

BMWCCACT News



July 2020

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Welcome to your July News and now more than halfway through winter, with the shortest day of the year behind us and to our newest members Chris & Jane Paesler (K1600GTL). Make sure to be the first to welcome Jane & Chris on their first and your next ride.

COVID-19 restrictions and regulations apply to the Club as an *Incorporated Association*. Club events are limited to 20 people and often venues are limited to groups of 10 max. What does that mean for you? Club events listed on What's On are only visible to members requiring you to log in to see them and register you and your partner if going. Your registration helps the Club meet its legal obligations and advise venues of numbers in advance. If you do not register and choose to turn up then you put the Club, other members and venues at risk of on-the-spot fines or more serious prosecution.

Have or suspect you have COVID-19, travelled to a "*designated hot spot*" or feel unwell then don't come on a ride. At the meeting point and on the ride maintain physical distancing and personal hygiene, apparently you can never wash or disinfect your hands often enough.

What's On remains your source of most up to date ride and event planning. If you have any questions, email the event contact including cancellations up to the time of departure.

Rider Training. Financial members can access Club subsidised advanced rider and first aid training under a DIY program anytime. Following a member request the Club has planned a group course for 21-22 November at the [Academy of Off Road Riding - Adventure Bike Course \(Club Event\)](#). Register your interest, no need to pay yet and the course will be confirmed subject to numbers. I have invited members BMWTCNSW to help us get to 10 with 5 registered at time of writing and having gone on this course can recommend it and that you will have improved confidence and skill when next riding off road having completed it. This course is COVID-19 capped to 10 members but may be cancelled if NSW Health Regulations change.

For the DIY Technician. The Club has purchased a [GS-911](#) diagnostic tool for BMW motorbikes (CAN bus models). You may only want to reset the service light or schedule the next service reminder or take on deeper tasks at your own risk. Details are on the [BMW Technical Information for the DIY Owner](#) page and the GS-911 is only available for loan to current financial members. This is not an endorsement of DIY or intended to detract from having your motorbike serviced by a BMW Dealer or independent licensed workshop.

National Motorrad Rally 2020 was to be hosted by BMWMCQ in Stanthorpe QLD over the weekend 2-5 October 2020 and has been postponed to 2021. It was disappointing that our Club only had 3 registrants so consider it for 2021. The BMW Car Club Canberra is hosting the BMW Car Nationals 5-8 May 2020 that may also be postponed to 2022. Both events victims of COVID-19 planning and travel restrictions/risks.

BMW Club Magazines. Whilst we do not have an Editor and *Shaft Drive Lines* is parked in the shed, some other Clubs do provide us with an electronic copy of their magazine and available on the website to members here [BMW Club Magazines](#). Back issues of SDL are also online.

2019 Awards & Christmas Lunch. Following the success of the 2019 Awards Lunch at the Queanbeyan Hotel the Committee has booked our return for Saturday 28 November 2020. So pencil the date in your calendar and watch out for the email invite and log in to What's On for

details. You will need to register and pay before the day due as the venue has fixed seating and menu, notwithstanding any COVID-19 interruptions.

Club Finances. Through his careful stewardship Treasurer Bob has reported to the Committee that *"the Club is in a sound financial position"* so often that the Committee and I are sick of it, or me at least. I have invited suggestions from Club members on rides and Committee on potential Club investments. No we will not be buying real estate, shares, a new Club motorbike or even an old Club project motorbike but I invite you to email me President@bwmccact.org.au your thoughts and suggestions for the Committees consideration.

The Club is financially stable and can meet its current and projected costs, so before you all get excited:

1. The Club is not a charity, and whilst we donate money raised at the [Kosciuszko Rally](#) not proposing to give ours away.
2. There won't be any free lunches, dinners or night(s) out on the town. This disadvantages our regional members and those members that don't.
3. Equipment needs to have a Club purpose, durable and have a range of applications. So no special tool for your particular project.
4. Membership fees will not be going down as this is banked money not recurrent expenditure. What's more your Club membership is probably the cheapest you will get for any Club without poker machines.
5. 2021 is the Club's 40th Anniversary.

I'll close out this part with a personal opinion. Club members and membership funds are raised for the benefit of current members and a requirement of our incorporation. If we were looking to buy a trailer for example (we are not) then that may be a reason to hold funds, but not simply for the purpose of raising them.

Committee Contact in August. Some members and I having planned for the Off Centre Rally at Adeles Grove QLD (COVID cancelled) have a new destination of north western Queensland for August, with South Australia also closed off. VP Mike will be looking after the Club Meeting and RideC Cameron has some up on the website (don't forget to log in). The Club is still looking for a Secretary and if you want some social activities, then why not step-up as Social Secretary (full training & support provided).

Enjoy your ride

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BMW Club Members at the Rolfe Classic Motorrad R18 invitational presentation night

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