



March Happenings

With the Government and Departments and the rest of us back into full swing, March has seen plenty of happenings with RMS, Transport, Helmet laws, Motorcycling Events and some new issues as well. Continue reading for all the latest news.

Transport for NSW Sydney Regional Meeting

A good number of riders took part in the April 3rd Transport for NSW Sydney Regional Planning session attended by approximately 200 people.

In response from a question from the floor as to why motorcycles were not mentioned once in the discussion paper, Gladys Berejiklian responded that she acknowledged the omission of motorcycles in the discussion paper. Gladys added that motorcycle riders are now being represented by Chris Burns from the Motorcycle Council of NSW.

Chris has had a number of recent meetings with Transport for NSW at Deputy Director General level pushing for a better deal for riders and recognition that motorcycles are an integral part of the solution to the well recognised congestion problem.

Meeting with Transport for NSW and RMS

On Thursday the 29th March I met with senior executives of Transport For NSW and Roads and Maritime Services to discuss a number of issues. These included but were not limited to changing the current Helmet laws in NSW, easing Transport Congestion, Reduction of road tolls and a tag or replacement system that works and a number of other high importance issues relating to motorcycling NSW.

Rest assured we will see some interesting changes for the better in the not too distant future.

CTP Update.

As part of the ongoing work the MCC is carrying out with the Motor Accidents Authority on CTP costs, the MAA has supplied preliminary data on CTP claims for the MCC to review. Ongoing from this will be input from the MCC to the MAA to assist with Data sets required in order to give us a better understanding of CTP Pricing and assist with future CTP Pricing and possible reductions.

Katoomba Show and Shine

Motorcycle awareness event put on in conjunction with Blue Mountains Bikers and Blue Mountains City Council Road Safety officer Kelly Wilson. A first effort for Kelly and BMB and a successful day indeed with more than 40 bikes turning up from all over the Mountains region and plenty from Sydney as well. This is a good demonstration of how local clubs can work with their local Road Safety Officers to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety. Any clubs needing more information on how to contact their local RSO feel free to contact us via enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

Jeremy Bowdler 30.04.1960 - 20.03.2012 RIP

It is with great sadness that we learned Jeremy Bowdler of Two Wheels passed away. Jeremy's service was held on Monday the 26th March. We have lost a true legend in motorcycling and a veritable font of motorcycling knowledge. Our thoughts are with his wife and his two young daughters

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Stockton Beach Recreational Vehicle Area (RVA) Management plan

Stockton Beach is facing a review of the Recreational Vehicle Area (RVA) management plan and this could affect users on Stockton Beach in the future. Brad Radnidge has formed a Stockton Beach Social group in order to work with NPWS and the managers at Stockton beach. They are going to need our support if riders, quad bikers and 4 wheel drivers are to continue using Stockton Beach in the future.

Please contact the enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au email address for further contact details.

Personal Plates increase

Those with personalised plates watch out... We've been advised that at the end of March the price of personalised plates is going up. Car plates that cost \$90/year are going up to \$99. Motorcycle plates that cost \$50/year are going up to \$99 too, an increase of \$49! This once again shows the imbalanced treatment of motorcycles, neglecting to acknowledge them as a legitimate and unique form of transport. Write a letter to the RMS, Transport or your local MP. Ask why or ask for a fair deal. Be heard.



Rider Risk Videos

The rider risk videos just keep on keeping on. Australia Post has now asked for copies to use in their rider training program. At a recent meeting with Transport for NSW and RMS, the RMS expressed interest in distributing the Rider Risk Video series to all learner rider applicants in the future.

They can be viewed at;

<http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/332.html>

Welcome Bob Madell to Treasurers role

A warm welcome to Bob Madell, Delegate from the Dual Sport Motorcycle Riders Association (DSMRA) to the committee and to the role of Treasurer.

Bob answered the call for a volunteer to fill the vacancy left by Janelle. Bob has years of experience in finance roles and will be adding a fresh dirt bike focus to the committee.

Barry Sheene festival of Speed

The MCCofNSW again had a stall at this long standing motorcycling event held at Eastern Creek raceway. Plenty of information was handed out in the form of a chat or brochures and pamphlets. A big thanks to Brian and the team of Volunteers who helped out put it all together and thanks to the public who supported us on the day with gold coin donations.

Call for Volunteer registrations:

Marketing

Sales

Database

We have an upcoming important task for the duration of approximately 3 months. If you have experience in the above fields your assistance would be most appreciated.

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

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.

Upcoming Events and appearances

- **Silverwater Show and Shine rescheduled for Saturday 12th May
12 noon Clyde St Silverwater**
- **Meet U in Molong 14th April**
- **Brass Monkey Rally by Bikers Australia**
- **Pink Ribbon ride date announced – 14th October**