

MINUTES M.R.A. GENERAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1980.

Attendance: 120. Meeting commenced 8.20pm.

Minutes previous general meeting read.

Visitors welcomed - Morris Bender, Wayne Sharrett.

Membership Report - Angie: Good renewals for August. Canberra badges no longer available. Howqua badges still available.

Treasurers Report - Gramps: Jan - Aug - \$25000 expenditure. \$33800 income. \$11000 in bank and savings a/cs - but \$5500 unpaid for August.

We need ideas to bring more funds into the MRA. Use social functions to make money - e.g. raffles - doz bottles of beer etc.

MRA name is now registered, with payment of a small fee for same.

Registers: No new news from W.D. Their safety meeting on Monday night a success.

P.R.: \$4485 made to date. 3 members on hols from next week. Volunteers are asked to go along to help out on Saturday mornings.

Research: Melb. Uni testing braking, stability etc by electronics.

Require 2 each experienced and inexperienced riders as volunteers. Give names to Mark. Paper to be submitted to the Parliamentary Road Safety Committee on road hazards in relation to bikes - just about ready.

Toy Run: Bruce has written to around 30 toy cos and has 4 replies, including John Sands. Meeting at Turf Club Hotel, Caulfield at 8pm to finalise details.

Tony Scicluna: The draft letter to councils re pot holes etc should be ready by next week. Jot down details, dates, dimensions etc to be put on form if you notice them around.

Newsletter: Last one good. Need more input from the members. Deadline is 30th September '80.

Phone: The MRA can now be contacted all hours by ringing the number of Roger & Gramps new shop - 370 8978. T-shirts are available through the shop. Party on Saturday a/noon to celebrate opening - 4pm onwards.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Litre Club - Runs on every Sunday. Trying for social activity with the Sailing Club. Anyone interested in getting paid to ride a bike - see Roger.

Moomba: No application forms from them yet. People needed to help out, give names to Detlef.

Goldrush Rally: Steve Bond gave report on the rally. approx 500 in attendance. Stewart Boyd, a casualty from Nowra is doing OK now and in the Repat Hospital, Ward 1. Next year's rally August 22, 23.

Other rallies - FAM, Puma, Haloween, Tequila, Mother Hardy's, Worlds End.

Woop Woop Town Hall Band playing at Station Hotel on 18th September.
Couple of the guys are members.

Kensington Project: Adrian - gave rundown on situation with kids in area - aim is to try to move kids off the streets, get bikes roadworthy, watch the kids ride etc, no moralising. A date to be set for interested people to go down and watch the kids ride. Police have offered full assistance, provided the MRA is interested. Project should receive good local paper coverage.

Rod Fisk: Rod was killed last week, it seems by a truck coming through a red light.

'Protest' On October 25th, day prior to Blood Run and Swap Meet have a road safety demonstration starting at the PR stand to the City Square letting the public know the facts about the numbers dead and injured on the roads and what can be done to alleviate the problem. To commence at 11am. - General discussion on same held. Marshals required.

Go see your local politician and ask if they've seen the Canberra Submission - does their party have a written policy on motorcycling, if not, why not?

4B's - See Angie to arrange meeting to assist injured bikers.

Meeting closed 10.05pm.