BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria, South Africa

NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2025
#4 OF 2025

DON'T FORGET

CLUB NIGHT
Friday, 9 MAY 2025
- 18h30 for 19h00

Buksie's Pub & Grill
CLUB RIDE/ADVENTURE
SUNDAY
11 May 2025

Leafy Greens Café
LADIES RIDE
SUNDAY
18 May 2025

Kozis Trattoria
MOON RIDE
SATURDAY
24 May 2025

In honour of Sias Wagenaar

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to our dear friend and honorary club member, Sias.

Rest in peace, **Rides Captain**.
You will never be forgotten.

This edition is dedicated to our rides captain, our friend and honorary club member, Sias Wagenaar. As the wheels roll on and the road stretches ahead, it's time for us to say goodbye to a true brother and honorary member of our club - Sias. You've been more than just a rider, more than just a friend; you've been part of the heartbeat that keeps this family strong, fueled by the spirit of adventure and loyalty.

We ride for you, Sias. Until we meet again.

BMW Motorcycle Club
Pretoria, South Africa

Dear Members,

April was one of the fastest months to come and go and unfortunately so too the month in which we experienced a tremendous loss with the passing of our Rides Captain, Honorary Member, all round gentleman and BMW MC Pretoria Club Champion, Sias Wagenaar.

Sias was more than just a member of our club—he was a cornerstone of our community. His dedication, warmth, and unwavering support left an indelible mark on all of us. Whether it was through his tireless volunteer efforts, his kindness toward fellow members, or the leadership he so humbly offered, Sias's presence enriched the lives of everyone he encountered.

We remember him not only for his many contributions to our club but also for the joy and spirit he brought into every gathering. He exemplified the values we hold dear, and his absence will be deeply felt.

To Emilia and the rest of Sias's family,
On behalf of the BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria, it is with heavy hearts that we extend our deepest sympathies to you following the passing of our cherished member, Sias.

This club has developed and grown through each and every member's contribution and active participation. This is the only way in which any club grown, for the combined sharing of our passion, should and could be able to exist and continue.

Again, I urge each member to actively participate and support your club activities and let us know where and when you want to be involved or should you have any constructive ideas or contributions.

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Happy Anniversary

BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria is celebrating it's 30 year anniversary this year! We will be celebrating this milestone with a planned event and the details will be communicated soon.

Should there be any club related questions or assistance needed, please feel free to make contact with any of the committee members.

Let's enjoy our social club with it's "passion for riding" and make it great!

Marius Bezuidenhout
Club Chairman

IN LOVING MEMORY
SIAS, OUR RIDES CAPTAIN

SIAS WAGENAAR

Ride to NG Kerk, Monument Park
25 April
10AM
Departure: BMW Motorrad Centurion

Ride Leader: Eddie Immelman

Sweep: Paul & Annelize Greebe

We request that all pillion foot pegs be dropped down (as if having a pillion ride with) even for single riders.

Bikers will be directed as to where they can park their bikes at church.

All bikers to please place their helmets where indicated in the front of the church.

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Gonubie Hotel

WHO IS TURNING 30 THIS YEAR?

Spectacular NEWS

~~JOINING FEE~~

To make this even more spectacular, the Main Committee has decided to invite ALL previous club members to join the club again, WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY THE JOINING FEE! Effective 1 May 2025.
This will be available for a short period, cut-off to be announced.

BORN TO RIDE: MEMBER STORIES

Throttle back in time – tell us about your first bike!

For our next newsletter we would love to hear from you!

What was the very first motorbike you ever rode? What made that bike special to you! If you have a photo that would be great too.

Email Donna @ technology@bmwclubs.co.za or WhatsApp 083 309 0774

NEW MEMBERS

Byron Nel

Welcome!!

Happy Birthday!

MAY

4 May - Akash Maharaj
4 May - Shenanda Janse van Rensburg
6 May - Roger Faulkner-Smith
8 May - Riaan van Amerom
10 May - Ina Immelman
12 May - Anita Steyn
13 May - Sue Coetzee
15 May - Tom Nel
16 May - Alun Peck
21 May - Ernst Smith
21 May - Andries Steyn
22 May - John Hesketh
23 May - Marius Bezuidenhout
25 May - Mike Hennessy
26 May - Pieter De Koker
27 May - Barend J E Taute
28 May - Donna Reid
28 May - Theresa Crous

MAY CLUB RIDES

CLUB RIDE | Sunday, 11 May 2025 | Nico | Buksie's Pub & Grill **TAR**

Join us this Sunday for our exhilarating Loskop Dam Outride — one of our special combined tar and adventure rides! Feel the freedom of winding tar roads leading you all the way to the spectacular Loskop Dam wall or blaze your own trail on our exciting adventure route.

Whichever path you choose, we'll reunite at our picturesque venue near the dam for great company, laughter, and shared stories from the road.

Time: 07h30 for 08h00 from BP Centurion
Sweep: Paul Greebe

SCAN for more info

CLUB RIDE | Sunday, 11 May 2025 | Rudi | Buksie's Pub & Grill **ADVENTURE**

Join us this Sunday for our Amazing Loskop Dam **Adventure Ride**! Experience the thrill of sand and dirt as we make our way to the iconic Loskop Dam wall. It's going to be an unforgettable ride, don't miss it!

The route is categorised as a *Yellow Route (good)*, but it can be affected by water. Expect sand and loose rocks along the way.
It is pillion friendly.

Time: 07h00 for 07h30 from BP Centurion
Sweep: Dieter Lettau

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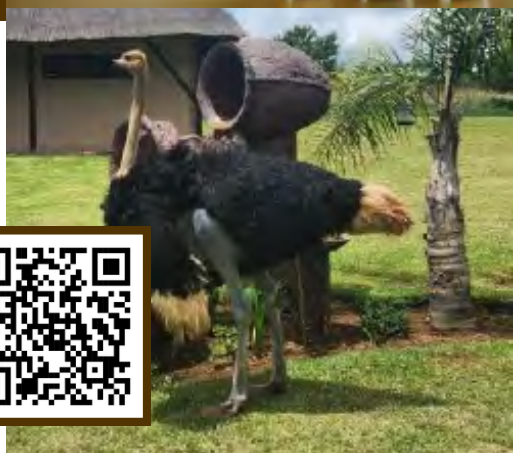

MOON RIDE | 24 May 2025 | Emilia | Kozis Trattoria

Join Emilia and Paul for an exciting ride to the venue in memory of Sias. Great Italian food awaits us on our arrival. With 25+ years in Italian cuisine, Kosta brings his personal flair to life at Kozis. New and trendy dishes and flavors await to be explored at Kozis.

Come and experience Italian cuisine.
Cagers welcome to meet us at the Restaurant.

Time: 17h30 for 18h00 from BP Centurion
Sweep: Paul Greebe

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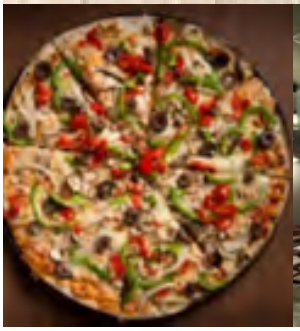

LADIES RIDES

Sunday, 18 May 2025

Ladies, gear up, and join Donna Reid for a scenic and soul-refreshing ride that takes us all the way to ***Leafy Greens Café*** – the perfect destination for delicious, wholesome food and fresh countryside vibes!

Along the route, we'll cruise over the Hennops River, where its waters flow to meet the Crocodile River, just before they both join forces at the beautiful Hartbeespoort Dam.

Ladies to the right, gents to the left
We'll all meet and park together at the same spot — but from there, it's ladies to the right as we head to ***Leafy Greens Café***, and gents to the left where Andy will be keeping the guys entertained at the rustic and charming ***Casalinga***.

Because let's face it, our men are just as important — and while we're sipping smoothies and catching up over green goodness, they'll be having their own great time.

Time: 07h30 for 08h00
Briefing: 07h45
Departure: 08h00 from BP Centurion
Sweep: Sue Coetzee

SCAN for more info

QUIZ TIME

Choose the correct answer.
Find answers on the back page.

1. In what year did BMW Motorrad begin the manufacture of its own complete motorcycles?
- 1921
- 1923
- 1925
- 1940

2. What was the name of the first BMW motorcycle?
- R23
- M2 B15
- R32
- R100

3. The BMW Boxer has what kind of engine?
- Single-Cylinder
- V-Twin
- Flat-Twin
- Flat-Four

4. What does the BMW emblem symbolise?
- Boxer
- Spinning Propeller
- Wheel
- Piston

5. What was the first thing BMW built?
- Cars
- Motorcycles
- Motorcycle Engines
- Aircraft Engines

6. What does the R in R100 stand for?
- Radial
- Rad
- Round
- Reliable

7. Which of the following is not made by BMW?
- R-Bikes
- K-Bikes
- Funduro
- J-Bikes

8. Which motorcycle manufacturer first used ABS?
- Honda
- H-D
- Triumph
- BMW

BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria

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REPORT BACK | April Moon Ride

On Saturday 12 April the club hosted the **April Moon Ride to Buffelsfontein Restaurant**. The event was well supported with a total of 20 people including two guests enjoying the evening together. In total there were eight motorcycles, and four cagers.

The distance was approximately 30 km with a duration of 46 minutes with no incidents on the way. Paul was the lead ride and Dieter was sweep.

The venue and menu were both awesome, much enjoyed by everyone present and is highly recommended for future utilisation.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on the ride

REPORT BACK | Poker Run

Poker Run, more fun and no "JOKERS"

Fun was had and prizes galore on the **2025 Poker Run** that will be remembered for many years to come! With around 30 contenders / players joining us on a wonderful sunny Sunday to experience the BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria's Annual Poker Run. A not so early start was enjoyed from BP Centurion, where everyone received their entries and first cards. From here the players were allowed to proceed in their own formed groups and ride to the next destination. Remember the destinations between start and the final stop, was only provided through GPS co-ordinates and a very clever clue!

All players were able to reach and visit each of the stops, collect their additional cards (although some were able to attain additional, additional cards, at additional persuasive contribution levels).

At each stop the contenders were able to enjoy something to drink and /eat AND spend some time with the committee members that manned those stops.

With Kremetart Bistro as the final stop, the perfect venue with everyone enjoying a lot of pizza, drinks, laughter and socialising and some gifts and prizes! Fun, gifts and laughter……still the main aim for every poker run is to collect funds for our wellness funding project and thereby supporting a charity of the members choice!

Thank you for participating and contributing to this project and making it possible to make some change and provide a bit of fun, laughter and maybe gifts, to those less fortunate. Thanks to every committee member, club member and guest that gave time, prizes, money and heart.

The biggest thank you to Sias Wagenaar on his ultimate Poker Run!

New Membership Card – rollout

Each paid up member will get a virtual card that replaces the plastic card (in the form of a Jpeg.)

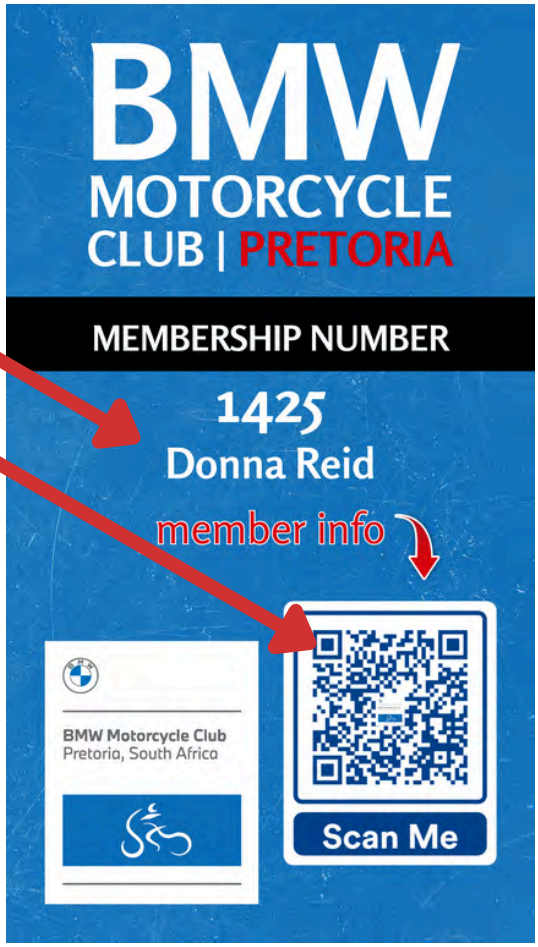
The name and membership number will appear on the card.

The QR Code will be scanned to check that your membership is valid – where you will then be eligible for discount.

For privacy – the QR Code scan will only show the membership number and validity date.

Each year when memberships are renewed, the QR Code will be updated and the member will continue using the same virtual card going forward.

Please be patient while we get the ball rolling. Thank you.



WELLNESS *initiative drives*

As part of our ongoing commitment to nurturing the well-being of our community, we're excited to announce that we are seeking your valuable ideas and suggestions for our upcoming Wellness Intuitive Drives. These initiatives are not just programmes; they are a reflection of who we are as a club and the values we hold dear.

Your voice is crucial in shaping the direction of these drives. Whether it's a new activity, a wellness practice, or an experience that you believe could enhance our collective wellness journey, we want to hear from you. Together, we can create an environment that fosters balance, growth, and vitality for every member and our community.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with us through email or WhatsApp *(Main Committee emails can be found on the back page of this newsletter)*. Your input will help us make this inclusive and impactful for all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community, and we look forward to your ideas!

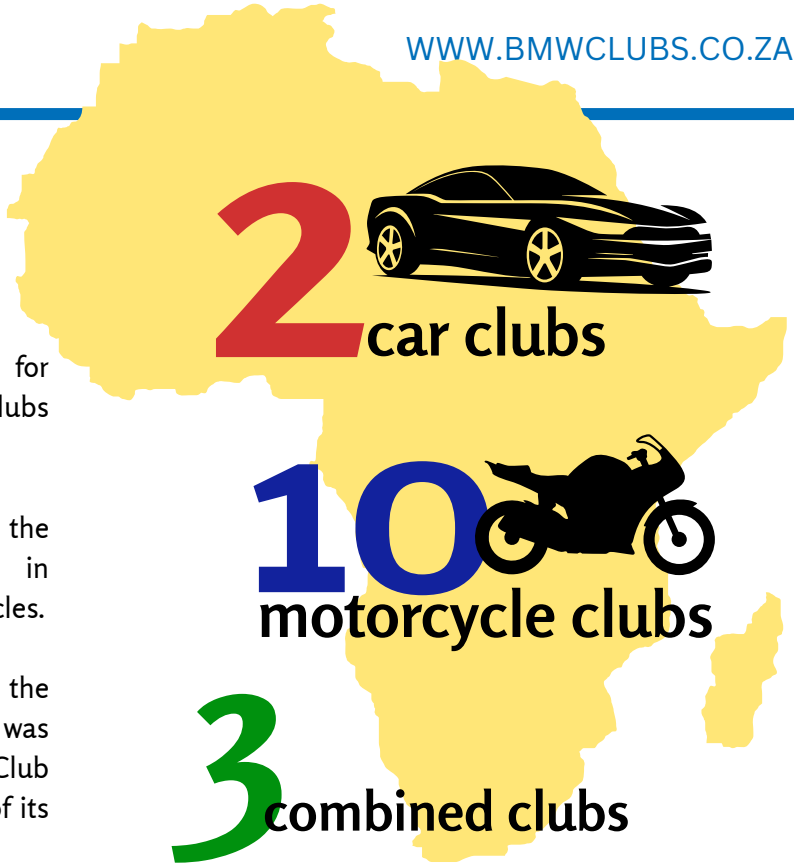
BMW Clubs Africa

Living the BMW Lifestyle – The African Way

BMW Clubs Africa is the Umbrella organisation for BMW Clubs in Africa. It is a member of the BMW Clubs International Council.

Club life in Africa can be traced back to 1981 when the BMW Club of South Africa was formed in Johannesburg, representing both cars and motorcycles.

In 1983/4 the Club became a member of the International Council. The umbrella Club for Africa was formalised in 1989 and restructured in 1994, and Club Africa was created to be the representative body of its Member Clubs.



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We look forward to your suggestions

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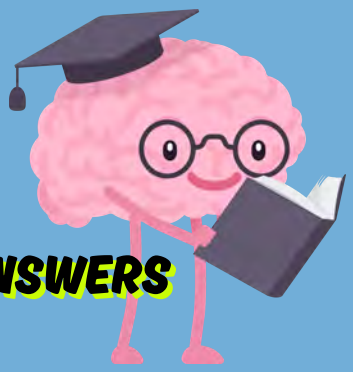

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