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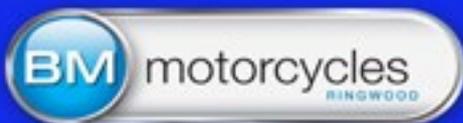
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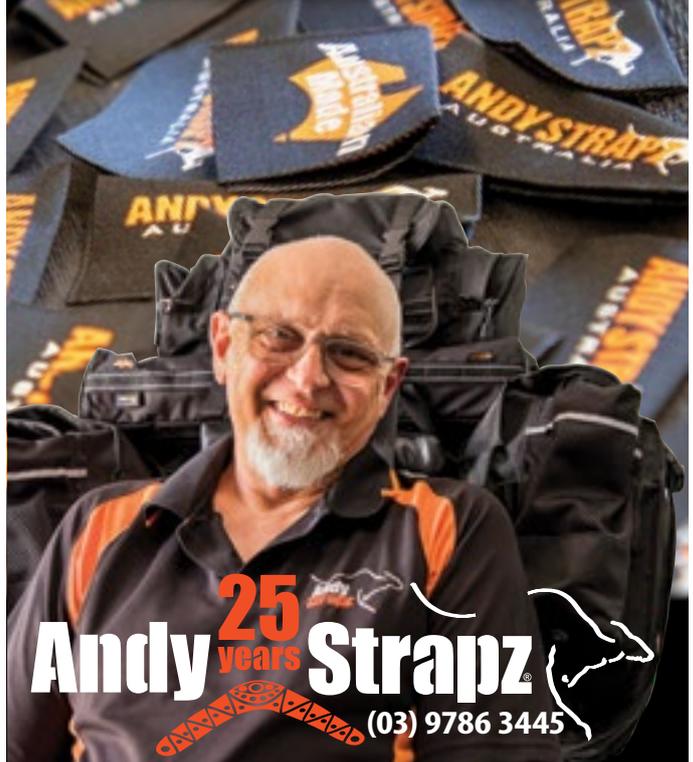
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To enhance the enjoyment of BMW motorcycling, provide opportunities to interact socially with fellow members and encourage safe riding practices.

## POSTSCRIPT

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## President's Message

*All things wheels and Celebrating our 50th anniversary*

**M**y love for exploring started when I received my first bicycle. The freedom of riding in the neighbourhood allows you to observe things in a totally different way. The rhythm of the wheels quickly brings you into a relaxed state.

I have found that going for an early morning cycle before the day starts, helps me with some cardio and leg exercise, but also kickstarts the endorphins. Something you can get used to very quickly. When you cycle you also have space to process things, get your thoughts together, plan the day and week ahead and sometimes solve that gnarly problem you have wrestled during a sleepless night.

With our motorcycles and adventure spirit our travels can take us across the state, around Australia, to foreign lands and even across continents.

Some travel for food, places, events or experiences. Sometimes we are lucky to meet very interesting people on our journey, with some becoming lifelong friends.

As we explore the world around us, we get to know ourselves better as we sometimes have to face the unexpected challenges along the way.

On 7th to 11th May 2025 our club will celebrate our 50th year anniversary at the rally in Heathcote, Vic.

Ian McKenna will lead some rides, we will visit some museums, enjoy great food, celebrate our club's long history and have some laughs with friends.

The rally committee under Lea and Noel Gilliland, Kerrie Hessling, Lynne Rosenthal and Bernard Schacher Tayla have invested so much time to make the event memorable.

Please join me in giving them a huge thanks from us all for a splendid effort.

We have a few odd jobs during the rally, so please don't hesitate to volunteer to help with the breaky preparations, cleanup, BBQ and packing up. Many hands make light work.

I look forward to seeing you at our rally. I also look forward to our interstate members joining us on this momentous occasion.

Thank you to every member that has contributed to our club over the years. Your participation in events, rides, committee meetings, coffee morning, club meetings, road trips, offroad adventures and rallies is sincerely appreciated.

The more you participate in club life, the more you get from it.

We look forward to many more years of club life to "make life a ride".

Other upcoming events (please register at our club website):

- Annual awards lunch (Sunday, 13th July 2025)
- Christmas in July (Saturday, 19th July 2025)

**Jacques van Niekerk**

*Make life a ride*





## “ Editor's Message

**A**nother day, a month has gone by and you wouldn't believe that it was only just the start of a new year. When they say time flies, they are certainly not kidding. There have been so many rides I've wanted to attend, work on my bikes to get them road ready to the point ... not today mister, you have other pressing engagements, none that are as worthy as riding my bike or they are one-offs, then again priority rules kick in.

Well, at least I know I shall be attending our clubs 50th Anniversary as I have already booked in. I can still remember when my folks attended the 25th Anniversary with Anton (dad) dishing up his usual desserts and making the 25th Anniversary cake along with Louise (mum) yep, my mom and my wife have the same given name - purely coincidental, as they are two different peas in a pod (very different...hope the wife doesn't see this bit).

Now let's get back to the 50th Anniversary. Well, this is a great achievement to have survived so long and there are still many members from the day of the Club's conception to those who joined in the 80's. I can still remember going along with my dad on ride events on my trusty CBX 550 F Honda which I still own to this very day, no BMW under my derriere back then. Who would have that that 30yrs later my daily ride would be a BMW and not just one; K 100 John Player Special, K 100 sidecar, R 1100 R and a F 650 GS and everyone's favourite a Vespa 200 PX 2-stroke. Who would have thought back then that as a tag-along rider that I'd become a fully-fledged BMW man.

Now folks, don't forget to come to the 50th anniversary as Ian has provided several rides in May for the 50th and as well as Frank Cachia having published a book in celebration of our clubs 50 years in the making, don't miss out. In April's meeting Frank was our guest speaker providing insight into his book; available for sale on the night. Remember in the coming months we have the Award Lunch on Sunday 13th July, Christmas in July on Saturday 19th July and importantly the AGM on 28th July which we will also be looking to finalise the Club's Constitution.

Keep your eyes peeled on the website calendar of scheduled rides and enjoy the freedom two wheels has to offer.

**From the Editor and Team  
Ride, Read and Stay Safe**



WELCOME to all our new members on behalf of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria. You have joined the biggest and most active BMW club, car or motorcycle, in Australia. The Calendar page and also on the reverse of the address sheet on the *BeeEm* issue provides the latest information about future club activities – rides, social events, meetings – and information about approved-of events outside the club. A full, updated online calendar can be viewed by browsing the Event Calendar section of the club's website.

Your level of participation is up to you but you will always get more out of the club by being active. Join our ride events and meet other like-minded members that love the two wheels (BMW). We welcome your thoughts and input so don't be shy, help out by taking on one of the many committee and support roles that are there to be filled. Just take a look at the Support Team page in *BeeEm* or browse the club website by using the 'Contact Us' tab to see 'About Us'.

So, a hearty warm welcome to you. We are, above all, a social motorcycle club dedicated to the BMW marque and all our members look forward to showing you what our club has to offer, either on a ride or at an event.

## New members

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Courtney Dorward | R 1200 RT           |
| Shaarang Tenneti | R 65                |
| Nick Fairbrother | R 1200 CL           |
| Dana Whitney     | Family              |
| Jason Bryant     | R 1200 RT, F 800 ST |
| Mark Uren        | R 1200 GS           |

## BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria preferred suppliers

Our club is fortunate to have the support of many suppliers, and the following is a list of those who support the club with a member's discount or club advertising. Proof of current membership should be offered and a club discount requested at time of purchase. We sometimes receive complaints from members who didn't get a discount because they failed to ask for it beforehand! Any member refused a club discount by a company on our list is asked to advise the committee.

|  |  |
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| Advantage Motorcycles  | Club discount on apparel and parts   |
| Andy Strapz  | Club discount on panniers, straps, boots, parts and all good things.   |
| Bike Logistics Australia   | Club discount on motorcycle transport  |
| Chipatronic Australia  | Club discount on MCDV2 front and rear dashcam  |
| Cottier Stenning Lawyers   | Club discount on legal advice  |
| D2D Accessories  | 10% discount. disc. code 'bmwmccvic' ( <a href="http://d2daccessoriesshop.com/">http://d2daccessoriesshop.com/</a> ) |
| Doncaster BMW Motorrad   | Club discount on apparel, servicing and parts  |
| Global Rides   | Club discounts on Road Tours and Riding Preparations   |
| Good Wool Store, Kiama   | Club discount on sheepskin items   |
| Hydroblast Shop  | Club discount on wetblast restoration of metal parts   |
| Melbourne BMW Motorcycles  | Club discount on apparel, servicing and parts  |
| Motorcycle Adventure Products  | Club discount on all products  |
| QBE Insurance  | Club discount on motorbike insurance   |
| REMUS Australia  | Club discount on all products  |
| Stephen at S B Light Engineering   | Club discount on driveshaft repairs and UJ replacement   |
| Used Motorcycle Parts Online   | Club discount on parts   |
| If possible, members are asked to patronise also the companies which are listed as advertisers in <i>BeeEm</i> |  |
| BM Motorcycles Ringwood  | Advertiser and donor of the monthly half-price tyre prize  |
| K R Motorcycles Cheltenham   | Advertiser   |
| The Good Wool Store  | Advertiser   |

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# BACK TO THE 80S ON THE BMW R 12 G/S

Courtesy of [roadrider.com.au](http://roadrider.com.au)



## Yep, it's back to the 80s with the unveiling of the new BMW R 12 G/S that harks back to the legendary BMW R 80 G/S... but with modern tech

It might seem like we've gone back to the 80s but it was only this morning that the wraps came off the new BMW R 12 G/S, a new off-road enduro machine in the style of the original R 80 G/S but equipped with present day modern technology. The unveiling of this new model follows on from the last year's reveal of the BMW R 12 S.

The new BMW R 12 G/S is powered by a 1170cc air/oil-cooled boxer engine that makes a claimed 80kW (109hp) at 7000rpm and a maximum torque of 115Nm at 6500 rpm. While that might sound a little old school, the R 12 G/S scores plenty of tech including cornering ABS and TC, as well as rider-selectable modes including Rain, Road and Enduro. The new BMW R 12 G/S also comes with

Dynamic Traction Control (DTC) as standard, which can be switched off completely for off-road use, as well as engine drag torque control (MSR) as standard. A Shift Assistant Pro quickshifter is available as option to allow for clutchless shifting.

A one-piece tubular bridge steel spaceframe is at the heart of the new BMW R 12 G/S. The rear subframe, also made of tubular steel, is bolted to the main frame. It features the cross-spoke wheels you would expect of a fully fledged enduro, with a 21-inch wheel at the front and a 17-inch wheel at the rear. An 18-inch rear wheel is available as part of the Enduro Package Pro for even greater off-road capability.

Suspension is by way of a fully adjustable 45mm upside-down telescopic fork up front providing 210 mm of travel, and a Paralever swinging arm at the rear with an angled spring strut with travel-dependent damping and full adjustability, and 200 mm travel.

The new R 12 G/S has twin 310mm discs up front gripped by axially mounted two-piston calipers. There's a single 265mm disc at the rear with a two-piston caliper. BMW Motorrad ABS Pro is fitted as standard.

As well as a centrally positioned round instrument display the new BMW R 12 G/S is fitted with a round LED headlight an iconic light signature in the shape of an 'X'. Headlight Pro (adaptive headlight) is offered as an option. Other lighting is all LED and there's a 12V socket for on-board power supply on the right-hand side of the cockpit.

Pricing will be announced closer to the launch date but for now you can register your interest at the BMW Motorrad Australia website. The new BMW R 12 G/S will be offered in three colour schemes:



**BMW R 12 G/S basic version**

Night black matt paint for front wheel cover / cockpit fairing / fuel tank / airbox cover / rear end.

Seat: Black.

Decals: Airbox cover.



**BMW R 12 G/S optional colour**

Light white paint for front wheel cover / cockpit fairing / fuel tank / airbox cover / rear end.

Seat: Red.

Decals: Fork protectors / fuel tank / cockpit fairing / airbox cover.



**BMW R 12 G/S Option 719 Aragonit**

Sandrover matt paint / Racing red matt paint / Mineral grey metallic matt for fuel tank / front wheel cover / cockpit fairing / airbox cover / rear end.

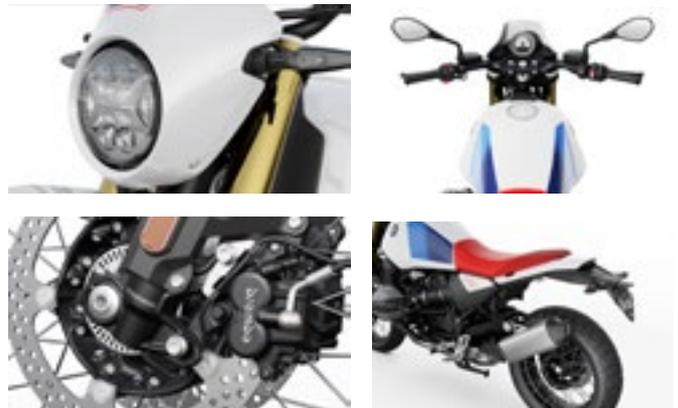
Seat: Black / Sandrover / Red.

Decals: Fork protectors / fuel tank / cockpit fairing.



### BMW R 12 G/S Highlights

- Classic, purist enduro design.
- Original air/oil-cooled two-cylinder boxer engine with 80kW (109hp) at 7000 rpm and 115Nm at 6500 rpm.
- Left-hand single-flow exhaust system with high-mounted rear silencer and conical tailpipe.
- One-piece tubular spaceframe with raised and forward-positioned steering head section. Bolted-on rear frame.
- Fully adjustable upside-down telescopic fork at the front and Paralever swing arm with angled, also fully adjustable rear shock absorber with revised travel-dependent damping.
- 21-inch front wheel and 17-inch rear wheel as standard. 18-inch rear wheel as part of the 'Enduro Package Pro' optional equipment.
- Axially mounted 2-piston floating calipers, steel flex brake lines and 310mm brake discs.
- BMW Motorrad ABS Pro for safe braking even when leaning into corners.
- Rain, Road and Enduro riding modes as standard. Additional Enduro Pro riding mode available as optional equipment.
- DTC (Dynamic Traction Control) and engine drag torque control (MSR) as standard.
- Classic round instrument panel and 12V socket. Digital display available as optional equipment ex works.
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## WHEEL TO WHEEL - EXHIBITION

From: Trevor Verlin

President - Jacques, Secretary - joe

cc. Editor - Andrew, Lynne & Bernard S-T.

Jim Myconos – Chairman Benalla FotM.

The exhibition of significant motorcycles we conducted in November 2024 was considered by all a great success.

It has caused us to rethink what we might do in 2025.

Although unofficial at this stage, it is likely that we will cancel our plans for the April/Pre Easter activities.

Our current thinking is to concentrate our resources and capacity on another exhibition around weekend of Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November.

It is also possible we will plan some activities for weekend of October 24th to 26th which will be of interest to our BMW club members.

In advising you now it will be useful for our club calendar and any planning that needs to be done.

I will keep you informed when our ideas turn into a definite plan.

At this stage can you focus on 31st Oct to 2nd November. Could be presented as; **Wheel to Wheel – Benalla Festival of the Motorcycle.**

PS. In arranging materials, machines, etc for 2024 Exhibition I was very proud of our club members in their generous support, especially when we needed to act quickly.

**Especially: Mark Phelan, Roger Smith, Pat Barj & Detlef, George Coad, Lynne and B S-T.**

Hope I have not forgotten anyone?

Thank you and best wishes for 2025.

*A car might move the body.  
A motorcycle will move the soul.*



## THIS IS IT

### The Complete Club History written by Frank Cachia

This Book is an extremely informative, educational and entertaining book on the history of our club over a 50 year period. Not only will you end up reading it from cover to cover, you'll most likely go and read it again.

Close to 200 pages it presents pre-post club history and how both the Club and the must have item that binds the club, the club newsletter evolved.

There are details of how rides, special events and activities came to be. Records listing all 50 years of committee members and an Alphabetical Index are thrown in for good measure.

Taking hundreds of hours in research and over 5 months in daily writings, this historical book is worthy of being the ideal gift and would definitely take pride of place in any members' library.

The layout is already being set out with printing to follow and be available to members by the beginning of May, starting at the club 50th anniversary rally.

As yet the cost hasn't been factored in but don't worry about it; it is cheaper than you think.



## What does a general committee member do?

- Go to a committee meeting once a month
- Support other committee members
- Try to be a mind reader
- Remember to include important stuff in *BeeEm*
- Book a venue for a club meal
- Help at a barbecue or club supper
- Send a card to a club member who isn't well
- Join a sub-committee
- Volunteer to coordinate something
- Help at an event
- Be helpful to people with odd questions
- Try to make things happen
- Get to know lots of members you didn't know before
- Most of all, have fun while you're doing it

Committee positions are up for grabs in July at the AGM and new members will be needed. Give it some thought or give it a go. How hard can it be?

**Lynne Rosenthal, 0415 286 855**



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## BMW 50 to 69 Tour

We know that the BMW factory produced fine touring machines between 1950 and 1969 and this event is being run to exercise those touring credentials. The tour will commence in Toowoomba, Queensland, and after a short one day warm up ride, those who come along will be given over 1000 kms of country roads to really savour the smooth engines and compliant suspensions that BMW provided.

This tour commences on 30th August and concludes on Wednesday 3rd September.

If you and your bike want to really stretch your legs, here's your chance.

Contact: Mal McIlwraith  
0493 234 734 or malmac69@pm.me

This info was provided to us by Henning Jorgensen, no longer a club member, but many of us remember him well.

## Featured rides



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*Note: Before you go on a ride, please check the latest BeeEm and the website for late changes to ride details.*

*Changes do happen.*

<https://bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org/>



## BMW Motorrad Geelong ride

BY NOEL GILLILAND

22 FEBRUARY 2025

As I am part of the 50th Anniversary subcommittee and we now have a new BMW Motorrad showroom at 9 Gordon Avenue, Geelong West I thought I would take some of the Registration pamphlets and ask if we could put them on their counter.

I met Dom Leo the Sales Manager who had no problem with our pamphlets being left. We started talking about different things and he mentioned that the Geelong group were holding a ride on Saturday 22nd February through to Skene's Creek along the Great Ocean Road and returning inland via Forrest and Winchelsea. It also included breakfast at the showroom and finished with a BBQ Lunch on the return, both at no cost to the riders.

As this was a local ride, I contacted another Geelong BMW MCC Vic member whose phone number I did have, Sheryl Townsend (apologies to anyone else who lives in Geelong for not contacting you). We both decided to attend the ride.

On the 22nd I got out my R65LS and arrived at the showroom at 7.30 am along with Sheryl and thirteen other bike riders. This included four of the staff members from the Geelong showroom; Dom, Will, Daniel & Alberto who acted as front and rear riders.

We started with a really great breakfast and after we each received a list of the intended stops and the contact numbers of two of the staff, we all headed out at approximately 8.00 am. We made our way to the Geelong



Ring Road then onto the Anglesea Road/Great Ocean Road. Our first stop to regroup and grab a complimentary bottle of water, as it was a very warm day, was at the Airey's Inlet Hotel car park. Our stop was only about 30 minutes, and we then continued towards Skene's Creek.

The group travelled to the Wye Beach Hotel car park where they stopped to regroup again. From there we continued through to Skene's Creek then turned inland to stop at the Forrest Brewing Company.

The group stopped here for approximately an hour. The dealership had organised that the attendees could order a complimentary tasting paddle or a glass of the company's ale. It was a great way to acquaint ourselves with each of the other riders and the staff from the dealership.

We left the Forrest Brewing Company and travelled along through the wonderful Otway Ranges on the Lorne-Deans Marsh Road through Barwon Downs and Murroon. We turned off to Birregurra and then made our way to the Princes Highway and headed towards Winchelsea. Some riders stopped at the Winchelsea Ampol Foodary/Petrol Station for petrol. We then all travelled through Waurin

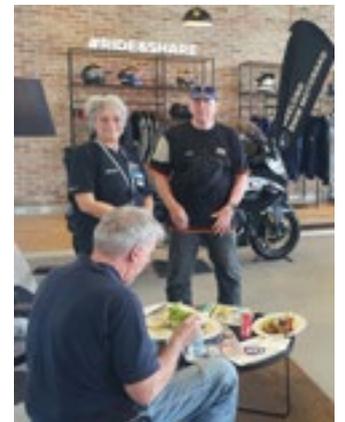


Ponds, Belmont and Geelong through to the Gordon Avenue dealership.

We arrived back at the showroom around 1.00 pm. The dealership had a BBQ lunch and a very large platter of sandwiches ready for us where we had another chance to mingle with the other riders and the staff.

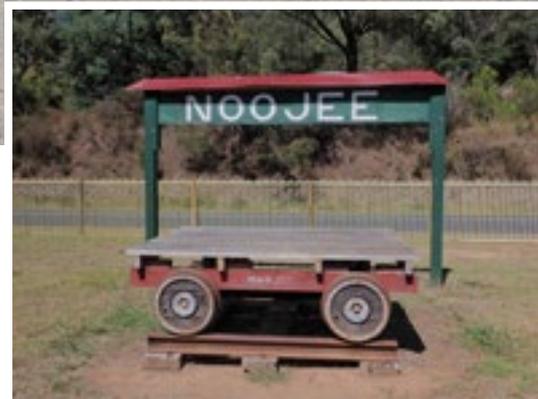
It was a very well organised ride by the BMW Motorrad Geelong Dealership particularly as it was one of their first group rides. They hope to have more rides over the next twelve months and hope word gets out so that they can have more attending.

If you are a Geelong BMW motorcycle owner and need your bike serviced, consider this dealership. The staff are very obliging and I believe you would get a good service.





*Short visit to the Noojee Museum with the bikes in order of year model*



## Lunch ride to Noojee Hotel

**BY IAN MCKENNA**  
3 MARCH 2025

**R**olling up at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen in fine cool weather, we had a modest group of 4 riders on 4 bikes including Dave Denham a new rider, Michael de Vink from Drouin and Geoff Dick from Shepparton.

With Dave as Tail End Rider and using line of sight, I led us off to Kangaroo Ground towards Eltham. At Research we took the road to Warrandyte and crossed the Yarra River. At Jumping Creek Road we rode to Wonga Park and taking Paynes Road, Edward Road and Coldstream West Road, we made it to Coldstream on quiet back roads.

We then cruised on Killara Road to Seville East and dropped in to Woori Yallock. Gary Weston another new rider joined us here and we chuffed off on Wickham's Road and Parkinson's Road to Gladysdale and onward to Powelltown.

In Powelltown at the Public Hall where we stopped we noticed all the bikes were boxers with a nice spread of ages from 1985 to 2024, and we just happened to park them in the right order of age.

At this point I offered the options of going straight to lunch at 12.00, a deviation via Nayook to Neerim South and on return visiting East and North Neerim on the way to Noojee for lunch at 12.30, or the option to visit the Noojee Museum which would bring lunch out to 1.00 pm.

Options two and three were exercised with some more great back roads, The Museum Building which contains local photos and several models was unfortunately closed on Mondays, so we checked out the steam train and some saw milling equipment, plus heaps of outdoor signs some of which were too faded to read.

We did the dash to the Noojee Hotel which was just 100 metres down the road. The pub was nearly empty and we got some good food and great service. After lunch we visited the Trestle Bridge a couple of K's out of town. This is an ex railway bridge which we walked across and got a view of the car park, and a small creek on the up stream side.

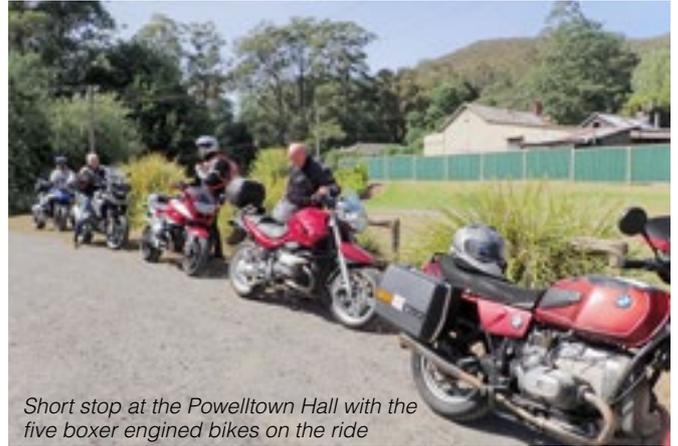
With riders peeling off at intervals we rode to Neerim South, Jindivick and Longwarry. By Garfield where I stopped for coffee, I was on my own. So a small brew at Brewster's Cafe finished off a great day of riding.

### Participants:

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Dave Denham     | R 1300 GS |
| Geoff Dick      | R 850 R   |
| Ian McKenna     | R 80      |
| Michael de Vink | R 1200 S  |
| Gary Weston     | R 1250 GS |



Geoff Dick riding his R 850 R



Short stop at the Powelltown Hall with the five boxer engine bikes on the ride



Noojee Museum with loco J550 and a short train at Noojee Station



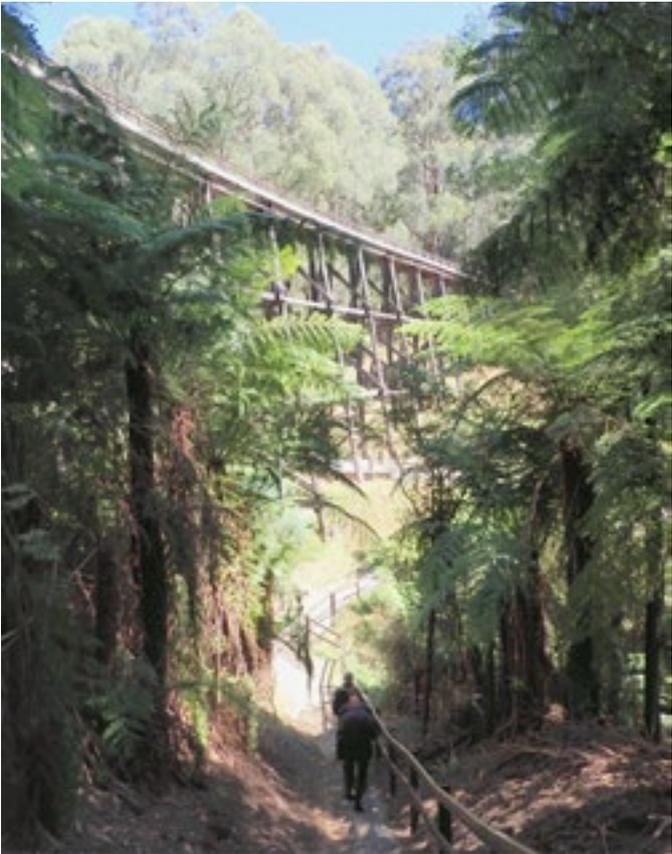
Geoff Dick, Michael de Vink, Dave Denham and Gary Weston behind Micheal's R 1200 S



Lunch at the Noojee Hotel in Noojee with the full ride group



Trestle Bridge with Michael de Vink, Ian McKenna and Geoff Dick





Short stop at Cape Horn lookout south of Loch with a view from the lookout

## Midweek ride to the Kilcunda General Store

BY IAN MCKENNA

12 MARCH 2025

Starting at the BP Lyndhurst Service Centre on what soon turned into a hot day, we had 8 riders on 7 bikes including Tony Picinick R 1250 GSA, Geoff Dick R 850 R from Shepparton, Robin Bowra R 1250 R, and Rhonda Hill and David Yee riding their K 75 C.

With Dave Denham as tail end rider we headed off south to Hall Road and through Cranbourne to Clyde Road. From Clyde we took Ballarto Road across the flat terrain through Bayles to Heads Road. We then did Mount Lyall Road, an interesting new road that has recently been sealed and which nicely by-passes Lang Lang and Nyora, putting us on the start of the hilly section to Poowong.

In Loch we enjoyed coffee on the front veranda at Olive on Loch Cafe and were joined on the ride by three riders: Johan Borgman with a Moto Guzzi 850TT, Hans Van Elimpt R 100 RS and Ken Wright F 800 GT.

A quick blast down the Loch Wonthaggi Road soon got us to Kilcunda where we enjoyed lunch inside at the Kilcunda General Store. We were joined here by Jeff who rode a K 75 S, bringing our number up to a dozen.

After a pleasant hour or so we rode off in several directions with about half the group going to Garfield via the scenic winding roads to Woolamai, Glen Forbes, Kernot, Loch and Poowong, and then the straighter course to Drouin South and Longwarry to Garfield.



Starting at Lyndhurst with several riders preparing to depart

With the temperature now in the 30's the stop at Brewster's Cafe in Garfield was a welcome relief and we finished the ride here with 5 riders. This finished a great day of riding.

### Participants:

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Robin Bowra             | R 1250 R         |
| Dave Denton             | R 1300 GS        |
| Geoff Dick              | R 850 R          |
| Rhonda Hill & David Yee | K 75 C           |
| Ian McKenna             | R 80             |
| Barrie Morton           | R 1200 S         |
| Tony Picinick           | R 1250 GSA       |
| Johan Borgman           | Moto Guzzi 850TT |
| Hans Van Elimpt         | R 100 RS         |
| Ken Wright              | F 800 GT         |
| Jeff                    | K 75 S           |



Morning coffee in Loch with the ride group expanded by several riders



Ken Wright riding his F 800 GT

Hans Van Elimpt riding his R 100 RS

Rhonda Hill and David Yee with their K 75 C



Kilcunda General Store



Lunch in Kilcunda with Tony Picinick, Dave Denton, Hans Van Elimpt and Ian McKenna



Lunch in Kilcunda with Barrie Morton, Ken Wright and Robin Bowra



Johan Borgman and Geoff Dick



Finishing in Garfield with the five remaining bikes and riders



*Rotary Park in Alexandra with the whole ride group in Rotary Park*

## Black Dog ride to Seymour

**BY IAN MCKENNA**

16 MARCH 2025

The day started with continuous rain; the first time we've had much rain for months. Meeting up with Chris Seabrook we set up at Cribb Cafe in Lilydale who are a youth support charity, the shop sold us coffee and egg and bacon rolls for the couple of hours while we gathered up riders.

The side street was reserved for our parking although we hardly filled it, with the wet weather the booked group of 60 plus was reduced to about 28 riders. Chris called a pre ride conference and we agreed to hold off starting by half an hour for the rain to stop, which it did for a while.

Riding the Black Spur was a slow steady affair, when we did a regroup near Narbethong it took a few minutes to regroup the riders. Onwards to Alexandra we stopped at the Rotary Park in town.

Chris drew out the Raffle Prize Winners, for which we were selling tickets all morning. Prizes awarded included three cash vouchers from All Motorcycle Accessories (AMX) of \$100, \$150 & \$250, Black Dog T-Shirt, Large Black Dog Doll and the Small Black Dog.

### Participants:

About 32 Riders on 28 Bikes

We arrived at the Royal Hotel in Seymour to meet the Seymour Black Dog Group who had about 60 bikes; the size of group we were hoping we would have. Lunch was laid on with Roast Lamb and Baked Potatoes while outside was a live band.

Goulburn Suicide Awareness had a marquee and Seymour Mowers & Motorbikes had a stand and were auctioning off a Honda Mini Bike and a large bottle of Scotch. Also auctioned were the Seymour and Melbourne East Black Dog Logos which both sold for hundreds of dollars.

With the auction done I was looking forward to hours of riding home in the rain which was still falling, so I headed off on a soggy ride.



**Black Dog Ride**



Starting in Lilydale with Chris Seabrook's K1600 GT and the merchandise trailer



Chris Seabrook checking in riders at The Cribb Cafe



Pre ride briefing at the back of The Cribb Cafe



Starting in Lilydale - Clarke Street the reserved for our event parking



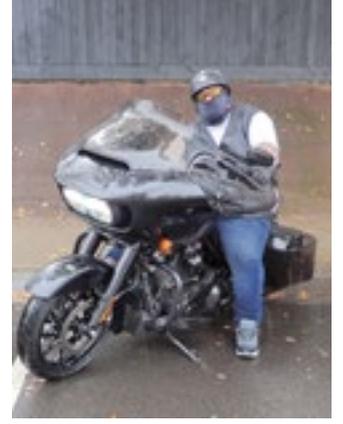
Rider on a BMW R 1100 GSA



Rider on a Ducati Multistrada



Two riders on a BMW K 1300 R



Rider on an Indian motorcycle



Rider on a Yamaha FZR



Ride leader and Tail end riders ready to depart



Regroup near Narbethong with the ride group slowly accumulating



Regroup near Narbethong with two riders on a Ducati Multistrada



Regroup near Narbethong with two riders on their Harley Davidson



Stop at Rotary Park in Alexandra with Chris Seabrook showing the black Dog Logo



Lunch at the Royal Hotel in Seymour



Chris Seabrook auctioning the Melbourne West Black Dog Logo



## Monbulk Saturday morning gathering

BY FRANK CACHIA

22 MARCH 2025

Hello Singles and multies,  
Yep, another dash to Monbulk, this is the first autumn run. Frank prefers the summer heat which is beneficial for his damaged leg but I prefer the cooler months which is far more beneficial for my cooling fins. After all I'm the one doing the work.

Although the sun was out and the sky was painted bright blue, it was quite nippy when Frank wheeled me out. The convoy is once again gathering as a R80 rolled up alongside me. On the road once again we rolled, making our way to pick up another bike. This time Frank's mate elected to leave the R51/3 behind and selected his smallest bike, a 1974 Suzuki A70.

The free music festival in the Basin caused a few traffic headaches, followed by a few more as a horde of cyclists panting and straining climbed Mountain Highway. All this faded into nothing compared to the vehicles of all



types that gathered in Sassafras, thanks to the ongoing roadworks.

Once the convoy passed Olinda, then we had the road to ourselves making excellent time on the downhill run to Monbulk. Only one thing nearly spoiled the ride, a car overtaking a cyclist over double lines in a blind corner came dangerously close. Immediate evasive action was one rapid executed manoeuvre. It certainly didn't help our owners' hearts, especially at their advancing age.

And then, once hearts had dropped down to a regular beat,



Monbulk and other club members came into view.

As usual we were neatly parked and once the cooling cycle started, our brave owners, on shaky legs, made their way across the road whilst stripping off motorcycle apparel.

You know looking around our gathered bikes, Monbulk gathering members are certainly bringing along quite a diversity of motorcycles. Bikes are not only from various makes with different engine layouts but also from various decades. A walk around us is an education in itself.

And it was here, under the shade of a few trees that we patiently waited till the gathering had stopped laughing, talking, whilst eating and drinking their way through the morning.

As it is always the case, once it was 12 o'clock high, the party broke up, plans made to meet again in 4 weeks' time before we took them back home to eat.

But first, Frank wanted to mow the lawn. But that's another story.

Ta ta  
R 26





## A busy March club meeting

BY LYNNE ROSENTHAL

29 MARCH 2025

It was a privilege to listen to Shannon, a volunteer speaker from the Stroke Foundation at our March club meeting. Her presentation was clear, concise and very informative and appreciated by us all. We learnt about the 2 different types of stroke and the effects on our bodies, not just physical impacts but emotional impacts as well. Shannon's insights as a stroke survivor were particularly helpful. I think we all admired her courage in giving her presentation. Initially, it seemed like all bad news but Shannon then focussed on the measures we can take to improve our chances of avoiding a stroke and that was really empowering.

The usual \$5 payment from each member on arrival was directed to the Stroke Foundation, as well as a few extra cash donations. Thank you, everyone, for contributing \$165 for this worthy cause. The committee, at its meeting on 29 March, decided to top up this amount so the club's donation to the Stroke Foundation was \$365.

Yvonne and her brother, Paul, were also visitors to our meeting. Yvonne's late husband was a member of our club a number of years ago and always a BMW enthusiast. Yvonne contacted me recently to ask if there was a way of finding a new home for some of her husband's collection of clothing and accessories. She and Paul displayed these items and Yvonne was able to sell or give away a number of them. This was a great help to her and also to the members who found something useful to take home. It was great to see our club offering practical help in this way.

Many raffle tickets were sold for the 50th Anniversary Rally Raffle. First prize is a \$1000 BMW Motorrad Gift Voucher and other prizes have been donated by our sponsors. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the April club meeting, online from the Store on our website or at the Rally. The raffle will be drawn at the Rally dinner on 10 May and winners will be notified. Hop to it.



# The Annual General Meeting of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria Inc.

will be held on **Monday 28th July 2025 at 7.30 pm.**

**Annual General Meeting will be held on the same night as our General Meeting.**

All committee positions will be declared vacant and elections will be held for those positions:

- President
- Secretary
- Captain
- Social Secretary
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Vice-captain
- General Member

**A committee nomination form is included below.**

**All members are urged to attend.**

Annual reports will be presented and your new committee for the 2025/26 year will be chosen.

**Absentee votes can be arranged, check the event on the website.**

This is your chance to hear about the health of your club in terms of activities and finances. It's also your opportunity to vote for the members you wish to see serving on the committee for the coming year.

We'll have vacancies to fill in July; is there something you could contribute?

Committee nominations close on 16 July, allowing us time to inform you of the names of those members who will stand for election before the AGM on the 28th.

It's reassuring for a committee to feel supported for the work ahead. Please come to support them if you can.

Notice is also given for a **special resolution to approve the new model rules** with amendments to our club's constitution, to align to the latest model rules.



## BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria Inc.

### Committee nomination form 2025

The annual general meeting and the general meeting of the BMWCC of Victoria will be held on **Monday, 28th July 2025**. All committee positions are declared vacant and nominations for office bearers are sought from the membership. Please complete this nomination form and send it to the Secretary by **Wednesday, 16th July 2025**, via email to [secretary@bmwmccvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmwmccvic.org.au)

Note that members may vote for themselves. Full members are eligible for nomination for all committee positions.

I, (please print name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be nominated for the position of:

(Please tick appropriate square)

- |   |                                    |                                       |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President      | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Captain      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> General Member   |

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder's name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rally programme – Heathcote 2025

| Date         | Time  | Activity  |
|--------------|---|---|
| 7 May (Wed)  | Early Arrivals welcome during today<br>Cabins, vans, units check in 2 p.m.<br>Campsites check in 11 a.m.            | Please collect your Rally Pack at the Registration marquee on the grassed area at the caravan park or call Lea Gilliland, 0410 561 952 (Powered Site No 33), if you can't find the Welcome Team. Meals – BYO or meet with others in one of the many venues in town (all walking distance from park).  |
| 8 May (Thur) | 9.00 a.m. - Planned ride leaves from the Caravan Park entrance  | Ride of about 130km led by Ian McKenna leaving from caravan park entrance.<br><br>Meals – along the way and evening meal BYO or meet with others in one of the many venues in town (all walking distance from park).  |
|              | Arrivals welcome all day  | Please collect your Rally Pack at the Registration marquee on the grassed area at the caravan park or call Lea Gilliland, 0410 561 952 (Powered Site No 33), if you can't find the Welcome Team   |
| 9 May (Fri)  | 9.00 a.m. - Planned ride leaves from the Caravan Park entrance  | Ride of about 150 km (return) to Bendigo.<br><br>Visit the eclectic motorbike museum at the Black Swan Hotel in Bendigo – then stay for a pizza lunch (cost for lunch approx. \$20 each).<br><br>Black Swan Hotel, 117-119 McCrae Street.<br><br>Register for this ride when you register for the Rally.  |
|              | 6.00 p.m. - Welcome BBQ<br>Camp Kitchen on the grassed area of the caravan park                                     | Come to the Welcome BBQ to greet other rally goers and renew friendships.<br><br>Please let us know you'll be attending when you register, included in your registration.   |
| 10 May (Sat) | 7.30 a.m. Breakfast<br>Camp kitchen on the grassed area of the caravan park.  | Join us for a freshly made egg and bacon roll and juice, tea or coffee to begin the day, included in your rally registration. Please book when registering.<br><br><i>Hand in your details for Rally Awards this morning.</i>   |
|              | 9.00 a.m. - Planned ride leaves from the Caravan Park entrance  | Ride of about 190km (return) to Yea.<br><br>Visit Teo Lamar's Cathedral of Moto Guzzi collection, including many other interesting motorcycles and machinery.<br><br>Address: 526 Ti Tree Creek Road, Yea.<br><br>BBQ Lunch at the venue, \$20/head, please pre-book for catering purposes. Tick this option when registering for the Rally.  |
|              | 6.00 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.<br><br>Heathcote RSL<br><br>127 High Street, Heathcote (walking distance from caravan park) | 50th Anniversary Rally Dinner - Heathcote RSL.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Join us for canapes at 6.00 p.m. followed by a delicious 2 course dinner at 7.00 p.m.</li><li>Drinks available at RSL prices.</li><li>Guest Speaker entertainment.</li><li>Presentation of Rally Awards.</li></ul> Cost: \$35/person. Bookings are essential for this event subsidised by BMW MCC Vic.<br><br>Please book and pay when registering for the Rally. |
| 11 May (Sun) | 7.30 a.m. Breakfast<br>Camp kitchen on the grassed area of the caravan park.  | Join us for a freshly made egg and bacon roll and juice, tea or coffee to begin the day, included in your rally registration. Please book when registering.   |
|              | Pack up and farewells as everyone makes their way home  | We thank you for coming to the Rally to help us celebrate 50 years of club life.<br><br>We hope you enjoyed making new friends and catching up with others. Safe travels.   |



The BMW Motorcycle Club Victoria Australia wishes to invite you to our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally** which will be held at the **Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park, 3 Barrack Street, Heathcote Vic 3523** from **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

**Registration Fees:**

**\$90.00pp** (Early Bird discount if paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March)

**\$95.00pp** (if paid after 31<sup>st</sup> March)

*(includes Rally Badge & Rally Pack, BBQ Dinner on Friday. Egg & Bacon Breakfasts Saturday & Sunday mornings)*

**Saturday dinner** - \$35pp includes canapes, 2 course meal and presentation of awards

**Raffle** – Win a \$1000 Voucher to redeem at a BMW Dealership of your choice & other prizes

**Merchandise** – Order your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Polo &/or T-shirts \$40 ea. (Order by 31<sup>st</sup> March to collect at the rally). Caps will be available to purchase at the rally.

**Enquiries:**

Lea Gilliland 0410 561 952, Lynn Rosenthal 0415 286 855, Noel Gilliland 0419 355 953, Kerrie Hessling 0431 884 085 & Bernard Schacher-Tayla 0403 899 374



See Reverse for more details →

**Registration & Payment**

can be made via

<https://bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org/events>

OR

By paying Direct Deposit to BMW Motorcycle Club Victoria  
BSB: 063 000 Account No.: 0080 4344 Reference: 50 yrs (add your name)

OR

By completing this form (below & over page) and send to:  
BMWCC Vic, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, PO Box 364, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039

|  |  |      |
|--|--|------|
| Attendees  | _____ x \$90.00pp (earlybird paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> March) | = \$ |
| Attendees  | _____ x \$95.00pp (if paid after 31 <sup>st</sup> March)     | = \$ |
| Sat Rally Dinner   | _____ x \$35.00pp  | = \$ |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Polo (Navy only)<br>(sizes – S M L XL 2XL 3XL)    | _____ x \$40.00pp  | = \$ |
|  | _____ x \$40.00pp  | = \$ |
| 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirt (Navy only)<br>(sizes – S M L XL 2XL 3XL) | _____ x \$40.00pp  | = \$ |
|  | _____ x \$40.00pp  | = \$ |
| Raffle Ticket \$5 each   | _____ x \$5.00ea   | = \$ |

If unable to book online please complete this form & address to 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally, P.O. Box 364, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 together with your payment

**Accommodation:**

All attendees to book their own accommodation. Contact Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park on 03 5433 2304 and mention that you are with the BMW Motor Cycle Club.

*(Please note – limited cabins, etc left, many have already been booked, please phone asap)*

|   |                                 |                        |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Unpowered Site - \$32per night  | Park Vans-\$135pn               | Ensuite Cabins-\$125pn |
|   | Deluxe Cabins-\$160pn           | 6 person Cabin-\$115pn |
| Powered Site - \$38pn   | 2, 3 & 4 Person Cabins- \$105pn |                        |
| <b>Various other accommodations available within the township (phone for costs &amp; bookings).</b> |                                 |                        |
| Union Hotel   | 171 High St, Heathcote          | 03 5433 2848           |
| 187 Heathcote (Boutique Accom)  | 187 High St, Heathcote          | 0491 683 803           |
| Heathcote Retreat Motel   | 257-259 High St, Heathcote      | 0429 167 251           |
| Heathcote Inn   | 9 Hunter Pl, Heathcote          | 03 5433 2409           |
| Fergusons Store Apartment   | 220 High St, Heathcote          | 0428 255 507           |

**Meals:**

- Friday night Welcome BBQ (included in registration)
- Saturday Night Rally Dinner \$35.00pp (subsidised by the BMWCC Vic – please book when registering) Drinks available at RSL Club prices
- Breakfasts available on Saturday & Sunday mornings (included in registration)
- BYO other meals or you can eat in town (everything easy walking distance from park). Lunches are also available during the Friday Ride (Pizza, approx. \$20pp) & Saturday Ride (BBQ, \$20pp)

**Awards:**

All the usual rally awards will be presented. Please note to be eligible for trophies bikes **MUST** be ridden directly from home to rally.



**Booking Information**

|   |                             |  |            |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|------------|--|--|
| Name:   |                             |  | Mobile No. |  |  |
| Name of Pillion/Passenger:  |                             |  |            |  |  |
| Address:  |                             |  |            |  |  |
| Email:  |                             |  |            |  |  |
| Bike:   |                             |  | Club:      |  |  |
| <b>Options:</b>   | <b>Thursday Ride</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |            | <b>Friday Ride</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | <b>Friday Lunch (Pizza)</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |            | <b>Friday Welcome BBQ</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | <b>Saturday Ride</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |            | <b>Saturday Lunch (BBQ)</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | <b>Saturday Dinner</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |            | <i>Club will advise the venues of expected attendees for catering purposes</i> |  |
| <b>Dietary Requirements</b> (Friday & Saturday Night dinner & Breakfasts) |                             |  |            |  |  |
|   |                             |  |            |  |  |



BMW Motorcycle Club  
Victoria Australia



#### Program:

**Friday** - Travel for those that want to get out early from Melbourne and set up camp. Do BBQ in evening at Carboor Hall kitchen (bring your own meat and salad).

**Saturday** - Breaky at Milawa Bakery at 8am or bring your own breakfast.

**9.30am for 10am:** Commence GS training at the Carboor Reserve. Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Touratech. Continue GS training after lunch, followed by a ride on dirt. **3 / 4pm:** Conclude GS training.

BBQ in evening (bring your own meat, salad and refreshments).

**Sunday** - Clean, pack up and head home.

QR code for Carboor Hall



## 2025 BMW Motorcycle Club of Victoria GS Training with Touratech (1. Adventure / 2. Explore / 3. Extreme)

Calling all GS and adventure riders to join us for GS training with Robin Box and the Touratech team. **Club and non-club members and all brands of motorcycles are welcome.** Our aim is to offer new riders to GS a safe space to learn the basics and also challenge experienced riders. All levels of GS riders are welcome.

2025 will be our **3rd year** to partner with Touratech to offer GS / adventure rider training. Guests and friends are welcome. The event needs a minimum of 10, with a maximum of 20 riders. Training will be held at the **Carboor Reserve** (refer address on right). Riders can stay at the Carboor Reserve town hall or camp. The facilities are great and include fully outfitted kitchen (cutlery, fridge, microwave, boiling water), porcelain toilet and shower. There are two halls for accommodation and a covered area for BBQ and bikes. For those that don't want to stay in the Carboor hall or camp, there is accommodation in nearby towns: Wangaratta, Milawa, Oxley, Beechworth, Myrtleford, Moyhu and Bright.

The training will be held on a **Saturday** and the cost of training is **\$100pp** (including lunch). For those that will camp at the Carboor Hall, the camping costs is an extra \$60 for a total costs of **\$160pp** (inclusive of training, lunch and hall hire). All fees are to be paid on booking via the club's Wild Apricot site (for BMW club members). If you are not a BMW club member, please use the following reference **LAST NAME\_GS event <date>** and deposit funds into the club's bank account, **BMW MCC Vic, BSB 063000, account 00804344**. Email or text the organizer with proof of payment. If you wish to confirm the club's bank account, please contact Winfried Hessling (treasurer@bmwmccvic.org.au, 040 330 2230).

There are **three-levels** of training for 2025:

**1.Adventure:** Cover the basics and ride after training in the forest.

**2.Explore:** Warm-up and then progress to basic / intermediate hill ascends, descends and recovery, and time permitting progress to steeper ascends and descends. Ride after training in the forest / fire track.

**3.Extreme:** Warm up and then progress to emergency braking, sand riding, mud riding, river crossing, or whatever is in the training program. Ride after training in the forest.

#### Event dates for 2025:

The following dates are available for 2025 (book via the club's website ([www.bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org](http://www.bmwmotorcycleclubofvictoria.wildapricot.org)) or by contacting the event organiser. Touratech have asked for a one-week cut off to arrange catering.

**1. Adventure:** 8 February 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 31 January 2025)

**2. Explore:** 5 April 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 28 March 2025)

**3. Extreme:** 21 June 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 13 June 2025)

**4. Adventure:** 9 August 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 1 August 2025)

**5. Explore:** 1 November 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 24 October 2025)

**6. Extreme:** 6 December 2025 (book and pay by Friday, 28 November 2025)

Please contact Jacques Van Niekerk (bmwmccvic@gmail.com; clubdelegate@bmwmccvic.org.au) if you have any inquiries.



BMW MCC Vic AU  
GS Riders



Location: Carboor Town Hall,  
opposite Touratech,  
1933 Carboor Everton Rd  
<https://www.touratech.com.au/>  
Tel: (03) 5729 5529



## Saturday Morning Coffee Rides

Join in for a friendly coffee to meet members. Held at different venues each week.... All Welcome.

### Every Saturday Morning - Melbourne Coffee – Albert Park

From 9.00am at Laurent Bakery, 109 Dundas Place, Albert Park. (Melway 2K C7). All welcome. Please park safely and leave footpaths clear.

### 1st Saturday of the Month - Western Coffee Morning – Ballarat / Coffee Meeting Noojee

**Western:** From 9.00am Beechworth Bakery, Grenville Street, Ballarat.

**Noojee:** From 9.30am Little Red Duck Café, 1 Bennett St Noojee. Contact: Mark Doherty 0402 210 050

### 2nd Saturday of the Month - Gippsland Coffee Morning – Heyfield / North East rotating

**Gippsland:** From 9.30am at Heyfield Bakery 59 Temple St, Heyfield. Contact Paul Koedijk 0491 167 199

**North East Coffee:** From 10.00am. Rotating venues are Winton North, Alexandra or Euroa. Check website for location. Contact: Christine Young 0408 350 850

### 3rd Saturday of the Month - Central Coffee – South West Gippsland Morning - rotating

**Central Coffee:** From 10.00am at the Rocklea Café, Kangaroo Flat.

**South West Gippsland Coffee:** From 10.00am. Rotating venues are Tarwin Lower, Kernot and Mirboo North. Please check website for location. Contact: James Ryan 0418 391 343.

### 4th Saturday of the Month - Eastern Coffee Morning – Emerald / Monbulk Coffee Gathering

**Emerald:** From 9am onwards at The Laughing Fox Café, 13 Kilvington Drive, Emerald.

**Monbulk:** From 9.30am Hill Café 104 Main St, Monbulk. Contact: Frank Cachia 0499 844 000

## MAY

### 5th May - Saturday – Coffee Ride Lunch to Spencers Store, Gembrook

Ride of 115 km to Spencers Store in Gembrook. Ride via Kinglake, Toolangi, Healesville and Launching Place to Gembrook. Return via Emerald, Monbulk and Olinda to Montrose for a total distance of 155 km. Assemble at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen at 9.30 for departure at 10.00am. Stop at Badgers Weir near Healesville. Lunch at Spencers Store in Gembrook at 12.00 Noon. Finish at Hummingbird Cafe in Montrose at about 2.00pm. Ride leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

### 7th May - Wednesday – Club 50th Anniversary Rally, Ride to the Rally

Ride of about 130 km to the Rally site at Heathcote. Assemble at BP Epping Service Centre on Cooper Street 8.30 for departure at 9.00am. Morning Coffee in Romsey at 10.00am. Stop to visit the First Flight Memorial on Burke & Wills Track near Mia Mia. Arrive at Queen Meadows Caravan Park in Heathcote about

Midday. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466. Thursday 8th May - 50th Anniversary Rally, Ride to Mount Macedon.

Friday 8th May - 50th Anniversary, Ride to the Black Swan Hotel in Bendigo.

Saturday 9th May - 50th Anniversary, Ride to Motoguzzi Museum near Yea.

### 7th – 11th Wednesday-Sunday – 50th Anniversary Rally in 2025

Where: at the Heathcote Queen Meadow Caravan Park, 3 Barrack Street, Heathcote, Vic, 3523. Tel. 03 5433 2304 <https://www.heathcotemeadowcaravanpark.com.au/> A 50th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, 10th May, at the RSL and we hope everyone will celebrate our 50 year history with us. What else is planned? Optional rides each day will take us to see attractions in the area. A visit to a winery is on the cards, as well as a visit to Bendigo and of course, you'll receive a showbag. One of our members, Frank Cachia, is writing a book to record the 50 year history of our club and this will be launched at the Rally. All other BMW Motorcycle Clubs and interstate members are warmly invited to join us. We'd like as many members and friends to come as possible. Yes, we will be offering some treasured Awards to our interstate visitors as well as members in Victoria. We will provide details about registering for this event as soon as possible. Mark the date in your diary now and plan to be there. We'd love to see you! For further info contact one of these people: Lea Gilliland 03 5264 7975, Lynne Rosenthal 0415 286 855, Kerrie Hessling 0431 884 085, Bernard Schacher-Tayla 0403 899 374

### 14th May - Wednesday – Midweek Ride to Erica Hotel, in Erica

Taking off from Lilydale we buzz through the Dandenongs and a portion of the Old Princes Highway to Longwarry where we enjoy Coffee at Soul Sisters Cafe and Fuel up on the freeway nearby. A short hop past Jindivick and the Old Sale Road gets us on the road to Walhalla. We stop at the Erica Hotel for lunch and head home via Noojee with Coffee on the way home for a total distance of 330 km. Assemble at Shell Lilydale Service Station 8.30 for 9.00 departure. Morning Coffee at Soul Sisters Cafe in Longwarry at 10.30. Top up with petrol at the Longwarry Service Centre on the Freeway. Lunch at the Erica Hotel at 1.00pm. Afternoon Coffee in Noojee at 3.00pm. Finish in Lilydale about 4.30 for a total distance of 330 km. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

### 18th May - Sunday - Sunday Ride – The Top Pub Tatura (North West)

Come along for a ride to Tatura (228km). We will traverse our way through the Macedon ranges and beyond Please note this ride forms part of the second multi day ride for the year. So after lunch those continuing to Charlton will depart via Rochester and you are welcome to continue with us as desired.

Assemble at BP Epping (8.30am) Depart (9.00am) - Oaklands Junction, Riddells Creek, New Gisbourne, Woodend - Bourkies Bakehouse, 10:30am) - Morning Tea, Newham, Lancefield, Graytown, Nagambie, Murchinson, Tatura (12:45pm) The Top Pub.

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**18th – 21st May – Sunday/Wednesday - 50 Year Multi Day Ride including Sunday Ride (North West)**

Come along on the second multiday ride for the year. On this ride we will tour the western side of Victoria and enter SA. Before traversing back towards the center of Victoria. Please note for this ride to proceed we need at least 4 participants.

Day 1 - Sunday Ride Epping to Charlton (456km) - Dinner 6:30pm - Cricket Club Hotel

Day 2 - Charlton to Casterton (400km) - Dinner 6:30pm - Federal Hotel 112 Commercial St E,

Day 3 - Mount Gambier to Castlemaine (427km) - Dinner 6:30pm - Railway Hotel Castlemaine, 65 Gingell St,

Day 4 - Castlemaine to home

Ride Leader: Chris Seabrook 0417 330 586 Other Inquiries: Ian McKenna 0487 868 466

**26th May - Monday – Monthly Club Meeting**

The monthly meeting will be held on Monday 26th May at 7.30pm at Lynden Park Recreational Facility, Wakefield's Grove, 64A Through Rd Camberwell 3124. Enter via the narrow access road between no's 64 and 66 Through Rd. This will be a general meeting to update you on current events. We hope to provide a guest speaker for this meeting and details will be provided as soon as they are confirmed. Club meetings are always a great social event too so please

register your attendance to help us with supper catering, that would be appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

**JUNE**

**2nd June – Monday - Coffee Ride Lunch to Red Beard Bakery in Trentham**

Coffee Ride Lunch to Red Beard Bakery in Trentham. Ride of 140 km to Red Beard Bakery in Trentham. Ride via, Hurstbridge, Donnybrook, Kilmore, Lancefield, Carlesfuhe and Tylden to Trentham. Return via Greendale, Myrning, Western Freeway to M80 Ring road for a total distance of 225 km. Assemble 9.30 at Peppers Paddock General Store in Wattle Glen for departure at 10.00 am. Lunch at Red Beard Bakery in Trentham at 12,30 pm. Final Coffee at the Service Centre on the M80 Ring Road Freeway at 3.00 pm. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

**11th June – Wednesday - Midweek Ride to Pipers by the Lake in Ballarat**

Ride of 145 km to Pipers by the Lake Cafe on Lake Wendouree in Ballarat. Ride via Exford, Staughton Vale, Anakie, Meredith, Morrisons, Mount Egerton and Warranheip to lake Wendouree. Return via Yendon, Mount Egerton, Ballan, Bacchus Marsh and Western Highway to M80 Ring Road Freeway for a total distance of 260 km. Assemble 8.30 at BP Rock Bank Service Centre on Western Freeway for departure at 9.00 am.

Stops at Meredith, Lake Wendouree, Bacchus Marsh and M80 Ring Road Freeway Service Centre. Coffee at the Cafe and Corner Store in Meredith at 10.00 am. Lunch at Pipers by the Lake Cafe on Lake Wendouree at 12.30 pm. Coffee at Loot Village Cafe in Bacchus Marsh at 3.30 pm. Finish at the Service Centre on M80 Ring Road Freeway at 5.30 pm. Ride Leader Ian McKenna ph 0487 868 466.

*\*Check website for full details.*

**Melbourne ride departure points**

**NORTHERN DEP. POINT EPPING**

BP Service Centre Cnr Scanlon Dr & Cooper St Epping. Melway ref map 181 D11

**LYNDHURST DEP. POINT**

BP Service Station, Cnr Dandenong-Hastings Rd and Thompsons Rd. Melway ref map 128 K8

**LILYDALE DEP. POINT**

Shell Service Station, Maroondah Hwy (1 km east Lilydale), Lilydale. Melway ref map 38 H3

**LITTLE RIVER DEP. POINT**

BP Service Station, Princes Freeway (Geelong bound) just before the Avalon Airport turnoff. Melway ref key map p11 D12.\*

**OFFICER DEP. POINT**

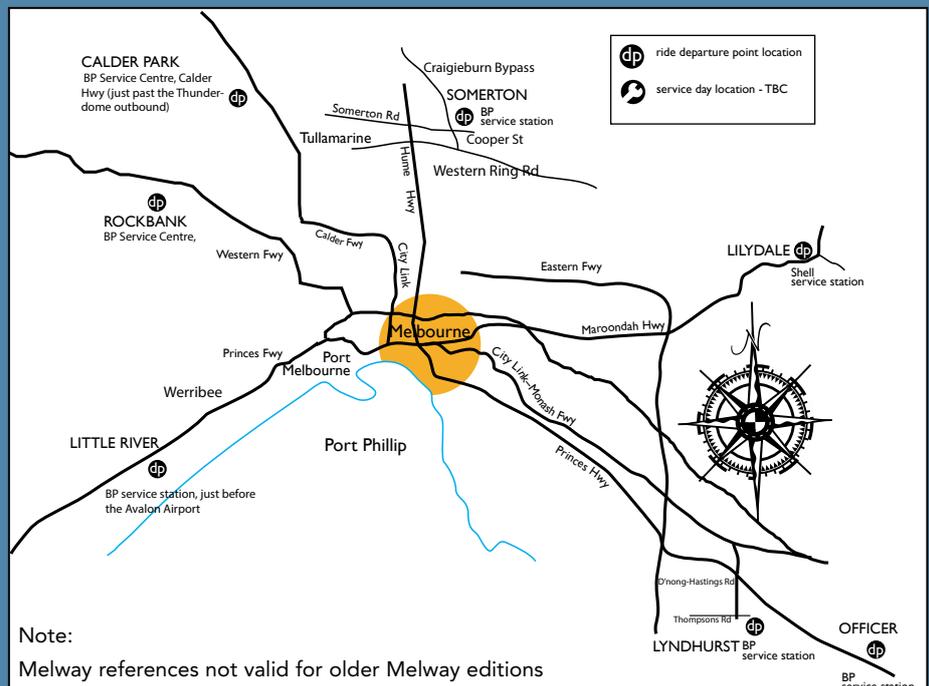
BP Service Centre - Officer Outbound 65 Princes Fwy, (M1) Officer. 2 km South East of Beaconsfield Exit on M1

**ROCKBANK DEP. POINT**

BP Rockbank Outbound Truckstop, 1789 Western Freeway, between Hopkins Rd and Troups Rd Nth. Melway ref 355 D11\* (Not the other BP SS)

**CALDER PARK DEP. POINT**

BP Service Centre, Calder Highway (just past the Thunderdome outbound) . Melway ref map 354 J3.\*



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### FOR SALE

#### BMW F850GSA Rallye 2019 - \$17,500 (New Price)

I'm selling my BMW F850 GSA Rallye to upgrade.

- Low 27,609 kms and service history
- Registered until May 2025
- BMW Aluminium Panniers & Top Box with Back Rest, and Tank Top Bag
- BMW Garmin Navigator VI
- BMW Dual USB Port
- BMW Comfort & Touring Packages incl. Dynamic ESA, Keyless Ride,
- Tyre Pressure Monitoring, Centre Stand, Heated Grips.
- BMW Dynamic & Lights Package incl. Dynamic Traction Control, Automatic
- Stability Control, LED Lights, Daytime Riding Lights, Gearshift Assist Pro, Riding
- Modes Pro, White LED Indicators, ABS Pro, Electronic Suspension.
- BMW 6.5 TFT Colour Display, Blue Tooth Connectivity.
- BMW 23 Litre Fuel Tank (550 + Kms)
- BMW Larger Screen with 2 Way Adjustment
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- BMW Engine Protection Bars.
- RWC

**Contact:** Mike Tobias (Mt Martha)  
**Mobile:** 0487 866 643  
**Email:** mike.tobias5974@gmail.com



#### BMW R1200GS 2009 (ESA Model) - \$9,500 ONO

Very good condition.

- 81,000 klms
- Registered until April '25
- Keyed alike Vario Panniers
- Tank Bag
- Pivot Pegz brand Footpegs
- Recent full service, including tyres, steering head bearings, drive shaft boots.

Only selling due to my D.O.B.

**Contact:** Greg Hobbs (Ballarat)  
**Mobile:** 0419 208 811  
**Email:** gkhobbs2003@outlook.com



#### BMW K1300S 2009 (Orange) - \$6,600 ONO

A 2009 BMW K1300S is for sale. It is in very good condition, with some scratches from the first owner.

- 28,870km
- SA Registration
- Carbon fibre fairing kit
- BMW HP rearsets
- K&H reusable air filters
- ESA, Traction control, Quick shift
- Helibars fitted (original bars available)
- Tyre pressure monitoring (not communicating at the moment)

**Contact:** Stuart Blizzard (St Leonards VIC)

**Mobile:** 0408 854 112

**Email:** sblizzar@exemail.com.au



#### For Sale: BMW R1200RS (2018) Low Seat - \$350

This brings seat height to 790mm down from 820mm  
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**Contact:** Franco Faiola (Elwood)  
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#### BMW R 1250 GS Rallye (2023) - \$30,900

As new condition - selling to get a smaller bike.

- Has only done 7,500 kms.
  - Sell with RWC.
  - First registered in June '23.
  - Two years servicing inc.
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**Contact:** Peter Walsh (Malvern East)  
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**BMW R100RS 1983 (Black - Café Racer) - \$Let's Talk**

This 1983 BMW R100 RS café racer has been rebuilt from the frame up and is for sale. While currently sporting café racer trim, it is completely reversible and can be returned to stock. Included in the sale are ALL original parts – every nut, bolt, seat, fairings – the lot.

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