

**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AGENDA
2 SEPTEMBER 2000**

WELCOME: President Dean Balding

APOLOGIES: Con Tringas (Vice President) Faye Kerridge (Treasurer)

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried Y N

ATTENDANCE: To be recorded in attendance book.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM 22.8.00: - Circulated to be taken as read.

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried Y N

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

CORRESPONDENCE: Proxy forms.

REPORTS:

Committees: To be presented by Damien Codognotto & Michael Czijka

Membership: To be presented by Garry Yip

President: To be presented by Dean Balding

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried Y N

Financial Report: Written report Submitted by Faye Kerridge

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried Y N

OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter:

Events:

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

Treasurer – Nominations to be taken from the floor.

Membership Secretary – Nominations to be taken from the floor.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT
1999/2000

The past year has probably seen the most significant change to the MRA since we moved into the premises in Elizabeth Street. That change being moving out of Elizabeth Street to our current Ross Street premises.

The change which was seen by the board as essential to the ongoing financial viability of the MRA was supported by members at the 1999 AGM. The Ross Street premises represent a nearly 200% saving in rent. Additional financial reductions in the form of a simple single colour newsletter were also supported by members at the 1999 AGM. These changes have resulted in reduced expenditure this financial year. We have been able to reduce our two major debts and continue to work to make the MRA a debt free and financially viable organisation.

The retirement from full time voluntary work by Damien Codognotto has also had a significant impact on the running of the MRA. In the early stages this required some adjustment, simply collecting the mail from the GPO became a significant task, as did collecting and returning phone messages. Finding a time when the office could be open to support our members presented the board, all with a combination of work, study, family and other commitments with a challenge. We have now introduced a roster system for Saturdays and hold most events and meetings on a Tuesday night Thursdays we are working out as we go.

While the change of address has meant much less passing traffic the change has also provided opportunities which were not previously possible. New initiatives aimed at providing additional services to current members and attracting new members have been introduced. The monthly social rides, which have been far more popular than we anticipated, have given the board members a chance to meet both members and non-members and see how riders in general feel the MRA is going. Basic maintenance nights have been a way to attract new riders both to join and to get to know us. These nights would not have been possible without the full support of Southside Motorcycles and we thank Steve for his support. Tyre and suspension nights are aimed at the more experienced rider and have been popular. Again these night would not be possible without the support of Pablos and Daryl from Raceway Suzuki.

As a result of these increased events we have seen an increase in the number of members volunteering their time. Although we thank all who have helped there are a couple who should receive a particular mention. Until her recent accident Linda set up the newsletter for printing. Dick helped us with the new office providing his expertise in painting. Jenny made last years Toy Run happen when it looked like it

wouldn't. Rob is working on sponsorship for this years Toy Run. Dino helped organise the social rides. The newsletter would not be possible without the team of volunteers who work on the mail out.

The major events of the past year have been significant. The GP run was well supported and the City of Casey is working with us to make this year's event bigger and better. The Toy Run last year ran into problems when we couldn't find a destination until the last minute. The offer by Moonee Valley racecourse was generous and enabled the event to go ahead. This year we are working on a better destination with more public involvement. The blood challenge is an important event and one we will continue to support, hopefully in even greater numbers.

Footpath parking has again emerged as an issue and we are working, in conjunction with a number of clubs, to present a united front and achieve the best result for motorcyclists. We continue, through our representatives Michael and Damien, to work on many issues including wire rope and other roadside barriers. The need for motorcyclists to have a voice is as important now as it was when the MRA was first formed back in 1978 and we are making sure that our voice is heard and we will continue to do this on the relevant committees.

The past year has been one of change, a time for us to take stock, and begin to set the groundwork for the future. We still have a way to go. Our finances are not as good as we would like them to be. We need to reach more new motorcyclists and to work to ensure we are relevant to riders of all ages regardless of the type of bike they prefer. We need to hear from our members and to make sure we are representing your needs.

We invite you to become more involved in the organisation. Visit us, participate in an event, have your say at a meeting, submit an article for the newsletter. The MRA can only be relevant if it listens to and represents the views of its members.

The board is looking forward to building on the achievements of this year. Ultimately our aim is to have at least one paid staff member to ensure we can return calls, deal with the day to day running of the organisation and attend all relevant committee meetings. Until then we plan to keep moving forward even though it sometimes seems like a slow process.

Thank you for your support over the past year. We look forward to meeting with you and working both with and for you in the next year.

TREASURERS REPORT SUMMARY

Firstly, my apologies for my inability to attend today.

The balance sheet as at 30th June 2000 shows the current equity for the MRA as a negative value. This is due to 2 outstanding debts:

- **NMC/|DKC**
The debt owed to Damien Codognotto was reduced by \$700 during the financial year. As the MRA becomes financially secure the aim is to significantly reduce this debt within the new financial year.
- **Motorcycle Victoria**
This debt will be carried forward to the next financial year. Of the four issues of The Motorcyclist financed by the MRA Issue 4 is as yet unpaid. This debt will be finalised by the end of this year.

Income was down for 1999/2000, however as no government grants were available to us this time around we have performed well. Total income for the year was \$45,487.55. Charts comparing the 1998/1999 FY & the 1999/2000 are available in this report.

Expenses for the year have been reduced where possible. To date, with the exception of the 2 debts mentioned previously, the MRA has no outstanding debts to creditors. We have been able to maintain a short turnaround on payment of invoices and accounts as well as building good relations with new creditors, especially those involved in the production of the Newsletter.

Equity will gradually increase as more equipment is acquired and improvements are made to our new Head Office.

Income was low at the end of the financial year. The balance of our account as at 31st August 2000 was just on \$5,000.00 with no outstanding cheques or debts.

MRAA Inc.
22 Ross Street
South Melbourne 3205

CASH FLOW
to June 2000

15 165
433
30 433
74 8
433.
200 - 200
35
2000
70000
40
200
8000

Opening Balance @ 1/7/1999

Income

Memberships
Sale of Stock
Postage charged
Donations
Government Grant
Misc - Toy Run, F1 GP Parking, OZ GP Run
Annual Income

20,035.77
23,165.00
9,400.50
347.00
4,840.00
0.00
7,735.05
45,487.55

23,165
18,000
15,165
30 (505)

Total income

65,523.32 *income*

Expenditure

AGM Expenses
Amenities
Bank Fees
F1 Motorcycle parking (Cash Float)
Long Term Debts
Maintenance & Repairs
Merchant Fees
Misc
MRA Magazines
Office Supplies/Stationery
Petty Cash/Till Float
Postage
Printing & Photocopying
Purchase of equipment
Purchase of Stock
Refunds
Rent - Bond
Rent - 22 Ross Street
Rent - Elizabeth Street
State Govt Credit Duty
State Govt Debits Tax
Storage Facility
Toy Run Expenses
Annual expenditure

150.00
4,210.53
243.10
500.00
500.00
1,155.00
325.32
1,481.75
10,500.75
1,673.21
548.00
4,109.10
1,377.44
500.00
7,224.00
175.00
2,600.00
13,000.00
10,032.00
32.63
97.96
765.00
2,288.00

63,488.79 *Expendit*

Closing Balance @ 31/12/99

2,034.53

Balance check to Total income

65,523.32

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380 Elizabeth Street
Melbourne Vic 3000

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BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 2000

Assets

Current Assets

Cash on hand

Cheque Account-ANZ

2,034.53

2,034.53

Total Cash On Hand

Inventory

1,238.90

3,273.43

Total Current Assets

Property & Equipment

Equipment

Equipment at cost

5,140.26

Equipment Accum Dep'nc

-514.03

Total Equipment

4,626.23

4,626.23

Total Property & Equipment

7,899.66

Total Assets

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Creditors & Accruals

4,556.90

4,556.90

Total Current Liabilities

Loan-DKC &/or NMC

12,262.00

12,262.00

Total Long-Term Liabilities

16,818.90

Total Liabilities

Net Assets

-8,919.24

Equity

Retained Earnings

0.00

Current Year Earnings

2,660.00

Total Equity

-6,259.24