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President's Report



G'day all! Last month saw three of us Mike McKenzie, Pete Smith and I ride down from Melbourne to attend the Hamilton Sub-branch meeting. I was given the opportunity to address the meeting and answer any questions from our sub-branch members about club matters including the constitution, proposed bike raffle and calendars. Mike and Pete also provided some of the more specific details regarding calendars and club finances. Once the formalities of the meeting were behind us we had the opportunity to socialise and again have a great time, thanks to the hospitality of our hosts. A special thanks yet again to the Scherek's for the breakfast in the morning.

The international rally 2001 is being looked into with a small informal group set up to provide some suggestions to the members. The club has yet to vote formally to hold the rally so we need to have as much info as possible presented to all of us in order that an informed decision can be made. If we are to proceed with the rally the club will require the support of **all members**. If anyone would like to get involved, suggest possible venues, accommodation etc, please speak up. The event has been scheduled for the agenda at the Annual General Meeting in August. This should provide a forum to present any ideas you may have.

On the 8th and 9th of June there was the launch of the Victorian Motorcycle Council. Ian Eldridge, Pete Smith and I attended on Sunday the 9th. The launch was held just out of Melbourne at Clarkefield. The idea of the Victorian Motorcycle Council is to form a single lobby group to support the interests of motorcycle clubs in Victoria. A similar organisation has been operating successfully in NSW for a number of years. There was a reasonable cross section of clubs represented although there were a few noticeable absences. Those that I can remember were BSA M. O. A. Inc, Vintage MC, Hells Angels MC, FJ MC, BMW MC, Western Suburbs Riders, Eastern Suburbs Riders, MRA and speaker Greg Hirst from the NSW Motorcycle Council. It was agreed by all to hold another meeting in September at the same venue to continue the push for a Victorian Motorcycle Council. Just in case you are wondering why, or if we would need such a body.

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