



THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, INC.
(THE MRAA LOGO IS AN AUSTRALIAN WEDGETAILED EAGLE.)

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MEDIA RELEASE.

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS INVITED TO JOIN THE VICTORIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL.

Victorian clubs will now be able to have direct input to what policies are put to authorities and to how they are represented to Government. The MRAA will establish the Victorian Motorcycle Council (VMC) on the Queen's Birthday long weekend this June. The inaugural VMC Conference will be held at the Coach & Horses Hotel (054 285 391) at Clarkfield an hour north of Melbourne. Motorcycle clubs are asked to send a delegate to the meeting.

The VMC follows the example set by the NSW Motorcycle Council (NSW MC) although it will differ in structure. NSW MC Chairman, Paul Wilton, will attend the launch at 4PM on Saturday, June 8. Veteran lobbyist, Greg Hirst will make the trip from Sydney with Paul. The launch will be followed by a Saturday night social to allow the NSW representatives, club delegates & observers and MRAA members to get to know each other.

The aim of the VMC is to produce a policy document that will be the base for representing Victoria's Motorcycle Community to authorities, media and the general public. The document will be updated regularly. It is expected the VMC will meet twice a year, more often if required. Delegates will be appointed by bona fide clubs, There will be no fees.

The MRAA currently represents Victorian motorcyclists on two Federal and three State Government Committees that directly effect how, where and what we ride. That's a minimum of 18 meetings, all during business hours, every year. There are also meetings with the RACV, VACC, Councils and others. A policy document based on wide input will ensure a comprehensive and unified lobby for riders across the State.

VMC CONFERENCE TIMETABLE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8. 4PM MRAA welcomes delegates and observers and outlines the proposed role of the VMC. Greg Hirst will detail the history of the NSW MC. Paul Wilton will explain the role of the NSW MC today.

5PM Meal Break.

8PM Social. Don't drink then ride. BYO tent.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9. 10AM VMC Delegates meet to consider draft of VMC Rules and of the policy document. Also to set the agenda and date for the next VMC Conference.

10AM WORKSHOP on how to get involved in and achieve in motorcycle politics/lobbying/MRAA. This workshop has been designed and will be conducted by Chris Czajka and all motorcyclists are invited to join in. There are no fees as costs are being met by the MRAA in a bid to involve more riders in the representative process.

1PM Both groups break for lunch.

2PM VMC Conference and workshop resume.

MONDAY, JUNE 10. PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THE VMC LOGO IS THE BLACK SHOULDERED KITE.

The MRAA logo is a native Australian bird of prey, the wedge tailed eagle. In keeping with this theme the Victorian Motorcycle Council logo is the Black Shouldered Kite.

For more information on the inaugural Victorian Motorcycle Council Conference at Clarkfield on the Queen's Birthday long weekend please call 03 9663 2164 or fax 03 9662 9090.

For more information on the "How to get involved" workshop please call Chris on 03 9311 8256.

VMC

1. The VMC is a sub-group formed by the MRAA to encourage and facilitate input from all areas of the Vic M/C Community ^{re safety & rights}
2. The VMC logo is copy right and the property of the MRAA.
3. VMC Meetings shall be convened by MRAA twice a year or as necessary.
4. The aim of the VMC is to produce a policy document that will be updated regularly (at least every two years) and will be widely distributed. This document, based on input from M/C club delegates, will become the basis for ~~the~~ ~~the~~ representation of the Vic M/C Comm to Fed, State and local Governments.
5. Bona fide motorcycle clubs may elect or appoint ~~one~~ delegate to the VMC. (A bf club shall be incorp and ^{have} lodged at least one ^{annual} financial return with the appropriate govt. dept. It shall have regular ^{board} meetings open to all members. It shall keep minutes of those meetings and produce a newsletter/mag.)
6. Any delegate at a VMC meeting may demand a secret ballot on any issue.
7. The Chairman at a VMC meeting shall be elected by the delegates present.
8. The Secretary at a VMC meeting shall be elected by the delegates present and shall record and prepare minutes of that ^{VMC} meet for distribution to delegates clubs by the MRAA.

9. Rec (2) "minims and relevant VMC Paperwork. by post"

8. The MRAA will ensure that delegates clubs are informed by post of govt meetings and issues concerning m/csts safety and right to ride both on and off road.

10. No fees shall be payable by clubs to the MRAA or the VMC. The MRAA will pay all reasonable costs associated with VMC meetings and mailings and as approved by the MRAA Board.

11. Clubs sending delegates to VMC meetings shall make their members aware ~~of~~ that membership in the MRAA does not interfere with club membership and is 30% cheaper if they join through their clubs.

through m/csts and at club meets.