

Meeting Opened: 7.58pm by Chairman, Luke Bryant

Present: Damien Codognotto  
Tony Scicluna  
Luke Bryant  
Lewis Bordon  
Lorraine Stone  
Alan Purves  
Sue McNeill  
Glenn Barlow  
Malcolm McMillan  
Terri Healand  
Trevor Kane  
Members of Mornington Peninsular Register,  
Southern Cross Tourers

Apologies: Blythe Osborne  
Dave Robinson  
Steve Bond

Discussions were held between Mornington Peninsular, Southern Cross Tourers and the Victorian Committee.

Steps are being taken to sort out the problems in relation to M.P. and S.C. Tourers, by Lewis and the police.

Tony stated that the Mornington Peninsular Register was still operational.

That Chairman requested that in view of the loss of correspondence between M.P. Register and M.R.A. House that all mail be sent to the M.R.A. at M.R.A. House, not to the P.O. Box No.

Vacant Committee Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary

Tony tabled a letter from Steve Bond agreeing to step down from the position of Vice President.

Luke moved that Tony Scicluna be elected interim President until the A.G.M.  
Seconded: Lewis Bordon Carried.

Tony moved that Glenn Barlow be elected Vice President until the A.G.M.  
Seconded: Lewis Bordon Carried.

Luke moved that Lorraine Stone be elected as Secretary until the A.G.M.  
Seconded: Glenn Barlow Carried.

Tony accepted the interim position as President, saying that M.R.A. Victoria has a tough job ahead. With Damien gone, and Lewis at present holding the M.R.A. together, we will have to ignore the petty quarrels and politics of the other states for the moment and work slowly toward strengthening the M.R.A. politically and financially. He stated that he looked forward to the support of Glenn and Lorraine. The Secretary will be working from the office of the ex-President.

M.R.A. PROMOTIONS:

Tony: The M.R.A. Victoria hereby empowers the company, M.R.A. Promotions to use its name and logo for the next five years, with an option after that five years to continue using its name and logo for a further five years.

A contract is to be drawn up by Lewis.

HONORARY LIFE PATRON OF M.R.A.

Luke moved that Damien Codognotto be raised to Honorary Life Patron of the M.R.A.

Seconded: Glenn Barlow

Carried: Unanimously

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Tony asked Trevor Kane (P.R. Stand) to be sure that new members paid \$10 to join as of 1st July. New forms have been printed, and should be used as of that date.

SWAP MEET

Terri asked when the next Swap Meet would be held, as Meets are good social functions for M.R.A. members. Tony said he would ensure that the date for the next Meet is contained in the next Newsletter.

STATE REGISTERS CONFERENCE

Lewis told the Committee that the Registers' Conference would be held on Saturday, 30th July at M.R.A. House, and is being arranged by the Western Suburbs Register. At and before this conference, support would be sought for the new administrative team of the M.R.A.

4Bs

Malcolm asked that the Committee authorise the issue of 200 stickers (Let Those Who Ride Decide, and Motorcycle Aware Driver) to give to staff and patients at hospitals that the 4Bs visit. Permission was unanimously granted.

4Bs have been asked to attend Cerberus Naval Base to speak about road safety and their work.

VOLUNTEER HELP AT M.R.A. HOUSE

Glenn Barlow suggested that people coming in to the House and volunteering help be given cleaning equipment. The downstairs area needs tidying and cleaning to give visitors a better impression.

Luke said he would ask for volunteers at the General Meeting.

Meeting Closed: 10.12pm.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

Trevor Kane asked for members to support him on the Elizabeth St. publicity stand.

Broadmeadows Council had approached him at the P.R. Stand re their trail bike park. They asked if M.R.A. members were interested in joining the Committee of Management.

The Swagmen M.T.C. were holding a Mystery Day in July. \$4, B.Y.O. BBQ

Next month details would be announced of a Swap Meet. Venue to be at Blood Bank. Tickets are available in a raffle to support M.R.A. Emergency vehicle registration.

4Bs: Asked for magazines for patients.

ROYAL AG. SHOW - Parade of motorcyclists we will not now be participating.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Legal Advice: Solicitor at M.R.A. House on Thursdays, 6 - 9pm.
2. Frank told members about a new radio station which will broadcast in an area from Malvern to Mordialloc. Members invited to attend meeting at Uniting Church, 497 Centre Rd, Dingleigh.
3. Macca voiced Western Suburbs Register's support for Tony as President.
4. The Chairman informed registers that they should elect a person to represent them at Committee meetings.

HOWQUA REPORT:

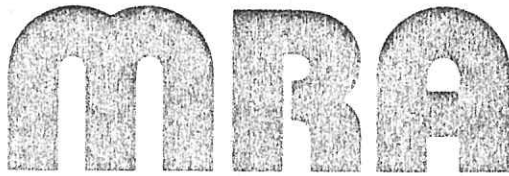
A hooligan element present meant that the M.R.A. would have to pay for certain losses. However, we did make a profit. A full report will be prepared by Tony for the next General Meeting. The location will be changed before another Rally will be held. Mansfield Chamber of Commerce are looking for alternative sites. The Committee will have to restrict attendance to members, with tighter security being provided for a future Rally.

A member asked if, in future, motions can be presented in a form clearly understood by everyone. The chairman asked that motions be written down and put prior to meetings to the chairman.

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Tony Scialuna,  
President.

Luke Bryant,  
Chairman.



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Tuesday, June 28 th. 1983.

M.R.A. Victoria.  
The Committee.

Dear Committee,

I believe that the M.R.A. National Conference at the weekend has destroyed any chance of the M.R.A. becoming a National or International Body for the good of motorcycling.

The Conference set up M.R.A. Australia which is a name only. It has a ridiculous financial arrangement that would not see Victoria through one month's operations.

M.R.A. Australia has no central membership listing because parochial interests would not trust the operators of the M.R.A.'s only owned computer to hold those listings in confidence.

It has no uniform Constitution or methods of operation, although they say this will come. When? 5 months or five years?

The member groups still have the power to act independantly even if it means that a state with 300 members can damage a state with thousands of members.

However, the main reason for my resignation is that Victoria is the only state with professional staff and their future is no longer secure. It would only take a majority vote in January at the next Conference to destroy most of the services built up for Victorian members. Moves were made last weekend to takeover the business interests of M.R.A. Victoria. I believe that it is only a matter of time before amateur and parochial interests to our north make such moves. Therefore, to protect my own livelyhood, I must look for a job and I doubt it will be in this state.

I have given 6 years of my life for the M.R.A. and I do not intend to play a part in setting up an organization that is doomed to failure as previous such groups have been.

Other states newsletters have printed blatant untruths about this Branch and letters of reply have been either not printed or followed by editorial comment that made me out to be a liar.

The A.M.C. has accused me of 'usurping' its position and causing the collapse of a Federal Government Committee amongst other things. I do not expect an apology.

My resignation from the M.R.A. will be effective from July 12 th.

A.C.T., New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, D. COGNOTTE  
Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia and Gt. Britain

let those who ride decide *Damian*