



THE **MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

VICTORIAN BRANCH
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28th March, 1984.

Hal Caston,
President,
M.R.A. Australia,
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Dear Hal,

In reference to your letter dated 21st March, 1984 re M.R.A. Australia membership, the State Committee wishes to clarify a few points.

1. The State Committee has not yet seen the minutes which pertain to the voting of non-recognition of M.R.A. Victoria.
2. (a) M.R.A. Victoria was present at the June, 1983 conference and at that time was recognised as being part of M.R.A. Australia.

(b) Since the fees are \$2.00 per member, M.R.A. Victoria cannot make payment of over \$10,000 to M.R.A. Australia (which will be half of the national contribution) and still have only one deciding vote on national issues.

(c) M.R.A. Victoria set up M.R.A. Australia. The idea is more than 3 years old. The proposal took more than 12 months to compile, and M.R.A. Victoria has always considered its members as being Australian riders. Re your Point 2 (c), that is the positive attitude taken by M.R.A. Victoria.
3. Our funding is very limited. With a turnover of more than \$120,000 per annum, we cannot afford to waste money. We need to invest in the future. See Financial Proposal No. 1.
4. Could you please tell me who M.R.A. Australia is, legally. As I have said over the phone, we have the name registered.
5. The members and committees of M.R.A. Victoria have a very advanced concept of what M.R.A. Australia should be. We have had six years experience in running the Association, and thus a better view of what is needed as a national body.

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A.C.T., New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia,
Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia and Gt. Britain

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Other states began an M.R.A. because they believed in what M.R.A. Victoria (founder) was doing, and what it stood for. We are all motorcycle riders, Australia wide, we don't draw borders. Why have other states changed the concept and the Constitution of the M.R.A. so much. M.R.A. Victoria is still growing very quickly. If we are wrong in what we are doing, why the continuous growth, and recognition even by Federal M.P.s, of M.R.A. Victoria as Head Office.

I hope you and your M.R.A. Australia Committee can answer these points for us, and I trust they do so with minds not clouded by personality conflicts.

Incidentally, we would very much appreciate receiving a reply to our letter of 27th February. (Copy attached).

Trusting to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Bordon,
M.R.A. Treasurer.

M.R.A.

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21 MARCH 1984

M.R.A. AUSTRALIA MEMBERSHIP.

1. This is to confirm M.R.A. Victoria is not recognised as a member of M.R.A. Australia at this time.
2. Membership is dependant on;
 - a. recognition of M.R.A. Australia as decided by delegates at the National Conference, Melbourne, June 1983,
 - b. payment of fees as determined by M.R.A. Australia, and
 - c. a positive attitude by Branch Executives and their Members towards M.R.A. Australia.
3. Your non-payment of fees and adverse comments regarding M.R.A. Australia restrict your membership at this time.
4. It is unfortunate that M.R.A. Victoria has decided on a policy which is unacceptable to M.R.A. Australia.
5. Should your members decide to review their concept of M.R.A. Australia and agree to the requirements at paragraph 2, your membership can proceed.

for

HAL CASTON.
PRESIDENT.



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