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March 22nd Media Release - A new era in motorcycle politics in Victoria.

On the 18th March, 2011 the Motorcycle Riders Association of Victoria, founded in 1978, had its Annual General Meeting at the Keilor Hotel. 2010 President Kerry Walton opened the meeting with "it is our intent that tonight will be the start of a united effort".

Following the recommendations of our members and an independent planning group established to examine the future of motorcycle advocacy and lobbying in Victoria, a resolution was put to members to disband the MRA(Vic) and to pass the political aspects over to a motorcycle council structure. After much discussion the resolution (which required a 75% majority) was lost by a single vote.

Lengthy discussion on the resolution had made the mood of the meeting very clear. Members overwhelmingly wanted a single effective and credible voice in advocacy and lobbying for riders rights. The members put forward the motion for the MRA(Vic) to become a social and charitable organization for the promotion of motorcycling with the annual Toyrun, MRA CranborneGP Run and to pass the lobbying and advocacy role to an organisation such as the Victorian Motorcycle Council as part of this plan.

The new MRAV Board was then elected and this motion was formalised by a substantial majority (90%) vote of the members present. The process to make these changes is now underway to ensure a seamless transition of responsibilities, and is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. Major announcements from the planning group are then anticipated, detailing how representation and riders rights will be significantly enhanced.

We thank Mr. David Heasley for acting as the independent Chairperson for this meeting and the management of the Keilor Hotel for hosting the event.

The 2011 MRA(Vic) board members are;

President - Grant Delahoy
Vice President - Rod Brown
Treasurer - Kim Davies
Secretary - Wendy Taylor
Membership Secretary - Gavin Stilgoe
Ordinary member - Kerry Walton
Ordinary member - Tony Ellis

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