

# THE *Pacemaker*

*The Newsletter of the Lambretta Club of Australia (Editor Steve Bardsley)*



*Go betta' ride Lambretta !*

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### **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LCOA COMMITTEE MEMBERS & STATE REPS**

The LCoA has members in every State and Territory of Australia and Committee and State Reps in all other than Tasmania and the ACT.

It's that time of year that the Committee and State Reps get to wish our members a very Merry Christmas, good health and prosperity in the coming new Year.

Have a great Christmas with family and friends and ride safe, it's a jungle out there!

The Committee and State Reps have now been working together for six months and the Club has certainly been very active during this time.

By request inside this issue of the Pacemaker we have the profiles and contact details of each elected Committee Member. This will allow members to get to know who they can contact in their own areas or if they may be travelling interstate.

Don't be afraid to contact your Committee Member or State Rep with any ideas you may have for rides or events in your State, it's your Club!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's almost unbelievable that half the year has already gone and we will soon be in 2014 and therefore in July / August it will be time to elect a new President and Committee. I take this opportunity to advise that in the tradition of LCoA Presidents serving two terms, I will not stand for election next year. It's therefore already time to commence considering who may want to take the position and also who may want to serve on the 2014 – 2015 LCoA Committee to be elected at the AGM, which in 2014, will be held in Western Australia.

We have previously held AGM's in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia, so the Committee decided it's time to provide our friends over in the West with the opportunity to host an AGM. Who knows perhaps we may also have a nomination for President from WA which would be a first, but highly appropriate considering WA has the second largest membership of all States and Territories after Victoria.

Membership renewals in 2013 have been strong, although we are still slightly behind the 2012 number, this in spite of the Membership being at record highs in Victoria and South Australia. Below the membership in each State and Territory in 2012 is shown on the left and the current membership on the right.

	2012	2013
VIC	57	60
WA	31	26
SA	19	22
NSW	27	20
QLD	12	9
ACT	4	4
NT	2	2
TAS	1	1
ITALY	1	1

We no longer have a Committee Member in the ACT as due to other commitments Chris Johnson recently resigned. I take this opportunity to thank Chris for the good work done in the past and for that he will do in the future as an active club member.

Signing off for this issue I wish all our Members a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Regards  
Steve Bardsley



### COMMITTEE & STATE REPS

#### President

Stephen Bardsley (VIC)

#### Vice President

Siobhan Ellis (NSW)

#### Treasurer

Pat Couch (NSW)

#### Secretary

Elizabeth Bardsley (VIC)

#### Committee Members

Jerry Gresham (SA)

Max Box (WA)

#### STATE REPS

Phil Robertson (VIC)

Phil Synnott (WA)

Nick Townsend (SA)

Trish Daniels (QLD)

#### CLUB PERMIT OFFICERS

Steve Bardsley (VIC)

Chris Johnson (ACT)

Mark Carter (SA)

Nick Townsend (SA)

Jerry Gresham (SA)

Trish Daniels (QLD)

Siobhan Ellis (NSW)

*See the following pages for Committee Member profiles and email addresses.*



### VicRoads MAG

#### Motorcycle Advisory Group

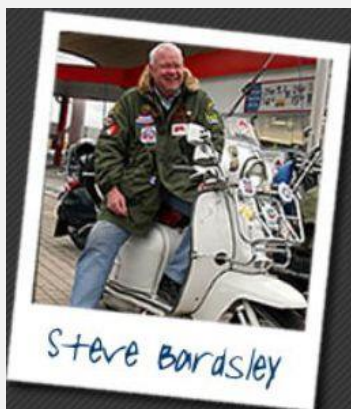
The VicRoads Motorcycle Advisory Group (MAG) was established to provide VicRoads with strategic advice on issues relating to the management and development of motorcycling in Victoria, it replaced the Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council (VMAC).

With members from VicRoads, TAC, RACV, VACC and Victoria Police, the broad membership of MAG endeavours to ensure advice given to VicRoads is balanced & representative of Victorian motorcycling and scootering communities. LCoA President & VSRA Spokesperson, Stephen Bardsley is a member of MAG, so if any Victorian members have relevant issues to be raised within MAG please advise.

### 3 MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

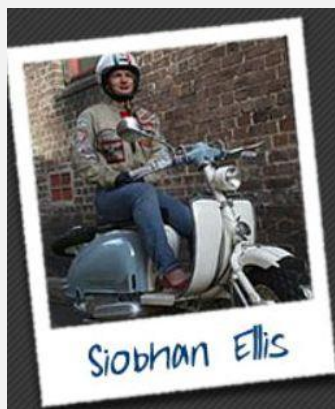
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No club can exist without the volunteers who serve as Committee Members, the current LCoA Committee is as follows:



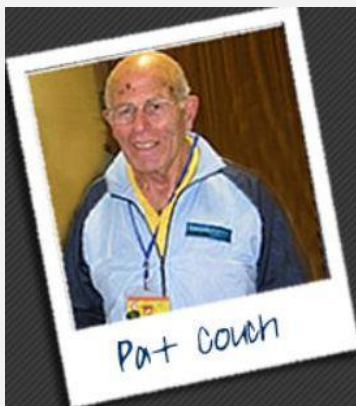
#### PRESIDENT

Steve is a Founder Member of the Club and has served 3 terms as Club Secretary and 2 as President. He bought his first Lambretta with his pocket money in 1966 ago and today rides a 1966 SX 200.  
[okeh1@bigpond.com](mailto:okeh1@bigpond.com)



#### VICE PRESIDENT

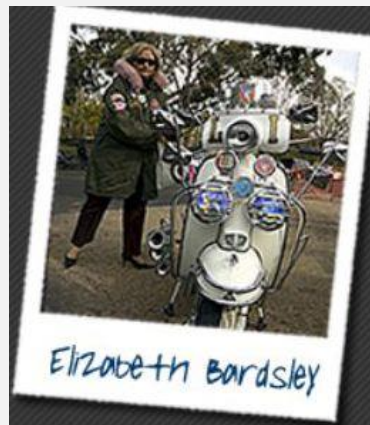
Siobhan is a Founder Member and was the first President of the Club and bought her first Lambretta in 1980. More recently Siobhan has become known for her "Lammie Drives" which raise money for prostate and breast cancer research.  
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#### TREASURER

Pat is a Founder Member and long term Treasurer of the Club. He bought his first Lambretta in 1961, followed shortly afterwards by a brand new Series 3, TV175 in 1962, the same year he started the Lambretta Club of NSW. Pat is also the Club Registrar and his ambition is to catalogue every Lambretta in Australia.

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#### SECRETARY

Elizabeth is a Founder Member of the Club and is well known as an active member helping to organise LCoA rides and events in Victoria. Elizabeth has been involved with Lambretta's for over 30 years, ever since marrying our current President.  
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#### ORDINARY MEMBER 1

There is nothing "ordinary" about Max, he first became interested in Scooters in 1983 after watching the movie "Too young to ride", his first Scooter was a 1984 Serveta Lince 150. Max currently rides a DL150 and this is his first term as a Committee Member, he is keen to develop LCoA membership and activities in WA.

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#### ORDINARY MEMBER 2

There is also nothing "ordinary" about Jerry, he is a Founder Member of the Club and has been involved with classic Scooters since the 1980's. when in SA a Lambretta could be bought for a few hundred dollars and cut-downs were so common a member of the Spectrum scooter club made an armchair from a pair of side panels. Jerry's is also one a SA LCoA Club Plate Officer.  
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## THE AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC SCOOTER RALLY 2013

The LCOA was proud to be a Co-organiser of the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Classic Scooter Rally, which took place from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in NSW. The LCoA once again provided Public Liability Insurance Cover for all Scooter related events. Without doubt this was one of the best National's" Australia has ever seen and many thanks and congratulations go to Oliver Ashworth and the Ardly Normal Scooter Crew of NSW for hosting and organising what was such a fantastic event.



*Like the Olympic Torch, the Perpetual National Trophy was handed over to SA who will host the 2014 National .*



Lambrettas at the ACSR 2013, Photograph courtesy of Sean Heffernan

## HUNDREDS OF VINTAGE SCOOTERS OUTGUN WARSHIPS... IN BEROWRA

Warships may have been the kings of Sydney over the long weekend but it was hundreds of vintage scooters that shone locally as the biggest collection to ever gather in NSW descended on Berowra and surrounding areas.



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In scenes reminiscent of 1960 Brighton, England, more than 300 riders from every corner of Australia formed a cavalcade of vintage machines and headed to the local area, packing the Berowra Waters ferry en route, for Sydney's first Australian National Classic Scooter Rally.

Many of the Vespa and Lambretta riders rode thousands of kilometres to attend the all weekend event on machines that boast tiny 10-inch wheels (about the size of a family pizza) and 200cc engines.

Once amassed they became the largest contingent of vintage scooters (manufactured as back as far back as the 1950s) to ever gather in NSW.

Oliver Ashworth, Director of the Australian Classic Scooter Rally said, "Berowra and the surrounding areas has never seen a sight quite like that of hundreds of vintage scooters rumbling along in procession.

"Our cavalcade snaked its way north from the Rocks in Sydney in a procession that must have been about a kilometre long.

"Bemused locals waved and cheered as we buzzed past on our route that involved packing the Berowra Waters Ferry from front to back with machines and their riders.

"Local riders joined those who came as far afield as Melbourne, Perth, Vietnam, Dubai and the UK. "The event only takes place annually and rotates between different state capitals so it was quite a rare sight that the locals got to enjoy."

The Australian Classic Scooter Rally was a not for profit event hosted by a group of Sydney enthusiasts from the Ardly Normal Scooter Crew in collaboration with the Lambretta Club of Australia. <http://www.classicscooterally.com.au>  
Photo: Crossing on the Berowra Waters Ferry.



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Local news shows how Scooters "outgunned" the Warships in Sydney



<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10151633666711230&set=vb.708616229&type=2&theater>



**1000km, 40 RIDERS, 10 INCH WHEELS, 2 DAYS = 1 AWESOME TIME!**

### By Ian Brill

We always thought this ride was going to be eventful, and we weren't disappointed. 12 months in the making, and hatching plans behind the scenes came to fruition early on a Thursday morning in Windsor just outside Sydney.

After seeing footage of the Kiwis Mille posted on YouTube, a few of us put our heads together; in typical scooterist fashion, we made our own fun. We pinched some rules off the Yanks and set forth nutting out a track. What is a Mille you ask? It's a competitive road event without being a race where the advantage is to the older machines with a lower displacement. (find more at [scootermille.weebly.com](http://scootermille.weebly.com)).

The first stretch was Putty Road, there is 170km between towns so most people had to carry extra fuel. Coming up to the 100km point my face started to hurt from giggling so much, this was a cracker of a road with loads of twisty bits. The dead wild life on the side of the road was a bit of a worry, a few of the riders had close encounters with kangaroos. It was a smug feeling riding past some of the tuned up machines filling up out of their jerry cans, before it was my turn, everyone leap frogging each other while they filled up by the side of the road. It was time for our first task for the day, to get a photo of your scooter outside the local Police station.



The next stage through the Bylong Valley was a bizarre stretch with the weather, first we past a bush fire burning, then it started to rain...hard, next it started to hail and some got sleet heading up into the mountains. This is where we left the main drag and went up the Great Dividing Range, it seemed that we just kept on going up and up for a couple of hours. The riders started to spread out now and seemed like we were riding by our selves (most of us were only a few minutes apart). Rolling into Rylestone, for our next task was to collect a beer coaster from the local pub. The leg into Bathurst was getting late in the day, with the sun dipping so did the temperature. Scooters kept on coming in for the next 2 hours, James Grygiel ended up calling it quits 50km from home as his poor excuse for a head light wouldn't light up the road 5 metres in front and was concerned about running in to wildlife or one of the local 4WDs that seem to fly around.



Day 2 started slowly as the previous nights festivities showed. Everyone was in good spirits, we headed to the starting line of the Bathurst race track, Mt Panorama. Most left town together, (some thought they'd take a short cut, but ended up getting lost), most people Were happy to enjoy the sub-zero morning (till the hypothermia set in). I kept thinking to myself "we're still going up!" which meant it was going to get even colder.

Then the surface deteriorated riding into the valley that crosses the Abercrombie river, this was one of the highlights of this stretch, a steep decent on hair pined roads, across a one way rickety timber bridge, then up the other side. Rolling into Taralga there was a bunch of us looking for the first task for the day, photo of your scooter in front of the Catholic Church.

Heading out of town I pass 2 ambulances going in the other direction. My heart fell, thought at least their not being followed by a police car, that would mean a road accident. 2 minutes later a police car screams past. Oh shit! The wind has gone out of my sails, I take it easy coming into Goulburn and pull into the first servo. We catch up with other riders and are given the bad news that Lars has had a head on with a car. He's folded his Rally in half snapped one of his legs and badly damaged the other and has been air lifted to Canberra hospital. A few more scooters roll into the servo before we head off as a group. After lunch at Sutton forest, I decided I wasn't in the mood to play anymore and made a direct line back to Sydney through the Illawarra region. I felt guilty about this, it turns out most other people's thoughts were along the same lines after the accident.

About a dozen riders stayed the course went down Kangaroo Valley & did the last task, to collect a handful of beach sand (to make sure people went the coast road & not cut the corner & head to Sydney). In peak hour traffic we somehow arrived at the finish point under the Sydney harbour bridge. I stood dazed & confused re what went on over the last 2 days, & the 12 months of planning that lead up to it. Looking around, everyone had weary smiles & a sense they've achieved something...thrashing vintage mopeds around the back blocks of country Australia.

## THE SA REPORT

By Jerry Gresham

There's been further activity in SA with the LCA supporting and running scooter related events. Scooterists from local Adelaide clubs and the LCA attended a fundraiser for the Cora Barclay Centre organised by Adrian Brown of the Dynamos. After meeting in town, scooters were ridden to Mt Lofty for rider's caffeine refuelling followed by a BBQ and auction. Many scooter parts, dvds, books and related items had been donated for the fundraiser with scooterists getting a mix of top quality bargains and a chance to clean out and refill their sheds



The Cora Barclay Centre helps to teach deaf children to speak, more info can be found at: [EVERYDAYHERO.COM.AU/ADRIAN-BROWN](http://EVERYDAYHERO.COM.AU/ADRIAN-BROWN).

Following on from the fundraiser the LCA held a club ride and BBQ. Around 18 classic scooters met in town (around ½ being Lambrettas) and rode to the Semaphore Palais. With the sun shining rehydration was conducted consuming amber ales on the seafront. When thirsts had been sated we rode to the home of the LCA SA Organiser Nick Townshend for a BBQ. Big thanks to Nick for purchasing the food and cooking the barbie and to the LCA for funding the BBQ. As food was being consumed Nick brought out the tools from the LCA tool library (free to borrow) and an inspection was completed for the classic registration of an LD. It was great to see a mix of old and new faces out and about and some lovely looking scoots as well.



*Scooters at the fund raiser for the Cora Barclay Centre*



### SA Coming events & news:

We are currently ordering extra log books and stamps so classic registration can be provided and out of date log books replaced and stamped. These should all be available after Christmas so join up and reap the benefits. Happy Christmas and I'll see you at the Australian National Rally held here in the October 2014. Regards, Jerry.



**THE VICTORIAN REPORT***By Steve Bardsley*

In December Victorian Lambretta Club of Australia members took part in the Christmas Scooter & Motorcycle Toy Run organised by the Victorian Scooter Riders Association (VSRA) and the Independent Riders Group (IRG). This was the first Toy Run ever organised to specifically include Scooters as well as Motorcycles and LCoA members played a big part not only in participating, but also organising the event.

The Toy Run is an annual Christmas Fund Raiser for the Father Bob Maguire Foundation, which reaches out to Melbourne's needy, not only at Christmas, but all year round.

One of the Victorian LCoA Members owns the chain of "My Size" ladies clothing stores and arranged a store wide collection of Toys, Gifts and Food from customers and donated the use of a recently restored "Lambro" 175 to transport some of the donations to the Toy Run..



*The Lambro packed with Toys and Gifts donated by "My Size" Customers*



*Scooters and Motorcycles at the Toy Run departure point.*



*Toys being unloaded from the Lambro (it arrived on a Tow Truck!)*

## FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF SCOOTER RIDERS

The Victorian Scooter Riders Association (VSRA) is made up of members from four Clubs, the LCoA, The Vespa Club of Melbourne, the Melbourne Crusaders Scooter Club and the Melbourne Scooter Connection, early in 2014 a fifth Club, the Melbourne Scooter Group will join the organisation. The VSRA will therefore then represent around 1000 scooter riders with the purpose of being an advocacy Group lobbying for the rights of Scooter Riders in Victoria. In the last issue of the Pacemaker we published an article from the VSRA advising how many Crash Helmets sold in Australia may not meet the mandatory Australian safety standards, even though they have what appears to be the right sticker.

This report from the VSRA advises that they continue to lobby road safety authorities with the aim of seeing the introduction of Lane Filtering and the sharing of Bus Lanes by scooters and motorcycles in Victoria.



The VSRA are currently discussing Lane Filtering and Bus lane sharing with VicRoads, the Transport Accident Commission, Victoria Police, the Victorian Government Minister for Transport and the Minister for Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure. Of particular concern is why the results of the recent trial allowing scooters and motorcycles to share the Hoddle Street Bus lane have not been released, this may months after the trial has been completed. Stay tuned for more info.....



## RIDE SAFE WITH "THE PROF"

Firstly apologies for missing the previous addition of the Pacemaker. With the EuroLambretta & Sydney National Rallies things were quite hectic. Lord only knows how our editor manages his work load, considering he also attended these events. I congratulate several members who have obtained their "L" or full license. One who gained their full license was credited with doing one of the best emergency stops the examiner had ever seen. That candidate had recently undertaken the LCoA Road Safety Rider Training Initiative and when asked how they learnt how to do the manoeuvre credited the LCoA Initiative, thanks for that! We are in early 2014 providing some 1 on 1 training with riding virgins (scooter) with riders who have obtained their L's but feel they need more confidence before venturing out. So give the Ed a call should you like some extra tuition.

This months rider tip is very simple but important one, prompted by an event whilst at EuroLambretta. The tip is about avoiding Hazard Fixation. I'm sure most of you can remember riding your bicycle as a child, coming near to the kerb & not being able to steer away from it!



This is because you focus on the kerb and not where you actually want to go. This is called Hazard Fixation.

In our environment it relates to seeing an object in the road you want to avoid and running into it. The tip is therefore to look where you want to go, which is anywhere but where the obstacle is. This maybe going into a bend and your heading for the curb, you've read the bend wrong. Ignore the kerb it's not going anywhere, look further round the bend and your scooter WILL trend towards where you are looking. It's simple! Look where you want to go.

Safe Riding and have a very merry Christmas and see you all in 2014.

Regards  
Phil Robertson,  
aka "The Prof".



## EURO LAMBRETTA 2014



One of the greatest World wide events on the Scootering Calendar is EuroLambretta, which is held in a different country each year, in 2014 it will be held in picturesque Switzerland, which will make for great Scootering for those able to attend. As one of the 16 internationally recognised Lambretta Clubs that makes up the Lambretta International organisation, LCoA members are given priority to buy tickets. The event is usually completely sold out. Unfortunately an over 900 Lambretta owners from around the World are expected to visit Switzerland in 2014.

Any LCoA members interested in attending can contact the Club Secretary Elizabeth Bardsley via email at: [bardsleye@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bardsleye@yahoo.com.au)

The Facebook page located at: <https://www.facebook.com/25thEuroLambretta2014DavosSwitzerland>

## VALE - BARRIE SQUIRES

Unfortunately sometimes we have to report bad as well as good news. We are sad to report that at the ACSR 2013 in NSW on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> October, during the return ride from Bundeena to Sydney, 58yo Barrie Squires, suffered a heart attack and despite all attempts to revive him could not be saved. This tragic turn of events was a shock to all on the Scootering and Northern Soul scenes where Barry was a popular character. He will be greatly missed. Condolences go to Barrie's surviving wife Lynne, Son, Daughter and four granddaughters. The ACSR 2013 organisers arranged for a collection on behalf of Barrie.

## ACT CLUB PLATES

Great news for financial members. We can now certify historic registrations under the ACT Concessional Registration Scheme (<http://www.rego.act.gov.au/registrations/regovvhmotors.htm>) Please contact Chris Johnson to arrange a certification inspection at:

[chris\\_johnson@netspeed.com.au](mailto:chris_johnson@netspeed.com.au)

## LCoA CLUB ROOMS

Thanks to the generosity of the Melbourne Crusaders Scooter Club our Victorian Members will in 2014 be able to enjoy the use of Club Rooms. The Crusaders are currently building Club Rooms & have kindly agreed to share the premises with LCoA Members. When completed the LCoA Tool Library will be kept there along with other general tools. The plan is to also have a spray booth.

## REPCO DISCOUNTS

The LCoA Vendor Scheme sees Scooter Dealers throughout Australia offering Members discounts. The scheme includes the REPCO Discount Card.

Most members cards have now expired, we are currently awaiting replacements along with the cards for newer members from Repco.



## UPDATED WEBSITE

Finally the update of the LCoA Website and Forums has taken place. We need to ask members if the Facebook page should be maintained, which was originally meant to be a stop gap until the Forums were updated, comments from members are most welcome.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA'S

The LCoA Committee aims to meet each month, but with busy schedules it's more like 6 times a year. Each Committee meeting has an Agenda & Minutes are published so Members keep abreast of what occurs in Committee Meetings. The Committee aims to discuss issues relevant to members & so invites you to submit topics for inclusion on the agendas. These can be sent to the Club Secretary at:

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