

M.R.A.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 64, Collins St.,
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To all M.R.A. Branches & Registers

13th September, 1982

Dear M.R.A. Executive Member,

M.R.A. Victoria received a most disturbing letter from M.R.A. N.S.W. dated 31/8/82. It questioned the need for an M.R.A. National Body and informed us that the N.S.W. Northern Districts Register had been given permission to purchase colored t-shirts from M.R.A. Queensland. THIS IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The matter was discussed at the last National Conference, as was the date and venue of the next National Conference.

It seems that Northern Committees have been lobbying to have the National Conference in Canberra. It also seems that they have lost sight of the aims and spirit of our Constitution.

M.R.A. Victoria has spent more time than any other Branch and many thousands of dollars travelling Interstate to improve communications and preserve the M.R.A.'s National image. It seems that in the North this has been a waste of time and Victorian members funds.

One point should be made absolutely clear, the M.R.A. is not a Club. It is a union that represents ALL riders of two wheel vehicles. It is growing fast in the South and, membership wise, stagnant in the North. The M.R.A. has developed to a stage where it must be truly National and eventually International. Committee members who cannot see the need for a National Body and a National image should leave the Executive and join a local club.

M.R.A. Victoria spent many thousands of dollars helping establish other branches and registers, travelling Interstate to improve communications and fighting for members rights at Bathurst. This expenditure was a contributing factor in the financial crisis Victoria has faced recently.

M.R.A. Victoria, the founding Branch, is now in the black and will expand, rapidly increasing services, such as 4B's, legal aid, insurance, road safety work, research and so on.

M.R.A. Victoria is purchasing its own computer which will be used to set up the National Body. We have our own headquarters, dark room, plate maker and printing press. These can be used to provide services to branches and registers who wish to be a part of M.R.A. Australia and abide by the National Constitution.

M.R.A. Victoria has written to every branch and register to try and find common ground for the National Conference date and venue, even though it was clearly set at the last National Conference.

Since the N.S.W. letter has indicated real

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problems in the interpretation of the Constitution, M.R.A. Victoria will hold the next National Conference on the Australia Day weekend in 1983, at M.R.A. House. All branches are invited to send a delegate and all registers are invited to send an observer.

The aim of the meeting will be to set up M.R.A. Australia and to finalize a National Constitution. A draft of which will be sent out by November 1st.

The conference will begin at 1.00pm Saturday, and run until 6.00pm - 8.00am Sunday until 6.00pm (1 hour lunch) - 8.00am Monday until noon.

M.R.A. Victoria will hire a bus to pick up delegates and observers from airports, stations etc. Request for accomodation should be put in writing.

M.R.A. Victoria will only discuss matters related to the establishment of M.R.A. Australia, eg. the Constitution, computer, national membership list, newsletter and agenda prior to the conference. No discussion will be entered into re: date, venue, colored t-shirts, club or union etc.

Branches not attending or making submissions to the Conference will not be a part of M.R.A. Australia and will no longer be recognised by M.R.A. Victoria, the founding branch. M.R.A. Victoria has done everything possible to preserve the National aims and image of the Association and feels it has been forced to take this action.

M.R.A. Victoria will actively encourage membership in M.R.A. Australia in all states and Territories once M.R.A. Australia is formalised, regardless of the fact that a Branch may not be recognised as an Official Branch of M.R.A. Australia.

For this union to survive and be effective it must grow uniformly and Nationally, and to grow, it must increase services to members and be run professionally as a business,

We look forward to a constructive National Conference at M.R.A. House, Melbourne on the Australia Day long weekend, January 1983.

Ride Safe,



Damien Codognotto,
PRESIDENT M.R.A. VICTORIA

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA.

M. R. A. AUSTRALIA.

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION.

NATIONAL IMAGE.

Logo.
Colours.
Stationery.
Stock.
Events. (Toy Run, etc.)

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

THE ROLE OF THE A. M. C.

OTHER BODIES. -

F. A. M.
A. C. U.
BIKERS LTD.
N. S. W. COUNCIL.

ROLE OF REGISTERS .

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP LISTING.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEE.

SERVICES TO MEMBERS.

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