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General Meeting and Social Night held at:

The Manningham, 1 Thompsons Road Bulleen.

Third Tuesday of every month (except Jan):

7.00pm - social catch up and grab a bite to eat; 8.00pm - meeting starts.

Your DOCV Committee – who to contact if you need help or advice:

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Cover photo – Arthurs Seat Adrenaline

president's report

Neil Larson



Hi everyone,

A very short President report from me this month. I've been fortunate to have spent the last 12 days riding in, and to and from, the Flinders Ranges, South Australia.

Although it wasn't an official club ride, the group was run by ex Capitano Geoff, and included other club members. I'll do a brief write up for the next issue of Desmoto, but suffice to say, it included some awesome roads (dirt and bitumen), some amazing country, and lots of fun times. Plus a few parmas, beers and wines 😊

This is one of the benefits of being in a club - we have the fantastic club rides organised by Captain Chris and his merry band of ride leaders, plus the opportunity to meet and ride with friends on unofficial rides.

I wouldn't have ridden the Snowys, the GOR, Dargo or from Bologna to Misano if I wasn't a member of this amazing club.

So if you're thinking you'd like to get on the bike more, just keep an eye on the events list, and join us for a day, or days of great riding. And in a few years you may be doing 12 day rides with a few new/old friends too.

Hope to see you on a club ride or at a meeting soon!

Ciao,

Neil.

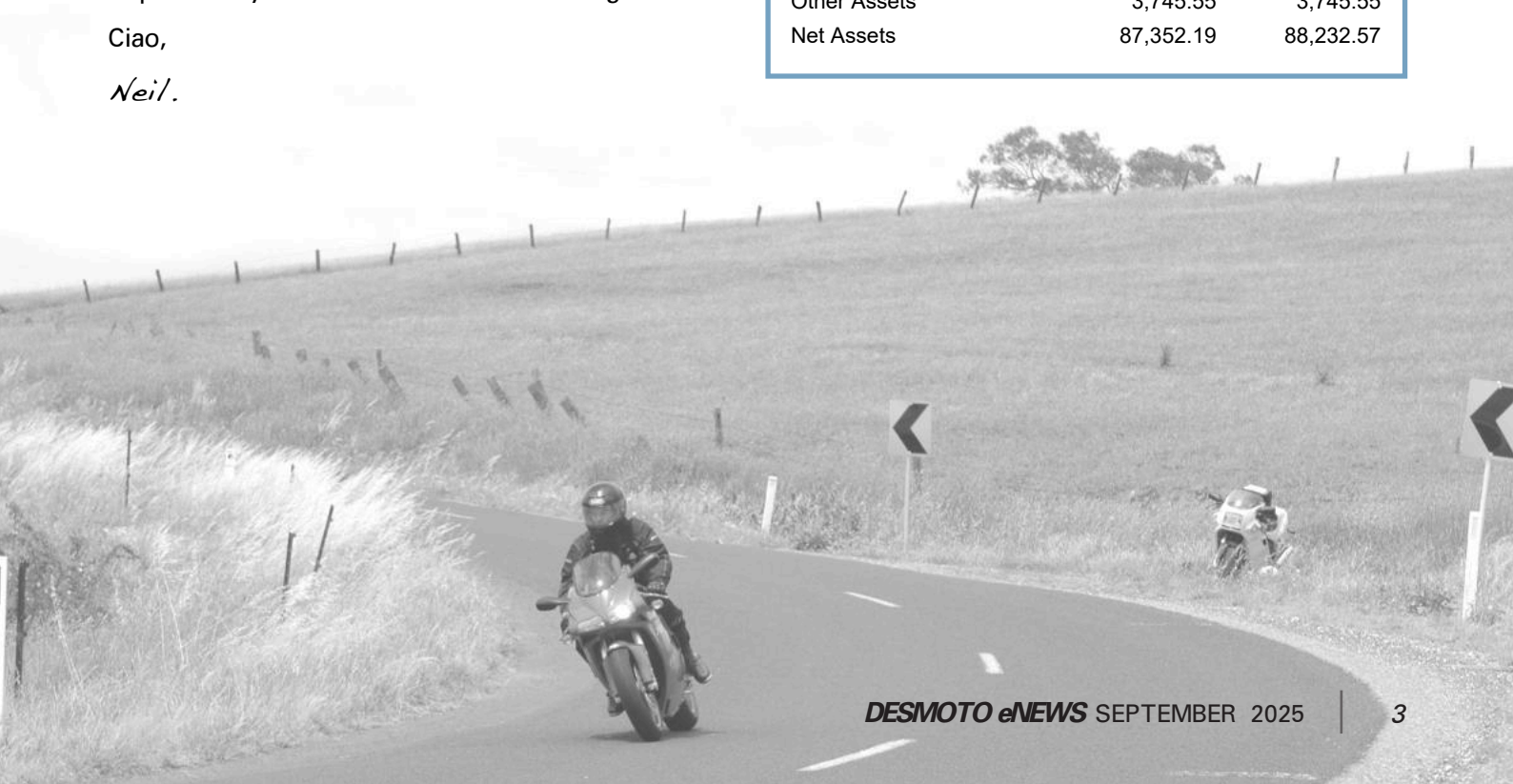
treasurer's report

Mark Dulfer



Monthly Financials for August 2025

	45,870.00	45,839.00
Income		
Desmoto		
Events	867.00	187.00
Memberships	639.98	443.35
Merchandise		
Other		
	1,506.98	630.35
Expenses		
Cost of Sales		
Desmoto	522.00	144.00
Events		
Membership		
Other	2,330.90	756.55
Total Expenses	2,852.90	900.55
Operating Profit/(Loss)	(1,345.92)	(270.20)
Cheque Account	13,321.54	15,843.54
Paypal	4,257.00	2,898.12
Debit Card	2,553.49	2,716.29
Cash reserve/Contingency	30,514.09	30,478.40
Term Deposit 2 /DOC	16,350.09	16,350.09
Term Deposit 3 /50th Ann	16,610.43	16,200.58
Trade Debtors		
Other Assets	3,745.55	3,745.55
Net Assets	87,352.19	88,232.57





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Ride Out West



The Pig & Whistle.

After a good lashing by the weather gods, the Ride Out West finally went ahead on the 10th of August. With 22 registrants, it was another memorable ride which was joined by several new members. Riding bikes are what the DOCV is all about and there is no better way to meet fellow Ducatists than going on a club ride.

The ride started from BP Bulla, then veered west via Bacchus Marsh, headed north up the Greendale Myrning Rd through Greendale, Blackwood and Newbury into Trentham for lunch at The Pig & Whistle.

After lunch the group went further north up through Macedon Ranges into Kyneton, Lancefield / Romsey then the picturesque road through Darraweit Guim into Wallan.



Dane Johnson.

A very warm welcome to Ashley Lewis, Alastair Wilkie (been a member for a couple of years, but his first ride), Constantine Lazos and Dane Johnson – we hope to see you on many more rides in the coming years.



The return route went east back through Whittlesea and Greensborough.

Constantine Lazos.

August Club Meeting

Paul and Emmie at the August meeting.



We had a fairly full room of members at the club meeting this August to hear all about custom ear plugs, presented by Paul and Emmie from Earmold. Paul is truly committed and passionate about their product. This talk was very informative – I never knew that custom ear protection technology was so advanced and available at an affordable price.

They offer various solutions and options, including their latest multi-channel BT audio with incredible battery life. You can also re-visit their store in the

coming years to get your custom ear plugs adjusted as your ears continue to grow over time, and retain/reuse the electronic inserts.

See the full-page ad on Plug Pro for all the contact details. They can optionally offer a remote fitting if you are able to round-up 9 of your mates.

Well done to Paul and Emmie, you've built an incredible business and you're delivering a worldclass product that all of us can benefit from.

New Members

Seventeen new members joined the DOCV over the past 3 months. We are very excited to formally welcome you on one of the club rides and the monthly club meeting. Keep an eye out for new rides in the coming months, head to Events -> Rides -> Upcoming Rides on docv.org and register in time as numbers may be restricted for some rides.

The club often host rides specifically for new members. There is no better way to meet other club members and to share your passion and to show off your Italian Masterpiece.

We encourage new members to email/submit a short bio and photo which we can publish in Desmoto to introduce you to the DOCV family. You are welcome to email editor@docv.org

Here (in no particular order) is a list of the latest registrations:

Steven Hughes

Laurence Parisi

Jason Penny

Kate Zrim

Edwin Chan

Dan George

Glenn Mercer

Mick Mitton

Aver Ligi

Trevor O'Connell

Michael Wright

Frank Perri

Dave Calovic

Constantine Lazos

Dominic Morello

Rafal Piesio

Gary Vines

New Member Profile:

Alastair Wilkie

Alastair Wilkie registered with the club some time ago but recently joined the DOCV for his first club ride.

Occupation?

Tunnelling. Sorry about the road works getting into the Manningham Club 🙄

What suburb do you live in?

Ballarat

What made you join the club?

Lots of like-minded people to ride and converse with.

What bike(s) do you have?

996 owned for 20 years and 2001 900s monster owned for 3 years

What is your dream bike?

916 to 998 was always my dream bike and still are, however my dream riding bike is definitely changing. I'm feeling the next addition is going to be sitting up more with a bit of leg room. Probably leaning towards a Multi?? But I do love the street fighter, Diavel and the 1200 monsters 🤔🙄

What type of club events are you most interested in?

Weekend rides, Track days

What's your favourite Ducati colour?

Red

If you have been a DOCV members for some time, which was the most memorable club event you participated in, and why?

While I haven't been a member of the DOCV for very long, back in 2004 and 2005. I went on the Ducati to turrismo's to Tasmania. I was a young guy I didn't know anybody going on the trip. From the moment I pulled up to the ship parking / waiting area and was surrounded by the Ducati enthusiasts. (including Col with 83? year-old Bernie as pillion "amazing") I meet and made Friends with a huge number of great people and the riding was next level. As work commitments start to ease off a bit. I'd love to attend some rides and catch ups with you all..

Your favourite road to ride in Victoria?

Great Ocean Road

What's the greatest bit of equipment you bought for your garage/workshop recently?

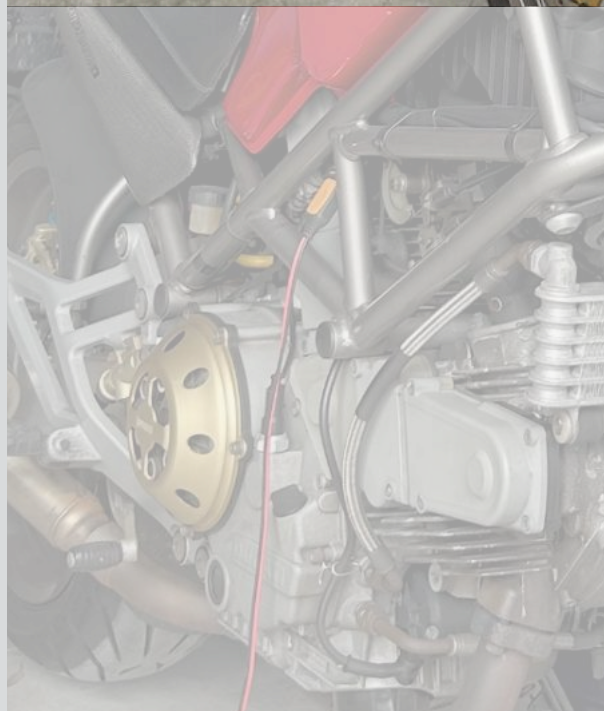
Definitely the monster

If you follow motorcycle racing, who is your favourite rider?

Loved Stonner, but I'm cheering for the thriller Miller.

What was your first bike?

Honda xR 75. Didn't run very often.





Arthurs Seat Adrenaline

There's no better way to start a Sunday morning than with a proper barista brewed coffee at The Butler's Pantry. The morning started out wet, cold and windy – but even the Melbourne weather delights could not wipe the smile from Captain Chris' dial as he started adding milage to his brand-new XDiavel.



The ride back traversed north via Red Hill, Merricks North and Sandhurst before the group split off onto their best routes home.

It was great to see a couple of red plates on the ride, I encourage all red plate owners to join in, the Victorian twisties were specifically designed to help you stretch the old lady's legs.

The group left Butler's at around 10:15 and made our way down to Beaconsfield, cross the M1 at Pakenham and down to Koo Wee Rup. From there we traversed the coastline around through Hastings, Shoreham, Flinders and Cape Schanck.

We stopped at Arthurs Seat for a quick group photo, before heading to a nearby restaurant, Nordie for a bite to eat.





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Upcoming Rides

Several rides are being planned for the coming months. Keep an eye out for new rides in September, October and November, head to Events -> Rides -> Upcoming Rides on [docv.org](https://www.docv.org) and register in time as numbers may be restricted for some rides.

Remember to arrive with a full tank and arrive a little early for a good coffee, great company and ride briefing, not to mention checking out the super cool bikes!

Grand Final Weekend – Beechworth

26 SEPTEMBER, 9:30am to 28 SEPTEMBER, 5:00pm

BEECHWORTH BAKERY, HEALESVILLE

Accommodation is booked.

Reach out to captain@docv.org for more information and availability.

It is only fitting for a weekend in Beechworth that we start at the Beechworth Bakery....in Healesville.

<https://www.beechworthcarriagemotorinn.com.au>

Accommodation is at the Beechworth Carriage Motor Inn. All accommodation is twin share or couples. Single occupancies will be waitlisted.

Total kilometres just under 1200km.



Check out our new DOCV merchandise!

DOCV now has branded stubby holders and very cool keyrings to help you find your beloved stallions key on the way to your next adventure. Given the Melbourne weather, I'm not sure if I'll be using the stubby holder to keep my beer cold or stop my hands from freeing ...

These collectables are not for sale – simply join a club ride and remind the ride leader to dish out the merch at the end of the ride.





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