



Sept Happenings

Motorcycle Awareness Week, Pink Ribbons, Concerns regarding the Road Safety Strategies; Representation on the Vehicle Standards Working Group; the TAC advertisement and more.....
Continue reading for more info and the latest MCCofNSW news.

Vale Raymond Edward Gilbert 1935-2012

On the 29th of August 2012 at 03:45 Ray Gilbert passed away quietly in Westmead Hospital after being diagnosed with cancer. Ray was a long serving delegate to the MCCofNSW from the Sidecar Owners Club and served as the Treasurer of the MCCofNSW for more years than anyone can remember. He and his wife Chrissie Gilbert (MCC Sec) were the mainstays for more than 18 years in carrying out the campground works at Bathurst and were considered part of the scenery at Bathurst car races. Ray's lifelong passion for motorcycles led him to the MCCofNSW and his years of work as a committee member have ensured the MCCofNSW has been as strong as it is, in its service to the riders of NSW. The service was held at 2pm in Pinegrove Nth Chapel in Minchinbury on the Monday the 3rd of Sept. More than 120 people from all walks of life attended Ray's service and paid their last respects to a good man.

Ray married Chrissie 20 years ago and they have been inseparable ever since. Ray's wish was for Chrissie to go to Bathurst this year and give his best wishes to all the regular campers that he longed to meet one last time on the Mountain at the 50th Anniversary of the Bathurst car races.

Ray had also served in the RAF as a Mechanic and was an avid sidecar owner and rider.

Some yarns you may not have heard

Paul Wilton ex MCC Chairman;

"back in 96 not long after the Federal Election when Howard was PM the then Federal Minister for Transport Invited a bunch of us to the historic signing of the repeal of Mandatory headlights on at some posh hotel down near the bridge. A few months later possibly 97 Ray received a phone call from a spy in the ranks of the RTA that the RTA were going to meet with Carl Scully in secret and convince him that NSW should go it alone and introduce lights on for NSW only, that meeting was called off a new one slated whereupon the MCC committee, RTA bods, the minister and his advisor, met in his office, remember the RTA had no idea that we were going to be there.....lots of talk, finger waving, recriminations thrown around, at the end of that meeting we the MCC walked out victory in hand, lots of ideas to put out to the biker /driving community. our celebration tv ads and I think funding for motorcycle awareness week. at least lights on was put to rest for some time."

From Harry a great mate;

"Ray and I were at a rally one year and Ray kept slipping off to have a leak in the dark. Many beers were had and time came to get some kip so off we went. Next morning we were all up and about the fire when this poor fellow walked up all wet and on the nose and he was trying to work out what had happened to him as he had lain asleep under the nearby tree. "damn, I though he was a log" exclaimed Ray.

Ray will be greatly missed.

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Motorcycle Awareness Week 2012

The upcoming Motorcycle Awareness Week we will need some assistance in the form of volunteers to assist in spreading the word. We need volunteers for the following

- 4 volunteers each to set up a Motorcycle Awareness Week banner on a designated bridge in and around Sydney.
- Volunteers to distribute posters to motorcycle shops in their area advertising MAW and the events.
- 6 helpers on the 18th of Oct to help set up the launch in Martin Place from 06:00 till about 2:30pm.
 - Setting up marque and stands
 - Distributing Safety information
 - Talking to passers-by about motorcycling and making them aware of riders on the road.
 - Answering queries about the MCCofNSW.
 - Parking available for those that assist.
- Volunteer clubs to set up a stand to highlight their particular form of motorcycling transport be it dirt bikes, drag bikes or ADV Bikes.

We have Jonesy of 2WSFM as the MC and a commitment from Roads Minister Duncan Gay to attend and launch MAW.

In addition we have representatives from Ambulance NSW, NSW Police force, Mailcall, St Johns and Australia Post.

The more we get the merrier it will be. Get in touch with me for more information or to lend a hand.

MAW 18 to 28 October 2012

Sun 14th Oct	Pink Ribbon Ride	www.girlsrideout.com
Thu 18th Oct	MAW Launch Martin Place	www.mccofnsw.org.au
Sat 20th Oct	Meet U in Molong	http://www.facebook.com/Meet-u-in-Molong
Sun 21st Oct	2 Wheels to Wellington Cameron Park Nanima Cres Wellington.	
Sat 27th Oct	Turkey Run Hexham H4H	www.h4hnsw.com
Sat 27th Oct	Katoomba MAW event	www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au
Sun 28th Oct	Lismore Compression against depression	editor@northernrider.com.au
Sun 28th Oct	Breakfast Torque Loftus Oval	www.breakfasttorque.com.au
Sun 4th Nov	Border Bikefest Albury	www.motorbikeshowandshine.com

AMC AGM attended by Guy Stanford and Brian Wood

Report to MCC of NSW on the Australian Motorcycle Council AGM

The best AMC Conference so far. Well organised and very progressive. This bodes well for the future. All member organisations arrived prepared and got on with the job of sharing knowledge and expertise with each other.

In the public sessions, the Tasmanian Minister for Transport spoke on the new arrangements nationally that will follow after the NRSC finishes in November this year.

Overall, discussions were mature and considered with the AMC moving to develop a national strategy as a matrix in order to enable rapid and easy sharing of information. It is clear that with the new national arrangements, rider groups will need to work more strongly at State and Territory level and ensure we are co-ordinated and on-message in our own State EVERY time.

Several Committees for action were confirmed or appointed for current issues and work commenced on a National AMC Strategy, including seeking to run a national seminar to develop a National Motorcycling Action Plan with the Commonwealth Government. This is the big ticket item and one we all need to address and ensure it is properly resourced. The collapse of the NRSC makes this vital.

There's plenty of local action across the country and motorcycle representation has grown stronger through sharing of expertise and knowledge. The AMC is not just valuable to us all, it delivers value. *(Guy Stanford)*

TAC Ad Rears it's head again

Once again the TAC advertisement supposedly reconstructing a fatal motorcycle crash has made the news.

This time the TAC and the Senior Sergeant Peter Bellion have been asked to appear before the Victorian Parliament for a please explain. There's a detailed report in *The Age*, on the TAC "Reconstruction" campaign and the Victorian Parliamentary enquiry. Grab a copy or see it here:

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/mps-to-check-ad-for-biker-safety-20120826-24uhp.html>

This has all happened as a direct result of motorcyclists getting in contact with the powers that be.

Road Safety Advisory Council NSW Road Safety Strategy comments.

The Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety (now under the umbrella of NSW Transport) have asked for submissions on the recently released NSW Road Safety Strategy discussion paper.

Transport have stated categorically that they will introduce the National Road Safety Strategy over the next 10 years in 3 stages. This is essentially the same as the National Road Safety Strategy that had all riders up in arms last year. The underlying message from the Road Safety Advisory Council meeting was Speed Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, Speed Enforcement with a lot of Wire Rope Barriers thrown in for added flavour.

Read more on the NRSS at http://www.atcouncil.gov.au/documents/files/NRSS_2011_2020_15Aug11.pdf

The MCCofNSW in the form of Brain Wood, Guy Stanford, Sean Hawley, Chris Burns and Wayne Rees compiled and submitted a submission in response to the NSW Road Safety Strategy which was submitted on your behalf on Monday the 10th September. Please contact Brian for further details.

www.nenews.com.au

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Easy rider, fluoro coming

Top traffic cop forecasts changes for motorcycle safety

By SHANA MORGAN

MOTORCYCLISTS could be forced by law to wear full leather safety gear and fluoro colors by next year.

Senior Sergeant Bill Gore, of the Wangaratta Highway Patrol, told a motorcycle forum on Tuesday that the current Parliament of Victoria inquiry into motorcycle safety will inevitably introduce tougher safety laws that could involve wearing a fluoro vest or a full fluoro jacket.

"If you don't like this, stop riding motorcycles," he said.

"Within 18 months the government will legislate that all

your jackets have got to be this color."

The RoadSafe North East motorcycle forum was held in conjunction with the Wangaratta Ulysses Club meeting at the Old Town 'n' Country Tavern and was attended by about 25 people, many who were unhappy about the proposed law changes.

Some thought bright yellow colors would blend in with workmen on the roads, but the thought of a Harley Davidson rider in a pink vest was even less appealing.

Wangaratta Ulysses president, Daff Todd, said fluoro vests

would not improve motorcycle visibility during the day.

"I've seen people when they're on at night and they really stick out," she said.

"During the day they're nothing."

Albury Wodonga Ulysses, Rex Beard, said the last rider in his group, the tail-end Charlie, always rides with a fluoro vest, but he can rarely see them because the front of the motorcycle covers the colors.

RoadSafe North East member George Talbot said motorcyclists make up about two per cent of registrations, but account for about 15 per cent

of fatalities on the roads.

Some riders at the forum blamed city riders or tourists crashing on unfamiliar country roads, but Sen Sgt Gore said most motorcycle fatalities and about half of serious motorcycle crashes in the North East involve locals.

"The biggest thing about motorcycle riders that I've seen in 37 years is that they always find someone to blame," he said.

"They should think to themselves that if I fall off I'm going to get hurt, so I should do everything in my power to see that I don't fall off."



FLUORO FOCUS: Senior Sergeant Bill Gore and Ulysses Club members Daff Todd and Rex Beard were among the motorcycle riders to tackle the issues of road safety this week.

Email from Rex Beard who was there.

Chris,

I have not read the Wang Chronicle article and I believe there was a retraction in a later edition . The police motorcyclist George Gore (Sgt Bill Gore) made a comment that hi vis vest were coming in the next couple of years, it was not police or government policy or impending policy. The paper was a little dishonest in this respect re the wearing of vests. Our local paper the Border mail was also very dishonest over this period of time. We were in the paper regarding visibility, car drivers not seeing bikes and the like. When we read the various articles there were comments relating to riding, being seen, car driver encroaching onto our side of the road etc that were not made by us. So when it came time to have this forum here in Wodonga the paper had ignited a powder keg. The forum was really to explain the results of a survey taken over March 2012 of riders in the North East. I feel that by the nights end the mood had changed somewhat. However it must have been noted by the police as there were to Vic policemen in attendance. We, our branch have participated in a few forums over the last couple of years and the Vic government had a committee sitting here in Wodonga earlier on that we had a good hearing from. All is well in the Southern Tablelands and the North East..... LOL

As for the wearing of leathers / protective gear there is no reliable info on that as yet that us country folk are aware of. I have made the comment that riding a bike along the Monash Freeway in the middle of summer in protective gear runs the risk of dehydration and the associated risks that could attributed to a scenario as such. The rider would need a camel backpack to assist. Most riders are against wearing of hi vis vests and compulsory protective gear.

Regards Rex Beard

Motorcycle Council of NSW meetings Monday the 8th October due to LWE

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

All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events and appearances

- **22-23rd September** - 2012 Sydney Scooter Expo
- **14th October** - Pink Ribbon ride
- **14th Oct** - Cops and Rodders Engadine
- **18th October** - Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch

<http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html> for details

Australian Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study (AusMAIDS)



Do you ride a motorcycle or scooter?

Would you be willing to take part in a survey about your experiences as a rider?

Please help us to help other riders

The Australian Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study (AusMAIDS) is using the internationally agreed Case Control methodology for in-depth motorcycle crash investigations. This means that for every crashed rider (Case), 2 or 3 other riders (Controls) are included from other motorcyclists who have ridden near the crash site.

Controls will be asked to complete an anonymous on-line survey about their riding experience, practices and background.

Who can take part?

Any licensed motorcycle rider, aged 18 or older who has ridden in a specified area near one of the following crash sites can take part in this study.

To register to take part in the study please call 9399 1115

Location Number	Street	Between	Town
1	Wheatley Road	Giles St and Roebourne St	Yarrawarra
2	Pittwater Road	Mona Vale Rd and Turimetta St	Church Point
3	Victoria Road	Fitzgerald Rd and Brush Rd	Ermington
4	Newcastle Expressway	Kuring-gai and Mt White exits	Cowan
5	Davies Road	Watson Rd and Bridge St	Padstow
6	Dunmore Street	Jones St and Pendle Way	Pendle Hill
7	Warringah Road	Starkey St and Melwood Av	Forestville
8	Pacific Highway	Bouvardia St and Amor St	Cowan
9	Parker Street	Coreen Ave and Peachtree Rd	Kingswood
10	Boundary Road	Gill Ave and Calabro Ave	Liverpool
11	Frederick Street	Watkin St and Railway St	Rockdale

Who is conducting this study?

The study is being conducted by Neuroscience Research Australia, in collaboration with Monash University Accident Research Centre (Victoria) and the Centre for Automotive Safety Research at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. The project is funded by AustRoads (Association of Australian and New Zealand Road Authorities).

The study has been approved by The University of New South Wales Human Research Ethics Advisory Committee (HREC12043).

Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of this study should contact the Ethics Secretariat, The University of New South Wales, Sydney 2052 Australia. Telephone (02) 9385 4234, Fax 9385 6648 or email ethics.sec@unsw.edu.au