

# ANGELS

## Life in an Australian Motorcycle Gang in the 60s and 70s.

by David King & Maureen Lane

David King was only ten years old when he met the Angels.

This is a story full of childhood adventures, street smarts and ingenuity. It is the story of a survivor in a time when violence in the home was commonplace, and of the gang of Angels who took him under their wing, protected him and taught him the value of 'safety in numbers'.

David's story also provides insights into the history of Melbourne's west and the teenage boys and girls who broke free of the norms of the 50s to rebel in the 60s. It is a snapshot of life in a motorcycle gang that had a code of conduct, common interests and specific values.

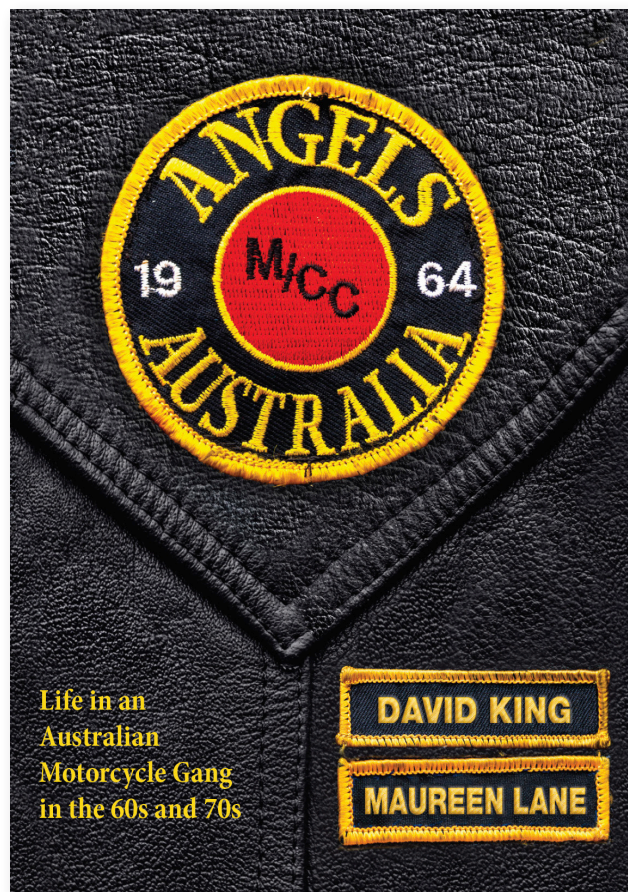
The Angels code of 'all for one and one for all' was inclusive of all nationalities in a time of overt racism, and ensured a tight bond grew between this band of rebels and misfits who found a place to belong.

This book acknowledges the Angels who shared David's love of motorcycles and taught him skills and life lessons when home and schools had failed him.

David's story offers rare insights into life in a motorcycle gang at that time in history and of a little boy lost, who survived enormous challenges to grow into an exceptionally good man.

In later life, David became the chauffeur for the Victorian governor.

**David King** met **Maureen Lane** in 2012. They married in 2015 and continued their life journey together. They live in the Victorian seaside suburb of Altona, close to the old racecourse and the paddocks where the Angels used to gather. Maureen spends her time writing stories while David continues to make engines roar. Maureen set about writing David's story with him in order to acknowledge the Angels and to cement the Angels' place in history.



*David's jacket may have been hung up, but he remains an Angel.*



top: *The Angels* gather outside Mama's Milk Bar on the corner of Eleanor and Barkly Streets, Footscray.  
middle: *Tortoise and Meat Loaf* on the Countdown set, 1978.



bottom: *Maureen with David* on a Harley June, 2020. Courtesy of Goya Dmytryshchak.