



September News

The MCCofNSW AGM was held early in Sept instead of the usual Dec timeframe. The new MCC of NSW committee consists of:

- Christopher Burns (Sydney Knights) will be taking on the Chairman's role as well as continuing with the Club Liaison and Membership Co-ordination Role;
- Richard Watts (Bikers Australia) takes on the Vice Chairman's role;
- Treasurer is Janelle Haffenden (Ulysses) (the former Secretary); and
- we welcome back Chris Gilbert, (Sidecar Owners Club) as Secretary.

The general committee positions are held by:

- Craig Hall (Two Wheels Forum), who continues his role as Chairman of the Media Sub-committee,
- Brian Wood, (United Districts MC) Chairman of the Safety Committee and AMC Representative
- Ray Gilbert (Sidecar Owners Club).

The hard work has only just begun but the new committee is looking forward to representing the membership base of the riders of NSW and doing our best to get us all a fair deal. We would appreciate any offers of assistance no matter how small. This is a big job the MCC does and many hands make light work.

Bathurst Volunteers

A big thank you goes out to the volunteer team at Bathurst. As some of you may not be aware the MCC has the Bathurst contract as its primary source of funding for the year. The work that goes on up there is vital to our survival and the team of 30 volunteers led by Chrissy and Ray do a marvellous job. Thanks to Carol Cameron and Brian Wood for their assistance also.

It has been a cold and wet lead up to race day, however the volunteer team met the target on time. Also particular thanks to Angie Clements & Brian Wood for compiling a revamped OH&S Policy at incredibly short notice, a job well done indeed.

CTP Discussions

At a recent meeting with the MAA, discussions were had once again about CTP costs to motorcyclists in NSW.

The MAA had engaged Finity once again to review the relativities for Motorcycles in the CTP scheme in NSW.

It would appear that the latest set of claims statistics indicate we will see a reduction in CTP costs in NSW.

Expect an announcement from the Minister for Roads in Oct

Advice is to register your bike on a 6 monthly basis until the reductions do come through. Next meeting with the MAA is set for the 14th of Nov.

Stop Box and Lane Filtering trial

The Minister has asked the MCCofNSW to recommend 5 intersections for a trial of "Motorcycle Stop Boxes" to be placed at the stop line at traffic light controlled intersections.

Car traffic will be stopped further back to make room for the Motorcycle stop boxes. There needs to be wide lanes to allow motorcycles to filter to the front of the pack and manoeuvre into the stop boxes.

Thanks to Justin Dorward for compiling the Aerial shots of the intersections as a preliminary for the submission.

Motorcycle Awareness Week (MAW)

This year's MAW will be the biggest we have had for some time and it is vitally important we get as many riders to attend the events across the state as we can manage. The MAW launch in Wynyard Sq York St Sydney on the 20th Oct will feature Minister Duncan Gay addressing the crowd and the more riders he sees, the more clout the MCC will have in future dealings on issues like CTP and Safety regulations.

Calendar of Events

Thur 20th Oct

12:30pm Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch York St Sydney Wynyard Sq. www.mccofnsw.org.au

Sat 22nd Oct

Quad Squad escort ride to Sydney

www.expeditiongroup.org

Sun 23rd Oct

Pink Ribbon Ride Mean Fiddler Hotel 9am

www.pinkribbonride.com

Lismore Compression Against Depression Ride

8am at Lismore Railway Station Ph (02) 6624 7888

Albury Bike Fest, Lincoln Causeway Wodonga

www.motorbikeshowandshine.com

Fri 28th Oct

Newcastle Turkey Run, Harleys for Humanity 10am

Hexham Macca's to Uralla, weekend event

www.hahns.com

Sat 29th Oct

Informal Meet and Greet MCC

Mount White Cafe for a Coffee and a chat.

Sun 30th Oct

Breakfast Torque and the **Hard Ride**

www.breakfasttorque.com.au

Wellington Show and Shine and Ride in

10am in Cameron Park Wellington

We need volunteers to;

- Distribute posters
- Set up launch event on the 20th from 6am
- Answer queries from passers by 20th Oct
- Models for the safety gear fashion parade
- Winners for the 10 Dbl passes to TT3D

If you can offer any sort of assistance please contact Christopher Burns on 0418-486-660 or email at

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Standing Committee on Law and Justice,

As a result of the submission provided by the MCCofNSW to the Law and Justice Commission inquiry into the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) and the Life Time Care and Support scheme (LTCS) the MCC has received an invitation to appear as a witness at the inquiry

Guy Stanford and Christopher Burns will attend the Law and Justice Commission enquiry into the MAA and LTCS Monday the 10th Oct to press our case for a better data collection system for the MAA which should in turn lead to better CTP rates. We are still expecting an announcement by the Minister in Oct advising of a reduction in CTP on motorcycles effective from January and look forward to the release of the Ernst and Young audit into Motorcycle CTP in NSW. We also have another meeting with the MAA on 14th Nov on CTP issues.

The inquiry will look into the Lifetime Care and Support scheme. This is the component of your CTP Greenslip that is around about 49% of the cost of the CTP Premium.

Tugalong Station Development Application.

The MCCofNSW provided a submission in support of the Development Application. The decision on this application was set for the end of September. We received a call from Alex prior to the hearing, and he was confident.

Unfortunately the council meeting asked for additional information late in the day and despite nearly 90 submissions in support of the DA, then voted against the proposal 9-0.

One of the reasons cited for rejection was;

"Noise impacts upon fauna have not been dealt with due to the consultants recorded lack of research around this topic", more specifically failure to address "*....noting off-road vehicles can result in wildlife hearing impairment*"

You can draw your own conclusions from that one

Road Safety Advisory Council

Brian Wood and Christopher Burns attended the recent RSAC meeting representing interests of NSW Motorcyclists. This council counts amongst its members Minister Duncan Gay, Mr Bushby the CEO of the RTA, Wendy Machin president of the NRMA, representatives from Bicycling NSW, heavy vehicles industry and a host of others. We will be attending another session on the 20th Oct for further discussions. Through this, and other means, the MCCofNSW is having direct input into the government on your behalf.

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