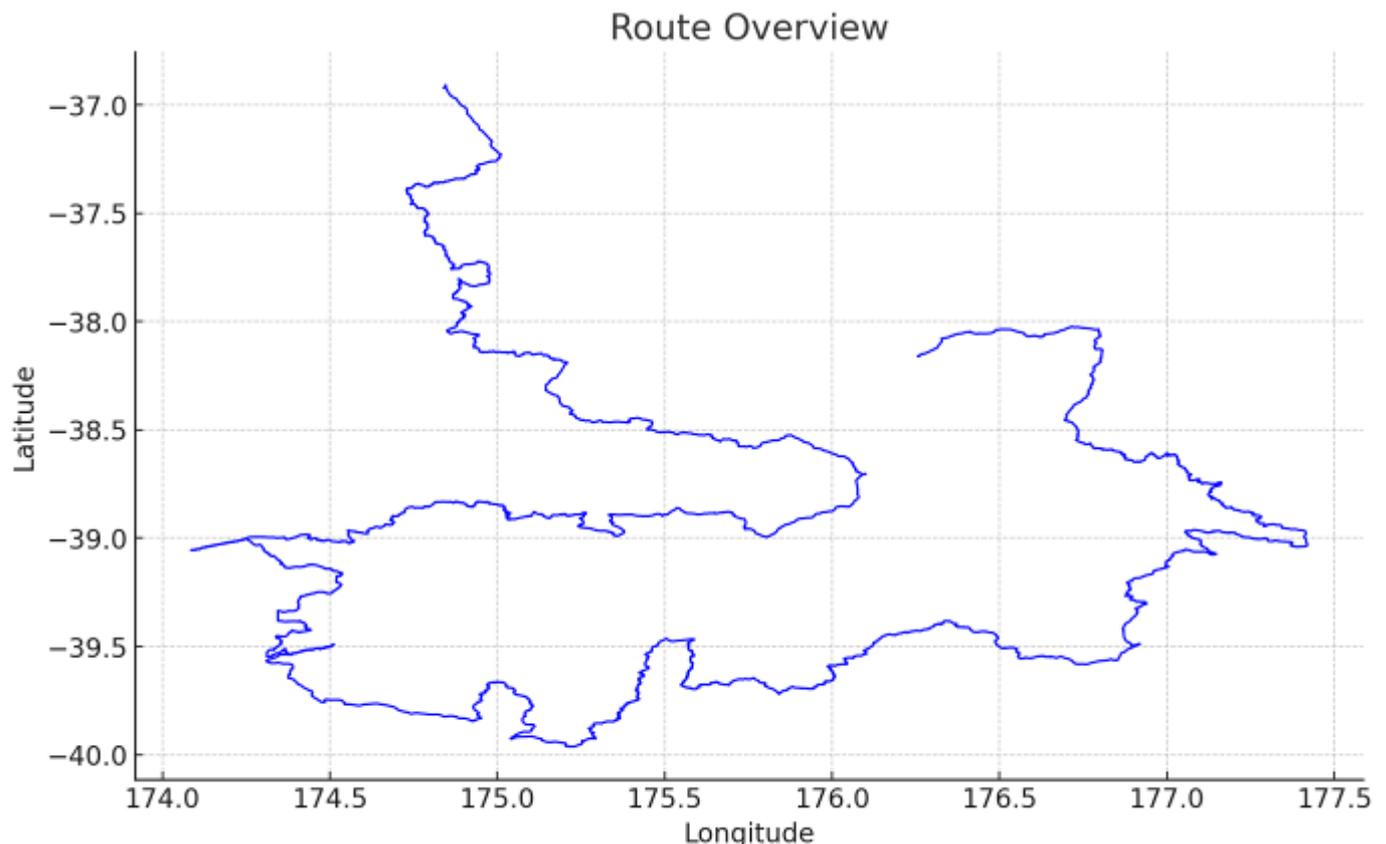
To say riding New Zealand is like Tasmania on steroids, does not go close to describing the fantastic 5 days of riding that the team at BMW Safari pulled together. Starting in Rotorua on hired BMW bikes, some 40 Australians met the 17 local riders. This was the first international GS Safari ever done and NZ was the right place to try it out. Normally BMW Safari have their own truck, trailers and equipment on hand, this time they had to rely on hired equipment and vehicles. The only familiar things were the team riders and support crew of doctors and mechanics.

I had AI analyse the GPS route file and it determined that there were approximately **27,125 corners**, based on significant changes in direction greater than 30 degrees. I can now understand why I had sore shoulders each day

Route Overview

- **Total Distance:** ~1,884.6 km over 5 days
- **Total Corners:** ~27,125
- **90-Degree Corners:** ~199

Route Complexity: High, with many turns and directional changes



Now I am trying to not be judgemental, but the low number of local riders was surprising and either they didn't understand how well these guys organise an event and routes, hadn't been properly informed by their local dealers, thought that they knew all the routes and there was nothing was going to be new to them or thought they could do the same for less (which you can to a certain degree). By the end of day 1 the locals were all asking how they found some of the routes we did and this was basically in their own back yard. They also appreciated the places we stayed in and the behind the scenes support that made everything to do with planning, effortless for us. In Australia it is common for 250 spots to sold out in under 28 minutes.

We had to pay the same as the locals, plus had the extra cost for international flights and bike hire and yet we outnumbered them 2 to 1. I am sure the locals that did the ride will be encouraging their friends to be along for the next Safari, which is supposed to be on the south island, although this has not been confirmed by BMW, its one my whiteboard so it will happen.

The Safari team give the little towns a heads-up that we are coming through so they can have extra staff of food ready if it fits in with typical eating times. Some do it better than others, this bakery had set aside the entire parking area for us and the smart riders stopped here on the basis that anyone this proactive had to also provide good food.....and they did



In terms of road conditions and scenery, every day was different in style, difficulty, and views from tight twisting mountainous roads to farmland or open areas to a day where we rode through a forested valley that seemed prehistoric and a scene from Jurassic Park, on the blind corners I was sure I would come across Sam Neil being chased by a Raptor. Everywhere was a scene worthy of a photo but capturing the true essence of what we rode through and experienced was impossible to do. The Safari photographer and videographer will provide better photos, and I can't wait for the release of the video so I can have more time to take in what we rode through.

The link below to a short Facebook video may help explain
<https://www.facebook.com/share/191dxmUWxr/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Rode a few of these tunnels, not big enough for a train or heavy vehicle and the only practical way to get from one hillside to another

Based on how they use gravel, it is obvious that it is either free or a waste byproduct



they just want to get rid of. In the recent Tassie ride, I had great confidence that the wet roads had great grip because of the gravel in the road, in NZ, they worked on the basis of, if 50mm thick was good, then 150mm was even better. The first time I encountered this came as a shock as it looked normal, except it wasn't, I was barely holding on as the bike ploughed through what felt like beach shingle. I was convinced that I had lost the ability to ride, this fear was eventually quelled as other riders discussed how poorly they felt they had also handled it. By the end of day 1, we had learnt of their road building methods, they simply belly dump a load of gravel from a large trailer in the space of say 10 metres and then let the traffic spread it out.

Each day was a different type of gravel road surface and no 2 days were the same, so we became gravel connoisseurs, each rider preferring a different type. Below is just a typical landslip area they were still to get to



Of course, no safari is complete without the end of day briefing and a few drinks before dinner. The stories only got bigger as the week went on.

My KTM riding mate, Don, was along for the trip and this was going to be the dearest BMW 1300 test drive ever done. On a Safari, you must be on a BMW and he was on a 1300GS. By day 3, he had stopped saying how big and heavy they are and just rode very comfortably, but I could still sense he was torn between riding what he has always ridden and finally accepting that the big BMW can do everything most of us were prepared to attempt, for the crazier stuff he can use his KTM. The last comment from him as we dropped him home was “I guess I have to get a BMW to be allowed along again”. We all rationalise decisions in different ways, his was to be included in the strange tribe/family, that is BMW Safari.



The free \$1500 voucher that he won to another event was probably the final guilt trip



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Extract from BMW USA News

(BMW had been exporting motorcycles to the U.S. since 1950, less than two years after production had resumed in Munich following the destruction of World War II).

BMW Group in the US donated \$1million to the American Red Cross to support those impacted by the Los Angeles wildfires.

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

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

2/3 May - Horizons Unlimited (Travellers Meeting) at Kokoda Park, Thornton, Lockyer Valley approx. 25 min. from Laidley. <https://www.horizonsunlimited.com/events/queensland-2025>

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.

e: info@motoguzziclubqld.org

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

24th May - Classic Bike Show (*Ray Owen*) & Swap Meet - 7am - 2pm at Canungra Showground by Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld (Tamborine Mountain area)

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. Contact Marie: 0428 393 093

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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 14 Longview Court Nerang QLD 4211
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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:
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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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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.

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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.

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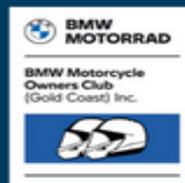
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as an adult

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