



THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

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MEDIA RELEASE

MRA AUSTRALIA SPECIAL MEETING

In any group of people there will be differing points of view. This may give rise to factions. In MRAA there are currently two views. 1) The MRAA should continue to grow as a professional, national corporation concentrating on representing riders' in a credible way and increasing benefits and services to members across Australia. 2) That the MRAA should be more laid back, more sociable and less political.

To discuss these views the MRAA Board of Management has called a meeting for 10am on Sunday, October 10. The venue will be The Stage, Princes Avenue near Caulfield Station in Melbourne.

MRAA President, Damien Codognotto, said "I run the Association on a corporate basis and demand very high standards. This rubs some people the wrong way but if the MRAA is to serve the members well that has to be. The constitution is outdated and the AGM, run according to those rules by the Returning Officer, not me, was a mess. Some claim it was illegal and want me to stand down. All the members will get to vote on that. After all, it's a democracy." The meeting will decide if there should be a secret, postal ballot of the entire membership. This could lead to a major change in policy direction similar to that in the mid '80's when Codognotto stood down as President.

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*Darwin
for bus.*

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Sunday, February 7, 1993.

MRA AUSTRALIA Inc. - CONSTITUTION REFORM

1. THE AIMS - Remain the same.
2. AREA REPS - No vote on the Board. a) Individuals b) individuals in clubs or businesses.
3. SUB GROUPS - a) 4B's and W.R.A.P.
b) E.S.R., W.S.R. and Kickstart. *No \$. only that the Board sets rates*
4. MEMBERSHIPS - Rights, obligations and cost. a) Single. b) Family. *Conditions of life membership + free membership*
5. THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - 5 only elected Board Members with full vote.
6. THE EXECUTIVE - Job descriptions for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary.
7. TERM OF OFFICE - 3 year terms. *No - 1 year 2 max or you'll never get anyone to stand.*
8. ELECTIONS - 1st year - President.
2nd year - Vice President & Secretary.
3rd year - Treasurer & Membership Secretary.
9. VOTING RIGHTS - a) Board Members. b) Appointed Board Members
c) General Membership.
10. ELECTORAL OFFICER
11. ~~MAGAZINE. At least quarterly.~~ *Definitely should not be in the Constitution*
12. POLICY DOCUMENT - Must be updated every 3 years and explain Constitution.
13. LOGO & COLOURS.
14. MEETINGS - BOARD Meetings monthly. General Meetings quarterly.

or as close to as possible s.t. holiday etc.

