

**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2000**

**WELCOME: President Dean Balding**

**APOLOGIES: Con Tringas (Vice President) ~~Eaye Kerridge (Treasurer)~~**

Moved:                                  Seconded:                                  Carried Y N

**ATTENDANCE: To be recorded in attendance book.**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM 22.8.00: - Circulated to be taken as read.**

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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

**CORRESPONDENCE: Proxy forms.**

**REPORTS:**

**Committees: To be presented by Damien Codognotto & Michael Czijka**

**Membership: To be presented by Garry Yip**

**President: To be presented by Dean Balding**

Moved:                                  Seconded:                                  Carried Y N

**Financial Report: Written report Submitted by Faye Kerridge**

Moved:                                  Seconded:                                  Carried Y N

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Newsletter:**

**Events:** Toy Run → [ Mth Melb Football Cld  
10 DEC [ RCH

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.**

**Treasurer – Nominations to be taken from the floor.**

**Membership Secretary – Nominations to be taken from the floor.**

Note: the meeting scheduled for 2 September was held over due to lack of quorum.  
However Information was presented by Damien and Michael and included  
Wire Rope Barriers – moratorium  
Police blitz on bikes  
Concern at roadside furniture.  
Note no written report was presented .

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held at 22 Ross St  
11.00am 7 September 2000  
MINUTES

**Welcome:** President Dean Balding introduce the board members and welcomed members present to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Con Tringas  
Apologies were moved by Trevor Mason Seconded Greg Lim

**Attendance:** Recorded in attendance book

**Minutes** of the AGM of 22 August 1999 were circulated. Moved that they be taken as read

Moved Jim Jasper Seconded Detlef Lamp                      Carried

**Correspondence:** Proxy forms were presented as the only correspondence relating to the AGM

## REPORTS

As Damien and Michael had discussed safety issues at length on the 2 September no further report was given.

**Membership:** Garry advised that as at August 2000 the MRAA had 960 financial members. Although membership is down 200 new members have joined in the past year. A new database has been implemented to improve record keeping. We are now following up lapsed members. Discussion took place regarding how much effort should be put into following up lapsed members. No decisions were made.

Additional incentives have been introduced to appeal to new members. Social rides and maintenance nights have been introduced and we are looking into increased discounts, and other strategies.

**President:** We are trying to offer more services to members and to follow up issues of concern to members. The move to the new premises has saved us around \$30,000 per year.

Last years Toy Run was limited due to difficulties in confirming a final destination. Moonee Valley came forward to assist us however the venue did not offer the facilities we required. This year is shaping up as a better event with council and sponsors supporting us more than they have in the

past. The GP run is also looking positive with the City of Casey welcoming the event and the GP corporation supporting the event and again providing the celebrity.

We are planning to look into grants to help run the office and enable representation on more committees easing the load on Damien and Michael our two safety reps. They attend various meetings during business hours. Damien has advised that he would like to pass his safety rep role on to someone else but will maintain the MRAA position on these committees until a replacement is found.

At a conference held in Carlton the AMF, a combined industry, sport and riders group, was formed. We hope this group will provide the basis for these various arms of motorcycling to work together.

There are various issues coming up that we need to work on. We need to monitor the 50k speed limit in residential streets and monitor the EPA in regard to noise issues.

Reports received moved Lolla Stogneff    Seconded Deb Jasper                      carried

Financial report attached

Moved Detlef Lamp                      Seconded Trevor Mason

Other matters

Newsletter. The newsletter is printed and distributed quarterly. With the support of one of our members who is a printer costs are being kept down.

Question: Would it be cheaper to distribute by email?

We would need the resources to set up to do that.

Question: Where is the Toy Run destination for this year.

The destination is probably North Melbourne football ground or the park near the Children's Hospital. Council are supportive and we have setup a committee which includes members from the outer clubs.

Membership fees Detef    Moved That membership fees remain as current and that the joining fee be reduced to zero as it is a disincentive to joining.

Damien advised that the joining fee had been paid as a commission in the past.

The motion was not seconded and therefore lapsed.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

Treasurer: Faye Kerridge – nominated by Detlef Lamp Seconded by Greg

Membership secretary. Garry Yip nominated by Faye Kerridge seconded by Jo

Lolla Stogneff nominated Deb Jasper seconded by Jim Jasper

Garry was elected to this position.

Meeting closed at 12.10

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## BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 2000

### Assets

#### Current Assets

Cash on hand	200.00	
Cheque Account-ANZ	<u>2,034.53</u>	
Total Cash On Hand		2,234.53
Inventory		<u>8,875.45</u>
Total Curren Assets		<u>11,109.98</u>

#### Equipment

Equipment at cost	4,326.64	
Equipment Dep'nc	<u>-1,427.79</u>	
Total Equipment		<u>2,898.85</u>
Total Assets		<u>14,008.83</u> ASSETS

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Creditors & Accruals	<u>4,386.75</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>4,386.75</u>

#### Loan-DKC &/or NMC

Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>12,262.00</u>	
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Total Liabilities		<u>16,648.75</u> LIABILITIES
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#### Net Assets

-2,639.92

### Equity

Retained Earnings	16,789.11	
Current Year Earnings	<u>-19,429.03</u>	
Total Equity		<u><u>-2,639.92</u></u>

#### Balance check

0.00

**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1999/2000**

The past year has probably seen the most significant change to the MRA since we moved into the premises in Elizabeth Street. That change being moving out of Elizabeth Street to our current Ross Street premises.

The change which was seen by the board as essential to the ongoing financial viability of the MRA was supported by members at the 1999 AGM. The Ross Street premises represent a nearly 200% saving in rent. Additional financial reductions in the form of a simple single colour newsletter were also supported by members at the 1999 AGM. These changes have resulted in reduced expenditure this financial year. We have been able to reduce our two major debts and continue to work to make the MRA a debt free and financially viable organisation.

The retirement from full time voluntary work by Damien Codognotto has also had a significant impact on the running of the MRA. In the early stages this required some adjustment, simply collecting the mail from the GPO became a significant task, as did collecting and returning phone messages. Finding a time when the office could be open to support our members presented the board, all with a combination of work, study, family and other commitments with a challenge. We have now introduced a roster system for Saturdays and hold most events and meetings on a Tuesday night Thursdays we are working out as we go.

While the change of address has meant much less passing traffic the change has also provided opportunities which were not previously possible. New initiatives aimed at providing additional services to current members and attracting new members have been introduced. The monthly social rides, which have been far more popular than we anticipated, have given the board members a chance to meet both members and non-members and see how riders in general feel the MRA is going. Basic maintenance nights have been a way to attract new riders both to join and to get to know us. These nights would not have been possible without the full support of Southside Motorcycles and we thank Steve for his support. Tyre and suspension nights are aimed at the more experienced rider and have been popular. Again these night would not be possible without the support of Pablos and Daryl from Raceway Suzuki.

As a result of these increased events we have seen an increase in the number of members volunteering their time. Although we thank all who have helped there are a couple who should receive a particular mention. Until her recent accident Linda set up the newsletter for printing. Dick helped us with the new office providing his expertise in painting. Jenny made last years Toy Run happen when it looked like it

wouldn't. Rob is working on sponsorship for this years Toy Run. Dino helped organise the social rides. The newsletter would not be possible without the team of volunteers who work on the mail out.

The major events of the past year have been significant. The GP run was well supported and the City of Casey is working with us to make this year's event bigger and better. The Toy Run last year ran into problems when we couldn't find a destination until the last minute. The offer by Moonee Valley racecourse was generous and enabled the event to go ahead. This year we are working on a better destination with more public involvement. The blood challenge is an important event and one we will continue to support, hopefully in even greater numbers.

Footpath parking has again emerged as an issue and we are working, in conjunction with a number of clubs, to present a united front and achieve the best result for motorcyclists. We continue, through our representatives Michael and Damien, to work on many issues including wire rope and other roadside barriers. The need for motorcyclists to have a voice is as important now as it was when the MRA was first formed back in 1978 and we are making sure that our voice is heard and we will continue to do this on the relevant committees.

The past year has been one of change, a time for us to take stock, and begin to set the groundwork for the future. We still have a way to go. Our finances are not as good as we would like them to be. We need to reach more new motorcyclists and to work to ensure we are relevant to riders of all ages regardless of the type of bike they prefer. We need to hear from our members and to make sure we are representing your needs.

We invite you to become more involved in the organisation. Visit us, participate in an event, have your say at a meeting, submit an article for the newsletter. The MRA can only be relevant if it listens to and represents the views of its members.

The board is looking forward to building on the achievements of this year. Ultimately our aim is to have at least one paid staff member to ensure we can return calls, deal with the day to day running of the organisation and attend all relevant committee meetings. Until then we plan to keep moving forward even though it sometimes seems like a slow process.

Thank you for your support over the past year. We look forward to meeting with you and working both with and for you in the next year.