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JULY 2026



NEXT SOCIAL MEETING
Tuesday 21st July at The Mannigham
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GUEST SPEAKER - LAURA FROM TRAVELRITE - AMAZING BIKE TOURS IN ITALY

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General Meeting and Social Night held at:

The Pavillion Room,
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.

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Front cover: World Ducati Week 2026. How good would it be to ride the Misano track!?

president's report

Neil Larson



Hi everyone,

It's been a chilly start to winter here north of the ranges – a week of frosts and tops of only 11 to 13 degrees! Brrrrr!

But the flipside is that there have been some magically sunny days, and I've been lucky enough to have had rides arranged to make the most of the sunshine.

I spent three days riding around Avoca, the Pyrenees, and old goldfields towns like Clunes and Talbot – with the right gear it really is a revitalising to be out in the winter sun. For me that means heated gloves and jacket liner, and plenty of merino layers. But for others a couple of good thermals, good gloves and a decent jacket work well enough.

If you haven't done much winter riding, I encourage you to keep an eye on the weather, and be ready to do a short test ride when the right conditions come around. Being out on the bike sure beats sitting on the couch watching Netflix!

It would be remiss of me not to thank all the members who voted in the recent elections, and to thank those who attended the AGM. Although there were only single nominations for each role, Consumer Affairs regulations require us to run a valid election, which includes getting 10% of members to vote. So, it's important that members be engaged and make the effort to support the committee. Again, Thanks!

The results are in this newsletter – congrats and thanks to Treasurer Mark and Vice Pres Tom for nominating and being elected with 100% of the vote. We really do appreciate all of the behind the scenes work you do for the club.

At the time of the AGM we didn't have a nomination to replace hard-working Editor Louis Putter, but after a couple of emails we now have a new Editor – welcome Matt Rubenstein! Matt has been a club member for many years – you've probably met him on a ride at some stage.

Matt is a few years younger than most of us on the committee so we're expecting lots of fresh ideas and potentially a new slant on Desmoto. Watch this space!

You will see in the Events page on the club website that we're running the First Aid for Motorcyclists course again. FAFM who are the course providers have funding for courses at the moment, so we're able to offer this specially tailored course at a minimal cost. There are 20 positions available - so "Do yourself (and possible another rider) a favour" and register.

And although it's cold, there are more events on than you might think – check the club website for details.

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

Ciao,

Neil



Guest Speaker – Laura from Travelrite



MotoGP Italy Motorbike Tour



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Laura Noccioli from Travelrite is our guest speaker for the July Social Meeting.

Laura is a travel agent/travel specialist, and her husband is an Italian with all the local knowledge needed to setup an amazing bike tour in Italy.

Some of their MotoGP tour highlights are:

Tour Highlights

- **MotoGP at Mugello – From the Hills to the Grid**
Experience the thunder and spectacle of MotoGP at one of the world's most iconic circuits, with three nights in Mugello and front row access to Sprint Saturday and Race Day.
- **Italy by Motorcycle, Coast to Coast**
Ride an unforgettable route from the shores of Lake Garda through the Apennines to the Adriatic coast and the heart of Tuscany, linking mountain passes, rolling vineyards, historic towns, and legendary roads.
- **Italian Icons: Ducati, Food & Culture**
Go behind the scenes at the Ducati Factory and Museum, then indulge in Emilia Romagna's culinary treasures with Parmigiano Reggiano, cured meats, and local specialities.

- **Tuscan Backroads & Thermal Spa Luxury**
Finish the journey with classic Tuscan rides through Val d'Orcia, Montepulciano, and Pienza, before unwinding in the elegant spa town of Montecatini Terme to enjoy Tuscany's renowned thermal spa experiences

Hear it all in person at our 21 July meeting.

As usual, please register on the docv website.



editoriale

Hi everyone

It's President Neil here filling the Editor's role for a month! I think I remember how Desmoto works, but please bear with me – my memory isn't what it used to be.

So it's a supermodel skinny Newsletter this month. I'm sure regular programming with return when our

NEW EDITOR – **Welcome Matt Rubenstein!**
gets going in the Editor role.

This is probably a good time to point out that the club magazine is meant to be “by members, for members”, and the Editor isn’t responsible for creating content – they are there to collate content provided by members.

So please support Matt by sending him anything you think might be of interest to other members – your thoughts on riding a new Ducati model, rides you've been on or roads you've ridden lately, good gear, garage tips, etc. I do love a good tool review, so please send Matt your thoughts.

Over to you in August Matt.

Thanks for putting your hand up to support the club!

Cheers,

Temporary Editor *Neil*



New Members

Welcome

- Zeke Ewen
- Antonio Ferrara
- Richard King
- Grant Muller

Like to contribute to Desmoto?

It's easy – just email the Editor with your article or photos or whatever you think other DOCV members would be interested in. Photos are best sent in .jpg format separate of the article (ie. don't embed them in the Word doc). Bigger pics are better than small ones. All contributions will be very gratefully received.

The email address for the Desmoto editor is:
editor@docv.org

The deadline for Desmoto is always the last day of the month, except for December because we don't publish a January edition.

Gear review request

**Bought a nice piece of gear lately? Happy with it?
Like to tell members about it? Please do!
Feel free to send us a quick 5 minute review:**

- *What is it? Website?* • *Where to get it?*
- *How much did it cost?* • *Why is it good?*
- *Suggestions for use?* • *Can it be improved?*



Register for the First Aid For Motorcyclists Course

Sunday 2 August, 10:45 AM - 5:30 PM



We are again running the Motorcycle Accident Management Training HLT AID011 Provide First Aid course at a discounted rate for DOCV members of **\$40 per person**.

This is a fully certified course that you can also use if you need to maintain first aid qualifications in any of your other lives.

The course will be held at the Manningsham Hotel Bulleen in the Pavillion Room.

Lunch, morning and afternoon tea are NOT included.

We require a minimum of 10 to run and a maximum of 20 per course.

Details on the course can be found here:

<https://www.fafm.org.au>

PLEASE NOTE: there is some homework required prior to attending the course. You will first need to register via a link and you will then be sent the details of the online work you will need to have completed prior to the course.

Details from the course instructors:

**Start time: 11am sharp,
approximate finish time 5.30pm**

This course has 2 components:

1. A generic online learning program, which is a requirement from the Australian Government when providing Vocational Education training. (Approximately 4-6 hours of online learning).

PLEASE NOTE that the online learning is generic, we are required to provide a standardised pre course written testing as per the ASQA and training regulations.

Any scenario reading in the online learning is considered additional reflective information not a component of our training.

2. A hands-on **Motorcycle Specific** training day – which is on the 2nd of August 2026 this component is an indoor-outdoor scenario-based training

Please find attached your link to enrol directly into the course and receive your online learning

https://mytraininghub.com.au/sign-up/signup/doprocess?hash=2INW_23

Please ensure you follow each step going through in order and complete all the online learning prior to the training date the – 2nd of August 2026

If you have any issues with the online components, please email us on deborah@fafm.org.au to discuss your options and concerns.



THE DOCV ONLINE STORE IS NOW LIVE!

We are very pleased to announce that you can now order custom DOCV merch from our online store. Huge thanks to our merch supplier Forza Italia for hosting the website and for providing the logistics to make this happen!

You can choose from two bright new 50th Anniversary logos, the Modello Eccelente logo, the classic Timing Cover logo, the "Band" logo and the 1980s fuel tank logo.

So, go to <https://forzaitalia.com.au/pages/docv> and design a t-shirt, cap, polo, vest or jacket!

We'll look forward to seeing you in your new merch at a meeting or on a ride soon!

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2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1. AGM meeting opened at 8:00 pm
by President Neil Larson

2. Neil handed over to Returning officer
– Oliver Barrett

3. **Total votes from Poll**

Current Member Numbers = 373
Total number of votes 77
> 21% of members voted
> 10% required for a quorum
> **Election was declared VALID**

4. **Confirm the minutes of the previous annual
general meeting held on 17 June 2025**

Confirmed by a 53 % majority vote representing:
For 41
Did not attend the 2025 DOCV AGM meeting..... 34
Abstain 2
Against 0
> **Minutes were confirmed as correct**

5. **Adoption of annual report and financial
statements for year ended 28 February 2026**

Resolution carried by 65 votes or 100 % majority
vote with:
For 65
Abstain 12
Against 0
> **Annual report and financial statements for
year ended 28 February 2026 adopted**

6. **Election of Committee positions:**

1. **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Incumbent Vic President: Tom Hinton

Nominees: Tom Hinton

The Returning Officer Oliver Barrett declared
Tom Hinton elected with a majority of 77 votes or
100%.

**Neil and Oliver thanked Tom for his service and
for re-nominating for the position.**

2. **TREASURER:**

Incumbent Treasurer: Mark Duffer

Nominees: Mark Duffer

The Returning Officer Oliver Barrett declared
Mark Duffer elected with a majority of 77 votes or
100%.

**Neil and Oliver thanked Mark for his service and
for re-nominating for the position.**

3. **EDITOR:**

Outgoing Editor: Louis Putter

Nominees: None received

Due to the lack of nominations, the Editor position
will be filled by the committee as a casual vacancy

**Neil and Oliver thanked Louis for his service for
2 excellent years as Editor of Desmoto**

Oliver handed back to Neil.

7. **Door prizes**

Neil drew the raffle tickets for the door prizes

8. **Closing remarks**

President Neil Larson thanked all who voted and
attended.

9. **AGM Meeting closure**

– 8:30 pm

Register for the Ex-Committee member's lunch

Sunday 11 Oct, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

At The Manningham Hotel, Bulleen, in the Pavillion Room

You may remember we held a past committee member lunch in 2016 and 2018. Both events were such a success we've decided to run one again. And we plan to run one every two years.

So we are inviting all past and present committee members to join us for a lunch to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends and talk all things DOCV and Ducati.

This year we will be heading back to the Manningham Hotel in Bulleen - in the Pavilion Room where we hold our monthly social meetings.

It is reasonably central for everyone, the food is great, and there is easy parking for bikes and cars.

To keep things simple, you can order and pay for meals and drinks at the bar as is usual on a social meeting night.

Please register so that we have the numbers for the Hotel.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it!

Any questions: email Neil: pres@docv.org



DOCV EVENTS

Refer DOCV website for the latest details and to register
www.docv.org

July General Meeting

When	21 Jul 2026 8:00 PM (AEST)
Location	The Manningham Hotel, Pavilion Room
Spaces left	46

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Our General Meeting is at the Manningham. Formalities start at 8 pm while socially the night is underway by 6:30. Please register so we can track numbers - see you there!



Go Karts @ Karting Madness , Bayswater

When	9 Aug 2026 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (AEST)
Location	9A/841 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater VIC 3153
Spaces left	6
Registered	8 registrants

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Go Karts @ Karting Madness , Bayswater

An event that won't be cancelled due to bad weather. However if the weather god's combine we may even have a ride on to get there. I'll keep you posted.

But this one in the diary as I have booked the track for an 8 minute practise / qualifying session followed by a 20 lap race.

This event will need to be paid for by 20th July. (Their rules not mine)

We need a minimum of 8 participants. Open to members and family.

If we do not get 8 people by the 20th July your money will e refunded.

August General Meeting

When	18 Aug 2026 8:00 PM (AEST)
Location	The Manningham Hotel, Pavilion Room
Spaces left	49

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September General Meeting

When	15 Sep 2026 8:00 PM (AEST)
Location	The Manningham Hotel, Pavilion Room
Spaces left	50

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Our General Meeting is at the Manningham. Formalities start at 8 pm while socially the night is underway by 6:30. Please register so we can track numbers - see you there!



Ex-committee members Lunch

When	11 Oct 2026 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (AEDT)
Location	The Manningham Hotel, Bulleen
Spaces left	45
Registered	5 registrants

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