



Meeting night This Thursday 1st May.

President's Report – May 2025

Hi everyone,

The weather has definitely changed, so now's the time to make sure your tyres and gear are ready for damper conditions.

Earlier this month, I did a great morning ride around Mt Karioi at Raglan. I turned west at Te Mata, headed out past Ruapuke, and looped around the coast back into Raglan for a coffee. It's a fantastic ride with some spectacular coastal views. Highly recommended — as long as you're okay with a bit of gravel! A word of advice though: don't chase the rain like I did. The bare clay patches get *very* slippery when wet.



I was riding a Multistrada, which is packed with modern tech, but even that doesn't have front-wheel traction control — because that's not a thing yet (maybe one day?). Until bikes become fully autonomous, it's up to us to keep our skills sharp.

On that note, I'm putting together a list of riders keen to do a **Ride Forever course** as a HMCC group. I'm aiming for a **Gold course** for experienced riders, but I'm happy to tag along on a Bronze or Silver if that's what people prefer. I guarantee you'll pick up some valuable tips, no matter how long you've been riding. Plus, you'll get **\$200 back** off your rego for two years!

Check out www.rideforever.co.nz for more info. If you're interested, **message me your name and number**, and I'll sort the rest.



Big Clubroom news- We have a new Beer Fridge! . Plus a new bike to check out

See you there this Thursday

Chris Bridge

Hamilton Motorcycle Club Inc



ANZAC ROAD RIDE



Only 4 wet weather bikes turned up for the Anzac Road Trial last Sunday, probably because of the shyte weather forecast; but whenever were those useless forecasters ever correct??? After gassing up, and with Michelle on the pillion seat (BMW R1200R) we ventured out to the start line at the Red Cherry Cafe. The rain/drizzle had stopped halfway there, and there was some blue sky on the horizon. Allan (KTM 1290 superduke) was already there having a hearty breakfast, soon to be joined by Ray (Honda VTR1000) and Barry (BMW F800GS -I think). By the time we waited for any other wet weather riders to arrive (there were 0), the rain had set in and the previously mentioned blue sky has gone somewhere else for the day.



Rather than do the organised road trial we decided a shorter ride in the wet was a more sensible option. So, off we went to Cambridge, out toward Rotorangi, Puahue, Parawera, Wharepapa South, Ngaroma and back to a lunch stop at the Rhubarb Cafe in Arapuni. We rode on wet roads most of the way (and very slippery in a couple of places) and a few passing light showers. After lunch we headed back to Cambridge and Hamilton via Horahora rd and SH1. SH1 was a mistake, as the traffic was at a standstill in a few places through the Karapiro section being the final day of the long weekend. We rode reasonably slowly along the cycle lane rather than joining the stoppages. The round trip from and back to my place was 170kms. And the useless forecasters were correct that day!!! But hey, we all need some riding practice in the rain, but not too much! Hoping for dry roads on our next ride.



Cheers, Bruce.

MAY ROAD RIDE

Ray text me to say at this stage there is no may road ride planned so if someone has a great idea be best to let Ray know ASAP.

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4 May 2025

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Finish around 3pm

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