

Convention Report June 2021

Kia Ora and G'day from the lands down under,

Well, it has certainly been a busy year so far with the effects of Covid still impacting on the Chapters in Region 8. Unfortunately, this has had a bigger effect on the Australian Chapters with ongoing lockdowns.

Once again, I cannot thank the Australian Representative Andy Young enough for the help and advice he gives me, we make a great team.

Between Andy and I we have managed to get all but one Chapter in Region 8 up to date with their Dues, and educating the Chapters on how to use their emails correctly plus getting dues and Rosters in on time and correctly filled in.

It has been great that the Chapters are reaching out more now for advice and assistance with any issues they have. Our work with AUS 7 and NZ 10 saved these Chapters from extinction.

We have trialed Zoom meetings with every Chapters executives in Australia including all MALs. While the response was low, we are hopeful that the next round will get a few more attending and it will grow NZ will be next although we all tend to use Facebook over here to communicate between Chapter Executives as well as Chapters

I have attended all the Boards zoom meetings (now I have got the hang of time differences)

And the enthusiasm and devotion shown by all the board members is amazing.

The work and debates that take place to ensure the smooth running of the Red Knights MC and protection of the members shows to me that the term "Loyal to Our Duty" is very very true.

Region 8 Chapters =29 total

MALS = 17 with 2 not renewing membership due health

AUSTRALIA

19 Chapters currently paid-up dues with Chapters 13 and 19 no longer in existence.

NEW ZEALAND

10 Chapters all up to date with due

9 chapters good standing with only Chapter 10 needing to update roster

NZ Activities

March 2021 Gathering in Paihia A total of 85 Red Knights registered for the event with the furthest travelling from Bluff in the South Island approx. 1170miles not counting the scenic route taken to get there. All but two Chapters were represented. Full report sent to Board

NZ4, NZ5 held Ride of Respect or Ride of Remembrance events with other chapters supporting rides throughout NZ with all proceeds going to RSA Veterans.

Chapters NZ9, NZ5, NZ4 have also attended the Black Dog events and Rescue helicopter fund raising events held throughout NZ have been well represented by the Chapters

NZ 5 also had their inaugural Charity Ride for the Te Omanga Hospice raising \$1500

Many Chapter members have been completing their 12 station rides and looking at Grand Tour Rides.

NZ 3 is busy organizing 2022 Gathering in Rotorua

Australia Activity

Australia 1

18th July 2021 - Combined fundraiser with the Orange Knights for a young fella with cancer
(Facebook - The Teale Times)

Australia 2

Participated in and supported the Black Dog ride in Seymour Victoria on 21/3/21

Australia 3

Members participated in the Stand Tall for PTSD ride in Ballarat on 8/5

Australia 6

Donated a combined \$2500 to Birrale Park Neighbourhood House, Newry Fire Brigade, Briagolong Fire Brigade and the Red Knights Memorial foundation as part of their 10th Anniversary celebrations.
Starting preparations for this year toy run in Sale

Australia 8

AUS 8, with help from AUS 3 and AUS 6 donated a new bicycle to a young bloke that had his bike stolen in April

Australia 19

Working on building support for their annual toy run in Latrobe Valley. I most probably have missed some of the great work all Chapters and MALs are doing in Region 8 and apologies if I have.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Mahon

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