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## On The Cover

The Editor's R1200C taking in the scenery at the Jolly's Lookout Breakfast!



BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland



BMW Clubs International Council



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### Geebung RSL Club

323 Newman Road Geebung

A Club Ride is usually held on the first Sunday after the monthly meeting.

BMWMCQ AIMS

The objectives of the BMWMCQ are to increase the enjoyment of motorcycling by:

1. Improving the opinion of the public towards motorcycling in general and associated members

particularly, by careful, courteous, considerate riding, especially when riding with the Club, and rendering assistance to all road users in difficulty.

2. Improving the service and availability of spare parts for BMWs in Queensland using the advantage of a united effort.
3. Decreasing maintenance and running costs by mutual assistance on mechanical problems.
4. Organising day trips, tours and outings.
5. Encourage and support Regional Ride Groups
6. Affiliation with other clubs/associations where such affiliation would be of mutual benefit.

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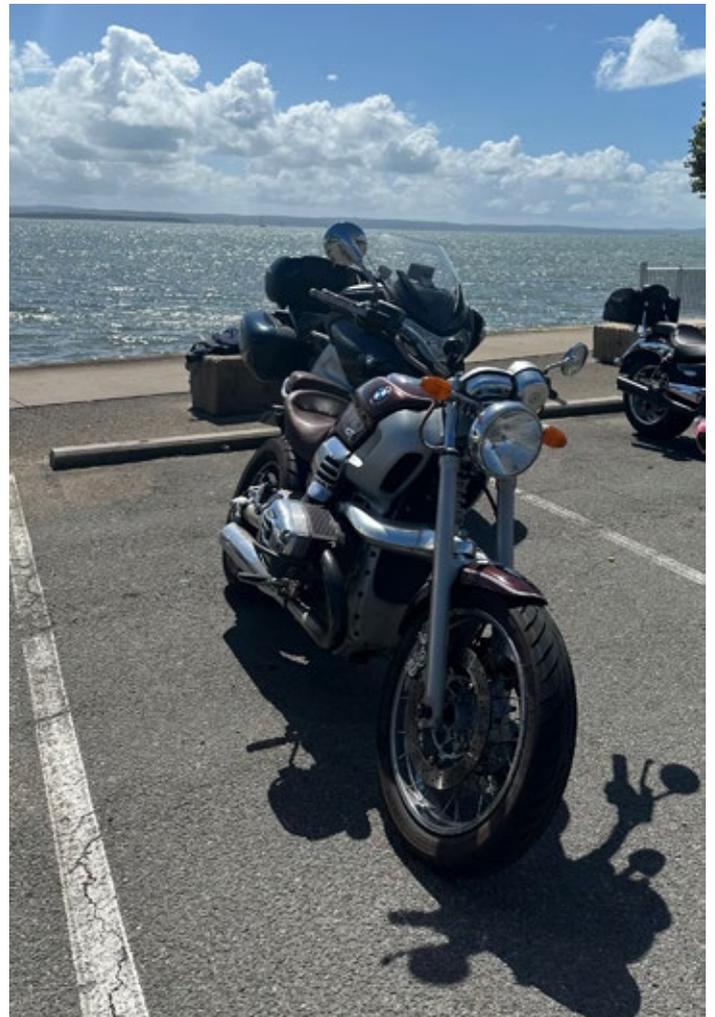
## Editor's Report

Welcome to 2023. Our last full Journal for a while, we'll contribute a bit for the March edition but the hand-over is going smoothly, Paul is a star pupil with a huge part of this Journal his own work, not that he gets any credit until we have departed. Such is the power of editing and having our photos up there in the top left. Please take pity on Paul and contribute lots of articles and photos, we don't want to have to see him begging, or leafing through copies of Chester "Tally-Ho" Bunter's stories of motorcycling through the Yorkshire Dales on his 1920 Bright and Hayles 499cc Precision while wearing only a beret for content.

Our trip is now real; the .gpx file was received for the GPSeses, we'll carefully navigate to Ushuaia then just keep going north until we run out of South America by the look of it. What could go wrong? Knowing any of the language is what. This week I've concentrated on shopping which is what we must do as 21st Century humans. *Quiero comprar una vestido azul* just rolls off the tongue, and of course no-one could get around an entire continent without wanting to buy a blue dress. Fully prepared people.

¡Viva Sudamérica!

Duncan & Cindy



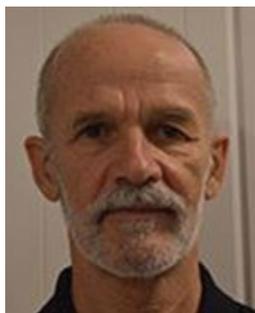
**Submissions for the Next Journal close 25th-ish February**



**VENUE FOR BMWMCQ GENERAL MEETINGS  
GEEBUNG RSL CLUB 323 NEWMAN ROAD GEEBUNG  
MEALS OPEN AT 6.00 PM MEETING STARTS 7.30 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 2nd FEBRUARY**



**Tony Gray****President's Report**

**T**he New Year is well and truly here with some beautiful riding weather about in SEQ - definitely summer jacket stuff - but more likely flippers & goggles if you happen to be in Central Qld. As we approach the first anniversary of the devastating 2022 floods it is worthwhile reflecting that flooding in Central Qld in late 2021 was a precursor to the inundation that Brisbane & surrounds felt from late February 2022. We hope & pray that Mother Nature doesn't have a repeat performance brewing.

Jane and I are all set to head off to NZ for a touring holiday - by the time the Journal is out and you are reading this report we will be aboard the 'Gray Ghost' enjoying the wonderful riding roads to be had on the South Island. We will be there for six weeks covering both Islands and will be home early March before the AGM on 16 March. We aren't the only committee members venturing overseas for a little bit of adventure riding - Cindy & Duncan are participating in the Compass Expeditions 100 day 24,000km length of South America Tour, now that is one hellava trip. What have you got planned or are you currently on the road or working on a project? Pen a few words supported by lots of pictures (our members love picture books lol) and shoot it into the journal editor which may just happen to be Cindy & Duncan's understudy, Paul Hughes. Paul has been apprenticed to Cindy & Duncan for the last 2 journals to familiarise himself with the work required to produce this great monthly tome. Paul will be Editor in Chief while the inimitable duo are carousing their way through South America.

As mentioned, the Club's AGM will be held at the Geebung RSL on Thursday 16 March. All committee positions are vacated at the AGM and a new committee for 2023 will be elected on the night. A nomination form is included in this journal or may be downloaded from the forms section of the club's website. The four positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer must be held by a Full Member of the club ie. that person must currently own a BMW Motorcycle. The other committee positions may also be filled by an associate member, not restricted to full members. The club is refreshed when it gets new blood on the committee so if you would like to nominate but unsure of what is involved then drop me an email or speak to one of the current committee. It is a sign of a healthy club if there is plenty of interest from members wanting to donate a little of their time and ideas for the enjoyment of all. Please give this some serious thought. 2023 is going to be a huge year with the BMW Motorrad Centenary celebrations in September so we will also be needing plenty of hands outside of the Committee to ensure these events run smoothly.

Road safety should always be front of mind when we are out enjoying our bikes but unfortunately over recent times there has been a real spike in road fatalities in Queensland, both car and motorcycle. Paul Hughes will be representing us all when he attends a Road Safety 'round-table' chaired by the State Minister for Transport, Mark Bailey. We look forward with great interest for Paul's review of what is discussed with a possible insight to where future Government Policy is headed. There is no doubt that something 'newsworthy' will be in the pipeline - that is the nature of Politics. We can all play our part by ensuring that both ourselves and our bikes are in good condition when we venture out onto the roads, that our skill levels are regularly refreshed & practiced and that we ride to the conditions. Club events will always be organised in a manner that facilitates the enjoyment of all and that no one feels pressured to ride beyond their capability level in order to keep up with the main ride group. Safe and enjoyable riding to you all.

Tony



## BMWMCQ Club Events for FEBRUARY 2023

Date	Start	Event	Details	Contact
<b>Thurs 2 Feb.</b>	7:30pm	Club Monthly Meeting	Geebung RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung QLD. Meals from 6pm	<b>President Tony</b>
<b>Sun 5 Feb.</b>	3:00pm	Club Led Ride	Fish & Chips ride to Woody Point. Meet at Samford 2:30pm	<b>Ride Leader - Editor Duncan</b>
<b>Sat 11 Feb.</b>	9:00am	Coffee Meet-Up	Preece's On the Park, 6 Park Parade Shorncliffe	<b>Events Coordinator Mark</b>
<b>Wed 15 Feb.</b>	9:00am	Mid Week Ride	Meet at Dayboro Bakery for 9:30 departure. BYO lunch at Glasshouse Mts Lookout	<b>Ride Leader - Michael Ahlberg</b>
<b>Sat 18 Feb</b>	6:00pm	Sunny Coast Dinner	Power Boat Club, Golden Beach Ride prior 4:30pm see FB event	<b>Steve Maney - SC Riders</b>
<b>Fri 24 Feb.</b>	7:00pm	BMW Clubs Live Forum	Online via Microsoft Teams - see FaceBook event or contact VP	<b>VP Paul Hughes - Clubs Aust Delegate</b>
<b>Sun 26 Feb.</b>	12:30pm	Monthly Lunch Ride	Tyalgum Hotel, 31 Coolman St, Tyalgum NSW <b>** NOTE 12:30 NSW TIME**</b>	<b>Events Coordinator Mark</b>

## EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Contact
10 - 12 Feb.	Karuah River Rally	Karuah, NSW	<a href="http://bmwtcnsw.org.au">bmwtcnsw.org.au</a>
3 - 5 Mar.	Earle's Fork Gathering	Henty, NSW	<a href="http://bmwtcnsw.org.au">bmwtcnsw.org.au</a>
16 - 20 Aug.	Bike Fest Oz	Tweed & Gold Coast	<a href="http://bikefestoz.com.au">bikefestoz.com.au</a>



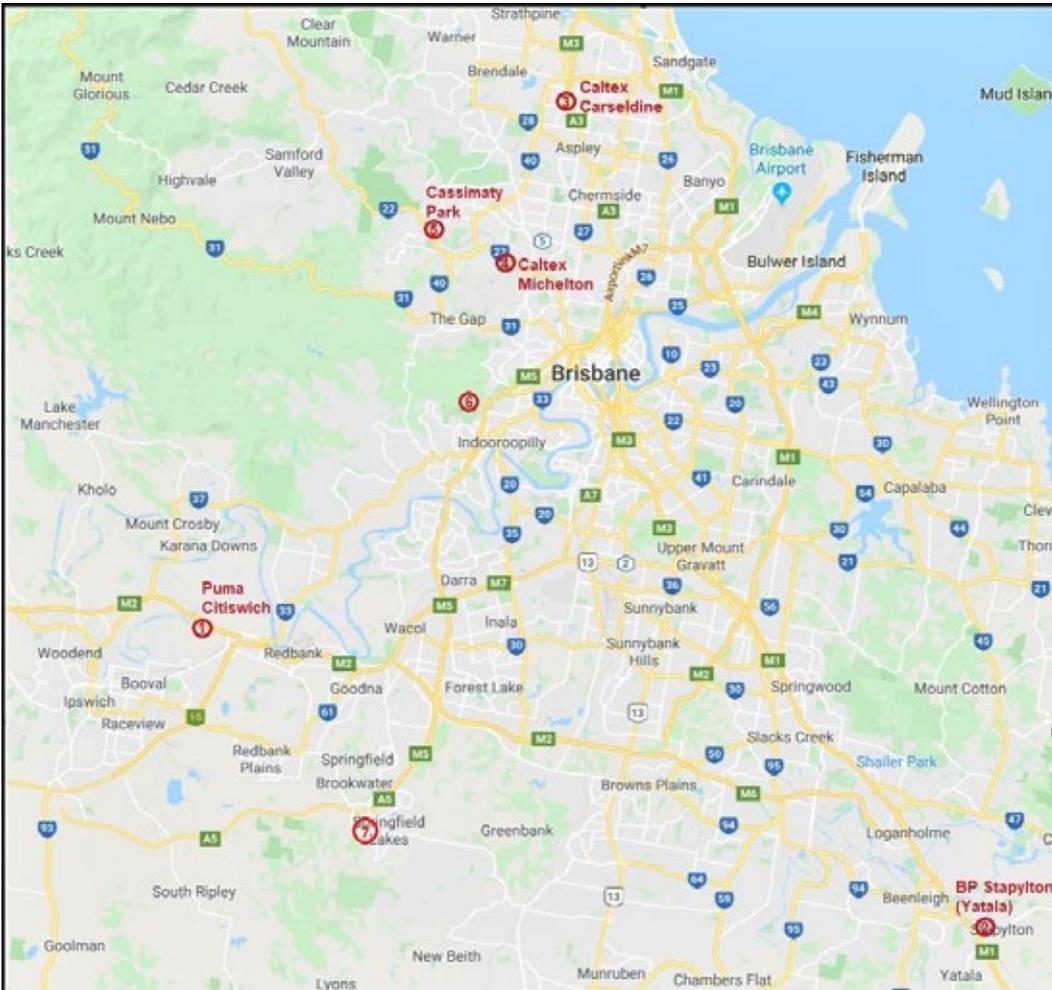
*Julian Davis out and about in NSW en route to Tamworth. We might be able to coax a ride story out of Julian for next month's edition - stay tuned!*



## BMWMCQ Club Events for MARCH 2023

Date	Start	Event	Details	Contact
<b>Sun 5 Mar.</b>	8:30am	Club Led Ride	Meet Dayboro Bakery for 9am departure to Pomona Hotel	<b>Ride Leader - Richard Price</b>
<b>Thurs 16 Mar.</b>	7:30pm	Club Annual General Meeting	Geebung RSL Club, 323 Newman Road, Geebung QLD. Meals from 6pm	<b>President Tony</b>
<b>Sat 18 Mar.</b>	9:0am	Club Service Day	61-63 St Jude Circuit, Jimboomba	<b>Tool Man Geoff Hamon</b>
<b>Sun 26 Mar.</b>	12:30pm	Monthly Lunch Ride	TBA	<b>Events Coordinator</b>
<b>Fri 31 Mar.</b>	7:00pm	BMW Clubs Live Forum	Online via Microsoft Teams - see FaceBook event or contact VP	<b>VP Paul Hughes - Clubs Aust Delegate</b>

## RIDE MEETING LOCATIONS



1	Puma Citiswich	Cnr Ashburn Rd & Hawkins Cres, Bundamba QLD 4304
2	BP Stapyton (Yatala)	Cnr Pacific Hwy & Stapyton Jacobs Well Rd, Stapyton QLD 4207
3	Caltex Carseldine	1754 Gympie Rd, Carseldine QLD 4034
4	Caltex Mitchelton	550 Samford Rd, Mitchelton QLD 4053
5	Cassimaty Park	1312 Samford Rd, Ferny Grove QLD 4055
6	Brisbane Lookout	Mt Coot-tha
7	Springfield Central	1 Main St, Southern Cross Cct





## Paul Hughes

## Vice President's Report

Well what a month we have had. I have ridden extensively during the dry fantastic weather and thoroughly enjoyed it all. SE Queensland really is heaven on a motorcycle.

Road Safety has been a big media item since December and the Transport Minister is concerned at the high number of fatalities on Queensland roads in 2022. 299 deaths (of which 79 were motorcyclists) and for motorcyclists that is a 41% increase on the 5 year average. So he called an urgent roundtable meeting of many people involved in road safety including high level police, academics and various interest groups as well as TMR personnel. I attended on behalf of our club (one of only two total motorcycle interests included). It was a very full day with many ideas put to the minister. All of them are in the melting pot. Nothing concrete as far as definite results but if I was a betting man, I would think we will be all possibly travelling a bit a little more relaxed for a while. Hopefully our suggestions will make the cut. Time will tell and I will keep you all posted on further involvement and outcomes. Our club is special as considering the number of miles travelled in total we have very little issues in regards to road safety. Let's keep up that reputation.

**BMW Motorrad in Moss St Springwood have extended club members a 10% discount on parts and apparel**, similar to Morgan and Wacker. Just produce your club membership card at time of purchase. A big thank you to **John Eacott** for organising this for the club.

I am travelling to Melbourne in early March to attend the BMW Clubs Australia AGM over 2 days. The big topic will be the 100 Years of BMW Motorcycle celebrations and your club is leading the charge. If anyone has any other issues they would like raised please drop me a note in the next week so I can get it on the agenda.

Our own club **AGM** will be held on **Thursday MARCH 16** at Geebung RSL. Notice of meeting and relevant documentation is included in this Journal. Please ensure you have this listed in your diaries.

Cindy and Duncan take off for a trip of a lifetime in February and I somehow seem to be the temporary editor. Please make my life a little easier by sending in lots of articles and especially lots of photos of club events over the years and your Beemers out and about.

Stay safe and enjoy the ride.

Cheers

Paul



**VP's pics - at right "beautiful riding places"  
Above - "it hasn't always been a GS!"**



## Darryl Gowlett

## Treasurer's Report

G'day everyone,

I hope 2023 is good to you, regardless of the interest rates, the cost of living, and the cost of fuel. The books will be heading off to the auditor next week to confirm or otherwise my handling of them, and my incessant inability to purchase another BMW.

The numbers are pretty straight forward, except for the exorbitant number for Events, which I'll break down for you. The Xmas party totalled \$2,570 made up of \$90 refund for inability to attend, \$100 for the table accoutrements, and \$2,380 for the meals, even though we only received \$2,070 from the dinner guests. And looking forward, the badges for the Cane Toad were \$714 @ \$1.80 each, we had to pay \$63 to initialise the internet entry system for the Cane Toad, and we put a deposit down for the venue for the 100 year anniversary dinner in September at \$400.

So keep the rubber side down and avoid the potholes.

Ciao, Darryl

### Trading statement as at: January 25, 2023

				Year to date	
<b>BoQ Balance as at:</b>	<b>November 28, 2022</b>		<b>\$ 25,693.68</b>		<b>\$ 16,165.68</b>
<b>Income:</b>					
Membership		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 12,692.00	
Advertising		\$ -		\$ 5,900.00	
Regalia		\$ 40.00		\$ 307.00	
Tools		\$ -		\$ -	
Events	Xmas party	\$ 180.00		\$ 8,260.00	
Interest		\$ 5.96		\$ 28.06	
Sundry		\$ -	\$ 1,425.96	\$ 1,641.77	\$ 28,828.83
			\$ 27,119.64		\$ 44,994.51
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Administration		\$ 57.60		\$ 3,076.17	
Website		\$ 1,206.39		\$ 5,196.22	
Paypal		\$ 22.90		\$ 200.61	
Regalia		\$ -		\$ 645.00	
Tools		\$ -		\$ 159.00	
Events		\$ 3,746.24		\$ 6,990.71	
Awards		\$ -		\$ 300.00	
Sundry		\$ -		\$ -	
		\$ -	\$ 5,033.13	\$ 6,340.29	\$ 22,908.00
<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$ 22,086.51</b>		<b>\$ 22,086.51</b>
<b>BoQ balance at:</b>	<b>January 25, 2023</b>		\$ 22,086.51		\$ 22,086.51
<b>Term deposit:</b>					
Interest		\$ 20,577.44		\$ 20,500.45	
		\$ -	\$ 20,577.44	\$ 76.99	\$ 20,577.44
<b>Available:</b>			<b>\$ 42,663.95</b>		<b>\$ 42,663.95</b>
<b>RFDS donations</b>	Tin 355.85		\$ 355.85		\$2,264.12

**Geoff Hodge****Secretary's Report****BMWMCQ General Meeting Minutes – December 2022****Venue: Geebung RSL**

<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	7:30 pm
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mal Cremer, Jane Gray, Joe Ludwig, Frank Hills, Greg Dunne, Gary Bennett, Chris Bramwell
<b>Minutes of Previous General Meeting:</b>	<b>Accepted:</b> Darryl Gowlett <b>Seconded:</b> Paul Hughes
<b>Number of Attendees:</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>New Members (Name &amp; MC):</b>	Nil
<b>Visitors:</b>	Jamie Clinch R1150GSA 2005, F650GS
<b>Returning Members:</b>	Nil
<b>Treasurer Report:</b>	Nothing to report, accounts as per Journal.
<b>Editor Report:</b>	Last month for Photo Comp. Send in Photos.
<b>Tools Report:</b>	Tools Service day 5 November at Rob Wynne's place. Food and drink, bike service, see you there.
<b>Regalia Report:</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>Records Report:</b>	Currently 270 financial members.
<b>Events Report:</b>	Kandanga mid-week ride. Club Ride to the Eltham Pub. Richard M leading. Coffee Meet Up at Light House. Sunny Coast Dinner ride - Dicky Beach Surf Club German Club December we need a ride leader! Christmas at Evans Head. VP mid-week ride Springbrook.
<b>Secretary Report:</b>	RFDS letter of thanks for the support via donations.
<b>Dealer Liaison Report:</b>	Electric bikes have full charge time of 4½ to 5½ hours.
<b>Clubs Australia Report:</b>	Nothing to report.

<b>Vice Presidents Report:</b>	Attended Task force road safety meeting we are the only motor cycle club others are TransUrban, Bike Qld Walk Qld, NHVR Safety cameras, TMR. Two or three meetings per year.
<b>President Report:</b>	Two sub-committees working hard towards our twin BMW motorcycle centenary celebrations - dinner looking at options. Bikes coming along.  Mileage (kilometerage, otherwise only Merv would have won) Awards (all makes eligible): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Johnson 100,000</li> <li>• Paul Hughes 100,000</li> <li>• Mark Mustchin 100,000</li> <li>• Merv Bone K 1300 180,000</li> </ul>
<b>General Business</b>	Cane Toad have helpers recruited now. Ideas for events appreciated.  The team will meet with Mt Perry council.
<b>Buy / Swap / Sell</b>	Nil reported.
<b>Closed:</b>	8:30 pm, next meeting 12 January 2022



**Donna Wiltshire** [regalia@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:regalia@bmwmcq.org.au) **Regalia Officer's Report**

Hi all,

It's always great to see Club Members wearing regalia.

Let me know if you want to purchase some cloth badges to grace those handsome motorcycle jackets. Our Club President recently purchased some to take on his trip to New Zealand, great idea Tony, lucky NZ BMW recipients.

Thank you to a new member for his purchase of two iron-on badges. Have a safe year of enjoyable riding.

Kind regards,

Donna Wiltshire.



*Even members spotted at Stalag Luft III are proudly wearing the cloth badges!*

**BMWMCQ General Meeting Minutes – 12 January 2023**
**Venue: Geebung RSL**

<b>Meeting Opened:</b>	7:30 pm
<b>Apologies:</b>	Chris Lancaster, John Eacott, Graham Healey, Richard Maher, Frank Hills, Geoff Harmon.
<b>Minutes of Previous General Meeting:</b>	<b>Accepted:</b> Paul Hughes <b>Seconded:</b> Charlie Brown
<b>Number of Attendees:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>New Members (Name &amp; MC):</b>	Scott Munro  Bikes R100 CS, R100 RS, R1200 GSA ,R1220 GSA Welcome Scott
<b>Visitors:</b>	Nil
<b>Returning Members:</b>	Nil
<b>Treasurer Report:</b>	\$44,000 statement of affairs as per November 2022 report.
<b>Editor Report:</b>	Editors need reports asap to distribute journal before 2 Feb GM.
<b>Tools Report:</b>	Apology from Geoff
<b>Regalia Report:</b>	Few badges sold on the night and some in raffle draw.
<b>Records Report:</b>	Currently 270 financial members.
<b>Events Report:</b>	Jolly's look out Breakfast ride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee morning Wellington Point</li> <li>• Lunch ride, Old Crow Pub CrowsNest</li> <li>• 5 February Fish and Chip afternoon/evening ride</li> <li>• 15 February Mid week ride - Michael Ahlberg</li> <li>• 26 February Tyalgum lunch ride</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary Report:</b>	IN: Letter from Office of FT. OUT: Condolence letter to family of former member Jim Boorman who died suddenly: Compliance letter for Special Interest Vehicle Rego for Andrew Hatcher K1100RS.
<b>Dealer Liaison Report:</b>	Special BMW Motorrad paint schemes for select R18 and R9T models

<p><b>Clubs Australia Report:</b></p>	<p>Fri 27 Jan Clubs web forum @1900 hrs with talk on the 100 years events; 100 year Celebrations Brisbane is doing the most of all clubs.</p> <p>BMW and other manufacturers will not at this stage be producing Manuals for the public to use due to Liability laws in the US under the Right to repair legislation.</p> <p>5/6 March is the AGM in Melbourne for Clubs Aust which the VP will attend representing the BMWMCQ.</p>
<p><b>Vice Presidents Report:</b></p>	<p>NTR</p>
<p><b>President Report:</b></p>	<p>President will be touring NZ so has asked VP Paul to attend a Ministerial round table on Fatalities and Trauma run by the Qld Dept Transport and RACQ will be present as well as the QPS. The meeting is on 23 January. BMWMCQ is the only motorcycle specific club to be invited which is a great privilege. The recently formed Qld Motorcycle Council will also have a representative.</p> <p>16 MARCH is the Date for the AGM as President will be away in NZ until early March. The constitution calls for the AGM to be held in March each year. As required under the constitution all positions are vacated at the AGM. Existing Committee members may reapply as can any other member. Nomination forms available on the website as well as the journal.</p>
<p><b>Buy / Swap / Sell</b></p>	<p>Nil reported.</p>
<p><b>Closed:</b></p>	<p>8:25 pm, next meeting 2 February 2023</p>



*Margreth riding the spectacular Ruta 71 in Argentina in late January on her way to the bottom of South America.*

*Nic and Margreth's main purpose is to make sure everyone important in South America knows The Editors are coming!*



## Geoff Hamon

## Tools Officer's Report

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all had a great Christmas & New Year. The weather has been reasonably conducive to riding, I know I have been running around getting my project K75C rego & selling my K75S.

That was a story in itself. Unfortunately, I missed the last couple of meetings and I trust you will not hold that against me. I am in the process of arranging a service day around March the 18th. I have been in touch with Rob Wynne and we have confirmed that date. Thanks Rob. Should be a great day, put the day in your calendar. Will catch up soon.

Well, that's all for now. Keep enjoying your Tooling Around.

Geoff H.

### Repair Manuals

The Club has various Repair Manuals available to borrow, mainly for older bikes.

### Tools for loan

There are special tools available including the GS-911WiFi and 3 pin diagnostic tools.

### Special Tools

- 34mm socket for rotating crankshaft
- Twinmax electronic carburettor balancer (Twin BMW engines)
- Vacuumate (electronic synchronisation of throttle valves up to 4 cylinders)
- Clutch alignment shafts (3 sizes)
- Compression gauge (cylinder pressure)
- Steering head bearing puller and seating tool
- Gearbox output flange puller
- GS-911 Wi-Fi Diagnostic tool (Wi-Fi and USB Version)
- GS-911 3 pin Diagnostic tool (for older bikes)
- Tyre Pressure Monitor Sensor (TPMS) tool
- Enduralast hall sensor tester
- Brake bleeding tool (suction bleeding via the brake caliper)
- Compression tester

### Club Tool Loan:

\$50 deposit (refundable) for GS911. Tools and spares can be picked up or brought along to the next meeting or Club ride.

### Contact Tools Officer

Geoff Hamon 0413 334 625

email: [spares@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:spares@bmwmcq.org.au)





**Greg Gaffney**

**Records Officer's Report**

We are experiencing some great weather currently. It was a great day for riding however it was Australia Day so I had to have a drink and a BBQ with some mates. To make it more Australian we were also tasting and brewing some beer.

*Cheers Greg.*

[records@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:records@bmwmcq.org.au)

*Welcome to New Members:*

**Scott Munro, WAKERLEY , R100CS, R100RS, R1200GSA, R1250GSA**

**Keith Garrett, SAMFORD, R nineT, R26, R1200C Classic, R1200GSA**

**Gregg Cook, EDMONTON, R80, R18, FS 650, Chinese 1956 BMW copy R72 with sidecar**

**Stephen Ward, WOODRIDGE**

**Johnathon Meichtry, LAMB ISLAND, R1200RT**

**Graham Parsonage, MANLY WEST, R1200GS**



*An artistic shot from Mark Mustchin of the assembled bikes at the January Lunch Ride to Crows Nest Hotel.*





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*Comfortable and alluring!*



[7LPI](#) - \$33.50  
100% polyester  
*Repels French Bulldog slobber!*



[ICE Tee](#) - \$26  
Cotton  
*As worn by Joyce Hyperbaric-Smyth!*

**Bloke Shirts**



[210](#) - \$32  
65% polyester  
35% cotton



[2CP](#) - \$34  
65% polyester  
35% cotton



[7PIP](#) - \$36  
100% polyester  
*As worn by Liam Neeson in Taken!*



[ICE Tee](#) - \$26  
Cotton  
*As worn by Liam Neeson's collateral damage in Taken III!*

**Gender Neutral Hats & Bags**



[AH695](#) - \$17  
Bucket Hat  
Sandwich Design (with trim)



[AH715](#) - \$16  
Bucket Hat.  
Not all that gender neutral.



[AH230](#) - \$15  
Cotton Cap.  
Cooler than a beanie.



[Ladies Vests](#)  
\$48.00



[Non-Ladies Vests](#) \$48.00



[Metro](#) - black/charcoal or black/royal - \$21



[Swiss](#) - \$37.50  
**Note: a bag order small surcharge may apply - talk to Daniel!**



[AH742](#) - \$17  
100% Wool Beanie



[AH770](#) - \$17  
100% Cotton Beanie





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## Club order form for shirts, bags and hats

Send this form to [daniel@goldstarembroidery.com.au](mailto:daniel@goldstarembroidery.com.au) or call Daniel on **0403 150 857**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If delivery is required an additional fee is charged. Delivery required **Yes or No:** \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery address: \_\_\_\_\_

A minimum 50% deposit is required before the order is started. Payment in full is required if Gold Star Embroidery is to organise delivery. An invoice will be emailed after the order form is received.

### *Shirts/Vests order:*

<i>Shirt product code number</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Colour</i>

### *Bags order:*

Bag product name	Quantity	Colour
Metro		
Swiss		

### Headwear order:

Product code number	Quantity	Size	Colour
Cap AH230 - \$15 each			
Bucket Hat Sandwich AH695 - \$17 each			
Bucket Hat AH715 - \$16 each			
Wool Beanie AH742 - \$17 each			
Cotton Beanie AH770 - \$17 each			

There are also heaps more colours, styles and fabrics available through Gold Star Embroidery - check out the website at [goldstarembroidery](http://goldstarembroidery.com.au) and call Daniel - he knows all about BMW regalia!



**Mark Mustchin****Events Officer's Report**

Some recent event pics in lieu of the Events Report - a picture's worth a thousand words after all, hey Mark!  
And a couple of December General Meeting pics in the mix.



*The famous Cambooya Jacket Tree :0 taken by Donna on the ride to lunch after Jolly's Lookout Breakfast - and below, part of the lunch crew!*



## **HAPPY 2023**

*JEGJan2023*

**Another Christmas done & dusted  
Another New Year to us entrusted  
What did you do to celebrate  
Did you party hard & stay up late  
Did you stay at home with loved ones close  
Did you raise your glass in a cheery toast?**

**Or were you out there on the Front Line  
Keeping us safe time after time?  
Or working hard behind the scenes  
While others took it to extremes?  
Gifts exchanged with very best wishes  
Festive feasts somewhat delicious**

**Too many among us doing it tough  
No parties or gifts when living rough  
If not for those who donate time & skills  
So many more couldn't pay their bills  
Wherever Life takes you in 2023  
Be it joyful, happy & healthy**



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**\*\*\*REMINDER-The AGM is being held on Thursday 16th March 2023 - there will be NO General Meeting on the first Thursday in March due to this\*\*\***

## Notice of Annual General Meeting of the BMW Motorcycle Club Queensland Inc.

The Annual General meeting of the Club will be held at  
Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Rd, Geebung Qld 4034, at **7:30PM** on **16th March 2023**.

The Agenda of the meeting is as follows:

1. Acceptance of the 2022 AGM minutes
2. Management Committee Report
3. Presentation of the Financial accounts
4. Election of Committee members

### **Special Resolutions**

1. Any Special resolutions presented under the rules of the Constitution (30 days notice)

The General Meeting for March 2023 will follow the AGM.

**Geoff Hodge**

**Secretary**

**BMWMCQ**



## BMWMCQ Annual General Meeting Minutes - March 2022

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	10 March 2022. Time: 7:30pm Attendance: 40
<b>Chairman:</b>	Richard Maher (Life Member)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mike Stokes, Mal Cremer, Bill Allen, Maggie Rafanowicz, Steve & Mandy Maney, John Eacott.
<b>Minutes of Previous AGM:</b>	<b>Accepted:</b> Paul Hughes <b>Seconded:</b> Geoff Hodge
<b>Outgoing Presidents Report:</b>	<p>Well what a year it has been – begun in the midst of a Global Pandemic and finishing with a Natural Disaster. How did we find time to get out and ride our bikes with our free living lifestyle seemingly on the verge of collapse? We not only managed to get out and ride our bikes but had a rollicking good time doing it. Our club was founded in 1958 with a passion for BMW Motorcycles shared through riding, bike maintenance, knowledge transfer and social activities. Over time our Constitution has moulded these words and added a few extra niceties along the way but these 4 core values are why we are here. You have all no doubt read my President Report in the current March journal – it’s OK I won’t be asking questions. I singled out four events held during the 21/22 year that epitomise, for me, the strength of the club as it currently stands and honours those ideals penned in 1958. These events in chronological order are the Cane Toad Rally held at Mt Perry in April; the Club Service days held at the home of Rob Wynne throughout the year; the end of year gathering at Lake Samsonvale in December; and finally the Club longevity awards staged in this venue just a few short weeks ago. If the club ‘only’ organised these four events along with our world class journal then I feel that our members would have received ‘bang for their buck’. But the club has organised and staged so much more in the form of events, competitions and subsidies to make our members better and safer riders. It is also a platform on which you can build friendships – many drawn together via this club have been friends for decades. Not a bad group on which to pin your allegiance.</p> <p>It has not all been beer &amp; skittles, no association that brings people together ever will be but it is how we overcome those hurdles that defines us as a club. We have had to be flexible and innovative in how we dealt with the changing landscape that Covid presented and you, our members, have accepted those sometimes tough decisions to cancel/defer or amend events. For that I thank you all. The year is finishing on a very sad note for a local institution and business of well known and loved club member Mark Morrissey.</p>



	<p>Most of you would be aware that Mark's business, MMM Boxerworks at Windsor, was completely inundated in last week's floods. As well as the business with Marks collection of tools, workshop equipment, books, journals and spare parts were 36 airhead BMWs 3 bikes of other denomination as well as 2 cars. Some of these BMWs were Marks own bikes, some belong to BMWMCQ members as well as other customers. Mark was powerless to evacuate any of the bikes once it became obvious the rising waters were going to inundate the premises. Les Fitzpatrick and Peter Ferguson were the first to raise the alarm and armed with everything &amp; anything that may be required they headed straight to the scene of the disaster as soon as possible on Tuesday morning. Over the ensuing 9 days there has been a constant presence of BMWMCQ members pitching in to lend a hand to a mate, a fellow club member or just someone who needed a lift up. Some of you just met Mark for the first time. What a wonderful advertisement for this club which has no bricks &amp; mortar showpiece but great strength in the people who proudly proclaim membership. The job is far from over but great progress has been made. Have a chat to me afterwards if you have some of yourself to give. To those who have been there, we applaud you all.</p> <p>During the year Wendy &amp; Richard de Groot called 'time' on organising events based on the Sunny Coast. I thank Wendy &amp; Richard for the work they have done over recent years in organising those rides and social gatherings. As one door closed another opened and in came Mandy &amp; Steve Maney to keep the Sunny Coast a vibrant and energetic part of the club. The club has been and continues to be very well served by its 'personal partnerships' that are very energetic throughout the club and guarantee that we are able to offer something for everyone. Lastly I wish to thank the outgoing committee for the tremendous work they have done this past year and for the encouragement and support they have given to this novice President. Some of you have decided to stand down and will not be recontesting your position. I know that those who are elected to the committee for 2022 will have big shoes to fill. Thank you all.</p>
<b>Outgoing Treasurer Report:</b>	Balance of Club's funds is as stated in the March Journal. Audit of accounts has been completed – no issues reported. Club accounts report a \$5,000 increase in revenue this year. Treasurer asked for questions from the floor – none recorded.
<b>Outgoing Secretary Report:</b>	Not a busy year for mail – just the usual monthly Journals from our southern cousins; the odd bank statements; Australia Post renewals and thank you letters from RFDS for the donations. Our pleasure!

<p><b>Outgoing Editors Report:</b></p>	<p>2021/22 reported as a great year for the current editors predominately due to the quantity and quality of material supplied by the members. Photo competition was also seen as a great success. Thanks to the previous committee members for their reports throughout the year. Special mention to Jane Gray, Tony Malone, Richard De Groot, Bob Coleman, &amp; Liesel Samuel for providing great articles on more than one occasion. A thank you also to the new members who provided insights to their rides &amp; experiences (some even ride Triumphs). Big thank you to Tony Gray as a very regular contributor to the Journal.</p>
<p><b>Outgoing Tools Report:</b></p>	<p>Bill Luyton reported four (4) service days in the previous year in which all manner of services were carried out. The Club's 911 worked overtime in diagnosing many members' bikes across the service days. Special thank you to Rob Wynn for opening his workshop for each service day and for purchasing great steaks for the BBQ. A total of \$303.00 raised for RFDS through the sale of steak / sausage sandwiches and drinks. Well done members. Major tool purchases for the year included a hydraulic lift (\$634.78) &amp; work stool (\$69.00).</p>
<p><b>Outgoing Regalia Report:</b></p>	<p>Rosi reported on the major achievements for the year, including the Logo change &amp; iron on badges (bought along on the night for sale). Cost: 1 badge for \$6.00; or 2 for \$10.00. Final sales for the night totalled \$220.00 (which was handed over to the Treasurer to bank).</p>
<p><b>Outgoing Records Report:</b></p>	<p>Greg Gaffney reports 267 financial members as at the date of this AGM, compared to 254 as at last year's AGM. Noted that this figure was mainly due to new memberships as a number of members elected (at this time) to not renew their subscription. Hopefully they will return.</p>
<p><b>Outgoing Events Report:</b></p>	<p>Great year for rides despite COVID restrictions. This coming year has some great events planned, in particular 2 x B2B events; &amp; Xmas in July (Kingaroy). Club led rides will alter slightly – all will be make your own way there or organise your own groups to get to the destination. This idea is implemented to take the pressure off finding ride leaders each month. The issue of members not registering for events remains. Please pre-register via Facebook or through the Committee – don't just turn up and expect a seat.</p>



<b>Outgoing Dealer Liaison Report:</b>	Don reports it was a great year for all the dealers – basically sold more bikes than the previous year. Globally, BMW sales in Australia were up 14.8%, with R Series sales up 50%. UK sales up 27%; & USA sales up 32%. In Australia, the percentage increase equates to 2,500 units sold which included 821 GS bikes sold (up 10%); and the S1000 RR being the most popular sports bike in Australia. Now the bad news, still limited stock – often a 4 – 5 month wait on new bikes. Servicing wait times are still long. Don reported on a number of upgrades across the range of bikes with the big news of a new “M” Series bike arriving soon. R18 currently under promotion Australia wide – Team Moto at Slacks Creek has 7 currently; 2 x K1600’s; & CX 400 Scooters. An open day is to be announced soon.
<b>Outgoing Vice President Report:</b>	Very quiet on the VP front as Tony Gray was in attendance all year.
<b>2022 Committee Nominations:</b>	<p>These nominations were received prior to the meeting by the Secretary. A call was made to the floor for any other nomination before the nominees were named. No other nominations were received. All nominees were elected as follows:</p> <p><b>President:</b> Tony Gray  <b>Vice President:</b> Paul Hughes  <b>Secretary:</b> Geoff Hodge  <b>Treasurer:</b> Darryl Gowlett  <b>Records:</b> Greg Gaffney  <b>Tools:</b> Geoff Hamon  <b>Regalia:</b> Donna Wiltshire  <b>Events:</b> Mark Mustchin  <b>Editor:</b> Cindy &amp; Duncan Bennett  <b>Dealer Liaison &amp; Advertising:</b> Don Grimes.</p> <p>President congratulated the new Committee.  Notes:  Bill Luyten to assist Geoff Hamon  Gary Bennett to continue role as Club Historian.  Jane Gray to continue role as Club Librarian.</p>
<b>AGM Business</b>	Nil
<b>Closed:</b>	8.45 pm

**Certified as a fair and accurate record:**

**Tony Gray**  
President

**Steven Johnson**  
Outgoing Secretary



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## BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland Inc. Proxy Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Member No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(member name)

of \_\_\_\_\_

being a current financial member of the BMW Motorcycle Club of Queensland Inc. ('the Club') hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(name of proxy)

\_\_\_\_\_

or failing him/her, \_\_\_\_\_ of  
(name of alternate proxy)

\_\_\_\_\_ as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on **16 March 2023** and at any adjournment thereof.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### BMWMCQ Inc. NOMINATION FORM



Election of Committee Members

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (must be a financial member) nominate for the position of:

<input type="checkbox"/> President	<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Editor
<input type="checkbox"/> Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Regalia	<input type="checkbox"/> Tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Dealer Liaison

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The nominations and voting procedures will proceed at the AGM as per the Club Constitution





# 100 YEARS

of

# BMW Motorcycles



*100 year Dinner Celebration - Thurs 21st September*  
*Display of Bikes - Sat 23rd September*

The bike display will be run by our club at the central location of **Reddacliff Place** in Brisbane. We are looking for suitable bikes from all years and all models to display at this special event to celebrate this enormous achievement of the BMW brand that we all love to ride.

Do you have a bike that is suitable? If it is an older BMW (60's or earlier) and it is completely assembled, presentable, registered or not, we want to hear from you.

If your BMW bike is from the '70's up to latest models and is in good visual condition, special or a rare model, we want to hear from you as well.

We have a target of one hundred bikes, to display an example of as many different models as possible. A selection process will be undertaken from the applications and consideration will given to bikes that fit the above criteria as well as bikes with high kilometres or extraordinary travel achievements.

To nominate your bike, send the following details to [bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:bmw100@bmwmcq.org.au):

- What Model it is.
- Year of Manufacture.
- Total Km's Travelled.
- Longest Journey Travelled.
- A Photo.



*Picture a fat bloke with a Bintang singlet instead of her and you'll realise why this bike won't be up the front.*



**BMW started production of the BMW R 32 in Munich in 1923.  
That is definitely worth celebrating!**

***As described by BMW Motorrad, the engine is the key element.***

Breaking with all convention, the BMW motorcycle did not have the geometry of a bicycle. The engine was the centrepiece. Max Friz and his team designed the BMW R 32 completely around the engine.

The highlights: an opposed twin-cylinder engine with cylinders mounted across the frame, a manual gearbox bolted directly to the engine and a shaft-drive powertrain. All these are distinct features of BMW motorcycles with opposed-twin engines to this day.





**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*** There will be a BMWMCQ hosted dinner event to commemorate 100 years of BMW Motorcycles as a warm-up to the Bike Display, to help us celebrate this milestone in style!

**When? Thursday 21st September**

**Where? Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly**

**Details to follow shortly!**



# INTRODUCING SCOTT MUNRO

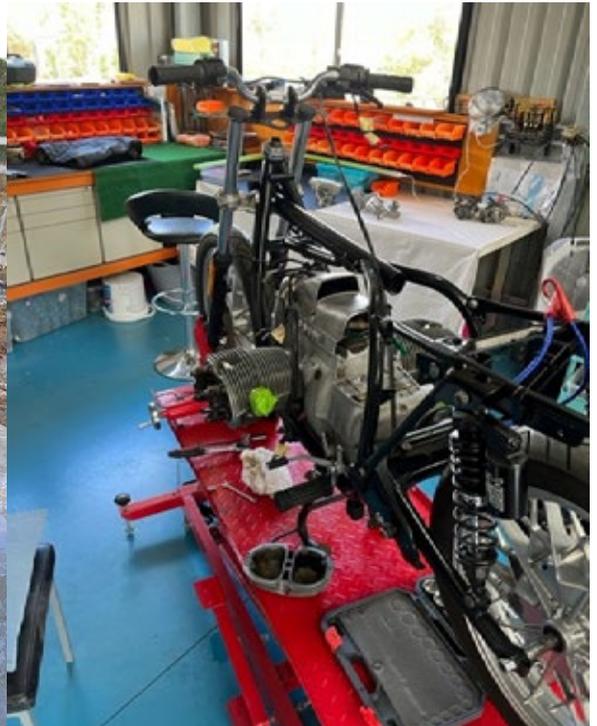
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New member Scott Munro has a large stable of great bikes - R100CS, R100RS, R1200GSA and an R1250GSA. And a couple of others barely worth mentioning, i.e. 1980's Ducatti (Ducati plural), I think a 750 F1 and a 900 Mike Hailwood Replica.



*Scott says that extra 84cc makes all the difference out in the real world.*

With this many bikes in the stable it made perfect sense for Scott to race out and get the R1250GSA, slightly more suitable for touring than any of the others. Unless they are in the way and easier to get out.





*Some pics to enjoy!*

*Paul H at left, Bowling Alley Point, (2017)*

*Geoff Hamon's K75C below*

*Oh and an Editor on her R1200C at Cleveland :)*



*Geoff Hodge's 2 fine machines out and about in December!*

We are pleased to share Cameron Coles' Australia Encompassed tour with Compass Expeditions Episode 4 - Marree to Flinders Ranges. Riding 2008 BMW R1200 GS Travel via Marree, Farina, Copley Flinders Ranges, Rawnsley Park, Wilpena Pound.

Follow the link:

<https://youtu.be/vb0n1fgxGic>



 **BMW MOTORRAD**

# BMW SAFARI AUSTRALIA

## 2023 BMW TS SAFARI

Due to the timing of Moto GP in 2023 we have changed the date of BMW TS Safari to **OCTOBER 22nd - 27th**. This will allow those who would like to attend the Moto GP and also join us on TS Safari to do so. The ride from Phillip Island to the starting point of TS Safari at Healesville is approximately 2hrs so if you are a Moto GP fan this is now achievable enjoy both.

We will release more information in coming months and let you know when this event is going live for registrations.

**NEW EVENT DATE:**

**22 - 27 OCTOBER 2023**

**LOCATION: HEALESVILLE, QLD - WINDSOR, NSW**

**REGISTRATION LIVE: MID 2023**

*More info:* <https://bmwsafari.com/>



## Introducing.....Club Mileage Awards

Have you clocked up **100,000km**, **200,000km** or more on one bike?

To celebrate the epic achievements of these milestones, the Club will be issuing Mileage Award Medallions and Certificates to those who qualify. It can be for any make and model of bike that has reached these impressive kilometers in your ownership.

To nominate your bike, email our Secretary, Geoff Hodge on [secretary@bmwmcq.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmwmcq.org.au) with:

- **Photo of the bike or you with bike - this photo will feature on your certificate so a good quality photo will enhance the certificate**
- **Where and when purchased and mileage at time of purchase**
- **Photo of the odometer to show the kilometers.**

Presentations have started at the monthly meetings – so get your details in! More certificate presentations are on the page following....Congratulations to the recipients!





# MILEAGE AWARDS

*The second round of Mileage Awards for those Members who have attained over 100,000km on their bike were presented at the January General Meeting, congratulations to:*

*Tony Gray for over 200,000km on his R1200GS "Grey Ghost".*

*And to Geoff Hodge for over 100,000km on his R1200RS.*

*And a replacement certificate for VP Paul as his original certificate had incorrect dealer information...the correct version presented at Jolly's Lookout breakfast ride!*



**Did you know that the BMWMCQ website - found at [www.bmwmcq.org.au](http://www.bmwmcq.org.au) has a very interesting array of material to peruse?**

**For instance in the “Downloads” section under the Main Menu, you will find past copies of our fine Magazine going back to the very early days (and thanks to Gary Bennett for scanning in all the old paper copies!)**

**Also of interest may be the other States’ magazines which are uploaded to our site.**

**So check the site out, you will be down a rabbit-hole in no time and it will be time to feed the cat before you know it!**

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and  
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### 2023 BMW GS Off Road Training Dates:

February 15 Adventure Prep	Broadford VIC \$395
February 16 – 17 Adventure Skills	Broadford VIC \$749
February 21 – 22 Adventure Skills	QLD Moto Park \$749
March 2 – 3 Adventure Skills	Dargle, NSW \$749
April 27 – 28 Adventure Skills	Bathurst, NSW \$749
April 29 – 30 Adventure Skills	Townsville, QLD \$749
May 9 – 10 Adventure Skills	Dargle, NSW \$749
May 11 – 12 Adventure Expert	Dargle, NSW \$749
May 16 – 17 Adventure Skills	QLD Moto Park \$749
June 23 – 24 Adventure Skills	Kenilworth, QLD \$749
June 23 – 24 Adventure Skills	Kirup, WA \$749
June 25 – 26 Adventure Expert	Kenilworth, QLD \$749
June 25 – 26 Adventure Expert	Kirup, WA \$749
June 29 – 30 Adventure Skills	Broadford, VIC \$749
June 29 – 30 Adventure Skills	Dargle, NSW \$749
July 1 – 2 Adventure Expert	Broadford, VIC \$749

**Register on the website: [www.gsoffroad.com.au/course-schedule](http://www.gsoffroad.com.au/course-schedule)**





The BMW Motorcycle Club of Qld.  
invites all motorcyclists to attend

The 29<sup>th</sup>

# CANE TOAD RALLY

Since 1978

**WHEN:** 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**WHERE:** Wolca Reserve, Bania Rd. Mount Perry, Qld.  
(5.5km North of Mount Perry)

**GPS:** -25.132795 151.619289

**COST:** \$25 Entry (includes Rally Badge and Camping Fee)  
*pre-registration can be made on website before April 23,  
saves time when arriving at the rally, just sign in and pay entry fee.*

**Camping** on large campground with hot showers, flushing toilets and **campfires**.  
**Catering of all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday morning breakfast.**  
The Mt. Perry Grand Hotel will have a **Bar onsite**, Friday and Saturday.

**Self-guided Bike Tours of local area** on Saturday.

**Light Entertainment** on Friday and Saturday nights around campfires.

**Screen printing** of the "Cane Toad Logo" **onto your T-Shirt** done on site for \$2.  
There will be the traditional **Rum Hunt, Gymkhana and usual Awards**.

For further Details:

[canetoadrally.com.au](http://canetoadrally.com.au) email: [canetoadrally@gmail.com](mailto:canetoadrally@gmail.com)



Proceeds donated to:



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Local Mt. Perry  
Community  
Groups



## By Tony Gray, Member #3905

Three years is a long time in anyone's life and COVID19 has somewhat stolen or at least impacted the past three years for most of the world's population. Australians got off relatively lightly (unless you died of course, but then you wouldn't be reading this) and we in sunny Queensland fared better than most. A first world problem though was the restrictions on travel both domestically and Internationally. Jane and I have decided to address the latter with a six week tour taking in both the South & North Islands of NZ.

We had last been to NZ in 2014 having toured the North Island on a rented Suzuki GSX1200 on the cusp of winter and returning later the same year touring the South Island and taking in the Burt Munro Bike Festival at Invercargill aboard a rented BMW R1200RT.



They were both wonderful trips but short in duration, an issue we hope to address this trip, so we have decided to take the 'Gray Ghost' our much travelled and loved 2007 model R1200GS.

The biggest question to be answered when considering an overseas motorcycle trip is how and on what bike. The options are many but the most common would be: Buy & sell a bike overseas; Ship or fly your own bike overseas; Rent a bike or if you are well connected, borrow from a friend. You then have to decide whether to self plan & travel alone or with a group, do a self guided tour with arrangements made by a



tour company or join an organised tour. There is no right or wrong answer to these questions and your choice will be made according to your own risk barometer, personality, finances & time available to name but a few considerations.

Jane and I prefer to travel outside of a group environment which has a higher risk factor if something goes wrong but we only have to agree with each other on where to go, what to see and where to stay. This will be the fourth time we will have shipped the 'Gray Ghost' overseas after three European Trips but we have also rented bikes on the West and East Coasts of the USA and the Canadian West Coast/USA N-W Coast as well as the two NZ trips mentioned earlier. It is certainly a different experience riding your own bike overseas but we have really enjoyed all of our overseas trips.

By the time you are reading this story we should be touring NZ's South Island. Before that could happen there was a lot of planning & preparation that had to be undertaken. Here is our guide to getting your bike to NZ and the associated cost:

Fly or ship: will come down to cost and time, we have always shipped.

Choice of shipping agent: This is the third time we have used Dave Milligan at Get Routed. We have also used Bikes Abroad. The latter is flexible with dates but Dave's dedicated bike

loading system and bikes only containers is undoubtedly the safest system.

Bikes Abroad can load out of Brisbane while Dave's ability to load out of Brisbane is dictated by booking numbers. This is the second time we have had to get to Sydney but have also loaded in Brisbane.

Another advantage of taking our bike is that we can fill the panniers with all of our riding gear and bikes needs saving on potential International Flight costs and logistics of managing it all. We choose to bubble wrap to protect the bags but they must be unlocked and available for Customs inspection.



Dealing with Legislation both sides of the Tasman:

First off you must apply to the Australian Govt for a 'Vehicle Import Approval' to import your Australian registered bike into the country after your trip. This must be done before you leave or else you won't get it back in - a bit of a PITA and costs \$40.

On the NZ Govt side you must pay a Customs Bond equivalent to 15% of your bikes Australian

value as security that you will not sell the bike in NZ. The bond is refunded after the bike leaves NZ. Alternatively if you were doing this on your own you can take out an equivalent Carnet De Passage with the RACQ or equivalent. Bio-security NZ requires completion of a Cleaning Certificate that your bike has been fully cleaned or else the Customs Agent cannot release the bike. It will also be inspected to ensure compliance - a substantial cleaning fee may be incurred for non-compliance. The customs clearance and inspection costs are included in Dave's price.



When we collect the bike in NZ we must proceed to a VTNZ (Vehicle Testing) Centre where the bike must undergo a Warrant of Fitness examination (a roadworthy check) at a cost of \$40 and if passed we will also pay an ACC levy (compulsory third party insurance) for our time in NZ. We may be required to pay for a longer period than we expect to be in NZ but any surplus will be refunded after we leave. I expect this to be about \$50.

Our bike must be registered in Qld when we arrive and for the full duration of our stay in NZ or else the ACC will be voided. Proof of current registration must be provided. Once that is all done we are free to roam around NZ on our Qld plated bike and Qld License. When returning the bike to Australia it must be fully cleaned or a substantial cleaning fee will be incurred, no paperwork this side of the Tasman - yet!



Our cost for this trip is \$2,475 + another \$130 in fees so about \$2,600. For the 39 days we will have our bike in NZ that equates to \$67/day plus wear & tear on our bike. I do not comprehensively insure the bike here but that would cost me approx \$700 for the period in NZ. Rental cost for an R1250GS in NZ is over \$300/day for a longer rental period so for the length of time it is a no-brainer for us.

Give it some thought, it is without doubt the best riding experience you can have outside of Australia without incurring a long haul flight - it offers a lot of what we love about Europe and they speak the same language - sort of!

As for the weather, well we will tell you about after we get home in March.

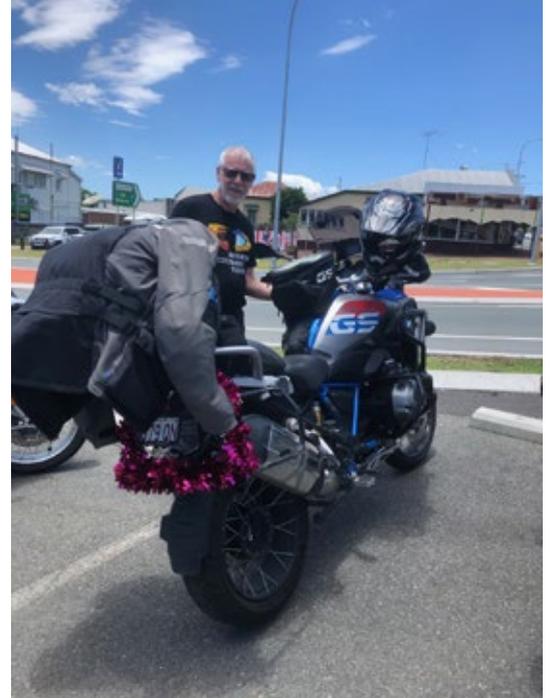


*The Gray Ghost is in there somewhere!*

*December seems so last year - however here are some of the pics of the fun events that rounded out 2022 for the Club. A great mix of mid-week rides, coffee meet-ups, Club Led Rides and self-led rides to a good country pub lunch ensured there was something to satisfy just about everyone!*



*Charlie Brown's excellent led ride to Nobby, coffeing at Ma Ma Creek*



*December mid-week ride and Ian's GS feeling festive!*



*December coffee meet-up - the RT twins hanging out!*





***By Duncan Bennett, Member #4171***

Could it be that we are heading interstate? I've forgotten how to adjust my watch for daylight savings! Are we an hour ahead or behind? Who cares, Evans Head is like going back to the good ol' days anyway.

No led ride, we'd better make the most of the non-highway opportunities on a Friday. Down into Beaudesay, coincidentally meeting some other BMWers in the Bean To. Then onto an old favourite - the Lion's Road. Dave's lovely R1200RT like it is on rails through the corners, don't care what Cindy and the R1200C tractor are doing behind. What a difference that BMW suffix acronym makes. Into Kyogle, coincidentally meeting up with some other BMWers in the luncheon venue.

The trip via Woodburn still showed the flooding devastation along the Richmond River, and the weather was a bit iffy as we rolled into Evans Head and the prime accommodation at the Bowlo. Off to the pub for dinner, Tracy won a voucher for the Fisherman's Co-op, which set us up perfectly for a huge prawn lunch the next day. Evans Head is a great place to just relax and wander about, not that we could after the prawn lunch, but people with self-control could.

Off to the RSL, it was a great party and catch-up with lots of old and new friends in the grand tradition of one of the club's major events. It was very nice to be back in Evans Head, and we capped it off the next day with some hard-core adventure riding out to the F111 Museum with its Dakar-level access road. Well worth the visit.

Another year down. Lots to go, and hopefully not the last time at Evans Head.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS

FEBRUARY 2023

*What a fun event the annual Christmas Party was - and a welcome return to Evans Head. A bit of patchy rain for those arriving on the Saturday but cleared up for the ride home on Sunday. Enjoy some photos. Thanks to Jon Reid and Ken Madsen for their contributions to the photo gallery.*



*Above - Jon, you have a stow-away!  
Right - Donna's table deco's were awesome.  
Below - Winners of the vouchers, Rosi, Klaus and Greg.*





# MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PICS



**Ian trying to hide an early attack on his Ferrero Rocher. The port hadn't even been sighted.** →



**Gino putting his bonbon Rubik's Cube back together in a distracting environment. How it had fallen apart is still under investigation.** →

← **Tony declared the winner by a short half prawn in the Evans Head prawn eating contest ahead of a very very disappointed Duncan.**



← **Mark changing his iPhone password having seen a Shortbread Bear quietly access Ross Layther's bank accounts**



**F**or those that may be interested in shipping their bike to Europe in 2023 to participate in the BMW 100th Anniversary events, below is some information sourced by the Clubs Australia rep of the NSW Club. If you are keen to do this please email Steve on: [president@bmwtcnsw.org.au](mailto:president@bmwtcnsw.org.au)



## AUSTRALIA - UK/EU - AUSTRALIA NORTHERN SUMMER TOURING - 2023

The team here at Bikes Abroad are very pleased to release our schedules and pricing for the next European Summer (2023), just as many of you might be starting to make your plans for next year.

**Firstly**, an indication of the schedules are as follows;

NS2023	To	Loading	Departure	Arrival	Service
Melbourne	London	02/03/2023	10/03/2023	30/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)
Sydney		01/03/2023	08/03/2023	30/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)
Brisbane		06/03/2023	10/03/2023	02/05/2023	ST Orange - Direct (currently)
Fremantle*		10/03/2023	18/03/2023	23/04/2023	APL Phoenix - Direct (currently)

Whilst you may note the intended arrival in early May, these dates have been included as indicative only and our primary goal is to have all vehicles available for collection in London in the first week of June. In fact, we're allowing what we believe is sufficient contingency for delays encountered in shipping/transit.

**Secondly**, pricing is set at AU\$2700 each way and will include all of the following, in each direction;

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3. All container loading/unloading charges at our load stations.
4. Customs clearance & handling in each direction.
5. Charges associated with the processing of any Carnet De Passage (CdP) documents as required.
6. Terminal & documentation charges payable in each direction (*subject to any regulatory type documents we're unable to complete on your behalf – refer to C110 requirement mentioned below*).
7. International freight in each direction.
8. Storage charges for up to four weeks in London (*additional charges may apply beyond that – refer to below*).
9. Quarantine Inspection & Attendance Fees on the return/arrival into Australia (*additional charges will apply if your vehicle fails its inspection – referred to below*).
10. Vehicle Import Permit on the return/arrival into Australia (*you'll still need to create a profile within the Rover system to enable us to lodge your application for you*).



**By Tony Gray, Member #3905**

Our resident sidecar advocate Stuart Wade will tell anyone within earshot of the advantages of having a wheel 'on the side'. His R1150GS is a credit to his skill, workmanship and vision. It attracts an audience wherever it travels and seemingly is always in a state of flux as Stuart's latest idea comes to fruition. The next upgrade will be a little 'dicky seat' for any future potential passenger - Stuart trialed this idea at the recent Club breakfast at Jollys Lookout on Mt Nebo with Mike Stokes in the chair. One problem, there was no chair - Mike sat on a strip of foam exercise mat. They both enjoyed the experience so with a chair as the next upgrade there should be plenty of opportunity for fun rides at this year's Cane Toad Rally.



BMW had a sound reputation as a sidecar vehicle in the pre and post WW2 periods with the R75 of the German Wehrmacht in WW2 getting plenty of attention in Hollywood Movies of the era - who could ever forget Steve McQueen in the motorcycle chase scene from 'The Great Escape'. Geoff Hodge's cousin has a beautifully presented R75 outfit that I saw at the Ural dealership in Uralla where he worked at the time.

Geoff himself has an R50 from 1954 that came equipped with sidecar mounts - on the RHS of the bike as demanded in Europe where they drive on the right (this is not Geoff's bike). Having the sidecar on the 'correct side' is obviously

very important from a safety perspective when overtaking, much like driving a Left Hand Drive Vehicle when driving on the LHS - you cannot see what is coming when pulling out to overtake.



Jane and I spoke with a sidecar mounted German family at the IOM some years back. Their double sidecar usually carried their two children with Mum riding pillion. In the left-driving UK however Mum swapped places with one of the boys so she could see what was ahead and relay the message to Dad who was driving the outfit.



Our other resident sidecar advocate is Rob Wynne (although now also a pundit of a trike) who could not persuade the boffins in the State Dept of Transport that it was unsafe for him to have the sidecar mount on the LHS of his GSPD as he was in fact riding the outfit from his wheelchair on the LHS of the vehicle. This was another case where logic & reason lost and Rob stopped beating his head against an

impenetrable bureaucratic wall, the chair went on the LHS. Anyone watched an episode of Utopia or Yes Minister recently?

The Europeans and Britons are much more familiar with outfits than we were in Australia as post-WW2 austerity drove (no pun intended) many families to continue with outfits as cars were beyond their financial reach. In our more affluent society cars were more affordable and people chose to ride an outfit as a lifestyle choice rather than a financial demand. Here is one example that we saw on the IOM where what is acceptable on the road is not far removed from what is seen on the racetrack. Not quite the mount to pick up the weekly shopping but would be a hoot to punt around the IOM Mountain Course.



Stuart told me there is a fellow running around on a road registered ex-Motorcross outfit powered by the venerable XS 650 twin engine bored out to 810cc. Now I would love to see that one and hear how he managed to break down the bureaucratic wall.



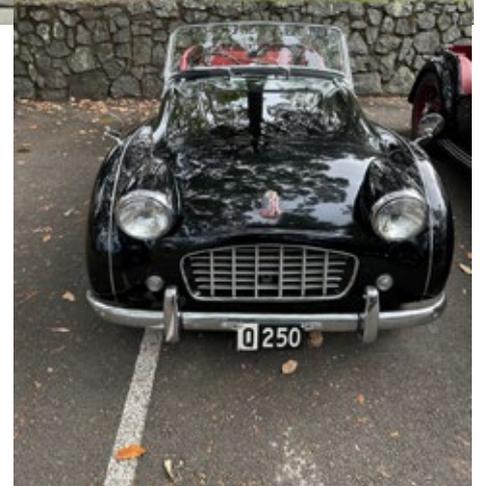
Pre-covid and pre the Russian invasion of Ukraine a few of us ventured down to Uralla and participated in a ride day that demonstrated the abilities of the Ural outfits. They may not be fast but they are a barrel of fun to ride and extremely capable off-road. The two wheel drive version will reputedly put 4WD vehicles to shame with its off road ability.

If you get the opportunity to try an outfit then give it a go, you may just get hooked. Alternatively join the long queue at the Cane Toad Rally to have a go in Stuart's 'Dicky seat'.





*A jolly good breakfast was had at Jolly's Lookout - the Club's regular first event of every year. We were in the rotunda this year with a distinct lack of tables which made breakfast prep slightly challenging but we did manage! There was even a sidecar riding display from Stuart and Mike! We all love seeing (and drooling over) the magnificent historic cars - even a lovely 4 wheel Triumph, pic below.*



*Thanks Jon for the below pic!*



*From Geoff Hodge: The first long run to Jolly's Lookout for the 51/3 after twenty years resting in the garage - went well for a old girl, nearly 100 kms.*



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The **29th-30th July 2023** is the date for the next event and with absence of full accomodation over the past 3 years due to Covid, i'm pleased to announce that this year **full accomodation is back** as well as the usual camping. The **evening meal and alcohol** is within walking distance. The location for lots of laughs and tall stories is always around the traditional evening camp fire with firewood supplied.

**Camping & Accomodation Details:** Camping this year **costs \$15pp.**

Camping area is well-grassed and level, amenities with flushing toilets and hot showers. There are **Cabin Style accomodation** also available, prices start at **\$139 to \$169**, some have double beds, some with single beds and some with both. Cabins will be set aside for lone riders from **\$40pp.** With high interest in full accomodation in previous years, I would suggest booking sooner that later, if you have to cancel, there will be someone waiting for your cancellation.

It's a great location within 2hrs of Brisbane with excellent roads in between.

**Contact:** [gbennett777@gmail.com](mailto:gbennett777@gmail.com)





***By Tony Gray, Member #3905***

***This Pic of Geoff Hodge's 1954 R50 was taken at Jolly's Lookout breakfast, it is included to catch your attention. There was and has been some discussion about costs and conditions to have a 'Special Interest Vehicle Registration' in Qld.***

***Conditions have recently changed and you can now ride your bike within a 30km radius (previously 15km) of your residence for the purpose of testing, tuning etc. There are many other restrictions that I will not go into here as they have not changed. Eligibility to apply remains at 30 years of age minimum from VIN date.***

***Rego costs in Qld for a dual seat, single seat or Special Interest bike are the same but there is significant difference in the CTP. Example for a twin cylinder BMW for 12 months: \$376.40 (dual seat), \$182 (solo seat), \$75.80 (Special Interest). You make your choice & pay your money!***

By Ross Layther, Member #4524

This example of rider exploring the limits of maximum all up weight and Centre of Gravity on his low powered steed in Kenya. Taken from a Toyota safari vehicle and cropped at the window frame.



Ed: Did some serious googlin' Ross to try to figure out where that hardy BMW was from. Touratech luggage and no end of European stickers - surely Europe? But I think maybe a local - South Africa.



This sweet bike was spotted at Sossusvlei in Namibia in October 2022. I am not sure of the country of registration and did not see rider, but it seems to be doing what it was made for. There were hundreds of km of dirt in every direction from here.





## BMWMCQ TRAINING COURSE SUBSIDY

Your club encourages all members to continue to improve as a rider and offers a financial incentive to foster greater uptake in rider training. A broad interpretation of training has been adopted to include First Aid Training and Traffic Accident site safety management. The intention of the subsidy scheme is to not only improve the road craft of individual members but also to enhance the safety and enjoyment of club runs and events for all participating members.

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4. The applicant must present details and receive approval for the intended training course from the Club Secretary prior to the course being undertaken.

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**Tony Gray - President BMWMCQ**



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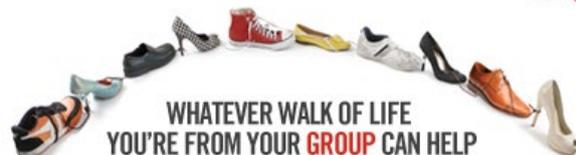
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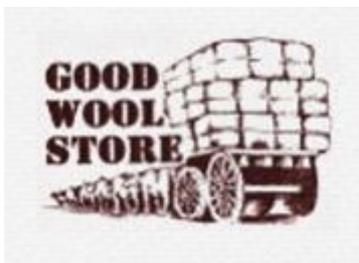
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## WONDERING x 7

*Cindy Bennett, Member #4170*

On our recent road-trip (via 4 wheels) to Canberra over Christmas we took the opportunity to catch up on some new episodes of our favourite podcasts.

I have mentioned previously the pre-eminent adventure riding podcast “Adventure Rider Radio” and the offshoot “Adventure Rider Radio RAW” which is a round-table chat with interesting globtrotting riders including Australians Brian and Shirley Rix (who have written two fabulous books on their travels).

A memorable episode we listened to was “The 7 Wonders of the Adventure Motorcycling World”. The panel narrowed down a long list of top riding destinations around the world to just 7 – an impressive feat!

The discussion inspired some must-see places to be added to our riding bucket list including the Mae Hong Son Loop in Thailand – also known as the road of 1864 curves (in approx. 375 miles). The Icefield Parkway in Canada was missed when we rode there in 2016 and will need another visit to cover this gem off.

The Pyrenees in Spain/France also made the list and from stories we have read and tales heard from our well-travelled Club members makes it a definite add-on.

One of the 7 Wonders we have ridden is the Dalton Highway to the northern-most point of the American continent. Patagonia, we will tick off in a month or so as part of our 100 day South American ride, and the southern-most end of the American continent.

The Karakoram Highway which follows a section of the famous Silk Road from Pakistan to China is remote and apparently spectacular if the photos (example below) are anything to go by.



So have a listen for yourself and perhaps disagree about what should have been on the list, the final 7 are:

Isle of Man

Karakoram Highway

Pyrenees

Icefields Parkway

Dalton Highway

Mae Hong Son Loop

Patagonia Loop (Ruta 40 and Carretera Austral).



Here is the link to the podcast:

<https://adventureriderradio.com/arr-raw-posts/83-the-7-wonders-of-the-motorcycle-travel-world>

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