

IN REMEMBRANCE OF Bryan White who died 15 June 2008

Bryan passed away doing what he loved, riding with his mates. The reasons for his fall no longer seem significant as we remember a life cut short, but it was a life filled with friendship and good times. Most of those good times revolved around his bikes and riding and he will be remembered for the passion that he poured into his involvement in a lifestyle as a motorcyclist. Bryan rode with skill and was usually out in front. As the leader our group this is where we expected him to be! He held to a no compromise attitude with his riding and was both criticised and respected for it. This is how many of us will remember him.

Bryan joined the Motorcycle Riders' Association of South Australia in with the intention of helping the Association to become more relevant to its members by improving its social side. He did this on weekend bike runs with some mates and helped to bring back to life the SAMRATS, the social and riding arm of the MRA that had been dormant for many years. He was elected Ride Captain and through a positive engagement with members and riders who knew nothing of the MRA, he helped to build up the quality of runs and the number of people who became involved with the runs. He saw the weekend rides as a way for the MRA to increase its membership and was often quite outspoken in his enthusiasm at meetings. He was also instrumental in getting the SAMRATS more involved in fundraising for charity, in particular for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Bryan's involvement in the MRA, which included other riders that he drew in to support the MRA, was instrumental in improving the profile of the MRA to riders in South Australia and helped increase the Association's membership. His legacy for the MRA is that the SAMRATS continue to prosper today in part because of what he helped start and in part for the enthusiasm for riding that he left behind. In 2007 he left the MRA with a number of other members to set up a new South Australian ride group that eventually became known as the SABERS. This was not an easy time for both groups, but time has shown that there is room for ride groups of differing character in our riding culture with mutual respect for each other's aims leading to mutual support. The SABERS has also benefited from his passion and enthusiasm and their ongoing success is his final motorcycling legacy.

We will remember him as a distinctive character in the South Australian motorcycling scene. He will be remembered as much for his passion and commitment to the motorcycling lifestyle as for his ability to encourage others to share it with him.

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