

MARI

(MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT REHABILITATION INITIATIVE)
AT ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL DARLINGHURST

“RIDERS FOR RIDERS”

MARI began in May 2007 with a \$30,000 donation from a couple of veteran riders who'd never had an accident in 40 years and wanted to pay back. Funds raised amongst fellow-riders by the sale of their retrospective saga *Highlights of the Road*, were accepted by their local hospital. A special purpose trust fund was set up for 'providing rehabilitation services to those injured in motorcycle accidents presenting at St Vincent's Hospital Emergency Department and to fund efforts to collect and report on patient outcome data for those treated.' Three departments of this **motorcycle friendly hospital** collaborated to set up a service offering practical post-accident help to sort out insurance, legal, mobility, physical and emotional pain issues before they got worse. All riders are being identified. Fifteen percent of these have required assistance and all others contacted have been assured of future help. This unique initiative is, by example, well on the way to benefit all riders injured on our roads.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARI ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE & WELCOME

To make online donations, Google Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative, or go to: www.stvincents.com.au for fax or phone facility as well. Postal donations by cheque/ money order should be made payable to: “St Vincent's Hospital Sydney Ltd-Trust Fund Account MARI TF880845” and sent, (no stamp needed in Australia) to:
Fundraising Office, Level 3, de Lacy Building
St Vincent's Hospital, Reply Paid 66643, Darlinghurst 1300

ALL direct contributions, including those from Mr Dick Smith, Girls Ride Out, Dykes on Bikes, For Love Of The Bike Event & the Annual BMW Touring Club NSW Far Cairn Rally, are gratefully acknowledged.

UPDATE: Proceeds of Far Cairn Rallies 2008 & 9 financed a hospital research document, which attracted \$400,000 funding from the Motor Accident Authority (MAA) NSW for a trial project based on a modified MARI model. Conducted in St George, Liverpool and Westmead as well as in St Vincent's Hospital, the two-year study is in the process of identifying ALL injured road users including pedestrians. The two-year study is known as **ROARI** (Road Accident Rehabilitation Initiative)

**HAVING BEEN FACILITATED AND FUNDED BY RIDERS, THE STUDY
WILL SEPARATE OUT DATA RELEVANT TO OURSELVES**

MARI WILL RIDE FURTHER!