

## **President's Report – July 2012**

Another annual report means another 12 months have passed for the Melbourne Sportsbike Riders. The past year has been positive for the Club as we have maintained our high membership and thus our financial stability. An excellent result.

Incident Data (including Crash data) per calendar year is reviewed annually in March. Refer to last Month's magazine for the full report. In terms of serious accidents, we are tracking much better than last year, though we have already had 9 crashes this calendar year, albeit 8 of them minor. It is important that the Club remains vigilant in monitoring safety and the Committee is always looking for feedback and opportunities to improve.

As previously mentioned, with our high membership and minimal expenses, the Club is doing quite well financially. But being a 'not for profit' organisation, the Committee has decided that our modest surplus should be returned to the members in some way. An announcement will follow shortly on the form it will take.

**Membership Numbers:** Our unique form of motorcycling is not for everyone but there are enough people coming along on our Sunday rides to show our ride format is attractive, both for existing Members and potential members. When new riders sign up for membership, this confirms that our itinerary and professional approach still caters to other motorcyclists' needs. We have 89 members.

**Social Events:** Il Gambero is proving to be a popular venue, although we do have some concerns when there is an occasional very low attendance at this monthly get together. We will continue to monitor this situation and if members have any concerns please let me know. The Tower Hotel, which is where our formal meetings are held, appears to be popular as having a separate room all to ourselves allows members to enjoy a meal and socialise with others easily. It also allows people to participate in the discussions and items of business of the formal meeting.

**Membership Fees:** With our stable membership and minimal expenses, the Committee has decided that Full/Associate membership fees will remain at \$60/\$30 for the coming year.

**Club Magazine:** Our magazine continues to impress with the colour photo cover and bulging with ride reports and other interesting articles. The covers provide a photographic record of our current members and in the future, the magazine will be a wonderful historical record of our Club. The last two years of magazine covers are available to visitors via our home page, letting people know who we are. Thanks to Ben, our website now contains many years of magazines for members to view and enjoy, many of which have been added over the past year. Ben has been instrumental in this initiative with typing help from Barbara Peters. I thank him for the continuing high editorial standard and another excellent year's work.

**Committee:** During the year some changes have taken place with the resignation of our elected treasurer Peter Feistl due to work pressure and our Club Captain, Cliff Peters, also stepped aside temporarily to concentrate on his rehabilitation. Fortunately, Marc Marais stepped into the treasurer role and Ron Johnston moved up to Club Captain. The vacant Vice Captain role was then taken over by Rob Langer.

I would like to thank all Committee Members for their dedication and endeavors over the last 12 months:-

**Vice President** - Paul Southwell  
**Treasurer** – Peter Feisty/Marc Marais  
**Secretary/Editor/Public Officer** - Ben Warden  
**Captain** – Cliff Peters/Ron Johnston  
**Vice Captain** – Robert Langer  
**Assistant Secretary** – Cindy Lee  
**Committee Member** – John Rousseaux  
**Committee Member** – John Willis

To all members, I thank you for your participation and friendship and look forward to your continuing support.

**Ian Payne, President. 2011/2012**