



# QGM 1 2011 Minutes

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- Location:** The Local 22-24 Bay Street, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
- Date:** Wednesday June 22, 2011 7.22 pm
- Meeting Chaired by:** Grant Delahoy
- Minutes Taken by:** Wendy Taylor
- Attending (confirmed):** Grant Delahoy (President)  
Paul Finey (Vice President)  
Wendy Taylor (Secretary)  
Mick Doedee (Chief Marshall)  
Kerry Walton (Board member)  
Detlef Lamp (MRAV Constitutional Adviser)  
Mick Dabbs (MRAV member)  
Paul Murphy (MRAV member)  
Duncan Reynolds (Red Cross Blood Service)
- A quorum was declared
- Absent with apologies:** Tony Ellis  
Gavin Stilgoe  
Kim Davies
- Correspondence:** Australia Post – membership applications and renewals.
- Financials:**
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| \$4315.14 | Current bank balance  |
| \$1641.00 | 4Bs account           |
| \$7470.00 | Build a brick account |
- Membership:** Current financial member 295  
Plus 46 Honourary  
Total - 341 members
- Road Safety and advocacy:** Parliamentary Road Safety Committee has initiated a Parliamentary Inquiry into Motorcycle Safety. Grant has been advised that VMC is the developing a submission. ACTION: Grant to contact VMC and offer MRAV support, including assistance of Wendy Taylor and Tony Ellis if needed. VicRoads has begun a “best practice” review which may include guidelines for Motorcycle Footpath parking. Tony advises that there is no suggestion of changing the legislation; it is VicRoads trying to tidy up areas where the rules are ambiguous. The VMC are contacting VicRoads to clarify.

Wendy Taylor advised that the RoadSafe Victoria network winds up on June 30, 2011. RoadSafe Inner Melbourne Community Road Safety Council has registered as a new group – Road Safety Action Group Inner Melbourne. RSAG-IM focus will be on vulnerable road users – pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. The MRAV Board endorsed Wendy to continue her road safety advocacy role, as MRAV representative on RSAG-IM. Wendy advised that a submission for funding to the (new) Community Road Safety Alliance group for a RSAG-IM e-communication with motorcyclists project has been approved and funded.

**Event planning and updates:** MRAV Toyrun. Kerry Walton updated the members about the 2011 event. Kerry has developed preliminary fliers about the 2011 Toyrun, and asked members to distribute. Kerry advised that he will continue to release updates every six weeks or so to promote the MRAV Toyrun 2011 event, being held at Calder Park. Kerry said that many events and traders are planned for the day. The Board again acknowledged Kerry’s work to date for this event, and asked that he continue to provide the Board with progress reports. We encourage members to get the word out to stores and clubs.

**Minutes:** The April 2011 Board meeting minutes were approved, with a correction to the surname Finey. Motion by Grant Delahoy, and seconded by Paul Finey.

Agenda items:

<p>Duncan from Red Cross</p>	<p>Grant welcomed Duncan Reynolds, Community Relations, Australian Red Cross Blood Service to the QGM. Duncan advised the meeting that the Blood Service was launching into twitter, facebook and Youtube, supporting their current Internet social media work. Duncan emphasised the important and positive history between the Red Cross and the MRAV, particularly with the annual Blood Challenge. However, Duncan also explained the need for people to donate blood all year around, not just over the Christmas holiday period, with blood stocks traditionally at their lowest in Winter rather than Summer. Therefore the Blood Service have discontinued the challenge in its original form and are looking to work with the MRA(Vic) members on new avenues for promotion. Discussion ensued about opportunities for the Red Cross Blood Service to promote blood services across the motorcycling community. It was agreed that the annual MRAV Toyrun and MRAV Cranbourne GP Run would be ideal opportunities. Duncan was enthusiastic about the scale of these events, and said he would actively pursue opportunities to bring attention to riders.</p> <p>The concept and tradition of the annual Blood Challenge was acknowledged</p>
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	<p>as successful. However, it is understood that the Blood service has decided to promote the Blood Service differently and to encourage the motorcycling community to actively and regularly donate blood. Duncan said the Red Cross Blood Service would appreciate the MRV encouraging its members, and motorcyclists in general to donate regularly. Duncan said the MRV could register on its Club:Red website page.</p> <p>On behalf of the Red Cross, Duncan acknowledged and thanked the MRV for its efforts over the past 31 years as a partner in the Blood Challenge. Duncan undertook to formalise this acknowledgement in a letter to the MRV that we can publish on the MRV website.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Grant to update the MRV website with Red Cross Blood Service hyperlink.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: MRV newsletter editor to promote Red Cross Blood Service on an ongoing basis.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Kerry is to email Duncan relevant information about MRV Toyrun and GP Run events.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new MRV ... update</li> </ul>	<p>Grant Delahoy welcomed Paul Finey to the position of MRV Vice President. Grant also acknowledged the input from Rodney Brown before tendering his resignation from the VP position for family reasons.</p> <p>Grant advised that the MRV Strategic Planning Committee was now dissolved and those members are now part of the initial VMC genesis committee.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting dates, times and venues</li> </ul>	<p>There was discussion about the timing and venue for MRV meetings. Some members /board members reminisced about long-time and ongoing difficulties of availability of an appropriate venue for meetings on a Friday night and weekends. There was also a rumble of protest from some members who were vocal about weekends being for riding not formal meetings!</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting venue and times remain as they are for 2011, and it is appropriate for the 2012 MRV Board to review.</p> <p>Gavin has organised a MRV social ride for the coming Sunday. He was congratulated for taking the initiative to get social rides underway - first Social Ride is this Sunday, leaves 10am Westernport BP.</p> <p><b>ACTION: All present are to continue to provide Grant with a heads-up for the MRV website of known motorcycling activities and events.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Paul Murphy is to book 'The Local' upstairs for Sunday, October 16, 2011, to watch the Phillip Island GP race. This will be promoted as an</b></p>

	<b>MRAV social event.</b>
Code of Conduct!	<p>Grant acknowledged Rodney's work in developing a draft MRAV code of conduct.</p> <p>Motion by Grant for MRAV to accept a Code of Conduct. Seconded by Kerry Walton. All present agreed.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Detlef is to review this and provide final feedback to Grant ASAP on final wording and implementation within the rules.</b></p>
The new Newsletter name – looking for an editor	<p>Grant confirmed the new MRAV newsletter name is "COUNTERSTEERING". And that the new MRAV slogan is "UNITED WE RIDE".</p> <p>It was confirmed that the newsletter will be electronic only, with the exception of the newsletter scheduled to advise about the AGM. This newsletter will include proxy forms, financial report, etc.</p> <p>To the surprise and delight of all members at the QGM, Paul Finey volunteered as the Newsletter Editor.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Grant will mentor Paul, and provide an appropriate template</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Paul Finey to start on the first Countersteering newsletter</b></p> <p>The newsletter should include request for members to organise rides.</p>
Luke Wilson memorial ride update.	<p>Grant has spoken to Maureen Wilson about the proposed memorial ride to remember Luke. Grant re-iterated that the MRAV continues to support the Wilson family. Grant also confirmed that the Ulysses Macedon Ranges group are assisting the Wilson family to organise the memorial ride. Grant will continue to liaise as needed and seek legal advice.</p>
VMC update	<p>Grant briefly updated the members about the progress of the VMC. There have been a number of issues and hiccups to be sorted but the chairman has advised of announcements being made soon. In the meantime the MRAV board have been ensuring communication remains open between the state and national groups for the lobbying effort. There are multiple strategies underway for various issues and we applaud the efforts of our interstate compatriots.</p>
Other business:	<p>Business cards. Kerry tabled a quote for business cards printing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$100 per 1000 (black and white)</li> <li>• \$170 per 1000 (colour)</li> </ul> <p>Artwork to be worked on.</p>

Meeting closed at: 9.28 pm. Many thanks to those attending.

*Next MRAV Board meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 @ The Local*