



April Happenings

2 x Helmet Recalls! – Emergency Roadside Phones for the Snowies – CTP Review – Front Numberplates Again! – Motorcyclists and Motorists Party – Etags/Etolls – Lane Filtering Trial – Dodgy Police Practices - etc

2 x Motorcycle Helmet Safety Recalls!!!

Kylin XR-205 Motorcycle Helmet, an open-faced helmet sold by Bulk Bikes is the subject of a Product Safety Recall. The current recall only applies to size L 59-60cm helmets at this stage, but other sizes may follow. The helmets have been found to "not meet performance requirements that are outlined in the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS1698:2006". "Consumers should immediately stop using the helmets and contact Bulk Bikes to organise for a refund or replacement. For further information please email bulkbikes@bigpond.com."

<http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1047285>

KBC VR-1X Motorcycle Helmet with manufacture date 2012-6 distributed by Monza Imports is also the subject of a Product Safety Recall. The helmets have been found to "not meet performance requirements that are outlined in the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS1698:2006". "Consumers should immediately stop using the helmets and return it to the place of purchase for a refund or replacement."

<http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1047524>

Snowy Mountains Emergency Roadside Telephones

Justin Dorward (MCC of NSW media committee) did an interview with Snow FM recently which resulted in the radio station getting on board the push for emergency roadside phones in the area. They gained on air support from local candidates for Eden-Monaro Peter Hendy (Liberal) and Catherine Moore (Greens). Perisher and Thredbo snowfields and the NRMA also support the push for roadside phones.

CTP Review

The NSW Govt is currently reviewing the CTP scheme. The major proposed change is to move from an 'at fault' system, to a 'no fault' system. No fault systems exist in most other states, however in those states the system is government insured, not private insurance companies. While there are promises of some good things for injured parties under the new scheme, we feel that a system that continues to involve private insurance companies will not deliver the promised reductions in premiums for the long term. The MCC made a submission regarding the proposed changes and we are aware that a couple of delegates also made submissions. We have since had a meeting with the Ministers advisor and MAA representatives. Disappointingly the NSW government is not prepared to move to a government insured scheme.

Front Numberplates

The issue of Front Numberplates has arisen again in Victoria. The MCC is watching developments carefully. The Victorian Motorcycle Councils response can be downloaded [here \(pdf\)](#)

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Motorcyclists and Motorist Party

Sam Cannuli (a rider) is in the process of setting up a political party in NSW, to be called the Motorcyclists and Motorists Party. He requires 750 financial members to register the party. The list of things the party 'stands for' overlaps significantly with issues the MCC regularly deals with. While the MCC does not align itself with any political party, we are happy to discuss policies and issues that affect NSW riders with all political parties.

Etags/Etolls

In the middle of April the general manager of RMS' Tolling Group sent out an email to E-Toll (RMS tags) users telling them that they could be charged a No Tag Fee and Toll Notice Transfer Fee. Following enquires from the MCC, a follow up email was sent to SOME E-toll users stating "Please be assured that the No Tag Fee does not apply to motorcycles or scooters on any toll road in NSW." However, riders will still be charged a Toll Notice Transfer fee if their bike is not registered to their tag. It should also be noted that the clarifying email also states "Motorcyclists also do not need to physically carry a tag with them when using a toll road, therefore please disregard the request to check that your tag is fitted correctly." The emails highlight RMS' continuing failures to consider motorcyclists and the continuing failures of the Etag system, which requires motorcyclists to do the leg work for the government's dodgy system that never considered motorcyclists during the design phase. To add vehicles to your tag visit the [myE-Toll website](#)

Lane Filtering Trial

The lane filtering trial in the northern CBD of Sydney has ended. A survey was also conducted to canvas opinion of lane filtering, which has also ended. Informal feedback from government sources indicates that there were no major incidents during the trial and it looks like lane filtering will be made legal. We should have more information after an upcoming meeting with Government regarding the trial.

Booked for an Illegal overtake on the Old Road or Macquarie Pass?

If you are willing to provide specific details of the incident? The MCC has been in contact with the Highway Patrol, however without detailed specifics of what happened it is difficult to get useful answers. We have details from some individuals but we need more. Please contact enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au Your personal details can be kept confidential if required.

Rear Indicator Width

It would seem that some riders are still being booked erroneously for rear blinker width. If you, or someone you know, is booked for this reason please contact enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au as soon as possible, so that we can explain how to have it sorted out and can take up the issue again with the Government.

Learner Speed Limit Increase From 1st July 2013

RMS has announced that as of 1st July 2013 the learner speed limit will increase from 80 kph to 90 kph. More details here: <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/licensing/gettingallicence/car/learners/learner-driver-initiative-ga.html> The MCC has confirmed that this speed limit increase applies to riders as well as drivers.

Club Liaison

Club liaison Justin Dorward continues meeting with member clubs that aren't able to make it to the monthly MCC meetings in Sydney. In April, Justin visited Blue Mountain Bikers bringing news & a swag of stickers & brochures. If your club would like to join the MCC or have one of our Exec Committee members visit email media@mccofnsw.org.au

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 next meeting will be on **3rd June 2012**

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

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Upcoming Events and Appearances

- **11th May** - Silverwater Motor Festival - Silverwater Park, Clyde Street
- **11th May** - MRA ACT Canberra Blanket Run
- **7-10th June** - Rallyman Rally - north of Kyogle
- **8-10th June** - 44th Annual Alpine Rally -between Tumut and Adaminaby.

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

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