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President's Report

Luke Wise
President

Happy New Year Everyone!

I'm glad to see the end of 2022 and very much excited for what will be a fantastic club year ahead.

Our very first track day will be on Saturday February 11th and is shaping up to be a sensational event. If you have been thinking about joining, now is the time to do it. Jump on and register as soon as possible, we need to confirm numbers for timing equipment and catering. Full details about the day—program, requirements and pricing are provided on page 13 of this issue of the *Capital Roundel*.

In case you missed it, the updated ACT Concessional Registration Scheme will be implemented shortly. For those of us with eligible vehicles this is great news! I am looking forward to seeing more of the classics out and about.

The year in review

2022 was a defining year for the club. We pulled together one of the best BMW Nationals in recent history, in one of the smaller clubs in the country. When you factor in the events held at the Nationals as well as those for the rest of 2022, we held a whopping FORTY events for the year!

Our membership has grown exponentially as well, seeing us crack the 250 barrier.

I trust everyone had a refreshing break and are ready for a great 2023.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone out and about, especially at a club meet soon! **CR**



From the Editor

Jon Havelock



This has certainly been a full and eventful club year. We've gone on about it many times but the highlight has to be the Nationals event we hosted way back in March.

But we did not stop there as it has been a busy year, every month of the year.

This edition of the club magazine brings you news and event reports of a packed final three months of 2022. Due to various reasons, we are publishing this in January 2023 but I hope it gives you a good summary of what the club was up to

before we all had our well-deserved break over Christmas and the new year.

The highlight for me was our celebration of the 50 Years of BMW M. The month long event, made possible with the assistance and support of *Canberra BMW* was by all accounts, a huge success. We have the event documented here in these pages and for those of you who did not make it, I hope it gives you a flavour of how the event went down.

These pages are filled with so much more for you to catch up on.

I hope you enjoy all of this final edition of the *Capital Roundel* for 2022! **CR**

50 Years of BMW ///M @ Canberra BMW

Words :
Jon Havelock

October, 2022

There was no way the 50th anniversary of BMW's M Division was going to pass unnoticed the club. So a plan was hatched to celebrate the event for one entire month by having 4 weekly displays of member owned ///M cars at Canberra BMW.

We owe a huge thank you to Izi Tanewski (Marketing Manager) and Patrick Van Den Bogaart (Dealer Principal) at Canberra BMW for being receptive to the idea in the first place. Secondly, and equally importantly, to the club member owners for sharing their cars for a whole week at a time.

Week 1 was labelled "White Heat" by some of us. It featured the E39 M5 of Mark Wilson, E82 1M of Linda Staples and E92 M3 of Marcus Hon.

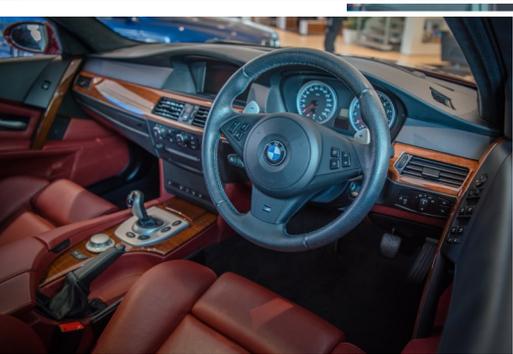
Week 2 featured the pairing of two generations of M5—the E39 of Joe Trimboli and E60 of Ian Oliver. Week 3 saw the very colourful combination of Ian's E30 M3 and the F87 M2s of Ally Coupland (OG) and Mawaqi & Will Goodwin (Competition).

Week 4 was a celebration of M3s as we had all 6 generations gathered together in a single display. We firmly believe this was the first time ever this had happened in Australia. Word is, this was the envy of every BMW car club and BMW dealership in the country!

Thanks to owners Ian Oliver (E30), Rob Griffin (E36), Saad Ahmed (E46), Jon Havelock (E92), Caroline Wade (F80) and John Keller (G80). And to top it all off, Canberra BMW hosted us to a morning tea on the final Saturday of the month-long event. **CR**



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Six Generations of M3

50 Years of BMW ///M @ Canberra BMW

Morning tea @ Canberra BMW



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Whale Watching trip to Bermagui

Words :
Lorna Kunz

8-9 October, 2022



Objective: Organise a whale watching opportunity for members three months in advance.

Milestone: Tour booked for 9 October from Merimbula Harbour and thirteen adults and three children were ready to go.

Major problem: Third El Nina and a deluge of rain in the days leading up to the weekend.

Risk mitigation: Talk to Sapphire Cruises. Yes it can go ahead but to make sure, rebook to the Bermagui cruise. Done.

The sun shone on Saturday morning though we all had wet weather gear—BMW club members are prepared for anything!. Some of us met in the Vikings Car Park to drive down while others were to meet us there. We dodged the potholes and arrived safely in Merimbula after a stop in Cooma. A lovely dining experience was had that night at the Sapphire Coast Club and we retired to our respective accommodation.

OOPS!! Downpour overnight and rumour had it that there had been 100mls at Ulladulla. The intrepid convoy set off through the wet coun-

tryside to drive to Bermagui. All was going well until the coastal road was flooded in one dip. Undaunted and with some guidance from another motorist the big Beamers made it through easily but the little VW polo said, 'I think I can ... I think I can' and did, much to the relief of this author.

The tour started on time. To the east the sea was calm and blue but to the west the hills were topped with snow which was most unusual according to the tour operator. And yes, we did see whales. Not breaching as the current was strong and they were saving their strength but we saw mothers and calves and some flashing of tails. They are majestic creatures and it was an excellent tour.

After the tour those who chose to drive back via Brown Mountain were treated to the snow that had fallen that night from the top to past Nimmitabel. This author admits to stopping for a pie at the Nimmitabel Bakery but the real reason was to throw a snowball or two.

Consensus was that we all had a whale of a time. Sorry couldn't resist that!! **CR**

Whale Watching trip to Bermagui



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Hump Day at the G-Spot

Words & photos:
Graham **Ball**

2 November, 2022

Our very first midweek meet at the 'G' Spot, was a success!

With 12 cars and around 18 members attendance, we braved the COLD, yes, the cold (who would have thought in November) for a causal midweek get-together.

Most of us enjoyed a bite to eat from the 'G' Spot while catching up with fellow members. Oh, and admiring everyone's cars of course – particularly Ally's beautiful ///M2!

For those that don't know about the 'G' Spot, it's an iconic van food van, serving many different style of dishes, from Burgers, Mexican to Pork Rolls (their menu item names are very amusing) and is located in the far right corner of the Gungahlin Lakes Club - with plenty of parking (perfect location for a car meet!)

This was the first time that we've held a meet style event during the week. The feedback that was received was very positive, so we'll be definitely having another event like this in the near future – stay tuned! **CR**





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Come join us for a very special event. This will be the first Track Day hosted by **BMW Car Club Canberra** and the ONLY track day hosted in celebration of 50 years of BMW Motorsport. Proudly supported by **Canberra BMW**.

When: 11 Feb 2023, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: Pheasant Wood Circuit, Marulan NSW

On top of being an already impressive day, we will have prizes for a number of categories as well. This will be a well-kept secret until our big day. Make sure you are there to find out!

For those that have not attended a track day before, this will be a great introduction.

There are some mandatory requirements to attend —

- Long sleeve cotton shirt, full length pants and enclosed footwear
- Helmet: hire may be available
- Motorsport (Motorsport Australia or AASA) or track (Pheasant Wood) licence: A day licence can be purchased for \$30 @ the track. Note: Can be upgraded on the day to an annual licence for an additional \$69

This will be a fully catered event. Your registration fee includes all lunch, snacks and drinks (water, soft drink, tea and coffee). Simply turn up and enjoy the day.

Early Bird pricing: \$200 for members of any official BMW Club (verification of current membership will be required), \$250 for non-members. This will be available until 31 December 2022.

Club merchandise will also be available for purchase on the day.

Registrations are limited, be sure to register ASAP to avoid disappointment.

> <https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5003868>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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COOMA MOTORFEST 2022

Words: **Graham Ball**

5 November, 2022

We had a great drive and an awesome day at the Cooma Motorfest. Every two years, the Cooma Car Club hosts the regions' largest festival of motoring - MOTORFEST.

Over 400 cars, trucks and motorbikes are displayed. Together with corporate displays and entertainment, the event takes on a carnival atmosphere where the public can admire the

contribution to motoring history that members of the Cooma Car Club have collected, restored and maintain.

Big thanks to *Canberra BMW* and *Canberra BMW Motorrad* for allowing us to showcase the fully-electric BMW i4 and CE 04 scooter!

Thanks again to the Cooma Car Club for having us! **CR**



Above: Ally Coupland and Will Goodwin detail their respective M2s after the drive from Canberra



Photos: Mawaqi Goodwin, Luke Wise & Graham Ball



Ever wondered how BMW Car Club Canberra fits in to the BMW family worldwide? Here's how

There are around 800 officially recognised BMW clubs with over 230,000 members, reflecting rather impressively the enduring ability of the *BMW Group* and its brands to captivate and entice. Together, they form the largest club organisation in the world in the premium car and motorcycle segment. Vehicle age is not important here, with everything from lovingly restored classics to individually configured new models represented.

BMW Club & Community Management – BCCM for short – is the global interface for all official BMW and BMW Motorrad clubs. BCCM is part of BMW Group Classic, and our offices are located in BMW's historic former factory halls in Munich, a stone's throw from the "four-cylinder" building.

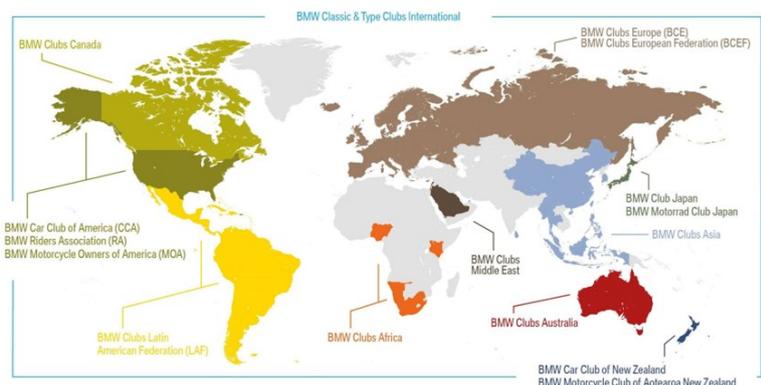
Each individual BMW club and BMW Motorrad club is a standalone entity; their focus and orientation are independent of the brand. The clubs are subdivided by continent and region: Europe, America, Africa, Australia and Asia Pacific. Within these groups, clubs are arranged under international and national umbrella organisations. The BMW Classic and Type Clubs have a separate, internationally active section. They take care of everything concerning the maintenance and restoration of classic BMW vehicles.

This global network for BMW motorcycle and car enthusiasts provides a unique platform for sharing experience and knowledge. And the elected BMW Clubs International Council represents the interests of the clubs.

The BMW Clubs International Council (BCIC) was officially founded in July 1981 by Helmut Werner Bönsch, president of BMW Clubs Europe e.V. at the time, and Dr Horst Avenarius from BMW AG.

The BCIC is made up of 20 delegates. 16 seats are allocated to the international BMW club umbrella organisations and four to BMW Group Classic. The regional composition of the BCIC is determined by member numbers in the individual regions. Additionally, each BMW club umbrella organisation can be joined at the Council's Annual Meeting by an independent observer.

Approximately 40 representatives of the BMW club umbrella organisations and BMW Group Classic come together at their annual Meeting. They have a powerful voice and represent an important link between the BMW Group and BMW club federations, BMW enthusiast associations and BMW agencies / importers / subsidiaries. **CR**



As memberships continue to grow, we are certainly very happy to see more of you join our club these past three months! The *BMW Car Club Canberra* would like to welcome the following new members. See you at an event soon!!

Member name	BMW
Craig Walker	E24 635i E28 535i E34 540iLE K100 bike
Greg, Joanne & Charlie Williams	1989 E30 318i
Chris Yorke	2021 F40 M135i
Younghoon Kim	2018 F20 M140i
Michael, Anna & Bridget Dainer	2016 F15 X5 3.0d M Sport 2018 F48 X1 2.5i M Sport 2015 F20 125i M Sport
Saad Ali	2014 F06 640i 1992 E34 535i
Andrew Scott	2016 F82 M4
Daniel Romano	2012 E92 320d
Matt Bosworth	F80 M3
Andrew & Brodie Nicholls	2001 E53 X5 1997 E36 318ti
Dominik Fabjanowski	2004 E46 320i
Alexander Edgar	320i M Sport
Christopher Dean	2017 F20 M140i
Rob Dixon	2013 F32 435i
Ben Sims	1996 E36 M3 2016 F80 M3
David Rudge	1984 E30 323i 2010 X6 1996 E36 318i race car
Paul Davis, Lorraine Hannah & Trent Davis	2019 G30 540i
Cal Goodman, Narelle McPhee & Noah Goodman	E36 Coupe 2005 E87 116i

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Cars & Coffee @ Billy Ts

Words & photos:
Jon Havelock

20 November, 2022

This was our second meet this year at this location, in a quiet pocket of a corner off Col-lie Street, Fyshwick. And it proved to be as popular as the first time. There's just something about Billy T's Larder & Goods! Maybe it has something to do with Dirty Jane's Warehouse and the café.

We had a pretty amazing turnout of cars and members for the morning—with something like more than 40 cars lined up in the car park! All I can say is that it must have been very confusing for the regular public who were there that morning

As is always the case with these events, we had a really wide range of member cars from some very current models to some stunning examples of the older and more classic cars too. Of course it is always exciting to see members turn up in their pride and joy and for all of us to share in admiring each and every one on display.

The success of this format of club gathering will be repeated many times in 2023 so watch out for your invitation emails. **CR**





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Cars & Coffee @ Billy Ts



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Club Calendar



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***This is the club calendar for the 2023 year. There is no doubt we have something here for everybody. Members please keep an eye out on your emails as we may add more to this as opportunities arise!
See you at an event soon!!***

Event	Date	Event type & location	Details & registration is required—
Go-Kart Racing	1 Feb	6:30PM, Power Kart Raceway	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5076712
Bathurst 12 Hr Run	5 Feb	7:00AM departure to Bathurst	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5027140
Pheasant Wood Track Day	11 Feb	7:30AM-5:00PM, Marulan	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5003868
Shannons Wheels 2023	19 Feb	9:00AM-1:30PM, Queanbeyan Showgrounds	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5026889
Fish 'n Chips Run to the Bay	5 Mar	9:30PM, Meetup at Supercheap Auto Qbn Car Park	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5072230
BMW Nationals 2023	17-21 Mar	Gold Coast, Queensland	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-4929807
Wheels of Wamboin 2023	15 Apr	Wamboin Oval	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5074823
BMW Cars & Coffee	30 Apr	8:30AM-10:30AM, Red Hill Lookout Carpark	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5072455
Snowy High Country Overnight Run	13-14 May	8:00AM departure from Calwell Shops Carpark	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5072301
Southern Tablelands Drive (Binalong, Boorowa, Crookwell, & Gundaroo)	11 June	8:30AM departure from McDonald's Nicholls	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5076322
Distinguished Gentleman's Drive 2023	24 Sept	8:00AM-3:00PM, Canberra	https://bmwclubcanberra.org.au/event-5000974

Bimmer, beamer or beemer??

Source: [bmw.com](https://www.bmw.com)

Bimmer," "beamer" and "beemer" are all common nicknames for BMW vehicles. But where do they come from? Read on as we explain the origin of each nickname and what it all has to do with motorcycle racing.

Long popular in the English-speaking world, in recent years the terms "beamer," "beemer" and "bimmer" have really caught on with petrolheads around the world.

Strictly speaking, it's incorrect to talk about a "beamer car" (or "beemer car"). The correct term for a BMW automobile is "bimmer" – "beemer" and "beamer" actually only refer to a BMW motorcycle.

The origin of the nickname "Beamer"

The nickname "Beamer" comes from Great Britain – and originally served to distinguish it from a British manufacturer* whose motorcycles bore the nickname "Beezer". But BMW motorcycles also achieved great success on the British racing scene, including the "Isle of Man TT Races".

Georg "Schorsch" Meier, for example, was the first non-British racer to win the prestigious Senior TT, with the BMW 255 Kompressor in 1939. He was followed in the post-war years by a long list of winning BMW teams. All in all, other drivers such as Walter Schneider, Max Deubel, Siegfried Schauzu or Klaus Ender won the race 26 times on a BMW, until the end of its World Championship status in 1976.



Over the years, riders and motorsports fans coined the nickname "beemer" for BMW motorbikes, by analogy to "beezer." "Beemer" is a lot snappier and generally easier to say than BMW, especially as it cuts out the difficult long W sound at the end.

The name "beemer" quickly gained popularity in English-speaking countries as a nickname for BMW motorbikes. Over time, the alternative spelling "beamer" emerged – its resemblance to the word "beam" is believed to be coincidental. Incidentally, no separate nickname has ever been spawned in BMW's German homeland, perhaps because the name BMW trips off the tongue much more easily in German.

How beemer gave rise to bimmer

The nickname "bimmer" originated in the 1970s. At the time, BMW automobiles were enjoying something of a boom in popularity in the US. Americans had initially called BMW cars "beamers," like the motorcycles – with the exception of the Boston Chapter BMW club, whose newsletter has been called "Bimmer" since the 1970s.

In the meantime, and entirely independently of the Boston Chapter, an identically titled magazine for BMW fans hit the shelves in the US, and "bimmer" won out as the preferred nickname for BMW cars (as opposed to "beamer" or "beemer" for motorcycles). The name has now been embraced by car fans around the world, even in Germany. **CR**



BMW XM and M3 Touring Roadshow

Words: Graham Ball
Photos: Jon Havelock

23 November, 2022

We had the pleasure checking out two very special cars, The first-ever BMW XM and M3 Touring at Canberra BMW, part of BMW Australia's roadshow to showcase these first-ever M models.

The XM is the first BMW M standalone model since the legendary BMW M1 and the very first time an M vehicle is equipped with M Twin Power Turbo V8-cylinder petrol engine with plug-in hybrid technology. The M3 Touring is the first-ever BMW M3 Touring... finally!

The XM features many unique design elements, notably two laser engraved BMW roundels at the top corners of the rear windscreen, a nod to the original M1 supercar. Also, the headliner has a glowing and sculpted three-dimensional ceiling swathed in ambient lighting, it reacts to things such as when a paired phone receives a call, or when an occupant might be at risk of opening a door into a hazard. The light-up kidney grill is another of its many party tricks.

The XM is not all about fancy light up features, it's an M car at the end of the day meaning there is some serious performance. The XM of-

fers 480kW of power 800Nm of torque through its 4.4-litre turbocharged V8 and electric plug-in hybrid system. It will do the 0-100km/h sprint in 4.3 seconds! Not bad for a car that weighs 2,710kg (50kg heavier than a Rolls-Royce Cullinan). A more powerful 550kW/1000Nm XM Label Red model will follow in a few years.

The M3 touring is the first M wagon to be sold in Australia and will be available in xDrive competition specification (unfortunately no manual). We can only dream of a CS or the like

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Above and at left: The business end of the M3 Touring. Below: At the wheel with the optional carbon buckets up front.



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model! The M3 Touring has taken the glory for being the fastest production wagon around the Nurburgring, beating the Mercedes-AMG E63S by 10 seconds! The 3.0-litre twin-turbocharged inline six-cylinder engine produces 375kW of power and 650Nm of torque. It also features BMW's latest iDrive system and



new curved display screen as standard equipment, merging the 12.3-inch digital dash with a 14.9-inch infotainment screen. **CR**

Below right: The very plush interior of the XM.



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