



**Motorcycle Riders Association  
of the Australian Capital Territory**

# MRA ACT Newsletter

April 2010

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## President's Report

Thanks to your committee who ran the meeting last month in my absence. And what an absence it was! I had a great 4 week holiday, riding to Albany WA – a two week journey seeing as much as possible and enjoying those great WA roads (and isn't it noticeable when you hit the awful NSW roads again) getting to Albany, a week there and a week to come home. Not having ridden over that way before, I really enjoyed seeing the country, the sights and sounds, and riding with friends.

Back to it though! Kathleen has been very busy organizing the upcoming Blanket Run on the 8<sup>th</sup> May – see you at the usual start place, Old Parliament House (I suppose we should refer to it with the new name, the Museum of Australian Democracy). The organization of any major event held in the ACT, and in particular where the Parliamentary Triangle is impacted, results in a swag of paperwork which must be accurately completed and submitted months before the event, so Kathleen's efforts have been critical to holding the Blanket Run and then the Toy Run.

Anyway, see you on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The dates have been set for this year's Motorcycle Awareness Week – it'll start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October – yes it seems a long way away now...and the Pink Ribbon Ride will also be around that timeframe too – more on those events as we get closer to the date.

Peter Major, our Road Safety person, has been busy responding to RFQ's on our behalf – Pete's brief can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Trevor attended the next round of the ACT Road Safety roundtable, and I'm sure he will be reporting on that.

As usual there is a lot coming up – there seems to be many rides in the next few months, before winter hits. And, why not take one of the training courses available – do one in Autumn while the weather is so good!

Ride Safe  
Jen

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# Committee Reports

## PROJECT MANAGERS

### Peter Major

- Communications
- Black Spot
- Discovery rides
- Roads and Traffic

### Robyn Major

- Road safety
- Social rides & functions

### Terry Butters

- Masters courses

### Stuart Couper

- Triathlon support

### Jason Weber

- Webmaster

### Trevor McLeod

- Editor

### Vacancy

- Quarter Master

## Snr. Vice President's Report (David Ault)

The Summer Triathlon season has just finished – Thanks to all who helped out by volunteering to give up some of their Sunday's time to shepherd the Technical Officials around the various courses. Our participation and support of these events both helps line the MRA's financial pockets and increase our presence and visibility in the community. Hopefully, this also goes some way towards reinforcing the "Share the Road" concept with road users. The remuneration we receive from these activities currently exceeds the income we get from memberships! So, where possible, it benefits us to continue this arrangement. For next month's meeting, we should have the winter season dates available. So – stay tuned and let us / Stu know if you are available for the few events over the winter season to take a pillion or media person around some of the local sights at a leisurely pace.

With great thanks to Kathleen and others on the executive, the Blanket Run on Saturday 8 May is well underway. Your support and involvement in this annual charity appeal is encouraged. Each year, we go from strength to strength in these events, extending our support for the less privileged in our community. Please help proliferate this event through your circles of contact and influence and encourage their attendance. The more – the merrier, and the bigger the contribution we can make to the charities we support. If you think that you are able to help out with the organising / marshalling at either OPH or Garema Place see Kathleen or myself to register your availability.

Another charity focussed event is also on 8 May (the same day as the Blanket Run), is the Hall Ute Competition. [www.HallUteComp.com](http://www.HallUteComp.com) This event will feature many family focussed activities and begins just after our Blanket Run finishes. There's a "Cruise" with all manner of Ute's, from Mitchell to Hall at 11.30am, lots of things to amuse the smaller people in the family as well as historic / stationary engine display and Trials demonstration. Entry is free and proceeds go to Camp Quality.

The DSMRA has just run their annual "Kowen Ride" over the weekend of 10 & 11 of April. (This was also the start of National Youth Week). This is one of the few events run in ACT forests where riders can legally ride in a learning and fun environment. The DSMRA has just run their annual "Kowen Ride" over the weekend of 10 & 11 of April. (This was also the start of National Youth Week). This is one of the few events run in ACT forests where riders can legally ride in a learning and fun environment.

As a supporting event for National Youth week – 9 to 18 April, The Trials Club of Canberra will be holding their first club round of the season on the property bounding Coulter Drive and William Hovel Drive. (Access to the event is via Coulter Drive). Through incorporating this event into National Youth Week, they are hoping to encourage greater awareness of motorcycling amongst the younger population and also the opportunity to gain skills for off-road riding while in a safe and structured environment. National Youth week is supported by partners such as Beyond Blue, Headspace, AFP, Indigenous Times, Careers Australia and the Scouts. A variety of pens, wristbands and handouts will be freely distributed during the event.

# Committee Reports

On a sadder note, there have been far too many accidents and fatalities on our roads this year. Also of note is the disproportionately large number of drivers caught drink driving and driving whilst licence suspended or cancelled or using 'phones while driving. (cont Page 6)

## Vice President's Report (Kathleen Parsons)

The Everything is on track for the Blanket Run - 8 May 2010.

Acceptance from a couple VIP's so far. Thanks Peter

Flyer is done. Thanks to Jason Waddell

We have coffee and breakfast arranged for the morning. Coffee van with Suzie (thanks Peter) and breakfast rolls etc from Caffè e Cibo.

Canberra Community Care (CCC) is onboard as the recipient of the donations and Jacqui Burke (CCC Director) will be in attendance.

Audio Solutions are onboard with the sound. Thanks David.

I've asked Peter to put out a call for volunteers to help David at Garema Place with parking.

Cheers  
Kathleen

## Secretary (Nicky Hussey)

Post received – month to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010:

- Newsletters:
  - Shaft Drive Lines, BMW Motorcycle Club ACT – Apr-10.
  - Bike Torque, Veteran, Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club ACT Mar-10.
  - The Centrestand, MRA SA – Mar-10.
  - Optus invoice for Peter Major's MRA 'phone.
  - Australian Post receipt for the renewal of the MRA PO Box.
  - Shannons auction news.
  - Journal of the Australasian College of Road Safety – Feb-10.
  - Insurance renewal invitation – OAMPS.
  - Letter advertising the Antis Café, Antis Street, Phillip to our members.
  - Letter promoting the Frogmore Bike Park in Boorowa, with the request also for sponsorship / donation support.

# MRA ACT, Recreational Riding, Charity Rides And Other Motorcycling Activities For April 2010

Hi Everyone,

Do we have several months of activities coming up to keep your weekends full and your engines running. Also, ALL riders are welcome on MRA rides, members or not. The MRA ACT also offers coaching and feedback to riders preparing for the MOST and in all areas of Roadcraft. This is a free facility provided by the MRA ACT to support a fun yet safer motorcycle riding community, just call Pete.

Rec Riding is very light on as the ACT MCC has just allocated us some dates. In the interim keep your eyes on <http://actmcc.com/pages/calendar/2010calendar.html> We have a number of Charity rides and fund raising rides coming up over the next few months so I'll start adding them now for your calendars.

## April 2010

**Saturday 3rd Apr - Discovery Ride led by Rob**, meeting at Robbo's Fyshwick at 0930 for a 10:00 departure. The ride is tailored to the needs of the group and is paced at the speed of the slowest rider. It is to introduce new and returning riders or riders looking for a no pressure ride to riding in a group environment and promotes roadcraft and rider safety.

**Tuesday 13th Apr - MRA ACT general meeting**, come along and have your say about how we can improve motorcycling in the ACT. The MRA meets at the Harmonie Club at Narrabundah with the meeting starting at 1930 and dinner and a chat starting at about 1830.

**Saturday 17th of Apr - Discovery Ride led by Pete**, meeting at Robbo's Fyshwick at 0930 for a 10:00 departure. The ride is tailored to the needs of the group and is paced at the speed of the slowest rider. It is to introduce new and returning riders or riders looking for a no pressure ride to riding in a group environment and promotes roadcraft and rider safety.

**Saturday 17th Apr - Poker Run Charity Ride in Aid of Cooma and Canberra Hospitals by the Vietnam Vets.** These are annual events and provide much needed support to our local Hospitals. (see Flyer on Page 6 for details)

**Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th of Apr Social Ride - Weekend to Mallacoota led by Robyn.** Accommodation is fairly tight so **YOU MUST** contact Robyn if you are coming [0400305760](tel:0400305760) RSVP's ASAP if the line is busy leave a message.

**Sunday 25th Apr - Family Ride**, leaving Fyshwick Macca's at 9:30am This ride will be led by Gordon and is a self paced relaxing ride for all riders. (Oaks Estate, Sutton Road, Federal highway to Greengrocer. Return via Tarago, Bungendore then possibly split: north - Smiths Gap, south - Queanbeyan)

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**Saturday 1st May - Charity ride** to raise funds to buy a PET scan for the Sydney Childrens Hospital. I have attached a flyer and some background on the charity for you. Form up at the Caltex on Lanyon Drive at 0730 for 0800 start for a ride to Bodalla picking up more riders along the way. (Extract from email Thank you for listening to me today I have attached some information on the foundation and the charity ride. Any donation's over \$2.00 are tax deductible. We are hoping that the riders will get people to sponsor them. During the ride we will get some riders to walk through the each town in hope to get the helmets filled up with donations. Anyone can buy the rights to lead the ride and can bid when they register. (one bid per rider). The donations the riders get will go toward their tally at the end of the day, the person who has the most will win the trophy. We will have best bike competition (show-n-shine), depending on no entries as to how many prizes. The same with best dressed helmet. There will be one major piece of memorabilia and other great items to be auctioned on the day. (Delivery can be arranged). The lunch will be at the Bodalla arms hotel everything from hamburger and salad to rib eye steak and veg. Support vehicle with cold water etc will be at each stop from QBN to Bodalla. Entry close date will be 17th April 2010 for catering purposes. Cost \$40.00 per rider \$55.00 with passenger. ) **THANK YOU Judy Bell**

**Saturday 8th May - ACT and DISTRICTS MOTORCYCLISTS BLANKET RUN -** form up Old Parliament house and ride to Garema Place see attached flyer. Kathleen needs a couple of marshals for Garema place if you can help call Kathleen on 0409 984 008  
**Tuesday 11th May - MRA ACT general meeting,** come along and have your say about how we can improve motorcycling in the ACT. The MRA meets at the Harmonie Club at Narrabundah with the meeting starting at 1930 and dinner and a chat starting at about 1830.

**Saturday 15th of May - Discovery Ride led by Pete,** meeting at Robbo's Fyshwick at 0930 for a 10:00 departure. The ride is tailored to the needs of the group and is paced at the speed of the slowest rider. It is to introduce new and returning riders or riders looking for a no pressure ride to riding in a group environment and promotes roadcraft and rider safety.

**Sunday 16th of May Social Ride - Robyn** will be taking a great ride to Kiama - Meet up Caltex Watson 0900 for 0930.

**Sunday 23rd May - Family Ride** leaving Fyshwick Macca's at 9:30am This ride will be led by Gordon and is a self paced relaxing ride for all riders. (Queanbeyan, Captains Flat Road to the art café. Return by the same route.)

I'm certain there are other events coming up and will add them as they come to hand. Other clubs and motorcycling bodies if you would like me to add you to the list just drop me a line.

Ride Safe,  
Pete  
0419 866 126

*"We don't inherit the earth from our parents. We borrow it from our children" Anon*

Some extracts from recent AFP media releases are:

On March 15, 16 & 17 - ACT Policing Traffic Operations conducted a high visibility traffic operation across the ACT. The operation's focus was on drivers speeding and their adherence to school zone speed limits, the unlawful use of mobile phones while driving, drivers not wearing seatbelts and other traffic related offences. Over the three day operation ACT Policing Traffic Operations issued a total of 278 Traffic Infringement Notices (TINs). Among the 278 infringements there were 173 speeding infringements, 42 mobile phone infringements, 27 seatbelt offences, six unregistered vehicles, three unlicensed drivers and four drivers with no third party insurance

Wednesday, 17 March 2010 - ACT Policing apprehended an alarming 29 motorists for drink driving offences in the past week alone, many of which are repeat offenders. Statistics for the week between Tuesday, 9 March and Monday

15 March 2010 show that some ACT drivers are still not getting the message and are continuing to put all road users at significant risk by driving while under the influence of alcohol. Of the 29 motorists apprehended last week, a total of nine motorists were identified by police as repeat drink driving offenders. On

Saturday, 13 March police apprehended a male driver with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.120. The man has a total of four previous convictions for drink driving. On the same day a female driver with two previous convictions refused to provide police with a breath sample and will be charged with failing to supply a sample of breath. On Sunday, 14 March police apprehended a male driver with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.239. The man has a total of six previous convictions for drink driving. drivers have a complete disregard for other road users.

Tuesday, 09 March 2010 ACT Policing's Compliance Targeting Team, using the RAPID number plate recognition system, scanned over 2400 vehicles across various locations on the Canberra Day public holiday yesterday (Monday, March 8). Despite the wet weather, the RAPID Team detected seven unregistered vehicles, two uninsured vehicles, two disqualified drivers and one unlicensed driver. One driver was also detected on Ginninderra Drive in Belconnen with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.113.

Monday, 01 March 2010 On February 25 & 26, ACT Policing's Traffic Operations conducted an operation targeting early morning drivers across the ACT. The focus was on drivers speeding and their adherence to school zone speed limits, the unlawful use of mobile phones while driving and drivers not wearing seatbelts.

**'TOUR OF DUTY'**

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**Rolling Bike Show and Poker Run**  
17 APRIL 2010

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Early bird breakfast from 7.00am - Registration from 9.00am  
Formed up by 10.00am - Barbecue lunch en route  
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For updated details and pre-run registration go to <http://www.vwmcfederal.com.au>.

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Cooma Ex-Services Club  
Canberra Motorcycle Centre

Over the duration of the operation ACT Policing's Traffic Operations issued a total of 248 Traffic Infringement Notices (TINs). Included in the 248 infringements issued were 157 speeding infringements, 14 mobile phone infringements, 11 seatbelt offences, 12 unregistered vehicles, 5 unlicensed drivers, 6 uninsured drivers and 2 defective vehicles. Police also apprehended a person for drink driving on the Friday morning (February 26).

The above events AND the number of repeat offenders give me grave cause for concern for the general road user and community in general for their safety. As a motorcyclist, I am aware of the vulnerability of us from unidentified (moving) hazards and our inability to predict the risky and unsafe behaviours of other road users. Personally, I support the various states police's initiative of RAID (Removal of All Impaired Drivers), reinforcing of responsible driving / riding road behaviours. There is scope for you to also support these initiatives.

I think there is scope for an invited speaker or two to have a discussion at one of our meetings on what happens if you are in the "right" and have an accident with an unlicensed / uninsured road user... Recovering damages might be fraught with difficulties... Perhaps we can also raise this topic during Motorcycle Awareness Week later in the year.

See you and your friends on the Blanket Run – David Ault

**Canberra Community Care**  
Caring for our Community

**2010 Motorcyclists' Blanket Run**  
**Sat 8 May 2010**  
Organised by the Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT  
to support Canberra Community Care

Donations are welcome for:

- Blankets & warm bed linen
- Warm Clothing
- Non-perishable tin food
- Money

**Parade Details**  
Meet 08:30 at Old Parliament House to depart at 10:00  
Route is Adelaide Avenue to Woden, around the round-a-bout, then back along Adelaide Avenue and into the City culminating at Garema Place.

Trophy and certificate will be presented for the club with the largest attendance.

For more information call Leen on 0409 984 008  
or Jen on 0418 215 336

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**MINUTES**  
**Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**  
**Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah**

**Items 1 & 2: Declare meeting open - Welcome**

The Senior Vice President welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 19:34.

**Item 3: Apologies**

Gordon White, Trish Holdsworth, Jennifer Woods, Peter Major, Robyn Major, Trevor Mcleod, Leo Farrelly.

**Item 4: New members and visitors**

**Brendan Kosmer.**

**Item 5: Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted by Sylvia Sinfield and seconded by Kathleen Parsons.

**Item 6: Monthly Reports – Appendix A**

<i>President</i>	<i>Jennifer Woods</i>
<i>Senior Vice President</i>	<i>David Ault</i>
<i>Junior Vice President</i>	<i>Kathleen Parsons</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Sylvia Sinfield</i>
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Sylvia Sinfield</i>

**Item 7: Status Reports – Appendix B**

Roads and Traffic	<i>Peter Major</i>
Social Rides and Functions	Robyn Major
Major Events:	Kathleen Parsons
Projects:	

**Item 8: Activities (Finished, Soon, Future)**

- Discovery Ride – 20<sup>th</sup> February
- ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group – Truck Convoy for Cancer Families – 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Social Ride to the mountains – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Family Ride – 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Discovery Ride – 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Discovery Ride – 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Social Ride – 21<sup>st</sup> March

- Family Ride – 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Discovery Ride – 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Vietnam Veterans MC Poker Run charity ride – 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Discovery Ride – 17<sup>th</sup> April
- Social Ride – 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Family Ride – 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Discovery Ride – 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Charity Ride – PET scanner for Sydney Children's Hospital – 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Blanket Run – 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Item 9: Other Business**

**Events**

Reminder about family rides - last Sunday of each month.

Details of various trials events / events where trials club putting on demos - DSMRA Kowen Forest, Hall Ute & Family Day, Extreme 4WD @ Eastern Creek.

**Motorcycle Parking**

MRA asked by AFP officer for letter of support to get some motorcycle parking near the new AFP site at the Edmund Barton Building (none there currently).

**ACTION:** to be discussed at next General Meeting, when the President has returned from interstate.

**MRA Website**

Updates / improvement sporadic - Jason Waddell offered his help.

**ACTION:** Kathleen to ask webmaster if he'd like to take up this offer.

**Membership Query – Brendan Kosmer**

Website and constitution confusing / contradictory - calendar and financial year both mentioned.

Online membership system-generated receipt needs to be reviewed also.

Agreed we need to look into all and clear up.

No resolution into Brendan's request for part-refund or additional membership period.

**ACTION:** to be discussed at next General Meeting, when the President has returned from interstate.

**Item 10: Declare meeting closed**

The meeting was declared closed at 20:29.

# MINUTES

## Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT GENERAL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

### Items 1 & 2: Declare meeting open - Welcome

President welcomed everyone, wished everyone a happy new year and declared the meeting open at 19:33.

### Item 3: Apologies

Trevor Mcleod, Peter Arday, Leo Farrelly.

### Item 4: New members and visitors

Helen Crow and Phil.

### Item 5: Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted by Jason Waddell and seconded by Peter Major.

### Item 6: Monthly Reports – Appendix A

President	Jennifer Woods
Senior Vice President	David Ault
Junior Vice President	Kathleen Parsons
Treasurer	Sylvia Sinfield
Membership Secretary	Sylvia Sinfield

### Item 7: Status Reports – Appendix B

Roads and Traffic	Peter Major
Social Rides and Functions	Robyn Major
Major Events: Capital Rally 2010 Toy Run 2009 Toy Run and Blanket Run 2010	Kathleen Parsons
Projects: Motorcycle Awareness Week	Jennifer Woods

### Item 8: Activities (Finished, Soon, Future)

- Toy Run – Old Parliament House/ Garema Place – 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Show 'n' Sticky – EPIC – 12<sup>th</sup> December
- Rec Riding – Fairbairn Park – 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Capital Rally – Brindabella – 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Discovery Ride – 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Social Ride to the coast – 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Discovery Ride – 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Discovery Ride – 20<sup>th</sup> February
- ACT Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group – Truck Convoy for Cancer Families – 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Social Ride to the mountains – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February
- Family Ride – 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Discovery Ride – 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Discovery Ride – 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Social Ride – 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Fund Raising Ride Launch (Aust. Marine Conservation Society) – 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Family Ride – 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Vietnam Veterans MC Poker Run charity ride – 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Item 9: Other Business**

- ***Trials Riders and Events***

Extreme 4WD competition is being held at Eastern Creek Raceway on 28<sup>th</sup> February – some trials riders will be entertaining the crowds at lunchtime. The event will be televised

National Open Trials at Murringo NSW on 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March, organised by the Trials Club of Canberra.

**Item 10: Declare meeting closed**

The meeting was declared closed at 20:26.

**APPENDIX A: MONTHLY REPORTS**

**President**

- Per newsletter, which includes the logo from our new sponsor, National Capital Cartons.
- There have been issues with getting the website updated, especially the membership page, but these have now for the most part been resolved.
- She's hoping to hold a combined MRA and DSMRA meeting soon.
- She won't be at the March meeting because she is attending the Ulysses AGM in Albany.

**Senior Vice President**

- David made available the program for the Sheffield Indoor Motorcycle Trial, which he attended when in the UK recently.

**Junior Vice President**

- Toy Run report – see status report in Appendix B.

**Treasurer**

- Tabled a report that included the previous three months' bank transactions:

<b>S1 ACCOUNT – Opening balance, 01.11.2009</b>		<b>12,120.96</b>
<b>Income</b>		
November 2009:		
Deposit	290.00	
Membership	115.70	
Interest	3.64	
	<b>409.34</b>	
December 2009:		
Membership	461.06	
Badge Sales	3,538.50	
ACT Triathlon	295.00	
Ulysses	60.00	
	<b>4,354.56</b>	
January 2010:		
ACT Triathlon	675.00	
Females in Training	75.00	
Membership	19.14	
Capital Rally	2,018.60	
	<b>2,787.74</b>	
		<b>19,672.60</b>

## ACTIONS ITEMS SUMMARY

### Motorcycle Riders Association of the ACT

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETINGS

Person	Date	Action	Status
Malcolm Stewart	Feb-10 meeting	Capital Rally report and pictures for newsletter and website.	
Jennifer Woods	Feb-10 meeting	Old Toy Run shield – where best to display?	
Jennifer Woods	Feb-10 meeting	Toy Run 2009 voucher for best club attendance (Posties) from Robbos – not honoured, as Posties not a recognised club – to follow up.	
Jennifer Woods	Feb-10 meeting	Phuket accommodation prize raffle – look into permits required and tickets.	Done
To be discussed at next meeting	Mar-10 meeting	MRA letter of support for motorcycle parking at new AFP site at the Edmund Barton Building	
To be discussed at next meeting	Mar-10 meeting	Clarification of confusing / contradictory wording re membership term. Brendan Kosmer's request for part-refund or additional membership period.	Part Resolved
Kathleen Parsons	Mar-10 meeting	Contact webmaster to offer Jason Waddell's assistance	Done
Committee Member	Mar-10 meeting	Contact Stu Couper to ensure all triathlon summer season support has been invoiced.	
David Ault	Mar-10 meeting	Duathlon event dates and rider requirements.	

#### Editorial

In order for the newsletter to broaden its appeal it would be great if there were articles no matter how brief and photos of those attending rides.

I attended the recent Road Safety Roundtable chaired by Jon Stanhope and Evan Green. Most of the session was taken up by dialogue from the two chair persons and a lengthy PowerPoint presentation by TAMS.

Again the comment about Motorcyclists over representing road fatalities was made, this time by the Chief Minister, but the key focus from my review of the slides were speed and alcohol. There was some discussion of drug testing its costs and limitations (as its more a criminal than a safety issue given the test is not about impairment). It is also likely we will see linked point to point Speed (oh I mean Safety) Cameras used.

One can only hope the ACT does tighten up on the provision of special licences for those offenders who choose to drink and drive and then expect to still be able to commute to and from work, some on very generous terms.

Given our over representation in terms of serious crashes and fatalities is mentioned continuously by Government officials it is disappointing that there is not one action being considered as part of Vision Zero that deals with our specific issues.