



Monthly Happenings: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all ... and beware the Holiday Season drivers!

Note that as usual there will be no MCC of NSW general meeting in January.

Meetings with Government: Last month the MCCofNSW met with Transport for NSW on Lane Filtering, the Vehicle Standards Working group, Monorail demolition planning and the Transport Masterplan representing riders in NSW policy development. The month of December we have meetings with the Motor Accidents Authority on Greenslips (expect a reduction in greenslips for most riders in the new year) and Transport for NSW on Lane Filtering again.

AGM: An Annual General Meeting of the MCC of NSW was conducted on the 3rd December. At the meeting the following people were elected to the Executive Committee. Secretary - Brian Wood, Treasurer – Bob Madell, General Committee Members – Justin Dorward, Sean Hawley, John Hollands, Peter Ivanoff. The positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman were not filled and will be covered by the rest of the committee in the short term. Outgoing Chairman CJ Burns has been unable to stand for the committee due to health issues but will continue to represent the MCC on selected issues.

City Parking; For those of you that park in the city beware of parking under the No Stopping signs in the Sussex St Druiitt St parking area. The powers that be are now booking people for this so be warned and beware.

Chairman's Report 2012

The past 15 months have seen many changes in the landscape of motorcycling and motorcyclists in NSW, a new Government, a new Chairman of the MCCofNSW and a new RTA, now in the form of Roads and Maritime Services and Centre for Road Safety moved out of RMS and across to Transport for NSW. The new Roads Minister appears to be listening to motorcycle lobby groups and things are changing, maybe not as fast as some would like, the wheels of Government turn slowly, but turn they do and with assistance from the likes of the MCCofNSW they turn a little faster.

The MCCofNSW's strategy over the past 15 months has been a broad focussed push on many issues to many Departments, groups and individuals advising them, furnishing information and arguing our case. One cannot just march into the Minister's office, stamp your foot and expect change. The various Ministers policies are guided by their Departmental heads and if the Departments are fed the correct information long beforehand, when the Ministers do consult with their advisors they then hear the same song and that is what makes change. The MCC's strength lies in its ability to communicate comprehensive well thought out policy to many people rather than half-baked ideas to one person.

The MCCofNSW represents riders to Government directly in the following ways;

- Quarterly meetings with the Motor Accidents Authority on Greenslips
- Quarterly meetings with the Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) which feeds directly to the Minister for Roads, the Honourable Duncan Gay.
- Vehicle Standards Working Group chaired by Transport for NSW. This affects modifications to motorcycles and what does or does not require an Engineers Certificate.
- Transport for NSW Transport Master Plan. This is where we directly influence policy and have the opportunity to have implemented items like Lane Filtering.

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- Appearing as witnesses to the Senate Standing Committee on road safety (Staysafe Committee) and push the case for anti-mobile phone legislation, removal of distractions to drivers and a host of other safety issues.
- Appearing as witnesses before the Law and Justice Committee of enquiry into the Motor Accidents Authority and Life Time Care and Support scheme which directly affect the cost of your Greenslip.
- Submissions to Transport for NSW, RMS on a variety of issues.
- Direct input into the Lane Filtering Trial and Centre For Road Safety.

In the past 15 months the MCC has achieved many changes for motorcyclists including but not limited to;

- Removal of registration labels for light vehicles
- A 17% reduction in Greenslips, the first reduction in 10 years.
- Introduction of a Lane Filtering Trial in the CBD from February 2013 as a direct result of the MCCofNSW's submissions and lobbying during the Transport Master Planning period.
- Turned back a plan to have aftermarket exhausts require an engineers certificate which would have added a considerable cost to riders fitting any exhaust pipe and had a negative impact on local manufacturers.
- Represented the interests of riders in trying to repeal the ridiculous NSW Helmet laws introduced earlier this year.
- Release of the Rider Risk Video series which has been lauded both nationally and internationally.
- You can also expect a reduction in RMS tolls to 25% of the current rate in the not too distant future.

Issues that affect the MCCofNSW and its ongoing viability include;

- Renegotiation of the Bathurst V8 Supercars contract and achieving a nett 9.4% increase over the contract price for the past 3 year period.
- Compilation and further improvement of an OH&S Manual for MCCofNSW Bathurst contract. This was not an insubstantial piece of work and the first draft was turned around in a matter of days by volunteers, a task that would normally take months in private enterprise.
- Introduction of the Individual supporters packages to provide benefits to supporters and a secondary income stream for the MCCofNSW in order to ensure the longevity of the Motorcycle Council of NSW and its ability to assist riders in years to come. This needs to be promoted because if you want change in the future the MCCofNSW needs funding and the uptake by delegates has been incredibly slow to date.
- Reduced overheads and operating costs by approx. 12%.
- Implementation of a delegates and supporters forum to air views and get information.
- Implementation of an individual supporters online portal.
- Negotiation of some great deals for Individual Supporters and this will be ongoing.

Aside from all of the above the MCCofNSW has always been and will always be the go to people for information, support and representation that many riders require. The MCC has assisted too many individual riders over the past 15 months to list them all and their issues ranged from Infringement notices on the Old Pacific Highway to vexatious defect notices on motorcycles by the NSW Highway Patrol to questions about registration. We may not always be able to provide the answers but we can help in pointing the way.

The future of the MCCofNSW is in the hands of individual riders, club members, club delegates and the MCC Committee. The MCCofNSW can only give as much as you and your representatives put into it, so don't just sit there with your hand out expecting something for nothing, put in an effort and then you will reap the rewards. To all those who have put in that effort in the past year, give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back. The MCC Committee cannot possibly carry out all of the above on its own and thanks go to those that assisted where they could when they could, you are the people that make the MCC as strong and as good as it is.

Christopher James Burns
MCCofNSW Chairman
Sept 2011 to Dec 2012

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.

Note: No meeting in January.

Upcoming Events and appearances

Enjoy the Holiday Period and be safe

See the following link for December event details

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

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS - JOIN NOW

Why Individual Supporters?

For over 30 years the MCC of NSW has fought for the rights, safety and recognition of all motorcyclists as a volunteer organisation. **The Council does not receive any ongoing government funding** for operational and administrative costs.

The Motorcycle Council was originally formed to represent motorcycle clubs. Therefore clubs, rather than individuals, are members of the council and these clubs are represented by delegates. However, ANYONE can become a MCC of NSW Individual Supporter, including club members and delegates. The MCC strives to represent road, dirt, track and farm riders; men, women and children; motorcycle, scooter, trike and quad riders.

For only \$35 you can help us support you as a motorcyclist and at the same time, reap the benefits and discounts. Go to <https://memberdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm> to sign up.

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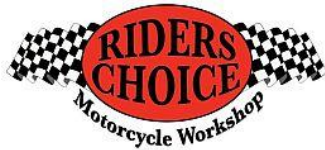
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