



February/March Happenings

A win on rear indicator widths - The push to get Recreational Rego in NSW continues – Movement on phone reception on the Putty Road – the CBD Lane Filtering Trial – Govt CTP Review – Warringah Motorcycle Park proposal ... and more.

Eastern Creek Motor Enthusiasts Conference - Rear Indicator Width

At the Eastern Creek Motor Enthusiasts Conference we received verbal confirmation from Transport for NSW that third generation ADRs (ADR19/02) take precedent over Schedule 2, rule 112, 1(a) regarding the width of rear indicators on motorcycles. This issue arose after a number of riders were booked incorrectly for allegedly illegal indicators on bikes with stock indicators in stock locations, during a blitz on the Old Pacific Highway. A number of other Govt proposals related to modified bikes continue to be discussed via the Vehicle Standards Working Group.

Recreational Registration

The fight for recreational rego (short term rego for dirt bikes) continues. Duncan Gay (Minister for Roads) has confirmed that the idea is not dead within the Govt. However with various Departments passing the buck the more the dirt bike riding community and industry questions the Govt over its inaction the more likely we are to get some action. Please write to the Minister for Roads and your local member asking whats happening and why it is taking so long.

Articles such as this <http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1291855/video-poll-call-for-trailbike-safety-action/?cs=305> and this <http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1290986/editorial-riding-commonsense/> in the Newcastle Herald will hopefully help push things along.

Putty Road Phone Reception and Emergency Roadside Telephones

Justin Dorward (MCC exec) ran a survey along the Putty Road to determine where mobile phone reception was and wasn't available. Following this we became aware that Federal Member for Macquarie, Louise Markus, was hosting a Forum on the same subject and circulating a survey. Subsequently we have been in discussions with Alan Hay from the National Party who has invited the MCC to recommend locations for emergency phones on motorcycling roads. The MCC has submitted recommendations for 20 phones along the Snowy Mountains and Alpine Highways, Thunderbolts Way, Oxley Highway and the Putty Road.

Cheero Point Mooney Progress Association

The MCC met with the MCPA in to discuss their concerns regarding motorcycles on the 'old road'. The first meeting was a success. The MCPA are realistic towards motorcyclists and were glad we contacted them. The next step involves the MCC preparing an action plan. We have received a positive response for taking a proactive stance. It is in rider's interests that resident complaints to police don't get out of hand and the OPH becomes too 'hot' to ride. Please slow down through the village and maybe use a higher gear coming down the hill into the village southbound to reduce noise.

Liaison/Meetings with Government

- Meetings with Vehicle Standards Working Group, Lane Filtering Working Group, MAA on CTP, etc
- A submission to the Staysafe Committee on non-registered vehicles (mobility scooters, quads, mini-motos etc)

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Lane Filtering Trial

We are into the first month of the Sydney CBD Lane Filtering Trial. There have been adverts about the trial in the Dailey Telegraph, AMCN and Cycle Torque. Tim Reardon, Deputy Director General Policy and Regulation at Transport for NSW has confirmed that he supports the trial. This trial has been the result of lobbying of the NSW government by the MCC of NSW. More details at www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/357.html The NRMA have asked the question 'Should motorbikes be allowed (to) ride through stationary traffic?' on their Motoring Blog [here](#)

CTP Review

The NSW Govt is currently reviewing the CTP scheme. The system as it currently functions fails motorcycle riders. The MCC of NSW is writing a submission however we also encourage EVERYBODY to have their say before 5th April at <http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/ctpstrategy>. Major issues with the scheme include 4 changes to the scheme in recent years which all failed to significantly reduce premiums, complete lack of transparency or accountability, payouts to motorcyclists were \$116m for the 10 years to 1999 so why are we paying premiums totalling ~\$70m per year, why aren't LAMS (learner) bikes in the lowest premium category, the change to more categories has led to higher premiums, lack of real competition, Lifetime Care and Support scheme costing many times the originally stated cost, there should be a recreation rego scheme, etc. This will be a once in a decade chance to improve the CTP scheme and its cost.

Etc.

Lithgow Brochures – Contains suggested rides and points of interest, safety tips etc with input from the MCC
Port Stephens Council Motorcycle Safety Campaign – We've been approached for consultation on a motorcycle road safety poster put together by Port Stephens Council.
Australian Confederation Motor Clubs – The MCC of NSW has joined the ACMC due to a common interest in vehicle standards, etc

Individual Supporters Package

Become an Individual Supporter of the MCC of NSW and receive benefits from a number of businesses while helping to maintain the financial viability of the MCC. More details at <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/354.html>. The package also provides Individual Supporters exclusive access to the newly created MCC of NSW Forum. The Forum is intended as a method of direct feedback between Individual Supporters, club Delegates and the Council so that the Council is hearing a wider cross section of viewpoints and can more directly spread the word about our work to individual riders.

Warringah Family Motorcycle Park

There is currently a proposal for a family and community based mixed use motorcycle park at the Belrose Waste Management site. This provides a rare opportunity to have a place for children and adults to ride off road bikes within the Sydney region.

For more information Contact Andrew Barter
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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. The April meeting will be on 8th April due to the Easter Public Holiday

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.
All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events and Appearances

- **7th April** - KRANKiT Ride N Drive Motor Expo - Nelson Street Wallsend
- **4th May** - 29th Annual Brass Monkey Rally - Rydal Showground
- **4-5th May** - The Big Ride 4 Parkinsons - Breakfast at Sydney Olympic Park then ride to Parkes via the Blue Mountains, Lithgow, Bathurst and Orange.
- **4-5th May** - Gloucester Motorcycle Expo - A festival of all thing motorcycle - Gloucester Showground
- **10-12th May** - The Loaded Dog Rally - Tarago Show Ground, between Goulburn & Bungendore.
- **11th May** - Silverwater Motor Festival - Silverwater Park, Clyde Street
- **11th May** - MRA ACT Canberra Blanket Run

See <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html> for details
If you have an annual or one-off event you would like the MCC of NSW to add to our calendar of events please have a look at the Events page at the above address and send your event details in a similar format to webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au

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.

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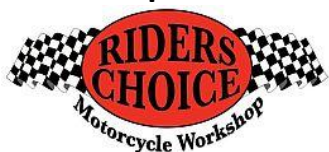
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