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G'day from Region 8!!

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year, best wishes to you and your families for 2025.

Here in our Region, we are right in the middle of our best riding weather, but that also means the threat of bushfires. Please spare a thought for the Region 8 members that are involved in fire suppression activities. As I write this, there have been several very active fires the largest of which was in the Grampians National Park in Victoria, Australia that has burned around 75000 hectares. (185,000 acres). Fortunately, there has been no lives lost and very few buildings destroyed in this very large active fire. Fire Suppression activities will continue for several weeks in this area.

As the new Region 8 Director, I thank my predecessors, Ken Mahon and Jason Collins for their hard work in setting up and establishing the new Region. I look forward to continuing your work.

As I was performing the role of Australian Rep to Ken's Regional Director, it became necessary to elect a representative in New Zealand to better represent the NZ chapters. After calling for nominations from NZ members an election was held. The successful candidate was Zane Eyre, Chapter President of NZ8. I am looking forward to collaborating with Zane so we can represent this region to our best abilities.

So far, I have participated in one Zoom meeting in August and attended, in person, the Fall Board meeting in Baltimore. I will also travel to New Zealand and attend their Annual NZ Gathering 2025 in Cromwell on the South Island (Mainland according to some) at the end of January.

As one of the "new guys" on the Board, I would like to thank the other board members for their support and guidance as I take up the role. I'm looking forward to working with these guys to make our club the best it can be.

Since taking on the role in August, I have averaged around 6 hours per week on Regional Director travel and activities.

Region 8 now has 31 chapters with around 560 Chapter Members and MAL's.

As we start 2025, I would like to encourage all chapters, all members to get out and go for ride, share your rides with your neighbouring chapters and other clubs, go on a ride with another chapter and support their events. Go to a rally or gathering and experience the brotherhood that comes with being a Red Knight.

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Andy Young

Region 8 Director

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