

M.R.A. GENERAL MEETING JULY 1 1980

I.D. cards made for committee members.

committee members present - Albert Fleming, Penny Sharples, Mark Jones, Louis Borden, Chris Swalwell, Damien Codognotto, Steve Bond, Ron Farrell, Angie Killeen
apologies - Roger Watrin.

meeting opened 8:18 pm approx attendance 90.

- * last months minutes not read out due to temporary loss.
 - * Pee Wee gave us a clipping from an English magazine about the Canberra Rally.
 - * Darren Room welcomed back from overseas.
 - * Teresa Trudeau should be home Thurs. 3rd.
 - * No P.R. report, stand still open on Sat. mornings
 - * Next Sunday 6th A.R.R.B. have invited us to test speed hump at Geelong. Blythe Osborne told today by Jim Jarvis that the location has been changed from Armington St. to Geelong Grammar. These humps may have a different configuration and are in an "off-road" location. We are not happy but we will have to do it. Marshalls required see Blythe.
 - * Tom Cannon (F.A.M. Com.) contacted Damien today and informs us that the Vic. Parliamentary Road Safety Com. is inquiring into the legality of local councils installing speed humps, roundabouts etc. Motorcycle representative groups were not invited to give any input. Damien contacted them and told them we wanted to put our views.
 - * Blythe tells us that the A.R.R.B. research paper on speed humps will be out this week we are to be sent 15 copies.
 - * Melb. Uni. Braking and Stability Tests. date still not set. They are having problems mounting all their equipment to the bikes. Tests will be during day at Macclesfield Aerodrome.
 - * Treasurers Report. Louis Borden. \$7,374.49 current bal.
Howqua Gross Income \$1,997.00
Outlay for Howqua \$ 107.00 + maybe 4-500 more
Howqua profit \$14-1500.
 - * Membership Report. Angie Killeen, total for June 94
total so far 2072
- We have badges, notify change of address and pay up on renewals.

- * Detlef Lamp is handling this years Moomba Float application — last years was "lost."
- * A.C.U. Affiliation. under present A.C.U. rules it is one member to one club you cannot join more than one affiliated club. George Horton will pursue the issue at next A.C.U. Delegates meeting tomorrow night 2nd. George is from Mollen MCC.
- * Constitution — we appealed for members to put any objection in writing but nobody did. It has been to the lawyers twice, there has been some verbal criticism in the past. The committee want it ratified. There have been some minor changes made. Open to discussion — some want it printed in the new letter — too expensive. Some wanted to know how they could vote on it if they didn't know what was in it — it has been available at the last two meetings. someone wanted to wait until the affiliation issue was over — could take forever. queries about the numbers of members at meetings to make a change in the constitution.
- * Max Merritt (no another one) a visitor from a Speed Boat Club says that constitutional changes have to go through the Attorney Generals Dept. he suggests we freeze the constitution for 12 months.
- * George Horton suggests we adopt the constitution but not ratify it yet.
- * Blythe Osborne proposes a motion.... "That this general meeting adopt the constitution as circulated pending future ratification." Moved — Blythe Osborne, Seconded — Darren Rees
- * Ken Bull offers his opinion that the M.R.A. is quite capable of writing and altering its own constitution and doesn't need any interference from the Attorney General.
- * Lewis Borden (Gramps) reads out Article 17 of the constitution with ~~latest alterations~~ dealing with alterations. and Article 11 dealing with the management of the M.R.A.
- * Blythe's motion put to the meeting. On a show of hands it looked unanimous. There were no verbal dissenters. Motion passed.
- * Swap Meet July 27. Information sheets at P.R. stand, no band. Prices the same \$1 members \$2 others \$5 stalls Buskers welcome

- * Blood Donors Honor Board - last years V.F.L. challenge fizzle out. Perhaps a visitor book is needed at Blood Bank and Mobile Units, more publicity in AMCA - to be discussed at next Committee meeting.
- * Turana Training by Dick Umbers visited by Ron Farrell, Louis Borden and Albert Fleming appears to be comprehensive Dick is qualified, learners get a detailed manual, see Honda video training films. Dick suggest one Saturday per month for M.R.A. training day. Ron suggests Ken Bull get in touch with Dick.
- * Ken Bulls training track under water. needs earth moving equipment, toilets on site. running water soon. the track is set out.
- * Mark Jones says Turana teaches from novice to advanced training.
- * 260cc Law. Damien rang Tom Woods (RoSTA) about latest statistics. Unofficially Tom admits that maybe the law is wrong. ARRB warned RoSTA that a capacity limit would be too. - someone suggests a protest run - maybe when we have more info. General discussion regarding anomalies between car learners and bike learners. George has heard from police that they are pushing for a restricted licence for car drivers.
- * Committee I.D.'s have been made to ensure that only authorized people deal with media and other segments of the community
- * Howqua - overall a success. locals + police happy. organization to be improved next year specifically - location of movies, talent show, marshalling. Shooting - guns are totally illegal and should be on all advertising next year. Hope to have a first aid station with trained people. Committee to do St Johns Ambulance First Aid Course also other members. Also hope to have a recovery vehicle with tools + spares.
- * Miss Victoria Quest Ball August 9th. Camberwell Civic Centre \$15 per ticket \$3 of that to the Spastic Society. Dress semi formal, neat casual. Facilities for changing.
- * Discussion about how MRA is accepted in community
- * Max Merritt says people see us as a responsible organization.
- * Angie says the Vigies have accepted us as representatives

* V.A.C.C. have accepted us + promote us to their dealers. Their letter read out.

* Ball costs to us are \$12 each for 500 people we need to sell in excess of 500 tickets to make a profit.

* Damien has a meeting with the industry big wigs and dealers Thurs night 3rd to promote the Ball. ticket sales through Peter Stevens, Preston Hender, P.R. stand.

* VISITORS.

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Flash, Teresa, George + Angie have had personal experience with them and advocate their policy. A lot of general discussion, questions + answers.

* Meeting closed 10.11 pm.