



January Happenings

As per usual, due to the festive season, there was no General Meeting for the MCC of NSW in January, however Committee members and volunteers have continued to work hard on a range of projects in the background...

Continue reading for all the latest news.

Ahead in 2012

2012 and what it holds...

The MCCofNSW moved from strength to strength in 2011 and made major headway in representing the motorcyclists of NSW. The biggest win was the reduction in CTP for most riders as a direct result of the MAA/MCCofNSW Working Group and efforts put in by many many MCC representatives over the past few years. As can be seen from the "2011 in Review" segment below the MCC has provided major representation for riders in NSW.

In 2012 the committee means to maintain this high standard of representation and improve upon it. We have opened the doors to Individual Supporters of the MCCofNSW and mean to implement this early in 2012. We are always on the lookout for people that can lend a hand in any capacity so if you feel that you can make a difference for riders in NSW, then let me know and together we can change the world for the better.

Once again any offers to assist please email me at chairman@mccofnsw.org.au

Cheers, CJB

NSW Road Safety Strategy

The RMS (RTA) is to launch its Motorcycle Road Safety Strategy for NSW in March. They will be looking to the MCCofNSW to assist in auditing some major routes in NSW for dangers to motorcyclists. We will be looking for volunteers in regional areas for assistance. Stay tuned for further details

10 Movie Double Passes to be won

We have ten double passes to be won to see a new action/thriller called **THE GREY**, opening nationally on February 16 Courtesy of Icon Films. In 25 words or less tell us what you think can be done to improve rider safety in NSW. Email enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au with Film Promo in the header please.

<http://www.iconmovies.com.au/Movies/G/Grey.aspx>

Transport for NSW Regional Seminars

The MCC was invited to provide input into the Transport for NSW, Transport Master Plan on behalf of motorcyclists of NSW. Part of this program of public consultation includes regional consultation during February 2012. You can be a part of the master planning process and have a say in the future of motorcycling in NSW.

Go to <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/transportmasterplan> and <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/document/show/113> for more information. Have a go, there is everything to gain and nothing to lose.

City of Sydney Planning Opportunity

Here is another opportunity to have your say in relation to "First and Last" and footpath parking in the CBD. Mention the increase in Motorcycle numbers (Doubled in past 10 years) and how green they are, less carbon emissions and reduced congestion, charging stations for electric bikes and anything useful to our cause.

Have your say here; <http://www.sydney2030.com.au/in-your-village/> do the questionnaire and be nice.

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Summary of issues covered and work done by the MCCofNSW on behalf of riders in NSW in 2011

CTP reduction

As per our advice to members in the August newsletter, CTP premiums have come down from January 2012 by an average of 17%. This was brought about as a direct result of the MAA/MCC working group and collaboration between the MCCofNSW and the Motor Accidents Authority. There was a lot of hard work by a lot of people but we achieved the first reduction in Motorcycle CTP prices for 10 years..

Rider Risk Videos

The Rider Risk Videos have been a great success since the launch in October. They were so good Two Wheels asked if they could be released as a DVD supplement for the January issue. NSW Police rider training are evaluating them for use in their training program. Dept of Defence and other organisations have asked to use them in various training programs and they have achieved international acclaim. Check them out yourself at <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/332.html>

Recreational Registration

We have been advised by the MAA that the Recreational Registration proposal is going back to Transport from Dept of Premiers and Cabinet for review. We are still pushing Rec Rego on behalf of the dirt bike riding community and will pursue it in 2012.

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. MCC has provided an extensive report which has addressed many incorrect assumptions and in some cases, completely flawed data.

Motorcycle First Aid kit and courses

Working closely with St John's Ambulance Service to development a training package and opportunities for riders to attend M/C specific first aid courses.

Helmet Standards, stickers and compliance

The Minister responsible for the ACCC has accepted that we have a valid complaint in relation to AS/NZS compliance stickers/issues on helmets and the Standards and Conformance process.

The MCCofNSW submitted a complaint to the NSW Ombudsman on behalf of riders in NSW in order to get a better deal for riders in relation to helmet laws in NSW and across Australia.

Point-to-point speed cameras

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

JetPatching

The MCC of NSW has observed JetPatching road repair being used in violation of the Australian Asphalt Pavement Association's guidelines. The MCC has recommended to the RTA that the practice of JetPatching be discontinued until issues resolved.

MCCofNSW Business

A business planning weekend was attended by Committee members where it came close to finalising the MCC's first complete business plan.

Supercheap Auto Ad

The Motorcycle Council lodged a formal complaint over the horrific television commercials run in 2010 by SuperCheap Auto. As a direct result of this SuperCheap produced an alternative advertisement that encourages car drivers to look out for motorcyclists.

MAA Protective clothing working group

The George Institute was 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. MCCofNSW provided a great deal of assistance including a survey of riders. June saw the release of the first study in over 25 years examining the effectiveness of specialised motorcycle protective clothing and in particular, body armour.

New Roads Minister

The NSW election in 2011 saw a new NSW Roads Minister, the Honourable Duncan Gay MLC. The Minister is a member of the National Party, a former soldier, self confessed country boy and a motorcyclist at heart. Discussions with the Minister following his speech at the MAW launch have highlighted his appreciation of the benefits of motorcycling, both in terms of reducing urban congestion, reducing carbon emissions and the benefits of regional tourism. Rego labels, Street parking for bikes, Tolls, lane filtering, Recreational registration, CTP, Helmet laws are all open for discussion.

NSW Motorcycle Strategy Forums & RTA Strategy Workshop

NSW Motorcycle Strategy Forums were hosted by the MCCofNSW on the 23rd of January and 12th of February and every day riders got the chance to have their say and have direct input into policy making. A draft Motorcycle Strategy for NSW document was provided to the RTA for review. The third motorcycle strategy workshop was arranged and hosted by the RTA in direct response to MCCofNSW Committee members attending the previous RTA's Motorcycle Strategy working group. Our queries and input brought about the realisation that the RTA needed more information and knowledge and that the MCCofNSW are the "go to" group for that information. The three main topics were, Safe Roads, Safe People, Safe Vehicles in relation to motorcycles. Motorcycle riders had the opportunity to present and discuss the strategy directly with RTA policy makers.

The RTA expressed the opinion that the MCCofNSW are the Subject Matter Experts and we need to be consulted earlier in relation to all things motorcycling. The attitude of the RTA representatives showed substantial change by the end of the proceedings.

Transport Master Plan

The Government's strategy is to consult with ALL interested parties over the next 9 months, producing discussion papers, calling for public submissions, preparing a draft transport master plan and then the final Transport Master Plan in November 2012. Consultations will initially be with advisory groups made up of those who attended the announcement, extending to a call for public submissions in February next year. Regional forums are to commence early 2012 and will cover the state. MCCofNSW will maintain a presence in this area.

Resurrection of the MCC of NSW Rider Mentor Program

5 riders attended the RTA training day for Motorcycle Club Rider Mentors where experienced active individuals from various clubs nominate to be mentors to junior in order to promote better riding habits and procedures for younger riders.

Road Safety Advisory Council

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. Through this, and other means, the MCCofNSW is having direct input into the government on your behalf.

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. Aerial shots of the short-listed intersections have been prepared for the upcoming submission.

Standing Committee on Law and Justice, Submission to investigate the MAA and MAC in NSW

The MCCofNSW was invited to provide a submission to the inquiry into the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) and the Life Time Care and Support Scheme (LTSC) This is the component of your CTP Greenslip that is around about 49% of the cost of the CTP Premium.

As a result of the submission the MCC was invited to appear as witnesses before the inquiry and Christopher Burns and Guy Stanford appeared before the Commission of Inquiry made up of sitting Members of Parliament and presented our case on behalf of the riders of NSW.

Submission in support of Tugalong Station DA for Motocross complex

As part of the MCC commitment to trail bike riders we provided a positive submission to Wingecarribee Council in support of a Development Application for a dirt bike riding complex near Goulburn.

Submission to ACT Trail management.

A submission supporting the cause of dirt bike riders was put to CBRE in Canberra. Although Canberra is not our main area, many dirt bike riders from NSW use the excellent system of trails in the ACT region for weekend riders.

Motorcycle Council of NSW 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.

Call for Volunteer registrations

The Motorcycle Council of NSW needs and appreciates any Volunteer assistance. If you can help, please register your interest by email to enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

Proposed Events and appearances in 2012

- **Sofala AG and Bike Show, 26th February**
- **Silverwater Show and Shine 3rd March**
12 noon Clyde St Silverwater
- **Glenbrook to Katoomba ride day 31st March**
- **Barry Sheene Festival of Speed, Eastern Creek 23/24/25th March**
- **Meet U in Molong 14th April**

If you can assist with these appearances, please register your interest. (Free entry to the events)