BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria, South Africa

NEWSLETTER
APRIL/MAY 2026
#4 OF 2026

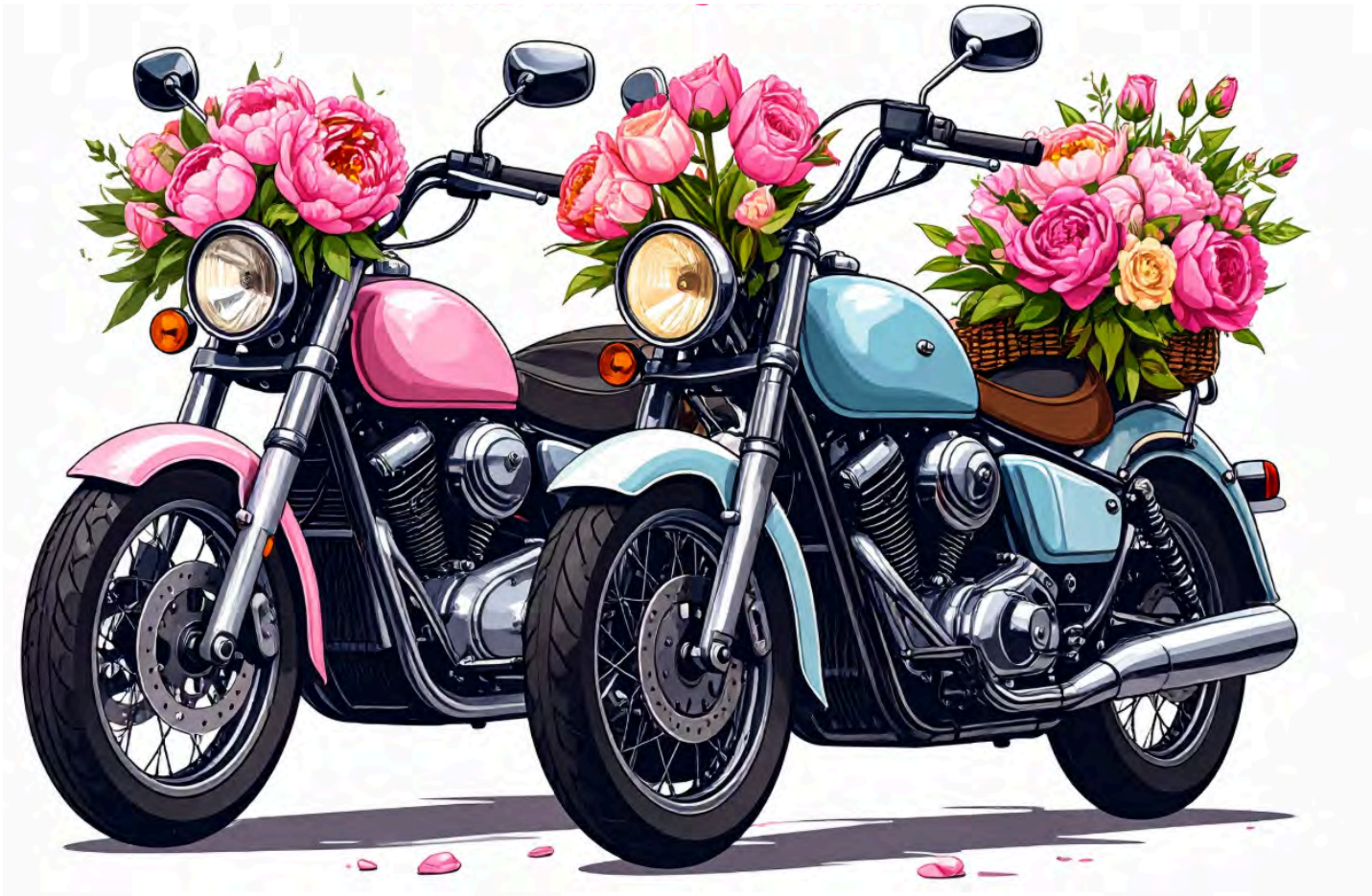
CLUB NIGHT FRIDAY | 8 MAY | 18H30 for 19h00

Happy MOTHER'S DAY

To all the incredible moms in our club and those who support our riders from the sidelines. We wish you a truly special Mother's Day.

Whether you're riding your own journey or cheering from home, your strength, care and spirit do not go unnoticed. May your day be filled with appreciation, love and a well deserved moment to relax and enjoy.

Thank you for everything you do, on and off the road.



Dear Members and friends,

As winter settles in, many may be tempted to park their bikes, but those who know, know: this is where the real riding begins.

Crisp mornings, clear skies and quieter roads create some of the most rewarding conditions we experience all year. Winter sharpens our focus, refines our skills and reminds us why we ride. As highlighted in this month's newsletter, it's not about riding less in winter, it's about riding better.

Of course, preparation remains key. Taking care in those first kilometres, staying visible and gearing up properly ensures that every ride remains both safe and enjoyable. When approached with the right mindset, winter riding becomes something to look forward to, not avoid.

Alongside the great riding ahead, I'd also like to encourage everyone to support our current raffle initiative. With exciting prizes up for grabs and tickets available now, these raffles are more than just a chance to win, they are an opportunity to give back.

Funds raised will go towards our charity, Club 21, making a meaningful difference where it truly matters.

club21
developing people with down syndrome

Let's continue to ride, connect and support one another through the season.

Yours in shared riding pleasure,

Marius
Chairman
BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria

Results of our **Newsletter Feedback Survey** will be published in our June edition.

We look forward to the feedback and hope that we can meet all Club Members' expectations.

DON'T miss out

MEMBER BENEFITS

10% Discount

@ **BMW Motorrad Centurion**
for Club Members
(proof of membership required)

birthdays

3 Michele Maartens
4 Jorge Lorenzo
8 Lynn Puttick
8 Riaan van Amerom
9 Glen Forbes
10 Ina Immelman
12 Ahren Matysik
13 Sue Coetzee
14 David Lepley
16 Alun Peck
19 Trudie Dreyer
19 Helgaard Theunissen
21 Andries Steyn
22 John Hesketh
23 Marius Bezuidenhout
23 Elizma Matysik
24 Alex Currie
25 Michael Henessey
25 Sias van Deventer
26 Pieter de Koker
26 Philip Lategan
27 Barend Taute
28 Theresa Crous
28 Donna Reid
31 Elzesla Kotze

Live draw at CLUB night

Get your tickets NOW

RAFFLE #1 Helmet

Shark D-Skwal Hiwo
full-face motorcycle helmet
Size: M
Estimated value R4 200 - R5 400

Raffle is open to ALL:
- members
- non-members
- family
- friends

All proceeds go to:
club21

RAFFLE #1 Helmet

How to purchase your raffle tickets

To secure your entry, please follow the steps below.
1 ticket = 1 entry

STEP 1: Make payment using banking details below

STEP 2: Use the correct reference
Please use the following format: *Name + Raf 1 (Example: DonnaRaf1)*

STEP 3: Send proof of payment (POP)
Email your POP to the email below and include the following details:
Name and surname
Cell No.
Raffle 1
No. of tickets purchased

Important: Your entry is only confirmed once payment has been verified.

Email: payments@bmwclubs.co.za

Banking details:
BMW Motorcycle Club Pretoria
First National Bank
Branch: 252 142
Account: 5585 0011 822

May CLUB RIDE

Lead: Sue Coetzee

Happy MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, 10 May 2026

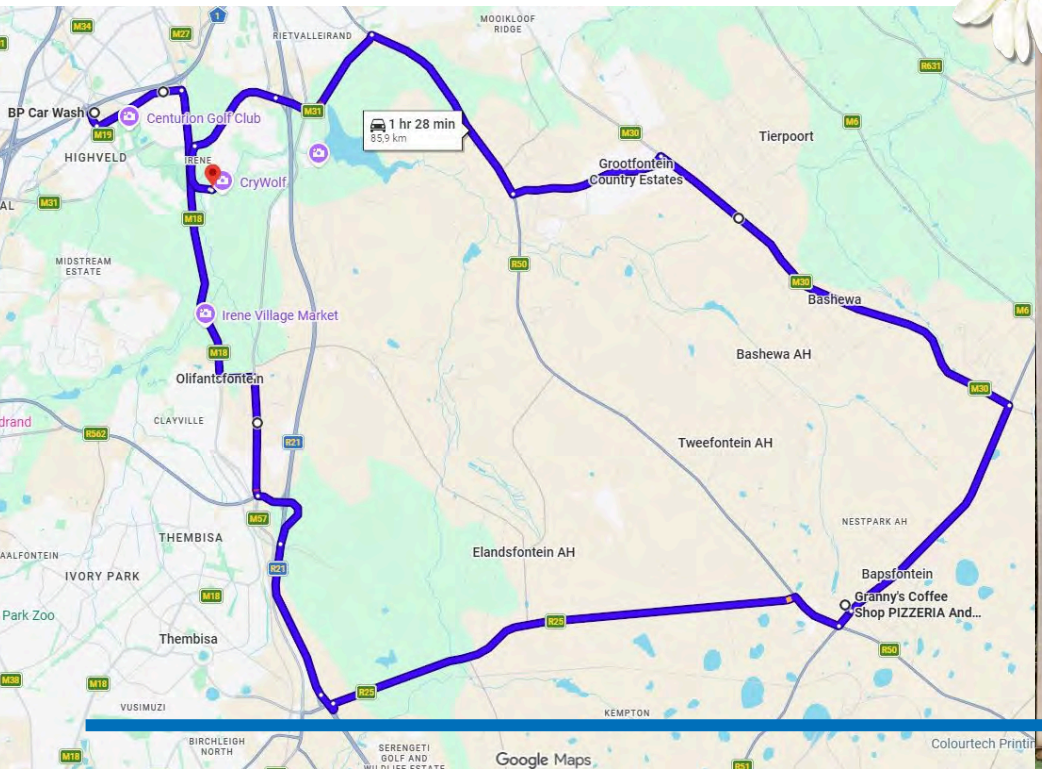
Our **Mother's Day** ride departs from BP Centurion, heading through Irene and Olifantsfontein, with a relaxed refreshment stop in Bapsfontein before returning via scenic backroads to the **Jan Smuts House Museum** and **Ouma Isie's Tea Garden.**

A smooth and enjoyable route combining open roads, countryside views and a social stop along the way.

Departure from BP Centurion - 07h30 for 08h00

PLEASE NOTE: There is a R10 entrance fee and licence disc scan per motorcycle at the entrance to the Jan Smuts Museum. This is for security reasons.

our route...

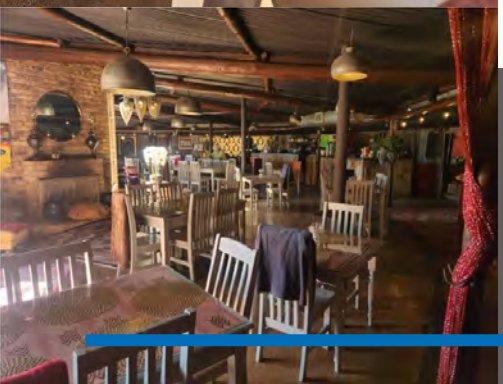


May ADVENTURE RIDE

Bronkhortspruit

Eddie Immelman invites you to....

SOETDORING RESTAURANT



Sunday, 17 May 2026

Join me for an exciting adventure ride as we head out from BP West Avenue, making our way along tar roads towards Rayton. From there, the journey shifts onto gravel as we follow the railway line, a scenic and engaging stretch that **may vary in difficulty** depending on recent weather conditions.

Expect sections that could be rated RED if it's been wet, with a few muddy patches along the gravel roads leading towards **Bronkhorstspruit**. We'll continue riding alongside the railway line for approximately 10 km before rejoining the tar road into town.

Our ride concludes at ***Soetdoring Restaurant***, the perfect spot to relax, catch up, and enjoy something refreshing along with a well-earned meal, whether it's a great pizza, a hearty burger or one of their speciality dishes.

Should conditions improve and the roads dry out, the route will ease to an ORANGE level.

Come prepared, ride safe and let's enjoy the adventure together.

Destination: Soetdoring Restaurant Bronkhortspruit

Depart from BP Centurion at 06h30 for 07h00
Distance: 75km
Duration: 5 hours
NB: not pillion friendly

May

MOON RIDE

Saturday, 23 May 2026

Thirst @ 28° East

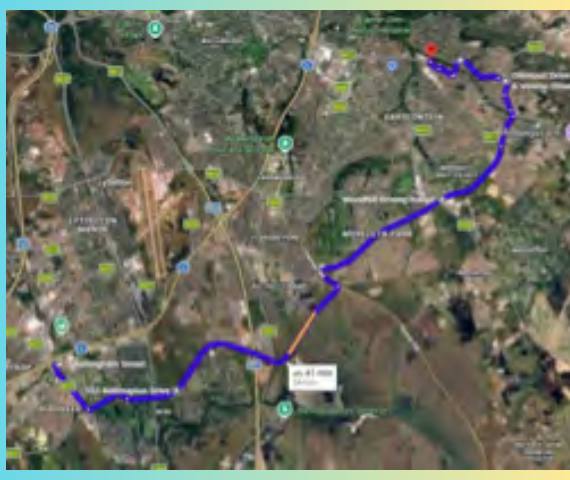
As winter starts to settle in, our **May Moon Ride** will offer the perfect opportunity to layer up, fire up the engines and enjoy an early evening ride with fellow members.

Led by Marius Bezuidenhout and supported by Paul Greebe, the group will depart from BP Centurion at 17:30 sharp (arrive by 17:00).

Heading east towards Garsfontein and Faerieglen, this short and social route of approximately 25km will be ideal for a relaxed ride. Expect a comfortable 40–50 minute journey. It is just enough to enjoy the transition from daylight into dusk, one of the most rewarding times to be on the road.

Riders should be prepared for winter conditions, with cool temperatures and the possibility of damp or wet patches along the route. The ride will be fully tarred and pillion-friendly, making it suitable for all members, whether you're riding solo or sharing the experience.

The destination, **Thirst @ 28° East,** will provide the perfect setting to unwind after the ride. Members can look forward to good company, warm conversation and a chance to connect off the bikes.



With first aid support in place and an experienced ride team leading the way, members can ride with confidence and ease.

Join us for a relaxed winter evening ride.
stay warm, stay visible and enjoy the journey.

May INTRO RIDE

Lead: Paul Greebe

Sunday, 24 May 2026

Meet: 07h00 for 07h30

We'll begin with an information session before departing as a group.

Departure point: Seattle Coffee, Jean Avenue, Centurion
Ride leader: Paul Greebe
Sweep: Dieter Lettau
Distance: 61 km
Estimated duration: ±1 hour

SEATTLE COFFEE COMPANY

URBAN FIELDS
Coffee served right
Farm fresh food

We warmly invite all new club members to join us for a relaxed cup of coffee and an introduction to how we ride as a club. This session is designed to help you feel confident, informed and part of the team from the very start.

Existing members are also most welcome to join the ride and show their support. The Rides Captain will present the information session and distribute the club ride booklet, which you can review at your leisure after the ride.

We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming our newest members to the road!

April REPORT BACK

Emilia Wagenaar

Annual fundraising Poker Run – a great success!

Our annual fundraising Poker Run once again proved why it's a firm favourite on the club calendar, combining riding, strategy, and great camaraderie.

Riders took on the challenge of collecting five cards at five different stops, all in pursuit of building the best possible poker hand by the end of the day.

The route included:

- Start: BP Centurion
- Stop 2: Kakiebos
- Stop 3: Whispering Oak
- Stop 4: Crossroads
- Finish: Wonderhill Smokehouse

Using coordinates to navigate, riders made their way from stop to stop at their own pace, with no ride leader or sweep, adding a sense of independence and adventure to the experience.

The biggest win of the day? Our fundraising efforts.

A total of R6 000 was raised — a fantastic contribution towards our club initiatives.

A big thank you to all the riders who participated and made the day such a success.

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April REPORT BACK

Paul Greebe

Weather may have changed the wheels but not the spirit

Due to adverse weather conditions on Saturday, 18 April, the decision was made to prioritise rider safety and swap two wheels for four. While the bikes stayed home, the spirit of the club certainly did not.

Members and guests made their way to the venue by car, where a great turnout of 13 members and 3 guests gathered for the evening. It was a relaxed and enjoyable night filled with good conversation and laughter that defines our club.

It's worth noting that while this wasn't a traditional ride, it was still a meaningful and worthwhile club outing, proving that it's not always about the bikes, but about the people and *#sharedridingpleasure.*

A great evening all round.

This report back will feature in our June 2026 newsletter.

#IFRD2026

Report back by club member - DONNA REID

Saturday, 2 May 2026
Grand Central Airport, Midrand

At the beginning of May each year, we celebrate **International Female Ride Day (IFRD)**, a global movement that recognises and supports women in motorcycling.

This year, I once again had the opportunity to be part of the Gauteng event at Grand Central Airport.

From the moment we arrived, the energy was unmistakable. Riders came in from all over Gauteng and the airport venue added something really special, a mix of excitement, connection and that shared passion we all understand.

Our adventure/off-road group, led by Morag Campbell and Chantel Van Heerden, started the day a little differently. We met at Prison Break Market for coffee and a proper catch up before heading out together. It was a relaxed start with good conversation, good coffee and a chance to connect before the ride.

From there we made our way through to Grand Central Airport. There were plenty of opportunities to connect with other riders who share the same love for riding. We also managed to grab a few great photos with a display bike and even a small aircraft.

For me, this is what makes events like IFRD so valuable. It's not just about riding but also about the people.

"If you're a lady rider in the club, this is one event you should definitely consider joining. It's a chance to meet other women riders, hear their challenges and successes and learn from the riding experience."

There was great music, prizes and a really positive energy throughout the day.

A big thank you to Jane-Leigh Pieterse from IFRD Gauteng, for putting together another successful and memorable event. I'll see you next year for sure.

Women Riders World Relay

Terugvoer deur klublid - LINDRI STANDER

WRWR by ADA
'n Dag van energie, groei en vrouekrag

Morag Campbell het op 18 April 2026 met energie en selfvertroue leiding geneem tydens die WRWR-byeenkoms by ADA. Van die eerste oomblik af was dit duidelik dat hierdie nie net nóg 'n ***"event"*** was nie, maar 'n viering van vroue wat ry.

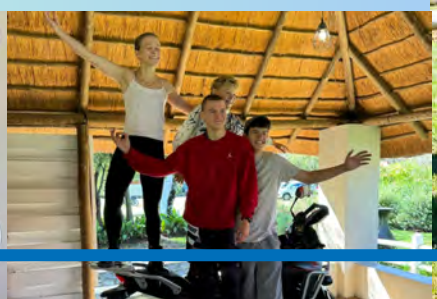
Ten spyte van vroegoggendreëen het die dames opgedaag, opgewonde, gesellig en gereed om deel te neem. Van Vespas tot GS Adventures het 'n kragtige gemeenskap gevorm waar almal verenig was deur een ding: die liefde vir motorfietsry.

- Ge-bike-yoga en vaardigheidsaktiwiteite
- Tegniese insigte oor onderhoud en inspeksie
- Elektriese motorfiets ervarings
- Modderrit-uitdagings
- Paaseier pret en kompetisies
- NickyB se energieke Afrika-ritmes

Wat die meeste uitstaan? Dit gaan nie oor watter fiets jy ry nie, dit gaan oor **dat** jy ry. Die selfvertroue groei, en elke ***"event"*** bring meer vroue saam in hierdie beweging.

Met 'n toegewyde span by ADA en sterk leiding van Morag Campbell, was hierdie dag 'n reuse sukses.

'n Dag wat nie net herinneringe geskep het nie, maar momentum.



Ride smart this winter

As temperatures drop, so does grip, visibility and reaction time. The difference between an average ride and a confident one lies in preparation.

Cold tyres offer less traction, especially in the first few kilometres. Take it easy early on, smooth throttle, gentle braking and controlled cornering are essential while your tyres come up to temperature.

Road conditions also change. Early mornings bring the risk of black ice, while diesel spills, painted lines and damp patches become significantly more hazardous in colder conditions. **Awareness is your strongest ally.**

Visibility becomes critical in winter. Shorter days, low sun angles and mist can reduce how well you're seen. Subtle reflective elements or high-visibility gear can make all the difference without compromising your style.

And then there's your gear — not just for comfort, but for control. Cold hands reduce reaction time. A proper layering system, quality gloves and neck protection aren't luxuries, they're part of your riding toolkit.

Smart riding in winter isn't about riding less. It's about riding better.

There's no bad weather, only unprepared riders.

CLUB REGALIA

HOW TO ORDER

1. Email: lifestyle@bmwclubs.co.za
2. WhatsApp: Donna 083 309 0774
3. Order at Club Night

Please note that we require payment before we can place an order.

To place an order with our supplier:

- A minimum of 5 shirts, softshells or hoodies are required.
- A minimum of 5 water bottles are required.

SAMPLES available for fitting at Club Night

COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Yours in shared riding pleasure
On behalf of the BMW MCCP Main Committee