

BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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Dear {Contact_First_Name},

Welcome to the 2023-24 Club financial & membership year and to our newest members Anup Chowdhry (K1300S) and Phillip & Michelle Henderson (R1200GS).

Please make them welcome on their first and your next ride or event. The Club's membership is now a very healthy 143 and your committee endeavours to have activities for all members.

2023 AGM. Whilst not a highlight it is an important event in the Club calendar. Members gathered at the Hotel Queanbeyan for a light lunch of tasty assorted wraps and social chat before the AGM official business got underway.

I'd like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and active participation through 2022 and VP Mike Frawley contribution who was not renominating with competing family/life/work commitments. After a closely fought election :) your 2023-24 committee is:

- President, Garry Smee
- Vice President & Secretary, Cam Major
- Membership Secretary, Mike Kelly
- Treasurer, Bob Eccles, and
- Ride Coordinator, Karen Longstaff.

A number of positions remain unfilled, but have a watching brief so if you are interested see or email me. Some committee members have indicated they will not be renominating in 2024. So give some thought on how you might actively contribute to your Clubs operation(s) through 2023 and into 2024.

Financial Statement summary. Your Club made a modest profit of \$605, despite the President's best efforts according to the Treasurer and donated \$1701 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. No Club funds were included to this donation raised at the Club's Kosciuszko Rally and Australia Day BBQ raffle, an outstanding result for a Club of our size. The complete 2023 Financial Statement is on the website or on request.

The Club held 103 events with 468 registrants over the 2022-23 year and continues in my opinion to be one of the most active BMW Motorrad Clubs for diversity of rides and events. So keep checking out [What's On](#).

Ride Coordinator Karen injured her hand/wrist whilst leading a ride and is now sporting a cast and taking a medical directed rest from riding for 3 months.

Karen put together and led a number of interesting and popular rides over the last 12 months, but the Committee and I invite you all to consider leading a ride or planning an event during her pause. Leading is not quite the right word, as we are all individual motorcyclists so akin to "herding cats" (search You Tube). But all you need do is email some basic details to Karen or me and we can post YOUR ride/event to the website. The Club Facebook page is also a self-ride option to notify members of that group, if not the official Club event page.

Need inspiration or wondering what to include to a riding or other event notice? Simple, look at any past event for the required information. You can provide the basic or detailed information, but the earlier notice the better and includes:

- Start date/time/point. YOU pick the ride, so that can be weekend or weekdays.
- End point, location. This can include a Google Map link or route.
- Whether it is a GS (predominately dirt) or TS (predominately bitumen) ride. You do not need to crystal ball road works, but NSW Live Traffic is a handy reference. There is a link on the Club website to status of State/Territory roads.
- Ride details. This could include lunch, scenic highlights and overnight accommodation along with meet up options along the way. My suggestion for beginners is to identify accommodation but have each person book their own accommodation if you are thinking of an overnight or multi-day ride.
- Have questions? See or email Karen, committee members or me. It's not that hard and can be a lot of fun.

BMW 100 Year Anniversary Polo Shirt

If you missed the opportunity to order this collectors shirt, then at the BMWOCSA request we have reopened the shop front for orders until 30 April 2023.

To order yours go to [BMW 100 Year Anniversary Polo Shirt](#). The range now includes sizes for our female members.

Shirts will be ordered in May for delivery ~6 weeks later and as a one off or so our South Aussie Club says.



The Presidents BMWOCSA, BMWTCNSW and yours sporting Navy at the 2023 Karuah River Rally.

Club Member First Aid & Rider Training Subsidy

The 2023-24 Committee met by email, due to my new casual Bus driving career (that continues to include routes north of the lake) and Cam's Club T1 school holiday ride to the Flinders Rangers - pictures to come.

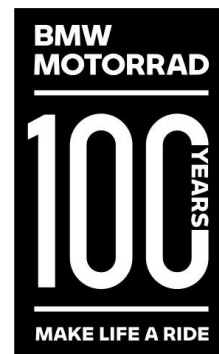
But importantly, the Committee endorsed and Club continues to offer and support members in their second year a cash subsidy to complete First Aid (\$50) or Rider (\$100) Training. You can find the details here [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#).

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee

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Only 52 days to my leaving for the Isle of Man 2023, Assen MotoGP, BMW 100 Year and Goodwood Festival of Speed :)



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