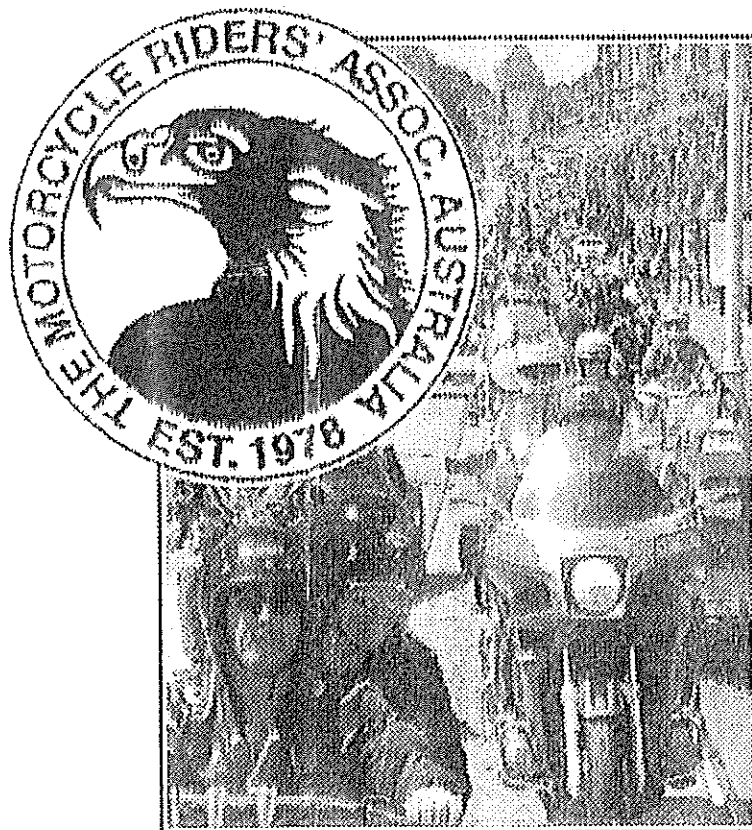


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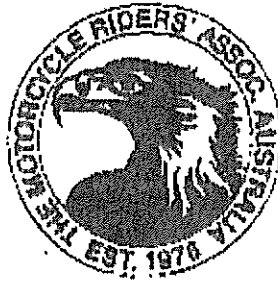
**The Motorcycle Riders Association Australia
has a new web presence on the internet.**

The site features up-to-date information on MRAA events, campaigns, motorcycling issues and news, a calendar of events detailing rides and rallies, and links to heaps of other motorcycling sites of interest.

You can find the MRAA online at:
<http://mraa.netsol.net.au/>

or email us at:
mraa@netsol.net.au

MRAA Headquarters: 380 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
Phone: 9663-2164 Fax: 9662-9090



The Motorcycle Riders' Association of Australia, Inc.
(The MRAA LOGO is an Australian Wedgetailed Eagle.)

DID YOU KNOW

By being a MRAA member you have been responsible for Community Service Events, Massive Motorcycling Events, Major Road Safety Programs and Positive Changes to Government Legislation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- * MRAA has given more than 2,000 donations of blood to the Red Cross to help fellow riders.
- * MRAA has Given more than one million gifts to the Salvo's (making MRAA the largest single donator of gifts, ever).
- * Bent & Buckled Bikies Bureau (4B's) visit and assist injured motorcyclists in Melbourne and Country hospitals.

ROAD SAFETY

- * MRAA Introduce the highly successful Rider Training Programs.
- * MRAA Implemented the Police M/C Liaison Committees in response to problems at Bathurst and Phillip Island.

EVENTS

MRAA organised:

Driver Awareness Runs-up to 7,000 riders.

1989/90, 1997 – Grand Prix Runs to Phillip Island.

1978 – 1997 - Organisers of TOY RUNS of up to 12,000 riders.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Through sitting on every Motor Cycle Consultative Committee and Forum.

MRAA has made major changes in Govt Legislation.

- ADR 19.01 Lights on
- Motorcycle Footpath Parking
- National M/C Safety Month
- Joint car/ M/C Licences
- No need front number plates
- 80 K pillion law

MRAA were members of the Vic Parliament Inquiry into Motor Cycle Safety 1992/93

MRAA has its H.Q. at 380 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne in the heart of **THE OLDEST SURVIVING MOTOR CYCLE RETAIL CENTRE IN THE WORLD.**

BY BECOMING AN MRAA MEMBER YOU CAN RIDE WITH PRIDE

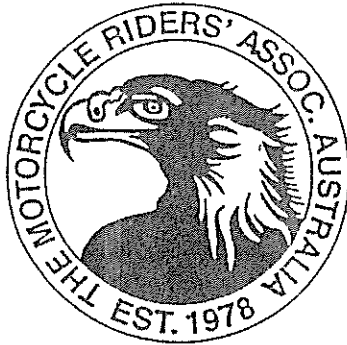
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL- Memberships & Renewals
\$20 (normally \$30 new or \$25 renew)

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT – GIVE A FRIEND A MRAA MEMBERSHIP

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(THE MRAA LOGO IS AN AUSTRALIAN WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE)

ON SITE EMERGENCY BREAKDOWN SERVICE

The **MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA** now provides a **FREE 24 HOUR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE SERVICE** to all financial members.

Each member receives one **FREE** call out in the Melbourne metro area per year.

This service is now part of the annual membership; **NO EXTRA FEES.**

If you breakdown in Melbourne simply phone **9687 0724 (24 HRS)** and a specialist roadside assistance mechanic will be dispatched ASAP. The problem will be diagnosed and if possible rectified. If it cannot be fixed on the spot, your motorcycle will be immediately transported to your choice of destination in the metropolitan area.

Specially equipped utes are used, **not** tow trucks, to safely transport your motorcycle, using tie downs, **not** chains. There is no additional charge for the kilometres travelled.

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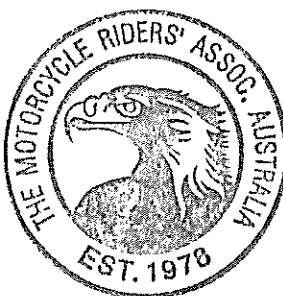
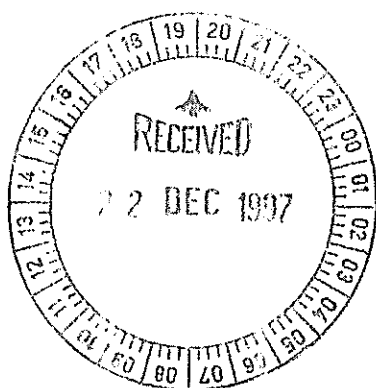
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SUMMER BLOOD CHALLENGE RESULTS AS AT 17/12/97

ORGANISATION	REGULAR DONORS	NEW DONORS	TOTAL
1 Department of Defence	124	63	187
2 Telstra	55	14	69
3 Scouts Australia Vic Branch	62	3	65
4 Nestle	16	44	60
5 Victoria Police	41	3	44
6 Other Organisations	21	19	40
7 The Freemasons of Victoria	37	0	37
8 ANZ	27	5	32
9 Guides Victoria	28	3	31
10 RACV	28	3	31
11 OMRA Australia Inc	25	2	27
12 Country Fire Authority	21	3	24
13 Commonwealth Bank	19	4	23
14 Neighbourhood Watch	15	5	20
15 Safety House Association	16	2	18
16 Church of JC of LDS	10	3	13
17 R.S.L.	9	2	11
18 Surf Life Saving Victoria	10	1	11
19 Victoria University	10	1	11
20 Crown Limited	9	0	9
21 State Emergency Service	8	1	9
22 Department of Social Security	7	1	8
23 City of Monash	5	2	7
24 Australian Customs Service	5	0	5
25 Lions Club	4	1	5
26 SCORE - Public Correctional Ent.	4	0	4
27 CAMS Limited	2	1	3
28 C.S.L. Bioplasma	2	1	3
29 Department of Natural Resources & En	0	2	2
30 Nillumbik Shire Council	2	0	2
31 Victorian Square Dancing Association	1	1	2
32 Australian Catholic University	1	0	1
33 Royal Life Saving Society	1	0	1
34 Sporting Shooters Association of Aus	1	0	1
35 VR Fish	1	0	1
* * TOTAL DONATIONS	627	190	817



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SUMMER BLOOD CHALLENGE.

Information Sheet for 'Coordinators'

Introduction

Thanks for volunteering your time and energy to become the 'Coordinator' for your club/organisation. Your role will be vital to the success of this Challenge.

The history of the Summer Blood Challenge.

It was the summer of 1979 in Melbourne when the Motorcycle Riders Association first issued a challenge to all other groups or organisations to give more blood than the state's motorcyclists during the three months of summer.

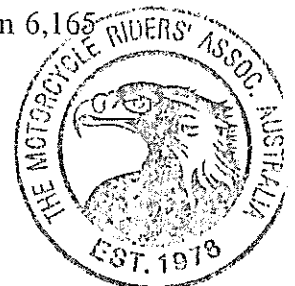
The MRA Blood Challenge was the major promotion for the Blood Bank helping to keep blood stocks on a safe level during December, January and February.

The Challenge started as a friendly competition between only a few groups such as the Scout Association, Victoria Police and the Motorcycle Riders Association. They became the back-bone of the Challenge recruiting blood donors among their members year after year.

Scouts proved to be almost "unbeatable", winning the Challenge 13 out of 17 times! Rotaract Clubs won twice and the MRA was a winner in 1980 and 1987.

Over the years various other clubs/organisations joined forces to promote blood donations during summer when blood stocks become low as holidays keep many regular donors away from the Blood Bank. Among them are government departments, small businesses, clubs and large corporations. MRAA, Vic Roads, Neighbourhood Watch, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, KPMG, Scouts, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are only a few of our loyal supporters.

Over forty organisations took part in the 1996/97 Challenge, which resulted in 6,165 donations.



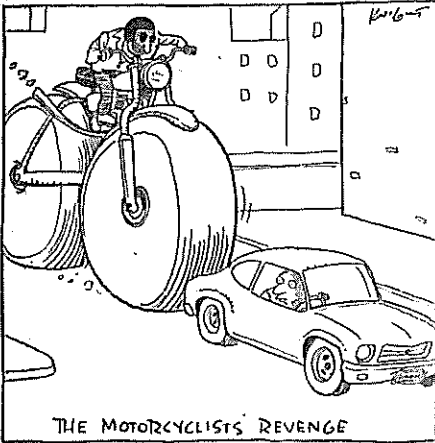
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Toy story rolls on

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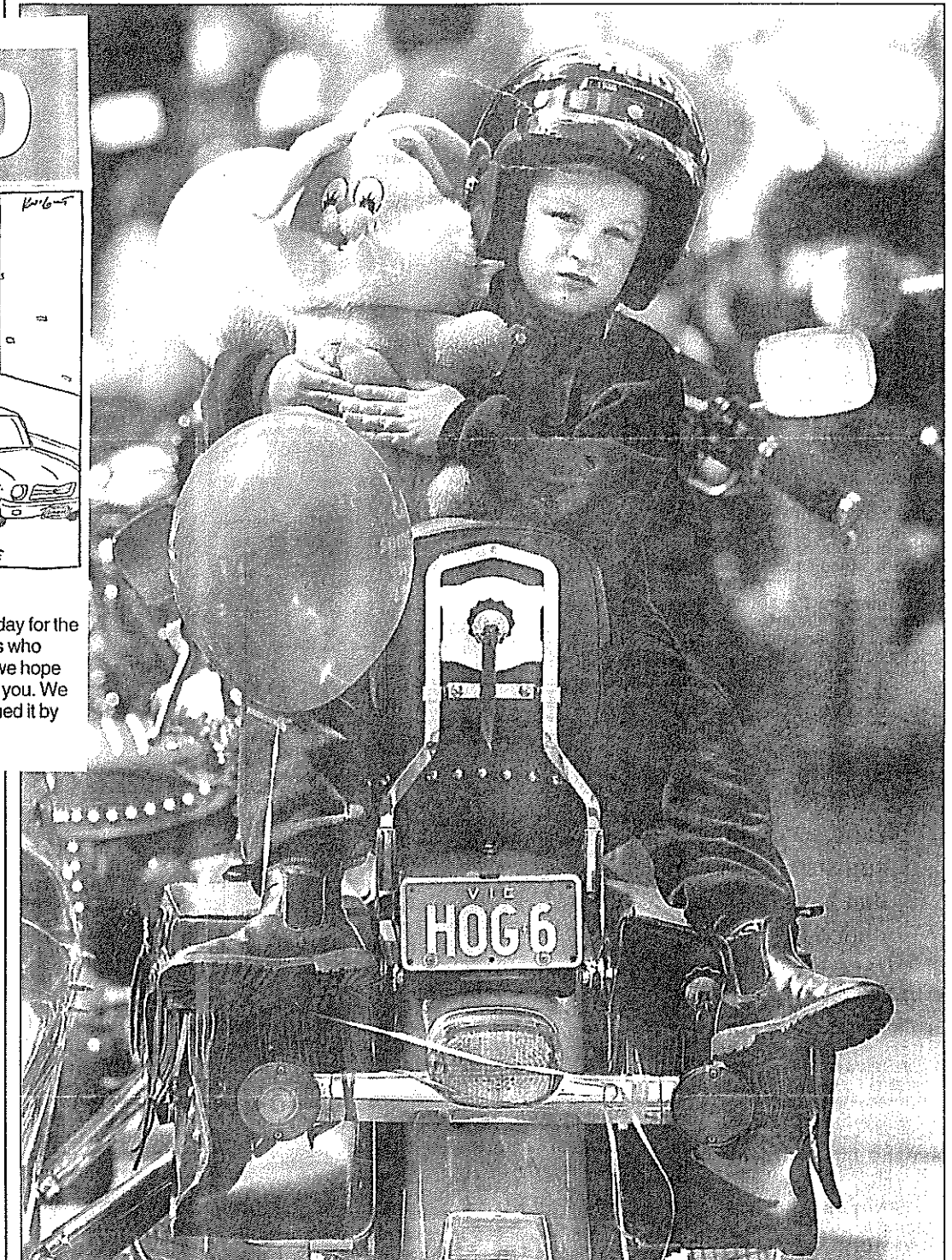
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Herald Sun, Tuesday, December 16, 1997



WE had a terrific motorbike run on Sunday for the Salvation Army. But to all the car drivers who gave us dirty looks, who couldn't care, we hope one day that we don't ever have to help you. We had a really good day, but you guys ruined it by nearly killing a couple of us.

Look Bike, Carnegie



High on the hog: young bike fan James, 3. Picture: SIMON DALLINGER

WITH tinsel tied to their handlebars and Santa hats taped to their helmets, 15,000 motorcyclists took to city streets yesterday to help needy Victorian families celebrate Christmas.

The convoy, which spread the length of Swanston St to Carlton, was led by Motorcycle Riders Association of Australia president Damien Codognotto.

He rode alongside comedian Eric Bana, who joined the MRAA's 20th toy run on his red Suzuki 1200 Bandit and performed later for the riders at the St Kilda delivery point.

Riders from the police and army reserve and members of more than 50 motorcycle clubs, includ-

By LORETTA HALL

ing the Bandidos and Hells Angels, joined the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal.

MRAA secretary Shane Palmer said he hoped this year's toy run would improve on the 1996 tally of 20,000 toys, three tonnes of canned food and \$4000 cash.

Riders from interstate and overseas were involved and planned their holidays around the event, Mr Palmer said.

It was the 10th toy run for Stax, a member of the Brunswick Harley Owners Group.

He said he was delivering an envelope of cash to the cause this year, rather than a soft toy, so the

Salvos could buy presents for any age group not covered by donations.

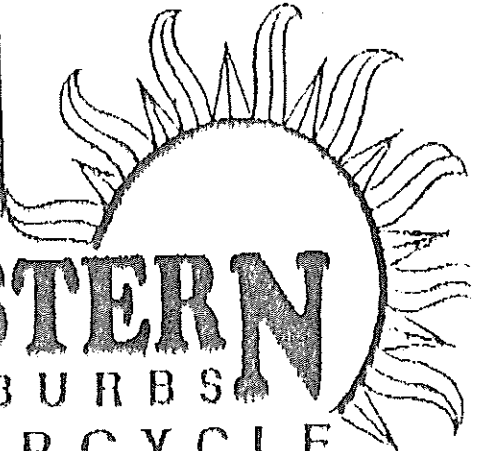
"Soft toys look superb on the back of the bikes and they're good for the under three-year-olds but there are a lot more older kids out there who would like a present at Christmas," he said.

And in Lonsdale St yesterday, a mob of Greenpeace Santas stopped Melbourne Central Christmas shoppers to alert them to the dangers of buying soft toys made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Shoppers were handed a Greenpeace brochure stating soft PVC toys for babies released hazardous chemicals when sucked and chewed.

IT'S ON AGAIN

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RALLY '98

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Great Roads in

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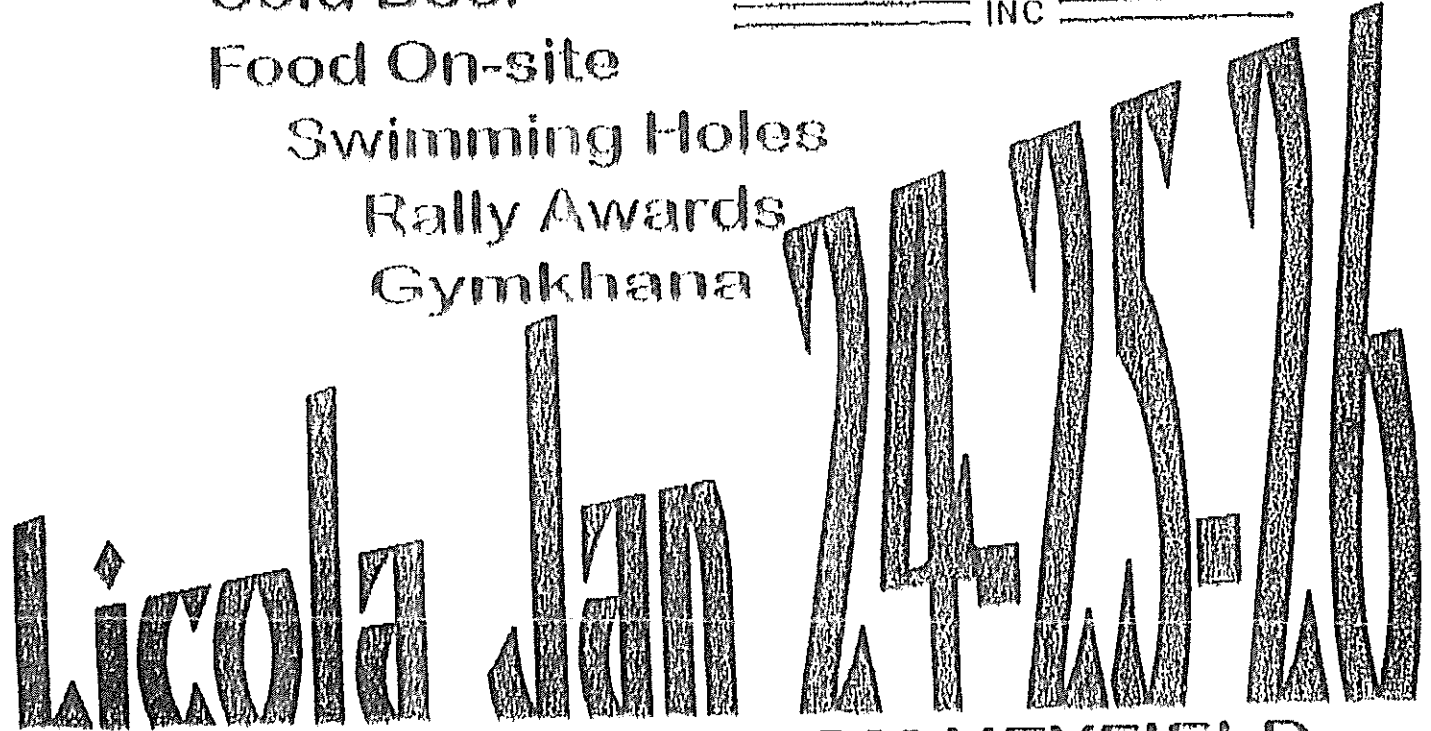
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