

# BMW Motorcycle Club Canberra

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### NEWS



BMW Motorcycle Club  
Canberra



Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Club members celebrated 2023 with the Awards & Christmas lunch at the Queanbeyan Hotel and for those that couldn't make it then not only did you miss a fantastic 3 course meal but the opportunity to congratulate your Ride Coordinator Karen Longstaff winning the *Upside Down* and *Club Person of the Year* awards. I believe this is the first time a member has taken out both awards in the same year.

Karen's outstanding pre-planning, choice of destination and leading rides has seen member participation reach double figures even with the occasional high winds, rain/sleet, high & low temperatures on the different rides. The Club Ride Coordinator job is challenging and rewarding with Karen deserving your thanks and there is no better time than on your next Club ride.



*Karen took the Upside Down award with the good grace it celebrates with two separate incidents; the first not thinking much of a post incident sprain for some months before a diagnosis of torn ligament. The second beaching her motorcycle on a rock mid-stream crossing at Carnarvon Gorge Qld.*



*Karen accepts the 2023 Club Person of the Year Award from VP Cam Major the 2022 recipient.*

Now join me in welcoming Brett Silk (R1250RT) and Paul Wilson (R100RS) as our newest members and be the first to say hello on their first and your next club ride or event. The Club currently has 127 members and partners so check out [What's On](#) and enjoy riding your motorcycle.

BMW celebrated 100 years of motorcycle production through 2023 and 2024 will see the Club calendar continue to offer rides and events of interest. Members are encouraged to suggest or nominate motorcycle rides, locations or events they think would be of interest to members. You can email a web-link or details to [Rides@bmwmcc.au](mailto:Rides@bmwmcc.au) or [President@bmwmcc.au](mailto:President@bmwmcc.au) for consideration and inclusion to the Club calendar [What's On](#).

Why not consider liaising a ride or event as your committee also have lives outside of the Club. You are encouraged to register or RSVP to rides/events that include this option as it helps in planning, knowing who to expect and advising venues of numbers. You can cancel online at anytime or email the event contact and if you decide to leave the ride mid-way make sure to tell someone.

**R U a New Member?** [Canberra BMW Motorrad](#) offer members a 10% discount on service, parts and accessories. You need to ask and show them your membership card, available online under YOUR profile, before the invoice is made up. Canberra BMW Motorrad supports the Club with prizes and I ask you to give them the opportunity to price that next purchase as we all benefit from having a local BMW Dealer.

The Club offers subsidised [Member Rider & First Aid Training](#) to financial members in their second year. You can renew your membership up to one year in advance and a great reason to continue your membership with training that may save you, a family member, club member or member of the public. Most insurance companies offer a discount to members of recognised Clubs; you may need to ask.

**Single, Joint & Joint+ Membership.** Dating from a time of printed Club magazines, your Club now operates in the Cloud and primary means of communication is by email (although Wild Apricot has a subscription text messaging service as well). Single and the primary Joint (2) members all get Club emails. Joint+ membership is for those partners who would also like to get Club emails and access to the club member pages of the website. There is no charge for this and Joint/Joint+ memberships are contingent on the Primary member maintaining their membership. Interested? Then the Primary member can email [Membership@bmwmcc.au](mailto:Membership@bmwmcc.au) the Joint+ member name and their email. The Membership Sec. will set up their email profile and send a single use password to log on to the website. Members can change or reset their password at any time; Club Admins cannot see any passwords but can reset them on request.

In this last News for 2023 I take the opportunity to thank you for your support and participation and the commitment and enthusiasm of our Club committee VP Cam Major, Ride Coordinator Karen Longstaff, Treasurer Bob Eccles, Membership Sec. Mike Kelly and ordinary member Bruce Barter for their work to keep the Club running both out front and behind the scenes.

I wish you and your families all the best for the season and think of and thank those serving our community to keep it safe and functioning over the holiday season.

Enjoy your ride

Garry Smee


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