



October Happenings

Motorcycle Awareness Week (MAW) is almost here – 18th-28th October 2012 ...plus the odd event before and after that.
Transport for NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan – Feedback required by 26th October. Triple M to promote MAW
Police Operations on the Old Pacific Highway Proposed changes to the MCC of NSW constitution

Motorcycle Awareness Week 18th-28th October –

Yes that's a loong, or 'metric', week ... and there are even events before and after those dates.

The launch of Motorcycle Awareness Week will occur on Thursday 18th October at Martin Place in the CBD, between Pitt and Castlereagh Streets. The event will be MC ed by Jonesy from 2WSFM and will include club stands, a motorcycle safety gear fashion show, a motorcycle riding simulator and a speech by the Honourable Duncan Gay, Minister for Road and Ports. The stage show will run from mid-day, however there will be people present and handing out info and stickers from 7am.

See www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/355.html for a calendar of MAW events.

Anyone available to help out at the MAW launch please contact chairman@mccofnsw.org.au

Liaison/Meetings with Government

- The MCC has made a submission to the Enquiry into Public Lands Management in relation to closures of trails on public lands across NSW
- CJ will meet with Vehicle Standards on 10th October and will raise the issue of vexatious defecting of bikes on the Old Pacific Highway amongst other things
- Our meeting with the Road Safety Advisory Council has been deferred from 6th September to later in the year.
- Also our upcoming meeting with Transport for NSW has been deferred.

Transport for NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan

Transport for NSW have released their Long Term Transport Master Plan for comment.

View the plan at draftplanreview.transport.nsw.gov.au and please write concise sensible feedback. The more motorcyclists submit comments the more seriously we'll be taken.

The deadline for comments is 26th October 2012

This is fundamental to riders getting a better treatment in NSW. Too often we are ignored in policy and infrastructure planning resulting in debacles such as front numberplates, toll pricing, E tags, dangerous road barriers, etc.

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Police Operations on the 'Old Road'

Over the last month or two police have been pulling over riders on the Old Road (Old Pacific Highway) for breath testing and then conducting license and rego checks, and looking over their bikes for potential defects. We have received reports that riders are being warned or having their bikes defected for:

- Aftermarket exhausts – you do NOT require an engineer's certificate for an aftermarket exhaust.
- Lack of a rear reflector – often removed by the fitting of a fender eliminator, reflectors can be purchased cheaply from bicycle shop.
- Spacing of indicators/blinkers – Clause 12 of Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007 provides for minimum spacing of 240mm at front and 180mm spacing at rear as defined in ADR 19/02– OR an earlier ADR or NSW regulation with wider spacing.
- Position and/or placement of rego label and/or numberplate

If any of these issues affect you, it may be a good idea to avoid the Old Road in the short term. If you have been booked for a defect that you believe is questionable please contact chairman@mccornsw.org.au

Also on the Old Road we have received reports of an unmarked vehicle pulling out from the shoulder in front of bikes on a short straight then if the rider overtakes across the double lines they are video'd and a marked car fines the rider further up the road. Be aware!

If anyone has video footage of this operation can you please contact chairman@mccornsw.org.au

Becko and Triple M to promote Motorcycle Awareness Week

Recently on Triple M's Facebook page Becko posted a photo of a motorcycle in a parking spot with a comment suggesting that the motorcycle owner was being selfish or simply shouldn't have been taking up a parking spot.

The result was an avalanche of comment from riders.

CJ got in contact with Becko's manager (Jamie Angel) and arranged for a commitment from Triple M to promote Motorcycle Awareness Week and Pink Ribbon Ride, and to comment on and raise awareness of motorcycle issues during Motorcycle Awareness Week. 'Redemption for Comment'?

Changes to the MCC of NSW Constitution

At the 8th October general meeting the MCC will consider proposed changes to the constitution including allowing for delegates to also be 'Individual Supporters'. Previous changes to allow for the creation of 'Individual Supporters' excluded delegates from being 'Individual Supporters', which would exclude delegates from any benefits made available to 'Individual Supporters'.

Rider Risk Videos

Make sure you and your riding mates check out the Rider Risk Videos at www.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 only for clubs or delegates.
All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events and appearances

- **14th October** – Pink Ribbon Ride
- **Thursday 18th October Martin Place** – Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch
- **19-21st October** – Thunder Rally
- **20th October** - Meet U in Molong
- **20-21st October** - 31st Kosciuszko Rally
- **21st October** – Two Wheels to Wellington
- **26-28th October** – Turkey Run
- **27th October** – Mountain Torque
- **27th October** – MS Poker Run
- **28th October** – Breakfast Torque + A Hard Ride
- **28th October** – Lismore Compression Against Depression
- **3-4th November** – Snowy Ride
- **4th November** – Border BikeFest

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

The MCC will have a stand at Cops and Rodders at Boystown Playing Fields, Engadine on **14th October**.

See www.facebook.com/events/251128481606061

If you're in the area come by and say Hi.