



## Chairman's Report

The Committee held a business planning weekend where it came close to finalising the MCC's first complete business plan. Included in this Plan are some very bold aims, such as a full Recreational Registration scheme, a separate motorcycle licence and the opportunity for the MCC to offer CTP Insurance to the members of our constituent clubs. With all committee members still having some work to do on the various aspects of the plan, we expect to be in a position to release this document in April 2011. While it would have been nice to have this document ready for the state election, this was not achievable.

In the meantime, we have also continued our work with the NSW Motorcycle Strategy Forums. While there was a notable lack of attendance by the RTA, it is now regretting that decision and has requested we consider holding a joint forum to enable the review of both our NSW Motorcycle Strategy (which is a complete and over-arching strategy) and its NSW Motorcycle Safety Strategy (which is focused solely on safety). Funnily enough, many of the safety issues are dealt with in our strategy and reinforce the fact that an all-encompassing strategy will see safety improve as a consequence of good planning on all levels.

The CTP issue continues to be a struggle with the independent actuaries advising me they are finally starting to get the answers they have been seeking from the RTA. We are being very wary due to the election and wondering what will happen in this regard with a new minister possible at the end of the month. I expect to see some very good news one way or another, but we may need to put a great deal of pressure on the new minister at the earliest opportunity. It has taken way too long to get to this stage, but that is a sign of just how well entrenched the RTA bureaucracy is.

While there may be times when some people think there is little happening, we are laying the foundations of a grand future for this organisation. This will not be done in a matter of months. Our business plan has short, medium and long-term elements and is the most crucial part of my plans for the MCC of NSW. That being the ability of this organisation to properly fund itself and to have the resources we need to take the fight to whoever stands in our way. Funding to run research that discredits studies that show us in a bad light, and studies that reflect positive outcomes for motorcycling. Also funding that would enable us to attract the right sort of people with the right skill sets to work on our behalf. Allies in the right places with the right knowledge and the right resources.

These are but some of the goals we have set for ourselves. They are achievable, but they will take time. So I ask that you spread the word and let others know what we are doing. We need positive support, not detractors... for that would be the easy thing to do.

Support your MCC of NSW as we strive to build a better organisation. We cannot do it without any of you

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### **National Road Safety Strategy submission**

The federal government's Department of Infrastructure and Transport has invited input from the MCC of NSW as part of its National Road Safety strategy for 2011-2020.

Brian Wood, from the Road Safety subcommittee of the MCC has provided an extensive report which has addressed many incorrect assumptions and in some cases, completely flawed data.

A key point made is that in the last 10 years, the number of registered motorcycles has doubled, yet the number of motorcyclist fatalities has remained stable according to the RTA and MAA's own data.

Other inconsistencies include the imprecise reference to "inappropriate speed" with no further qualifications. This phrase is subject to numerous interpretations has no factual basis. The MCC has requested it be removed as it is misleading and inappropriate.

The MCC of NSW has requested that all road authorities be required to take the specific needs of motorcycles into consideration when planning road infrastructure. Currently they are not required to do this.

The full submission runs for 13 pages. A copy can be obtained from your club's delegate or the MCC Secretary (details at the end of this page).

### **MAA Protective clothing working group**

The George Institute has been awarded a contract by the MAA to undertake the first stage of a review on how to provide riders with reliable information on protective clothing.

The team from The George Institute is being led by Liz De Rome. Liz is most notable for The Good Gear Guide published in 2009 and maintains a close relationship with the MCC of NSW.

The MAA has advised it is not seeking to make protective clothing mandatory and is only adopting an advisory role.

The MCC of NSW is totally opposed to mandatory clothing or protective equipment, but looks forward to reliable source of information on the quality of riding gear.

### **Point-to-point speed cameras**

Recently, the Motorcycle Council was asked to participate in a study on the deployment of fixed speed cameras in NSW.

The MCC of NSW found the study to be fundamentally biased. The RTA has made the assumption that speed cameras reduce the road toll, yet no evidence has been provided to endorse this.

The MCC remains opposed to draconian speed camera enforcement.

### **Motorcycle Council meetings**

The Motorcycle Council of NSW meets on the first Monday of each month at the Ryde Ex-Services Club, 7:30 PM.

Meetings are not just for clubs or delegates. All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

#### **How do you get involved?**

MCC membership is open to all clubs, associations and ride groups but not to individuals. Each affiliated club has two delegate seats on the MCC. Membership is free and voluntary.

### **Supercheap Auto – Carma update**

You may recall the horrific television commercials run in 2010 by SuperCheap Auto. These advertisements appeared to encourage car drivers to hit motorcyclists, which enraged the motorcycling community.

Quickly, thousands of motorcyclists shared their displeasure with SuperCheap and the ads were pulled.

The Motorcycle Council lodged a formal complaint over the advertisement, and has been in contact with SuperCheap on how it can make amends. SuperCheap has submitted a new storyboard idea for an upcoming advertisement that encourages car drivers to look out for motorcyclists.

The MCC of NSW welcomes this step in the right direction from SuperCheap Auto and looks forward to seeing these new commercials.

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