

# BMWCCACT News



## August 2020

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Thanks to VP Mike for covering for me and to the Committee while I (F800GS) and Club members Steve Murray (F750GS) and David Morgan (DRZ400) along with son-in-law Hiroki Ikedo (DRZ400) and Jim Kalma (Honda Africa Twin, BMWTCNSW) had a 3 week ride to Birdsville Queensland in lieu of the on/off/on 2020 Off Centre Rally at Adels Grove. Steve and Jim left us at Windorah for the alternate OCR at Stonehenge Queensland rather ride on to Birdsville before heading south. We variously covered >5500km and had a great time, rode some great roads, saw some great scenery and visited some iconic Australian outback locations. So where/when is your next ride.

Hiroki's trip was cut short following an awkward fall coming out of a muddy crossing on the Windorah - Birdsville Road and with great personal resilience rode some 250km with a 'sprain' via Betoota Hotel to Birdsville where nurse Jenny at the Health Care Centre suspected a break. Hiroki enjoyed a flight with the RFDS to Mt Isa Hospital who confirmed a broken fibula and taking a commercial flight home to regional Canberra. Hiroki and bike have since returned home and been reunited to prepare for their next adventure. I wish Hiroki a speedy recovery and thank Jenny @ Birdsville Clinic and RFDS for their support, continuing an unwanted tradition for our Club members and OCR's.

August saw us welcome Nicholas Bannan (F850GSA Rallye), Rich Dean (R1200GS Rallye), Keith Lovegrove (G650GS) and Michael Muston (R1200GS) to their new and your Club. Please be the first to extend a welcome when you meet on their first and your next Club ride or event.

COVID-19 is still with us and placing limits on how many and what type of events the Club can host. As an *Incorporated Association*, the Club is legally required to comply with ACT/NSW Health and Government directions on group numbers and behaviours including at locations. The Club needs your support by registering for any event and letting the organiser know if you need to cancel, as there is often a wait list for events. Please do not decide to 'just turn up' at the start or event location as it embarrasses the Club and worst case can lead to fines for the individual and/or venue. You know the rest - do not come to an event if you have COVID-19, traveled to a hot spot or feel unwell. Go and get tested. While on the ride, maintain your 1.5m social distance whilst standing and even more whilst riding for safety :) , practice good & frequent personal hygiene by washing your hands with soap & water for 20s+ or use hand sanitiser. Most venues will have santisier at the door, inside and ask that you sign in or register for contact tracing.

A repeat of some past news for our newer members; the Club website has more than just event information, so have a look around when you are next online. You have control over your profile and personal information however; the Club must collect your name, email and contact details as a minimum. In you are in your second year of membership or use the pay in advance option, then your Club supports advanced rider and first aid training with a cash subsidy (there are rules) and has some tools for the backyard technician to make that job a little bit easier.

Each of us is encouraged to propose rides or events or you may see the Committees preferences. Email the information to the Committee and offer to lead the ride or coordinate the event with the support of the Committee and you will get something out of it.

I take this opportunity to flag some events still on the Club calendar, see What's On for details:  
 (1) Your Clubs [39th Kosciuszko Rally, BMWCCACT \(Club Event\)](#) 9-11 October. The Club Rally offers great camping or why not make it a day ride.  
 (2) [Academy of Off Road Riding - Adventure Bike Course \(Club Event\)](#), 21-22 November. The

Adventure Bike Course is subject to minimum enrolled numbers with 7 of 10 registrations/expressions of interest.

(3) The Club Awards and Christmas lunch is planned for Saturday 28 November so look out for the invitation [2020 BMWCCACT Awards & Christmas Lunch \(Club Event\)](#).

All Club events are subject to change with COVID-19 requirements.

With Spring just around the corner, now is the time to get your bike ready for that next ride so what are you waiting for?

Enjoy your ride

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*The Betoota Hotel  
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*Hiroki, Dave  
Steve & Jim.*



*Dave & Hiroki and  
one stuck DRZ*

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