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Bikers get police escort

Saturday, 20 November 2004

POLICE expect up to 1000 motorcyclists to descend on Clunes tomorrow to

celebrate the 25th anniversary of the

making of the first Mad Max film.

Bikers from the Kawasaki Z Owners

Club in Melbourne will have a police

escort from the Shell Service Station

near the West Gate Bridge to Clunes.

Acting Inspector Ian Geddes said

police are not expecting any problems

from the reputable bike club, but are

concerned some rogue bikers may try

to copy scenes from the cult 1979

film.

One of the movie's highlights is

when the Glory Riders arrive in town on their bikes, and police are keen to

ensure public safety is not put at risk.

"Police are concerned that some of

the more enthusiastic fans of the film

may try to recreate some popular

scenes," Act Insp Geddes said.

"There is a lot of speeding and

careless driving involved in the film,

including a number of wheelies.

"This type of driving is dangerous so

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there will be a heavy police presence on Sunday to ensure that the bikers obey the rules of the road."

Act Insp Geddes said Mad Max had become a cult movie for the club

because a number of Kawasaki Z 900/1000 machines were used in the original film.

He said the group was expected to congregate at the Clunes Show ground where a number of judging events would take place.

"Police have made it very clear to the organisers that we will not tolerate any careless driving," Act Insp Geddes said.

"We have no intention of spoiling their enjoyment for the day, but the last thing we want to see is anybody injured or even killed."

Victorian Z Owners Club president Max Koludrovic said he was not expecting any problems tomorrow.

"We have been liaising with the police for quite a few months about this and 95 per cent of the people coming on Sunday are enthusiasts," Mr Koludrovic said.

"Everyone attending will be given an itinerary with road rules and asked to be on their best behaviour."

Police have named it Operation
Goose after the film's police officer,
Jim Goose, played by Steve Bisley.
The bikers should arrive in Clunes
about 1.30pm.

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