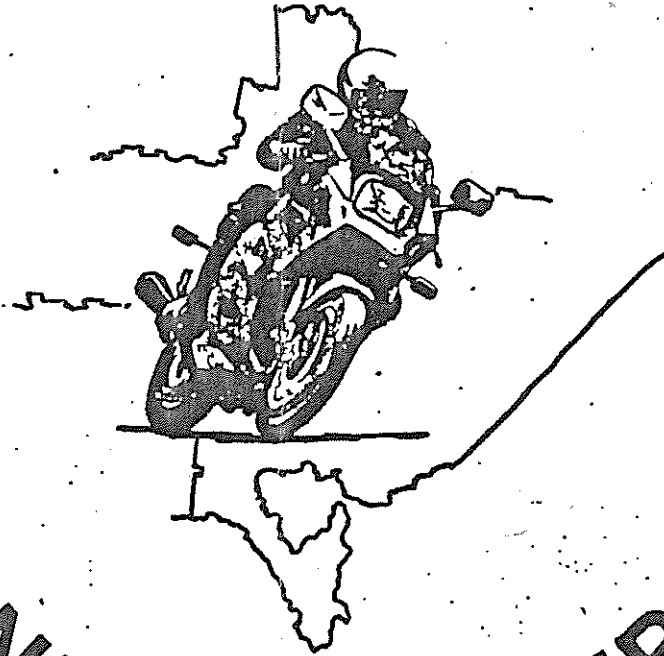




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# EDITORIAL

ore you read any further, please accept, that the views  
ressed in this editorial are my personal views and  
not that of MRA Gippsland Register.

I have now found out the hard way that being Editor  
a contributor to this newsletter is a very dangerous  
thankless job. From now on all I want to do for the  
is contribute to the continuing development of the  
psland Register, I have had enough of the dirty  
tics that surround the State Committee, both past  
present, and I strongly recommend anyone else to do  
same, and I am truly sorry that I have involved a  
r good freind, Sandy Burgoyne in the quagmire of  
ocrisy and chicanery that is the State Committee.

at an I talking about ? Let me tell you!

he last newsletter, I wrote an article about the  
e Registers Conference which I attended. I said it  
lavish, but well worthwhile, and I congratulated  
Geelong Register. However, I also said that the  
rt put into the SEMINAR should have been put to better  
for the benefit of the MRA as a whole and not a show  
e for the Geelong Register. I still believe that,  
ong did an excellent effort and have shown the way for  
future conferences.

However, one well known individual, not even from  
ong, in his continuing campaign to;

- a) control the MRA for ever.
- b) discredit the Gippsland Register.

berately took what I wrote out of context, and at the  
State Committee meeting, used it against the  
ster and its delagate.

Furthermore, the spirit of co-operation that was shown  
is individual at the end of the conference towards  
present State Committee was a pretence. He has used  
benchmen in the state and register committees to  
arten the State President (Rose Fletcher) to stand  
thus leaving Dave Hornsby to stand alone.

you want the MRA to survive we must stand behind Dave,  
wise a return to the old days with a committee  
off control like it was a number of years ago will sure  
THE END.

his editorial causes any offence, it has succeeded in  
I set out to do.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here I am again for another report. June and July are quiet here in Gippsland but, things are warming up in the State Committee.

Things started on the 2-7-87 with a phone call from the State Secretary telling us about a special committee meeting about a Community Employment Programme grant that the MRA had recieved. Nobody knew what to do with it. Therefore, a small committee has been set up to run the grant.

Then on the 7-7-87 we took a busload to the State General meeting in the Melbourne University  
Boy was it a set up !

I was disgusted with the false and unfounded accusations by a presumptuous individual and his collaborators, about the current state committee, when this is the first State Committee that has realized that Victoria does not finish at the end of the tram line. (it starts from there). He also attacked this register.

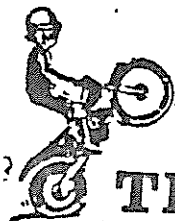
The present committee has kept us informed of events before they happened. Not after. The President even came to our A.G.M. . If you take a proper look at the moves by the current committee, they look a lot better than operations than the previous committees.

Also at the meeting Rose took leave of absence, because the pressure has been unrelenting and unfounded, to a large degree. Therefore, Dave Hornsby is now the Acting State President until the elections in September.

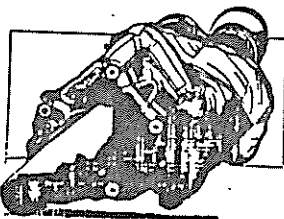
The MRA in Victoria has a choice ; LIFE or DEATH.

I for one do not wish to see the finish of the MRA because of narrowminded people, who only wish to better themselves, rather than the MRA. I would like to see ALL members get behind Dave and support him no matter what desisions and changes he has to make. Remember, he has a lot of past mistakes left to him by the last committees to clean up, before he can start on future items, it is time all backstabbing stopped it will not effect anybody personally but will finish the association. So lets all pull together and stop the rot and work for the same aims.

Warren



# ... PAUL MEAD THRILL-SEEKER



Over the last 18 months Paul has been successfully motorcycle racing. That's right real racing the ULTIMATE sport. He is a member of the very well known Hartwell Motorcycle Club in Melbourne which has over 1000 members. Like all beginners he started in the Novice Class and from there rapidly progressed to Nonexpert and is currently classed as an Expert. He mainly competes in club events but is now regularly entering open events.

1986 saw him achieve second in the 500-1000 cc Nonexpert Improved Touring club events and received yet another trophy for his ever increasing collection. Throughout the year he has been consistent in all his meetings varying from seventh to first positions.

At the beginning of this year he gained sponsorship from Top Spot Motorcycles in Warragul which provides some assistance to his racing. Recently he competed in the Stars of Tomorrow and was placed a creditable sixth, but, later in the day was placed second in the SuperBike race. In July he starts competing in the prestigious Shell Oil Endurance series which is held over 4 rounds, one in each state of Vic, S.A., N.S.W., and Qld, each round consisting of a 2 hour race which he will be riding solo. In the future he hopes to purchase a Superbike, which will enable him to gain better placings in future meetings. Maybe, one day we will see him racing at that international classic, the Castrol Six-hour Production Race at Oran Park.

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR SPORT ?

The idea of an exciting sporting activity is part of the Australian image. How does your sport compare ?

The ten most dangerous sports in Australia are listed.

- 1. Motorcycle Racing.
- 2. Car Racing.
- 3. Hang Gliding.
- 4. Speedboat Racing.
- 5. Parachuting.
- 6. Rugby League.
- 7. Rugby Union.
- 8. Amateur Boxing.
- 9. Rodeo Riding.
- 10. Ice Hockey

When from insurance premiums participants pay in NSW.