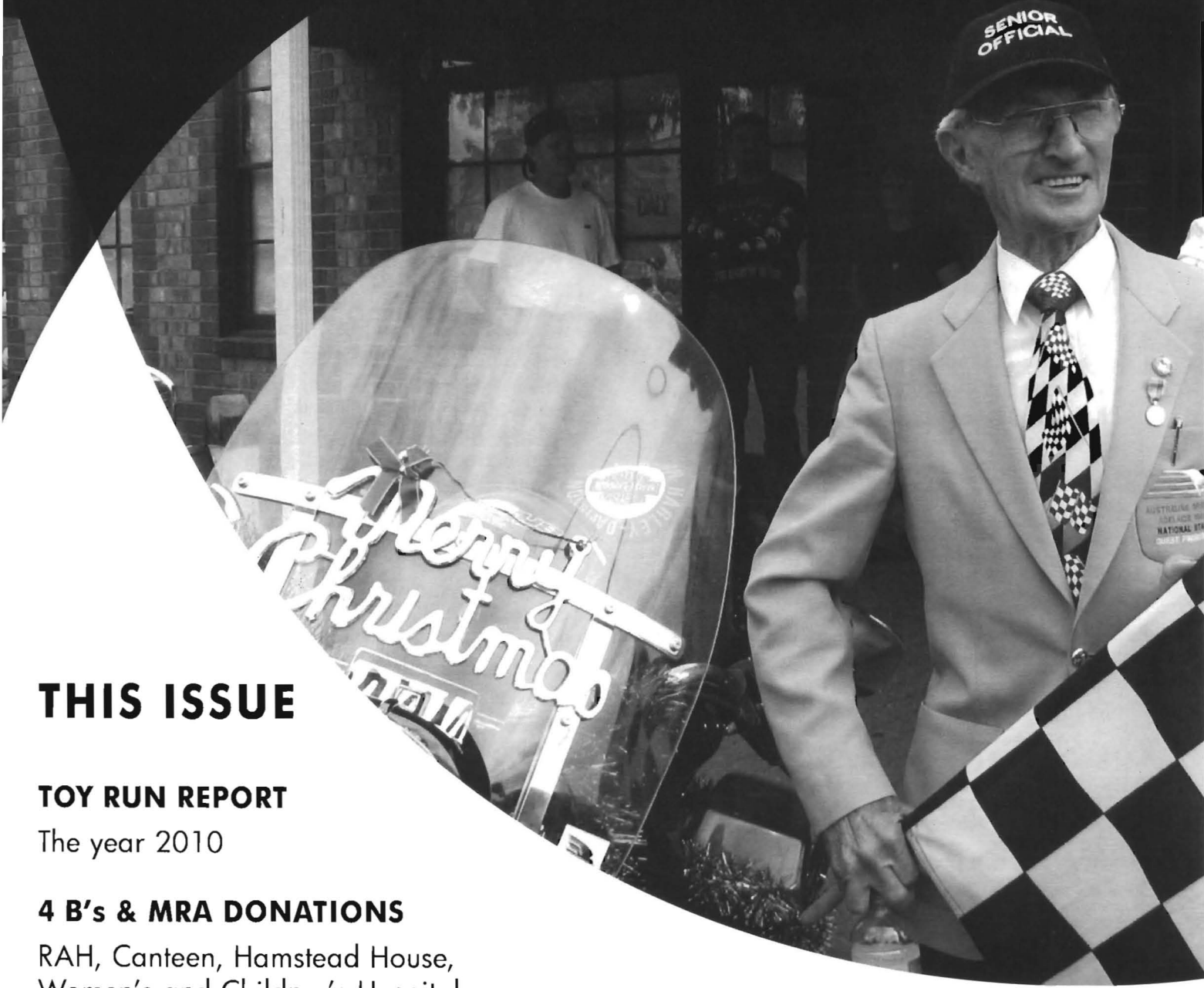


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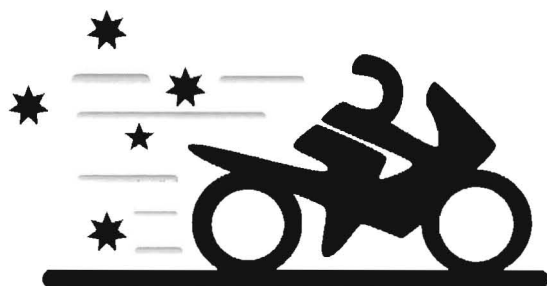
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EDITORIAL

Peter Mount

MRA SA began life in June 1979. By December that year we had organised our first Toy Run. With a few hundred bikes, a spacious oval at Woodside, live music, the support of a few local traders like Melba's Chocolates, foodies and the pub, an impromptu bike show, a few thousand dollars-worth of toys and a lot of curious members of the public, including locals and tourists, it was reckoned a great success.

Fast-forward seventeen years and the Toy Run has grown immensely, bikes number in their thousands, the value of donated toys is well into seven figures, the town is having trouble catering for everybody, the Onkaparinga Valley Road Verdun to Woodside) is not getting any wider or smoother and we've had a couple of errant-vehicle experiences with goggle-eyed drivers who forgot to pay attention to what they were doing.

We move to Hahndorf Oval, seduced by the enthusiastic support and welcome proffered by Mount Barker Council and the local traders.

We still start the Toy Run at Glenelg, but where once we filled up the end of Anzac Highway and could notify the bikers of pertinent matters via loud hailer or police squad car speakers, the milling throng now extends well beyond Adelphi Terrace (about 200 metres) and we've given up trying to make announcements. 9 a.m. still seems like a reasonable time to start gathering, though.

Fast-forward another fourteen years and the exponential growth of the Toy Run is evident. The head of the run is at Old Tapley's Hill Road, 500 metres from the end of the highway. Bikers amass all the way up Colley Terrace and in every adjacent side street. They come at 7.30 or 8 o'clock to get near the front, catering has been provided by community groups for many years, and the Stamford Grand Hotel is now offering us discounted breakfast of good quality. Riders no longer stay at home on the off-chance of rain lest their pride and joy gets dirty.

The Toy Run now takes over an hour to pass any given point. Hahndorf Oval is at capacity with motorcycle trade and club displays, the Xtreme Trials Show of Adrian and Tanya Harry's, stalls ranging from tools to knick-knacks, clothing and jewellery, and a smorgasbord of catering choices. Motorcyclists' generosity has provided toys and goods worth over four million dollars to St Vincent de Paul for distribution to families (Vinnies actively assists the Toy Run Committee throughout the year), and the sun shines as ordered.

The MRA Toy Run has certainly come of age.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Toy Run Changes

As you will have heard the route of the Toy Run has changed for this year. Instead of coming off the Freeway at the Mount Barker exit we will be using the Hahndorf exit. An incident on the one way section from Mt. Barker to Hahndorf last year with a local going the wrong way, heading for the bikes has made SAPOL rethink their attitude to our one way route. To get riders used to a change the route from the Hahndorf exit to Hahndorf will be two way traffic but the route will be controlled by SAPOL, especially the roundabout just off the exit. From Pine Avenue to the Oval will be one way. Next year we will work with SAPOL to get the former route restored albeit as two way traffic.

Last year we had to park bikes in the adjacent paddock due to an overflow from the Oval. Parking on the top oval will be better organised and there is not expected to be any overflow this year. Consequently, and according to the wishes of the landowner there will be no bike parking in the paddock.

Toy Run Sponsors

The Toy Run could not be put on without the many volunteers and sponsors that contribute time, services and funds to the event. The volunteers (probably about 35 people) will be thanked personally and it is proper that we acknowledge our sponsors here.

The Motor Accident Commission is our major sponsor and has also contributed time and ideas to make the run more interesting this year. The Councils of Holdfast Bay and Mount Barker provide advice and traffic management services to keep the riders safe. Mount Barker Council also generously provides a grant of \$3,500 towards the running of the event. The Pancake Kitchen has once again provided the shade tents for the Oval. First Care Medical provides the ambulances and medical staff for the run and at the Oval at no cost. SAPOL manages the Run from Glenelg to Hahndorf in a safe and orderly fashion.

TOLL SPD provides the pantecs from which the band plays at no charge and the band performs for a minimal fee. B&C Security provides security for the weekend at a reduced cost to the MRA. Side Access provides the scaffolding for the speakers at no charge and the Mixer works for a reduced fee. Cambridge Hire of Mt. Barker provide the BBQs for the Vinnies BBQ tent at no charge. Adrian Harry Xtreme Trials performs at a reduced rate. Startrack, which takes care of our container, carts our equipment and stock around in one of their trucks on the weekend. Couriers Please distributes our posters around town at no charge. Signarama has provided signs at no charge. The SES helps out with traffic management at the Oval on the

day. Glen Dix comes down to Glenelg to wave us off every year. Atlas Hire sets up our marquee at no charge and Trevor Denton provides the golf cart for the weekend at a reduced rate. John Farrington lets us use his paddock for car parking. If I've missed anyone out, please forgive me.

As you can see, the community pitches in to make this event a success every year and for that we thank you all, the Vinnies thank you and the children whom we help will thank you on Christmas Day when they open their presents.

Cynthia Dorwood Rides On

A long term MRA member and motorcycle activist Cynthia Dorwood, has died after a long illness. Cynthia rode with many of us in the early days of the MRA, when she was known as Sammi Ross, and her determination to have a good life at the end of was as strong as her determination in the past.

Pete Mount, Greg Janzow, Uncle Pervie and I travelled to Port Lincoln for the funeral which was held in inimitable Sammi fashion. When we all gathered around to hear her last words read out, she told us not to make speeches or hang around the coffin but to head on down to the pub and have a good time. So we did. A full profile of Cynthia will appear in the March issue of Centrestand.

Ride Safe, Harald

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SCOOTER CLUB NEWS by Rene Borst

The MRASA's SA Scooter Club exists to cater for those of us who prefer scooters to motorcycles but with the same level of enthusiasm for riding in groups on a social basis.

Our previous SA Scooter Club article provided an overview of the last 12 months of activity. This month's article provides more coverage of our activities since the last article and a brief look at our overseas namesake.

The highlight run for the scooter club is its annual birthday run in June, which retraces the route of the inaugural run back in 2006.

In October we participated in the Pink Ribbon Ride. The Scooter Club held its own event which started at the Arkaba Shopping Centre with the WIMA run, but then made its way to McLaren Vale for lunch and a visit to the chocolate factory (Robern Menz).

The warmer weather and daylight saving have prompted the return of Friday night rides.

The Scooter Club is looking forward to participating in this year's Toy Run which is always enjoyed by all, for the camaraderie, the ride and whole atmosphere that is the Toy Run.

Earlier this year one of our members Phil Creer made contact with an overseas scooter club that shares our initials SAS – in this case the South African Scooter Club. I have since made contact with the group and we discussed details of our respective groups.

Their site address is
<http://www.forum.sascooters.co.za/index.php>

They have their own forum, similar to ours and engage in a wide variety of activities, including scooter racing.

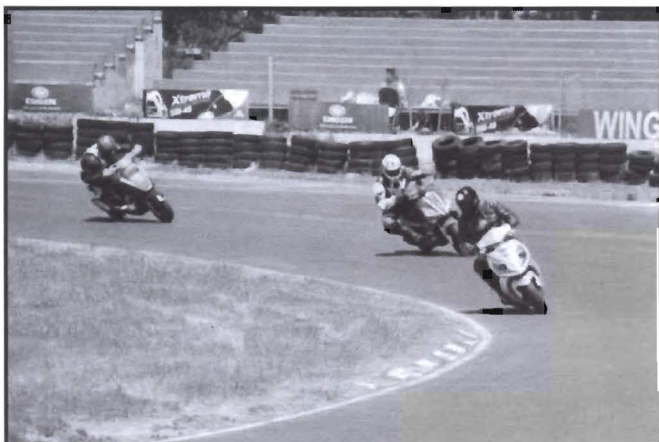


Photo courtesy SA Scooter-Forum (South Africa)

The Scooter Club is also a great source of valuable information for anyone looking to buy a scooter, due to the variety of machines within the club membership. This enables people to obtain factual information as opposed to sales spin.

One of our junior members recently enjoyed a chance meeting. Guess who?



Photo courtesy Marrie

So, for those wishing to explore the world of scooters, in and around Adelaide, you can visit us on the forum, the website or come and join us on a run. All are welcome ☺. The Scooter Club conducts a run on the third Sunday of each month. Details of our runs are available on our forum under Scooter Ride Calendar or on the website.

NOT! THE GREAT ESCAPE RALLY

This will be held at the Marrabel Site on the
2nd Weekend in May

BYO everything! Transport permitting we will provide toilets. Be on the safe side and BYO shovel & paper. A true back to basics rally!

No charge, no catering, no badge. Just a get together of old and new friends.

The Marrabel pub is just down the road for a fine country pub meal.

Look out for the signpost 3 k South of Marrabel. Watch for the ford. If you don't go through it within 100 metres off the main road then you are off route.

See you there. (0421 289 714 for info)

TASSIE TRIP 12-22 November 2010

The Tassie Tigers (alias Wild Hogs, alias Hills Angels) LOL – Nasef Arsanious, John Hardy, Alastair Black, Martyn George, Andy & Maria Hardy, Peter and Leonie Wills, John & Valerie Kearton.

Friday 12 November 2010 - we departed Adelaide at 6am, from the BP at the top of Glen Osmond Road. We caught up with John & Valerie and Alistair at Talem Bend, where the journey began.

We headed to Melbourne via the shortest route possible, (didn't want to miss the boat), via Murray Bridge, Keith, Horsham, Arrarat, Ballarat and finally Port Melbourne. We arrived at 5.30pm.

Melbourne....what can I say, Traffic – let's just say I am glad I live in Adelaide. If it wasn't for my Garmin GPS, I think we would *still* be left in the Melbourne rush hour traffic trying to figure out how to get out of it!

We boarded the Spirit of Tasmania with our bikes after a while waiting our turn but it was not too bad. My first impression is that we were boarding Noah's Ark, all in line boarding one at a time, trucks, buses, caravans, cars, trailers, bikes, motor homes and the list goes on.

Once our bikes were strapped in we off loaded our gear and went to our "snug" cabins, which were clean and well set up with mod cons. We then had dinner, a few drinks and off to bed by 10.30 pm.

The trip across the Tasman was great. The sea was calm, just as I had requested the journey across the sea to be. For someone who gets violently sea sick on a stationary vessel on the Port River, I was surprised how well the Ginger Herbal tablets worked. No nausea or queasy stomach, the whole trip.

Saturday 13 November - we disembarked at Devonport at 7am. We went to have a small coffee and breakfast and started our ride at about 9.30am.

Tasmania greeted us with torrential rain when we began our journey to our first destination. (Out came the wet gear, for some at least).

Our first destination was Burnie then Stanley and the North West part of Tassie. Roads are great and windy. Our first night in Tassie was spent at the King of Burnie Motel. Would I recommend it? Well, let's just say the only good thing about the Motel was the Boags Beer.

Sunday 14 November – we started riding towards Strahan via Cradle Mountain National Park, Tullah, Zeehan & Queenstown. In Strahan we spent the night at the Anchor Down Holiday Units. We had Dinner at the Pub and stayed out till late.

Monday 15 November – we departed Strahan and made our way to Hobart. The roads continued to exceed our expectations, both in quality and ease of ride (for those that love windy roads). I thought it was a fantastic ride full of corners and sweeps. Hobart is a lovely city, where we spent two nights and a few day trips. We spent a day seeing the sights at Port Arthur.

Wednesday 17 November - we headed towards Swansea, travelling via Sorrell and Orford. At Swansea, where we spent the night, after which we did a day trip via Beaches, Bichero, St Mary's, St Helen, Scottsdale on the A3 to Launceston.

Thursday 18 November – Spent 2 nights in Launceston at the Sandors on the Park Hotel with day trips to the North East of the Island. We visited Larena, Beauty Point, Port Sorrell & Ulverstone.

Saturday 20 November – we left Launceston in the morning heading towards Devonport. We had a leisurely ride whilst we headed towards Burnie, to visit Andy's parents, and then back to Devonport. Sadly this was to be the end of our journey through the beautiful Tasmania, where we left it sweltering in our leathers. In the evening at 6.30pm, we boarded the Spirit of Tasmania from Devonport back to Melbourne. The bikes were secured and after a quick shower and shave, we all met for Dinner and a few drinks.

Luckily, or thanks to the Ginger herbal tablets, no sea sickness on the way back with calm seas again.

In Summary- this trip was all about riding, sightseeing and socialising. I personally feel so honoured to have spent this time with the group, getting to know and learn from them. It is amazing to see how we all put great effort to make this trip the success it surely was and enjoyable for everyone.

Colonial Tasmania encompasses historic townships, good bakeries with even better service.

Tasmania is full of Hotels and Motels that are motorcycle friendly. At least the places we stayed at had secure areas to park our motorcycles.

Finally - the scenery and landscape....well you are just going to have to go and see it for yourself. IT WAS AWESOME!!!! We all got back safe and sound with a relaxing and leisurely return trip from Melbourne to Adelaide staying overnight at Mt Gambier for a rest stop.

Looking forward to the next trip.....2011 here we come!!

4Bs REPORTby **Phil McClelland**

The 4Bs have been donating again, this time at the RAH. About two years ago we donated 4 personal DVD players and about 50 DVD's. We checked up on them a couple of months ago, and were really pleased to find them all present. They were showing signs of regular use and in drastic need of upgrading. The DVD's have formed a library used by long stay patients; unfortunately there are motorcyclists among them. A broken pelvis will see a rider flat on his back for 6 to 10 weeks.

Unlike the original 4 personal DVD players, the 6 DVD players in this donation will plug directly into the television installed beside every bed and play on AV. The patient does not have to pay to watch the DVD's. This will bring the number of DVD's donated to the library to over 120.

Greg Janzow, Joanne and Andrew King and I represented the 4Bs and Dave Russell, the Relief Clinical Nurse Consultant for Ward R3 of the Royal Adelaide Hospital, laid on a fabulous reception. There were lots of the medical staff present, along with the Director of Nursing and the Volunteer Coordinator. The RAH media unit sent a journalist and photographer who will write an article for inclusion in the RAH quarterly magazine, Vital Signs.



From Left: Greg Janzow, Andrew King, Phil McClelland, Joanne King (seated) and the RAH crew.

I know this will not surprise many people, but I was passionately talking about the MRA, the 4Bs and the upcoming handover to a motorcyclist at a party awhile ago. Alcohol may have played a role but is not usually needed by me on these topics. Meradene Erickson was listening in. Meradene is not a motorcyclist, but loved what we had planned. Next thing I knew Meradene turned up at my door with a huge stack of DVD's to add to the donation.

Thanks need to go to Ann Hassett, (Ray Hammat & Helen Einthal) and a special mention to Brett Zetter. Brett works in the entertainment industry and through his contacts was able to donate quite a few new

releases and multiple copies. These people donated DVD's when asked to help the children in hospital have some 'time out'. They are part of the Karadinga Masters Squash Centre, where we try to stay as young as possible - even with arthritis, dislocated joints, hip and thigh flares, rheumatism, bad eye sight and broken bones.

Thanks to all of you, and the biggest thanks of all go to Meradene for making it happen.

I have left it to the RAH staff to decide where the DVD's go. Some of the kids titles will probably be forwarded to another department or even the Women's and Children's Hospital. The staff have informed us that the majority of these DVD's will be allocated to the Orthopaedics wards.

Something I would like you think about. If you know someone who has spent some time in a hospital and can relate to the need for something to help the time to pass, let them know they can help someone in there now by donating a couple of DVD's for the 4Bs to pass on. The second idea is to follow Meradene's lead and have your work or social group donate something you would like to watch. Why not set a goal of 6 DVD's in 2011.

The 4Bs monthly dinner meetings are now held at the Prince Albert Hotel, 254 Wright Street, Adelaide. 7.00pm on the first Wednesday of the month, excluding January.

A special guest attended the 4Bs November meeting. Adrian Weissenfeld is researching motorcycle accidents for his PhD with the Centre for Automotive Safety Research at Adelaide University. This position has been funded by Motorcycling Australia. I am sure we will hear a lot more as his study develops.

Have a Safe and Happy Christmas season and remember that the best way to meet the 4Bs: is not in the hospital. Catch up with us at the MRA Toy Run or come along to our monthly meetings.

BIKIE BILL – As you may have heard a challenge in the High Court has found aspects of the so called Bieke Bill to be unconstitutional. It's a victory of sorts for civil rights, but many other unsavoury aspects of the Bill are still in place and will need to be similarly challenged. In the meantime the attorney general, John Rau, instead of graciously accepting defeat is working hard to find ways to circumvent the High Court's decision. Is this government for what is right or for what they can get away with? – and for what the people will let them get away with.

MRA DONATIONS

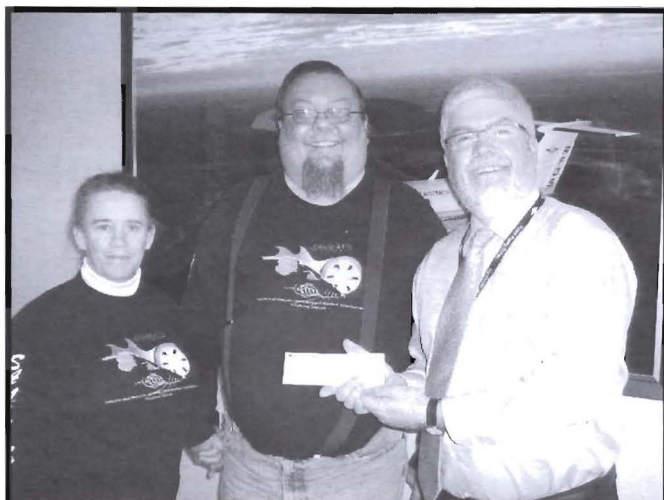
The MRASA has been raising funds through the Ridden on Ride, 4Bs and SAMRATS. Here is where it all went.



Jock and Sue presenting a cheque for \$??? to Canteen Division Support Officer Sara Husi.



Jock and Sue presenting a cheque for \$??? to Sandy Myhill, Executive Manager (left) and Caroline Loades, Events Manager (right) from the Women's and Children Hospital Foundation



Ross Curtis receiving a cheque for \$??? from the Ridden On Ride for the Royal Flying Doctor Service



MRA Donation of a laptop to Hampstead House. From left in photo Greg Janzow, Paul Philcox (Clinical Nurse), Dr Adrian Windsor, Joanne King (seated), Phil McClelland, Andrew King, Robyn Clissold

DOOHAN BACKS TAC CALL TO END MOTORBIKE CARNAGE

On the eve of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix World Champion Mick Doohan joined the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and Victoria Police in their bid to increase rider safety and stop this year's motorcycle death rate soaring even higher.

Mick Doohan supported the TAC as it launched its 12th MotoGP campaign focussing on educating riders about the importance of wearing protective clothing and riding within their limits.

The timing couldn't be better as already this year 41 motorcyclists have been killed on Victorian roads, 71 per cent higher than this time last year.

Victoria Police ran one of their biggest ever MotoGP operations in a bid to reduce motorcycle fatalities and ensure the safety for all road users.

The Spokes Team.

Attention all Past and Present 4Bs

The 4Bs Christmas Party is in January

When: 16th January 2011

Where: Alma Hotel

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to assist with bookings

We will be raising a glass in memory of Cynthia Dorwood

BUSH PIG RALLY by Greg Janzow

I attended the first Bushpig Rally in 1989 when it was held on the banks of a creek near Laura. I remember the picturesque setting, the friendly atmosphere and the numerous campfires, and I was there introduced to the "flaming UFOs", something you don't see in these safety-conscious days.

Some years back the Bushpig relocated to the Crystal Brook Motorcycle Club. From the main highway there is easy access to the site which comprises a large elevated parking and clubroom area overlooking a "valley" with a motocross circuit. Running through and around the site is a tree lined stream which doesn't flow much these days, but I remember when you had to ride through water to get to one camping area. From the clubrooms there is a great view and it is an ideal setting for the rally. There are a number of areas for pitching tents, from the open area near the clubroom to the more secluded areas under the trees and across the stream.

The MidNorth MRA has done a great job over 20 years setting things up and are very welcoming. It's a rally where you can bring the family for a good time. The clubroom is the centre of activity and the rally is fully catered for, with barbeque and other food and drinks at very reasonable prices. Here is a spacious green area where rallygoers can relax and socialise with facilities close at hand. There are novel trophies awarded for long distance riders, etc., a raffle and a special commemorative port is on sale. There is also a gymkhana with prizes held on the Saturday afternoon and that's always good for a laugh.

This year I arrived on Friday afternoon and by the evening there were almost 100 happy campers. I was amazed at how sophisticated the camping has become, what with huge bikes and trikes and camper trailers with all the mod cons. It's a far cry from the basic facilities of 1989. This year the weather was perfect for camping out and apart from the "human buzzsaws" in neighbouring camp sites the night was quiet. Unfortunately I couldn't stay beyond Saturday morning but I hear that the rally was a great success for which we can thank the Mid-North boys, Greg, Toot and Lauren. Terrific job fellas!

See you next year!



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TOY RUN REPORT by Harald Lindemann

The Toy Run 2010 will be a great day for all. We have music by the band 'Harvest', Adrian Harry's Extreme Trials Show, a Show and Shine competition, a prize for the best decorated bike (so get to it) and food stalls, bike shops with their wares and other stalls. For the kids we have Santa, a bouncy castle and face painter (all free). At Glenelg we have a sausage sizzle, Wendy's, coffee and a \$10 cooked breakfast at the Stanford Grand (see coupon below and on the website).

The route of the Run has been changed by SAPOL for safety reasons and we will be negotiating with them next year to change the way we do things to get the Run back on track. On that matter, it is clear that the Toy Run is getting bigger, more complex to manage and more expensive to run. In 2011 we will have to review the way we organise everything, from sponsorship, management of caterers etc and the organisation of volunteers if we are to keep the event running at the high level of enjoyment and safety for which we are known.

So come along and enjoy the day, be aware of the new route (leaflets to be handed out at Glenelg), do what the Marshals tell you and ride safely.

MRA 2010 TOY RUN**Sunday December 12****Leaves Anzac Highway
Glenelg 11 a.m. sharp****Breakfast from 8.30 a.m.****Ride to Hahndorf Oval**

Band – 'Harvest Rock'

Show 'n' Shine

Xtreme Trials Show

Trade & Club Displays

Kids' Entertainment

Tucker & Drinks

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What is FIRST CARE MEDICAL?

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What Sets FIRST CARE MEDICAL Apart?

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- ⑤ Providing a comprehensive service.
- ⑤ Being responsive to client and industry needs.
- ⑤ Attracting and retaining the best staff.

- ⑤ Fostering an environment of interaction and open communication with our staff and clients.
- ⑤ Delivering established best practice and continually improving business methods.

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The following core values are imbedded in our organisation in order to establish a culture capable of achieving our Mission:

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Again, FIRST CARE MEDICAL is privileged to be involved in this wonderful event and is looking forward to a long and enjoyable association with the MRA Toy Run.

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PINK RIBBON RIDE 2010

The day of the ride turned out to be perfect weather. About 300 riders left the Arkaba Hotel car park and headed up the Freeway to Hahndorf, Nairne down the old Princes Highway to Minarto and then across to Mannum. The football club members did a great job of keeping the sausage sizzle going and there was a good range of raffle prizes to choose from, a lot donated by the motorcycle shops around Adelaide.



There was one incident at the Hahndorf roundabout when one rider came off his scooter but he was not badly hurt. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped WIMA raise \$5,005 for the Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon Appeal.

Liv Andersen



SAMRATS REPORT by Jock Rogan

Despite some strange riding weather we as a group have enjoyed some marvellous ride events.

We have had our usual day rides around this great state and riders have returned home with beaming smiles on their faces so we presume they have enjoyed the day!

Once again, David Povey was able to lead us on the Five Ferries ride. This was a more agreeable day temperature wise. Last year it was about 40 degrees, This year at about 20 we were much more comfortable. (Though it was still hot at Walker's Flat!)

The real winner for all who attended, was our Birthday Pub Run. This year we tried something different. Deb, one of our regular riders, put her hand up to cater for the event as the use of a barbeque is included in the hire of The Bunkhouse.

Deb decided to provide us with munchies on arrival, a barbeque dinner, munchies with drinks, a birth cake and an egg and bacon roll for breakfast. For this she suggested a price of \$25 dollars per person. We just had to provide our drinks!

Deb also suggested that we donate any funds left over to the 4B's for their DVD library fund. Deb went back to her suppliers and negotiated a better deal and managed to raise \$155.85 for the cause! A fine effort we think!

We are currently organising support for the Toy Run and have started planning for the Ridden on Ride and Christmas in June. There is also strong support to plan another Ride For The Child event too!

We would like to close by wishing all riders and their families a safe and merry festive season.

CAR SAFE BROCHURE

With the last issue of Centrestand we sent out a copy of the Car Safe brochure. A member queried the purpose of the insert, puzzled as to why it was included. As others may also have wondered I thought that it might be useful to provide an explanation, so here is my reply to the member.

Hi Steve,

The Car Safe folks are concerned with motor vehicle theft, including motorcycles, and put out the brochure to make people aware of some of the issues regarding motorcycle theft with the aim of reducing the instances and rate of motorcycle theft. The brochure provides some facts regarding motorcycle theft that you may relate to if your bike is in one of the high risk categories and some tips on how you can reduce the risk to your machine.

The main message, I believe, is to 'Be Aware' and take what action is within your power so that you don't become a victim and your bike just another theft statistic.

The MRASA was asked if it was interested to pass on this message to its members. We thought that this would be something of interest to our members.

Ride safe,
Harald

ROAD SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**Neville Gray**

USA STATS

Data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows a decrease in motorcycle fatalities for 2009. There was a 16% drop in motorcycle fatalities, breaking an 11-year trend of annual increases. Overall there was a 6.3% drop in motorcycle injuries for 2009 compared to the previous year.

Government data showing reduced injury and fatality rates for motorcyclists in 2009 comes with the MIC reporting a 5% increase in miles ridden in the same year.

The 4462 reported motorcycle fatalities in 2009 mark an 850 decrease from the previous year. Of those fatalities, 1314 were classified as alcohol-impaired (meaning they involved either an alcohol-impaired driver or rider), down from 1561 the year prior, also a 16% drop. Injuries saw 90,000 reported last year, down from the 96,000 reported in 2008. The full NHSTA report can be read at <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811363.pdf>.

While sobering, the reduction of injuries and deaths is made the more impressive by an increase in miles ridden. In its own press release commenting on the government figures, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) reckons motorcycle miles travelled increased by "approximately 5% last year, some 1.3 billion more miles than in 2008, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council's 2009 Motorcycle Owner Survey."

"There's always more work to promote and improve safety, but everyone at the Motorcycle Industry Council is heartened by this news," said MIC Chairman Larry Little in the MIC press announcement. "It shows that we can lower our level of risk out on the road, while we're putting more miles on more bikes for both transportation and pure fun. The MIC conducts research that's absolutely relevant to this story. Our Motorcycle Owner Survey provides the best information available on American motorcyclists. It's the only accurate source for motorcycle miles traveled and it's one of the MIC's more important efforts to assist riders everywhere. We thank all our members for funding this vital study."

The American Motorcyclist Association has taken a more cautious tone responding to the news.

"The death of any motorcyclist is one too many, so this news that fatalities are down is encouraging," said AMA senior vice president for government relations, Ed Moreland, in the AMA's own press announcement.

"While we are pleased that the number of motorcycling fatalities dropped dramatically in 2009, a one-year drop isn't a trend. We need to determine why, and ensure that the decline continues."

Moreland goes on to note that motorcycle deaths followed a similar downward trend in the '80s and '90s before climbing on the aforementioned 11-year annual increase. Moreland stresses that more definitive data needs to be analyzed citing the forthcoming crash study at the Oklahoma State University

"The motorcycling community looks forward to receiving some real answers about motorcycle crashes and what causes them from the new federal crash causation study that is under way at Oklahoma State University (OSU) through the Oklahoma Transportation Center in Stillwater," said Moreland. "Then we can put our heads together to find solutions, reduce crashes and save more lives."

The AMA and Secretary LaHood are notably at odds over possible solutions to further reduce motorcycle injury and fatality rates. This is due to the AMA's rigid stance against mandatory helmet laws, stressing instead that government solutions should focus on accident prevention.

The trend of lower motorcycle accidents reflects the overall trend of motor vehicles United States, with 2009 registering the lowest fatality and injury rates on record (1.26 deaths per million miles in 2008 compared to 1.13 deaths per million in 2009). The 2009 highway death total of 33,808 is the lowest since 1950, and the grim statistic is made the more impressive considering the slight 0.2% increase in miles traveled when compared to 2008.

"At the Department of Transportation, we are laser-focused on our top priority: safety," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood in a press release announcing the statistics. "Today's announcement shows that America's roads are the safest they've ever been. But they must be safer. And we will not rest until they are."

One of the planned initiatives to further drive down the fatality and accident rates is an initiative against distracted driving. LaHood will chair a National Distracted Driving Summit on Sept 21 in Washington D.C., the summit focusing on the problem of texting and cell phone.

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