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May 2025



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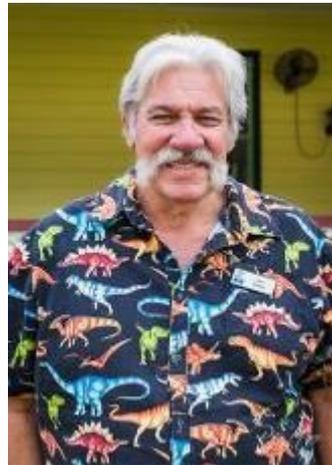
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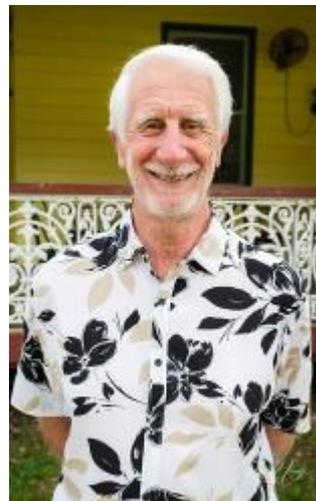
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NEWSLETTER OF THE BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS CLUB  
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# CLUB CALENDAR



- 3 May** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 9 May** 12noon **Ladies Lunch**– Mad Asian, The Kitchens, Robina Town Centre
- 17 May** 8.00am **Club Ride**-Check Facebook for details
- 1 Jun** 8.00am **Breakfast meeting**, View Cafe Hinze Dam.  
Followed by a ride of 250k approx.
- 13 Jun** 7.30am **Leave for Moree to the Thermal Springs**– See Facebook for further details

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



Hi Everyone,

It seems to have been a very short month due to Easter and Anzac day holidays.

"Kiwis live in the land of the long white cloud and Australians live in the land of the long weekend"

Well, rain seemed to suppress some of our riding opportunities during April.

However we did have a ride last Sunday, which was well attended.

BMW had a GS EXPERIENCE ride at Maleny showcasing all of their GS models. It was great to ride different models in different terrain.

Don't forget to Book the Gwydir Caravan Park for Friday 13th June for 2 nights \$300 for BMWMOCGC ride Friday, Saturday and home on Sunday

The Enthusiasts Club are arranging a First Aid and CPR accreditation course on Sunday 22nd June at their club house at Mudgeeraba. Please let me know 0408787655 if you would like to attend – Further details below.

Hopefully everyone voted in the Federal Election, it's such a privilege to live in a democracy .

The committee will be meeting on Wednesday 21st May at 6:30 pm venue TBA.

Keep the shiny side up.

Adrian Headon #344

President

BMWMOCGC

# **MECGC MOTORCYCLE CPR / FIRST AID COURSE**

Our First Aid Training is the nationally recognised HLTAID011 course, which includes CPR. The cost for us to deliver this course at your location is \$90 per person. The training includes an online eLearning component (approximately 2–3 hours) that your members will need to complete in their own time *before* the training day (4 hours).

In this course, participants will learn the skills and knowledge required to provide first aid response to motorcycle accidents and life support, manage casualties, the incident, and other first aiders until qualified emergency help arrives at the scene. This will be achieved by facilitating the nationally recognised course with scenarios tailored to motorcycle accidents and incidents. For example, we will cover CPR, helmet removal, emergency trauma response, as well as other key topics such as stroke, heart attack, asthma, and anaphylaxis.

The HLTAID011 Provide First Aid course is conducted in line with the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) guidelines.

Once you choose a suitable date and time, we will send you a registration email to forward to your participants. This email will provide them with access to our online portal to complete the eLearning. On the day of the face-to-face training, upon successful completion of the course, each participant will receive their nationally recognised certificate. Additionally, you will receive a link to download a copy of all certificates for your records. As discussed over the phone, we are happy to issue an invoice after the course.

All our trainers are experienced medical professionals who are actively working in the medical industry as medics, first responders, or nurses, ensuring the delivery of high-quality training.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on 0416 888 343 or reply to this email.

**Kind Regards,**

**Suzie Howell**

**Director**

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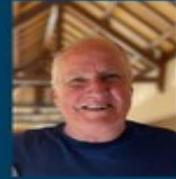
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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Putting School holidays and Easter into April certainly made for a short month. It was great to catchup for our meeting and ride to Kalbar. That trip reminded me of how much has changed since 2019. Back then there was really only one spot for lunch (the corner shop), now Kalbar has multiple places to eat, the pub looks to be viable again and there is even a motel. Prior to Covid, these types of towns felt like they were dying off.

Back in those days 8-10 bikes pulling up would have been a crowd, on the last ride we had so many choices that the group split up to eat in their preferred venue.

It finally feels like summer is on the wane, which is nice, although the rain and thunder that caused the ANZAC day ride to be postponed reminded me more of the tropics than autumn showers.

Speaking of the ANZAC ride, the roads John and Julie led us on were largely unknown to me and the painted tribute wall at Ormeau was very appropriate. To then hear Peter explain the background to the war monument at Ormeau/Pimpama just added to the appreciation of what previous generations sacrificed for this Country.

The next couple of months look to be pretty busy with the BMW GS Safari kicking off in Yeppoon 4<sup>th</sup> May, whilst we are only moving down the coast about 100km per day, it's the other 300+km/day that will add spice to riding life.

Julie, our Director of Global Events, has organised a club weekend away at the hot springs in Moree, 13-15 June. I am not entirely sure what the bathing etiquette is, but expect the nights to be cold enough for a glass of red or two.

To ensure any articles or items you wanted included in the magazine, please email Carla directly or as a CC, my office runs better if I don't get involved.

[carla@madsenproperty.com.au](mailto:carla@madsenproperty.com.au)





# CLUB FINANCIALS



Please **DO NOT** pay your 2025-2026 Membership until **July**

Appreciate it,

Gordon

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

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<a href="#">EVERYDAY OPTIONS CARDCHQ</a>	<a href="#">000294631</a>	\$5,158.06

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Transport for NSW

## Keeping New England motorcyclists safer

Published 27 Mar 2025

A 60-page guide called *Motorcycling the New England* has been produced, with the aim to raise awareness around motorcycle safety in the region and improve rider experiences.

The New England area is one of the most popular places in NSW for motorcyclists to ride, but it is also one with a high crash rate.

Between 2019 and 2023 in New England, there were 325 motorcycle crashes reported resulting in 20 fatal crashes, and more than 170 serious injury crashes.

This is alarming considering motorcycles make up around four per cent of registered vehicles.

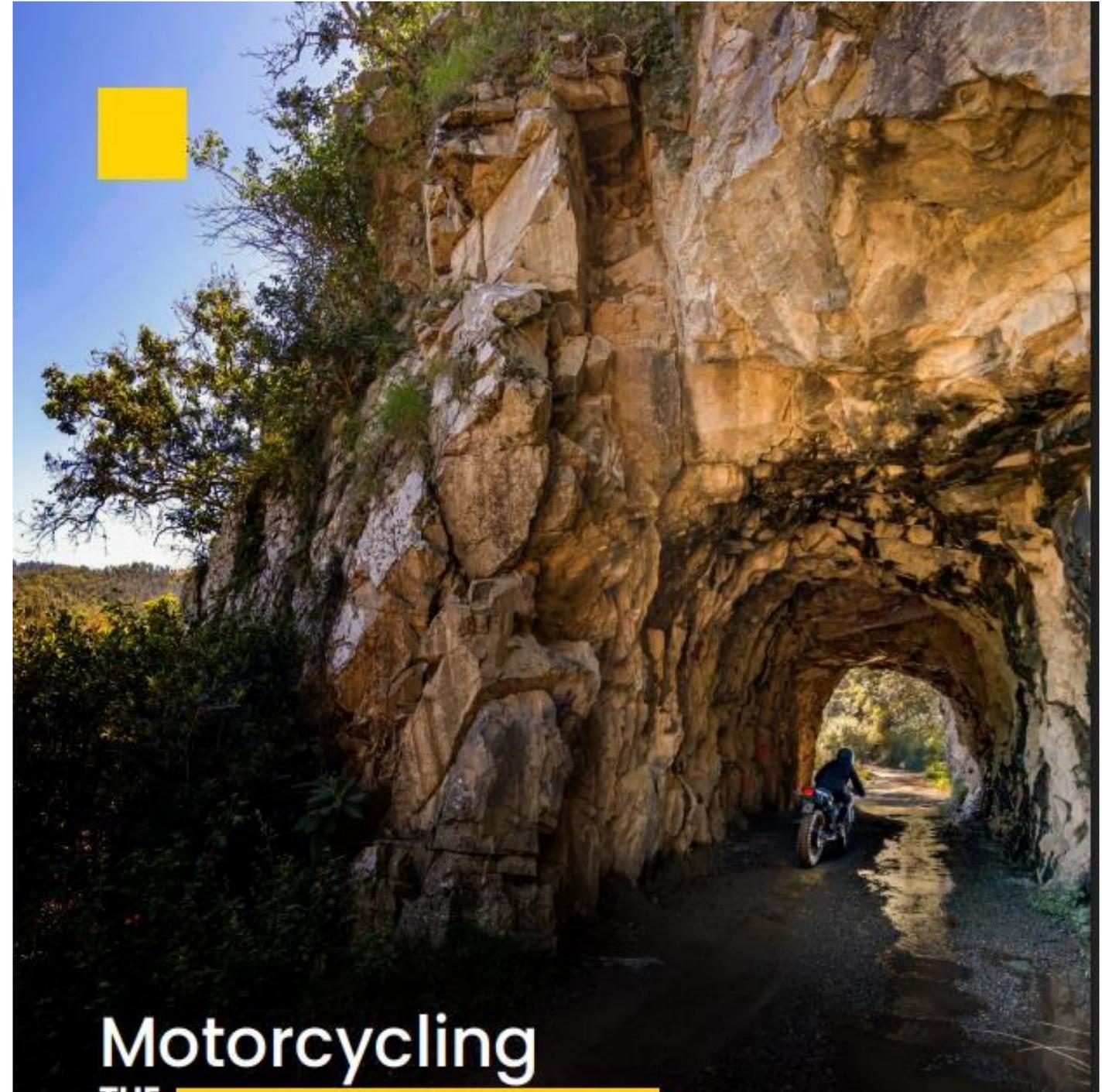
A Transport for NSW spokesperson said the comprehensive guide was an expansion of the award winning 'Motorcycling the Hunter' guide previously developed through the Local Government Road Safety Program.

"The New England boasts some of the state's most picturesque rides – encompassing the plateaus of the Northern Tablelands across ranges, through waterfalls and gorges to the sprawling plains," the spokesperson said.

"Transport staff spoke with local riders to map their favourite routes to produce a guide that combines popular rides with tourism information and an emphasis on road safety.

"Highlights of the guide feature downloadable GPX map files, current first aid for motorcyclists, communication options when mobile services are out of range, and advice for riding in New England's ever-changing weather conditions."

The guide is being launched at the Ulysses National Rally in Armidale on 27 March and riders can pick up a copy from their local Visitor Information Centres or by downloading the brochure at <https://qrco.de/bfnbFK> (<https://qrco.de/bfnbFK>).



# Motorcycling THE **NEW ENGLAND**



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2025 EDITION

# 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/>



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# Ladies Lunch

Mad Asian Kitchen & Bar

The Kitchens, Robina  
Town Centre

**RSVP to Jill**

**See Messenger for additional details**



## Ride to Moree to the Thermal Pools.

Leaving Friday 13 June 7.30am and returning Sunday 15 June.

This is a great ride we have done before but not for a few years now, so let's get behind it and have some fun!

Staying at Gwydir Caravan Park  
4 Amaroo Dr  
Moree  
Phone: 02-67522723

There are 10 ONLY motel style rooms reserved. Room rate \$150 per night for two people. (\$300 for the weekend)

To reserve your room please contact the Park directly and let them know you are part of the BMW Club to get this rate and to pay a deposit of one nights accommodation (\$150) as soon as possible. These rooms cannot be held until the last minute as the park is popular and filling fast.

NOTE: Once booked please let me know.

Dinner will be a short walk away at the Amaroo Pub.

On the Saturday we can organise a ride or simply stay and relax and enjoy the pools.

Full ride details will be published closer to the event.

This is a limited availability event so you MUST book asap to avoid F.O.M.O.

Look forward to seeing the usual weekenders and hopefully some new members on this ride.

Keep an eye on the Events section on Facebook for any updates.

Thanks  
Julie

# In & Around Southeast Queensland

The Historical Motorcycle Club of Qld - Tamborine Mountain Area



2025

RAY OWEN



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11.30am  
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## Pottsville Pub Ride 23rd March

A great weather day on Sunday for our ride down to the Pottsville pub.

John and Julie with Peter and Karen, Wayne (aka Egor) one of our Facebook members and also John and Jen joined us for their second club ride, their first experience obviously wasn't too bad when they came back for more.. unfortunately, Scott had battery issues and after a quick push start decided to call it a day.

Four bikes travelled over Numinbah to pick up Jill and Greyden and Linda. This gave us a healthy 7 bike pack.

Dehydration set in early so a short ride to Mooball for refreshments and onto Pottsville Pub for lunch.

Our food arrived quickly except Karen (yes, Karen) had a "complaint" that her fish was cold. She did not want to complain to the kitchen as she did not want to end up in the newsletter..... well obviously that was going to happen with photos!

Home about 2.30 via Tomewin.

Thank you everyone who joined us it was the usual day of laughs (thanks Karen) with great company.

Keep an eye on the Facebook events section and our main page for any upcoming rides.





# Breakfast meeting Ride on 6 April

## by John Vassallo

Great Breakfast meeting at Hinze dam last Sunday with about 20 attendees.

Our day started with a great picture by the dam wall overflow with our members and their bikes in the foreground.

A ride through Beechmont onto the scenic Biddaddaba Rd to Beaudesert where we stopped for a quick leg stretch.

Then onto Rathdowney past Maroon Dam and a couple of detours where we crossed some water over the road which should have made the GS boys happy as they actually got their wheels wet.

We passed some very green landscape thanks to the recent rain then onto Kalbar for lunch. This is a great destination for weekend travellers with lots of new businesses opening and I'm sure they will benefit from the cash injection from the tourists.

Our lunch destination was made up of two places this time some went to the ever dependable bakery and others went to the amazing smoke House. After a good chat it was time to head for home. Some stayed a bit longer others decided on a different route home and the rest followed me back through Canungra.





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# *April Ladies Lunch*

Five Ladies attended lunch on 11 April at the Barrow in Maudsland.

The food is wonderful and the obligatory glass of wine led to some risqué topics of conversation. I think poor Lyn got an education she was not expecting. Hopefully she will come back next month for lesson number two.

Thank you to all the P.G's who attended.

Better bring your A game ladies next month....



## Postponed Anzac Day Ride.

Due to the torrential rains on Friday it was decided to postpone the ride until Sunday for safety reasons. Obviously, we are also a little softer than our Anzacs but we were all there in spirit on the day!

8 of us met at Hungry Jacks and continued through Nerang, Pacific Pines and the back of Guanaba then onto Maudsland and onto Tamborine for a leg stretch but Ken thought it would be a good idea to have our second coffee of the ride and we didn't put up much of a fight.

After coffee it was over Tamborine past the Bearded Dragon and onto the Anzac wall at Ormeau for our photo opportunity. It was quite humbling to be part of this event and reflect on the sacrifices our Service men and women endured so we can live the privileged lives we do today and enjoy the freedom of friendship and bike riding around our beautiful country.



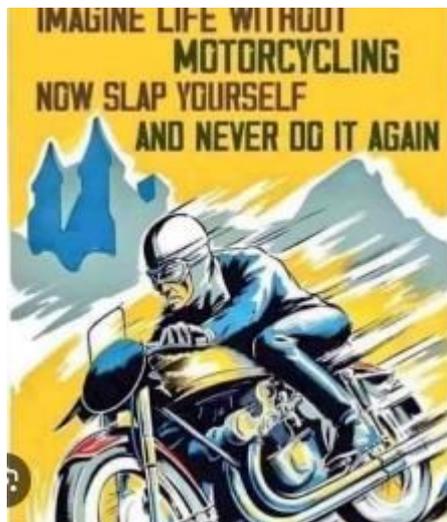
We went on the monument about 200 meters down the road at the cemetery for more reflection where Peter told us a story and gave us a history lesson on the monument.



He told us it was moved to this location away from the highway as the car fumes were eating into the stone so a new monument was made and the original moved to Miles. This was informative and interesting as this is a story I hadn't heard before.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made our Club photoshoot and ride to honour the fallen so memorable.





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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:

### 2025

**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>

## EVENTS/RALLIES:

**7-11th May** - BMW Motorcycle Club Victoria 50th Anniversary Rally at Heathcote (Queen Meadow Caravan Park)

Enquiries: Lea Gilliland 0410 561 952, Lynn Rosenthal 0415 286 855

**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](mailto: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)

**6-9th June** - Alpine Rally at Cotterill Cottage, Snowy Mtn H'way, Yarrangobilly being run by the BMW Touring Club of NSW. Contact Steve Treloar 0439 739 876

**13-15th June** - Club weekender to the 'Hot Springs' at Moree staying at the Gwydir Caravan Park, 4 Amaroo Drive, Moree. Bookings to be made direct to (02) 6752 2723 - say you are with the BMW M/C Club. \$300 for 2 nights with a deposit of \$150 to be made on booking.

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

[www.posstiebikechallenge.org](http://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](mailto: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**

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

**BMW Motorcycle Owners Club**  
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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.

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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

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

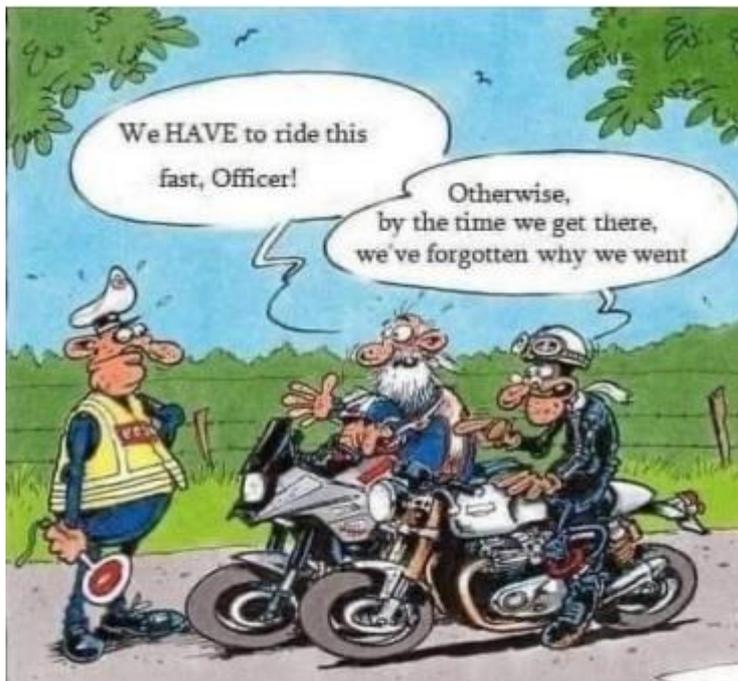
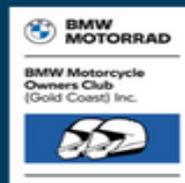
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New Membership - \$60 (includes current financial year membership). Existing member renewal \$50.  
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### COMMITTEE USE ONLY

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Seconded By:	Signature:	Date:
Membership No.	Notes:	

# CONTACT & JOKES



The views expressed herein are those of the writer or contributors and not necessarily reflect on official Club policy. Contributions should be addressed to the secretary at the email shown on this page. All other correspondence should be addressed to:

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