



Motorcycle Riders' Association

The Motorcycle Riders' Association of Australia was founded in St Kilda in May of 1978.

THE AIMS OF THE MRA ARE:

- 1. TO WORK FOR ROAD SAFETY. 2. TO LOBBY FOR FAIR AND SENSIBLE LAWS.**
- 3. TO PROMOTE A BETTER PUBLIC IMAGE FOR MOTORCYCLING.**

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MEDIA RELEASE.

MRA RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT.

For more than twenty years the Motorcycle Riders' Association of Australia Inc. has played major roles in motorcycle safety, community service and rider services. Since the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Motorcycle Safety in the early 90s Geoff Craige MP has recognised and supported the work of the MRA. As Minister for Roads, Mr Craige saved the 1998 OZ GP Run to Phillip Island with a grant enabling the MRA to organise the event at a new assembly area in Cranbourne. (OZ GP Run 1999 departs 11am Saturday, October 2.)

The \$25,000 grant will be used to administer the Association ensuring it continues to promote motorcycle safety, particularly rider training for novices.

"This grant was made available to the MRA in recognition of their important work in promoting road safety for riders through safety tips, information packages and conducting supervised road rides." said the Minister.

MRA President, Dean Balding, was delighted with the grant.

"I first met the Minister when I took over the President's job. He is a straightforward bloke who recognises motorcycling as a legitimate transport form and can see the unique way the MRA contributes to the community." He said.

Minister Craige said. "The MRA's community involvement is also acknowledged for their annual Toy Run and the Summer Blood Challenge."

PHOTO: MRA President, Dean Balding (L) with Victorian Minister for Roads and Ports, Geoff Craige.

Dean Balding

MRA President. 0417 517 514.

DEAN
BALDING

Damien,

It is OK to send out a press release regarding the \$25,000 grant.

Here are a few quotes you may wish to use:

"This grant was made available to the MRA in recognition of their important work in promoting road safety for riders through safety tips, information packages and conducting supervised road ride days.

"The MRA's community involvement is greatly acknowledged through their annual Toy Run and Summer Blood challenge", said the Minister.

Regards,

Julianne.

MRAA receives \$25,000

In a major boost for the Motorcycle Riders Association of Australia (MRAA), the organisation has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Victorian Government.

The money will be used to continue the organisation's commitment to rider safety, particularly where training of newcomers to motorcycling is concerned.

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throughout safety tips, information packages and conducting supervised road rides," said the Victorian Minister for Roads and Ports, Mr Geoff Craige, upon presenting MRAA President, Dean Balding, with the funds.

"The MRAA's community involvement is also acknowledged for its annual Toy Run and the Summer Blood Challenge," the minister added.

Below: MRAA's Dean Balding (left) with Victorian Minister for Raods and Ports, Geoff Craige.

