



The MRASA – What's it about?

The MRA has been in existence in South Australia for nearly 40 years.

Over this time it has consistently represented motorcyclists in supporting their (our) chosen lifestyle, in all matters of road safety, in getting a fair hearing from governments and in presenting motorcyclists as contributing members of the community.

The MRA serves on Government committees, prepares submissions on road safety, presents and accepts original ideas on how to protect motorcyclists better, is always supportive of initiatives to work with other motorcycling organisations at a local and national level whenever possible to provide a united voice on motorcycling issues, and is constantly alert to challenge legislation and proposals that riders find unreasonable, discriminatory, or not in the best interests of riders' safety.

The MRA speaks on many issues for the motorcyclists of South Australia, not just those who are members.

The MRA has not always been as successful as we would have liked, but we, as a body, have always understood the importance of having a voice in our community, and how much we all lose without it.

Ride On

Peter Mount





MRA ESTABLISHMENT & CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTS

1979 MRA ESTABLISHED

**1982 AMALGAMATION WITH FEDERATION OF
AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLISTS (FAM)**

OBJECTS

- (a) To provide a link between motorcyclists, the government, other authorities and the general public.**
- b) To support other motorcycling bodies which work for the betterment of motorcycling.**
- (c) To work for improved road safety, mainly through road user education, driver awareness and fair and sensible legislation.**
- (d) To work for an improved public image of motorcyclists through advocacy, promotion and well-organised, peaceful protests when necessary to express a concerned, responsible opinion of the situations concerning motorcyclists, and through participation in charitable and community service activities.**
- (e) To work for fair and sensible laws which protect motorcyclists' safety on the road and their rights as contributing members of the community.**

As with the founding of the MRA in Victoria in 1978, the MRA in South Australia carries out detailed research into motorcycle road safety and makes representation to government and other organisations on motorcyclists' behalf.



ACHIEVEMENTS & PROJECTS

1979–86 PROVISION OF MRA RIDER TRAINING (Novice and Advanced) and SIDECAR TRAINING – At Oaklands Park Driver Development Centre (leading to inaugural RiderSafe training in 1987)

1979 LOBBIED FOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS – Re motorcycle safety

1980 ESTABLISHMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL to represent State and Territory motorcycle bodies to Federal Government

1981 REPEAL OF 80kph RURAL SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS WITH PILLIONS

1981 REPEAL OF CONVEX MIRROR BAN

1982 MRA INVITED ONTO THIRD PARTY PREMIUMS COMMITTEE

1982 ESTABLISHMENT OF MRA 4Bs (Bent & Buckled Bikers Brigade) – To support hospitalised bikers

1982 INITIATION OF QUARTERLY BLOOD RUNS – Donations to Red Cross

1983 MRA AUSTRALIA ESTABLISHED – To provide link between 7 MRAs throughout Australia

1983–95 MRA MOTORCYCLE RECOVERY SERVICE

1984 Jan 28-29 MRA HOSTED MRA AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ADELAIDE

1984 CHANGE OF 'KEEP LEFT' LAW FOR MOTORCYCLISTS – Now allowed to ride in any position within the lane rather than "as

near as practicable to the left-hand side of the road" (riders previously fined for avoiding potholes, oil slicks, drivers' blind spots etc.)

1984-89 LOBBIED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SKID-RESISTANT ROAD MARKING PAINT

1984 RECOMMENDATION TO SA GOVERNMENT OF 'NO FAULT' THIRD PARTY INSURANCE SCHEME FOR MOTORCYCLISTS – State Government Insurance Commission (SGIC) interested – Introduced for all road users in 2014 by Motor Accident Commission

1984 REPEAL OF BLACK HELMET BAN

1984 SOLIDARITY MEETING OF MAJOR BIKE GROUPS IN SA – To allay public concerns re 'Milperra Massacre'-type situation in SA

1984 COMMENCED LOBBYING AGAINST MANDATORY DAYTIME HEADLIGHTS-ON PROPOSAL FOR MOTORCYCLES

1984 MOPED RIDING ON CAR LICENCE LEGISLATION PASSED – MRA opposed

1984 Aug 29 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ROY ABBOTT – Re moped legislation

1984 Nov 16 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ROY ABBOTT – Re third party insurance premiums

1984 Nov 22 MEETING WITH PREMIER JOHN BANNON – Re 'Lights-On' proposal – Agreed to waive proposal in favour of driver awareness advertising campaign

1984 REPRESENTATION ON MOTOR REGISTRATION DIVISION STEERING COMMITTEE

1984 REPRESENTATION ON MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY DIVISION OF SA AUTOMOBILE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1984 MOTORCYCLE MARSHALLING FOR KESAB 'SUPERWALK' – National TV coverage

1984 PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR OLYMPIC TELETHON – Organised by Channel Ten

1984 ESTABLISHMENT OF SA MRA Touring Squad (SAMRATS)
– To facilitate social riding, event support and promotion of MRA work and purpose amongst motorcycling community

1984-87 ESTABLISHMENT OF MRA REGIONAL REGISTERS (Sub-Branches)

- Mid-North Register
- Adelaide Hills Register
- West Coast Register
- Yorke Peninsular Register
- South-East Register
- Riverland Register

1984-87 MRA PROMOTIONAL FUNCTIONS AT:

- Clare, Kadina Festivals
- Road Racing Championships AIR, Mallala
- School fetes, including rides for kids
- Castrol 3-Hour motorcycle races AIR – National TV coverage

1984-90 ANNUAL OCTOBER 'MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH' – 'BIKETOBER' – Shopping centre bike displays, fuel economy runs, rider training days, road safety leaflet and poster campaigns, motorcycle expos

+ MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RIDE Glenelg to Bonython Park

1984 'BIKETOBER' OPENED BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ROY ABBOTT – At Driver Development Centre Oaklands Park

1984-87 MOTORCYCLE SUPPORT FOR SA AMATEUR CYCLING ASSOCIATION – Adelaide to Victor Harbor and Barossa tour competitions

1984 - Present INAUGURAL MRA RALLY AT MARRABEL

1984 – Present WORKING FOR NATIONALLY CONSISTENT & IMPROVED HELMET STANDARDS

NB EUROPEAN STANDARD ECE 22.05 HELMETS approved in SA as of April 2016

1984 – Present CITY PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

- Gained increase in city parking
- Argued against ticketing machines for motorcycles
- Submissions to Adelaide City Council (ACC) re motorcycle parking in the city (including footpath parking)

- **Multiple motorcycles now allowed in car parking spaces (1996)**

NB ACC currently conducting footpath parking trials (2016-17)

1984 – Present SUBMISSIONS AND PAPERS TO GOVERNMENT FORUMS AND PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRIES INTO ROAD SAFETY – e.g.

- **Motorcycle Safety**
- **Fatigue on the road**
- **Helmet Standards**
- **Lane Filtering**
- **Older Road Users**
- **Younger Road Users**
- **Road Safety Barrier Systems**
- **Driver Training and Licensing**
- **Motorcycle Training and Licensing**
- **Noise Standards and Regulations**
- **Road Design and Traffic Management**
- **Street Furniture and Road Infrastructure**

1985 LOBBIED FOR MOTORCYCLE-SPECIFIC HAZARD WARNING SIGNS

1985 INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULES FOR MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST NOISE

1985 SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RE 'AUDIBLE CONSPICUITY' OF MOTORCYCLES

1985 COORDINATED SA LEG OF AROUND-AUSTRALIA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROMOTIONAL RIDE – By MRA Australia President on Yamaha FJ1100 – sponsored by Yamaha Australia – 50 MRA Branches & Registers visited

1985 Aug 7 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GAVIN KENEALLY – Re rider training, skid-resistant road marking paint, skid-resistant roadworks plates, differential urban speed limits etc.

1985 CREATION OF 'MOTORCYCLING IS MAGIC' SLOGAN FOR 'BIKETOBER'

1985 'BIKETOBER' OPENED BY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GAVIN KENEALLY AT WIGLEY RESERVE, GLENELG

**1985 SUBMISSION TO THIRD PARTY PREMIUMS COMMITTEE RE
THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS**

1985-87 MRA BIKE SHOW AT GLENELG

**1985-93 LOBBIED FOR BITUMENISING OF STEEL
ROADWORKS PLATES – And later development of extruded steel
mesh treatment**

**1986 June 24 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
GAVIN KENEALLY – Re third part insurance premiums**

**1986 SUBMISSION TO SGIC RE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE
PREMIUMS**

**1986 REPEAL OF DIFFERENTIAL URBAN SPEED LIMIT OF
40kph FOR MOTORCYCLISTS WITH PILLIONS**

**1986 TWO-YEAR FREEZE ON THIRD PARTY INSURANCE
PREMIUMS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS**

**1986 MOTORCYCLES EXEMPTED FROM FUEL RATIONING
(applicable to other vehicles when in place)**

**1986 PROVIDED LOGISTICAL & PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT
FOR 14th NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR GAMES – 10 days'
duration**

**1986 LOGISTICAL AND PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR
NATIONAL LAND YACHT RACES AT PORT GAWLER**

**1986 RECOMMENDATION TO AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF
STATISTICS FOR MOTORCYCLES TO BE INCLUDED ON
CENSUS FORM**

**1986-88 DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION AND
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR PRE-LICENCE
CHILDREN AND PRESENTED IN SCHOOLS BY MRA**

**1987 INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING
MANUAL AND INTRODUCTION OF 'RIDERSAFE' RIDER
TRAINING (3 years' work)**

**1987 CORRESPONDENCE WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER RE
RISK OF MOTORCYCLE DEATHS IN HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS**

1987 MRA ADDRESSED FIRST STATE GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY FORUM – 6 papers presented

1987-88 MRA 1-HOUR WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM 5MMM-FM

1988 WROTE AND PRODUCED A HANDBOOK OF ADVICE FOR NOVICE MOTORCYCLISTS – '*THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE*' – For distribution to motorcyclists, bike shops and rider training centres throughout Australia – Sponsored by SGIC

1988 LOBBIED AGAINST INCREASE IN IMPORT TARIFFS ON BIKES & SPARE PARTS – No local industry to protect, bikes and parts more expensive

1988 SUBMISSION TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GAVIN KENEALLY – Re third party insurance premiums

1989 INSTRUMENTAL IN SA GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT OF SKID-RESISTANT ROAD MARKING PAINT – A world first – 5 years' work

1989 MRA AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RALLY AT MAMBRAY CREEK

1989 RESEARCHED THE POTENTIAL FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS TO REDUCE ROAD TRAUMA IN THE LONG-TERM

1989 INVITED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RECOMMEND PRODUCTION MATERIAL FOR NATIONAL DRIVER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – i.e. awareness of motorcyclists

1990 MRA ADDRESSED SECOND STATE GOVERNMENT ROAD SAFETY FORUM – 'Older Road Users' and 'Younger Road Users' – 2 papers presented

1990 MRA AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RALLY AT MT GAMBIER

1990 MRA EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY

1991 LOBBIED AGAINST PROPOSAL TO REPEAL REGULATION PERMITTING MOTORCYCLES TO BE RIDDEN UNDER 25kph WITHOUT A HELMET

1991 LOBBIED AGAINST MORE RESTRICTIVE HELMET LAWS FOR RIDERS AND SIDECAR PASSENGERS

1991 SA MINISTER OF TRANSPORT FRANK BLEVINS ENDORSED DISTRIBUTION OF MRA'S '*LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT, LOOK BIKE*' STICKERS WITH ALL REGISTRATION AND LICENCE RENEWALS

1992 ESTABLISHMENT OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY RESEARCH COMMITTEE – Department of Transport

1992 CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF ADRs FOR TRIKES AND CREATION OF A SPECIFIC TRIKE CATEGORY – Previously trikes could not be registered in all states & territories (including SA)

1993 INSTRUMENTAL IN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SKID-RESISTANT ROADWORKS PLATES – Extruded steel mesh treatment (9 years' work and currently in revisitation mode)

1993-94 MRA WEEKLY RADIO SHOW 5PBA-FM

1993-97 NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT DIANA LAIDLAW – Re third party premiums, motorcycle safety, road infrastructure etc.

1994 MRA RECEIVED AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD FOR 1993 MRA TOY RUN AS SA 'EVENT OF THE YEAR'

1994 SA SKID-RESISTANT ROAD MARKING PAINT USED AS A MODEL FOR SKID-RESISTANCE TO BE INCLUDED IN AUSTRALIAN STANDARD (7 years' work)

1995 ESTABLISHMENT OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP – Department of Transport

1995 INVITED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF INAUGURAL AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES

1995 INVITED BY TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT STATEWIDE SEMINARS ON '*DESIGNING & MAINTAINING SAFER ROADS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS*'

1995 CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN

1995 Oct 7-8 INVITED BY NATIONAL TRUST TO SET UP MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

1995 – Present CONTRIBUTING TO TRIALS, STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFER BARRIER SYSTEMS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

1996 CONTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL REPEAL OF 'LIGHTS-ON' LEGISLATION (12 years' work)

1996 SUBMISSION TO MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT OPPOSING OUTSOURCING OF RIDERSAFE TRAINING PROGRAM

1996 CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL RURAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN

1996 CONDUCTED STUDY INTO EFFECTIVENESS OF RIDER TRAINING

1996 LOBBIED FOR LEARNER APPROVED MOTORCYCLE SCHEME (LAMS) TO REPLACE 250cc LEARNER LIMIT

1997 CONTRIBUTED TO SA OFFICE OF ROAD SAFETY RESEARCH PROGRAM

1997 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS DISPLAY IN RUNDLE MALL

1998 LOBBIED AGAINST INCREASING THE SIZE OF MOTORCYCLE NUMBERPLATES

1998 ARGUED FOR TRANSPARENCY IN THIRD PARTY PREMIUMS COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

1998 SUBMISSION RE SCHOOL ZONE ROAD MARKING PAINT PROPOSAL – Non-skid-resistant paint used on zigzags across approach lane

1998 ACHIEVED REDUCTION IN THIRD PARTY PREMIUMS FOR BIKES

NB Since gaining membership of the Third Party Premiums Committee in 1982 the MRA influenced the size of increases to keep them to a minimum

1998 CONTRIBUTED TO REVIEW OF USE (OR LACK) OF SKID-RESISTANT ROAD MARKING PAINT

1998 CONTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY SUMMIT

1999 ESTABLISHMENT OF ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE GROUP – Department of Transport

1999 CONTRIBUTED TO GORGE ROAD SAFETY AUDIT – Conducted by B. C. Tonkin and Adelaide University Road Accident Research Unit (later to become Centre for Automotive Safety Research)

1999 DEVELOPMENT OF MRA WEBSITE

1999 SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENQUIRY INTO FATIGUE ON THE ROAD

1999 ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT REDUCTION COUNCIL (NMVTRC) – By Australian governments and the insurance industry

2000-02 LOBBIED AGAINST REINTRODUCTION OF FRONT NUMBERPLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES

2000 LOBBIED FOR MOTORCYCLE-FRIENDLY TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES – e.g. sloping kerbing at roundabouts (now used Australia-wide), single-wheel gaps in 'slow points' on side streets, removal of "yellow bricks" (safety bars)

2000 Dec FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REJECTION OF FRONT NUMBERPLATES (but not by SA Government at this time)

2001 CONTRIBUTED TO REVIEW OF MOTORCYCLE NOISE ADRs

2001 July 7-8 MRA HOSTED AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL (AMC) CONFERENCE IN VICTOR HARBOR

2001 - Present MRA BECOMES THE AMC's REPRESENTATIVE ON NMVTRC

2001 REPRESENTATION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON 'WOMEN IN MOTORCYCLING' STUDY

2001 Aug CONTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL SPEED AND ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE HELD IN ADELAIDE

2001 LOBBIED FOR REMOVAL OF SLIPPERY WHITE-PAINTED ON-ROAD THROUGH ARROWS – and subsequent slippery black paint initially used

2002 CONTRIBUTED TO DRAFT SA ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

2002 CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES TO RAA BI-MONTHLY MAGAZINE "SA MOTOR"

2002 July 6-7 MRA HOSTED AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL CONFERENCE IN ADELAIDE

2002 POLICE CEASE ARGUING FOR FRONT NUMBERPLATES – Push instead for study into other means of 'frontal identification'

2003 ESTABLISHMENT OF MOTORCYCLE TASK FORCE – Department of Transport

2003 REPRESENTATION ON ADELAIDE HILLS & SUBURBAN COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FORUMS

2003 CONTRIBUTED TO SA GOVERNMENT CRASH REPORTING CRITERIA REVIEW

2003 June 11 PARTICIPATED IN GLENELG MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FORUM

2003 LOBBIED AGAINST SA GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL FOR MANDATORY RIDER RETRAINING FOR 40+-YEAR-OLDS

2003 CONTRIBUTED TO ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL RE COLOURED ROAD MARKING PAINT IN CITY

2003 PARTICIPATED IN REVIEW OF MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION LABELS

2004 PARTICIPATED IN SA GOVERNMENT SPEED SEMINAR

2004 PARTICIPATED IN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF ROAD SAFETY (ACRS) BARRIER SYSTEMS SEMINAR

2004 PARTICIPATED IN LOCAL COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY SEMINARS

2004 CONTRIBUTED TO DRAFT SA MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2004-2007

2004 CONTRIBUTED TO ADELAIDE HILLS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY

2005 REPEAL OF 250cc LEARNER RESTRICTION – Replaced with Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS) (21 years' work)

2005 INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPMENT OF SA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY 2005–2010

2006 INCREASED CAPACITY LIMIT (to 660cc) OF INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY TO COVER ALL LAMS BIKES – Thereby reducing registration cost of large LAMS bikes

2006 March SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMMISSION (NTC) ON AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULE (ARR) AMENDMENT PROPOSAL RE LANE SPLITTING AND FILTERING

2006 June NTC ARR LANE SPLITTING/FILTERING AMENDMENT PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

2006 SUBMISSION TO SA GOVERNMENT ARGUING AGAINST WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDING FOR RIDERSAFE TRAINING

2007 May 26 MRA, GARAGE MOTORCYCLES, L. J. HOOKER HOSTED '65 ROSES' FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH

2007 SA SCOOTER CLUB MERGED WITH MRA

2007 ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS IN CBD

**2008 PARTICIPATED IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
MOTORCYCLE & SCOOTER SAFETY SUMMIT IN CANBERRA**

**2008 LOBBIED AGAINST "YELLOW BRICKS" ('SAFETY
BARS') – glued on roads, dangerous for bikes (stuck or unstuck),
disintegrate over time – To be phased out**

**2008-9 LOBBIED AGAINST SA GOVERNMENT'S 'SERIOUS &
ORGANISED CRIME (CONTROL)' BILL – "THE BIKIE BILL"
– 'SOCCA' – Potential to discriminate against any entity or
individual whatever their interest**

**2009 PARTICIPATED IN ADELAIDE HILLS COMMUNITY
FORUM RE SPEED LIMITS**

**2009 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS WEEK – '*BIKETOBER*' –
REINTRODUCED – (previous duration one month)**

**2009 April PARTICIPATED IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
'STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY FUTURES' CONFERENCE AT GLENELG**

**2009 PARTICIPATED IN ADELAIDE HILLS MOTORCYCLE
SAFETY STRATEGY**

**2009 – Present MOTOR ACCIDENT COMMISSION
PARTNERSHIP WITH MRA FOR TOY RUN AND MICK
DOOHAN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGNS**

**2009 PUBLICATION OF RIDER'S HANDBOOK – Developed by
Motorcycle Task Force (including MRA)**

**2010 MOTORCYCLE BARRIER SYSTEM POLYMER CURTAIN
PROTECTION TRIALS ('BASYS' System) – Conducted by
Department of Transport in Adelaide Hills, Strathalbyn & Sedan –
Negotiated by Motorcycle Task Force (including MRA)**

**2010 Aug 14-15 MRA HOSTED AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE
COUNCIL (AMC) CONFERENCE IN ADELAIDE**

**2010 Feb 24 PARTICIPATED IN SA MOTORCYCLE ROAD
SAFETY FORUM AT MILE END**

2010 'LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT, LOOK BIKE' AND 'MOTORCYCLE AWARE DRIVER' STICKERS – Produced by Motor Accident Commission (MAC) for MRA

2010 LOBBIED FOR RETENTION OF DEDICATED MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – Upon expiry of 2005-2010 Strategy

2010 LOBBIED FOR RETENTION OF FUNDING FOR MOTORCYCLE TASK FORCE

2010 PARTICIPATED IN ROAD SAFETY FORUMS IN REGIONAL CENTRES

2011 ESTABLISHMENT OF STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP – Department of Transport

2011 MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY TOM KENYON ATTENDED MRA COMMITTEE MEETING – To discuss motorcycle safety issues

2011 SUPPORTED TRIALS OF UNDER-RUN GUARDRAIL SYSTEM AND STACK CUSHION ATTENUATORS FOR MOTORCYCLE PROTECTION

2011 WIDESPREAD PROMOTION OF 'GOOD GEAR GUIDE' AND SAFETY ADVICE TO RIDERS – Supported by Motor Accident Commission and National Road Safety Council

2011 CONTINUED TO LOBBY FOR BETTER HELMET STANDARDS WITH FOCUS ON ACCEPTANCE OF EURO STANDARDS

2011 LOBBIED FOR IMPROVED LEARNER RIDER VENUES AND TRAINING

2011 INVOLVED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT COMMISSION'S TV MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGNS

2011-12 LOBBIED AGAINST PROPOSED MOTORCYCLE LICENCE LEVY

2012 Jan 20 NEW MRA WEBSITE LAUNCHED

2012 SUBMISSION TO SA GOVERNMENT RE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON BULL CREEK ROAD

2012 MRA'S MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS WEEK – 'BIKETOBER' – SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT REDUCTION COUNCIL

2012 LOBBIED FOR CHANGE TO ADR 19.02 AND SA ROAD RULES RE MOTORCYCLE INDICATOR WIDTH

2012 SUBMISSIONS AND MEETINGS RE MOTORCYCLE PROPOSALS FOR SA ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2011-2020 – 'TOWARDS ZERO TOGETHER'

2012 MORE INTENSIVE WORK ON HELMET STANDARDS

2012 SUBMISSIONS RE SA GOVERNMENT'S LICENSING CHANGE PROPOSALS

- Car licence before motorcycle licence
- 6 months Basic before Advanced training
- Zero BAC on R-Date licence
- Moped licences
- No pillions on R-Date licence
- Motorcycle licence levy

2012 PARTICIPATED IN 'IMPROVING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY' SEMINAR – Conducted by Australian Institute of Traffic Planning & Management and Australasian College of Road Safety

2012 LOBBIED FOR REINTRODUCTION OF DEDICATED SA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY

2012 LOBBIED FOR MOTORCYCLES & SCOOTERS TO USE BUS LANES

2012 PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS FOR OFF-ROAD RIDING AREAS

2012 RENEWED SUBMISSION TO SA GOVERNMENT RE SKID-RESISTANT STEEL ROADWORKS PLATES

2012 WORKED WITH CENTRE FOR AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY RESEARCH (CASR) ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROJECT

2013 ESTABLISHMENT OF MOTORCYCLE REFERENCE GROUP – Department of Transport

2013 PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY FORUM

2013 FURTHER LOBBYING AGAINST REINTRODUCTION OF FRONT NUMBERPLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES

2013 LIAISED WITH AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION & CONSUMER COMMISSION RE RECALL OF UNSAFE HELMETS

2013 LOBBIED FOR ORANGE BASES TO REPLACE BLACK BASES ON TRAFFIC BOLLARDS – Black bases separate after a collision and cannot be easily seen on the road

2013 LOBBIED FOR AMENDMENT TO ARR 299 TO ALLOW GPS AND OTHER VDUs ON MOTORCYCLES

2013 CONTRIBUTED TO REVISION OF SA ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2011-2020

2013 MOTORCYCLE REFERENCE GROUP – \$1.6m allocated to motorcycle-specific infrastructure improvements

2013 CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF CLOTHING RATING SYSTEM – Commissioned by NSW Government

2013 LOBBIED FOR LEGAL ACCEPTANCE OF HELMET CAMS

2013-14 CONTRIBUTED TO FIRST WIDE-SCALE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AUDIT OF ADELAIDE HILLS ROADS – Using special auditing motorcycle on 17 worst roads (Yamaha FJR1300 on loan from Queensland Department of Transport)

2014 LOBBIED FOR IMPROVED ROAD MAINTENANCE – Gravel, sightlines, edgelines, loose surface, guardrail, shoulder sealing etc.

2014 Mar 2 ARR 299 AMENDMENT PASSED – Allowing GPS & other VDUs on motorcycles

2014 INPUT TO SAFETY REVIEW OF SOUTH-EASTERN FREEWAY DOWNTRACK

2014 LOBBIED AGAINST HI-VIZ MOTORCYCLE CLOTHING PROPOSAL

2014 ENDORSED LICENSING OF 50CC SCOOTER & MOPED RIDERS – Instead of only car licence required as per 1984 legislation

2014 PARTICIPATED IN FURTHER ADELAIDE HILLS COMMUNITY FORUMS RE SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS

2014 LOBBIED FOR INTRODUCTION OF INTERMITTENT WHITE POSTS ON WIRE ROPE SAFETY FENCE – Between green posts so barrier is more easily seen – Now used throughout Australia

2014 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH RIDERSAFE OF REFRESHER TRAINING COURSES FOR RETURNING RIDERS (11 years' work)

2014 – Ongoing CONTRIBUTING TO TRIALS OF MOTORCYCLE ROAD SAFETY AUDITING

2014-15 PARTICIPATED IN CRIME STOPPERS' PILOT TRIAL OF MOBILE PHONE APP FOR MOTORCYCLE THEFT RESEARCH PROGRAM

2015 ARR 270 – LOBBIED FOR AMENDMENT TO ALLOW EXEMPTION FROM WEARING HELMET WHEN PUSHING BIKE – Passed December 2016

2015 ARR 271 – LOBBIED FOR AMENDMENT TO ALLOW STANDING ON FOOTPEGS – Passed December 2016

2015 MOTORCYCLE REFERENCE GROUP – A further \$5.5m allocated to motorcycle-specific infrastructure improvements

2015 WORKED WITH CRIME STOPPERS RE PROMOTION OF MOTORCYCLE ANTI-THEFT CAMPAIGN

2015 RENEWED SUBMISSION FOR LANE FILTERING IN SA

2015 WHITE (instead of green) STACK CUSHION TRIAL ON BARRIER SYSTEMS ON MAIN NORTH ROAD – More easily seen by riders

**2015 SA GOVERNMENT MOTORCYCLE LICENCE LEVY
PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN**

**2015 RENEWED LOBBYING FOR SKID-RESISTANT STEEL
ROADWORKS PLATES**

**2015 EXTENDED IMPLEMENTATION OF RUB-RAIL
BARRIERS IN HILLS – Department of Transport**

**2015 CONTRIBUTED TO MOTORCYCLE SECURITY SURVEY
– By SA Vehicle Theft Reduction Committee and Attorney
General's Department**

**2015 ATTENDED PUBLIC HEARING OF SENATE ENQUIRY
INTO "ASPECTS OF ROAD SAFETY IN AUSTRALIA"**

**2016 – Ongoing LANE FILTERING FOR MOTORCYCLES –
Ministerial meeting, establishment of MRA position and legislative
acceptance in process**

**2016 – Ongoing 1-HOUR BI-WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM
COAST FM**

**2016 April 29 EURO ECE 22.05 HELMET STANDARD
APPROVED IN SA – 32 years' groundwork, including 5 years'
work to gain acceptance of ECE 22.05**

**2016 ORGANISED 'FIRST AID FOR MOTORCYCLISTS'
COURSE RUN IN SA**

**2016 FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR
SERVICE**

**2016 COMMENCEMENT OF OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE RIDING
COURSE PROGRAM**

**2016 Dec 8 ARR 270 AMENDMENT PASSED – Allowing
exemption from wearing helmet when pushing bike with engine off**

**2016 Dec 8 ARR 271 AMENDMENT PASSED – Allowing standing
on footpegs, removing one leg while seated**

**2016-17 WORKING WITH TAFE TO DEVELOP BASIC
MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE COURSE**



RIDE ACTIVITIES

**1979 Dec INAUGURAL ANNUAL MRA TOY RUN – For the kids
– Currently longest such ride in southern hemisphere**

**1980 Nov THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PROTEST RIDE to
Parliament House – Re excessively high premiums, inefficient,
inequitable system**

**1981 April THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PROTEST RIDE to
Parliament House**

**1982 MAYDAY – THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PROTEST RIDE
to Parliament House – 7000 bikes**

**1982 – Present QUARTERLY BLOOD RUNS – To Red Cross for
blood donation**

**1984-90 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH RIDE
(BIKETOBER) – Glenelg to Bonython Park**

**1985 Feb THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PROTEST RIDE to
Parliament House – 7000 bikes, 10,000 riders & pillions**

**1985 Nov RIDE-TO-VOTE ELECTION RALLY to Parliament
House – Parties invited to explain their motorcycle safety policies
re: third party insurance premiums, street furniture, road marking
paint, Lights-On legislation, differential speed limits – 9000 bikes**

**1986–1990 'SHARE THE WARMTH' RUN FOR GOODWILL
MISSION – Bedding and clothing for the disadvantaged**

**1986–1991 'EASTER BUNNY RUN' TO ADELAIDE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL – Easter eggs for the kids**

**1989 Oct RIDE TO VOTE ELECTION RALLY to Parliament
House – Parties invited to explain their motorcycle safety policies**

re: third party insurance premiums, street furniture, road infrastructure, driver training, Lights-On legislation

1991 June 29 LIGHTS-ON PROTEST RIDE to Parliament House – Opposing mandatory daytime headlights-on

1996–2006 RIVERLAND RUN – Adelaide to Renmark – Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Association (in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans' Association)

2002-2012 5 FERRIES RUN – Fundraiser for Leukaemia Foundation

2006 RIDER TRAINING COST AND ACCESSIBILITY PROTEST RIDE – Withdrawal of subsidised training, reduction in training centres

2007 – Present RIDDEN-ON RIDE – Adelaide to Second Valley – Memorial ride for downed riders

2010-11 RIDE FOR THE CHILD – Fundraiser for CANTEEN



REPRESENTATION ON SA GOVT COMMITTEES

1982 – 1997 SA THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PREMIUMS COMMITTEE

1984 MOTOR REGISTRATION DIVISION STEERING COMMITTEE

1992 – 1995 SA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY RESEARCH COMMITTEE

1995 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP

1999 – 2002 SA ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE GROUP

2001 – Present NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT REDUCTION COUNCIL – Representing the Australian Motorcycle Council

2003 – 2011 SA MOTORCYCLE TASK FORCE

2011 – Present STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

2013 – Present SA MOTORCYCLE REFERENCE GROUP





SERVICES

FEDERAL REPRESENTATION THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL (AMC)

This means representation on and involvement in:
Federal Government Motorcycle Safety Consultative Committee
Standards Australia Helmets & Visors Committee
Standards Australia Roadmarking Paint Committee
Standards Australia Road Safety Barriers Committee
Standards Australia Road Signs & Traffic Signals Committee
Motor vehicle standards (Australian Design Rules)
Australian Road Rules
Road Design & Traffic Management
National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council
Federal Government Motorcycle Action Plans, Policies & Legislation
Development of motorcycle clothing rating system

Input to road safety plans, campaigns and legislation affecting motorcyclists.

Input to rider training and licensing standards

Input to road safety research related to motorcyclists

Input to issues such as motorcycle clothing, noise, lighting, ADRs etc.

This also means access to international motorcycle (rider and trade) organisations

MRA TOY RUN (1979 – Present)

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE ‘CENTRESTAND’

BIKE SHOP DISCOUNTS

BENT AND BUCKLED BIKERS BRIGADE (4Bs) Formed 1982

- Hospital visits
- Wheelchair program
- Hospital DVD program

BLOOD RUNS – Quarterly blood donation program 1982 – Present

SA MRA TOURING SQUAD (SAMRATS) Formed 1984

SA SCOOTER CLUB Formed 2006

**RADIO SHOW 'MOTOCHAT' Coast FM 1st & 3rd Sunday 9-10am
– Motorcycle promotion and info re all things motorcycling**

LEGAL REPRESENTATION & SUPPORT

GREAT ESCAPE RALLY – Previously MRA Rally, MRA Mini-Rally, Son of Mini-Rally, Grandson of Mini-Rally etc. 1984 – Present

WEBSITE & MRA TOY RUN FACEBOOK PAGES





ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP

**AUSTRALIAN MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL (AMC) – 1980
(formation) – Present**

**AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF ROAD SAFETY – 2013 –
Present**





CAMPAIGNS & PROMOTIONS

MOTORCYCLE (ROAD) SAFETY

**Includes MRA partnership with Motor Accident Commission (MAC)
– MRA Toy Run, Mick Doohan campaigns, motorcycle awareness
TV ads etc.**

'TAKE CARE BE AWARE'

**Federal Office of Road Safety Campaign 1993
Public Education Campaign on Motorcycle Safety**

250cc LEARNER LAW

Replaced with Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS) 2014

ROAD DESIGN & INFRASTRUCTURE

ROAD SAFETY BARRIER SYSTEMS

HELMET LAWS & STANDARDS

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

MOTORCYCLE NOISE ADRs

RIDER TRAINING

ROADWORKS PLATES

ROAD MARKING PAINT

AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES

DAYTIME RUNNING LIGHTS

MOTORCYCLE AWARE DRIVER

MOTORCYCLE PARKING IN CBD

**SMIDSY
(SORRY MATE, I DIDN'T SEE YOU)**

AUSTRALIAN VEHICLE STANDARDS

LOOK RIGHT, LOOK LEFT, LOOK BIKE





MRASA WEBSITE

www.mrasa.asn.au

 **For all information about the Motorcycle Riders' Association of South Australia and its activities**

End Note : This document is a condensed political and structural history of the MRASA. For brevity it does not include every issue and activity in which the MRA has been involved, but it does cover the issues and events of significance which may be considered indicative of the breadth and depth of the MRA's work since its inception.

Many matters that may have been addressed within the context of larger bodies of work like state and national motorcycle (or broader) safety strategies, forums, seminars, conferences, panels and committees have not, generally, been individually mentioned.

Some years may appear to have little activity, but this does not mean little has been done. A number of issues have taken many years' work in lobbying, research, liaison, collaboration and development at a state, national or international level, some of which are still in progress or are necessarily ongoing, and while this work has been conducted to varying degrees throughout each of these years, it has only been referred to in this document at the commencement and conclusion or resolution of a project, or set of projects, with some major interim milestones identified.

Such issues include, for example, helmet standards (1984-present), road safety barrier systems (1995-present), rider training (1982-2011) and refresher rider training courses (2003-14), third party insurance (1980-98), lane filtering (2006-16), daytime running lights (1984-96), front numberplates (2000-13),

skid-resistant roadworks plates (1986-93, 2012-present), skid-resistant road marking paint (1985-89), Australian Design Rules (1981-present), city parking (1984-present), the Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (1984-2005) and proposals and recommendations for road infrastructure improvements (from inception on).

Given the natural fluidity of legislative proposals, together with innovation in technological development and road safety management, the MRA constantly monitors all of the above issues, and new ones, for ongoing need, effectiveness and application with regard to motorcyclists' welfare.

This document does not contain historical details and activities of subsets of the MRA, such as the regional Registers, the Bent and Buckled Bikers Brigade (4Bs), the SA MRA Touring Squad (SAMRATS) or the SA Scooter Club (SAS).

This may be considered a 'living' document in that it will be added to as earlier work will be deemed appropriate to include, work in train will have outcomes and future work will be commenced or resolved.

Any recommendations for amendments, corrections, additions, clarification and improvement would be appreciated.

Please contact Peter Mount through the MRA Secretary for this purpose.

